

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup> VICTORY

## Church of God Servant

At evening time  
it shall be light.  
—ZECHARIAH 14:7

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.  
—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

Unto Him shall  
the gathering of  
the people be.  
—GENESIS 49:10

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### Somebody Failed

God told somebody to stop and pray  
For a soul that was slipping away that day,  
But that soul slipped out from God's love and care  
For that somebody failed to offer that prayer.

God told somebody to sing a song;  
It would have kept a soul from shame and wrong.  
But that soul went on its downward way,  
For that somebody failed to sing that day.

God told somebody to speak of his Son  
Of his love and his grace for a weary one,  
But that one went on with his grief and loss,  
For that somebody failed to speak of the cross.

God told somebody to go and try  
To win men and women as they passed by.  
But the men and women were never reached  
For that somebody failed to speak, left that  
sermon unpreached.

My friend, are you grieving the Father, too?  
Is his great heart grieving just now o'er you,  
Or can God always count on you  
To hasten his tasks of love to do?

—Author Unknown

### GOD'S AFTERWARD

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Peter 5:10).

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11).

"Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy" (James 5:11).

Many earnest Christians have been bewildered in recent years by an unprecedented wave of afflictions, calamities and tragedies. Not merely the ordinary trials and sorrows which come to all sooner or

later; but the extraordinary things—things which crush the heart and stagger faith. These things are visiting the lives of young and old alike—few seem to be exempt. The seemingly unanswered prayers, the disappointments, the crushing sorrows, are causing many to ask, "Why—why is all this?" There must be a reason for the avalanche of trouble that has come upon the children of God at this particular time. Of course the visible causes of a large percentage of our troubles can be traced either to our own failures or to the willful sin of others. But trouble will forever remain a mystery unless we are aware of the invisible, but real, causes back of it all. We must ever bear in mind the two great forces which are vitally interested in us—God and His angelic hosts ever seeking our good, and Satan and the powers of darkness ever seeking our ruin.

There is a very special reason for Satan's superabundant activity at the present time. We are told in Revelation 12:12 that Satan has "great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Satan is well aware that the Day of Grace is soon to end. He is familiar with prophecy and understands the signs of the times, and as he sees his time shortening, his malignity is more manifest. He can only wreak his vengeance on God in the person of His saints. We must not, however, minimize his power of his tireless vigilance. His main efforts seem to be directed against the prayer life of God's people. Satan knows that the man or woman of prayer—the one who really prays believingly—is the greatest single hindrance that there is in the world to the accomplishment of his purposes. The child of God who has power in prayer may find that Satan's most cunning devices are brought to bear upon him, to weaken his faith and hinder his prayer life. God, however, in His grace, often allows Satan to overreach himself and defeat his own ends, because the God who "makes even the wrath of men to praise Him" turns the evil into good. Satan would throw us into the fiery furnace to destroy us, but God permits but the dross to be consumed; Satan would grind us to powder, but God only permits the chaff to be separated from the wheat. Someone has said, "Chastening is that which separates us from that which separates us from God."

Nothing so clarifies a truth as to see it exemplified in a human life. In Joseph we have a striking example of the blessing God brought out of wrong and evil and trouble. What a painful contrast to his sheltered boyhood and his position of being the best beloved of his father, was slavery in Potiphar's house in Egypt! Joseph had done nothing to cause this calamity to befall him, except to unwittingly incur the jealousy of his brethren by telling them of his dreams. Very dark and hopeless and inexplicable it must have seemed to the lad as he marched to Egypt, the captive of the Midianites. His cries of anguish had fallen on deaf ears (Gen. 42:21) as his stony-hearted brethren, inflamed by jealousy, tore him from all he knew and loved, and sold him into slavery. Ah, what of those wonderful dreams! How could they ever be fulfilled? Had God forgotten to be gracious? Back in the old home was a broken-hearted father. The light of life had gone out for him and he was desolate. Jacob could see no hope in the situation, and he hugged his grief to his bosom, refusing to be comforted (Gen. 37:34, 35).

Meanwhile, Joseph had been exalted over all Potiphar's house, and God was with him. But one day he was cast into prison through a false accusation. Here was something no amount of human reasoning could explain—why God allowed His child to be cast into prison falsely accused. Joseph could not know then, of course, that the prison was to be a stepping stone to the governorship of Egypt! Still another disappointment awaited Joseph. You will remember that after interpreting the dreams of two of his fellow-prisoners, he requested the chief butler to ask Pharaoh for his release when he came again before him—but the butler forgot him! What a keen disappointment to Joseph! In the butler's intercession he had seen a possible avenue of escape. But that would have been two years too soon according to God's reckoning. It was God's will to release Joseph—only not just at this time. If he had been released then, he would have had his freedom and nothing more, but two years more brought him to a period in Pharaoh's life when he was greatly needed; and Pharaoh was so grateful for the interpretation of his dream, and so impressed by Joseph's God-given wisdom, that he exalted him to a position second only to his own. If God delays to work in our behalf, it is that He may do a bigger thing for us than would have been done had He acted sooner.

The predicted famine came, and it was very sorely felt in Canaan. They had heard that Egypt's granaries were full, so Joseph's brethren set out for that country. Joseph, however, pretended to his brethren that he thought them to be spies, and sent them back home to fetch Benjamin to prove that they had told the truth, meanwhile keeping Simeon as a hostage. Poor old Jacob was crushed when they related the story to him. In the bitterness of his heart he cried out, "All these things are against me!" Ah, Jacob, that is where you are mistaken. All these things are for you! Jacob was turning Romans 8:28 right around. He felt just then that all things were working

together for evil. He was giving way to despair on the eve of one of the greatest joys of his life. Finally the food shortage became so acute that Jacob, with a bleeding heart, let Benjamin accompany his brethren down to Egypt, knowing it to be the only recourse left. We see this pitiful group of hunger-bitten men again wending their way down to Egypt. Upon their arrival they are brought into Joseph's presence and, seeing in him only the ruler of the land, bow down before him—and lo, the dream has come to pass! God never forgets His promises, even though He may take an unlikely method of fulfillment. In this case it took a famine to bring to pass the promise!

Then follows that moving account of Joseph's revelation of himself to his brethren. They hurried back to Canaan with their wondrous news. The glorious tidings almost prostrated Jacob. He said, "It's too good to be true!" God's **Afterward** had commenced for Jacob, and it was so vastly beyond anything he had dreamed of that he was overwhelmed. Little time was wasted in preparing for the journey to Egypt. Jacob doubtless forgot the infirmities of age on that journey, for at the end of it was—Joseph! Yet, after the first rapturous embrace, Jacob said, "Let me die, since I have seen thy face." Oh, no, Jacob, this is not the time to die! This is the time to live, for God is going to give you 17 years—years of plenty after famine, comfort after sorrow, peace after turmoil—17 years of blessed companionship with your beloved Joseph. **What a glorious afterward!** And now the dark mystery is solved. God's dealings, which seemed so mysterious at first, are plain at last.

Job gives us another example of the mystery of suffering. And how wonderful was God's afterward in his case! All Job held dear, except his life, was swept away. Sun, moon and stars all faded from Job's sky that terrible day. All was darkness, anguish and mystery. He had lived for God to the best of his knowledge, but like a bolt out of a clear sky—loss, bereavement and suffering came upon him like an avalanche. In his case the evil is lifted from the unseen world, and Satan is seen to be the direct cause of Job's trouble. When God commended Job's uprightness, Satan said, "Job only serves God for what he can get—his motives are selfish and mercenary." So God allowed Satan to make a thorough test of Job to prove his accusations untrue. You will notice that the whole thing was decided upon in Heaven before a breath of it touched Job. In Joseph's case we saw only the human agencies as the cause of his trouble, while in Job's case the unseen spiritual forces are seen to be the direct agents. God and the Heavenly beings, on the one hand, and Satan and his hosts on the other, are keenly interested in the test to which Job was subjected. Much is at stake, and Satan leaves no stone unturned to prove his accusations true. But in the end God comes on the scene, Job is humbled and God vindicates him. Job then turns intercessor for the very men who had aggravated his misery, and when he did this, God turned his captivity.

