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Be A Witness For The Lord

Do you witness for the Lord?

Do you stand upon His Word?

Will you tell another what He's done for you?

Has He cleansed and made you whole?

Has He saved your wayward soul?

Be a witness, tell the world what God can do.

Have you had a trial or test?

Have you done your very best?

Did you call upon the Lord to take you through?

Did He hear your feeble cry?

Send you help from up on high?

Tell it out, some one else may need Him, too.

Has your body been distressed?

By disease, and sore oppressed?

Have you found in Jesus Christ the healing balm?

Have you found Him just the same

As when first to earth He came?

When He walked the raging sea, and there was calm?

Has the Spirit filled your soul?

Are you under His control?

Then you have the power to witness for the Lord.

Tell to men of every birth;

Sound it out through all the earth,

Of the wondrous saving power of His blood.

—Ulysses Phillips

Where Will You Live—in Eternity?

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41. To His disciples Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2.

We read in John 3:16, 17: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have

everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." We see that God was—and still is—much concerned about the world to the extent that He gave his only begotten Son to die for fallen man, and to make an atonement for our sins. We should be as much concerned about ourselves as God and His only begotten Son are concerned about us. In Rom. 5:8 it reads, "... while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Some people seem to think that this love that God has shown to the world was not meant for them. They just go on in sin, not heeding the warning that "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Let us read Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." This "whosoever will" means all, every one that will come and accept Him and meet the Bible conditions for salvation. Will you accept Him now? This is the accepted time. Tomorrow may be too late. You are getting older every day. Your shadow is lengthening toward the east, and soon the sun of your life will go down in the west to rise no more—then what? Which place will be your eternal abode—heaven or hell?

Let us think seriously of the record of the rich man and the beggar found in Luke 16:19-24, "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom, and he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." Here is a rich man (he had been rich in this world) in hell begging—begging that Abraham would send Lazarus to comfort him. While here on

the earth the rich man fared sumptuously and Lazarus was a beggar. Now Lazarus is faring sumptuously and the rich man is a beggar. Can you picture yourself in the place with this rich man? Can you picture yourself in hell crying out for some one to come and comfort you? Sinner friend, this will be your eternal abode unless you repent and come to God through Christ. Remember the first text in this writing, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." In Matt. 8:12 Jesus says that "... there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Do you want to be in a place like that in eternity? Prepare now for heaven while you have the opportunity. There is no opportunity beyond the grave for salvation. This life you are living now is the only life you have or ever will have in which to prepare for eternity. Don't let any one deceive you with the theory that you can be prayed out of hell after you die. When once you are in hell you are there for all eternity. There is no getting out. If there had been a way out, surely this rich man would have found it. But listen to what Abraham said to the rich man in hell, "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence." Luke 16:25, 26. We can plainly see that there is no escape from hell after one is confined there. So let us prepare now; for life is uncertain and death is sure. Let us be ready when the death angels calls.

—Albert F. Hendrix

VICTORY

Victory, when it brings freedom from a life of miserable bondage to a cruel master, is appreciated very much. It is sweet and precious to the conquerors. Victory meant much to the children of Israel when they stood upon the banks of the Red Sea and saw their oppressors drowned in the watery grave. There was great rejoicing as they sang the song of deliverance. This victory was given them without a struggle on their part. Their deliverance from that Egyptian bondage is a type of our great deliverance from bondage to Satan. Before we can have victory a battle will have been fought and the enemy defeated.

We, as pilgrims and strangers in this world, must deal with two realms—the material and spiritual. The spiritual realm has two phases or natures—good and bad. God rules over that good kingdom of love and righteousness. Satan is also a spirit, ruling over the evil kingdom of darkness, and over all his miserable subjects.

"We wrestle [or fight] not against flesh and blood [not against the material] but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of dark-

ness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We, within ourselves, are helpless before this Satanic, spiritual power. Even if we could muster all the material forces of earth and hurl them against the powers of darkness, it would be of no avail. Are we helpless then before our great adversary? No, not by any means. We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus. Praise the Lord! "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal [not of this world], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." When our Lord paid the price that we might be redeemed from this wicked world, He conquered death, hell and the grave, and all the powers of Satan. He arose from the tomb more than a conqueror, and bestows upon His redeemed children this reigning power. Praise the Lord!

Today we have the victory through Christ. We do not have to defeat the enemy with our own powers. No, praises be to His matchless name, we do not have to conquer Satan. Christ Jesus paid the price and won the victory for us on Mount Calvary and His resurrection more than 1900 years ago. Dear ones, the victory is yours. Accept it and keep your eyes on Jesus—"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Ever keep the upward look, and "casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

God told Noah to put a window above (in the roof) in the ark, because no doubt he wanted Noah to look up. As long as Peter kept his eyes upon Jesus, he had victory over the waves, but when he took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the waves (material), he lost the God-given victory and began to sink. Jesus reached His hand in mercy to rescue him.

Dear ones, we are living in the last of the last days. Christ looked forward and told how it would be just before the end. "And many false prophets shall raise and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24:11, 12. False prophets are abounding as never before. The enemy has more ways to deceive in this age than in any previous age. The love of many is waxing cold. All the forces of evil are combining, going "out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, . . . to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about. . . ." Rev. 20:8, 9. The storm is gathering to come in from every side to try to blot the saints off the earth. Praise God, we must not turn back, but face the foe as do the sheep when attacked by the wolf, and rise above the storm on the wings of faith. The eagle never stays down below the storm, but faces the raging blast, setting its wings against the storm and climbs above the angry elements into the clear, blue sky where all is peace and quietness.

The apostle John saw the redeemed of all ages "round about the throne," (Rev. 4th and 5th chaps.) pictured as four and twenty elders and four beasts,

or four living creatures. (We see these beasts in Ezek. 1 described as "living creatures.") These represent the redeemed, for they sang the song of redemption from sin. Listen to a part of that song as they sang praises to the Lamb, "For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Rev. 5:9. No doubt but that the four and twenty elders represent the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles of the Lamb. In order to represent the saints before the twelve tribes were formed, the four living creatures were added. Time is divided into four parts: the first age, before the flood; the second, flood to Abraham; third, Abraham to Christ; and the fourth, the day of Grace, from Christ to the end of time. Rev. 4:7 describes these creatures. "The first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had the face of a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle." Notice it did not say that this beast was merely like an eagle, but like a "flying" eagle; not like an eagle in any position, but like an eagle in flight. Praise God, we live in the "flying eagle" age when we can mount the wings of faith and fly through and above the storms of life. Dear ones, do not let the trials of life get you down, but face them, setting the wings of faith toward the storm, and soar in the clear atmosphere of God's love and grace. Praise God, this is the first, last and only age in which grace is given whereby we might live victorious over all the powers of Satan. Yours in Him, —H. P. Huskey

"His Blood Be On Us"

When Jesus Christ, our Savior, was arrested and brought before the governor, Pilate asked the multitude of the Jews this question, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children." Matt. 27:22, 24, 25.

