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### *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are as an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

—Isaac Watts

### *The Soul's Great Worth*

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16:26.

If I were going to preach to you about your temporal affairs; if I were going to show you the short and easy way to wealth and honor; if I were going to tell you how you might prolong your lives for many years, and live in all the pomp and splendor and

pleasure imaginable; if I were going to tell you any thing which you believed would prove a great and permanent benefit to your bodies, or to your worldly circumstances, you would doubtless give me your best attention, and listen with the determination of following my instructions. But these things dwindle into insignificance when compared with the subject about to occupy our thoughts. What is the body compared with the soul? What is earth compared with heaven? What is time compared with eternity? What is temporal salvation compared with eternal salvation? Our subject is the worth of the soul, and the madness of bartering it for the world. Can you think of a subject more important, or one in which you ought to feel a deeper interest? Do you know of any question more urgent than this question of our Lord's, or one which has stronger claims on our serious and prayerful attention? Do you know of any question more difficult to solve? Happy shall I be if the consideration of it shall lead you to take care of your soul, as was the case with a young man, who was led, in a somewhat singular way, to consider the momentous question. He "had graduated at one of the first colleges in America, and was celebrated for his literary attainments, particularly his knowledge of mathematics. He settled in a village where a faithful minister of the Gospel was stationed. It was not long before the clergyman met with him in one of his evening walks, and after some conversation, as they were about to part, addressed him thus:— 'I have heard you are celebrated for your mathematical skill; I have a problem which I wish you to solve.' 'What is it?' eagerly inquired the young man. The clergyman answered in a solemn tone of voice, 'What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?' The youth returned home, and endeavored to shake off the impression fastened on him by the problem proposed to him, but in vain. In the giddy round of pleasure, in his business, and in his studies, the question still forcibly returned to him, 'What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?' It finally resulted in his conversion, and he became an able advocate and preacher of that Gospel which he once rejected."

Consider the worth of the soul. But oh, we are lost in that great idea! We need an angel tongue to tell the worth of the soul; but even then we could not tell it fully. Our minds cannot properly conceive it; our utmost stretch of intellect cannot completely grasp it; and the strongest language we may employ cannot fully describe it. Yet a few things may lead you to see the subject in a clearer light and give more earnest attention to your salvation.

Consider the divine origin of the soul. God is its Maker. He is the Father of our spirits. He breathed into us the breath of life. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." We are Heaven's workmanship, the handiwork of Jehovah. He formed us; he fashioned us; and he gave us all our faculties. The soul came from God. It was not taken out of the dust of the earth, like the body, and therefore, its nature is not animal, but spiritual and immaterial. It is a spark which God has kindled; it is a living force which God has called into being.

Think of its mental powers. The soul can look back upon the past, and review the history of the world from the creation to the present hour. It can behold the world as it now is, and understand, in a great measure, the politics and the religions, the manners and customs, of all the nations of the earth. It can send its thoughts far on into the distant future, and take a prospective view of the states of those who have fled beyond the bounds of time. It can also understand much of the planetary system, and give interesting accounts of the way in which the sun and moon and stars fulfill the will of their Creator, and benefit the world beneath them. Then the soul's thirst after knowledge is great; its desires are numerous, various, and large; its memory is astonishing; and its capabilities of receiving and communicating are amazing and wonderful. What then must be the value of the soul? Should such a soul be trifled with?

Consider its moral powers. True it has fallen, but it is capable of rising. Though sunk in pollution, it is capable of becoming pure and holy. Though sunk in wretchedness and misery, it is capable of rising to peace and happiness. Though far from God by wicked works, it is capable of coming into fellowship with the Father and the Son. Though in danger of being lost through sin, it is capable of being saved through Christ, and reaching heaven at the close of its sojourn here. It has power to refuse the evil, and choose the good, to reject error, and receive the truth, to resist the claims of the devil, and obey God. It can become a partaker of the Divine nature through Christ. It can live an unearthly life in an earthly region, and flourish in health and bloom in the midst of death. It can be happy in the midst of misery, and joyful in the midst of sorrow. It can rise while kingdoms fall, and conquer while nations are subdued with military force. Of such a soul, who can tell the amazing worth?

Consider the redemption of the soul. What a great price it took to purchase it! Silver and gold could not redeem it; human sacrifices could not redeem it; angels or archangels could not redeem it;

only Christ could redeem the soul, and he not without the shedding of His blood. "Without shedding of blood is no remission." Heb. 9:22. To redeem the soul, he condescended to lay aside his glory, leave the heavenly world, put on our nature, and appear in this world as a man of sorrows—as a poor man, who had not where to lay his head. To redeem the soul, he bore with patience the treachery of professed friends, the opposition of avowed enemies, and the long and awful temptation of the devil. To redeem the soul, he voluntarily gave himself up to the most humiliating and excruciating sufferings. In his agony, he sweat as it were great drops of blood in the garden, allowed himself to be taken by his blood-thirsty enemies, nailed to the cross by large nails driven through his hands and feet, and lifted up between two thieves, to die amidst the taunts and jeers and scoffs of his cruel murderers. Thus he suffered as our substitute, bearing in his own person our sins, and making a way for our escape from the punishment of hell. Thus he ransomed the human soul. How exceedingly precious must the soul be, since such an amazing price was paid for its redemption!

But precious as the soul is, it is in danger of being lost. Oh, there is something dreadful in the sound of that word, *Lost*! Let us consider what is implied in the loss of the soul.

If a man lose his soul, he loses the favor and smile of his great Creator. And no loss can be greater than that. Nay, there is no loss which can be one-millionth part so great, for that includes the loss of every thing good, both in heaven and earth. If a man could gain the approbation of every rational creature in the universe; if he could get the inhabitants of all worlds, seen and unseen, to befriend him; yet if he had not the approbation and friendship of God, it would be a thousand times better for him if he had never been born. The loss of God's smile is in itself the most dreadful loss.

If a man lose his soul, he will lose heaven with all its glories. A kingdom, a mansion, a crown of life, joys and pleasures will all be lost. The society of angels and perfected spirits will be lost. The company of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of all the patriarchs, and prophets, and apostles, and martyrs will be lost. And the lost souls will see the saints in heaven, and be themselves cast out, as we may learn from the account of the rich man who lost his soul, and saw the sainted Lazarus afar off in Abraham's bosom. And between hell and heaven there is a great gulf fixed—a gulf so wide and deep that it is utterly impassable.

This loss will be eternal. You may lose your health, but it may be restored; but if you lose your soul, that can never be restored. You may lose your wealth, and become poor, and be reduced to want, but by making another start in life, and being diligent in business, you may get your wealth back again; but if your soul be required ere you have got the true riches, they can never be attained afterwards. You may lose your honor and reputation, your friends and your influence; but by an upright walk and conversa-

tion in the future, you may regain your friends, and re-establish your reputation and influence; but if you lose your soul, you can never recover it. That loss will be irreparable. It will be a calamity for which there will be no remedy. It will be a punishment which shall never be reversed. There will not be one ray of light, not one gleam of hope. All will be darkness—total darkness; all will be despair—utter despair. In hell the Sun of righteousness will not shine; the bread of life will not be broken; the waters of salvation will not flow; the gospel trumpet will not be blown; the standard of the cross will not be lifted up; and mercy will not be offered. Such will be your sad condition, if once you lose your soul. O my God! what a loss will be the loss of a soul!

