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Now Is Christ Risen!

Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the firstfruits of them that slept.
Many in sorrow had bowed their head,
His mother, and others had sighed and wept.

Joseph had begged the body of Christ,
They thought they had put an end to Him now,
Pierced and bruised, mangled and torn,
A crown of thorns had pierced His brow.

The women watched as His body was laid
In a new-made tomb where the rich should lie;
A napkin wrapped about his head,
A clean linen cloth did His shroud supply.

But He that was crucified and slain,
The Resurrection and the life was He;
When the angel came and rolled back the stone,
Arose from the dead with great victory.

Stand back! grim death, thy sting is gone;
Christ died one time to die no more.
He leads the white-robed host along
To victory heights on yon shining shore.

Go tell the news both far and wide,
Sound forth the glorious jubilee—
He that believes and is baptized,
From sin and death shall be made free.

The second death shall have no power
Upon those who through the blood are saved;
His voice they shall hear in that hour,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

As Christ the first-fruits now is risen,
So shall His servants rise again;
To crown Him Lord of Lords in heaven,
And sing His praise, the Redeemer of men.

—Ulysses Phillips

The Meaning of Christ's Resurrection

What does the resurrection mean? Is it a time for fun, colored eggs, bunny rabbits, egg hunts, or a time for a dress parade? "I just have to have a new hat, a new suit, a new dress, or new shoes for that day," many will say. Is it a time to see who can have the best new clothes, to dress up and go with a proud look?

May God help us to stop and think—why all this fuss and worry about new things anyway? In Matt. 6:24 we read: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Whom are we serving when we have to keep up with the fads, and fashions of the world? God help us to be honest with our own soul.

Matt 6:25, 28-34, "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat, or What shall we drink, or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

I have heard it said, "I just wouldn't go to meeting on that Sunday if I couldn't have a new hat." Shame on such an attitude. What do they go to

meeting for—to worship God, or to show off? We had better think seriously, and let God help us.

Very early in the morning
On that first Resurrection day,
Friends of Jesus went with spices
To a garden not far away.

Sadly then the friends remembered
He was sealed among the dead.
Who would roll the stone before them?
"Who will help us now?" they said.

But a glad surprise was waiting,
For the stone was rolled away,
And the angel gave the message,
"Christ, the Lord, is risen today!"

The day of the resurrection is a time to worship God, and be thankful for the victory which Christ won for us. Jesus came forth a conqueror. Praise God!

May we show love and kindness to those around us. God will bless us for every effort put forth for others. As we serve the saints, we serve Christ.

Jesus was in the tomb for others. He came forth a conqueror for others. Jesus is the perfect example for us.

When the flowers come forth in the spring, it makes us think of the greatness of our God. Though they are buried in the earth, and stay all winter, yet at the proper time they come forth and blossom into beautiful life. That was what Christ did. At the proper time, He came forth. He arose a conqueror over death, hell and the grave. May God help us to live for Him and others.

1 Cor. 15:50-58, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

May God help us to be so busy about our Father's business that we don't have time to worry about the trifling things of earth, that perish with the using.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

—Emma Dilley

Great service brings great reward.

The Children's Bread

When the Syrophenician woman came to Jesus for the healing of her daughter, Jesus told her that it was not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to dogs. Matt. 15:26. Here we see that healing was provided for God's children—was actually their bread. Now we know naturally that bread is considered the staff of life, and if Jesus called healing the children's bread we would infer that it must be something very necessary in order to maintain life—both natural and spiritual.

We see by Christ's life when here, that healing was a great part of his ministry; "for he went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." And when he sent out his disciples he commissioned them with the same power. But he told them to go only among the children, or the house of Israel; as much as to say: Carry this bread to the children; for I have bought it for them with my own blood. How grieved he must be today when his own children will not accept of this precious food, which he purchased and for which he paid such a great price! I am sure he is moved today with just as much compassion as he was when here and he saw his children under the galling yoke of disease. He knows the remedy is at hand and that we have the knowledge of it; for we have it in his written word. Matt. 8:16 says: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."

It was prophesied before he came that healing was to be a part of his work, and when the Israel of God came to him for their bread he was compelled to give it to them. Why? Because God's word had gone out that he would send a deliverer; and now he was come, and the children naturally came in for their inheritance and Jesus had to give it to them. Not only so, but he loved to give it to them; for had he not paid dearly enough for it? Ah! all the way he had to keep from giving was to hide himself where they could not find him for a while. This was his work given to him by his own Father, and Jesus himself testified even by prophecy years before he came, that he delighted to do the Father's will. Could he refrain from it when the opportunity came? No, NO.