The rest of the 42nd chapter tells of God's **afterward** for Job. "So the Lord blessed the latter end of

Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters . . . And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job . . . After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations." God doubled all that Job had lost, except his children. Job lived 140 years to enjoy God's Afterward! "Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy" (James 5:11).

## TELEVISION ON TRIAL

I have always believed in giving everyone a fair trial, never reaching a decision before all the evidence was in; therefore, I want to get all the evidence in and then let you decide for yourself whether TV is good or EVIL.

THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO SIDES TO EVERY TRIAL, AND THERE ARE TWO SIDES ON THIS TRIAL—GOD'S SIDE AND THE DEVIL'S SIDE. WE WILL LET THE DEFENDANT TESTIFY FIRST. THE WORLD'S (OR DEVIL'S) SIDE.

1. The TV fans say that it is the best entertainment that there is anywhere. (Just a picture show in the home.)

2. The picture show operators say that TV is hurting them more than anything that has ever come against them.

3. The whiskey industry says that TV is the best advertising that they have. More people see it more than any other advertising.

4. The beer industry says that TV is "tops." More children are seeing the advertisements and are trying its product (beer).

5. The tobacco industry says give TV advertising first. It is the best.

6. The Devil says TV is tops for me. It is keeping more people out of church than the show ever did. (95 percent of the programs are for me.) It is the greatest crime breeder that I have ever had. TV is doing more to make criminals out of our boys and girls than anything else I have.

7. The F.B.I. says that TV is one of the four (comic books, picture shows, and radios) greatest influences for evil that we have.

8. The criminal lawyers say that TV is the greatest crime breeder that we have in America today.

9. The educators say that TV is the greatest hindrance to education of all the evils that we have.

10. Optometrists say that TV is one of the hardest things on the eye that we have today.

HERE IS GOD AND HIS PEOPLE TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE TELEVISION.

1. God said. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15. "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the works of them that turn aside." Psalms 101:3.

2. One minister says TV is the greatest curse that

ever came to any home: and another said that TV is the greatest influence that the Devil has today.

3. One couple who had been backslidden got back to God and gave their TV away as soon as they could. (Why? Because they couldn't walk with God and have it in the home.)

4. In one place where a revival was going on a number of folk who owned TV sets got under conviction and came to the altar and asked God to forgive them and then got up and asked the church to forgive them. (Why? Because it was wrong.)

5. In one place two thirds of a professed-holiness congregation bought television sets and stayed at home during services. The pastor resigned.

6. One has said that TV is doing more to damn the human family than any other one thing in all the world.

It is the greatest miracle of today for the promotion of evil. Day and night TV advertises all of the Devil's products in the home—whiskey, beer, wine, tobacco, robbing, stealing, drinking, gambling, adultery, fornication, nudeness. God have mercy on anyone who claims to be of God and has a TV set in his home. The TV opens a beer parlor, a whiskey store, a tobacco store, and a house of prostitutions in our homes. We are told of a committee in New York which investigated the results of TV on children. The results of the investigation were that in the last three years, since TV has taken over, crime among children had increased 400 percent. This is a bad showing for TV.

I believe that I can see the danger, or some of the dangers, that we as God's people face today—Communism, Catholicism; but the greatest danger that we face today is Television. It is hurting the American spirituality and morality far more than all the others put together.

Yet, we have so few preachers who will cry out against it. Oh, that "straddle of the fence" crowd. "Oh, I am against it, but—" Yes, that is it! The goat is still alive. Why don't you cry out against it if you are against it? Just a coward, afraid of the world.

The F.B.I. sees the danger of TV. The educators see it; the criminal lawyers see it; the doctors see it; why can't the preachers see it? Beware of becoming a dumb dog (Isaiah 5:10). God said, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at THINE hand." Ezekiel 3:17-18.

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinances of their God." (Isa. 58:1, 2).

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**EDITORIALS**

I have been reading an article penned by a man who has a pre-conceived idea that the literal seventh day Sabbath rest given to the Jews is still binding on men who are saved through faith in Christ. It seems so hard for men who have had unsound doctrine instilled into their souls to be able to receive true light on such subjects. They wrest the scriptures from their proper meaning and then claim the scriptures bear them out in their wrong doctrines. This man I speak of, in order to bind the ten commandments on the free saints in a literal sense, quoted the scripture found in the 17th and 18th verses of the 15th chapter of Matthew. He puts it like this, "Think not that I have come to destroy the law—till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." You will notice he cunningly leaves out the part that teaches that Christ fulfilled the law. He stops with the first verse at the word "law" and jumps to the next verse and makes it sound like the law lasts until the end of time when, if he would have quoted it in full, anyone could see that Jesus did not come to destroy but to fulfill the law. The way that He fulfills it is by putting His law in our hearts and minds, as we read in Hebrews 8:10. When Jesus comes into your heart He fulfills the law in this way; for the law says, "Thou shalt not take the name of God in vain." And when you are saved and He is in thine heart ruling and reigning no curse word will be uttered as the power of Satan is destroyed. When I lived in sin I would curse and swear at times when things went wrong, but after I was saved (over forty years ago) I have never uttered a curse word, for Christ is fulfilling the law in me and thereby I keep the law perfectly.

The law of Moses says, "Thou shalt not kill." The penalty of the law for killing was death. When Christ reigns in the heart He destroys all hatred, malice and envy and no murder is committed; so Christ fulfills the law in that. The law of Moses says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery"; and they were slain for such an act. But when Christ is in the heart He destroys that fleshly lust to the extent that a blood washed soul will not even look on a woman to lust after her in his heart to commit adultery in that way. Therefore, Christ sets us free from that sin and thereby fulfills the law. The law says to keep the sabbath day holy for it was to be a literal rest day for Israel, but when Christ, by His Spirit, lives in the soul He gives us perfect soul rest which fulfills the literal law of Moses and we cease from our labors and let Him work in and through us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. By this truth it is plain to see that Jesus does not destroy the law and the prophets but He fulfills it for us and gives us power to keep free from sin and condemna-

tion. All the law and prophets were not fulfilled until Christ was hung on the cross, died and was buried and resurrected to die no more but has ascended into heaven and is at the right hand of God being our great High Priest and is touched by the feeling of our infirmities. In the 4th chapter and the 16th verse of Hebrews He tells us to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. In Hebrews 8:2, it reads, "A ministry of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man." We who are saved are His sanctuary or true tabernacle and He ministers grace and strength to us as need be.

In Galatians 2:21 Paul tells them who were drifting back into law doctrines as follows: "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness came by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." In the next verse he calls them "foolish Galatians" and intimates that they had been bewitched. Brothers and sisters, let us walk in the true light of His word and not drift back into moon-light darkness. Let us obey the truth as it is set forth in Christ, who has supplied us with the new Covenant to walk in. (Heb. 8:6, 7, 8 to end of chapter). The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life (2 Cor. 3:6). Our righteousness is of Christ and not from the law of Moses.

It seems so hard for men to loosen from wrong pre-conceived ideas upon the scriptures; even among the saints in light we find that some are slow to receive more and better understanding of the scriptures, even though it is made exceedingly plain to them in His word. One man who calls himself a disciple of Christ and belongs to what is called the Church of Christ has written that Christians commit sin and he claims the seventh chapter of Romans as his authority on the subject. The word "Christian" means Christ-like and no one could be like Christ and be committing sin, for Christ did no sin neither was guile found in His mouth. In the seventh chapter of Romans Paul was telling how he felt when he lived in sin, before he was converted to Christ. He says that he was a wretched man while in that condition. No justified person is a wretched man but he has peace in his soul through our Lord Jesus Christ. Nearly all sectism interprets the seventh chapter of Romans as teaching that Paul was a justified man in that wretched condition and sinning more or less all the time. In teaching this doctrine their ministers keep many thousands of souls away from God and they die in their sins and are eternally lost. They convert them to their church but do not know what it means to be born from above and have the life of Christ in their souls. This kind of preachers stand in the shoes of the Pharisees whom Jesus speaks of in the 23rd chapter of Matthew, which reads, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves."