The Jews, Christ's own people, did not know or realize the miserable, unending train of torture and suffering to be visited upon them and their children in consequence of this request, "His blood be on us, and on our children." Jesus knew of the impending punishment and wrath which was to fall upon the people. As Jesus was being led to Mount Calvary to be crucified, "there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children." Luke 23:27, 28

When Jesus was preaching in the temple at Jerusalem He foretold of these days of vengeance. "As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And when

ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations." Luke 21:6, 20, 22-24. "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matt. 23:38. Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem when He considered and thought of the unparalleled calamities which would come upon it.

Accordingly, in 70 A. D. the Roman army under Titus surrounded and besieged the city of Jerusalem. Food supplies ran out and the Jews faced starvation. History relates the account of a woman who killed, roasted and ate her own child because the famine was so great. The city was captured, the temple burned and completely destroyed, and the buildings and walls of the city were demolished. About one and a half million Jews perished within the city as a result of the famine, fire and sword. The Jews who escaped before the siege were dispersed among all nations. Since that time, through the centuries, their name has been a byword—a source of mockery and amusement. World history records that no nation has been so persecuted, tortured and ridiculed in so many foreign lands as the Jews—all in fulfillment of their own request.

Even now in the modern city of Jerusalem, a former German officer named Adolf Eichmann is being tried by an Israeli court on charges he was responsible for the murder of six million Jews in Eastern Europe during Hitler's regime in Nazi Germany. Their property confiscated, Jewish men, women and children were herded like cattle into box cars and hauled to the gas chambers, then buried in mass graves or cremated. Whether or not he is guilty is beside the point. God's decree of punishment of the Jews for Christ's blood upon their hands must and will be carried out, which conveys to the world the solemn lesson that no nation can reject the Son of God with impunity. —L. D. Pruitt

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Editorials

It is so nice and kind of our loving Lord Jesus Christ to look upon us mortals who are only dust with such great compassion and mercy as to help us in every time of need. For many years the Faith Pub. House has been in need of more room in order to carry on the work efficiently. Overcrowded conditions and lack of floor space made it very inconvenient to get the work done in the wrapping and mailing department, also in the stencil and office rooms. We had just been getting along the best we could and praying with an expectation that the Lord would do something about it.

Thank God, He has answered prayer and given us more than we were praying for and expecting. Therefore, our souls do "magnify His Word above His name." He has proved to us that His promises are all "yea and amen" to them that trust and believe. He has proved this to us over and over, again and again. Bless His holy name! The office and stencil rooms are now finished and we have moved into them. It seems so good to be in these rooms and out of the close quarters where the work could not be handled conveniently. The wrapping and mailing room is now so much larger and everything arranged for more efficient handling of the work. We ask that our readers will magnify the name of the Lord with us and exalt His Word above all the gods of this world. Let the Word of the Lord be magnified greatly, for by it we shall be judged in that great and final judgment day. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. We want every one to know who have helped with their prayers, labor and means that we appreciate what they have done and thank God that He put it into their hearts to show and manifest this interest in the work of God. May He reward you abundantly is our prayer.

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Let us quote the first three verses of the 138th Psalm, "I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. In the day when I cried thou answered me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul."

Let us look into the Word of God and see how greatly God has magnified the name of His Son Jesus Christ. In Matt. 28:18 we read what Jesus said the Father had given unto Him. "... All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Those who truly abide in Him have nothing to fear, for they know that there is no power greater in heaven and in earth than the power of Christ who has become their strength and life. When they give strict heed and observe His teaching in His Word and hearken

to His voice, they are living by faith and feel no alarm.

In the 5th verse of the 17th chapter of Matt. we read what God said to Peter and the two other disciples concerning His Son Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; HEAR YE HIM."

In Acts 4:12 we read what Peter says about Jesus, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Men may believe in God and do many good works and make a big show of being religious, but if they reject Christ they cannot be saved.

In Phil. 2:9 we read, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." What a solemn truth we have given here to man from God to reverence and honor His Son! What man or woman would be so stiff-necked and proud in heart as to not bow and confess His Son who was scourged and shamefully handled by wicked men? He was finally crucified as though He were one accursed of God, yet He underwent all of this that we might through Him be saved from our sins. I ask, who would dare to stand out against our crucified and risen Christ who is now our High Priest before God, our heavenly Father?

Let us read some from the first chapter of John's gospel, "In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." At the 12th verse we read, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Certainly God hath greatly magnified the name of His Son.

But we have a scripture in the 138th Psalm, the 2nd verse, which brings a subject to our minds of deep thought. It is written thus, in part: "THOU HAST MAGNIFIED THY WORD ABOVE ALL THY NAME." Knowing this to be true, how careful we ought to be to see to it that we individually are keeping the teaching of His Word and in so doing we will be magnifying His Word above His name, which pleases God the Father.

It may not occur to some who are not careful about practicing the teachings of His Word and yet in many ways are magnifying His name, that they are deceiving their own souls and have become idol worshippers even as the heathen who worship their idol gods. For an example, let us read Matt. 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say

to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Many popular, big preachers in the world today are magnifying His name above His Word, doing miracles and wonders, but do not keep the teachings of His Word. It seems that most of the people in Christendom are following these false prophets who are deceiving and being deceived. Just because men are doing miracles is no sign that they are of God. We read in Revelation 16:13, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, WORKING MIRACLES, which go forth unto the kings of the earth [not of heaven] and of the whole world, [what for] to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Every one of us should see to it that we personally and individually keep and observe the teachings of His Word and not follow after nor support the vain talkers and miracle workers who are not careful in keeping His Word.

These three unclean spirits like frogs are loose in the world today, deceiving the multitudes into fellowshiping and supporting unclean doctrines and practices. They are being gathered together against Christ and His saints IN LIGHT who "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." By their testimony and the blood of the Lamb the saints will overcome the unclean false prophets in the world today.

Jesus said that "many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" Brethren and sisters, let us take heed to the Word of God. The New Testament is the VOICE of Christ to us.

In 1st John 2:15 we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." The 17th verse says, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." In James 1:21 we read, "Wherefore lay apart [cease from] all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, [the dictionary says, 'uncleaness, unnecessary money and possessions with all wrong doing'] and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

All those who claim to be followers of Jesus and dress in the ungodly worldly fashions and customs, wear gold and outward adornments, and the women who paint their face, lips and fingernails, bob their God-given hair, and wear trousers like a man are misrepresenting the Lord rather than representing Him as He is. No doubt you know of some who will get up before a crowd dressed in a worldly garb and sing the song entitled, "How Great Thou Art!" In the words of the song they magnify the Lord, but by their disobedience to His Word they contradict

the truth. God requires us to magnify His Word above His name.