Then, too, giving is one of the natural laws of God. Could he refuse his own children when they came in such great need and distress. No; it would be impossible for God to do the like. It is give, give, GIVE, with God. Will you receive? Children of God, let us wake up to our privileges. When these things are provided for the children, and even the dogs can get crumbs, why are we so far away from Father's graciously provided table, which is loaded with all needed benefits? My children know that their father

always has bread in the house—that is what he works for, in order to always have a supply on hand. They feel perfectly free to take of it. They just feel that all that belongs to father, belongs to them. They say, "This is ours," "That is ours." Why? Because it belongs to father, and they are partakers with father. They sit down to father's table and partake of all that father has provided. They are not slow to do it, either. They take no thought for it; for they think that is father's part to do. Really they do not think much, if anything, about it until they want it. Then they come and get what they need.

When the blind man was healed (John 9:31) he answered the revilers' questions by saying, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." Here again we see it is for God's children, or those who worship him and do his will. Those who do not do his will cannot expect to share the children's portion. If they come to him in a humble attitude and give God his place and they take their place, then he will hear them by making them his children; for he adopts children into his family and they become full heirs. Praise God! We see that when the one came, even taking the dog's place, she came worshipping him; and how could he refuse, even though he was not ready yet to reach out his blessings to others than the then chosen of God; But we see she came in God's way, and Jesus knew it, and he was compelled to give it to her. **Compelled** seems like a strong term, but when any one comes in God's way, he is obliged to grant the petition, because of his word, which must be fulfilled. It has gone out, and "He magnifies his word above his name;" and so when we come on his word, he will grant our requests.

Many say, "Well, I can not have faith." Can not believe God? What a pity! What if my children would say to me, "Mamma, you say you will give me what I need, but, oh, it is so hard for me to believe it?" How would I feel? O children of God, there is something wrong somewhere else. I fear you are not a worshiper of God and doing his will, or faith would naturally follow. Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. He simply believed that when God made a promise he would fulfill it. Today we are too wise of our own selves to believe God. We want to see and understand how he does it, and not simply like a child just believe he will do for us just what we need. **Faith is believing God,** and if we are walking in perfect obedience we will believe God.

Dear brother and sister in the kingdom, it is our portion; will we have it? "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. For he was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." And when he came and finished the work he had to do he could testify, "It is finished." So his bodily presence is gone, but he sent his Spirit, and pledged his own presence in the Spirit, when he says, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Again,

"And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

—Mark 16:17-20. So we see the work was to be perpetuated. When it ceased through him, his children were to continue the work. He commissioned them with the same authority and power. The work was not to stop, for he was to be with them even to the end, working in them such things as were pleasing in the Father's sight; for he is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. Amen.

Then since we see this to be the Father's will and our portion, do not let us hinder the will of God being done in us. Let us come boldly to the throne of grace and let his will be done in us—even the healing of our bodies. Let us not question any more about "If it be his will;" but let us give ourselves into his hands as his subjects, that he may show to the world what his will is concerning us. Really God has very little material to work on today. There are so few who will let his will be done in them. Come, children of the promise, let us yield ourselves into his hands and become material for him to show his power through and glorify himself in the healing of our bodies.

—Jennie M. Byers.

CHURCH IN NEW CHAPEL

Greetings of Christian love to all the saints: Here is just a short report on the wonderful dealings of God toward His unworthy servants.

We want to inform those who are interested that we are now worshipping in our new chapel located at 1628 N. E. 50th St. in Oklahoma City, which the Lord so wonderfully blessed us with. The work is growing as the Lord adds to His church. Truly we are made to rejoice in the Lord when we see how He can make a way where there seems to be no way. If we took the space to tell you all the wonderful ways the Lord worked in this effort, it would take all the paper, but we won't attempt to do that now.

However we do want to let the saints know that we (the undersigned) have moved to our new address here next door to the chapel at 1626 N. E. 50th St. and want to invite all the true ministers of God to come by and visit us any time and be with us in services. This new chapel is dedicated to the use and service of the old-time truth that is taught and upheld by the "Evening Light" saints with no compromise in any way. All those who love the truth are welcome to worship with us. Anyone traveling through and wanting to contact us may call GA 7-9666, Oklahoma City.

Now may the Lord bless all His saints and we do need your prayers.

As ever, your blood-washed brother and sister,
—Archie Souder

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

"It is illegal to read the Bible in the public schools of Illinois, but a law requires the state to provide a Bible for every convict! Don't worry children, if you can't read the Bible in school, you'll be able to read it in prison!"

—B. Beacon

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Editorials

Since the three months special offer subscriptions expired with the March issue we have been receiving regular subscriptions to the "Faith and Victory" paper, some for a year and others for three years. Along with it, some have expressed appreciation for the paper and wished to thank the one who was so kind to think of them in this way. They say that they read the paper and enjoyed its contents. We are certainly thankful to God and the readers who have made it possible for us to get the truth to so many new subscribers.

We have so many good testimonies for this April issue of the paper that we are making it a twenty-page paper as we did the March issue. Some have expressed themselves of desiring the paper to be put out twice a month, but that would double the amount of work, requiring many more workers and much extra expense. At present we cannot see our way clear before the Lord to do so. Pray about this matter and God can open the way.