If the soul is of such amazing worth, and its loss will be so great, then what must be the folly and madness of those who lose their souls for the sake of gaining the world? What profit will the world be to them when their souls are lost? If they lose their souls, they can enjoy nothing, and everything will be made a curse to them. If they amass gold, the rust of it will be a witness against them, and eat their flesh as it were fire. If they accumulate honors, the remembrance of them at the judgment will increase their shame and infamy. If they revel in all the pleasures of earth, their memory will only recall them to add a fresh pang to their suffering, as they think of the sad exchange they have made. There is not a single good that a man can gain, but what will be turned into a curse, if he should lose his soul. The more numerous the gifts and blessings of Providence which he enjoys here, the more numerous will be the sources of his misery hereafter. Then what must be the madness of those who barter their souls for the sake of the world; who exchange the greatest good for the greatest evil? What fools are those who fail of obtaining an eternal weight of glory, to run after an empty bubble! who neglect the highest, the deepest, and the most lasting interests of the soul, to attend to the feeding and pampering and adorning of the body! who incur the frown of God to please the devil, and prefer the momentary gratification of the flesh to the permanent pleasures of obedience to Christ! No fools are so great as these, as they will one day see, and acknowledge, and deeply lament. Both angels and devils may wonder at their folly.

Sinner, it is better to neglect everything else than neglect the soul. Nothing can bear any comparison with this in value and importance. Attention to the soul must stand first, both in point of time, and in point of consequence. It must take precedence of everything else. It must be kept in view in all your dealings with men. Resolve then, now, to attend to your soul first. Lay everything aside till your soul is saved. Resolve neither to eat, nor drink, nor sleep, nor attend to business, till you have got salvation.

—S. Henn.

THANKS for the clean cotton rags to use in cleaning the printing presses here at the Lord's Print Shop. We could use some more. Please keep them coming, and many thanks for this service!

## Angels' Food

"Man did eat angels' food." Psa. 78:25.

One time Elijah was greatly used of the Lord in helping the children of Israel to choose to worship the true, living God and reject the idol worship of Baal. The devil was enraged and Jezebel sent word to Elijah that he was going to be killed, just like the prophets of Baal had been killed. A great fear took hold of Elijah and he ran for his life. After journeying for a day into the wilderness he sat down under a juniper tree. He was in the depths of trouble. Despair took hold of him. He prayed and asked the Lord to take his life. God looked down from heaven upon his faithful servant. He knew all about his trouble and how much he needed strength and help at this time. Elijah just committed himself into the hands of God and went to sleep. God sent his angel down with angel food. Elijah felt a touch, and a voice told him to arise and eat. He looked and there was a cake and some water for him. He ate and drank and lay down again. The second time the angel came and fed him angel food, telling him that the "journey is too great for thee." Oh, how wonderful it is that God cares for His own. This was not any ordinary food, but angel food. The Bible says, "He arose, and did eat and drink and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights." (1 Kings 19:8). The Lord has angel food for us. We need to get quiet before God and yielded into His hands and He will feed our souls upon angel food.

One morning I awoke early. I was looking to the Lord for strength and wondering about some problems that had touched my life. I knew I was His child and knew that I was doing all I knew to please Him. It seemed that the Lord spoke to my soul and assured me that nothing touched my life unless He permitted it. He brought to my mind the scripture, "The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him, and delivereth them." (Psa. 34:7). The thought came to me that the angels would have to step back before anything would touch my life and if they did, it surely was for my good or for the glory of God in some way. And the Lord assured me that He was right there to watch and care for me in that thing that touched my life. He reminded me that the "form of the fourth" was seen in the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children. Jesus was there to see that they did not receive even the smell of the fire upon them. My soul was lifted up and a great rejoicing came into my heart. Oh, the thought that God so tenderly cared for me and that He would never let more come upon me than I could bear, but would make a way of escape that I could bear it, was precious. (1 Cor. 10:13). This truly was angel food to my soul. I thought about how Elijah went on the strength of that angel food 40 days and 40 nights. I also felt I had been given some angel food for my soul that morning. I have been going on the strength of that angel food that I received for many, many years. The Lord has comforted my heart many times

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**Editorials**

By reading the scriptures we understand that men and women who fear God are considered wise people. God says in His Word, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." In Daniel 12:10 we read that the "wicked shall not understand; but the wise shall understand." In the third verse of this same chapter we read, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Let us read some from Matthew the 7th chapter, beginning at the 24th verse, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." In the 26th verse we read, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand." We have two classes of people in the world today—the wise and the foolish. The wise fear God and seek His wisdom, and in that condition the Lord can shine spiritual light into their souls and make them wiser.

In the 8th chapter of John and the 12th verse we read, "Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, 'I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'" There is no mortal man in the world today who could honestly make such a statement. Jesus did not say, "I am 'a' light in the world," but he said, "I am 'the' light of the world." In this He gives us to understand that there is no other light but Him. True, He did say to the disciples as a body, "Ye are the light of the world," but they were only lights in the world because they were following Him and received their light from Him. He also said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Let us read some from the first part of the 2nd chapter of Matt. and see how some wise men acted and how a foolish man acted. "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." We have been told that these men were called wise because they were astronomers, studying the stars and their movements. It is hard for me to believe a story like that, for I believe they were termed wise men because they feared God, and therefore God revealed the star to them, of which we have no record of any other persons seeing. They were so wise and believed in God so much that they were willing to leave their home and make a long journey to see the Child whom God had told them was born King of the Jews.

The next verse says that when Herod the king heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. He gathered the scribes and chief priests together and demanded of them where Christ was to be born. They said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea, and quoted the scripture, "For out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel." Herod was of the foolish crowd and could not see the star that guided the wise men to the One born King of the Jews. He was wise in his own conceits but in the end found himself to be foolish. He told the wise men, when they found the child, to bring him word so he could go and worship the Child. He thought that he was deceiving the wise men, but they, being in touch with God, were advised of Him to return home another way. Thus, Herod was taken in his own craftiness. The wise men were warned of God not to return to Herod. They had the Light of the world to guide them that Herod knew nothing about. When Herod saw that he was mocked of the wise men, he was exceedingly wroth and was determined to kill the Child Jesus by slaying all the children under two years of age. Again God spoiled his plans by sending His Child, the mother and foster father down into Egypt. Herod was a type of Satan and the world, and the wisdom that he had was only foolishness with God, for God brought to naught all of his worldly wisdom and he became as one mocked. The men of the east, and Joseph and his wife Mary had heavenly wisdom because they feared God and obeyed His voice, and thus they walked in the light and stumbled not.

Jesus said, "I am THE LIGHT of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." Jesus is the Light of Life in our souls today that keeps us from stumbling and falling into the traps and snares of Satan and his crowd of unbelievers. All the true light that the children of God have in this world comes to them through Christ and His Word. Paul tells the children of God in Phil. 2:15, "Ye shine as lights in the world." When a man or woman gets saved he is delivered from the power of darkness and is translated or transplanted into the kingdom of His dear Son. We read in Matt. 6:22, 23, "The light of the body is the eye. If therefore thine eye be single, [to the glory of God] thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness." In Matt. 7:16 we read, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." In judging professors by their fruits, it seems that most of them possess an evil eye and therefore are full of darkness. Jesus says, "If the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness!" In John 11:9, 10 we read, "If any man walk in the day he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light [Christ] of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light [Christ] in him." Paul tells us in Romans, the eighth chapter, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." In 2nd Peter, first chapter and 19th verse Peter warns us to take heed, "as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and

the day star [Christ] arise in your hearts." When Malachi was prophesying of the coming of Christ, he said in the 4th chapter thus, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings, and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." Christ is represented as the Sun of righteousness, the morning Star and the day Star. He is the Light of life that should be let live in every heart in a personal sense. In this way one would be made as a wise man in Christ and he can have deliverance from all the powers of the darkness of this world, for the angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him and delivers them. Bless His holy name!