Many today are falling into the snare and trap of Satan by putting television in their homes which brings the world, the enemy of God, right into the home and poisons their children's minds with the deepest impressions of sin and wickedness. If this practice is indulged in, it will sap the life of Christ out of the soul. I believe that I have the mind of Christ when I say that a television in a home that pretends to serve God is a curse to that home and it will take its toll of souls for Satan on down through the years to come. Parents who are praying for God to save their children and then put such a temptation as television before them, ought to be ashamed to treat God and their children in that way. We are taught in God's Word to bring the children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4. Putting temptations of a worldly nature before the children is far from bringing them up in the way they should go. Jesus says, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. Those who know the Word of God and do not do it are building on a sandy foundation. Matt. 7:26. People that do not do the Word of God are proving to Him that they do not love Him. God requires us to prove our love for Him by keeping His commandments.

In Acts 3:23 we read, "And it shall come to pass, that every soul which will not hear that prophet [Jesus] shall be destroyed from among the people." In John 14:23 Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him."

In John 12:48 we read again, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." We are giving out this truth and instruction, not to condemn but to point souls in the way of righteousness that no one will be like the five foolish virgins in that day. We read in 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." It is needful that all of His children be righteous, for it is written in 2 Cor. 5:20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." The love of Christ constraineth us to be true to God and to our fellowmen, and make the way plain to all those who have a deep desire to see the blissful ending of a Christian race.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Women who wear short hair, short sleeves and short skirts will be found short of the glory of God.

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Caleb Raymond Smith, son of Milley and Issac Smith, was born August 25, 1910 at Anthony, Kansas. He departed this life April 21, 1961 at Tucumcari, New Mexico at the age of 50 years, 7 months and 26 days.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Milley Smith of Anthony, Kansas, and three sisters: Mrs. George Patterson of Anthony, Marie Robertson of Wichita, and Nora Smith of Pomona, Calif. His father, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at Anthony, Kansas, with Bro. Leslie Busbee, officiating. Sermon texts: Isa. 40: 6-8; Gal. 6:7-8; Col. 3:1-5; 1 Peter 1:23-25.

TENT MEETING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Lord willing, a two-weeks tent meeting will be held near Holly Hill, South Carolina, June 4th through the 18th. Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott, and Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelists. Pray for the success of the meeting, and plan to attend all the services if possible.

For further information, write Bro. Oniel Pratt, R. 1, Box 46, Holly Hill, So. Carolina.

CHURCH OF GOD MEETINGS IN BRITTON, OKLA.

There will be an all-day meeting held at the new meeting place in Britton, Okla. (it has now been taken into the city limits of Oklahoma City) each first and third Sundays of the month and regular services each Sunday. We have rented the building by the Sunday. It is the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall directly behind the Britton Elementary School, one block off Britton Road at 9500 North Classen Boulevard. It is a nice, large place with plenty of room. We felt it would be good to have all-day meetings twice a month for a while. A basket lunch will be served at noon.

This is a new field and many come a long way to meeting and the prospect is very good for work there. We have been having wonderful meetings and some of the most precious souls we have ever met have come out for the true Church of God. God is blessing them in a great way. All who can come are welcome. We need your earnest prayers in this work.

The church phone is Victor 2-9033 on Sundays. Call Bro. H. E. Burditt anytime at TRinity 8-4511.

—Brother Archie Souder

OKMULGEE, OKLA. MEETING REPORT

The Lord blessed the congregation here at Okmulgee, Okla. with a precious meeting which was in progress March 29 to April 9. The Lord richly blessed in sending forth His precious truth night after night under the anointing of His Holy Spirit. Several souls were at the altar of prayer for spiritual help and professed to have gained the blessing they sought for. Two of our children were very ill at the beginning of the meeting. The Lord sent Bro. and Sister Ulysses Phillips to our home to be a blessing to us in that hour of need. In answer to their prayers the Lord had mercy and healed them, and they were able to be in most of the meeting. The Lord enabled a number of His faithful servants to be with us in the meeting and their labors were a blessing to us.

Just prior to the meeting Bro. Chaney and Bro. Johnson came by on their way to their home in Akron, Ohio and stayed two nights with us. The Lord richly blessed us by their coming and a goodly number were at the altar of prayer for spiritual help on the last night.

Pray for us here that we be a light in Okmulgee.

—Bro. Woodrow Warren

EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Bro. Sam Abbott and Bro. Curtis Williams have taken the tent and equipment from the National campground to the Eastern states and plan to hold the first tent meeting of the season in South Carolina. (The notice of this meeting appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Bro. Ralph Beisly, treasurer of the Church of God National Missionary Fund from which the tent work is supported, informs us that there is only \$32.57 in the treasury at the present time. This small sum indicates the urgent need for substantial contributions in order that the evangelistic tent work will not be slowed down for lack of funds. Remember the words of the Great Commission to the Church. If you cannot go, you can support by your fervent prayers and means those who are giving their time and talent to this soul-saving work. World conditions are critical and the war clouds are hanging low. Whatever the church intends to do toward carrying the gospel to a lost world, it must do QUICKLY! Atheistic Communism is sweeping nation after nation under its control, even now reaching its blood-thirsty hands to this hemisphere and has grabbed firm control of Cuba—only 90 miles from Florida. Many will say, "It can't happen here," but it will take place unless the Lord miraculously intervenes or cuts the time short for the elect's sake. It is later than you think, and complacency is the tool of the devil in these times.

Qualified gospel workers and singers who feel led of the Lord to help in these tent meetings, should contact Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott, R. 3, Box 41, Somerset, Ky.

Please send your offerings for the Missionary Fund to Bro. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas. Also pray earnestly that the Spirit of God will bless in all the services and carry the preached Word to the heart of every lost and confused soul that they may be brought out of darkness into this marvelous light.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

REPORT FROM THE GOLDEN RULE HOME

To the dear saints scattered abroad:

We felt it well to inform you of the progress that is being made on the Golden Rule Home here at Shawnee, Okla. We feel much encouraged in this work and give God thanks for all the ways He is ordering and blessing.

We have had much thought concerning the building to accommodate the aged, neglected and handicapped. The Scripture says that in the multitude of counsel there is safety, and we have confided in several of the brethren for advice and we feel God has wonderfully favored us to be able to reach some starting points. Plans have been drawn up for a permanent size kitchen, dining and living area, laundry and storage room. These rooms are planned large enough so that as the home residents increase in number they will still be able to meet the demand. Bedroom plans now are drawn to accommodate 18 beds. If we have an overflow, the house that is on the grounds now can serve to take care of them until we can add more onto the building which is underway.

By the time this writing reaches most of you, the footings for the building will be dug and perhaps poured. This is strictly a move of faith, but we know God honors such and we are moving right along. Faith is not always standing still but progressing into the unseen. After closing the deal on the land, making the down payment, and doing what repairs we have done on the house to get it in shape for the workers to live in, we have about \$1,800.00 in the fund to start the building—but we are starting and we are looking to God to supply as the days and needs arise. Let us each one listen to God and do what we can. Some said, "I wish I could do a lot," but that isn't necessarily the thing that counts. The question is, "Have we done what we could?" A little from each one will make a great sum.