We have the type set up for the printing of another book by H. M. Riggle written during his early ministry. The title of this book is "The Two Works of Grace." This truth is much needed in these days when there is so much falling away and so much false teaching along these lines. Some are teaching that there is no cleansing in the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Those who teach such a doctrine have to flatly deny the plain teaching of the Word of God found in Acts 15:8, 9 and other scriptures that teach the two works of grace. Their teaching does not harmonize with the Old Testament church whose works foreshadowed the spiritual good things that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. The crossing of the Red Sea typified our justification. The Israelites were exceedingly happy when they got across the Red Sea and then saw God destroy their enemies. They were free from Egyptian bondage and rejoiced in the Lord, singing His praises.

When the Israelites led by Joshua came to the Jordan River it was overflowing all its banks, a mighty rushing torrent of water. Before they passed over, Joshua said unto the people, "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." This sanctifying of themselves surely meant for them to consecrate themselves unto the will of God in crossing over the Jordan River on dry land, which God alone could make possible. This is in harmony with the consecration we are exhorted to make as recorded in Romans 12:1, 2 in order to be sanctified (cleansed) or baptized by the Spirit of God—the Holy Ghost. Crossing over Jordan typifies our sanctification or baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was a greater miracle for God to cause that mighty on-

rushing stream of the Jordan River to wall up and stand still so they could cross on dry land than it was for Him to part the still waters of the Red Sea. God had them to carry 12 stones from the bottom of the Jordan with which they built a memorial to be a witness to all generations of the mighty work that God had done. Every saved person today should have a second work in their experience as a memorial of the mighty work of cleansing which God has done for them, and speak of it and teach it to their children and others. No one is qualified to live and teach the full gospel of Christ without this definite experience.

Those who are not clear on the scriptural truth of the baptism of the Holy Ghost will be lame on other scriptural truths. They will confuse and discourage precious souls, and by their clever wresting of the Scriptures they will get some separated from the true holy people of God, the Body of Christ, the Church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth.

Water is used in the Scriptures as a figure of cleansing and the Word is referred to as the water of life. Noah's Ark was surrounded by water and lifted up, and the souls in the Ark were saved from destruction by the water. This is a figure of our salvation according to 1 Peter 3:20 and 21 which reads, "... eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." As the water surrounding the Ark saved the people therein, so does water baptism symbolically show that we are saved by the spiritual resurrection of Christ Jesus in our souls. The water doesn't cleanse or save, but it is a figure of the work which Christ has done in the soul.

Let us read some from the tenth chapter of 1 Cor. which proves that there is cleansing in justification and in the baptism of the Spirit. "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant [but receive understanding on the subject] how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat: and did all drink of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ." According to this scripture there is a cleansing both in our justification and in our baptism of the Holy Ghost, as there was plenty of water at both places to pre-figure our cleansing. It seems that some get confused about their cleansing because they lack a clear understanding of the Word of God. It is not the will of God that any should be ignorant and get confused in their own experience or by their teaching get others in a confused state. This little book on "Two Works of Grace" will make plain the truth on this subject. You should have one. The price is 35c each or three books for \$1.00. Order today from this office.

The road to hell is a turnpike of good intentions.

NOTICE

If you desire to send clothing for the Mexico missionaries to give to the needy people in Old Mexico, contact your local truck freight line agent and he will tell you what procedure to follow to send it through free of charge. Clothing has been sent this way from Neosho, Mo., and also from Guthrie, Okla. Be sure and notify Bro. Harland Smith that you are sending it to him at his address which is 317 E. Cucamonga Ave., Claremont, California.

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An individual has offered to construct and supply tract and paper racks to the saints and congregations for the cost of materials. The size he proposes to build now is 24"x24", made of fir plywood, finished in natural, clear varnish, or any shade of varnish stain you may want. There are six pockets for tracts, and one pocket in the center for papers. Every chapel should have one conveniently located and kept filled with tracts and papers. They should be placed in rail and bus stations, and other public places. The low price (no dealers, please) is \$2.50 here at the office, or \$4.00 each postpaid to any address in the United States.

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To realize the worth of the anchor we need to feel the storm.

God is as great in minuteness as He is in magnitude.

Meeting Notices

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA

The congregation on Sapulpa Road at Sapulpa, Okla. will have all-day services on the fifth Sunday, March 31st. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Bro. Richard Madden, Pastor

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES AT COFFEYVILLE

The saints at Coffeyville, Kansas will observe the New Testament ordinances of Feet-washing and the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday, April 14, Lord willing. Come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us.

Also I wish to say that the Lord blessed by sending Bro. Leslie Busbee here for a few nights' meeting. The preaching was very good. We are yet meditating on the good Word this young brother brought. It is so good to see young men settle down in God where He can reveal deep truths to them. Then at the close of his meeting, the Lord sent Bro. Lewis Williams and Bro. Bowman, both of Wichita, Kansas to carry on a week's meeting. This really encouraged and strengthened us here at Coffeyville, and how our hearts do rejoice in God that He still cares for the little flock.

We again want to invite all the saints to come when you can, and pray for us to grow stronger in God.