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The "Evening Light" song books are out of stock at present. These books are in much demand among those who are lovers of the truth, as the songs have messages of Biblical truth. We are now reprinting this song book and will restock two thousand of them. It is a big job and means a lot of work and time, besides several thousand dollars involved, in getting it completed. We want to have them finished in a month or two, providing we have time and help to get the work done. Those who are going to need these books could send in your order for them, with check enclosed for the same, and we can send them to you just as soon as we get them finished and ready to go. With your money in advance for the books, it would assist in supplying means for the cloth-binding of the books.

We desire the prayers of all the saints, as we have many problems to face and burdens of which we tell the Lord only. We believe that Jesus Christ is just what He represents Himself to be in the Holy Bible. In the 28th chapter of Matthew He declares that all power is given unto Him both in heaven and in earth. In Hebrews 13:8, we find that Jesus Christ is just "the same yesterday, and to day, and forever." In Philippians 4:19 we read thus: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Those who are continually telling their needs and begging for money to keep up their work, which they call God's work, prove by this very thing that they do not have faith in the God of the Bible to keep His promises thereby picture God as a very weak Being. When God was calling us to serve the Church in printing the Gospel and sending it forth it seemed to us to be a tremendous undertaking, and as we waited on Him in prayer He gave us the comforting and consoling Scripture found in 2 Cor. 9:8, which reads thus, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

Brethren, let us have an implicit, unfeigned faith in God, so He can show Himself strong in our behalf. The Word of God tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. God will make His Word come true to every one that will show faith in Him and practice what He teaches him to do. Bless His name!

"Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks."

## Obituary

Edward M. Zinn was born near Monett, Missouri on May 3, 1876, and passed away at his home in Redondo Beach, Calif. on May 1, 1962 at the age of 85 years, 11 months and 29 days.

Bro. Zinn's wife and mother of his children preceded him in death some years ago. At Monark Springs, Mo. Campmeeting on July 28, 1957 he was united in marriage to Sister Georgia V. Morton and they enjoyed nearly five years together, Sister Zinn testifying that for five years she walked with a Godly man. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Reva Shelton and Mrs. Vera Swisher, both of Calif., and four sons, Byrum, Harry, Elmer and Charles, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and one sister, Sister Annie McKinney, of Whittier, Calif.

Bro. Zinn was saved in the Church of God in the year of 1904, and the following year he made a complete consecration of his life to God and His service. God soon called him to the ministry, and on July 20, 1911 at the Whittier, Calif. Campmeeting he was ordained. He continued for more than 55 years preaching the Gospel. For many years he was pastor in Whittier, Calif., and also did considerable traveling in the gospel work down through the years.

Bro. Zinn was among the last of the old veterans of his generation, and stood staunch and firm for the Reformation truths as taught and practiced by the Church for the past 80 years, and it was always a grief to him to see any deviation from the straight path. He will be greatly missed by the Church and the ministers with whom he labored, and those with whom he worshipped at the chapel in Los Angeles.

Many precious statements were found as we fingered through his well-worn Bible—here a note and there a note making bare some of his inmost thoughts. Among some of his last writings found by his wife was this statement, "I have finished my course." What a beautiful picture—a tried, tested and faithful old warrior just laying down his armour and going home to rest.

Funeral services were conducted May 4th, at Bellflower, Calif. by I. C. Chandler, A. E. Harmon and Opal B. Wilson, with interment in Downey, Calif.

## Meeting Notices

### DATES SO FAR RECEIVED FOR THE 1962 CAMPMEETINGS

General Southern Campmeeting, Hammond, La.—June 22 to July 1.

Hoffman, Okla. Campmeeting—June 22 to July 1st.

Jefferson, Oregon Campmeeting—June 29 to July 8.

Green Pastures, Okla. Campmeeting—July 6th to 15th

National Campmeeting, Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. July 20th to 29th.

Oklahoma State Campmeeting, Guthrie, Okla.—Aug. 3rd to 12th.

Myrtle, Mo. Campmeeting—August 17 to 26.

California State Campmeeting at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif.—August 24 to Sept. 2nd.

Dover, Okla. Campmeeting—August 31 to Sept. 9.

### GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

The General Southern Campmeeting at Hammond, La. will convene, the Lord willing, on Friday, June 22nd and end on Sunday, July 1. For further information, write Bro. M. F. Williamson, 203 White St., Hammond, La.

### HOFFMAN, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Hoffman, Okla. will be in progress, Lord willing, from June 22 to July 1 this year. You are cordially invited to attend all of these services. Come expecting a spiritual blessing from the Lord.

For further information, write Ernestine Miles, Box 63, Hoffman, Okla., or W. W. Crawley (Pastor), Rt. 4, Box 109, Okemah, Okla.

### JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING

The Church of God campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, Lord willing, this year on June 29 through July 8th.

All are invited to attend. Come and bring some one with you. We are looking forward to a good meeting and expecting the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing. The meeting will be supported by free-will offerings. For further information write N. C. White, Rt. 1, or Sister Beatrice Spaur, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Ore.  
—Emma Busch, R. 2, Box 218, Scio, Ore.

### NATIONAL CAMPMEETING AT NEOSHO, MO.

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on July 20 to 29, 1962 on the Saints' campgrounds at Monark Springs, Mo. which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo. on Highway 86.

We are extending a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting, to come and enjoy the blessings that the Lord has in store for all that will come expecting a blessing. We will be able to feast upon the precious Word of God. Let us not quench the Spirit of God by our disobedience in any way.

There will be five services daily beside the children's meeting. Here you can receive salvation from sin, sanctification for complete cleansing, and divine healing for the physically sick and afflicted. Come and receive a blessing. The Lord will send His Spirit-filled ministers to preach His precious Word in its fullness.

Those coming by bus or train will find it necessary after arriving in Neosho to either take a taxicab to the campgrounds 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, vegetables and fruit as the Lord provides. As in the past, the camp tents will rent for \$5.00 each. A steel cot, including the mattress, rent for \$1.00. Space in the dormitories, including cot and mattress, rent for \$2.50. Those who feel unable to come due to financial circumstances, we encourage you to come. The Lord will provide and you will be cared for to the best of our ability. (God has never failed.) Those who can, should bring bedding, for often the nights are cool, especially if it rains. It has been decided best to not rent out tents to boys or girls unless they will be accompanied in the tent by an adult.

Bro. Merrill Williamson of Jena, La. has expressed his willingness to help in the tent and dormitory responsibilities, for which we are very grateful.

Those desiring tents or spaces in dormitories should send their orders in NOW, addressed to the undersigned. To send in contributions for the meeting, orders for tents, etc., or for further information, write Brother Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas.

### MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING

The Lord willing, the Myrtle, Mo. campeeting of the Church of God will be held this year on Aug. 17 to 26.

The campground is located ½ mile east of Myrtle and ¼ mile off the B B Highway. Watch for signs on the highway.

An invitation is given to all to come and receive a shower of blessings from the Lord. Please bring your pillow and bedding if you can, as it will help out. The meeting will be supported by the free-will offering plan as usual.

Pray much for the meeting, and that the Lord will send whom He wants to preach His Word.

If and when you come by bus or train to Thayer, Mo., phone Westmore 8-2482 or 8-2483. Some one will meet you there. For further information you may write or address: Church of God, Myrtle, Mo.