Pray for us that God will give divine guidance and that this building program can go right on in the name of the Lord. Some of the brethren are here now and more are coming in to help with the labor. We will be glad to answer any questions that may be on your minds. Until further progress, we are yours in the work of the Lord.

—Charles R. Smith, P. O. Box 1853,
Shawnee, Okla.

PARTIAL LIST OF CAMPMEETINGS IN 1961

(Watch for Particulars in Each Issue)

Hennessey, Okla.—June 2-11.

Hoffman, Okla.—June 23-July 2

Jefferson, Oregon—June 30-July 9.

Hammond, La. (General Southern) June 30-July 9.

Green Pastures, Okla.—July 7-16.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.,
July 21-30.

Guthrie, Okla. (Oklahoma State) August 4-13

Myrtle, Mo. Campmeeting—August 18-27.

Pacoima, Calif. (California State)—August 25-Sept. 3rd.

Dover, Okla.—September 1-10.

Campmeeting Notices

HOFFMAN, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Lord willing, the Hoffman, Okla. campmeeting will be in session from June 23 to July 2, 1961. Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Those who can bring bed linens; we may have cool nights. We are looking to God to send ministers to this meeting. For further information, write Bro. W. W. Crawley, Okemah, Okla. or Bro. Felix Taylor, Morris, Okla., or Sister Earnestine Myles, P. O. Box 63, Hoffman, Okla. Pray for us. —Sister Lorene Payne

JEFFERSON, OREGON STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oregon State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at the Church of God Chapel

located on the campground on Hazel Street in Jefferson, Oregon, beginning June 30 and continuing through July 9, 1961. We are looking to the Lord to stir the saints and also sinners to come to this meeting. We extend a welcome to all. Come if you need salvation from sin, sanctification for complete cleansing, or divine physical healing. Come expecting a blessing to your soul. We are praying the Lord to send His Spirit-filled ministers to preach the truth of His precious Word.

Meals and cabins furnished on the campground. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual. For further information, write N. C. White, R. 1, Jefferson, Oreg., or Emma Busch, Scio, Oreg., or Beatrice Spaur, Box 254, Jefferson, Oreg. Phone FA 7-2855.

GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God on the General Southern Campground at Hammond, La. will convene on Friday, June 30, 1961 and continue ten days. Meals will be served in the dining hall on the grounds and a place to sleep will be provided for all who come. The expenses of the meeting are met through free-will donations. A hearty welcome is extended to all to come and enjoy these services with us.

Hammond is 45 miles east of Baton Rouge, La. on Highways 190 and 51. Transportation to Hammond is available by the Greyhound Bus Lines and the Illinois Central Railroad. The campgrounds are about three-fourths of a mile from the I. C. Depot in the southwest part of town on White Street. If more information is desired concerning the meeting, address your inquiry to Bro. Max Williamson, 203 White Street, Hammond, La. or Phone 3007.

CHURCH OF GOD NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, July 21 to 30, 1961, 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 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. In this meeting you can receive salvation from sin, sanctification for complete cleansing, and divine physical healing for the sick and afflicted. 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 phone for some of the saints to come and get you.

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

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each, steel cot including mattress, \$1.00, and space in dormitories, \$2.50, which includes steel cot and mattress. Let none stay away who are unable to pay. Come and you will be cared for to the full extent of our ability. Those who can, should bring bedding, for the nights will be cool, especially if we have rain. Those desiring tents, cots or spaces in dormitories should send their orders NOW to the undersigned.

For further information, please write to Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas. Contributions, tent orders, etc. should also be sent to this address.

GUTHRIE, OKLA. STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla. will convene, Lord willing, Aug. 4 to 13, 1961 at Sixth and W. Warner Sts. We are looking forward to another gathering together of the children of God in these parts. We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Send contributions or donations of food to Bro. M. A. Davis, Rt. 2, Guthrie, Okla. Come praying for a soul-saving meeting.

—Bro. Ira D. Stover, Pastor

MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING NOTICE

The Myrtle, Mo. Campmeeting this year will be held August 18 to 27, inclusive, Lord willing.

Those coming to camp on the ground, if possible, please bring your pillow, sheet and covering. The meeting will be supported, as usual, on the free-will offering plan.

Come to this meeting with a burden to do something for the Lord. For any further information, address the Church of God or Saints at Myrtle, Mo.

DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Lord willing, the Dover, Oklahoma Campmeeting will be held on the chapel grounds, one mile north and two and one-half miles east of Dover, beginning September 1st and continuing through the 10th. Any one desiring to be met at the Bus station, please notify us in time, stating when your bus is due to arrive at Dover. This is important.

We stand for and teach the truth: justification, sanctification, divine healing, unity of believers. For information write to Ulysses Phillips or Henry Caldwell, Dover, Oklahoma. Pray for the meeting.

Campmeeting Time

The time is drawing near for the campmeeting season. As preparations are being made for them in the material way, it is also vital to make preparations spiritually for such. For a campmeeting to be a success, each Christian should come with the proper preparation of heart and spirit, and must attend the meeting with the true, godly attitude of love and concern for the Lord and His cause.

Campmeeting is not a time to come and spend a leisurely vacation. Any one who comes for a good time for the flesh, and fails to realize the weight of eternal importance contained in such an event, will miss the blessing and benefit of such. It is a time for work. It is not just a time for visiting. It is a time to work for Jesus. Sometimes there is a lack of secret prayer—many are visiting and going places for a selfish, fleshly motive when it would be far better for themselves and the success of the meeting if they were somewhere in earnest prayer. Do not let the prayer burden rest only while in service. Carry it with you to the dining hall, to your tent, upon the grounds, and wherever you go. Let nothing be done

that will dampen your burden and concern for the meeting.

Be prepared to receive something from God and His preached Word that will benefit you and promote you in the Christian life. Do not come and feel that you do not need to learn anything. Regardless of your rank or age in the Christian life, there may be something for you to learn and experience. Take heed to your present condition. Let the Word of God search and probe into the deep parts of your life, and do not seek to justify yourself when the Word touches you. Remember that if you sit through several days of a Holy Ghost campmeeting, you are very likely to get exposed by the truth. If so, be honest and measure up in the heart and then you will grow.

Always keep in mind the spiritual necessity of listening to the Word of God. Don't rejoice just when the truth seems like honey, but rejoice when it falls like the hail stones also. If it crosses your understanding, humble your heart before God, remembering that it is not our understanding that is important, but rather the interpretation of God's Spirit. Do not regard the Word in a carnal sense, for that is easy to do if you fail to seek the Spirit. One prayed for the Church thus: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power . . ." (Eph. 1:17-19). If we will attend campmeeting, or any other divine service, with this attitude and prayer of heart, then the blessings of God's revealed Word will have effect.

God hath ordained "by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." And "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God." The effect of real gospel preaching is not to promote the human mind and ability. True gospel preaching is not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Sometimes a preacher is not considered under the anointing unless he is showing great bodily activity and excellent speech. Beware of such an attitude, my friend. Not every sermon in such manner is anointed of God. Some of the richest sermons I have ever listened to were from the lips of a man or woman who seemed to be in weakness, in fear, in trembling, and who seemed unable to speak in a proper way. The natural inclination at such a time is to get up and leave, go to sleep, or disregard it altogether. But as the heart intently listens and opens itself to the voice of God there will be rich spiritual food from a message that by human observation is not anointed.