Yours for truth, —Sister Margaret Eck

LOS ANGELES SPRING REVIVAL

Lord willing, the annual spring revival will be held at the chapel at 1381 Walnut St., Los Angeles, Calif. on April 12 to 21, 1963. All are welcome and urged to come, and expect the Lord to manifest His presence.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. I. C. Chandler, 415—11th St., Bakersfield, Calif., phone FA 5-6752 or Bro. T. R. Summers, 207 E. 76th Place, Los Angeles, phone PL 8-8319.

ALL-DAY MEETING AT GUTHRIE ON EASTER

The annual Easter meeting here at Guthrie, Okla. will begin, Lord willing, on April 7th and continue over Easter Sunday or as long as the Lord leads. There will be all-day meeting on Easter with basket dinner on the grounds. Come and worship the Lord with us. We pray the Lord will give us a special blessing at this time, and we are looking to Him to send in the ministers of His choosing. All are welcome.

In Christian love, —Ira D. Stover

BOLEY, OKLA. SPRING MEETING

The annual Church of God spring meeting at Boley, Okla. will convene, Lord willing, April 12-21. We desire the prayers and presence of the saints. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His own choosing.

—Ora Spears

Route 1, Box 108, Boley, Okla.

Special Prayer Requests

Ohio—Dear Sister Marie and all saints: I would like to write a few lines to the paper on behalf of my soul's condition and let it be for a prayer request for all the saints to take before the Lord.

Last month's paper had a writing by D. O. Teasley entitled, "Accusing Spirits." As I was reading that, it

was witnessing to me of my condition. I surely thank the Lord how He has helped me to keep my right mind. I keep seeking the Lord and pressing on, because I know there is nothing back in this world for me. The Lord wonderfully saved me and my husband almost two years ago. As the devil tells me now, how can a soul be in the condition you are in and be saved now? I haven't been able to keep the victory. I don't believe I can realize myself the depth of my condition. I have sought the Lord to be sanctified ever since I heard about it. I do believe God will always meet His Word. If only I can meet it in that right and acceptable way! I can't draw on words sufficient to explain the hopeless picture the devil puts before me. Here is the reason he gives: I never will be able to believe the Lord and have what He wants me to have because I have doubted the Lord so much. I know it's not God's fault that we get in conditions like we get into, but I know He is the only One to deliver us out of it. I do desire to be the wife and mother the Lord wants me to be.

Please pray for me that God will help me, and work out for me just what He sees best. If I would listen to the devil now, I wouldn't mail this letter. I mean by the grace and help of the Lord to defeat the devil.

In Christian love,

—Unsigned

I have an urgent prayer request for the healing of my eyes. I am going blind and it is more difficult for me to read in preaching the Word. I am fully consecrated to the Lord and trusting the Lord as my only healer.

—Edward G. Kroker

Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' name:

Please pray for me. I have a growth behind my ear and on the right side of my face which hurts all the time. My right eye hurts, also the right side of my head, my shoulder and my arm. I am asking all the saints to pray for me to be healed and made stronger in the Lord. I need more faith.

Yours in Him,

—Sister Teasie E. Magee

Miss.—Dear ones, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am glad to tell you that I am still encouraged to go all the way with Jesus. God has healed me of two badly infected toes since Thanksgiving and has blessed me in many other ways for which I give God all the praise and glory.

Please continue to pray for all of us, for we need prayer. I am suffering now, trying to write this.

In Christian love, —Dorothy Bridges

Texas—Please pray earnestly that the Lord will save me from every stain of sin and fill me with His righteousness. Pray also for the salvation of my children. Signed,

—An Old Mother

OBITUARIES

Nancy Lou Ada Beisly, daughter of W. H. and Jane Fowler was born in Tarkio, Mo., January 21, 1883. She passed away February 6, 1963 in Seminole, Okla. where she had been spending the winter with her daughter. She was 80 years and 15 days old.

She was united in marriage to Alonzo Beisly in Nevada, Mo., May 6, 1900. He preceded her in death in 1949. To this union 8 children were born; Nova B. Beisly, Wichita, Kansas; Ray F. Beisly, Nevada, Mo.; Burrell Beisly, Milo, Mo.; Ira Beisly, Milo; Murray Beisly,

Nevada; Mrs. Howard Harmon, Seminole, Okla.; Mrs. Omel Turk, Kelso, Wash.; and Barney P. Beisly, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Besides her children she leaves 20 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Sister Beisly was a member of the Church of God and was true to its teaching unto the end.

She had made plans for her funeral, choosing the songs she wanted sung. One song especially impressed those at the funeral, No. 187 in "Evening Light Songs," "Oh, This Blessed Holy Rest," which was a blessed testimony indeed of a holy, sanctified life. (Dear Ones, it takes this rest to enter in.)

