

40th Anniversary Edition

FAITH^{AND}VICTORY

Church of God Servant

At evening time
it shall be light.

—ZECHARIAH 14:7

GOD IS
LOVE



YE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.

—PHILIPPIANS 2:15



JESUS
SAVES

Unto Him shall
the gathering of
the people be.

—GENESIS 49:10

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Our Christian Pioneers

O Pioneers! In mem'ry fond
We greet here and in heaven beyond—
We laud your name!
You fought fierce battles; faced the storm;
A pattern true for us to form—
You sought not fame.

O Pioneers! Blest Pioneers!
May we, like thee, ignore all fears,
And trust God still—
Boldly, valiantly, fight for souls
By Sword of Truth that e'er controls
And bends our will.

You've routed foes; you've stood the test;
Unstintingly, you gave your best
To sow the seed.
Now we enjoy those blessings rare,
You prayed so much for us to share,
And others lead.

To us your faces are most dear;
We love you with a heart sincere
Of you we're proud!
Your faithful life has won the crown;
You've gained both honor and renown
By grace allowed.

And when you've passed beyond the blue,
May others, in your footsteps true,
Walk without fear.
May they each precept from God's Word
Accept and practice, as conferred,
And you revere.

—Pina Winters Tamplin.

Better never to have been born at all than never
to have been "born again."

All that I have seen teaches me to trust the
Creator for all that I have not seen.

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.

Evidences of the New Birth

He who is born again, hates sin, and will not, dare not yield to it. "He that committeth sin," says the Apostle, "is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." This is a sure mark of the devil's children; they do his works. But the same Apostle says, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." Have you this mark of the new birth? Are you saved from sin?

He who is born again, has the witness within him that he is a new creature, and stands in a new relation to the Holy Trinity. He is regenerated, renewed, transformed, and created after God's likeness, and has a sweet consciousness of it in his own soul. He has not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but he has received the Spirit of adoption, whereby he cries, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with his spirit that he is a child of God: and if a child, then an heir; an heir of God, and a joint heir with Christ. He belongs to the family of God, the flock of God, the building of God. He is the friend of God, the heritage of God, the treasure of God, the image of God, the glory of God, the temple of God, and the habitation of God. He belongs to the fold of Christ, is a member of Christ, a part of the spiritual body of Christ. And he knows all this by happy experience. Have you this mark of regeneration?

He who is born again, has peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. The Morning Star arises in his heart; the sunshine of prosperity rests upon him; and his heaven-born and heaven-directed soul is unspeakably happy. "Great peace have they that love thy law." "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory." "Your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." What a different peace, what a different joy, to the peace and joy of the sinner. The peace of the sinner is a false peace, and his joy

is as the crackling of thorns under a pot. But the peace of the believer is the peace of Christ, and his joy is before God, and from God, and in God. What numbers there are of professing Christians who are destitute of this evidence. They once, no doubt, had it, but they have lost it. They have sinned, and thereby brought unrest into their souls. Their hearts have departed from God, and the peace of God has departed from their hearts. How is it with you?

To attend to the outward duties of religion while a change of heart is overlooked, is vain, and will avail nothing, either in death's solemn hour, or at the bar of God. Without spiritual regeneration, none of your good works are acceptable in the sight of God.

Some think they are born again, because they can remember the time when, and the place where, they obtained pardon, and have a distinct recollection of their experience. To prevent a mistake on this all-important point, you must not fall back upon what you once experienced, but examine your present state. Ask yourself, Am I born again now? Am I at present in a state of acceptability with God? Have I now the marks of a new creature, of one who is born again of the Spirit? You may have experienced this divine change in days gone by, and lost it; hence it behooves you to examine your present condition. —S. Henn

Studies in the Book of Revelation

No. 3

THE RAINBOW ANGEL OF CHAPTER 10

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices." Rev. 10:1-3.

The events particularly connected with the sounding of the sixth trumpet are recorded in chapter 9. But the Revelator has other events to introduce before the sounding of another trumpet—the seventh and final. Therefore, all of chapter 10 and part of chapter 11 to the 15th verse come in parenthetically between the sixth and seventh trumpets.

This rainbow angel is not one of the trumpet angels already sounded previously, nor yet the seventh trumpet angel (third woe angel) whose final blast will mark the end of probationary and prophetic time. A closer look will make this point clear. Note that the previous six angels had trumpets with which they "sounded." This angel had no trumpet, but he "cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth." (Verse 3). His cry like the roar of a lion would scarcely sound like the blast of a trumpet. (We need more roars of a lion in these last days to awaken the slumbering nations.)

This distinguished messenger from heaven appears on earth with a special message. The descrip-

tion of this "mighty angel" clothed with a cloud, a rainbow upon his head, his face as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire indicates his God-given authority to make this most solemn declaration that the end of time is near. (Verses 5, 6). The symbol is drawn from the heavenly world and the scene is laid upon earth, so we must look to the history of the true Church to find its fulfillment in some distinguished messengers. This we recognize in that holy body of Spirit-filled New Testament ministers whom God began to raise up about the year 1880 A.D., at which time was ushered in this "evening light" restoration movement. Continuing down to the present time, the ministry of the Church of God has ever proclaimed that heaven-born message that probationary time for all mankind shall be no more when our great High Priest shall leave His mediatorial throne at the speedy sounding of the seventh trumpet. The proclamation of this angel indicates that there will be no "age to come," that this "evening time" of the gospel day is the last and final warning call from heaven before the sun of time sets on the western horizon. This same message is given in more detail in three phases by the messages of the three angels in chapter 14: 6-12. Read them.

The rainbow angel standing upon the sea and earth (indicating his universal message) with his hand uplifted to heaven speaks in thundering tones of the seventh angel but not as the seventh angel. (Vs. 5, 6). He speaks of the seventh angel in these words: "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Verse 7). In the "Emphatic Diaglott," which is a word for word English translation from the original Greek text, this verse reads thus: "But in the days of the blast of the seventh trumpet, when he may be about to sound, and the secret of God should be completed, as he announced its glad tidings to his servants the prophets." This rendering clearly indicates that the "mystery of God shall be finished" or completed when the seventh trumpet is "about to sound." The door of mercy and salvation closes then, and not years after it begins to sound.

What is the meaning of the "mystery of God" that shall be finished? Is it some special revelation brought to light just at the end of time? Let the Scriptures answer. Jesus told His disciples, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 13:11. Paul writes: "The mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but NOW is made manifest to his saints." Col. 1:26. Again he says, "To make known the mystery of the gospel." Eph. 6:19. Clearly, the gospel—the good tidings of redemption through Christ—is the "mystery" to be finished or completed. It was given to take out from the nations a people for God's name. Acts 15:14. Its finishing must, as a matter of course, be the close of this work. Then a voice from the throne of God will proclaim, in tones which roll like thunder through all the earth, the solemn sentence, "It is done." Rev. 16:17. —Lawrence Pruitt.

Faith and Victory

Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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"This is the VICTORY that overcometh
the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

GUTHRIE, OKLA.
MARCH, 1923.

(The above heading is an exact photographic reproduction of the front page title, etc. of the first issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper dated March, 1923—forty years ago.)

*"O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."*

ANOTHER "EBENEZER" IS SET UP—THE 40TH MILESTONE

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!"

By Lawrence D. Pruitt

There lies before me a faded 12-page paper bearing the title which appears at the top of this page. This paper was printed 40 years ago on an old Gordon hand-fed platen press powered by a gasoline engine at 611 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. (Incidentally, my older brother, Andrew, got his hand badly crushed in the cogs of this press, and my father lost the end of his middle finger at the first joint in the same press.)

Around the print shop in those days was this writer, a lad of 12 years, little thinking that this meager beginning would be increased and sustained by the omnipotent hand of God these intervening four decades.

The Contents of the First Issue

Leafing through the pages of this first copy, the edges of which are crumbling with age, I note the contents as follows: On the front page is a poem entitled, "Peaceable Fruit" by Upham, followed by an article, "Divine Discipline" by Jacob Hoke. Then on page 3 is an article, "A God of Love" by Fred Pruitt, followed by a selected poem entitled, "Strength As My Days." On page 4 is the masthead which states that the "Faith and Victory" is published and sent out in the interest of Jesus to His little flock scattered abroad, by yielded members of His Body at Faith Publishing House. "Faith and Victory" will be sent free of charge to all who ask for it, as often as God permits by leading, blessing and supplying." No name appears as the editor. However, following the masthead in the editorial column is printed a large number of miscellaneous items signed at the end by Fred Pruitt. On page 5 begins the correspondence or testimonies. The first testimony was from Sister Elizabeth Purdy, an elderly missionary to the San Blas Indians in the Caribbean islands. At the time of writing she was in Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone. A short time previously she had visited at the office here. Next is a letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Poil who were the managers of the Logan County Old Folks' Home and farm located a few miles from Guthrie near Seward, Okla. They expressed appreciation for the regular services held by the saints in the Home for the aged inmates. On page 6 are more testimonies, one signed by Katherine Wyatt, and another by Jefferson Wyatt. There is a testimony by Fred Peters,

a hired man at the County Farm who had gotten saved during the services held there. He testified of divine healing when he was unconscious with a heart attack, after the saints came and prayer was offered. Another testimony is signed by David House, an aged inmate of the County Home. The last letter is signed by three inmates of the Logan County Jail, expressing appreciation to the office workers for the gospel literature and for conducting services at the jail. On page 7 are a number of thoughts for meditation selected by Mathilda Paulsen, one of the young office workers. Next is an article, "Tomorrow May Be Too Late" by Aquila Eaton, a man who had previously gotten saved in Guthrie and was making a strong appeal to the unsaved. On pages 8 and 9 is an article, "The Burden of the Lord," by Bro. Robert Longley, who was perhaps the closest associate with my father in starting the paper. On page 10 is a selected article, "God's Covenant of Healing." On pages 11 and 12 is an article, "The Baptism of Fire," by N. T. DeWitt. The issue ends with a poem, "Think It not Strange."

May God Bless the Many Consecrated Workers!

Over the years many saints, mostly younger people, have joined the "Faith and Victory family" here at Guthrie and gave freely of their time and strength for the publication of gospel literature. They came by the leadings of the Lord, without a promise of wages in return. The Lord provided room and board for them, and usually a small allowance each week. Not one of them will lose that final reward in Heaven if he is faithful to the Lord until the end of life's journey.

We would like to list the names of all the regular workers for the past forty years. Lest we forget some names, we will not attempt it. (Some of the co-workers' letters appear elsewhere in this issue.) The list would number between 40 and 50, whose terms of service ranged from a few weeks or months to five or six years, with possibly one or two exceptions besides my father and mother.