No wonder that Christendom is in such a wicked condition, generally speaking, for the majority have no grace to keep from wrong, are not in connection

with Christ nor the Father God and so they plunge on in sin with a profession, hand in hand with the world; many of them dress, or rather undress, like the world and parade the streets with very little clothing on their girls and boys, killing their modesty and fitting them for early illegitimate parenthood. They put television in their homes, bringing the filth of the world right into their homes where the tender children will be poisoned with all manner of evil doings and many will commit major evils while in their teens. I say that our young generation is being poisoned and blasted with evil covered up and protected with a parent profession. It seems that many today are thinking wrong thoughts which are contrary to the written Bible which God has given us as a way-bill to heaven. In place of keeping unspotted from the world they are listening to the serpent who says, "You can touch it and eat and not die," so they sell their birthright for a little lustful pleasure which drowns men's souls in perdition and causes them to lose appetite for the real truth of the Bible which keeps the soul alive. Peter tells us plainly to, "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." (1 Peter 2:11). It seems that very few are putting a bridle on their fleshly lusts.

I thoughtlessly ran a stop sign one time and the police holloed at me. I told him I slowed down, but he holloed back and said, "That sign does not say 'slow down'; it says 'STOP'! The Bible does not tell you to just merely slow down in your sins but it says STOP! and tells us plainly that he that committeth sin is of the devil. Jesus says, "He that committeth sin is the servant of sin," which means he is of the devil and under his power. Paul says for us to "awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God; I speak this to your shame." (1 Cor. 15:34).

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I received a card from a reader of the Faith and Victory paper asking us to give some information in our editorials on the word "except" found in Matthew 19:9. It does not seem to me that anyone should stumble over that word as fornication is the one act wherein he would have a right to put his wife away, but it does not give him freedom to marry another without committing adultery by so doing. It seems that marriage is not a sacred thing with many in this adulterous generation and they marry with the thought, "If I cannot get along I will find another." Picture shows, T.V. and nude dressing have brought the world to this degraded condition and they have very little regard for God's Word on the subject and in many places there are more divorces than marriages; the common law wife is extremely prominent because of loose morals and the lack of the fear of God.

The 9th verse of the 19th chapter of Matthew reads thus, "And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." There are many today who use this word "ex-

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cept" as an excuse for being free to marry again. It does give them a right to separate from a fornicator, but I am persuaded that the voice of scripture is against their being free to marry anyone else. Matthew and Paul both say that in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. (2 Cor. 13:1). We read in Mark 10:11, what Mark as a witness says, "Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery." Bro. Luke says, "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marryeth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marryeth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." (Luke 16:18). The Apostle Paul says in Romans 7:3, "So then if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress." Here we have three inspired of God witnesses without giving any exceptions, ifs, and ands about the matter, declaring one would be in adultery were he to marry another. I wish to warn our readers to stay clear from all questionable marriages. If you want to stay out of trouble and make heaven your home never consider anyone as a companion who is unsaved or in any way messed up in marriage relationships. Look to God to direct you in these sacred things and you will be safe in obeying His directions which will be in harmony with the teachings of His sacred word.



Youngsters 13, 14 and 15 years of age are now committing an increasingly large share of serious crimes, states Judge B. J. Daniels, in an article published in the Los Angeles, Calif. Times.

"Juvenile delinquency has hit an all-time peak in California and is continuing upward," declared Herman G. Stark, director of the California Youth Authority, Feb. 1, 1958. "Our Juvenile halls are overcrowded and the jails are filled to capacity."

Our government is certainly facing great future calamities with the youth of the land growing up in such evil environment. There is no doubt in my mind but what the majority of these teenage crimes are committed as a result of television pictures inflaming the tender minds of the children. Television brings the immoral doings of the world right into your home and is a curse to the youth of our land.

I want to personally sound a warning to saint ministers to cry out against this worldly evil and please do not ordain any man as a minister in the Church of God who has a television in his home or anyone that approves of such things. Remember, the world is the enemy of God and saints should keep themselves unspotted from the world and its dirty alluring things. Many of the pictures thrown on the screens of television inflame the carnal mind and grieve the Spirit of Christ. A lot of it is just foolishness. In Proverbs 24:9 we read that, "The thought of foolishness is sin." Parents who put these temptations before their tender children will surely have to give an account to God for it in that great judgment day.

To get at the Biblical soundness of any subject we must rightly divide the truth. To say that women have no right to teach or prophecy in public meetings is not sound Biblical truth. There are some who pick out certain scriptures and make the Word of God sound that way by failing to understand conditions existing at that time and place. In Acts 2:17 and 18 verses we see where it is positively stated and backed up by the prophecies that he would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy. In the 18th verse he says, "And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit and **THEY SHALL PROPHECY.**"

It is recorded that Philip had four daughters that prophesied. One of the most important messages given to men in the world was given of the Lord to a woman to carry to others—the message that He is risen from the dead. In 1 Cor. 11:5 we have record of Paul instructing a woman how to appear when praying and prophesying and says they should have their head covered. In the 15th verse he tells what that covering should be and says, "Her hair is given her for a covering." In this we see it is decidedly wrong for a woman to bob her hair. You can read in the 14th chapter of 1 Cor. and the third verse what the Bible definition is for prophesying. It reads as follows: "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men, to edification, and to exhortation and comfort." This is exactly what most of the preaching and teaching publicly does, for it is exhortation and it edifies and comforts.

The Bible teaches that women should be in subjection to their own husbands, especially if they can do it without grieving the Holy Spirit within, as all saved people are to make the Lord first in this life, regardless of earthly connections. This is all to be done in meekness and humility of spirit. I believe that women ministers should keep in harmony with the teachings of the Bible and not to push themselves forward when qualified men ministers are around to take the lead in spiritual matters. They should not usurp authority over the male ministry. They should keep their places as the weaker vessel. To say that women should not teach or prophecy is not Biblically true. I have observed that women ministers among the saints in the true Church of God keep their places in a general sense and show meekness and humility. There are some isolated cases where instruction on this line is needed and where reproof is needed to be given.

—Fred Pruitt

### PRAYER REQUEST

Ohio—My dear Bro. Pruitt,—I would like to have you pray for me and print my request so that all the saints can help pray for the healing of my leg. The doctors say they can do no more unless they cut it off. Also pray that the good Lord will give me more faith and forgive me for not trusting Him in the first place.

Yours in the one body,

—Larnee Graham

## Tent Meeting at Vandalia, Ill.

Bro. Charles Smith and the tent evangelistic company will begin meeting, the Lord willing, Aug. 21, 1959 in Vandalia, Ill. For exact location of tent contact Bro. H. V. Probst 1741 Kenwood Ct., Decatur, Ill, or phone 8-3350. We urge all our readers in driving distance to attend as much as possible.

## Obituaries

Bro. J. E. Cleland was born Oct. 9, 1881 near the home in which he was living at the time of his death, July 19, 1959, age 77 years, nine months, and 10 days, a few miles out of Covington, La. He was married to Rosa Dutch Dec. 21, 1907 to which union were born seven children, all yet living. Also he leaves a loving wife, one brother, Bro. Frank Cleland, and one sister, but we feel their loss is heaven's gain.