There is but one true effect that the preached Word is meant to have upon the listener. "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men,

but in the power of God." (1 Cor. 2:5). Real gospel preaching will only tend to exalt your faith in the power of God. There will be no inclination to exalt the preacher if the listener receives the spiritual uplift given. A vital topic of true spiritual preaching is the cross of Christ—Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Beware lest the carnal mind be given room within the heart to work and thus hinder the soul from gaining the spiritual power and grace needed. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:16-17. —Leslie Busbee

TESTIMONIES

Kansas.—Dear readers: Again I wish to testify of God's goodness through the paper. I am so thankful this morning that the Lord healed my little children. The Lord gave them to me after much prayer and He had a right to take them away, but I am so thankful He spared them. They were both sick. The smallest one had a very high temperature and one night she didn't know what she was doing and saying. After we prayed several times the Lord healed them. It was marvelous how the Lord healed so quickly.

My sister and her husband have been saved since I requested prayer for my loved ones. Thank you so much for praying with me and I thank the Lord with all my heart. Now please thank the Lord with me.

I still have other prayer requests before the Lord. Please pray with me that these be answered soon. Now may God's love, blessings and the precious Holy Spirit be with each one of you. Yours in Christ,

(An Unsigned Letter)

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Tenn.—Dear saints: I feel I should tell of some of God's goodness to me. First I thank Him for salvation that saves and keeps. Praise His precious name!

For several months I had suffered with my wrist and thumb. It was the hand I used most and was very painful when I tried to use it. But God has healed it, and now it bothers me very little. I do praise Him.

I feel it was the protection of God last winter that kept me from breaking any bones. I fell about four feet to the ground. I had asked God many times to protect me from breaking a bone. I believe He answered prayer. It is wonderful to serve a mighty God of love and power.

Remember me and my unsaved family when you pray. Christian love,

—Mrs. E. A. Smelcer

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Louisiana.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am still saved and love the Lord. He takes care of me, for He is the only one that can help me.

Please pray for me and my children. I have a son and family in New York. I haven't seen him in twelve years, and he doesn't write to me. I am poor, old and sick but I love the Lord with all my heart. I had the arthritis in my leg three days and nights, but it is better now. Pray for my back that I will be completely healed. God is my healer and my salvation.

Your sister in Christ, —Viola Pasquet

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Oklahoma.—Dear saints at home and abroad: Greetings of love in our dear Savior's name.

My heart is filled with love for God's children this

morning. I appreciate every one from the youngest to the oldest of God's children. His precious love fills our heart to overflowing today. We thank and praise His precious name for His love and goodness shown unto us.

I want to take this privilege to thank and praise the Lord for His wonderful works manifested toward His children. He has worked so many wonderful blessings in my life. I would like to tell of a few to the glory of God.

I have been sick in bed for a little more than a week, but praise His dear name, He has heard prayer and lifted me up and I am sitting up today typing my testimony. I am still a little weak, but am thanking God that I am able to be up again.

I also want to thank Him for deliverance from spells of arthritis in my shoulders and arms which I have had for the past three to three and a half years. The last spell I had was this past year. I had such a bad spell with it that I walked the floor, prayed and cried. I called for prayer and was anointed and prayed for, and in a few days it was all gone. The Lord had completely delivered me from it and I have had no more trouble. Praise His dear name!

We have quite a large greenhouse and employ quite a few people, and the Lord gives me opportunities to witness to them at times. I told one of the women that I work with a lot that man alone limits the power of God. God can only do those things for us that our faith takes in. Our lack of faith is what limits the power of God. I was telling her of what seemed to be a miracle that the Lord had performed in our behalf. She remarked, "Surely the days of miracles are not past." I told her we had a right to expect the needful things in our lives from the Lord if we obeyed His Word and lived for Him.

Only to the glory of the Lord I would like to tell of this great miracle the Lord performed for us. First, I want to say that it always pays to be faithful in doing the things the Lord shows us to do, and in ministering unto the needs of those that are in need. (1 John 3:17, 18) Many times we may have to sacrifice on our part to fulfill those needs but in return the Lord will take care of our needs. (Phil. 4:19). Many times He has proven this to be true to me. It's the little things that He wants us to be faithful in doing with our hearts filled with compassion, love and understanding toward others.

We had such a great need, and the enemy was working so hard against us that it looked like it was almost impossible for that need to be supplied. So my husband and I began to seek God for help in this matter. I told the Lord that it almost looked like an impossibility—like praying against a brick wall—but that I knew He was able to supply this need for us. We kept praying and trusting and fervently holding it before the Lord. One morning the Lord answered prayer in a way that we never expected. He supplied that very need. I felt like shouting, which I did, and every time I thought about it the next few days I went about praising the Lord. It was a great miracle to us. We knew God was able and we felt we were doing all God required of us (1 John 3: 21, 22) and we kept reminding Him that He had promised to supply our needs. Oh, it was so precious to us to know He cared enough for us to help us in this time of need. I feel that all I might say and do for the Lord is not enough to merit the least of His favors of love.

Oh, how I thank the Lord this morning that He saved my soul from sin and put a new song in my heart, one to sing praises to my precious Savior. How I thank Him for saving and sanctifying my soul and bestowing His great love upon me. He gives me a taste of heaven right

here on earth. Oh, what a blessing it is to serve my precious Lord and Savior.

Pray for me that I may be found appreciative of such great love. I have made blunders, a few mistakes and failures along the way, for which I am very sorry, but the Lord has been merciful to forgive and has been blessing me. By God's help I am pressing on with victory in my soul and a great hope of life everlasting with the Lord.

Your Sister in the Lord,

—Imogene Taylor

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Wisconsin—Dear saints: Today finds me happy in serving the Lord, being glad I am alive so I can praise Him. I am praying for others to see the goodness and greatness of a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. He has been so good to me. I just can't praise Him enough.

Out here in central Wisconsin, there is no Church of God. There are many so-called churches, but one cannot go to them and say, "I am in need of prayer. Will you anoint me in accordance with James 5:14?" They would laugh at me and say, "Have you seen a doctor yet?"

Three weeks ago I had the misfortune of having a dislocated shoulder. I never once thought about a doctor. When my daughter came home from work several hours later she never mentioned about one either. (The day before, her four-year-old son fell on some cement blocks and his teeth came through his lips, half way to the chin. I cleansed the sore and put tape on it, and together we prayed the prayer of faith. The child quieted down and by the next morning there was such a difference in the lip, inside and out, that even his father, who has been steadfastly refusing to believe God, was convinced). I suffered much that day. It happened at ten o'clock. We held on to God until nine o'clock that night when God reached down and set the two bones back in their places without one bit of pain. Praise God! How good it felt to be out of pain! It is now three weeks since that time.