Sister Geneva (Bailey) Ray, a former school teacher in New Mexico, came to the office in 1936, and had faithfully served nearly full time for about 20 years until re-

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Editorials

All of the special three months subscriptions to the paper terminates with this March issue, and we are attaching a subscription blank to the wrapper of your paper for your renewal, so that the paper will keep coming to you. The small price is 35c per year or three years for \$1.00. You owe this renewal to the welfare of your own soul and to your family. Your soul needs spiritual food to keep it alive just as much, or more so, than your body needs literal food to keep it alive. We will be looking for you to RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION NOW! Please do not neglect your soul and the souls of others. The cost is so small and our soul is burdened to get the gospel to all men. God has been so gracious to us that we want to pay the debt—the gospel—which we owe to all mankind. Many souls lose out with God because they neglect to do their duty. Please do not be among that number. We are depending on you!

With this issue of the March paper, "Faith and Victory," we will have printed it for 40 years. My son named this our 40th Anniversary Edition and asked the dear saints to send in letters for this occasion and we thank God for their liberal response. Consequently, we have more testimonies than the paper could contain, so we are making this issue a 20-page paper, and even at that we will not be able to print all the testimonies now, so we plan to put those which are left over in the April issue. Bear with us, and pray for us as we look to God to lead the way.

We are much pleased with the testimonies which the saints have sent in, expressing their confidence in the staff and the work in general, not that they want to give praise unto us as some great one, as they know that a work like this could not be accomplished by mere man, especially by one so weak and unworthy as this servant is. Therefore, when you read the testimonies think of the Lord Jesus Christ and give praise and honor to Him alone. I want it distinctly understood that we are not receiving any praise or honor, and deep down in our soul we feel unworthy. It was not my thought of having these testimonies, as I knew nothing about it until after the notice was set up and on the press to be printed. We do appreciate your prayers and co-operation.

As this is the 40th anniversary of the "Faith and Victory" I feel it would be appropriate to insert here some of the editorials which appeared in the first edition of the paper, dated March, 1923.

The following poem was on the first page, which expressed our feelings after we had been in fastings and prayer for a month getting strength and leadings from God to know how to get the paper started for the Lord. The enemy and the powers of darkness were working mightily against us, and victory was won by hard battles in prayer and supplications unto Him who was able. Bro. Robert Longley was with us in these battles. Things took place at that time which I am sure neither one of us will ever forget. The devil certainly fought hard to keep this paper from even being started.

"Smite on! It doth not hurt me now;
The spear hath lost its edge of pain;

And piercing thorns that bound my brow
No longer leave their bleeding stain.

"What once was woe is changed to bliss;
What once was loss is now my gain;
My sorrow is my happiness;
My life doth live by being slain.

"The birth-pangs of those dreadful years
Are like the midnight changed to morn;
And daylight shines upon my tears,
Because the soul's great life is born.

"The piercing thorns have changed to flowers
The spears have grown to scepters bright;
And sorrow's dark and sunless hours
Become eternal days of light."

Following are the Editorials printed in March, 1923

"We can say as the Apostle Paul, 'Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'

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"The fact that Satan uses the printed page to deceive and side track souls is a good sign that it can be used mightily of God for good.

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"All work at Faith Publishing House was moving along nicely and often you could hear a 'Praise God' from hearts that were made glad and joyous by the Holy Ghost. The Linotype machine was click, clicking, and often you could hear a louder click and thug as the elevator arm gathered the mats, that had moulded their slug, and carried them back to be divided and dropped into their proper places.

"As the paper was nearly two thirds set up, there came a restraining hand upon us for prayer and waiting upon God, and for nearly a month we have been doing very little else but calling upon God, seeking His wisdom, power and a knowledge of His will concerning the publishing of 'Faith and Victory' and other things. During this time of waiting the Lord has taught us many things, and 'Faith and Victory' will go out quite different from what we formerly thought.

"One verse of Scripture that the Lord has made very precious to our souls is found in the ninth chapter of 2 Corinthians, eighth verse.

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"Several years ago we were troubled about parties wanting meetings, and were praying much about going to hold them, during which time one night the Lord gave me a vision. In the vision I was up preaching to the people and they became restless and one called out, 'We would rather read your literature;' another said, 'Send us more literature,' and recently, after God had given us a fresh revelation of the sufferings of Christ and of His blood as a covering for sin, a heavy burden settled down upon me for people that had not heard. As the burden got stronger it came to tears and groanings and about all we could say was, 'They have not heard.' Finally the Lord spoke and said, 'They shall hear,' and the heavy burden lifted and my soul was filled with joy and gladness.

"Brethren we all have our calling. Let us labor in our calling that our labor will be in the Lord, which is not vain labor. As we keep yielded to Him, He will perform that good work which He has begun in our souls until the day of Jesus. For if we keep dead and our life hid with Christ in God, when Christ, who is our life,

shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory. Praise God.

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"Dear Brothers and Sisters pray much for us that God keep us filled with the Holy Ghost, and that by the working power of His Spirit, 'Faith and Victory' will be like unto a river of water, pure and clear, flowing down from the throne of God and out to the people in every land.

"The enemy is very cunning and crafty in seeking and getting your sympathy in order to get his power over you and make merchandise of you. Beware of sympathy-seeking spirits, for Jesus said, 'The flesh profiteth nothing, it is the Spirit that quickeneth. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.'

"God opened the earth and swallowed up much people of Israel in the wilderness, and warned the Israelites when they came into the Canaan land not to have mercy, pity, or sympathy on the enemy. He warned them to utterly destroy them out of the land, for with good words and fair speeches they deceive the unlearned (Prov. 9:4).

"While Jesus was tender and showed compassion to the weak and those in distress, yet we find Him as a Lion against the scribes and Pharisees. He showed no mercy, pity, or sympathy to wicked spirits working through those people. He respected not the person of any man.

"Do not forget that the enemy comes to us in his old clothes and with mouldy bread as well as in his long robes. He is covering himself with many different coverings in these last days, and we hear him cry, 'Lo here,' and 'Lo, there,' but dear ones, be not deceived, for he would never have you show the power of the Lion without crying, 'Harsh! Cruel!'

"Did you not know, dear reader, that false teachers are using the Word of God to feed their followers but in a way to keep them weak and lukewarm and unprepared to meet God? Awaken, dear souls; arise, shake thyself. Throw off the works of darkness and put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood.

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"We feel keenly our natural inability to edit this paper for the Lord, but He who is mighty and knows all things has brought this about by His own mysterious workings and who are we that we should reply against God? 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace' (Isa. 9:6). So by His grace, by His counsel, by His wisdom we shall go forward at His command, realizing that our help cometh from Him who giveth to all men liberally and that He has said, 'as thy days are, so shall thy strength be.'

"As far as we know the mind and will of God, this paper will be devoted to the upbuilding of God's people wherever they are and whoever they may be, 'for in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.' We have no quarrel to make with those who differ with us on issues, but we do expect to teach plainly as the Spirit gives knowledge and as God gives discernment; to uncover the hiding places of Satan to the gaze of honest souls, and to expose his cunning, crafty, slimy and flattering ways that he has of capturing and binding God's little ones; and how he works

to keep God's people from flowing together, for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22).

"In Isaiah 62:10 we read, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for my people."

"We care not to speak or write as the Scribes and Pharisees, but as the oracles of God, as of the ability which God giveth, that spiritual food may be imparted to the needy souls, that sick souls or lame souls may be nursed, that lambs may be given milk-food, that those who are of age may be given meat in due season as the Holy Ghost works in and through the members of the body of Christ. So, therefore we ask the hearty co-operation of all who love the Lord and His appearing, in any manner that God burdens you to do. Yours in His service,

—Fred Pruitt"

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In the beginning of this work the Lord, by a vision, showed us the road we were to travel in order to reach heaven. The way was rough and rugged, stones were in the road, briars and thistles hung across our path, some places seemed so narrow that one could hardly squeeze through, but finally it swept off like a smooth river bed or highway. We can testify after nearly fifty years in His service we have found it that way, and we still have tests and trials. We certainly need your prayers to make it on the rest of the way. May God richly bless and give strength and courage to every reader.

Two Books Just Off the Press

"The Kingdom of God and The One Thousand Years' Reign" by H. M. Riggle was written in 1899. This book contains 166 pages, paper bound, and gives Biblical truths on these subjects. The price is 50c per book postpaid to you from Faith Pub. House, P. O. Box 713, Guthrie, Okla.

"Shadows of Good Things, or The Gospel in Type," written by Russell R. Byrum, is paper bound and contains 141 pages. The reading of this book makes the Old Testament very interesting, as truth hidden there is revealed in the New Testament. The price is 50c per book, postpaid.

"MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER"

Okla.—Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am not so well in body, but feel good in my soul. I have faith in my Saviour and Healer to go all the way and trust Him without the aid of man. I desire the prayers of all of you.

I am burdened this morning for our dear Bro. Woodrow Warren, the pastor of the Okmulgee, Okla. congregation, which is very small. Bro. Warren's house burned and all the furnishings—sewing machine, ice box, canned fruit and their meat. Nothing was saved. He has 11 children.

Bro. Warren is a faithful minister and both he and his wife are deserving saints. He has a lovely family of children. Saints in and near the locality have supplied them with clothing and some furniture, but there are things yet needed, such expensive things as refrigerator, stoves, etc. We know Bro. and Sister Warren will appreciate everything that is done for them. Let the Lord lead you. The Word says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

We want to thank every one for what has already been done. Their address is Bro. Woodrow Warren, 1104 North Wood Drive, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Your saved and trusting brother, —Sam Barton

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear saints of God and loving friends here and abroad: We would like to take this opportunity to send special thanks to all who were so mindful and sympathetic with us in the time that our home burned down to the ground. We thank each one for the love offerings, material things, and visitations that you have extended to us at this time. We know the Lord has a blessing in store for each of you.

—Bro. and Sis. Woodrow Warren and family

TESTIMONY OF APPRECIATION

For the glory of God and my duty to God, I will testify of His blessings to me. God has given me a touch of healing and brought me out of delirium that I was in several days. Thank the dear Lord!

Oh, the wonderful shower of cards and letters I received! Every one was a jewel to me. Please, dear ones, accept this feeble way of thanking each one. I pray God to bless you each one for the joy you gave me. I would not forget the little ones, Donnie and Connie Miles and little Jody Taylor.

In Jesus' name,

—Sister Fred Pruitt

[Editor's note:—We certainly thank the Lord for how He healed my wife, Nettie, of a serious illness. She is up and around the house, and gaining strength. She is interested in the publishing work, and though 79 years of age, she has helped in the office whenever there was some work she could do.]