Funeral services were conducted by Sister Margaret Eck. Scriptures used: 2 Cor. 4:18, and 2 Cor. 5:1-11. In conclusion Mark 14:8 was read, as truly Sister Beisly had done what she could. She was laid to rest in the cemetery near Sheldon, Mo., to await the coming of our Lord, when she shall arise to meet the Lord in the air.

In Memory of Sister Ada Beisly

By LaVerna (Eck) Probst

MOTHER'S GONE

Mother's gone but not forgotten
From our family circle now.
Every tender word she's spoken
Lingers round us all somehow.

Oh! those prayers she prayed to heaven
For her children one and all
Seem to float back to our memory,
And her words we all recall.

How she prayed for God to guide us
In the straight and narrow way
That our steps should never wander
Into paths that go astray.

And the life she lived before us
Was so saintly day by day,
Showing forth the life of Jesus
As she walked the holy way.

"She was just a bit old-fashioned,"
People often used to say,
But when in trouble, trial or sorrow
It was her they'd call to pray.

Oh! dear saintly godly Mother,
Such an heritage you've left!
Not of silver, gold or houses
But a life of righteousness.

And dear Mother, may we follow
In the path that you have trod,
'Till our family all is gathered
'Round the golden throne of God.

Sister Pearlle May Porter was born Jan. 10, 1880 in Graham County, Kansas. She moved with her parents, William and Catherine Brown, to Carthage, Mo. at a very early age. She departed this life at her home in Springfield, Mo., Jan. 29, 1963 at the age of 83 years and 19 days.

She was united in marriage to Bro. Robert M. Porter on March 17, 1901 and to this union 9 children were born, 7 sons and 2 daughters. Three sons, Lloyd, Cecil,

and James, and one daughter, Sister Lela Gibson, along with her husband, preceded her in death.

She was converted early in life and walked in the light as God revealed it to her, remaining faithful even unto death. She labored untiring with her husband, Bro. Robert M. Porter, who was pastor of the Church of God many years.

She leaves to mourn their loss 4 sons, J. W. (Bud) and Leo W., both of Springfield, Mo.; Don of El Monte, Calif., and R. M. of Temple City, Calif., and one daughter, Sister Pauline Lowe of Springfield, Mo., one brother, George Brown, and one sister, Mrs. Verna Larsen, both of Carthage, Mo., 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Charles R. Smith, assisted by Sister Essie Wilson in Springfield with interment in Park Cemetery at Carthage, Mo.

A Memorial To A Dear Sister

In remembrance of our dear Sister,
And her faithfulness unto the end,
And the fulfillment of a Scripture
Found in Romans twelve and ten.

It speaks of kindness to each other,
And truly kindness she possessed,
And in the depth of every trial,
'Twas there made manifest.

I therefore write this little poem
While we are all sad and lone,
It's our loss but her eternal gain—
Sweet Paradise, sweet happy Home.

Through wisdom Jesus called her.
Shall we a moment now complain?
Though our loss we keenly feel,
For her a glorious eternal gain.

She went through death's dark valley,
But her voyage was not alone.
Just by her side was Jesus,
To lead her safely Home.

I'll tell you now of whom I speak—
It's Sister Pearlle Porter dear,
And as to her eternal home
We have no doubt or fear.

While I'm silently musing
Methinks I hear her say,
"Farewell, vain world, forever,
I can no longer stay."

Then suddenly she took her flight
To yonder shore so clear and bright,
Where clouds of sorrow never come,
And where there is no night.

A Note of Appreciation

We wish to thank each one for your prayers, cards, letters, floral offerings and visits during the extended illness and death of our dear mother. She was so kind and patient through all her suffering. Although our hearts are sad and lonely, we do not grieve or weep as those who have no hope. We have every assurance that she made it safely and is at rest, never to have any more pain or suffering. This makes our grief easier to bear. We feel the Lord was good to leave her with us as long as He did. A scripture I feel applies to her is: "I have

fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

We desire your prayers.

—The family of Sister Pearlie Porter

Bro. Roland James Cook was born March 17, 1889 in Hot Springs County, Arkansas to James and Elizabeth Tinkle Cook. He died at his home near Rogers, Arkansas, January 17, 1963 at the age of 73 years and 10 months.

Bro. Cook was converted in 1911 and began preaching in the Church of God in 1912. He loved and embraced the old-time truth. He pastored congregations in Shady Grove, Morning Star, Quitman and Bradford, Arkansas; Barney, Alta, Alberton, and Ames, Iowa; Kirksville and Jefferson City, Mo. and South Bristow, Okla. At the time of his departing he was pastoring at Pea Ridge, Ark. He was loved and esteemed by all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Lena Sanders Cook of the home, one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Barbarick of Pleasant Hill, Mo., two sons, Nelson of Tulsa, Okla., and Revere of Bastrop, La., one brother, George Cook, of Bismark, Ark., one sister, Mrs. Emma Thomas, also of Bismark, Ark., and 11 grandchildren, beside a host of other relatives, saints and friends. One daughter, Mrs. C. W. Warren, preceded him in death in 1952.

Funeral services were conducted in Rogers, Ark. by Charles R. Smith and interment was at Bismark, Ark.