Your Bro. and Sister in the Lord,

—Alsia and Bessie Sorrell

#### DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Lord willing, the Dover, Okla. campmeeting will be held on the chapel grounds, one mile north and 2½ miles east of Dover, beginning Aug. 31 through Sept 9, 1962. Dover is on Highway No. 81. Anyone desiring to be met at the bus station, notify us in time, and also what time your bus will arrive at Dover. This is important.

We stand for and teach the truth—justification, sanctification, divine healing, and the unity of believers. The meeting will be supported by the free-will offering plan.

For further information write to Henry Caldwell or Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Okla. Pray for the meeting.

### Meeting Report

#### REVIVAL MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

The annual Easter revival meeting of the Church of God in Los Angeles convened April 13 to 22. The Spirit of God was manifest throughout the meeting. Quite a few were at the altar for help—some for salvation, some for re consecration of their lives to God and His service, and some for healing.

The saints were greatly refreshed and encouraged. On both Sundays the chapel was full to overflowing. The Easter service was deep and rich, and very touching. Also, the ordinance service was very good and strengthening to the saints. Twenty-four sisters and fourteen brethren observed the Lord's Supper in commemoration of our Lord's death for our salvation. Praise His dear name forever! Our hearts pledged eternal trueness to Him. The meaning of the Lord's Supper and His resurrection was made so plain, and it sank deep into our very souls.

Many at the closing service of the meeting expressed a deep desire to meet again next year if the Lord tarried. Rich sincere testimonies were given of how they enjoyed the meeting and the service of the Lord. There were some 12 or more ministers present altogether throughout the meeting to break the Bread of life, and to encourage, warn, and strengthen us in the Lord.

May God richly bless His saints throughout this land and every country is our prayer.

Your Brother in the service of our Lord, saved to date,

—E. M. Zinn.

(The foregoing report, Bro. Zinn's last writing for this paper, was postmarked April 24. Soon thereafter he suffered a partial stroke, lingering a few days and passed to that blissful Home on May 1st. The saints across the nation will miss him here. Over the years Bro. Zinn has used the columns of this paper to set forth the truth without fear or favor.—Editor)

#### FOREIGN MISSIONARY REPORT

Mexico—Dear Bro. & Sis. Pruitt and saints scattered abroad: We do greet you from Mexico in the precious name of Jesus. He, indeed, has been so good to us and we do desire to have each one to know that the request that you have been holding before Him in our behalf has not gone unattended.

Since coming to the field we have often thought we would like to write to the dear ones and tell them about the many good things God has given us. We have felt—all our life that we have lived for the Lord—our work was with the children. It is a very important field and one that is often left unattended. When Aunt Carrie (Sis. Ed. Tombleson) told us about the work down here in Old Mexico and the need for workers, our heart began to cry, "Lord, what would you have us to do?" Well, it was not too long until we felt His divine hand leading us out into the unknown. If we had known then what we have learned later, I am sure we would have told the Lord, "No"; but He keeps many things hidden from us and each day gives us just what we are able to bear. If we had known that it would have taken us over two years to obtain a little understanding of the Spanish language, we would have probably said we are too old to begin such an undertaking. We have learned many precious spiritual lessons here that we could not have gotten in any other place.

We felt the Lord would have us begin some classes with the children here in Santa Catarina and in El Rodeo. We sent out a request to the dear ones that they would not fail to put our needs before the Lord. We have felt that undergirding strength time and time again knowing that God had placed a spiritual "SOS" upon some dear child and they had heeded the call. We desire to thank each one for the many times our name has crossed your mind and you have offered a prayer for help. We have much territory to possess and we want to be like Joshua of old—"to be of good courage," and go out and possess just what God has for us to take. Do not think that the devil has been asleep, not for one moment, but this we do say "our God" has been well able to meet every attempt and taken care of every situation—we have left in His hands.

Our classes have been attended with much interest and a real desire to learn the Word of God, which makes it a joy to help them. We had 17 eager youngsters the first week, then there were 23 on time the second week, and two had to come late. They have been learning what most people call, "The Lord's Prayer," and it would thrill you to hear them repeat it from memory. They say it so fast that one has to listen closely. The parents desire their children to learn so it is up to them to help them in the home, so in that way the parents are getting a little of the Word, too. We feel that some sowing is being done in that manner and are just looking to the Lord to bring forth fruit for His glory and their good. Pray with us to that end.

We desire to tell of a precious healing we just received this last week-end. The Henry Stick family and Ben Stice were here visiting, and we had taken them back to San Diego, Calif., also Sister Shirley Stice for some time off in the States. Sister Edith Cole and I had gone on to Pacoima, Calif. for I was eager to find some more Spanish material, and we felt that a day or two up there would be of great value to us. On Saturday morning we began our journey back here for the Sunday service. We were weary in body when we reached the mission. I got out to open the gate, and was not as careful as I should have been, since the gate is new and tight. As I loosened it a little the gate post slid down my arm and the top



of it struck me in the right eye. I was filled with fear about my eye, and the devil was on hand to increase my fear. When I did take courage to open my eye, the side vision was all gone, but I could see ahead. Edith asked if she could see it. As she looked, I saw that her eyes opened a little larger than usual, but I said nothing, and neither did she. The pain was severe, but the real suffering was the thought of losing the eyesight. After Edith had driven the loaded Jeep through the gate, she called the two Indian girls, Chata and Rita, to join in prayer. There by the side of the road in the dust, we called mightily upon God. He heard and took away the pain, but the sight was no better. I told Edith my fear and she tried to comfort me. The scripture in Matt. 5:29 came to my mind, and in the next two hours I had plenty of time to surrender the present and future to God. He knew how important that eye was to me, so I just trusted Him to give or take, whichever He saw was for His glory and my good. Early Sunday morning I woke up without any thought of the happenings of the night before. I opened my eyes and then I remembered all—but I could see as well out of that eye as I ever could. Isn't God good to us? We do praise Him for it all!

We seek an interest in your prayers that we might have the wisdom, knowledge and understanding for every situation that comes to us day by day—that we might serve the Lord more perfectly in this field of labor.

A servant of God,

—Ruby M. Marken

(Editor's note:—You may send offerings for this Mexico missionary work to O. B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif., or to Harland H. Smith, 317 E. Cucamonga, Claremont, Calif.)

### ANGELS' FOOD

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when hard things have come with the thought that He would get glory to Himself if I would hold steady in the trials of life. That my soul would flourish in Him if I would just be quiet and let him mold and make of me the vessel that He desired.

I believe Job also saw God in the hard things that came his way. He said, "God hath delivered me to the ungodly and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder; he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. His archers compass me round about, He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground. He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant. . . My face is foul with weeping and on my eyelids is the shadow of death; not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure." Job 16:11-17. Job said God did this. Another place Job said that "God maketh my heart soft." To see God in all those things was angel food to the soul of Job.

Here is some more angel food: "And we know that ALL things work together FOR GOOD to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:18). This angel food belongs only to those who love God and are the called according to his purpose. What a comfort it is to know this. When we are saved and have presented our bodies, possessions and all to the Lord, then we are his purchased possession. He can do with His own as He

pleases. God has grace for us to just be quiet and still in His hands as He uses us to His own glory.

I believe the table that the Psalmist David spoke of that God prepared for him right in the presence of his enemies, was just full of angel food. (Psa. 23:5). On that table was big dishes full of love, long-suffering, forbearance, forgiveness, kindness, mercy, faith, peace and joy. After he ate of this angel food he said, "My cup runneth over, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will live in the house of the Lord forever." God has this angel food for us in all the trying scenes of life if we will only eat of it. It comes down from above and "endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you." (John 6:27).