He was converted over 50 years ago and accepted the doctrine of this Evening Light Reformation. He said he had trusted the Lord for his healing for 52 years. He was one among the few saints who gathered for worship at the Long Branch chapel not far from his home and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by others. Texts used were Num. 23:10b, Josh. 23:14, 1 Kings 2:1-4. Interment was in the Cleland Cemetery near his home. —Sister Katherine Key

Lula (Lou) C. Flynn was born Nov. 18, 1887 at Hammond, La. and went to live with Jesus July 30, 1959 from her home in Pacoima, Calif. at the age of 71 years, eight months, and twelve days. On Aug. 2, 1925 she was united in marriage to Myron J. Forbes and has resided in this vicinity since that time—for the past 34 years. God never saw fit to bless her and Bro. Myron with any children but when Sister Lou was a young woman her brother's wife died leaving a family of young children and she assumed the responsibility of rearing and training these children. This family consisted of six boys: Dallas, Angus, James, O. D., Melvin, and Cully Flynn; and one girl, Katie Flynn Joiner, who preceded her in death two years ago. These children all rallied around her and honored her as mother and she held the same concern for the welfare of all of them as a mother does her own children.

She was converted to Christ (born again) in 1923 and lived for Him who died for her until the time of her death. She worshipped with the saints of the Los Angeles congregation until the Glendale congregation was established. She was always a willing worker for the Lord and ready to bear any and all burdens of the work of God and to aid the needy and sick and oppressed ones both with money and service. She was just one of that kind of people who are much missed when they are taken from us.

She is survived by her beloved husband; the above named children; one brother, Felder Flynn; one sister, Winona Husser, several great neices and nephews who were the same to her as grandchildren; other relatives, and many friends and saints.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 2, (Bro. and Sister Forbes' 34th wedding anniversary) by O. B. and Opal Wilson. The body was sent to Loranger, La. for burial in the Oak Grove Cemetery where so many of the saints for many years, have been laid to rest.

George Warren Stephenson, son of Elwood F. and Evelyn (Chappel) Stephenson was born at Cartersburg,

Ind. Aug. 6, 1877 and departed this life July 29, 1959, age 81 years, 11 months, and 23 days. He was united in marriage to Ada Coe in 1901, to which union five children were born, four sons and one daughter.

He is survived by three sons, Spencer, Ivan, and Arthur of Indiana; one daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Dodd of Prescott, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a number of neices and nephews. He was the last of a family of ten children. His wife and one son, Francis, also preceded him in death.

He gave his heart to the Lord and became a Christian when he was a young man. The Lord helped him to live a clean life, and gave him strength to be active in His service until just a few days before he passed away. He was called to the ministry about forty years ago and was faithful in that capacity. About thirty years ago he came into contact with and embraced the teaching of the Church of God of the Evening Light Reformation, to which he remained firm unto the end. The Lord helped him show his love to others in personal work. His last earthly home was a little room on the Faith Publishing House grounds in Guthrie, Okla. He made himself useful in the printing work in numerous ways. He distributed hundreds of "Faith and Victory" papers, and tracts.

Though he endured many hardships and sufferings in life, he often lifted his voice in song and praise to the Lord for His goodness to him, and exhorted others to do the same. A note found after his death bore the message to all that he had gone to the glory land.

Following is part of a poem written by him.

I have it fixed and settled now,  
I'm going through with God.  
He saved my never dying soul  
And washed me in his blood.  
I'm following Jesus each day,  
This world I've left behind,  
In the narrow way He leads me,  
He is so good and kind.

Funeral services were held at the saints' chapel, Guthrie, and conducted by Fred Pruitt assisted by the Pastor, Ira D. Stover, and others. Texts: Job 5:26; John 12:24; 4:37, 38; and Rev. 14:13. The remains were laid to rest in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie.

## After The Battle

(In Memory of Bro. George Stephenson)

The battle's through, the work is done;  
Horizon's banks have claimed the sun  
That shone through blood and sweat and tears,  
Of one who walked these pilgrim years.  
The warrior slowly slipped away,  
And down his armor he did lay;  
Into the darkness, through the veil  
He passed to light that will not fail.

It seems I see him pictured fair,  
With stars bedewed his snow-white hair,  
As passing through death's dark decline  
His countenance with hope doth shine.  
I see a band of angels fair  
Now meet him at the river there,  
They lift him up to take him o'er  
To yonder bright and blissful shore.

Farewell, our brother, joy, and friend;  
Life's toils for thee have met an end,

But we whom thou hast left behind  
Will onward push the battle line.  
Above thy grave where thou shalt sleep,  
A steady tramp our feet shall keep,  
An army great to judge and war,  
Our songs and shouts go trumpet far.

Thy passing brings us inward pain,  
But o'er its blight we fully reign,  
We see thy form by faith in love,  
Communing with the saints above.  
Fret not dear one, sleep on and rest,  
With the redeemed in Heaven blest;  
The work in which you had a hand  
Will onward move to every land.

—Leslie Busbee

Bro. Dock S. Malone passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 85 years, ten months, and 15 days. He was born August 12, 1873 in Cuba. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Malone who preceded him in death. Bro. Malone and Mrs. Vergie Brown were united in marriage in 1931.

He accepted the Lord in 1923, and was later called to the ministry in which he was active about ten years. He was the associate pastor of the Ninth Ave. Church of God, Akron, Ohio. His favorite saying was, "God is the remedy." He is survived by his wife, Vergie; four step-children: Asa, Cecil, Eucl, and Vera Brown all of Akron, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; one great grandson, and a host of relatives, saints, and friends. He was loved by everyone. "A link has been broken, a voice has been hushed, God loved him, He was also loved by all of us."

Merrill Dan Forbes, son of Robert W. and Dorall Stice Forbes, was born Dec. 25, 1957 and departed this life June 12, 1959.

Danny is survived by his parents, and one brother, Carroll Don. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Forbes of Hammond, La. The maternal grandparents are Mr. Lester Stice of Webb City, Mo., and the late Mrs. Ethel May Stice. A host of relatives and friends also mourn his passing.

Services were held at the Oak Grove Church of God chapel, with Brother Max Williamson officiating, assisted by Sister Katherine Key. Texts used were Mark 10:14, Matt. 18:1, Isaiah 62:3, and Mal. 3:17. Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Alfred Louis Breckenridge, was born March 5, 1943 in San Diego, California and departed this life June 10, 1959. He was the oldest of eleven children.

He leaves to mourn his passing six brothers, Willie Ray, Harold, Joseph, Paul, Ronald and Michael; and four sisters, Stella Marie, Sharon, Barbara and Loretta; four grandparents, James and Josephine Pierro, Orrin and Bertha Breckenridge; and many relatives and a host of friends. He was known and loved by many people, especially the saints. We will greatly miss him, but we submit to an all wise God, who knows what is best.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Clarence Hattley, assisted by Bro. I. C. Chandler and Bro. E. J. Trotter. Texts: James 3:13, 14, 15 and the 90th Psalms.

Edward Crooks was born in West Union, South Carolina, in the year of our Lord 1884, and departed this life June 17, 1959. He was 75 years of age.

He came to Sandusky, Ohio in 1919. He met and mar-

ried Miss Anna Adams, Jan. 10, 1936. No children were born to this union.

He was a member and a deacon of the Evening Light Church of God; a devout Christian and always attended meeting and gave his services whenever he was able.

Surviving are his wife, Anna, two nieces; three nephews and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

#### NOTICE

All those who write to Bro. William D. Summers, or The Church of God Chapel at 316 Gilbert Street, Belleville, Ill., please make address and return address very plain.

#### REPORT OF OREGON CAMPMEETING

The Lord was truly with us, and blessed in the preaching of the Word. The messages were surely directed of the Lord. We got many good lessons and our souls just feasted. Many said it was the best campmeeting we have ever had.

The Lord sent ministers of His choosing—Bro. D. Gibson of Mo., Bro. and Sister Huskey, Bro. Gene Harmon, and Bro. Ostis Wilson of Calif., and Bro. Leslie Busbee of Okla. The Lord blessed in saving one or two souls, sanctifying some, healing some, while others were helped.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in a financial way without even a mention of any needs at any time. All were truly free-will offerings, and such givers are the ones who are blessed for giving.