In that same shoulder I had arthritis all the past winter, most of the time quite badly. Before that, I had been having heart trouble and it seemed at times my days were numbered. But that didn't bother me, only when I thought of my six children who were all married to unsaved ones. While they were young, we had a part-time minister. He was too willing to skip over the necessary part of a Christian life and believed all was well when it wasn't. I thought only of their never-dying souls and wanted them saved at any cost. That was the only reason I wanted to live. Since then, God has shown me my selfishness, as there are so many other souls going down the broad way to hell seemingly indifferent to what lies ahead.

Before the Christmas holidays I had a siege of virus pneumonia. At that time I developed some kind of weakness and for no reason at all I would sweat and in a short time my clothing would be wet. Since I had my arm trouble, this has gotten worse. I had strep throat for two weeks and even yet it keeps coming back with a hard cough. Will all those who know the value of availing prayer at the throne of grace, pray for me that I will be delivered from these weaknesses?

I know God has called me to do a work for Him and without His help I can do nothing. I know He is able, as I have trusted Him many years (nearly 50) and I have no cause to doubt Him. Pray for us that we put God first in every care, every undertaking and that we do a good work according to His purpose.

In Christian love,

—Florence Knoll

Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings to you and all the dear saints. I feel the dear Lord would have me write you dear ones and tell you how the dear Lord is blessing me, and how precious He has been to me in the past two years. I can never find words to tell of His goodness and how the saints have been so helpful to me.

God has so wonderfully healed my body and taught me so many precious lessons. Now as never before I desire to live to please Him and be a help and comfort to all I can while the Lord permits me to live here in this world.

When I came to the saints here in Jefferson, Oregon in July, 1960, my health was not too good. The dear saints wanted me to stay with them and help in the work of the Lord. I prayed much about this matter. I knew I would need complete healing of my body, so I looked to the Lord to know His will. The dear Lord wonderfully healed my body. I knew that in my own strength I was nothing. I prayed and reconsecrated my life anew to Him. God helped me to see that I could live a while longer and be a comfort to others. I can say God has truly blessed me and is blessing the dear saints.

Last October the saints decided to buy a trailer house for me to live in. They bought a nice, modern trailer at a cost of \$1700.00. (It is now paid for). I had been living with Sister Alice King. Her trailer, being small, made it very crowded. Sister King and I lived together for three months or more. We had sweet fellowship together. I had to do a lot of praying and consecrating again to leave Sister King and live alone in the trailer the church had purchased. I had to learn to do this, but again God came with His Spirit of comfort. Yes, I have found our God a present help in every time of need. Our heart may ache from loneliness and tears will come, but oh how precious Jesus is to comfort at times like these.

I can never begin to tell how the precious saints were all so kind and loved me so, and felt that God had sent me to them. I had to look earnestly to God for the strength, wisdom and courage that I would not fail, and God came again and again to give me strength and courage. I wish to say at this time that Bro. and Sister Carver came here in October and lived in my trailer before I did. I knew I would have to move in when they left. They encouraged me by talking and praying for me that I would be able to live alone. They, with others, were such a comfort to me.

Some have been added to our number since we came. We thank the dear Lord and give Him all the glory.

Bro. O. B. Wilson came in April and held us a meeting. It was very precious. Some attended this meeting that had never been here before. They said they enjoyed the truth, and we are praying these will really take their stand. These things take time. Sister Greenway came down from Seattle and stayed with me three weeks. She was here for the meeting. She is a precious saint, taking her stand for the truth. My nephew, Elmo Smith, of Seattle was here for one week-end of the meeting. All the saints were so happy that Bro. Wilson could be with us and bring such precious messages.

On April 17th, Bro. and Sis. C. H. Olson, Sister King and myself started for Plains, Mont. to visit Bro. and Sister Charles Davis. Bro. Davis is blind and 86 years of age. He was very sick. We got there on Tuesday, a distance of 650 miles. It was a rejoicing time. We found Sister Davis much worn in body, but encouraged in the Lord. Bro. Davis was glad to know we were there. He was not able to lie down very much and could take but very little food. We knew that if the Lord did not undertake he could not be here long. We stayed with them until Friday. Sister Edith, their daughter, had an

affliction on her ankle but the dear Lord touched her. When we left Friday morning, Bro. Davis seemed much better, having begun to eat and sleep better on Thursday.

We came on to Seattle, Wash., a distance of 590 miles. Bro. and Sister Olson and Sister King left Saturday morning for Jefferson, Oregon. I stayed at Seattle a while with my brothers. Sister Adelia Davis came over from Everett, Wash. and we met at Sister Greenway's home and had Bible reading and prayer, which was a great encouragement to each one of us.

On May the 6th my nephew, Elmo, and I took the train for Jefferson, Oregon. We found the saints all well in body and soul. On Monday, the 8th, my niece called me from Seattle saying that her mother had fallen and broken her wrist. (This is Elmo's mother.) We went back to Seattle on Tuesday. I plan to go back to Jefferson May the 21st. Elmo and Sister Greenway will go with me as the third Sunday is our all-day meeting at Jefferson. Bro. Pat Huskey is to be with us for this meeting.

Since coming home we received a letter from Sister Davis saying that the Lord had healed Bro. Davis—that he was sleeping without any smothering and eating good. Truly, we are serving a mighty God.

May the dear Lord bless all the dear saints and encourage their hearts. I can truly say God's way is best and He does all things well. Pray much for me that I will ever keep humble and do the will of the Lord. The saints here are pressing on and God is blessing. Our hearts are encouraged in the Lord. May God bless all.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Bea Spaur

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Wisconsin—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints everywhere: Greetings in the name of our dear Savior and Lord. I haven't written you for some time. I can't write very well, but I can say that I am still on the narrow way. I love this way. It surely isn't crowded. So many here need Jesus though they are church members. Pray the Lord to stir their hearts.

I am enclosing an offering. Use it in anyway it is needed. May God bless you in your labors for Him.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Dovie Calhoun

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Calif.—Dear Sir: A few months ago I had the pleasure of reading the "Faith and Victory" which was sent to me by an unknown friend, which I do appreciate very much. This is the most wonderful little paper I have ever read. It has caused a question to come to my mind which is still there.

I am saved from a miserable life of sin, and have no other desire but to please the Lord. I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. While reading the inspiring testimonies of the saints I had a stiff neck so that I could not look over my right shoulder. As I was reading it seemed my faith reached up and God touched my neck and healed it. Praise God! I could then look over either shoulder. To Him I give all the glory. I believe He can do any thing.

I was in an accident more than a year ago and suffered a mashed elbow, lacerations on my right leg and face, broken ribs, and a broken wrist. God healed them all. I did not merit it, but it was His mercy and compassion on me.

Please pray for me as I have a very stiff right hand, a hurting down my left thigh and numbness in my leg. I believe the Lord will heal it so I can use my time and talent for Him. I promised to do all I can for the Master.