"EBENEZER" — 40th MILESTONE

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cent years. She, with her husband, Hyrum Ray, a former worker, and their son Johnny, still live in Guthrie, and she continues to aid in the work by proof-reading and operating the folding machine on the days that the paper is prepared for mailing each month.

Many other workers have helped a few days at a time, and a number of local saints come in regularly to help on the days that the paper is wrapped for mailing.

A Tribute To My Mother

My dear mother, Mary Ann Pruitt, who was called Home to eternal rest in October, 1954 at the age of 64 years, labored faithfully with my father in the gospel publishing work. Besides keeping house, cooking and washing for a family of six children—three boys and three girls—and other workers in the home, she carried on a large correspondence with readers of the paper. Many times during the summer months she would take care of the orders for literature when my father and other workers would be out in meetings. For many years she also was the main cook at the dining hall during the annual Christmas holiday Assembly meeting held here at Guthrie. That was before the present dining hall was erected.

With the limited means that came to her hand she was always looking around to see whom she could help. She was always ready to extend sympathy and comfort to those in trouble. I had a wonderful mother, and by the grace of God I expect to meet her in Heaven.

A Short Sketch of This Work

In June, 1918 the Pruitt family moved to Guthrie, Okla. from Clovis, New Mexico, driving through in a 1916 Model T Ford car, requiring three days over rough unpaved roads.

In New Mexico my parents had previously heard and embraced the truth of this Reformation, and were baptized

by Bro. George E. Harmon, the pastor at Clovis. My father answered the Lord's call to the ministry about the year 1915. At Guthrie he continued in evangelistic and mission work, as well as working with another in the printing and circulation of gospel literature. In the year 1923 he launched out by faith, and with the aid of a few close associates, he began (free of charge for seven years) the publication of this paper which, by the unfailing blessings of the Lord, has continued and expanded in circulation and effectiveness through the years.

Feeling a definite call of God and seeing the urgent need for world-wide gospel literature evangelism, my father placed all of his earthly possessions, which included several thousand dollars from the sale of his homestead and property in New Mexico, into buildings and printing machinery for the production of Christian literature.

In 1925-1926 the cement block shop building at 611 W. Mansur was torn down and salvaged, and a new masonry building erected at 920 W. Mansur on the lots adjacent to the residence home on the corner at 924 W. Mansur where the family had lived since 1920. Over the years four additions have been made to this original building. It now covers about 4,000 square feet of floor space.

As at the beginning, this paper is still published in the interest of God's people who compose the one and only true Church of God in this "evening light." It stands committed to the teachings and practices of the thirty years of the Reformation prior to 1910-12, and open for more or additional light, but not the "new light" which eclipses or hides the truth which brought forth this precious restoration movement.

Through the hand of God this publishing work has played a major role in continuing the truths of the original movement since the compromise "landslide" of 1910-12. However, this publication is not officially recognized as the church paper, neither do its publishers aspire for it any such recognition, nor is the Church's headquarters here at Guthrie or any other earthly location. Yet in spirit and in truth the paper is the servant of the Church as the sub-title and the use of its columns indicates.

The Lord is searching for a MAN, GOD'S MAN, to "stand in the breach." Abraham and Moses, for examples, were individuals whom God called for specific tasks in His great work. And God has always called His man for His work, as Bible history shows. It is doubtful that God calls boards and committees as such, for His work, especially the spiritual phases.

The publishing work is supported mainly through free-will offerings, as the present small subscription price on the paper (35c per year) does not pay the cost of producing it. Then through the Free Literature Fund thousands of papers, tracts and books are printed and mailed out free of charge. With the postage rates soaring, this is a very large expense item. Where prices on literature are quoted, they do not cover all the costs, so this is primarily and essentially a faith work with the aim to carry the gospel to "every creature" in obedience to the Great Commission which Jesus gave to His Church. A Missionary Fund is also maintained to aid the saints in relaying missionary offerings to home and foreign missionary work.

In 1949 my sister, Mrs. Anna Marie Miles, then living in California, recognized the need for a special children's paper. Accordingly, that year she began editing a new paper, "The Beautiful Way," which is printed and mailed quarterly from Faith Pub. House. In 1954 she, with her family, moved to Guthrie and she has been active in writing, preaching and publishing the gospel.

Other Historical Literature Available

For a further record of the activities of the editor and the publishing work covering 45 years, write to this Office for a free copy of the 240-page book titled, "God's Gracious Dealings" by Fred Pruitt. Ask also for the 12-page tract, "Eighty Years in the 'Evening Light,'" which is a brief history of the "evening light" Reformation.

The Reformation Work Moves Forward

The reformation in this "evening time" is really a restoration movement, bringing back to the people the truths and practices which prevailed in the morning Church of the first century. Over the years God has given more light and understanding on His Word. In the 1930's a general forward move in the work of God was noted. More ministers and workers were on the field, more campmeetings and assembly meetings were held, and many souls were added to the Church through salvation. The National Campmeeting, held annually at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., was started in 1938, and the attendance and interest has been increasing ever since. The 25th annual National campmeeting will be held there, Lord willing, this summer on July 19-28, 1963. You are cordially invited to attend.

Another "Ebenezer" Is Set Up

In the days of the prophet Samuel (1 Sam. 7) the Philistines came up to fight against the children of Israel. "Samuel cried unto the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him." The Lord answered his prayer and gave to Israel a great victory over the Philistines. Then as a witness to this victory, Samuel took a stone and set it up at that place, and called the name of it "Ebenezer" which means the "stone of help."

Likewise, yet today there are many enemies who are fighting against God's people, even as it was in Nehemiah's day when the Jews, God's chosen people, were rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem. That was a type or shadow of the present-day spiritual restoration movement, the gathering of God's people out of Babylon. In the face of the mockery and threats of the Sanballats and Tobiahs (Neh. 4) the work of God is moving forward. As we shout the victory, let us set up another "Ebenezer" and proclaim with the prophet Samuel of old: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!"

OBITUARIES

Theophilus Augustus Jones, Sr. was born September 19, 1906 in Wagoner, Okla. to James A. Jones, Sr., and Cordelia (Phillips) Jones. He departed this life January 8, 1963 at the age of 56 years, 3 months and 20 days at Akron, Ohio. On Sept. 2, 1933 he was united in marriage to Ola Corrine Jones.

He was a member of the Church of God and was faithful in prompt attendance and assistance to the very last. He will be sorely missed in this capacity. He was a man of firm convictions and beliefs. He was also a man of strong family love and loyalty.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Ola Corrine, two sons, Theophilus, Jr., and Tielman Artelius; two daughters, Mrs. Rachel D. McPhan of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lillian Marie Jones; his father, James A. Jones, Sr.; five sisters and four brothers and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by S. E. Abbott.

Herman Saxton Douglas was born March 20, 1912 near Hennessey, Okla., and departed this life on Jan. 18, 1963. He expressed a hope in Christ at an early

age. In 1939 he was united with the saints. He was trustworthy, law-abiding, quiet, and peaceful, a strong believer in the teachings of the Bible and a diligent church worker until his health failed.

He married Jessie Allen on November 26, 1939. His survivors include his widow, Jessie; five sons, George, John, Herman, of Pasadena, Calif., Earl with the Marines in Japan, and Joe E. of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four daughters, Sagatha, Sarah, and Alice of Pasadena, Calif., and Anna Collins of Enid, Okla.; a step-father, B. H. Scott, of Hennessey, Okla., seven sisters, three brothers, and other relatives and friends. His mother preceded him in death.

Services were conducted by Brother Ulysses Phillips, assisted by Bro. Lewis Williams and Bro. A. J. Bowman. Texts taken from Job 14:1-4; Job 5:6-8; Psalms 9:9.

Mrs. Alberta Rue Syas was born Sept. 23, 1888 in Louisiana, the daughter of Alfred and Gussie Vera Rue. She departed this life January 19, 1963.

On December 22, 1904 she was married to Leroy Syas, Sr. in Louisiana. To this union 14 children were born, 10 daughters and 4 sons. One daughter preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ at an early age, and upon moving to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, she worshipped with the Church of God some 52 years ago. She remained faithful in church attendance until ill health prevented her.

Left in bereavement are a devoted husband, Leroy Syas, Sr., of the home, 4 sons, 9 daughters, 3 sisters, 4 brothers, 70 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Woodrow Warren and Bro. Sam Barton.

Meeting Notices

REVIVAL MEETING AT ORLAND, CALIF.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can come to our revival meeting, starting the third Sunday (17th) in March, to last as long as the Lord leads. We are praying the Lord to send us a minister or ministers of His choice. We desire all to pray for its success.

Bro. H. P. Huskey

ALL-DAY SUNDAY SERVICES AT WICHITA, KAN.

The saints at Wichita, Kansas plan to have all-day services here on the fifth Sunday (31st) of March, 1963. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and worship the Lord with us. Pray for the meeting.

—Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor

Prayer Requests

Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' precious name: The Lord has been so very precious to us. He has blessed us in so many ways. Truly, we can say the Lord has been mindful of us. We are trying to show our appreciation to the Lord, by living for Him, and doing what little we can in His great vineyard. The Lord surely does bless our souls in our labors for Him.

We want to encourage all to be faithful to the dear Lord. Surely, we are living in the last days. The enemy is coming in like a flood, but thank the Lord, He lifts up a standard against the devil.

We surely do appreciate the co-operation of the dear saints, for their prayers and help in the work of the Lord. We know that God will not forget your works and labors of love. The saints mean more than all the world to us, and we love them dearly. Be thou faithful unto death and the Lord will give thee a crown at the end of life's journey.

We have a special burden that we have been holding before the Lord. We desire to know His will in a certain matter, concerning the work of the Lord. So dear saints, please earnestly remember this request in prayer. We want to do the Lord's will above everything else.

Dear ones at the printshop, we surely do appreciate the good sound literature you are putting out. Keep up the good work.

Trust the Lord is still blessing Sister Pruitt and all the rest are well.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

—Murphy and Natalie Allen
P. O. Box 352, Mansfield, Mo.

Mo.—Dear Christians: I like to read the paper you publish. I am far away from any church but the sectarian churches, and not many there pray for the sick. I love the Lord Jesus and want to serve Him as long as I live. I am very sick and I live alone. I need all the saints' prayers for my healing. I have something wrong with my stomach and bowels. I suffer greatly and I can't eat much. I fast and pray, but I need some of you dear ones to fast and pray with me for my healing. I expect God to heal me. I read in your paper of the sister in California who was healed when everyone fasted and prayed with her. I am still trusting the Lord.