The saints are encouraged and the Lord is blessing. We don't have a pastor now, but are looking to the Lord to supply us with an old established minister—one that can feed the flock with the truth in love and meekness. Pray with us to this end.

Jefferson, Oregon Assembly Meeting — Nov. 6 - 15, D. V.

—Sister Emma Busch, Rt. 2 Box 206, Scio, Oregon and Bro. Noah White, Rt. 1, Jefferson, Oregon.

#### MONARK SPRINGS CAMPMEETING REPORT

The meeting began on July 24, 1959 on the old campgrounds at Monark Springs, Mo., which has become dear and sacred to our hearts because of the presence and power of our God, and of the blending of our hearts one to another. We feel there was much lasting good accomplished there, and we were loathe to part with our precious brothers and sisters in the Lord.

The weather conditions were ideal. We had a refreshing rain which was very welcome. The estimated number of seekers at the altar for spiritual help was 100 or more. Many received healing for their bodies. 226 happy souls partook of the ordinances of the Lord's house with much rejoicing. There was also a goodly number baptized to walk in the newness of life. There was an estimate of 40 ministers present at the meeting. 20 States were represented and the city photographer estimated about 700 or more on the first Sunday. Loud speakers were used, and the people came from Neosho and surrounding neighborhood and sat in their cars to enjoy the services and beautiful singing made beautiful by the Holy Spirit, 1 Cor. 14:15. Five recorders were used to reproduce the messages delivered. There was a business meeting and many improvements will be made for the convenience of the saints.

One outstanding thing that was felt was the unity of the Spirit and the fellowship of the brethren. There were many good Bible truths brought out which fed our souls and strengthened and encouraged us to press on

to our goal. Saints, let us walk in the blessed light of God's Word so that our precious fellowship may continue to increase in our hearts and lives so that we may flow together and be one as the Father and Son are one, and see eye to eye and speak the same thing as He has instructed us to do. 1 Cor. 1:10.

Altogether it was a very profitable meeting. As this is our national meeting, let us all be faithful to support it with our prayers and means next year if the Lord sees fit to give us another. We ask God's rich blessings upon every blood-washed child of God. Be encouraged to press the battle to the gate, is our prayer. Your brother in the one body and one burdened for the lost, —E. M. Zinn

### DECATUR, ILLINOIS ALL-DAY MEETING

An all-day meeting on the fourth Sunday, Sept. 27th, will be at the Spitler Woods State Park pavilion, located about ten miles southeast of Decatur, Ill. (Northeast of Mt. Zion, Ill., off Highway 121.) For further information about this meeting or future meetings, write Bro. and Sister Herbert Probst at 1741 Kenwood Court, Decatur, Ill. or telephone 8-8350.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Tenn.—Dear saints,—I feel obligated to God to testify to His saving grace and healing power. Last spring I had a severe cold in my bronchial tubes. I do not use medicine, but I used a hot pad on my chest. In just a few minutes my chest tightened up so I removed the pad. Then God spoke to me and said, "The just shall live by faith." From that time my cold was gone and He has healed me since of stomach and gall bladder trouble for which I praise Him. Saints, please pray that God will open up a work here.

Christian love, —Mrs. E. A. Smelcer

Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints at Guthrie,—How we do appreciate God's people today and all His faithful workers. How we do thank God for all He does and is doing for us all. I want to tell what He has done for me.

Last spring more than a year ago, I was suddenly stricken with something, which I supposed was heart trouble. I had an aching in my left arm and would have attacks that my heart would pound very rapidly. My blood pressure rose to a very high point and I began to have nervous attacks that made my nerves inside seem all a tremble. This condition grew worse. I was also troubled with my stomach. I had severe gastric disturbance and got so I could hardly eat. I lost about forty pounds in weight. At times it seemed my kidneys were completely blocked. There were times when I would even despair of life. But God was very near and dear and precious to me and gave me promise of life several times and encouraged me by personal visits. He spoke to my soul several times. Once He said, "You shall see children's children." Again, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Another time, "I am going to heal you, Gertrude."

Today, I am healthy and strong again. Every trace of every disturbance is gone. I can eat anything I want without any discomfort—things I had not been able to eat for years. Also, my heart is almost completely normal in its behavior. The only thing that is not completely gone is the nodule on the thyroid gland. But I am not discouraged. I think of Sister Carver and how she waited about seven years for God to remove that growth off her face and how God so wonderfully removed it. So I know, in His own time, God will remove this nodule (goiter) completely. Already He has caused it to function nor-

mally and it is not disturbing me any at all any more.

Praise God for being such a loving Father. Had it not been for His mercy I would be lost and in a devil's hell today, but He has seen fit to save my soul, sanctify my nature, and heal my body, so that I am well today and able to be about my work after being unable for over one year. Praise His great and holy name!

Your sister in Christ, —Gertrude Bunting

Canada—Greetings to all in the name of our dear Lord Jesus Christ,—I am rejoicing in reading my Bible and also in reading the Faith and Victory testimonies. Being born again by the true gospel of the Word of God, I rejoice because my name is written in heaven in the book of life and my prayer is that Jesus may find me faithful to the end in the same old truth. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11. I have trusted in Him for both soul and body for over forty years. He has never failed me. I thank God for Jesus Christ and the holy Bible.

A sister in Christ, —G. M. Hansen

Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am not much of a writer but desire to tell how God touched my body while at Tulsa, Okla. I had hurt my back lifting a box of groceries and could hardly bend without pain. It got so bad I could hardly get in or out of a car. About two days before I came home I called for some of the saints to come over to my son's home, and they anointed me. It was wonderful how God touched my body. I could do more the next day than I had been able to do for two months. I surely praise God for the privilege of trusting Him. I have trusted Him completely for over thirty years and he has never failed me yet.

I surely enjoyed the writings on the Church in the July issue and enjoy the testimonies and articles each month. We are glad for the missionary efforts being put forth. May God bless and supply every need. We feel there is so little we can do but we can pray and do our best. God bless you all. Remember us in prayer at Webb City, that God will prosper His work here and save souls.

—Sister Ersa Carrick

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and Workers:—I've been impressed to send my testimony in to the paper. For a number of years—in fact, most of my life—I've been bothered with headaches from time to time, and they were very severe ones. After I was grown I went to doctors for them and they told me I had migraine headaches, and that there was no known cure, so I would just have to live with it. But thank the Lord, He can cure all things.

Then I was saved. About 2½ years ago I was prayed for at Pacoima and felt the Lord definitely healed me. For a time I had no headaches. After a while I started having a few, but I just held on to the Lord that I was healed. Then this past spring I had a real siege of them and I felt pretty blue about it. The devil kept telling me I wasn't healed. One night I was praying and the Lord just brought some thoughts to me so plainly, and He said, "The devil just wants you to admit just once that you are not healed and then you will have lost what has been done for you." I felt very encouraged and took new faith and just trusted the Lord. Thank his dear name, He surely has blessed me. I have had only one since then, and I'm still looking to the Lord to do the complete work. I have complete faith He will.

—Bob Stover

Okla.—Greetings to the saints everywhere:—This afternoon finds me still saved and encouraged to press

on for Jesus. I want to thank the Lord and the saints for remembering me in prayer last year when I had heart trouble so bad. In my testimony I requested the saints to fast and pray for and with me for my healing. The Lord has wonderfully healed me. I want those who fasted and prayed with me to rejoice with me in the Lord. The Lord has been very good to me. I had asked God to spare my life so I could rear my children in the fear and admonition of the Lord and I thank Him for sparing me.

This past winter I had the flu real bad and very hard coughing; also other serious complications, but the Lord wonderfully touched my body and healed me completely. The saints were very good to visit and do my work and fast and pray for me; also others came in to help. I truly thank God for his goodness and for his precious saints. Pray for me.