The Psalmist David spoke of those who had trouble and their soul melted. They came to their wits end. "Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm so that the waves thereof are still. Then they are glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven." (Psa. 107:23-31). As they prayed unto the Lord he gave them some angel food to eat and they were strengthened. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders." (Psa. 107:31, 32).

Thank God for the angel food our soul has to eat. It's good for the body also. He has the angel food of faith for the sick and suffering. It will inspire the soul to reach out and touch the "hem of his garment" and be made well. Look in God's Word and eat of the angel food there to your full, and rejoice in His love and greatness.

—Sis. Marie Miles

### Your Doctor—My Doctor

Your doctor dies, the same as his patients. My Doctor never dies.

Your doctor can preserve a life only as my Doctor permits. Your doctor depends upon herbs, drugs, and knowledge for his help in healing. He would have none of those things except my Doctor had provided them.

Your doctor, when born, knew absolutely nothing. My Doctor always existed and knows absolutely everything.

Your doctor had to be taught everything he now knows. My Doctor inspired him with understanding at birth; otherwise, he would have been an imbecile. (Job 32:8).

Your doctor can not breathe one more breath, if my Doctor decrees otherwise.

Your doctor's mistakes are buried in the cemetery. My Doctor never makes a mistake.

Your doctor is for the use of those who have little or no faith and trust in God—(my Doctor). My Doctor is for the use of those who really know



and trust in the Omnipotent power and mercy of Almighty God.

Your doctor must needs cut open, and study the anatomy of man's body to learn its functions and needs.

My Doctor created and formed man's entire body. Thus He knows its exact functions and needs, being perfectly able to supply its every need, whether it be to keep it in health, or to restore it back to health. All who place their full, undivided trust in Him are perfectly safe in both body and soul, for He has said in His holy, sacred, eternal word: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Heb. 14:5) And that holy, eternal Word is totally unbreakable. (Jno. 10:35), (Psa. 119:89).

Your doctor's patients die because—"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). My Doctor's patients die because: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). Amen. —Bro. Trimble.

## TESTIMONIES

Mo.—Thank God, He blessed me with my eighty-fourth (84) birthday. I thank all the dear saints for the nice cards, gifts and sweet letters. I wish I were able to write each one. May God bless every one. Some sisters from Neosho came to see me. This all means much to me.

My salvation means more each day. I continually pray for souls. I pray for the sick and pray for the saints.

Please pray for me. We know not what a day will bring. Our heavenly Father knows everything. He gives us grace to do our best. With Jesus we will leave the rest.

—Sister Minnie Noakes.

La.—Dear Saints: We are very thankful tonight for the blessings of the Lord to us. We would like to tell of what the Lord did for our least child (Mark) last fall. He first took a cold last August but did not seem too bad. But afterwards he kept getting worse and soon was not able to eat much. His temperature wasn't very high but the sickness kept lingering. We had him anointed and prayed for but he didn't begin to mend for about two months. He got very frail and seemed so lifeless, but we are glad to say that the Lord has healed him completely.

At 9 months he weighed only a little more than 16 lbs. Now at 13 months he weighs 21 lbs. It was certainly a miracle and we do thank the Lord. We feel that he had pneumonia although we never had him checked by any doctor. We just give the Lord the praise for it all.

The Lord has done much else for us and although there are only a few families here in the congregation, we enjoy our weekly Bible studies so much. We are thankful for the ministers who come to preach for us also, as it is such an encouragement. We desire your prayers for a closer walk with God.

Christian love, —Doyle and Cynthia LaCroix and boys.

Ark.—To all the dear Saints, Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: I have been feeling like I should send in my testimony and tell some of the great things God has done for us. First, I want to thank the Lord for full and free salvation. I am thankful for the trials and tests He lets come our way, even though at the time they are rather grievous. But if we will look, we will always find something good in them—at least, I have.

Some of you that were at the Myrtle, Mo. Camp-meeting will no doubt, remember me being anointed and prayed for. I had been having trouble with my left side for a long time. I don't remember just how long, but I know it had been more than a year, and it was getting worse. Instead of the Lord healing me right then, I just kept getting worse until in January or the first of February it got so bad I could not get in or out of bed without hurting it. So, I began crying unto the Lord and He helped me to see some measuring up I needed to do. After I began measuring up, the good Lord has healed me. I can get up in the morning and move around, bend, stoop and walk without my side hurting me at all, whereas before I had to be so careful even to take a few steps. We are all thanking and praising the Lord for His goodness.

Please pray for us that we will always be what we should and that we will be a bright and shining light.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. A. R. (Mabel) Hightower.

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: I am still praising the Lord for what He means to me. I don't know what I would do without Him. I want to do His will each day I live, for I am living the best I know how and pray I may be found ready when my time comes to go. I am 90, but keep able to do my work, and some days I feel pretty good while other days I do not feel so good but keep holding on to my dear Lord to help me.

I never sent my little offering last month. I thought I would wait and send for two months. Please pray the Lord to unstop my ears. Some days I don't hear very good, and I know He can help me. Praise the Lord!

Christian love,

—Nellie Huston.

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La.—Dear Saints, greetings! In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: This morning finds me still saved and happy in the way with my trust in my Lord who has done so much for me. When I think of the way the Lord reached down His hand for me, I sing from the depths of my soul, "Oh, Praise His dear name, He lifted me out!" I am so thankful to have the light of the gospel, to know the way, and to be in the church that Jesus built. I want to take the way of the cross and keep on the highway of holiness, because I do want to get Home. And not only am I counting on all the glory of heaven, but so often I think of what it will be like when I meet my Saviour face to face. I want to hear Him say, "Well done." Dear people, that is going to mean more than we are able to fathom. But I am happy to know that a way has been made for all, and we can know that our sins are under the precious atoning blood. We can have salvation if we will.

With world conditions as they are today it surely is high time that we put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. I am fully persuaded that our only refuge is in Christ, and I can recommend Him to you, for I have found in Him all we need.

I thank God for His mighty healing power. He heals the soul, the body and all our sorrows. So many times I have been in trouble and come to Him for comfort, finding Him to be all I need.

About six weeks ago my foot started hurting like a bad sprain. I do not know how I hurt it, but I cannot walk but a short distance at a time. I do get around in the house and the Lord has been blessing. My sewing is much in demand and I can sit and sew, but my foot is very bad. We have been looking to the Lord to heal it and we believe He is taking note. Lately, it appears

to be a small bone broken in my ankle. It hurts to stretch my toes out. Some wanted me to have it X-rayed, but I brought this before the Lord and He showed me to fully trust Him, so I am content to wait on the Lord. However, I feel led to write this letter, requesting your prayers that God will touch and heal my limb, for I know the condition of it is bad. I cherish the still small voice of God, and I want to keep still that I may hear all that He has to tell me. "Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Heb. 2:1.

I thank the Lord, too, for the victory He gives my mother. She lost one eye and the other one is very bad. The doctor told her if she did not use some drops he prescribed that the eye would go out, so she had used them. Also she suffered much fear of going blind. But the Lord showed her to fully trust Him, and one night about a month ago at prayer meeting she took the two bottles which contained the drops from her purse and told the saints that she wanted to leave them on the altar, and she walked up to the altar bench and set them down and left them there. They were put in the garbage, and the Lord has so blessed her that her eye is holding out fine. Let us trust Him steadfast to the end.

My love to all the Saints, —Gladys Cashio.

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Maryland—We really enjoy your paper. It seems if we have a problem on our minds and the paper comes, it has the answer. Praise God. —R. E. Bookheimer.