Your Christian sister, —Mrs. Ruth Duncan

Okla.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: This leaves me still saved and encouraged to press on for the dear Lord. Although I have been having many tests and trials for the last few months, yet the Lord has been and still is helping me out. To Him I give all the praise.

I want to thank all the saints for their many prayers in behalf of our little boy who got his leg broken. The Lord wonderfully blessed him and he didn't suffer too much with it. Truly, we felt the effects of prayer.

We have many problems we desire the prayers of the saints for and we still desire prayer for our little boy. He has begun to walk some, but he needs strength in his limbs. Also pray for my companion and unsaved children that the Lord will save them. We also have some other special requests we sincerely desire prayer for. Pray for me that I'll ever keep true.

Your sister in Christ, —Gustava Anderson

Ind.—Dear saints everywhere: Please pray that I will be healed of arthritis. I know that Jesus can heal today the same as He did when he was upon this earth. Praise his holy name!

A sister in Christ, —Mrs. Myrtle Poling

Please pray for a girl in Louisiana who fell off a horse in November and has been unconscious almost ever since. She can't move or anything. I hear that her mother says the Lord is going to heal her. —Novella Pugh

Will every saint pray earnestly for the Lord to give me success to obtain the spiritual and other help I need to carry on for Him.

—Name withheld

TESTIMONIES

(The following letters are not printed for the exaltation of any person or persons, but only to show what God has done through His consecrated servants. Paul writes it so well: "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." All praise and honor is due unto God. —L.D.P.)

Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We were certainly glad and thankful to hear that Sister Pruitt is so much better, and we trust by now is in her natural health again. We heard of her serious illness and condition by and through the folks at Orosi and Dinuba, and we ceased not to agree with you folks there and many others in prayer for her. We trust all of you are well.

We are also rejoicing with you and thousands of others on this the fortieth anniversary of the sending forth of the "Faith and Victory" paper, and we join with you in praising God for His helping and sustaining hand all down through the years—during many battles, burdens and trials that attend the way and path of the faithful. Every true child of God is constantly confronted by the adversary and gets pretty well acquainted with his devices as well as the help, grace and victory afforded by our Advocate. I well remember the great spiritual thrill and blessing that was experienced when the first issue of "Faith and Victory" went into the mail and out to its readers. You and your whole family are, have been, and always will be, among my highest esteemed friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord. My prayer is that God will continue to bless and prosper your lives and labors, till He calls you to hear that wonderful announcement: "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Yours in Christian love and fellowship,

—Robert Longley

(Bro. Robert Longley as a young man was a very close associate and co-laborer with my father in the founding days of this paper. Contributed by him in the first issue was an article entitled "The Burden of the Lord." The type was set by him on the Linotype machine for the first issue and many that followed. Bro. Longley has been a loyal friend of the publishing work and the family over the years. In the hearts of the entire Pruitt family there exists a special regard and affection for Bro. Longley which, I believe, will continue on.—L. D. P.)

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Penn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: In Jesus' sweet name we send greetings.

It is indeed a blessed privilege to write to you at this time and send congratulations on the good work you have done and are doing. I am sure that many souls have been blessed and the saints refreshed by thee, Bro. Pruitt.

I, for one, am thankful I had the privilege of being in your home with the dear Pruitt family for six months, as I enjoyed seeing the gospel message printed and sent out to many parts of the world. I was thankful I could have a wee part in the work of the Lord. God's service is dear and precious to my heart.

With my brother, William Cramer, I came to the Pruitt home in 1928. Bro. William stayed one and a half years. We both learned many precious lessons while with the saints there that shall never be forgotten.

God's service is a joyful service, satisfying though not without trials, difficulties and testing times within and without. But the cross, dear ones, is never greater than His grace.

I thank God for this great salvation. I'll say in the words of the Psalmist, "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Psalm 34:8.

The Lord hath blessed me with a good saint minister of the gospel for a husband. God's service to us both is uppermost and precious.

May you, Bro. Pruitt, be blessed with many more victorious years of service for the Master.

Sincerely in Christ,

—Sister Julia (Cramer) Llewellyn

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Oregon—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: It seems I have known Bro. and Sister Pruitt almost ever since I can remember. I am now 51. To me Bro. Pruitt is like a father. He is a pillar in the church. The pages of the paper have not only brought numberless people to find salvation, but also helped secure the ones who are already saved, especially the isolated saints. The many encouraging, uplifting letters have often been my only contact with the Church of God composed of His saints. It has helped draw me back when I grew careless and even roused me out of a backslidden condition at one time. How many hearts have been blessed and helped into the kingdom only eternity will tell. He has been an inspiration to me all my life and has set a true pattern, and like Paul, could truly say, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

I have appreciated Bro. Pruitt and his dear wife, Mary, who has gone on to Glory. She was the silent partner, and few knew the importance of her help in the publishing work, except those personally acquainted with her. May God bless him and all his co-workers, and may that publishing work stand as long as time itself and be as clean and pure as it is now.

—Sister Grace Jones

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send greetings to you in Jesus' dear and precious name, also congratulations for the forty years of faithful service which the Spirit of God has directed you to perform. We have been reading the paper and your writings since about 1934, and have been blessed and strengthened many times from them. I do so much appreciate the way you have kept it clean and free from covetous advertising and worldliness. May God bless and abundantly reward you for your faithful service is my prayer, and keep you true and cause you to be an overcomer through Him who died for us.

—Bro. W. A. McCoy and wife

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La.—Dear saints and workers at the office: We have a "Faith and Victory" paper dated back to 1932, but were taking the paper before that date. We have enjoyed the contents, and have received much spiritual help these many years.

We have been acquainted with Bro. Fred Pruitt for many years (since 1928), and have always enjoyed talking with him, always had the utmost confidence in his life, and do appreciate him as the editor of the "Faith and Victory" for holding up a high standard of Christian living backed up by the Holy Bible.

Yours in Christ, —Oscar E. Williamson and wife

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Calif.—Dear saints of God, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: Today my heart is rejoicing in the love and mercy of God who brought salvation to my soul. Through salvation I have a most wonderful heritage from God, the Father of all—from Jesus Christ who gave His life that I might have life eternal—and from the Holy Spirit, who is a precious Comforter, my daily Teacher and Guide.

During November, December, and January the dear Lord permitted me to meet and enjoy sweet fellowship with quite a few saints, relatives and friends in Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas.

Among many blessings and help I received from God on my trip was one in Anthony, Kansas. I had a bad fall down some steps onto a cement walk. Several sisters (in the Lord) who were there carefully helped me into the house and a dear young saint, with all the others agreeing called upon God to heal me of whatever injuries I had suffered and praise the dear Lord, He did just that! And though my cheek and jaw that struck the sidewalk turned black, I had no pain or stiffness in my body at all. I thank God for the miracle of no broken bones, or if there were any, He healed them. What a mighty God we serve!

Another great blessing was to attend the Assembly meeting in Guthrie in December. The deep soul-stirring messages both to saints and sinners by Holy Spirit anointed ministers deepened my desire and determination for a closer walk with God, that through my communion with Him my life might be enriched so that the fruit I bear will be of such sweetness, love and faith that dear souls who have never tasted that the Lord is so good and precious will be constrained to seek and follow the dear Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world, who gives abiding peace and assurance, also is a Healer of all our sicknesses and afflictions. One thing that especially attracted my attention at the meeting was the great number of saved couples of various ages. The younger couples had their children with them. It is encouraging to know that young people have seen their need of a Savior—"a shelter in the time of storm" in this troubled world, and have given Jesus first place in their lives and have accepted the way of the cross.

One among the senior couples was our dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, editors of this good little gospel paper that comes to us each month with so much good soul food and inspiring testimonies from God's dear children. I truly thank God for the "Faith and Victory" and for the editor's faithfulness through the past 40 years. My deceased husband and I knew Brother and Sister Pruitt and family in New Mexico before they moved to Oklahoma and we knew them to be true, sincere saints of God.

I remember the first copy of the "Faith and Victory" and it was good, but there has been much improvement. We were charter subscribers, and I believe we have received every copy that has been published. Also we have almost every yearbook of the same. Because we had much confidence in the editors and found the little paper contained precious truths from God's holy word we daily prayed for and supported the work. We ordered and distributed many, many copies of the paper to neighbors, friends, to people in markets, etc., trusting the Holy Spirit to convey the truth to lost and hungry souls.

My prayer is that God will continue to keep His hand of approval on the work at the Faith Publishing House, and that the truth will go forth through the guidance and anointing of the Holy Spirit until Jesus comes again, and that it will be an instrument in God's hands for the salvation of many souls, and to give divine helpful instructions to all who read it.

We truly appreciate Bro. Pruitt and are thankful God has used him and spared him these many years, and pray that he may be blessed to continue to labor for souls till Jesus calls him Home.

Your sister in the Lord, —Mrs. Erle (Vera) Forbes

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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

La.—Dear saints everywhere, we greet you in Jesus' precious name:

We are so thankful to report victory over the powers of darkness and that we are still saved, sanctified, and kept by His power. Also we have the wonderful privilege of trusting the dear Lord for the healing of our bodies. He has been our physician for over 45 years, healed us of many afflictions, though at this time I don't feel strong and have arthritis so bad in my knees. I can hardly go up and down steps. Also much of the time I can't breathe while I sleep. I awaken out of breath, but while I'm awake I can breathe freely. That keeps my strength pulled down because I don't get sufficient rest, as I can sleep but a little while at a time. Is it asking too much for you to pray for me? I would appreciate it so much.

Now in regard to the "Faith and Victory" paper, I want to say that I have read it from almost the beginning of its publication, and all along, and today I find it to be the cleanest periodical published by the saints anywhere. I have always found a good spirit in its writings, and it has not swerved from the pure radical truth put out by Bro. D. S. Warner and his associates at and from the beginning. While many have taken by-paths and foreign doctrines, the "Faith and Victory" publishers have held steady to the old land-marks. (Job 24:2; Prov. 22:28; Prov. 23:10) We saints should appreciate this fact and back it up with our prayers and support. And I pray God it may keep in line with God's Word until Jesus comes.

I am in Sister Minnie L. Duncan's home in Edinburg, Texas at this time and have been for over two weeks. She is completely isolated from the saints and we appreciate her steadfastness to the Lord and His truth. Pray for her. Sister Duncan greatly appreciates the saints and their visits in her home.

We are so glad to know of dear Sister Pruitt's healing. We pray she may continue to improve.

Bro. Key is at home at this time, and Lord willing, I shall return home soon. Christian love to all of you dear ones.

—Sis. Katherine Key
Route 1, Lorange, La.