Arthur L. Gentry was born April 17, 1905, the son of Anna and the late Charley Gentry. He departed this life at his home in Hornersville, Missouri on February 18, 1963 at the age of 57 years, ten months, and one day. He was united in marriage on May 21, 1927, to Dollie Elder. To this union six children were born, a daughter and a son preceding him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Dollie, two daughters, Hassie Palmer of Rockford, Illinois, Eula Adams of Kennett, Mo., two sons, Troy Gentry of Jena, La., Eddy Arthur of the home, three grandchildren, his mother, Anna Gentry of Rockford, Ill., five brothers, Clarence, Charley, Elmer, Delmer, and Carl, all of Rockford, Ill., and one sister, Ethel Wortman of Reeves, Missouri.

He professed faith in Christ thirty-four years ago. He met the saints in 1947. Since then he has lived a dedicated life, and was faithful and trusted God to the end. Bro. Gentry died a triumphant death in the Lord. His faith, courage and steadfastness in God was an inspiration to those about him. As a faithful child of God, he leaves many brothers and sisters in the Lord, by whom he will be missed so very much.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Darius Gibson, using the text 2 Timothy 4:6, 7, 8. Bro. Murphey Allen and Bro. Troy Meek assisted.

In Memory

A picture we see of a beautiful face,
Reflecting an image of heavenly grace,
A gift of the highest and most sacred worth,
That God ever gave to His people on earth,
A picture which shows many traces of care,
And yet an expression of sweetest love there,
The work of the rarest and loveliest art,
A picture of Father that's framed in each heart.

No time can efface this picture we see.
Each day it grows dearer and dearer to see,

And though he has crossed to his heaven of rest,
Sweet memories of father lie wrapped in each breast,
The print of his footsteps again we can see,
His voice we hear saying, "Beloved, follow me."
No artist can paint us a picture so fair,
It takes a true father, his love, faith and prayer.

Notice of Appreciation

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the saints for their prayers, cards, words of encouragement, and offerings during the illness and passing of our dear husband and father. We are so thankful for the saints who were privileged to be with us. May the Lord richly bless each and every one is our prayer.

—Sister Dollie Gentry and children

Pren Emanuel Myers, born Aug 17, 1896 in Worth County, Mo., departed this life March 4, 1963 at the age of 66 years, 6 months and 15 days at Dallas, Texas where he had lived for several years.

He is survived by his sister, E. Coral Johnson, who has prayed for many years for his salvation, and rejoices to know he gave her a good testimony that he had found peace with God and said he was ready to go.

Sister Johnson wishes to thank the many saints for their prayers in his behalf. It pays to hold on to God for our loved ones. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted on March 6th by Ira D. Stover and he was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery at Dallas, Texas.

Forgiveness

About my life many untruths were told;
Like Joseph, it was as if I were sold.
My reputation was handled so cold,
But I forgave before they asked.

Promises and vows were made and not kept,
Sharp words said which hurt to the depth.
I humbled with tears as I prayed and wept,
For I forgave before they asked.

My Christian friend, when did they ask?
Did days, weeks, months and years go past?
And you were faithful and stood steadfast?
Did you always forgive before they asked?

For many years did a grudge not have a place?
Was evil speaking ever excused in any case?
Does forgiveness mean all the past erased?
Did you positively forgive before they asked?

Yes, forgiveness is a fruit of a Christian;
Hypocrites fail to put it in word and action.
We all should make a thorough examination,
"Do I forgive before I'm asked?"

Forgiveness removes all want to retaliate,
And truly lays aside all actions of hate.
It leaves in your heart a peaceful state—
If you forgive before you are asked.

—Minnie Penner

If God has called you, do not spend time looking
over your shoulder to see who is following.



Group of children and West African minister, B. U. Etuk, holding copies of "The Beautiful Way" paper.

The above picture shows a class of children to whom Bro. B. U. Etuk, Church of God minister in West Africa, has handed copies of "The Beautiful Way" paper. The African people are crying for the gospel, and it is a good work for God to get the truth planted in the tender hearts of the children. The false cults of Jehovah Witnesses and Communism are flooding that country with their false doctrines, working hard to poison the hearts of the young people and others. We certainly should be doing all we can for God in getting the truth established in their hearts and minds. We are anxious to get an established saint minister from this country over there to help the good work along, and Bro. Etuk is earnestly pleading for missionaries to come over and help him in the work of building up and getting Church of God congregations established and settled in God so they can reach out into other ripe fields in that country. Let us pray with that end in view and give of our substance to feed their hungry souls on the Bread of Life.

WRITINGS FROM BRO. A. E. HARMON

(Part 1)

Glendale, Calif., March 4—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, Bro. Stover: From my heart I send greetings because of the love of God.

I failed to get some writing in to the paper, partly because it is hard for me to write more than a note, but will try and get a little done.