Yours in Christ,

—Mrs. Rosalie Edwards

Mo.—Dear saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus!
We are to do all that we do in the name of Jesus
and to the glory of God. I believe the Lord wants me
to write my testimony for His glory, and to thank you
dear ones who prayed for my healing. I cannot say that

—Sister Sam Barton

To illustrate: Suppose that in a certain town a meeting is held and one hundred people are converted. In that place there are now one hundred members of the Church of God. God has set them in His Body. Their names are written in heaven. The Lord has joined them together in the bonds of love, peace, and perfect unity of the Spirit. The New Testament is their faith and discipline. They have one faith and one doctrine. They assemble and worship God, observe the ordinances, and have God's approval upon them. God will call some to the work of elders and deacons. After such have proved themselves worthy of these offices, they will be ordained by the laying on of hands. This, dear reader, is a perfectly organized body of believers, in harmony with the New Testament.

But suppose that, for want of better light, twenty join the Catholic sect, ten the Methodist, twenty the Baptist, five the Dunkard, five the Quaker, ten the Salvation Army, five the Lutheran, ten the Pentecost Band, five the Presbyterian, and ten the Mennonite. What does this effect? Sectarian teachers will tell you that this is organizing the church; but the fact is, it is disorganizing them. They now belong to ten sect bodies, whereas before they belonged to but one—the body of Christ, the true Church. Those one hundred saints now on Sunday morning meet in ten places of worship, whereas before they all assembled in one place. They now represent ten different faiths, while before they all had “one faith.”

Any honest soul can see at a glance that the sects scatter and divide the children of God. If those hundred should receive light from God, come out of those ten sects, and abide only in the Church of God, their doing so would not tear down the Church, but would build it up and unite it.

Unanswered Prayers

Many people believe that God hears and answers prayer. But it's one thing to believe this, and quite another to experience it. One thing that concerns my heart is unanswered prayers! I'm convinced that if all our prayers were being answered, things would be quite different. Our unanswered prayers should shame and probe us out of our spiritual delinquency and backsliding! The Bible makes it unmistakably clear that when certain conditions are met the believer gets an answer to his prayer.

The church prays for peace, and there are wars and rumors of wars. We pray for revival, but there is not enough evidence of genuine Holy Ghost working. The sick are prayed for, but all too often wind up in the hospital or cemetery. We pray for unsaved loved ones and they grow harder each week. Now, I don't want to sound pessimistic, but let's face it, Christians. We are seeing too little results in our prayer life to allow us to live at ease with our conscience and still claim to be spiritual!

There are conditions for effective prayer. Unless we meet them we shall take our place with an unbelieving, apostate, castaway church. Let us see some of the things which make for effective prayer:

1. The New Birth. The unregenerated heart finds no promise anywhere in the Bible on which to base a faithful prayer. God's ear is not tuned to the cry of the sinner unless it be for pardon or purity. But when he turns from his sin by faith to Jesus Christ, is born of the Spirit of God and inducted into the true Church, he is an adopted son of God. We call this conversion, and only after this has happened to the sinner can he truly pray. “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the

will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27). What fellowship and communion the believing heart finds with God through prayer! I feel sorry for the multitudes who endeavor to pray in the flesh, having never experienced the spiritual transformation of the heart by the Holy Spirit.

2. Faith. “He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6). Christians, our unbelief is costing us something. It is preventing our becoming spiritual millionaires! Let us search our hearts before God until He has cleansed us from the sin of unbelief. Someone has said, “If there should arise one utterly believing man, the history of the world might be changed!”

3. Holy Living. The Psalmist said, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.” Billy Sunday used to say, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord has his fingers in His ears!” Any known sin in our life will shut the gate of prayer. We had just as well get up from our praying and stop teasing God so long as we love any evil deed in our life. We cannot fool God. A reckless, careless, worldly, lustful, selfish life is the answer to thousands of unanswered prayers. If we do business with a holy God, we must let His Spirit make us holy. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9).

4. Obedience. Jesus said, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7). Disobedience kills faith, and without faith it is impossible to get an audience with God. Faithless praying is disgusting to God, disappointing to those about us, and defeat to our own hearts. At any point in the Christian journey that we decide to take our own way, at that moment faith goes dead. But constant submission maintains a fresh faith that grips the promises of God expecting definite results from His great Heart and Hand.

5. Humility. “And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men.” (Matthew 6:5). Religious pride is an abomination to God. Someone has said that there are three kinds of pride—personal, social and spiritual. Personal pride is the pride of face; social pride is the pride of place; and spiritual pride is the pride of grace. Whatever our pride, God does not hear the cry of the proud. “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” (Psalm 51:17).

6. Unselfishness. The Bible says, “Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.” A stingy, close-fisted, material-minded soul has no business making a request from an all-loving, ever merciful God unless it be for cleansing from the sin of selfishness. If we are unwilling to give, God will not give to us.

"Give" is the key word in the whole Christian theme. God gave His Son. The Son gave His life. From the very beginning of the early Church, God calls upon His children to Give!

He who is not willing to give piles up prayer after prayer that is never answered.

7. **A Forgiving Spirit.** Jesus said, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:25-26).

The Negro educator, Booker T. Washington, said, "I refuse to allow any man to ruin my life by making me hate him!" It is true that hating a person is liable to harm him, but it is also true that he who does the hating is absolutely ruined!

We need a revival of prayer. It is prayer time around the world. The kind of praying that the Saviour engaged in cost Him time, toil, tears and blood. May God raise up prayer warriors! When He does, a revival will be brought down!

Our prayerlessness is showing up on us. One of the deadliest perils of twentieth century Christendom is a Social Gospel that is trying to substitute for a Spiritual one. This great evil is nothing else but a product of prayerlessness.

Our Nation needs prayer. America is the last stronghold of liberty. When she forfeits her freedom through liberal minded politicians the Iron Curtain is sure to drop on us. International problems, cold and hot wars have piled up problems too great for present day diplomats. Anti-Christ movements are being spear-headed by atheistic Communism. It is time for a call to prayer and fasting and repentance. We need a returning to the old paths of principle and righteousness.

Our youth need prayer. Teen-agers today live in almost an entirely different world than did their fathers and mothers when they were the same age. This age is Pagan in its standards and rotten in its morals. Our only hope for our sons and daughters is a personal knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus Christ!

Dear reader, if you are a Christian, will you give yourself to a deeper ministry of sacrificial, spiritual, scriptural prayer?

If you are unconverted, let me urge you to turn to Jesus Christ now, confessing and forsaking your sins, and by faith receive Him into your heart, to henceforth live a Christian, prayerful life. —Sel.

Let us labor in the morning,
Let us labor at noon,
Let us labor in the evening,
For our Lord is coming soon.

Let us labor for the Master,
Until our work on earth is done,
And many souls be won for Jesus,
And make heaven their eternal home.

—By a brother in Christ

THE PATH TO FOLLOW

I am learning of my Saviour
Every day and every hour,
Lessons precious to my soul,
And of His wondrous saving power.