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Mo.—Our years of working at the "Faith Publishing House" were a great blessing to us and shall never be forgotten. We were glad to work with Bro. Pruitt and see his concern and labors for the Lord. We were at the Lord's Printshop on the dates indicated.

William Weir—July 1954 to July 1958
Viola (Atnip) Weir—Dec. 1954 to Sept. 1961

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Okla.—I am thankful for and appreciate the fact that I have known, and have been in services with Bro. Fred Pruitt from time to time for a period of approximately 40 years, or since the time (1923-1926) he used to operate and print the "Faith and Victory" paper in the block in which the dining hall and chapel of the Church of God at Guthrie, Okla. now stand, and have found him to be a sincere and straightforward saint and Christian man, a trustworthy brother.

We enjoy and endorse the "Faith and Victory" paper, and the literature published and sent out by his staff of workers.

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Calif.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory," greetings to everyone in Jesus' holy name:

I feel led to send in my testimony for the paper on its 40th anniversary.

First, I will try with the help of the Lord to give a little sketch of my life. I was born at Alexander City,

Alabama on the ninth day of June, 1915. My parents were separated. I never knew my father. When I was eight, my mother passed away, leaving me all alone, so I was placed in a school at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. There I experienced many hardships in many ways, about which I could write a large book. All the time the dear Lord kept watching over me. So one day one of the boy's mother sent him a copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper, and it was handed to me later. Oh, how I enjoyed that paper! It was a blessing to my hungry soul. I am still praising God for that first paper that mother sent her boy. It didn't seem to help him, but praise God, it surely helped this boy who was looking for the truth.

That was in 1941. Money was hard to come by in that place, but by the help of the Lord I had \$2.00 I got from somewhere, I don't remember where, but I sent my last \$2.00 to Bro. Pruitt for the "Faith and Victory" paper and have been getting it ever since. It is food for my soul.

I prayed for God to deliver me from that school, and praise His sweet name, He did just that. On Easter Sunday, April 6, 1947, I walked away from that place, and went to Bangor, Michigan. There I met the first saints I had ever seen, Bro. and Sister Frank Brant. Oh, how happy I was with God's children after being in a school for boys so long! I can truly say it was like going to heaven must be. Thank God for all He is to me. He is my all in all. I was about three weeks at Brother and Sister Brant's home, then went to Hammond, La. How the Lord blessed my soul with all the dear saints there. My first campmeeting was there in 1948. Oh, what joy no tongue can tell! I was in a new world, altogether—it was heaven on earth. I thank God for sending me to Hammond, but my greatest joy was when I went to work in the Lord's printshop. What a blessing that was—helping to send the same paper, that I got in that school in Alabama, to others that they could get saved as I did. I worked with Bro. Pruitt for three years and about six months. I can say that Bro. Pruitt, the editor of the "Faith and Victory" paper is a faithful servant of God, and I received a blessing working with him and all the other workers at the Lord's printshop. The paper is still a blessing to me as it was back in Alabama in that school. May God bless you for many more years.

Pray for me that I will keep on the firing line for my Lord.

Your brother in Christ, —Harvey Johnson

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and co-workers, I send greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus:

I became acquainted with the "Faith and Victory" paper in 1941, when someone sent it to my mother. It came to her in a ripe time, for she had just attended a Gospel Trumpet campmeeting, and was made sad with the great amount of worldliness that she saw manifested among the members there. Then after receiving the first "Faith and Victory" paper, she immediately recognized that it taught the old-time truth. She was a reader and supporter of it until her death in 1958.

In 1942, I began to correspond with Bro. Pruitt. I remember his letters very well. They were a source of encouragement to me. It was through them and the literature he sent that I was helped to settle in the truth. After reading his letters and literature, we had a desire to meet him and the other saints. God gave us this privilege in 1942, by permitting us to attend the Hammond, La. Campmeeting. There we met the true people of God who were

teaching and practicing the whole truth. The love and fellowship was sweet, and we surely felt at home with them.

After the campmeeting at Hammond, the Lord sent me to Guthrie to help in the printing work. This was a great blessing, to help print the gospel and to attend services regularly with the saints. I was privileged to be in Bro. and Sis. Pruitt's home for over a year, enjoying their love and hospitality. The hour of family worship was a special blessing to me. I felt sweet fellowship with the whole family, which has never been broken.

I have appreciated the contents of the paper down through the years. It seems just as clean and pure today as it did over 20 years ago. My prayer is that God will keep it that way.

I am thankful for the long profitable life that God has blessed Bro. Pruitt with. Truly his life and labors have been a real example to the rest of us. God is also raising up others to help care for the printing work. I appreciate Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, and all the other workers there. I feel that the Lord is anointing them in supplying spiritual food for us.

May God bless all of his saints here in the world and help us to make the consecration and sacrifice that Bro. Pruitt and many of the other saints have made. "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."—1 John 2:17.

Your brother in Christ, —Thomas V. McMillian

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Kansas—I would like to say a few words in behalf of the 40th anniversary. I'm so glad God gave me the privilege of working at the "Lord's Print Shop." The four years spent there were years of learning, not only with the machines and office work, but also of the secrets of Christian living—in getting along with others and of faith and endurance. Working with you, Sister Marie, and Bro. Pruitt, has given me something I shall never part with. I only feel blessed to say I personally witnessed a true, clean, and holy life in a great man of God. May the Lord richly bless you and the work.

—Sylvia (Forbes) Busbee

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Okla.—Dear Saints, greetings: In July, 1942 I was invited to attend a campmeeting at Hammond, La., something I had never heard of before. At the meeting I met Bro. Pruitt and he asked me if I'd like to help publish the "Faith and Victory" paper, something else I had never heard of before. I did not know much about how the Lord led His children, or even that He did lead them, but I decided to cast my lot with "these people called saints" and left the campmeeting with Bro. Pruitt and his company of workers and went to Oklahoma. There I was introduced to an entirely different way of life where people trusted the Lord with everything concerning them. Sister Pruitt was a mother to me in every way and taught me many things of the spiritual and temporal life and Bro. Pruitt was a faithful counselor and guide. I lived in their home and worked in the printshop almost three years. Because I had confidence in the saints in the work and the congregation at Guthrie, I accepted without question the doctrine they taught as being the Bible way, although it was new to me.

Clifford, one of the workers at the printshop, and I were married and then left the printing work to establish our home. We lived in Iowa away from the saints for a number of years and there I learned to depend on the Lord alone for guidance. As I met the tests and trials of life, and looked to Jesus for help, He re-established in

my heart all the truths and doctrines I had been taught at the printshop. I found that the truths printed at Faith Publishing House are not the doctrines of men, but are the doctrines of the God of heaven, practiced and printed by God-fearing saints.

In the year of 1962 the Lord again led Clifford and me to work at Faith Publishing House. We find the same clean work here now as we did twenty years ago. We are glad to have our children under the same godly influence that was such a help to us when we were young. We feel that truly the work is the Lord's and those who work here only instruments in His hands. May it remain so until the Lord comes is our prayer.

—Clifford and Dorothy Wilson

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La.—Dear saints, greeting in Jesus' dear name: I am thanking God for salvation and thanking Him for all He has done for me. Surely I can't repay Him. I do want to be faithful unto the end and serve Him better each day.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to our editor, Bro. Fred Pruitt, for his faithfulness and steadfastness in the calling wherein God has called him. It has been my privilege to become well acquainted with Bro. Pruitt. After the Guthrie Campmeeting of August, 1948 I remained in Guthrie and began working in the "Lord's Printshop" and continued over four years. I labored with Bro. Pruitt, traveled some with him, also he and I occupied the same bedroom for some time. His sanctified life proved to me that salvation is real. Many times while working with him in the printing work the machinery wouldn't work right. Instead of him becoming emotionally upset, he kept calm. Often he would go and pray, asking God to help and to give grace and wisdom to fix the machine. His patience and kindness manifested meant so much to me. His great responsibility caused him many times to be burdened because he was faced with many perplexing problems. Many times I heard him praying, sometimes in the night, because of his responsibilities and burdens. I have known him, while I was there, to fast for 12 days which was a real sacrifice. He said it was needful for him to fast that long. Also, I would hear him praising God many times in the night hours. I believe he praised God in his sleep at times because it was so deep in his soul.

Bro. Pruitt always felt his inability and insufficiency. He told me one day that he was thinking in his heart how it seems that other men had so much more natural ability than he did, and he was wondering why God didn't give him more. The Lord spoke to him and said, "Nay, but O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"—Romans 9:20. Bro. Pruitt said that was enough—God had answered his question. Therefore, feeling his insufficiency, he had to rely on God to lead and anoint him for service.

God permitted him to go through afflictions, trials and tests, molding him into the vessel that He wanted him to be. Feeling his inability, he had to fully rely on God for messages and guidance. Many times I sat under his preaching when God was anointing him richly under the unction of the Holy Spirit and my soul and others were fed.

In conclusion I say, may God's richest blessings rest upon Bro. Pruitt for all of his sacrificial labors of love for the Lord. I know that a great reward awaits him, and may we all be as faithful. Paul said, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always

abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Yours in Him,

—Kenneth Flynn

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Kansas—My father's parents were in contact with God's people while he was a child. My parents, Alsia and Bessie Sorrell of Myrtle, Mo. were saved before I was born. I grew up in a home of love and happiness, was taught the truth, though we were isolated. Our parents were faithful to have family worship twice a day. Sunday mornings were spent with our father reading the "Faith and Victory" paper, tracts and books that had been sent by someone from the printshop. Our souls were hungry and tears of joy flowed as our cups often ran over. We were strengthened and many truths were stamped on my mind while I was only a small child. The Lord saw my parents' faithfulness and would send saint ministers by our home from time to time.

Sister Maybelle Pruitt was faithful in writing to my sister, Lillian. Other workers at the printshop would write. We kept the letters and would read them over and over. This contact kept the desire strong to be with the body of God's people.

We had a vision of the one true church, and every place of worship in our neighborhood seemed empty—we found no soul food there. We were privileged to attend some campmeetings and found the church to be just what we had been reading from our Bibles.

At the age of 18, I felt led to work in the printshop. I treasured the blessings others had brought to me by laboring there. I felt there was no greater work than spreading the gospel to hungry souls. I went by faith, with no promise of a salary, and spent five years. The atmosphere was heavenly. The workers were saved—had a song in their hearts and praise from their lips. All my needs were bountifully supplied. The Lord did more for me than I could ask or think. I count those years as stepping stones in my life.