—Sister Earnestine Jordon

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Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt:—Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. I am glad to say I am saved, sanctified, and satisfied. Glory to our God in the highest. What a wonderfully good heavenly Father we have. He is so precious and helpful to me! He is my all and in all. He has helped me and blessed me in so many ways. I'm very thankful that Jesus saw fit to pick me up out of dark sin, and set me on the highway of holiness. Praise His holy name. I do pray and trust that He will forgive and bless everybody and lead us all in the strait and narrow way, bless the unsaved and help them all to understand and be what God wants them to be.

Thank you, dear God, for my daily blessings upon both soul and body, good care and safe keeping in Jesus' dear name. Bless everybody.

—Sister Richard

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S. C.—Dear Brother Pruitt:—Greetings to you and all the saints at the print shop. Today finds me still pressing on to glory, standing up for the full gospel of Jesus. Praise His name for it! The people of the world are against the true children of God; but, thank God, He is able to stand by us no matter what they do. Praise His dear name! It seems like every day that I live I find myself drawing nearer and nearer to God. Praise the Lord for it! I thank God today for the salvation that He gives unto His saints. I am standing alone in this big town. There is no one to whom I can go for encouragement. But thank God, Jesus is with me and I am getting my encouragement from Him and the blessed sweet Bible. Glory to His name.

I think much of the scripture in Eph. 2 beginning with the 19th verse to the end of the chapter. I hope the readers of the Faith and Victory paper will turn to it and read it. When they read it they can say "Praise the Lord!" And then read Eph. 4:16, 17; 1 Peter 2:4, 5. I hope every Christian will keep this in mind.

Brother S. E. Abbott and his wife just closed a week's meeting June 19. Every Christian was filled up with the Spirit of God. They surely did feed us on the pure word of God and we had a sweet fellowship together. We are hoping some day that God will send them back to preach for us again. If any of God's people are in need of a good minister to preach for them (as long as the Lord leads) get in touch with them. The address is S. E. Abbott P. O. Box 223, Thayer, Mo. I am sure you will not go wrong. There was some healing by the power of God at this meeting at Holly Hill. God surely did bless on every hand. While I am writing this testimony my heart is flowing over with joy to see what God can do for His children. Praise His sweet name!

I hope this testimony will bring a blessing to some

of the Faith and Victory readers. May the Lord bless and encourage every one of the saints at the print shop.

Please remember me when you pray that God will keep me true and faithful to the end of the way.

Your saved brother in Christ, —Eddie Driggers

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Ill.—To the Saints scattered abroad, our dearly beloved ones in Jesus, greetings:—We are so glad to report victory in Jesus' name through the terrible trials and battles of life and we thank God for all the precious lessons we learn, and for His holy presence as He comes down to walk and talk with us, not only in the cool of the day but also in the heat while the tempest is so high. It seemed that we would not be able to keep up physically but by His grace we press on the way.

Oh, my soul rejoices as we see Him moving and working in lives in the new colony works, in the evangelization work that all the dear ones are helping in. Oh, how great the need for personal workers whom God can send out as "hunters"! One day a week or so ago, as we were earnestly praying for those strangers to the truth in the new colonies, we asked God to go down and visit each of them and to move and talk with them. And we called to mind how God did come down in olden days to talk directly to people on earth. He came in his own person many times. Some times He came in the person of angels. Then the time came when He came down in the person of Jesus to meet the needs of a lost and dying people. Jesus said: The Father that dwelleth IN me, He doeth the works. Then the blessed day came when God came down in the person of the Holy Ghost. As I cried out to God to go down to visit the people as He used to go down in times of old, God spoke to me and said: "I am still coming down to talk to the people on earth. I come now and work and labor in the persons of my sanctified ones on earth. I go in and through them who will go, who will yield themselves to me."

Oh, I cannot tell you now, it was such a blessed and hallowed time and God's presence was so powerful, so glorious! Like Peter, I thought: "Lord it is good for us to be here"—and, oh, how I longed to stay there and never leave that blessed presence of God! Now I know God comes in the person of the Holy Ghost as He fills the lives of his saints and works through them, but God was pleased to come in power to speak and reveal it anew, and in such power and glory; I regretted I did not take that day and shut myself in with God until I was so completely changed I would never be the same again. I gave myself again to God to be used as He pleased. I renewed my consecration of all to Him. I laid my offering on His altar. I trust Him to make again the vessel as it pleased Him, the potter. Oh, I am so glad He helped me yield my will unconditionally to Him. I do not want MY WAY in any thing that I can think of. And I must be careful not to strive or seek a place in His body that is beyond the ability He knows I have or can qualify me for. Yet I must strive and seek to become the best He can make me so He can be glorified to the greatest extent in me. We are given the privilege from God to "covet" earnestly the best gifts of the Holy Ghost.

It pleased God to fill His Son with the fullness of God—that in him the fullness of the Godhead should dwell bodily. And Christ needed every bit of this fullness of God to carry on the work that would need to be done on earth. Anything short of the fullness of God in Him would mean defeat somewhere along the rough road to travel on earth. It pleased God to have Jesus complete in the Holy Three, and as many as receive God today, to them is given the power to become the sons of God. (John 1:12).



God has healed me of appendicitis, flu, gall bladder and so many other minor ailments, I just could not live without God and His blessing. We cannot do enough for God to repay Him for all He does for us. He forgave my sins and keeps me saved and at peace with Him. I never feel alone as Christ is always right by me, blessing and keeping me from evil. It is a wonderful blessing to me how God sends His light in my room as I pray each night, and I can feel in my soul He is near and it seems as a guardian angel is there watching over me. I praise God always—it is grand just to pray as I work for I know God hears and answers prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

—Martha Winch

### The Lord Hath Need

Jesus needed a colt and told two disciples right where to find one. They went as He instructed them and found the colt and began to untie it. The owner inquired why they were doing it and the disciples answered, "The Lord hath need of him." (Luke 19:29-34). He was just a colt but the Lord needed him at that time. Remember, it was the Lord that needed him. Surely the owner gladly loaned his animal because it was the Lord who had a need. The Lord has need today of you and me. He has work to be done and needs someone to fill a place. Are we willingly giving ourselves to fill the places when the Lord has need? It may be only a small place to fill, to give a testimony, an exhortation, to write a letter, to visit someone sick or discouraged. It may be the Lord has need of us praying for someone who has strayed. Are we filling the places when the Lord has need or are we unwilling to break into our plans to fill a need? Often, in order to fill a need, we must change our plans, perhaps leave something undone which we planned to do. Are we so busy with the cares of life that we fail to hear to the gentle voice of the Spirit or fail to recognize the need? Jesus said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40). It may be that someone is in need of food or clothing and we should fill that need. (James 2:15, 16) In doing so we are really doing it unto Jesus.

I read of a man who gave his overcoat to a soldier one cold night while he was on guard duty. That night the man dreamed that he saw Jesus and Jesus had the overcoat on that he had given to the soldier. The Lord made him to know in that way that in giving to the soldier in need, he was ministering to Jesus.

"The Lord hath need of him." The need today is great. Are we willing to fill in where He needs us? It may be a small homely place and we might rather fill a greater place but if we are not faithful in the smaller places, how can God trust us in greater places? (Luke 16:10). The Lord needed a man to fill a place and said, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Isaiah was ready to fill the need and replied, "Here am I, send me." (Isa. 6:8).

"The Lord hath need of him." Then it was a colt that He needed. Now He needs us. How are we responding to the needs? Are we selfishly using our

time and talents or have we consecrated all to the Lord? The colt filled a need in carrying Jesus. He was needed, yet it was not he whom the people praised and honored as he walked along. It was Jesus. He was only carrying Jesus along. When we fill a need and something is accomplished the praise does not belong to us, but to the Lord. Jesus said after we have done all that is commanded us, say, "We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." (Luke 17:10). "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." (1 Cor. 3:7).