I would like to say at the start, that you all have been on my mind and in my heart much of the time, though when I am with you I perhaps don't act like it so much, but affections don't always show on the outside, as I have learned. But I truly appreciate the above named. Of course, not just you, for that included all, but especially you that I mentioned, and I mentioned these names because I may have something to say just to you.

First, Bro. Pruitt, let me say you are dear to my heart, and I realize you are getting up in years, but I also am not so young any more, but I feel that you have done what you could, and I am trying to do the same. Though I may go before you, if it should be otherwise, and the Lord permitted, I would like to spend a little time with you.

To you, Marie and Lawrence, I know the sorrow it may be to you and also the burden following, but I would

like to say (as my mother did to my father) it won't be but a little while until we will all go, and in the words of Paul, "Sorrow not as others that have no hope." I am sure the burden is already felt, but Jesus said to cast all your care on Him, and He can give you more than mortal wisdom and great courage.

I wish to say, Bro. Pruitt, this paper, I feel, must continue, must not stop, and must follow in the same way. There will be oppositions, sometimes rather violent, but you must remember that the beginning should continue to the end as it has been from the beginning. I made a remark about the "Faith and Victory" through the Spirit at Monark Springs, Mo., campmeeting a few years ago as being a beacon light for those in darkness. I didn't know it at that time, but there were some murmurings against that idea, but I am still with it. This is one way, and a strong way to help bring God's people together, and they must be brought together.

I have used the word "must" several times here, not as though I was dictating myself, but I am fully persuaded it is the Lord's will for it to be so. This same faith would have continued in other papers which have come and gone, if only the publishers had kept humble, and not have usurped the authority of the Holy Spirit. For that very cause there are people scattered around who are hungry for truth, but the longer they go without it the harder it is for them to find it, and

that because the very elements of unbelief and wickedness are overshadowing the world like a dense blanket of smog and smoke that are destroying souls. My knowledge of you, Brother, was around 1915 on the plains of New Mexico, but soon after you moved to Guthrie, there was not much more contact with you until the Lord called me to His work and we were together some in the gospel work. To me those days were precious ones, for the times we were on our faces in the woods together in Louisiana and Mississippi pleading with God, cemented my heart to yours with a strong bond that I feel will always last. There was never any one else that I had spent so much time with at a time. The time since then has not changed me toward you, the gospel, or the church. The work of the Lord is a blessed and happy work, and it would grieve me to see anything wrong happen to "Faith and Victory," but I would like to see it published semi-monthly. [Part 2 will appear in the next issue.]

TESTIMONIES

Wisconsin—Dear Sister Miles: We were glad to hear of your step-mother's wonderful healing. Truly with the song writer we can say, "How Great Thou Art!"

The Lord has wonderfully healed me of several afflictions which were miracles. In most of these I have had to hold on sometimes for a long time but so often when the healing came it was instantaneous.

At one time every nerve in my body shook and with it such intense pain it was almost unbearable. I called for a sister to come to pray for me and a short time later the Lord came to my bedside and stood there, and every pain ceased and there was a great calm.

Another time I had suffered with sinus until I could hardly breathe winter or summer. One night the Lord laid a burden on my heart and I got up to read and pray. I was suffering, but that was not my burden for which I was praying. As I was going back to bed I thought should I put something in my nose and throat, when a voice said, "Take off that wool scarf around your head and trust me." I took it off, and with it went the sinus. It was not a straining for faith, for the power of God was like a sweeping mighty current that was able to do anything and everything. Often I thank God when I think of how long I suffered and that now I am free to breathe freely without effort. What a mighty God we serve!

My finger was once so crippled I could not straighten it and I showed it to the children in my Sunday School class and told them I expected the Lord to heal it. Today it is as straight as the other fingers—in fact, I have forgotten which of two it was.

Then a large growth came on my toe. I didn't see it until it was of good size. It didn't look good, but I put it into the Lord's hands and whenever I thought of it I looked to the Lord instead of worrying about it and today it is gone. I don't know when it went away.

A few years ago I had what seemed to be a virus that made a bad sore behind my ear. It spread to my face, neck, and arms so they looked like elephant skin and the itching was so intense that some nights I got no sleep. The Lord undertook for that, too.

At the present I have another of what seems again to be a virus. This time it is inside my ear and has spread some on the outside. I have had it for quite a long time. At times it is almost healed up and then it starts again and becomes quite raw. I wrote to Sister Eck for prayer and before I sent the letter it was completely healed except for the itching which still persisted. After a few days it started again with renewed force,

so I am having to fight the fight of faith and shall appreciate an agreement in prayer for complete victory. The Lord has never failed in the past—not one good word of His promises has ever failed.

In Christian love,

—Mrs. Frank Dietrich

Mo.—The first time I met Bro. and Sister Fred Pruitt was over 30 years ago at the campmeeting in Springfield, Mo. I have been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper for many years. Someone sent or handed me a copy of the paper a short time after Bro. Pruitt started printing it. I have been reading it ever since. It has been a great encouragement to me many times, as I have been isolated most of the time in the 42 years of my saved life. I look forward to its coming every month. When it comes I usually just stop all my work and sit down and read some in the little paper. Many times I have felt discouraged and as I would read the paper I would find something in its pages that would lift me up. The letters in it are encouraging. It's a way the saints have of talking to each other.