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Ill.—I am so thankful for the prayers of all the saints at the printing shop. I want to thank you for the "Faith and Victory" paper. No one knows but God the encouragement I get from reading it. It is food for my soul. The piece you had in the paper called, "A great need in the Church," is the best I have read or heard in years. It is the old-time gospel. I praise the Lord for the few that will stand for the truth. That piece that Sis. Marie Miles wrote on, "God clothed them," is so true. They wear such tight, short skirts that it is a disgrace. I hear that some young people do not hear it preached against. Some have failed to cry out against it. I know it is hard for a child of God to find the right kind of dresses to wear. I buy the plainest I can find. I want to please the Lord the best I can. Your sister in Christ. —Sis. Laura Nicholson.

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Mich.—Dear Sister Anna Marie, greetings of love in Christ: Truly the holy bond of love that binds us all together is wonderful. This leaves us much encouraged in serving the Lord. We do know that God is all-wise and does all things well.

We had been praying for a long time for a good revival meeting in these parts. The Lord opened up the way and sent Bro. Ostis Wilson and Bro. Vada McMillan to hold us a meeting. We needed a place to meet and the Lord wonderfully supplied that need. We found a little white school house between Kalamazoo and Bangor. The owner allowed us to use it for just fixing it up—rent free. The saints took hold and worked faithfully to get it ready for meeting. It really thrilled my soul to see each one sacrificing and working for the cause. Bro. Ralph and Dorothy Wilkins brought their house trailer and parked it on the school grounds so the ministers could stay in it.

Bro. Vada McMillan stayed and labored in the meeting two weeks. He had a special burden for the children. We certainly did appreciate him being with us. He left after the second week and Bro. Wilson stayed three weeks. There was good attendance at all the meetings and it was easy to see how hungry and thirsty the souls were. The

Lord really worked in a marvelous way. Many hindrances were removed; hearts were melted and humbled. There was much rejoicing among the saints. I am sure that the angels in heaven were rejoicing, too, and that God was smiling down upon us.

We heard messages of truth that we had never heard before, and received a much better understanding of the Word of God. The messages are living on, with each one reminding one another of the things they heard.

We were able to rent the building for one year for a small sum—an answer to prayer. We plan to have prayer services every Wednesday at 7 p.m., and regular services on Sunday morning and evening. All-day services will be held, Lord willing, every 4th Sunday of the month. We invite God's ministers to come and help us in these meetings, and we extend a hearty welcome to all other saints.

We realize that the enemy has been on hand, and we desire your prayers that we can always defeat him by standing together in love and one accord.

Directions: From Kalamazoo or Bangor, take M 43 to 3rd Street, turn north to G Street. Phone Bangor 427-5755. Your Sister in Christ, —Margaret Brant

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Oregon—Dear readers: I met Sister Bea Spaur in the Greyhound Bus Depot at Portland, Ore. last fall, 1961. She gave me a Faith and Victory paper, and took my name and address. I was put in jail at Portland in Oct., 1961. Sister Spaur had sent in my subscription to the paper. I read the Faith and Victory in jail, and kept studying them. When I got out in February, 1962, I went back to work in St. Helens, Ore., also drinking and smoking again. Then I got saved on April 18, 1962. Soon after that, I got sanctified through reading the paper, and came to Jefferson, Ore. When I got off the bus, I met Sister Spaur and Bro. Huskey who took me to the campgrounds. Now I am rejoicing in the truth, and at the home of Bro. and Sister Noah White in full fellowship with the saints.

I have a special prayer request for healing. I am partially deaf and dumb, and believe the Lord will heal me. Your Brother, —Homer Joseph Buell.

(Sister Spaur forwarded the above testimony to us, and wrote that Bro. Joe was a marvel of God's love and mercy.—Editor)

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Illinois—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints: I am so happy and thankful for Jesus saving my soul and raising me up from the bed of sickness. No one but God knows what I went through. It was in 1955 that I took very sick, lost weight, had a temperature of 106 for ten days and was given up to die. I met some saints from the Church of God here in Chicago and was encouraged to know that all things were possible with God. In 1957 the Lord healed me completely, and I haven't been sick since then. Praise the Lord!

The Lord saved my husband a little over a year after I was saved. God has blessed us with four children who are in good health. We have trials and troubles, but we are pressing on with the Lord.

I love all the saints and want you to remember me and my family in your prayers, for we want to live close to God and be what He wants us to be. In 2 Sam. 22:33 we read, "He guideth my way in perfectness." Praise the Lord!

A Sister in Christ, —Mamie Holt.

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Mo.—I hope this finds you at the office all well, and I know you are living for Jesus and laboring to get the gospel out to those who need it. I enjoy the little paper so much. I am stronger in body than I was. I

truly thank God for it. Please don't forget me in prayer. I expect to be well. His promises are mine! God bless all.  
—Goldie Knapp.

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Ark.—I surely enjoy the "Faith and Victory." I am so happy for the Lord's church that will give us all His truth. I read and reread my "Faith and Victory" paper. Please pray for Irvin's limb. It swells at times but it is enlarged all the time.

Love to all, —Sis. Florissa McMurrin.

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints: Today finds me saved, and with a stronger determination than ever to live for God. Surely it means all in this world to live for Him.

In my line of work on my job I have time to think and meditate on the Lord's dealings. A word has been on my mind strongly this week, "Selfishness," and what a life given to the Lord really means. I surely do not want to live a selfish life. If God had been selfish He would never have sent His only Son into this sin-darkened world to save lost souls. Oh, that souls would taste and see that the Lord is good!

I count it a privilege to live for God, and I do not desire the things of the world. I want to draw closer to the Lord and be all the Lord would have me to be. The Lord is depending on us to hold up a standard of His true Church before the world. Pray for me.

Your Sister, —Kathryn Porter.

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### "Thy Will Be Done"

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done in earth**, as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:9-10.

Praise God! He has kept us alive to see this day, according to His divine will. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." Jas. 4:14-15. So I conclude that inasmuch as I am alive, it is not of my own volition, but by the power and will of God. My life is in His hands. We are not able to keep ourselves alive. We cannot of our own power live one single day. Our life is as a vapor. We are worms of the dust, and to dust shall we soon return. But now, we give glory to Him. "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being" Acts 17:28. God has demonstrated His will in our case by keeping us alive to see this day. Therefore we are obligated to seek, to know, and to do His will. Eph. 5:17 reads "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." 2 Peter 3:9 says "The Lord is not . . . willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," and it is "the goodness of God that leadeth thee to repentance." Rom. 2:4. Not only does He lead us to repentance, "but now **commandeth** all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30. God is calling for that form of repentance that is wrought by a deep godly sorrow—The kind that produces a broken spirit and a contrite heart. This is God's will. This kind of repentance will redound to the salvation of the soul,

and is not to be repented of. The psalmist said, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" Psa. 34:18.

"Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Ezek. 33:11. He is calling for confession and restitution. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 Jno. 1:9. "If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die." Ezek. 33:15. When Zacchaeus said to Jesus "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore unto him four fold," Jesus said unto him, "This day is salvation come to this house."

We read in Acts 19:18-19, "And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver." These men were seeking to do the will of God. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13. No man can serve two masters. We owe allegiance to God. One can not serve God as long as he is the servant of sin, no! no! We can not live in sin and do the will of God. God's love was so strong, and His pity so great, that "He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He was so concerned about our salvation that he gave the great commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." See Mark 16:15-16.

Go to Gethsemane, go out there in "the garden where He had withdrawn Himself from the three. See the Son of God as He labored in earnest prayer, until His sweat ran down like drops of blood. "Oh, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Again He prayed, "O my Father, if this cup may not pass from me, except I drink it, **thy will be done.**" Could he not have prayed, and the Father would have at once given Him more than twelve legions of angels? but how could the scriptures have been fulfilled? Isaiah had said, "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied," Isa. 53: 10-11. "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: . . . He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastise-

ment of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:4-5.