The Lord has given me a saved companion and blessed our home with two children. In this modern age we are teaching, training and living old-time salvation before our children. The secret of our happiness is making our choice in our youth to live for the Lord. We want our life to count for Him. —Dora Lela (Sorrell) Beisly

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Oklahoma—I was reared in a sectarian environment with no knowledge of the truth concerning the church and very little knowledge of salvation except as the Spirit of God would speak personally to me time after time. At last HE conquered. I prayed through to a knowledge of salvation alone in my room in the spring of 1934 in a little settlement in the mountains of New Mexico where I was teaching school.

In the fall, Bro. and Sister Pruitt and a company of workers held a meeting in our school house. God definitely witnessed to my heart that Bro. Pruitt was His true servant and that he taught the way of truth. Because of some teachings that I did not understand (such as no musical instruments in worship) and because of a lack of confidence in some who professed, I did not accept the truth then.

There was no more pleasure in worldly things for me and the pleasure of the Lord had departed, so I fully realized my dead state for two years, then began in earnest to seek the Lord, telling Him I would do ANYTHING for Him.

I am sure some people in the community took the "Faith and Victory" paper, but if I had seen it before, I had paid no attention to it. One day I found one in

my school room and my eyes fell on part of Bro. Pruitt's editorials saying someone was needed to operate the Linotype. I had never seen nor heard of one before, but the Lord said, "Go." I had promised "anything" so I arrived in Guthrie in May, 1936. I had no natural ability for printing work, but the Lord helped me. I had the privilege of attending the Hammond, La. campmeeting and other good meetings in surrounding communities that summer and my soul was greatly blessed.

After learning that Bro. Willie Murphey was coming to operate the Linotype, I decided to return to N. Mex. that fall. It was then that I really learned the value of the "Faith and Victory" to isolated saints. I could hardly wait for its arrival each month and wished it could be printed more often. But I had learned how much work it took to publish it, and knew under existing circumstances that it couldn't be.

In 1938 I returned to Guthrie and was one of the Faith Publishing House workers until 1957. I am not aware of anything great that I was able to accomplish for the Lord during that time, but my firm convictions that the "Faith and Victory," the tracts, books, etc. were blessings to souls near and far prompted me to serve as best as I could.

So long as the Lord owns and blesses the printing work and the workers and those in charge "abide in Him" my prayers and support are behind it; and to those who are otherwise minded I would repeat God's warning of old, "Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm."

The work should not be regarded as earthly headquarters of the church nor as infallible, but should be respected for the unity which it helps to preserve among God's people. Jesus is our Great Shepherd and the Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Guide; but the Holy Spirit makes choice of "lead sheep" without which there would be great confusion among the sheep. When the flock is scattered or confused, the wolves have a great advantage.

—Geneva Ray

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Mo.—Greetings to all who read the "Faith and Victory" paper: I have known Bro. Pruitt now for quite a while. I think of him as a man of faith and a lover of the truth.

I have been reading the "Faith and Victory," tracts, and books sent out from Faith Publishing House since I was a young girl, more than 30 years. They have been a blessing and food to my soul. I was thankful for the privilege of working in the Faith Publishing Home for awhile, and thankful to see how God supplied the needs in the home as well as in the printing work. It seemed almost more than I could believe. Yet I know all things are possible to them that believe. I am thankful for Bro. Pruitt's life and labours of love for souls everywhere.

From one who loves the truth, —Cassie Irvin

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: We send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus to you and all the saints.

We are still thanking the Lord for full and free salvation in our souls and mean to press the battle on to the end by the help and grace of God. We surely mean to keep ourselves clear and free from anything that would mar our souls in the end.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the printing work at Guthrie. I know it has had much opposition from the enemy of all souls and surely would not have survived up to this present time if it had not been for the hand of God behind it. "If

God be for us who can be against us?"—Rom. 8:31. Praise his precious and holy name! I am still thankful and appreciate very much the time I spent in the shop as a co-worker. I feel that the godly atmosphere and influence that was manifested has meant much to my experience, especially as I was young in the Lord. Never once did I see Bro. Pruitt get the least bit upset or impatient when the machines would go wrong or about anything else. I feel I would like to say to Bro. Pruitt, to keep just as humble and low as the Lord would have him to be and faithful to the end and surely there is a reward for that kind of life. I also want to say to you, Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Anna Marie, that when your father is gone and the responsibility falls completely on you, that if you will keep on your faces before God, and be led of Him and keep the work clean as your father has done, He will be with you and see you through. Praise His name!

May the Lord bless us all together for the furtherance of His cause in the earth is our prayers.

With much Christian love to all the saints,

—Merrill Williamson, Pastor at Midway, La.

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Okla.—Dear Saints: We wish to express our appreciation for Bro. Pruitt and the printing work. We felt it a great and wonderful privilege to be able to help in the work there for a few years. Being in the home and office is where we felt we really got established and settled in the Lord so that we wouldn't be moved by false doctrines. We remember how, when we felt in need of spiritual help, Bro. and Sister Pruitt were so kind and ready to pray with us and instruct us. The years spent in the printshop are now precious memories to us.

Even though there are opposing powers, the truth is still going forth by the printed page. We trust the Lord will continue to bless Bro. Pruitt and the work at the printshop.

Christian love,

—Lois (Whipple) Sharp

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Okla.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: Today finds me still saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. God has so wonderfully blessed me and has done such precious things for me, saving my soul and teaching me the ways of truth.

When I got saved I was isolated, but God sent the truth to me through His willing servants and the printed pages of the "Faith and Victory" paper, books and tracts. By them I received such great light on His Word. It was such good food to my hungry soul. After I read the good truth I would give the tracts, books, and papers to others to read, also.

God blessed me and my family by permitting us to move to Guthrie where I was so blessed by being in the good meetings and with the dear saints of God. For a number of years I helped at the Faith Publishing House when they needed extra help. Working there was such a blessing to my soul, and taught me many wonderful lessons as I worked with the dear saints there. It was such a beautiful life. The godly life of the workers and their love for me was at a time I needed it most.

On January 5, 1960 the Lord blessed me and made me one of His steady workers at the printshop. My whole heart is in the work of the Lord. It is a real blessing to me that I have a little part in getting the pure truths of God's Word out through the printed pages.

May God bless each of you dear readers, that you may be ready when Jesus calls for you.

Yours in His service,

Sister Lillian Meek

Mo.—Thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Pruitt, all the workers and especially for the little "Faith and Victory" paper! When I was only 14 or 15 years old I began reading the paper that my grandmother had sent to us. It surely was instrumental in awakening me to the need of my soul. What a wonderful change came into my life when I left the proud sinful broad way which leads to destruction to walk in the humble, straight and narrow way which leads to life everlasting and is full of joy, peace, and happiness.

I have only precious memories of the almost five years I spent there working for God in the printshop. I've never been sorry that I said, "Goodbye, old world." God's ways are truly best, so let Him have His way with you!

—Evodna (Thurman) Marler

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Okla.—Dear Ones: Today finds me happy in knowing that I am a child of God, an heir of God through Christ. (Gal. 4:7). As I hold to God's promises, I find salvation, healing, grace and help in every time of need.

In 1896 my cousins visited us at Grant City, Mo., and took us to a Church of God meeting, my cousin Emmanuel Myers (Grace Jones' father) being a young Church of God minister. In 1900 we moved from Missouri to Nicodemus, Kansas where we attended Church of God meetings and my father accepted Christ. Then some time later my mother and I were also saved. We moved to Fargo, Okla. where we attended meetings sometimes.

In the spring of 1906 my sister and I started with horse and buggy to Kansas to meet Sister Julia Myers and her husband and company to accompany them to Ima, New Mexico, where we all homesteaded. After a little over a year my father passed away, leaving me to manage things. I went to Roswell, N. Mex. and worked, sending money for my folks to live on. After making proofs on the homesteads, we moved to Roswell. Bro. Willis M. Brown started a Church of God grammar school in Roswell. When they needed another teacher, I taught for a while. Bro. and Sister Unruh lived in a house back of the missionary home, and he kept books for Bro. Brown. Before long the school closed and Bro. Unruh moved to Los Angeles. Later (1915) my sister and I went to Los Angeles and took an apartment in the house with the Unruhs and Bro. C. E. Orr and family. I worked out, but helped fold the "Herald of Truth" papers in the evenings.

I corresponded with Sister Julia Myers and she mentioned about Bro. Fred Pruitt being in meetings in New Mexico. In 1917 I attended a campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. About that time Bro. and Sister Unruh came to Carthage, Mo. and I accompanied them to La Junta, Colo., where I worked in the office of Ed Daniher. Later I sold my homestead and built a house in La Junta, and my mother and sister came and made their home with me.

I had heard of Bro. Pruitt, and had confidence in him and his publishing work. On Christmas 1927, I sent them a small offering, and increased it the next Christmas. My mother passed away in November, 1929, and her obituary was in the "Faith and Victory" paper.

I attended a campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. about July of 1938. There I met Bro. G. E. Harmon. Brother Fred Pruitt was present, but I do not remember meeting him personally. However, I wrote Bro. and Sis. Pruitt a long letter in 1938 and sent an offering. On March 15, 1941 I sent them a telegram which read: "Arthritis in back and right arm, almost helpless, please pray." God answered prayer.

In September, 1941, Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson, Sr., Bro. Willie McMakin, Bro. Alton Stubblefield, and Bro. Fred Pruitt, traveling in a company, visited me in my home at La Junta, Colo. Bro. and Sister Pruitt sent me the book, "God's Gracious Dealings." In 1943 I visited my brother in Dallas, Texas and stopped in Guthrie and visited Bro. and Sister Pruitt in their home. They gave me Sister Wall's address in Dallas. I gladly visited her and she has proven a friend indeed and has helped me when I needed it so much. I often wrote to Bro. and Sister Pruitt and they were a great help in praying about my problems and giving good advice. Sister Pruitt answered most of my letters and I loved and appreciated her very much. I enjoyed spending a night in their home whenever I could. They always had family worship and I always felt nearer God when in their presence.

I attended some meetings in Guthrie and stayed at Sister Pruitt's and Frances Murphey's. In 1961 I moved to Guthrie and bought a home in the next block from Faith Pub. House. Bro. and Sister (Nettie) Pruitt have been a great help and encouragement to me. They and Bro. Pruitt's daughters have taken me to meetings in other cities and have prayed the prayer of faith for me, together with the other saints. God has healed me of double vision, high blood pressure, and healed my eyes when they did not focus right after I had influenza, and also healed me of other afflictions. —E. Coral Johnson

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Kansas—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am sending in a little testimony for husband. He was going over morning and night to do his brother's chores while his brother was in Temple, Texas with his wife who was sick and passed away there. Michael took cold and I guess he had the flu or pneumonia with it, but we were glad to do his chores for him as he always does ours when we take our trips. We were so glad he could be with his wife before she passed away.