He can keep us from all evil
If we make a sacrifice,
And lay our all on the altar
To go with Him at any price.

He will guide, direct, and lead us
If we yield our will to Him.
We'll be blessed from dawn to dark,
And our hope will never dim.

Yes, it pays to follow Jesus
All along the path of life.
So take courage, brother, sister,
Fight right on through the strife.

Though this world will pass away,
God's great love will still endure
When we leave this body here,
And fly to heaven's streets so pure.

—Tommy Melot

Colo.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name.

You asked me if I knew Bro. George Harmon. Yes, I was well acquainted with him. In 1908 I developed tuberculosis and was in a bad condition from the start. I would spit up much puss and blood from my lungs. I just kept getting worse. To please my father and mother I permitted a doctor to examine me, but I did not take medicine. He and other doctors said I could not live three months more, but I had my faith in God and believed He would heal me when I was able to go from my home 45 miles to Fargo, Okla. where Bro. George Harmon lived. I got so bad that my husband took me to Fargo and Bro. Harmon prayed the prayer of faith, and God touched my body. I was well—never even had a cold on my lungs for three years.

Yes, I knew many of the saints there. Some I knew live out here and are with the compromise, so-called Church of God. I cannot feel clear to go to their services. I feel that God will give me all the victory and glory in my soul I can use if I stay true to Him. I have been healed five times when the doctors told my folks that no one could help me, but I still have the victory. I am 74 years old and still work. God has surely been good to me and I certainly want to give Him all the glory.

I am praying daily for your work at Guthrie.

Your Sister,

—Lizzie Hann

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A SEARCH FOR LIFE'S MEANING

Printed Portion Eccl. 1:12-14; 3:1-9

12. I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13. And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven:

this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

14. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Eccl. 3:1. To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

2. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

3. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5. A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6. A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?

Memory Verse: In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33.

Practical Truth: Life has real meaning only for those who fear God and keep His commandments.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The writer of our lesson tells us how he searched for happiness in the second chapter. He was rich and was able to search all things to their limit. He gave himself to wine, worldly wisdom, and great works. He builded houses, vineyards, gardens, orchards and pools of water. He got servants, maidens, and great possessions of great and small cattle, etc. He had silver, gold and peculiar treasures, also singers and musical instruments of all sorts. But he looked upon it all and said it was vanity and vexation of spirit. Vanity means vain or empty, idle, or useless. Vexation means annoyance, or worry which would bring no worthwhile enjoyment. There is no soul satisfaction attained in seeking after the things of this world. There is no inner joy and peace that is not found in Jesus Christ.

The second portion brings out the fact that there is a time for everything. In our lives today we have a time for things to be done—a time to work and rest, laugh and weep, etc., but the solemn thought is to live so that when the time comes to die we will be ready to meet our Judge. In all the busy affairs of life it is most important to take time to get ready to live again with Jesus in eternity. In so doing we will not only save our own souls but help to save the souls of others.

June 11, 1961

TWO VIEWS OF LIFE

Printed Portion Eccl. 12:1-8; 2 Tim. 4:7-8

Eccl. 12:1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

2. While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

3. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and

the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

4. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

5. Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

6. Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

8. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

2 Tim. 4:7. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing.

Memory Verse: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Tim. 4:7.

Practical Truth: Reaching the end of life should not be a distressing experience to those who have faithfully served God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We should not try to lean to human wisdom but to the wisdom of God. The Bible is right. If youth would listen to the Preacher as He urges them to "remember their Creator in the days of their youth," what a blessing their life would be to themselves, the world and to God. Children need to be taught the ways of God early in life. I have noticed that those who have a tender heart and have sought the Lord in their youth, receiving a touch of God upon their souls, can never get away from it completely. Even though they wander away in sin, it is a drawing to them to return. The logical ones to lead a child to the Lord is his parents. The Sunday school teacher, pastor, older brothers and sisters, and God's children should show interest in the salvation of the youth. Wrong decisions and habits formed in youth affect a person's whole life.

The infirmities of old age are real just as it is brought out in our lesson. It takes grace from God to grow old with His favor upon the individual. It takes grace to let others do the things you used to do or to have to wait for others to come to you and help you when you would much rather help others. God's grace is sufficient and everyone who will look to God can "bear fruit in old age."

How glad Paul was that he could leave a testimony at the end of his life that "I have fought, I have finished, I have kept the faith." We, too, can receive that "crown of righteousness" when we come to the end of life if we are true to God.

June 18, 1961

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Printed Portion James 3:1-12.

1. My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2. For in many things we offend all. If any man of-

fend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8. But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison.

9. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12. Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Memory Verse: A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1.

Practical Truth: Be sure to think twice before you speak.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The central admonition given by Bro. James is in verse 10, "My brethren, these things ought not so to be." How quickly the wrong words spoken can turn happiness into sorrow. There is enough sorrow in the world today and we do not want to add to it. Words spoken may be repented of and forgiveness sought, but the effect of them sometimes lingers for years. How careful God wants His children to be that their words be "seasoned with salt." (Col. 4:6). Salt seems to blend the flavors of foods and makes them more enjoyable to eat. The salt of love needs to flavor our words, even though admonition is given, so that it can be easily received. God can help us if we seek Him earnestly and be watchful.

In the world, scandals have been repeated again and again on an innocent party who eventually died broken-hearted. The one who started it might try to correct it, but he can never gather it up again. The lesson was given of how tales once told is like a bag of feathers emptied in the wind. Someone was told to gather up all of them. Some were never found.

The cure for gossip is to get the heart filled with divine love for every soul. Just as God was not willing that anyone should perish, neither are His children willing that they perish. This will cause a carefulness to be shown in God's children toward everyone regardless of their station in life.

June 25, 1961

THE FRUITS OF FAITH

Printed Portion James 2:8-17; 5:7-8, 11

James 2:8. If ye fulfil the royal law according to the

scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well:

9. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13. For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

14. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 5:7. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

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.

Memory Verse: Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. James 2:17.

Practical Truth: A Christian proves the reality of his profession by the integrity of his life.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Only by faith are we justified. All the good works that we have ever done or ever can do will not merit salvation. No man can be justified in the sight of God by keeping the law. (Gal. 3:11). Works are the results of faith in God that justified. If we "walk in the Spirit" as Paul tells us to do, we shall obey the Spirit's prompting and perform the kind of good works which are commanded not only by James but by Christ and the apostles as well.

When we have divine love in our hearts we will not be looking at the person's appearance, station in life, nationality, righteousness or unrighteousness, but at his soul. Every person has a soul and we have a responsibility to help that soul make it into heaven if we can.

We cannot pick out just parts of the Bible and live by it but we must keep all the Word of God. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away." It is a solemn thought that if we are guilty in one point we are guilty of all.

Complete trust and confidence in God will help His children to be patient. We are just vessels of the Lord and He can do with us as He pleases. Many down through the ages have been blessed by the patience of Job. God is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth, while we in patience wait for them to ripen in us.

—Sister Marie Miles