We read in Heb. 10:4, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats, should take away sins," 7th vs. "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will O God." On the cross He cried, "It is finished!"

Now let us go back to Eph. 5:17-18: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Jesus said in Jno. 14:15-17, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." Jesus also says in Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

This experience is not for the world, it is not for unbelievers, but for those who have believed on the Lord, and have made confession unto salvation. "For this is the will of God even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor." 1 Thess. 4:3-4. In the fifth chapter and 23rd verse of the same book it reads, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it." Sanctification is a Bible doctrine, and it is an experience obtainable in this life. It is the will of the Father that every one of His children be sanctified.

Listen to the voice of inspiration: "Then said he, Lo, I come, to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" Heb. 10:9-10. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate," Heb. 13:12. Jesus said in Matt. 7:21, "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."

Jesus has purchased us with His own blood that our bodies might be the temple of the Holy Ghost. See Rom. 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Is God's will being done in your body and in your life? When Jesus comes again, He is coming for a holy, sanctified church; and it will take a holy, sanctified people to constitute a holy sanctified church.

Christ gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it, that he might present it to himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing. Dear ones, it means more than standing by the bedside of a dying friend or relative and saying, "Lord, Thy will be done," or "the will of the Lord be done." It means for God's will to be done in you, and in your life. Let God have His way with you, and in you. God wills your salvation, your justification, your sanctification. God wills you a crown of life. Shall we pray? Let us truly pray, "Thy will be done."

—Ulysses Phillips.

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## An Unconscious Hinderer

Hindering is something the enemy works on among God's people. We do not consciously hinder, therefore we would be automatically unconscious hinderers. Paul said in 1 Cor. 9:12, "But suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ." Let us see if we are suffering or hindering.

A small annoyance arises, so small that only a few notice it. Dear ones, our expressions of impatience hinder others from taking things patiently. A disappointment, ailment, or even the weather depresses us. Our look or tone of expression hinders others from maintaining a cheerful and thankful spirit. We make a remark that expresses fear or discouragement and another's hope and zeal is hindered. Deut. 20:8, "What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return unto his own house lest his brother's heart faint as well as his heart."

An unkind thing is said and someone is hindered in learning a lesson in charity which thinketh no evil. A provoking thing is said and our sister or brother is hindered that day from seeking to obtain the spirit of meekness. Yield an inch in some doubtful matter and another is emboldened to take a foot. Do an inexpedient thing and another improves upon the supposed example and feels justified in doing the same thing. "Abstain from all appearance of evil" 1 Thess. 5:22. "Let not your good be evil spoken of" Rom. 14:16.

Miss an opportunity of speaking a word for Jesus "to reason with unprofitable talk or with endless speeches wherewith we can do no good" (Job 15:3), and the light of the gospel has been hindered from shining into a heart. Sometimes we fail to heed the thoughtful look on some sister's or brother's face after Sunday School or prayer meeting or Bible study and go on with needless chat about earthly things (Phil. 2:19). Perhaps even a critical remark is made about the way service was rendered or about the preacher or the ones you thought were out of order during the service. Such remarks are brought back by the enemy in swift temptation at the very moment when a word in season was about to find entrance. "Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way." Heb. 12:13. Those that were entering in, ye hindered.

We unconsciously hinder in many, many ways;

for some of us have little peculiarities of which we are hardly or not at all aware. Nevertheless we annoy, fidget, depress, or chill those with whom we have close communion and thus hinder the calm reign of peace in their spirits. How sadly we hinder without word or act! Wrong feeling is more infectious than wrong doing, especially in various phases of gloominess, touchiness, discontent, and irritability. Do we know how catching these are? If the Lord asked us, "Wherefore discouraged ye the hearts of the children of God" in this way, could we be without excuse?

Saints, let us watch and pray that we may only help and not hinder in the least thing; that no one may virtually say to us "Hinder me not" (Gen. 24: 56), that we never be helpers of the great hinderer. When Satan hindered Paul (1 Thess. 2:18) it was probably through human agents. What if Christ asked each hindered one: "Who did hinder you?" Are our consciences sure that our names would escape mention?

May the Lord perfectly tune our spirits to the keynote of his exceeding great love, that all our unconscious influence may breathe only of that love and help all with whom we come into contact to obey the commandments of our loving Father. Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. (Heb. 10:24). Remember, dear ones: Are we suffering or hindering? —Sister Eleanor S. Wilson

### *Deliverance*

I was in trouble so deep,  
And how I dreaded my doom.  
For the awful crimes that I had done,  
I must pay with my life real soon.

I stood a prisoner at the bar,  
Shackled by the bonds of sin.  
Alas, I knew not which way to turn  
For the freedom I wanted then.

With fear and dread I heard the Judge say,  
"You are guilty! What have you to say?"  
But I hung my head in shame and despair,  
For I knew I had followed my way.

"Your sentence is death," I heard Him say,  
"You may take the prisoner away."  
Then a gentle Voice said, "I died in your stead,  
And I set you free today."

Oh, what peace and joy flooded my soul,  
As I looked in His smiling face,  
And realized that I had won the prize—  
I was saved by faith through grace.  
—A. F. Baldrige

A minister, calling to visit a lady, was detained a long time while she was dressing. At length she made her appearance, bedizened in all the frippery of fashion and folly. The minister was in tears. She asked the cause of his grief; when he replied, "I weep, madam, to think that an immortal being should spend so much of that precious time which was given her to prepare for eternity, in thus vainly adorning that body which must so soon become the prey of worms."

### *Give Your Best*

O give of your best to the Master,  
For He gave His ALL for you.  
He paid your debt on Mount Calvary  
As none other could ever do.

While we were a poor, lost sinner,  
Wandering in grief and despair,  
So far from the portals of glory—  
Yet no one seemed to care.

We were bound by the sinews of Satan,  
Our soul could find no rest.  
No earthly power could loose us,  
And give us freedom and rest.

But One from on high was watching,  
All praises be to His name—  
And seeing our helpless condition,  
Dear Jesus from heaven He came.

With light to lighten our pathway,  
With love that will never end,  
And mercy without measure,  
And His blood to cover our sin.

Thank God for the day I accepted  
His manifested love to me.  
Praise God for this great salvation—  
My soul is now happy and free.

I love Him with all that's within me;  
His service my sweetest delight.  
So little I can do for my Savior,  
But I'll do it with all of my might.

For soon will this life be all over,  
And we shall be called to go  
To receive our reward up in heaven  
For the deeds we have done here below.

May we each give our best to His service,  
(There is power in unity, you know)  
That the enemy may be defeated,  
And souls washed whiter than snow.  
—Sister S. E. Abbott

### *Jesus—Born the King of the Jews*

In reading the first few verses of the 2nd chapter of Matthew we find that some wise men from the east appeared in Jerusalem seeking and inquiring for a child whom they said was born King of the Jews. No doubt God had revealed this to them, as they were following a star which, they said, appeared in the east and they had come to worship the Child who was King of the Jews. Herod the King was troubled about this matter and called the priests and scribes together and demanded where Christ should be born. The answer to this question is found in the 6th verse, which I will quote. "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor [King] that shall rule my people Israel."

Hear what Nathanael said when he saw Jesus: "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." John 1:49. When we are born again, born of the Spirit of God from above, we become citizens of the Israel of God, and Christ at once becomes our King and we look upon Him as Nathanael did.