Praise the Lord, He is our doctor, and He is a good one who never fails. Michael is much better, but he still needs our prayers. —Sister Michael Koehler

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of the Lord: I am saved and have been ever since 1911, and the way grows brighter and brighter every day.

I first met the saints in Boley, Okla. I first met you in Fresno, Calif. You are the one who baptized one of my daughters. I never can tell you how much good I have received by reading the "Faith and Victory." I never want to miss an issue. I often pass them on to others. I have a neighbor who got faith through reading the paper.

Remember me and all the saints in Fresno.

Your saved sister in the one body, —L. P. Hamilton

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Mo.—Dear Saints: Words can't express how I have always appreciated the little "Faith and Victory" paper. I have read it for nearly 40 years. My Bible and the paper have fed my soul all the 20 years I was isolated, along with the good letters from Sister Mary Pruitt. We corresponded for quite some time before I met the saints. I enjoyed her letters so much. I would tell her all my trials and problems, and she would always write such encouraging letters. Then about 15 years ago I was permitted to go to Guthrie and visit in the Pruitt home, and also the Lord's Printshop. I felt so at home with the saints. Surely the saints are all one, all see and talk alike.

I appreciate Bro. Pruitt's life and the work he is doing. I am sure he can never know the good the liter-

ature has done. I am sure I wouldn't have kept saved without the help from the paper and tracts which explained the truth of God's word. When I would need help for soul or body, I would take my Bible and the paper or tracts, read and run references.

I will never forget the good message I heard Bro. Pruitt preach at Monark Springs, Mo. on the "Great Sacrifice." My sister got the light on the one true church at that campmeeting.

I am so happy for the truth, and for our little congregation that has been raised up in the last 15 or 20 years.

May God bless Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the workers at the printshop. We pray much for the work there.

—Sister Katie Marler

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Fred Pruitt: I am glad for your observance of the 40 years of printing the "Faith and Victory" paper. If it had not been for your paper and the truth it upheld, I would not have the salvation that I have obtained. I thank you and your staff of workers for praying for me and being patient and kind to me.

When I was there working on the dining hall in 1946 for the state campmeeting, I got help that was the most important of my life.

Yours in His service,

—Manly L. Jones

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Ore.—I first met Bro. Fred Pruitt the 18th day of Jan. 1963, and I can truthfully say that to know Bro. Pruitt is to really know a man of God. Every little while one can hear him saying, "Praise God," and he really means it.

—Sister Myrtle Haugen

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Sister Martha Winch, aged 94 years, of Guthrie, Okla. has read the paper ever since its beginning and has known the editor and family since they came to Guthrie in 1918.

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Mo.—Dear Lawrence: I read in the "Faith and Victory" about March being the 40th year of the paper. I knew it had been many years, but didn't know how long, for I'm only 43 years old.

My folks, as far as I know, always have taken the "Faith and Victory." I think my mother has subscribed for me for some years. Anyway, I've been receiving it. Someone keeps sending it my way and I am glad to get it. The paper is very good. I enjoy reading it, although I'm not a Christian. I read it more than I did. Through the paper I learned of Curtis Miles' death. That was the only way I found out. I read about the missionary work in the different countries. I'd like to hear of some saints going to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana, on the Indian reservation.

I like to send and help even if I'm not a Christian—it makes me feel good. The paper is a great help to many I know. When I read the "Faith and Victory" I know I'm reading the truth.

—Daniel Hiebert

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Okla.—Dear Saints: I really don't know just how long I've known about the "Faith and Victory" paper, but at least it has been 18 or 19 years. In July of 1944 I had been very sick for some time—couldn't eat and was so nervous and run-down. I went to a church in Enid and was prayed for and anointed for healing. A lady gave me some tracts on healing to read, and one was written by Sister Lizzie Harper. I wrote your publishing house for her address and I wrote to her. She prayed for my healing and I was helped very much. We

corresponded for several years, until she got so feeble she couldn't write. I missed her letters very much.

I have written in for prayer for myself several times and for my little grandson, and have received much help.

Sister Lizzie Harper first sent me the "Faith and Victory" paper and I have kept ordering it each year. I enjoy it very much, and like to read the testimonies of the saints. There are only two or three of them I know, but anyway I like to read about them all. I think Bro. Fred Pruitt has put out a very good religious paper. I would not like to do without it, and I wish him many more years of health. May God bless you all at the publishing house.

Your sister in Jesus,

—Mrs. Fern Milbers

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Ohio—I am very grateful to the Lord that I had a "Faith and Victory" paper handed to me. I was having many papers sent to me, trying to find one that taught the truth. Now I am satisfied I have the paper I want. I had all others stopped. This paper pleases me better than the Gospel Trumpet ever did. But I believe Daniel S. Warner was a great man in his time. I am a believer in the one church set forth by the Bible.

Please pray for me that I be led only by the Spirit of God.

—Thomas J. Bowers

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Ark.—Bro. Pruitt, I can't think of any other way you could have reached so many people with the sound gospel truth. We surely do esteem you very highly in love for your work's sake. Only heaven will reveal how much good has been accomplished through your labors and others who have helped with the work there.

I don't remember how long I have been getting the paper, but it has been a long time. I look forward from time to time to getting it. It has been a real inspiration and encouragement to me and has helped me along the way. I pray that God will bless every one and give you many more years to publish the wonderful words of life.

I haven't been well in body and would like for you all to pray for me. Find enclosed a little love offering.

—Vera Dotson

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Mo.—I wish to take advantage of the opportunity to tell in a few words how I became acquainted with Bro. Fred Pruitt and the "Faith and Victory" paper.

If I am not mistaken, in the early part of 1929, my wife and I heard some way that there was going to be a Church of God campmeeting held on a certain street in Springfield, Mo. We talked and prayed about attending some of that meeting, thinking it could be the true saints of God. Feeling much impressed of the Lord to go, we got in our Model T Ford car—wife, four children, my father and myself, about six o'clock one evening, as we thought it would be much cooler to drive through in the night. We drove all night, and arrived in Mansfield, Mo. for breakfast with my brother, then went on our way to Springfield, where we arrived about eleven o'clock that day. We found the place, and meeting was going on. Bro. C. S. Forbes, if I remember right, was in the pulpit.

As we were getting out of the car my father said, "This is it." Praise the Lord, it was the saints! Bro. Fred Pruitt was there. He seemed to take much interest in us, especially my father as he was in a backslidden condition. It was there that he made his start to get back to the Lord.

As we loaded our car to go on our journey back, our hearts were full of praise and joy unto the Lord with the

thought that we had found the saints of God. Bro. Pruitt came to us as we were leaving and gave us some encouraging words to live for God, and handed to me a copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper. We have been readers of the paper ever since.

It was my first time to hear Bro. Pruitt preach. I also remember to this day what his message was about. In later years Bro. and Sister Pruitt were privileged to have service in our home, which was a great encouragement to our souls. I thank the Lord for Bro. Pruitt.

—Alsia and Bessie Sorrell

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New Jersey—Dear Marie, greetings of love to you and other saints and workers there at Guthrie: I am so happy to report victory in soul and body, and would like to tell through the paper how God has marvelously answered our prayers.

It was fourteen years ago that I first noticed a small cyst on my knee, and through the years it has grown to the size of a walnut. For years this didn't bother me at all, but in recent months had become more than a nuisance; it caused some pain and began to be very red and angry looking. My parents, Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott were very concerned about this, and made it a subject of their prayers and prayer requests. My mother advised me to follow the example of the isolated folks mentioned in the New Testament, who received aprons from Paul, and for me to send a handkerchief to be anointed and prayed over by the elders of the Church. I pondered this, and felt it was God's direction, and His time to heal. When the dear saints there returned the handkerchief, I applied it to my knee, and fasted and sought God to remove the cyst for my good, His glory, and the encouragement of the saints everywhere. After two days I felt the burden lifted, so resumed eating, and claimed victory in Jesus' name. The cyst didn't look one bit different, but I rejoiced anyway. I knew God heard our prayers, and I was looking at HIS power, looking at things unseen.

Five days later the cyst opened and began to drain a watery fluid. Praise God! About a week later a pasty-like substance pushed itself out whenever I bent my knee, and I discovered that by exerting gentle pressure this substance, astonishing amounts of it, could be removed as easily as squeezing toothpaste out of a tube! In a matter of moments the cyst was reduced from the size of a walnut to the size of a small pea! For the next 4 or 5 days pus and corrupt matter could still be removed in both large and small amounts. Today (Feb. 11) as I write this, the soreness and swelling are about all gone. Where the cyst was, there is a little pink spot, almost flat. Thank the Lord!

I wish to say further, that I have had this thing committed to God for several years. Last summer I had Julie take a picture of this cyst, for proof later on, of what I felt confident God was to do. This experience has certainly enriched our lives, and uplifted our hearts.

And one more thing, the Scripture, "Confess your faults one to another that ye may be healed," condemned me, too. I did some confessing! I have had a regular fault-finding habit, seeing the bad in everybody, not looking much for the good! I asked God and the saints to forgive me of this, and with His help I can overcome this and other faults that plague me.

I want to thank every one of you for your prayers. Sincerely,
—Alberta (Abbott) Cook

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Oregon—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the workers at the Lord's Printshop, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I can report victory in my soul. I praise His name for what

he has done for my body down through the years.

I want to say I received one of the first "Faith and Victory" papers printed. I lived at Branson, Colo. at that time and have taken the paper ever since. We came to Oregon in 1925 and we didn't know of any saints here, but through the paper we got in touch with the Glasgows in Salem, also Bro. Charles Carter. We surely have enjoyed the paper through the years. It has been a great blessing to me.

I met Bro. Pruitt personally at my place in the fall of 1941 after we had had our first campmeeting here on my farm in July of that year. We have had campmeetings here in Oregon ever since.

We surely do appreciate Bro. Pruitt and his labor of love in the Lord's printshop for the saints and for the lost. Many believers have found the saints through his labors, and many unsaved have found the Lord. May the Lord bless him and his family is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, —Emma Busch

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Oklahoma—Congratulations, Bro. Pruitt, on your 40th anniversary of the paper. That made me just seven years old. I remember no other print shop. May God richly bless you and yours for your faithfulness. We love you.

—Pauline Brown and family

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all of God's consecrated workers at the Lord's Printshop: May God continue to bless you dear ones and prosper your labors of love in sending forth this glorious gospel by the printed page.

We have richly enjoyed the "Faith and Victory" paper for more than twenty years, and it seems that each publication gets better than the last. We find it a pleasure to distribute these gospel messengers and find many precious souls eager to receive them.