Jesus realized the need of laborers and said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:37, 38). In the next verse He sent them out. Let us pray for God to send forth more laborers. The need is great. Then as we pray let us be willing to fill whatever place the Lord would have us to fill.

The colt was unbroken for it says, "Whereon yet never man sat," yet Jesus had power over his unbroken nature. He has power to make us what we need to be to fill a place of service if we will yield fully to Him. Let us remember, the Lord has need of us.

—Fern Stubblefield

### The Doctrine vs. Doctrines

Text—"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God." (John 7:17)

Webster says the word doctrine means, a belief held or taught, teachings offered to others as true and practicable; a tenet—a doctrine held to by a group or individuals.

Cruden says—doctrine is the truths of the Gospel and the Gospel says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Tim. 2:16.) The doctrine of God is the Divine instruction for our lives.

We have before us the subject, "The Doctrine vs. Doctrines;" doctrines in the plural, more than one, and notice doctrine, singular, denoting only one, separate from all others. The doctrine and teaching of our Lord is a distinguished doctrine, and ensign to the world and a beacon light to all mankind.

Consider the DOCTRINE!

Outstanding and divine, positive and fundamental. No changes or alterations necessary. It is everlasting true and dependable to all men.

This is a brief description of the teachings of Christ as He gave it to us in His Word, and by giving heed to this doctrine and the commands of Christ, its power will remove every sin and cleanse every heart from all unrighteousness, from fleshly lusts and will renew the proper spirit to harmonize with God. It will straighten all crooks and smooth out the dents and rough places in your life, if you will let it. It WILL HEAL your wounded heart and give you abiding peace, and enable you to be properly set into the

spiritual building of God which is His church.

Jesus in teaching, told His hearers that "My doctrine is not mine but His that sent me." (John 7:16). Here Christ recognized the source and authority from whence this doctrine came. It did not come from man, but from God of heaven. This should prompt us to examine the doctrine. Matt. 7:28 says, "The people were astonished at his doctrine." It was not the teachings of the Pharisees or any creeds of His day. It was a manifestation of the supernatural and they marvelled at its influence. They were amazed at His speech. "No man spake like he." They asked, "What new doctrine is this?" for it has power and authority over men and devils and is different from all else. Its very foundation is firmly laid upon love divine and the burden for lost humanity. No harsh, hard boiled, hand-me-down traditions were given in His doctrine. It was a plan prompted by the power of love, freedom and happiness.

The world then as it is today, was full of human traditions and doctrines of men emanating from the dragon powers of satanic influences, but in the face of those conditions Mark tells us that Jesus taught the people, "In his doctrine." (Singular).

John 7:17, "If any man will do his will he shall know THE DOCTRINE whether it is of God."

Notice the difference between accepting and understanding God's Bible doctrine and the doctrines (plural) of man. There is a vast difference. To understand and to be in harmony with the doctrine of the New Testament requires a surrendered will; obedient heart, an humble attitude and the spirit of Christ within, living holy and godly in this present world. That is what the power of the doctrine will do for us.

Man has sought to rule as a substitute, based on their own opinions and desires and for this reason we have thousands of doctrines of men and devils. The doctrines appeal to the flesh and they work on the surface, the fleeting emotions of the physical man. There are many false doctrines that do a cheap work and cannot compete with God's Word, which is able to save from all sin. Traditions and ceremonial programs, human control have trapped thousands of souls in the network of their human organizations. God did not order this to be done. It is a sad situation but hundreds are wrapped and rolled up in a religious garb full of church work who do not have the real Bible Christian experience. They even have the evidence of prosperity and progress and there is a striking contrast between these groups and those in open rebellion and sin. But the doctrine of Christ makes men holy and righteous with their full interest and influence on spiritual matters.

Notice the apostles' teaching. Did they change the doctrine? Acts 13:12, Paul using his God given authority, denounced the false prophet whose name was Bar-jesus, and when he was done the deputy "believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord."

To some the doctrine was new concerning Christ's resurrection and they inquired "What is this new doctrine that you teach?" The apostles had the an-

swer and they said that the disciples filled Jerusalem with this doctrine. (Acts 5:28). And Paul said, "For I know this, that after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." The grievous wolves referred to were not the four-footed beasts of the forest, but men of devouring natures, rebellious motives against the Holy Spirit.

Jesus warned His hearers of the hypocrites and the Pharisees and said "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matt. 15:9).

It is a deplorable fact that today a multiplicity of doctrines of men have produced such a divided state in Christianity. They are "tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine." (Eph. 4:14). These are the products of Satan. When men apostatize from God's doctrinal truth they always come out with their own ideas and form doctrines and beliefs of their own opinion. The product of departing from God's way to "a way that seemeth right unto men," produces division and death. Every man's work shall be tried by fire and it is of great importance that we build according to the divine pattern. There is a difference between the doctrine and doctrines. And there is also a vast difference between the CHURCH and churches.

If an honest born again soul is entangled with a work or a doctrine referred to by Paul "as wood, hay and stubble, his work shall be burned, yet he shall be saved, as by fire." Very few can plead ignorant in this day of Gospel light and knowledge. By the press, radio, and the open Bible the doctrine is now reaching the entire world. The willingly ignorant will not be excused.

Paul said, 2 Tim. 4:3, "The time will come when they will not endure SOUND doctrine, but will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears." That time has come.

Paul said, Rom. 16:17, "I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine that you have learned." (One doctrine). Paul was their pastor and teacher and spiritual guide or instructor through the Holy Ghost in him. He taught the doctrine of God. It is said of the early church that the Christians continued "in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship." What a commendation it would be if it could be said of the professed Christian world today that they, too, continued in the apostle's doctrine!

We are exhorted by the Apostle, Titus 2:1 to "speak the things which become sound doctrine." Our language, beliefs and knowledge must be sound, based upon the fundamental doctrine of God. In many places this idea would not find fellowship in the curriculum of creeds of many organizations today.

Truth is now revealed as spoken by Paul in 1 Tim. 4:1, "That in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." We live now in the fulfillment of that scripture. Truly this is a day that our hearts should be stirred. Our vision should be clear, our faith fixed

and let us arise and declare the whole counsel (doctrine) of God. How can we be at ease in Zion when multitudes are led captive by the religious beliefs of division, and doctrines of carnal men? We are warned to take heed ourselves and to the doctrine. And by continuing in them we shall save ourselves and those that hear us. (1 Tim. 4:16).

Examine your doctrine and belief by the Word of God. If it comes short of the Scripture, throw it aside. We will be judged by His doctrine, not ours. He exhorts us to give attention to doctrine, reading and being examples of Christ to the believers. The doctrine of the Biblical church of God must be demonstrated by those who possess it. We are to urge all "that, they teach no other doctrine." (1 Tim. 1:3). Paul admonishes us "to adorn the doctrine of Christ"—to make it real or attractive and something to be desired. Real Christianity is contagious, and rightly so.

1 John 9, "Whosoever abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God . . . if there come any unto you, who bring not this doctrine receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." So, "beloved be not carried away with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning craftiness of men, who lie in wait to deceive." (Eph. 4:14). What a warning from God and yet so little heeded. They have ears to hear, but they hear not.

May your life be an added blessing to the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. —S. E. Bowle

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## Whom Do Men Say That I Am?

(Please turn to the Scriptures mentioned.)

Jesus wanted to know who men thought he was. And they said, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias." Matt. 16:14.

I feel this would be a good question for each of us to ask ourselves. **Whom do men say that I am?** or in other words, whom do I represent? Christ or the enemy? A few years ago I heard Sister Opal Wilson say, "It would be a wonderful thing if when we were lying in our casket folks would say as they viewed our body, 'She (or he) was a man (or woman) of God.'" That left an imprint on my mind and also a desire to have that said about me.

It is time to take inventory of ourselves and see what we look like in the mirror of God's Word and also to see how we look to our fellowman.