We have another sure proof that Christ was born the King of the Jews set forth in Luke 1:31 to 33 which reads thus: "And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Forever means more than just a thousand years. Let us read Acts 2:30 and see what Peter has to say about it. "Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne." The above Scriptures should be enough proof to convince any unbiased person that Jesus was born King of the Jews.

In Matthew 24:18 we read that Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." No living king could have more power than that. In John 18:36 Jesus told Pilate plainly, "My kingdom is not of this world." In John the 17th chapter Jesus told His disciples that they were not of this world even as He was not of this world. He did not pray that the Father would take them out of the world, but that He would keep them from the evil of the world while they were in the world.

Pilate said unto Jesus, "Art thou a king then?" Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world . . ." John 18:37.

Let us turn to the 2nd chapter of Romans and read the definition of a Biblical spiritual Jew. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outwardly in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Even though the Jews, who were Abraham's seed in the flesh, had their King put to death, God raised Him up. After being with His disciples for forty days He ascended to heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God, having all power in heaven and in earth, and at the same time is still the "King of the Jews." We who are born again are the New Testament spiritual Jews in this world today. We love our King supremely and we are glad to have King Jesus loose in our souls to lead and to guide us into all truth, to rule over us, to govern us in this life and keep us free from sin and unspotted from the world. We love to obey Him and to please Him rather than any earthly being or worldly-minded intelligence. Worldly wisdom can never take the place of God's wisdom. The officers in this world said one time, "Never man spake like this man." It is heavenly wisdom for us to listen to the voice of the "King of the Jews" rather than to

the blinded wisdom of earthly men. The obedient shall eat the good of the land; the disobedient shall be destroyed with the Sword of the Spirit.

I am thankful to know that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God and the One born of the virgin Mary, is King of the Jews today, and that His people are reigning with Him in this life. When He arose from the tomb He conquered death, hell and the grave and ascended to heaven leading captivity [Satan] captive, and now He gives gifts unto men so that they also can reign with Him while in this sin-cursed world. He does not take us out of the world but keeps us from evil. Bless His name! He is now truly King of kings and Lord of lords. Those who are walking in dim light are looking for Him to set up a literal kingdom to reign for a thousand years on this earth, while we are happy and rejoice in the truth that we are reigning with Him now in this life. Praise God forever!

—Fred Pruitt

To be contaminated with anything of the world will ruin your virtue, peace and contact with God.

## BIBLE STUDY

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June 3, 1962

### THE FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE

Printed Portion .....1 Jno. 3:11-18; 4:7-13; 5:1-2

1 John 3:11. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14. We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17. But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 John 4:7. Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God: and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

1 John 5:1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

Memory Verse: Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18.

Practical Truth: Love cannot reach up toward God unless it reaches outward to man.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

How precious is the love of God that fills the soul of all who have been "born again" and are partakers of the heavenly life. God is love, as our lesson brings out, and when we are born of God we are born of love. It was love that caused God to make a plan whereby mankind could be brought back in fellowship with Him. It was love that caused Jesus, the Son of God, to willingly lay down His life that the plan of God could be completed. It was love for us that caused Jesus to suffer many things while here in this world so that He could teach us through His disciples the way to be filled with that wonderful love of God and find the way from earth to heaven.

God is not willing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance. When we are filled with the love of God we have the same love for lost souls. That love has caused men to leave their homes and go into faraway lands, suffer and even lay down their lives so that others could hear the gospel story. That love has caused many to suffer hard severe things so that others could know the way to heaven.

The early Christians were recognized because they loved one another. Today many marvel at the love they see between God's children. Brotherly love is evidence of eternal life.

June 10, 1962

#### CHRIST SPEAKS TO THE CHURCHES

Printed Portion .....Rev. 1:17c-20; 3:14-22.

Rev. 1:17c. I am the first and the last:

18. I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Rev. 3:14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Memory Verse: Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev. 3:20.

Practical Truth: We need to strive daily to maintain contact with the living Christ.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

John was banished on the Isle of Patmos, and there the glorified Christ gave him messages for the churches. Some of the lights in the seven churches were not burning brightly. Some had lost their first love. Some had let heathen customs and worldliness creep into their midst. God was grieved. He warned them through the Apostle John to repent and some He commended for their righteous ways. A great reward was promised to those who were overcomers.

It seemed that Laodicea was a lukewarm church. This was very grievous to the Lord. He wanted them to either be "on fire" for God or just quit professing. Laodicea was a prosperous town financially, and it seemed that this condition had taken hold of the saints there. They became at ease because they were well supplied. It seemed that they did not feel their dependence upon the Lord as they should have. They began to rest on material things and their spirituality leaked out. But the Lord summed them up as being poor, blind, naked, miserable and wretched. They did not bring any material thing into this world and they could not take anything out with them. Surely they were in a pitiful condition just as some are today. They put their confidence in the things of this world, and seem to have no spark of spiritual fire in them. My soul is deeply moved and pray that they will be touched by the appeal of the 20th verse.

June 17, 1962

#### THE PRAISE OF THE REDEEMED

Printed Portion .....Rev. 7:9-17.

9. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12. Saying, Amen: blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?



14. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**Memory Verse:** Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him. Rev. 19:6-7.

**Practical Truth:** God has great things planned for us in heaven.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson is a vision that Jesus gave John of the time when all the enemies of the Church of God will be overthrown, and those who are redeemed through the blood of the Lamb will be gathered around the great white throne of God. I want to be one in that number "which no man could number." They had palms of victory in their hands and their robes were white, which represents the purity and righteousness of the saints. They sang the song of the redeemed. What a grand throng that will be! What a great song to sing! They could not only harmonize in voice but in heartfelt praise and thanksgiving to God for bringing them through their long period of trial. Together they had suffered, and together they could sing praises.

No more hunger, thirst, cold or heat, but just sweet comfort from the blessings that heaven affords. Oh, it will be wonderful to be there! As the poet has said, "It will matter but little at last what we have passed through."

History tells us that Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, was the last surviving eminent disciple of St. John. He was finally captured and brought before the court. The governor asked him to reproach Christ and he would be freed. He replied, "Eighty-six years have I served Christ and He never wronged me: how can I now speak evil of my King and Savior?" He was burned at the stake.

—Sister Marie Miles

June 24, 1962

### GOD'S CHURCH TRIUMPHANT ON EARTH

Printed Portion .....Rev. 21:2-11, 23-27.

2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him

that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

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

9. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

11. Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

23. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**Memory Verse:** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Rev. 21:3.

**Practical Truth:** The beautiful Church of God, the Lamb's wife—the holy city, new Jerusalem—came down from God out of heaven.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The ancient city of Jerusalem was the place appointed of God where He met with His chosen people under the Old Testament. The old Jerusalem is a type or shadow of the new Jerusalem, the holy city—the Church, the spiritual Body or Bride of Christ, in this gospel dispensation.

In this lesson John saw the Church, the Lamb's wife, which Christ purchased with His own blood, coming down from God out of heaven. It appeared as a bride adorned for her husband. It also appeared as a great and beautiful city beyond any literal comparison. There is none like the New Jerusalem because it is of heavenly origin. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men" here and now. Three times in the Revelation John says that the new Jerusalem came down from God out of heaven—twice in our lesson and in 3:12. Man's life and every spiritual element in the composition of the Church came from heaven. It was completely established on earth on the day of Pentecost, thousands were saved and added to it—a holy nation was born in one day.

The Church—the kingdom of grace here and the kingdom of glory in heaven—forms one continuous reign of Christ, separated only by the line of mortality. Only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life will receive that crown of immortal life in heaven.

—L. D. P.