A few weeks ago while we were at a trailer park, we met a young Christian man, gave him a "Faith and Victory" paper, and enjoyed a short visit with him. He told us he had found one of the papers on the ground once before, was so glad for it and that he had hoped to meet some of these folks. We are sending the paper to his address and invited him to attend some of the camp meetings. He is a young minister. We could give many such instances, but time and space will not permit.

During the holidays we received many letters from the saints who desired to hear from us. May we take this means to say that we are still saved and keeping busy in the Lord's work. Bro. Abbott attended several meetings and camp meetings during the past several months, at which time my father was quite ill and I helped to care for him all summer. When his condition improved and he was being amply cared for, Bro. Abbott and I attended the Hammond, La. and Guthrie, Okla. Assembly meetings. Then we held a meeting in Dayton, Ohio, and officiated at the funeral of Bro. T. A. Jones in Akron, Ohio. Then we came to Hammond, La., and, Lord willing, will begin a meeting here Sunday, Feb. 10th. We count it a precious privilege to do what little we can for God and precious souls. Pray for us.

We want to say again that we do appreciate the "Faith and Victory," and especially do we love and appreciate you consecrated and faithful workers who make it possible. In the Master's sweet service,

—Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott

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(Sorry, we have run out of space, but we will continue these testimonies in the April issue, Lord willing.)

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WORSHIP AND WORK

Printed Portion Mark 9:2-8; 35-37, 41

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

Memory Verse: Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. John 4:34.

Practical Truth: We can feel secure in Jesus' presence if we will obey his words.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Peter, James, and John saw something that moved them to the very depths of their soul. There on the mount they saw Jesus' body glowing in all heavenly glory as he talked to Elijah and Moses, who had been dead for many years. When they saw Moses they thought of the law that was given to him by God on Mt. Sinai years ago. When they saw Elijah they thought about this great prophet who had prophesied of the coming of Jesus and how those prophesies had come true. How their hearts were touched with the great scene before them. Jesus was being encouraged by the words of these great prophets about his death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension. (Luke 9:31) They felt so inspired and lifted

up that they wanted to do something. When God touches our soul in our worship of Him we just want to tell others about it and try to help them to love Jesus, too. Peter thought the best way to show his love and appreciation of the three great men was to build a great house for each one. But God didn't want that. He wanted them to know that Jesus was the one to hear now. Moses and Elijah had had their day but now Jesus is the one to love, worship and obey. Peter understood and felt very humble. Jesus taught them how they must become as a little child and not have desires to be lifted up in themselves. To please Jesus we must do the little things and be servant of all. God will see that we get the reward. Humility is the keynote to favor with God in our worship and work.

March 10, 1963

TO SERVE OR TO BE SERVED?

Printed Portion Mark 10:32, 35-45

Mark 10:32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Memory Verse: For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45.

Practical Truth: Jesus is our example. Are we better than our Lord and Master? He lived for others and we should, also.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson it seemed that James and John wanted high seats of honor. But Jesus very plainly told them

that the chiefest among them would be the ones who served others. Working, suffering, denying self, and obeying God's commands prepare us for the place in heaven God has for us. No selfish person will ever enter heaven. James and John did not know all that they had asked for but Jesus told them that they would suffer in a great way for the sake of the gospel in time to come. Later, as we read about their lives, we read where James was beheaded for the gospel's sake and John was cast out on the Isle of Patmos. There, God gave him the book of Revelation. History tells us that John was put in a vat of boiling oil but God miraculously delivered him from it and he lived. They did suffer some for Christ's sake and surely they were great men of God.

Don't let the sneers of those who do not love the right way stop you. Stand up for the right and the precious truth that God by His Holy Spirit has revealed to you. Abhor the wrong but love the person whose soul is precious in God's sight. Do good to them and thereby bring them to God. Be more willing to serve than be served for this is God's way.

March 17, 1963

FREEDOM UNDER CHRIST'S AUTHORITY

Printed Portion Mark 11:15-18, 27-33

Mark 11:15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Memory Verse: And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:46.

Practical Truth: We can choose if we want to obey Jesus until the judgment and then we will have to obey him, which means eternal death if we have made the wrong choice.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus came to this world on a mission and he went about to accomplish that mission. Wicked men around him tried to hinder but they could not. They marvelled at this. One time he was in their midst and they wanted to cast him headlong down the side of a cliff but he just walked out of their midst and they were helpless. They stood by with murder in their hearts and watched him show compassion to the sad, lonely, sick and afflicted, feed the hungry, open blind eyes, unstop deaf ears, and do good to all men. Jealousy boiled within them and they held many council meetings trying to find a way to get rid of him. Finally they asked him by what authority he did all of these things. They had to admit in their hearts that they had met a man who was unlike any man they had ever seen or heard about. In their hearts they surely knew he was the Christ who was to come but they did not dare to say this because of their fear of the people. Today many in their hearts know that they should bow to Christ but they are afraid of the opinions of the crowd. The devil keeps it hid from them that they could have such great freedom in their souls over sin, and evil in this world and a home in heaven in eternity. It is precious to have that glorious freedom in our hearts, found in Christ, through the cleansing blood of Jesus.

March 24, 1963

WHY MEN RESIST CHRIST

Printed Portion Mark 12:13-17, 28-34

Mark 12:13 And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words.

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man; for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's.

17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the

strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Memory Verse: For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. John 12:49.

Practical Truth: God will help us to know the answers to questions that are sincere and honest.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Did you ever have anyone flatter you and then ask a question that would lead you into a trap? Jesus understands all about those who come to you to try to "catch" you in your "words." Notice how they approached Jesus. Take the question "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar?" If he said, "Yes," the Pharisees would tell it that Jesus was a servant of Rome and unfit to sit upon David's throne. If he said "No," the Herodians were ready to report to Herod that he was preaching rebellion. Jesus knew their thoughts and took care of the situation as his time had not yet come to be crucified. The next question was about the law. But Jesus answered so well that the scribe commended him. The scribe repeated it and ended by saying that this would be more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifice. He thought he might catch Jesus there but Jesus told him that he was not far from the kingdom of God. This stopped their questionings.

We are to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. That is our whole being. We want to check the source of our thoughts, desires and wishes. If they are prompted from a love for God they will be all right. There is a great blessing in having God enthroned in our heart and lives. Our lives will then be a blessing to others.

March 31, 1963

PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S COMING

Printed Portion Mark 13:24-37

Mark 13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Memory Verse: Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. Mark 13:33.

Practical Truth: Live here in such a way that you will be ready to live again with Jesus.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The prophet Nahum, chapter 2:3, 4 tells us something that is to come to pass in the "day of his preparation." He said, "The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, . . . The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings." This was prophesied 2,675 years ago and today we see it. Many other things were prophesied that were to come and have come to pass. We should shake ourselves out of any lethargy that the devil has thrown over us and, as Jesus has told us, be on our watch, and take heed.

At different times we have had false prophets say that the end of the world would come at a certain time, but our lesson points out that neither Jesus, nor the angels know when the end will come, only God, the Father.

The first two verses of our lesson are types of what was to come. The "sun" represents the morning church in all its glory which outshone the "moon" which was the law dispensation. The "stars" are the ministers (Rev. 1:20) which fell or went into apostasy. "Heaven" here is referring to the ecclesiastical or church heavens here on earth. The Bible speaks of three heavens: aerial, church, and the Heaven of heavens where God's throne is.

"Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." (Heb. 12:26). The church heavens are being shaken. We need to get on the solid rock or we will be shaken off.

—Sister Marie Miles

WATCH AND PRAY

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:5-15.

Notice that this last verse says, "When thou hast shut thy door." It doesn't say, the door, but "thy door." We are to enter into our secret place of prayer alone with God, with all the world shut out. All our thoughts and imaginations must be cast down and brought into subjection to the will of God, and with a clear mind we come to God in secret, and pray in full assurance that He hears and answers our prayer. We must believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetition as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

"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. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." So we see that we must forgive if we expect to be forgiven. Someone might say, "I just can't forgive that; it was too terrible. I don't believe God would expect me to forgive such a wrong." Yes, we must forgive, even if we think we can't forgive. Let us humble our hearts and go in secret prayer to God, and He will help us to get a forgiving spirit, and cause us to love the one we almost hated and thought we couldn't forgive. God doesn't tell us to do anything that we cannot do. If we are willing to obey the Word of God, we must humble ourselves and pray to God to help us.

Matt. 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

"Overheard in an orchard:—Said the Robin to the Sparrow: I should really like to know why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so! Said the Sparrow to the Robin: Friend, I think that it must be that they have no heavenly Father such as cares for you and me."

Matt. 7:7-8, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Wonderful promises, aren't they? And every promise in the Bible belongs to us if we meet the conditions and count it so. But we have to accept them as ours; we must believe that they belong to us, or we can't receive them.

Here is a great promise of truth in John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Mark 13:33-37, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."

Jesus was a man of prayer. He prayed much when He was here on the earth. He went out into the mountains to pray, when every one else was sleeping, getting the needed rest to their bodies. If

Jesus, the Son of God, needed to pray, how much more do we need to pray?

Luke 18:1, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

Luke 21:34-36, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

1 Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."

1 John 3:22, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."

The following poem is an excellent exhortation on the need of prayer:

PRAY! CHRISTIAN, PRAY!

I know not how, nor when, nor where,
But this I know—God answers prayer.
I may not have big gifts to spend
Some laborer to the field to send;
Nor strength to go, His love declare,
But I can touch the throne in prayer.

O Lord of harvest, give us then
A praying church, and praying men,
And women too, who hear the cry
Of souls in darkness, doomed to die!
Give vision and the heart to dare
To grip the altar's horns in prayer.

We need not walk where men acclaim,
Ascribing honor to our name—
Enough to know we have a share
In God's great harvest through our prayer.
Hold on in faith and persevere,
This know, that God will surely hear.

Up there in Heaven we'll see some day
The rich rewards of those who pray,
Then to your knees, O Christian, fall,
And cry to God who loveth all—
Those "other sheep" to gather in,
Lost and condemned in paths of sin.

Life's day is fading, night draws nigh,
And shadows creep across the sky,
No time for tranquil dreaming now!
Awake! O Church, and lowly bow,
For God is calling, pray! O pray!
In this last hour of waning day.

Yes, "watch and pray," the Saviour said,
"Quickly I come," the clouds o'erhead
Bespeak the lateness of the hour.
Draw ye upon God's matchless power.
Take heed! beware! be strong! be pure!
He cometh soon! of this be sure. —Anon.

—Mrs. C. D. Dilley