I have felt impressed to write down a few questions that I've been asking myself in hopes that it might be a help to somebody else. There are many, many questions we can ask ourselves, but these are a few to think about and meditate upon. No doubt we can all measure closer to the Word and closer to God.

What impression do people get, when they come into our homes? Is my home plain? Am I kind and patient in the home? Do I make folks welcome? Do I entertain strangers the way I should? How about when the neighbor children come to play? Do I treat them like I would my own? Matt. 25:35-40; Heb. 13:2; Matt. 7:12.

When I hear of an opportunity to do good do I shun it, or do what I can to be of help? James 4:17; Col. 3:23. Do I realize that the only Bible that some people ever read is the Christian and do I set a Bible example? When someone does evil toward me do I try to do them an evil in return, or do I take it with grace and keep on treating them nice? Matt. 5:39-48; 1 Peter 2:19-23. Do I hold bad feelings or a grudge until forgiveness is asked? Matt. 6:12, 15; 18:21-35; Mark 11:25, 26; Luke 17:3, 4. Do I have any hidden sins? Prov. 28:13. Am I deceiving anyone or is my life open and clean? Do I do things I don't want others to know about? Am I ashamed of anything I do? Psalms 31:1.

Now—about my business dealings. Do I pay my bills when they are due, or do I let them ride and go ahead and buy things that I want for myself, first? If I owe someone money and have promised to pay at such and such a time, and then don't pay them and spend money for things I don't actually have to have, I am spending money that doesn't rightfully belong to me. Do I go over my head in debt or do I use wisdom and buy only the things I can afford and need? I should save as much as I can to help out in the gospel work, shouldn't I? Do my neighbors and friends consider me honest or am I a reproach to the Church? Rom. 12:11.

How about my word? Can people depend on me? Eccl. 5:4, 5; 1 Peter 2:12. Am I different from the world? Am I proud? Is my manner of dress plain and modest? Can others see a difference between me and the world? 1 Peter 4:3; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10; Prov. 16:5; Prov. 21:4.

Do I murmur and complain, or am I contented with my lot and for what God has provided? Heb. 13:5; Psalms 37:16; 1 Tim. 6:6.

We have a great responsibility as saints in this world. We must be shining lights and good examples. Pray for me that God will help me to measure to all of God's Word and ever get closer to Him. To sum up these questions—am I bearing the fruits of the Spirit? Do I have peace and charity within? meekness, kindness, longsuffering, etc? Eph. 5:22-23. The Word says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." So, "Whom do men say that I am?"

—Sister Margaret Brant.

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## BIBLE STUDY

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September 6, 1959

THE PERIL OF PRIDE

Printed Portion ..... Obadiah 1-4, 10-15

1. The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2. Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3. The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4. Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

10. For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11. In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

12. But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13. Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity;

14. Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

15. For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Memory Verse: Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Amos 5:14.

Practical Truth: There is serious moral and spiritual danger in pride.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The lesson behind our topic, "The Peril of Pride," verifies the scripture, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Prov. 16:18). Edom, according to an authority who has visited the ruins of that city, is a city that you enter through a mile-long gorge. Emerging into the great hollow basin one sees rock-hewn dwellings, tombs, arches of a bridge, columns, and other cuttings on every side. The colors of the rocks are beautiful, but the desolation seen is a fulfillment of Obadiah's predictions.

The natural protection of this city and its beauty caused the people to be very proud of it. They did not have any sympathy for other cities, less fortunate, as our lesson points out.

Proud people will reveal by their remarks and attitudes how they estimate their own importance. Others will run themselves down so as to bring remarks from those who listen of how wonderful they are. Pride is ever seeking attention to itself, but the end is a fall and destruction unless repented of.

Proud people are likely to disregard instructions in the Bible and advice of others, doing things that bring humiliation. Proud people often lack sympathy and snub others. Pride shuts God out of the heart. Only a broken, contrite and humble heart can God enter. To keep God in the heart a person must live that way.

September 13, 1959

#### GOD'S CONCERN FOR ALL PEOPLE

Printed Portion ..... Jonah 3:1-2, 10; 4:1-11

3:1. And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2. Arise, go unto Ninevah, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3:10. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

4:1. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2. And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4. Then said the Lord, Doest thou well to be angry?

5. So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6. And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceedingly glad of the gourd.

7. But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8. And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9. And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

10. Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11. And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Memory Verse: The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. Psalm 145:9.

Practical Truth: God is concerned for people of every nation and race.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The unprinted part of our lesson reveals to us how God dealt with Jonah when he refused to go preach to the Ninevites. He was permitted to be thrown down into the water from the ship, down into the fish's belly and there he prayed. God heard and brought him up out of the water and up on the dry land. When a person gets down far enough he then sees himself and is able to find God. David said God brought him, "up and out of a horrible pit, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." (Psa. 40:2, 3).

Jonah's preaching was effective and the Ninevites repented in sackcloth and ashes. God heard their cries and showed mercy upon them and spared them. Jonah was disappointed because his predictions did not come to pass. He sat outside the city to watch and God taught

him a lesson. He made him understand that he had more pity for, and interest in a gourd plant, which had no soul, than for the souls of man. How many today are Jonahs sitting under the shade tree of comfort, prosperity and ease while millions are dying without the gospel? Are we doing all we can to send forth the message of God's great love through His Son? Saving of souls is the most important thing in the world. Jesus died for all peoples, regardless of race, color, or station in life.

September 20, 1959

### ZECHARIAH'S VISION

Printed Portion ..... Zech. 4:1-6, 11-14

1. And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep;

2. And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof;

3. And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

4. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5. Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord or hosts.

11. Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

12. And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13. And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Memory Verse: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zech. 4:6.

Central Truth: The voice of God thru His Spirit always agrees with the Bible.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

I am sure it has been interesting and helpful taking parts of each of the minor prophets in the Bible. It would be good if each book could be read before coming to class.

The main thought in our lesson is that these two trees which give oil for the lamp is the Spirit of God and the Word of God.

Before we can be a continued blessing and help to others and live a victorious life we must have the Holy Spirit dwelling within. "Go on to perfection" should be heeded. John speaks of it as having "perfected love." We receive "power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses." Jesus tells us the Holy Spirit "shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said." The Holy Spirit will "guide you into all truth," he will "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment." It is precious to be led of the Spirit of God and our lives will shine out for God.

There are two spirits in the world. One is the devil and the other is God. When the Spirit of God speaks to

us or brings thoughts to us it will agree with the Word of God. As we measure our lives to the Word of God and be led of the Spirit of God, we then can be as Jesus tells us: "a city set on a hill that cannot be hid."

September 27, 1959

### GOD'S CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

Printed Portion ..... Malachi 2:17 to 3:4, 16-18

2:17. Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

3:1. Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope:

3. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

3:16. Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

17. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Memory Verse: Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. Psalm 101:6.

Practical Truth: Loyalty to God in all things is what He expects of us.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Malachi, the last of the minor prophets in the order in which they appear in the Old Bible, wrote his book during the period of Ezra and Nehemiah at a time of religious declension. The sins denounced are similar to those Nehemiah found existing in Jerusalem upon his second visit to Jerusalem.

In Malachi two of the three predictions of John the Baptist are found. The other place is in Isaiah 40:3. Jesus refers to our lesson in Matt. 11:10, 14. He told the people how God had fulfilled his promise. Then later in Acts the second chapter we read where God sent His Holy Spirit to the church which was the 120 gathered in the upper room. This is what is meant when it says the "Lord suddenly came to his temple." We are the temple of God individually and also collectively. The same word is used in Acts 2:2. "And suddenly there came . . . from heaven." This was the precious Holy Spirit coming from heaven and filling that temple that was set aside for God's use. The church of God is a Spirit-filled church. Each member is placed in it by the Spirit, who gives gifts according to the need. Thank God for doing what He promised to do. We want to always believe God. In Titus we read where it says, "God that cannot lie, promised."

—Mrs. Marie Miles