I do think that Bro. Pruitt has done a wonderful work all these 40 years for the Lord. The books printed are all so good. I have read many of the books, also the tracts which are a blessing to one's soul, especially one who is isolated most of the time. Our souls hunger after the things of the Lord. I know Bro. Pruitt will receive a wonderful blessing from the Lord for all his labor if he remains faithful. We pray he will be here many more years to print this clean "Faith and Victory" paper for us to read. May the blessings of the Lord ever be upon the work is my prayer.

A sister in the one way,

—Fannie Williams

Ky.—Dear Sister Marie and co-workers: Once again I greet you in the name of Jesus, our glorious Redeemer. I trust this finds each and every one in perfect spiritual and natural health.

I came in touch with the true saints of God about three years ago. Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott and other saints came to our community and held a meeting in a little school house. As the glorious truth began to go forth with no uncertain sound, I got such a feast every time I went. I could hardly wait for the next service. Then they came with their tabernacle twice and I got to attend every service. And oh, how the devil did oppose! One woman in our community inquired very diligently just when they would be here as she was going to attend. She attended once, but bless her little heart, she was only getting information for Satan so he could set up his dried up opposition across the highway with a great big noise and a big offering but no Holy Spirit in the whole thing. But thanks be unto God, we were not defeated, and I wonder if that woman thinks our God is so blind He cannot see through her deceitfulness.

Although we are few in number, we are not discouraged for God said His people would be the fewest of all and the most despised. Forward, forward is the battle cry. Our God leads, but never forces. Bro. Curtis Williams, Bro. Leslie Busbee, Bro. Sharp, Bro. Abbott and other of the saints have been in our home. We have wonderful services in our home when they come. I truly thank God for each of them. —Sis. A. F. Baldrige

Mo.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory" paper, greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. I have read the paper for many years. I can't remember the date of the first one, but have read it, I believe, ever since it was

started and I was happy to get it. The sermons and testimonies many times were all I had as I was isolated.

I have known Bro. Pruitt a long time—first met him over 30 years ago. I have confidence in him as a true child of God and true minister. I have confidence in those I know who work in the office and I will say the paper, tracts and books have been a great blessing to me. I have given away many and still do. I pray the good work will just keep going on for God. It is a blessing to God's children and especially those who are out alone. May God bless the editor and each worker is my prayer.
—Sister Becky Barnes

Kentucky—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints at the printshop, greetings in Jesus' name: I have just been reading my "Faith and Victory" paper, and oh how I do thank and praise the good Lord for this paper. I don't know how I received the first copy, but I think it had been thrown out of a car. Anyway, when I read it over I told my wife that we would subscribe to it, for I really believed it was the real Church of God and not the so-called First Church of God.

Bro. Pruitt, these papers, tracts and books have been so much help to me. I would like to be a help to some one else. Please accept this little offering to help in the printing work. May God bless it to help someone to turn from sin before it is too late.

May God bless you all is my prayer.

Your brother in Christ, —John W. Rice

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, greetings in Jesus' dear name: We want to thank the Lord for making it possible for us to get a copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper. Someone sent it to my brother and his wife gave it to us. That is how we first got it. We were with the Anderson movement then. I wondered what had happened to the church that I knew over fifty years ago, but I soon found that the Anderson group had gone with the world when we got the "Faith and Victory" paper. We are thankful for it. We surely do enjoy reading it each month.

We were glad to be in the Assembly meeting at Guthrie, and to meet all the dear saints and to enjoy the good hospitality that was given us while there. God's people are wonderful people. We just can't thank Him enough for this good way, and for leading us into the truth. St. John 10:27 says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me."

The Lord has healed us many times. We are trusting in Him for both soul and body. We thank Him for His goodness to us, and for letting us contact the saints through the "Faith and Victory" paper. Oh, if people could only open their spiritual eyes to the truth.

Pray for us that we will always stay true to Him.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
—Rufus and Stella Morton

Mo.—Dear saints everywhere: I do thank the dear Lord for what He has done for me, how He lifted me out of the miry clay and put me on the solid rock, Christ Jesus.

I am thanking and praising the Lord for healing me of a bad case of T. B. I was so low that some of my family and many others didn't think I would live. But God put His mighty arms around me and healed me. He saved me from strong drink. He helped me to have no desire for television or anything of the world. He helps us to read our Bibles and to pray in our home. I am

thankful the Lord helps us not to neglect to attend meeting where we can worship God.

I am thanking all the saints everywhere for the prayers that have been prayed for me during my affliction. I want your continued prayers that I will live closer to the Lord. I am pretty hard of hearing. I know the Lord can make me hear well if the saints will pray with faith.

Love to all the saints.

Your brother in the Lord, —Asa Gibson

Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: I am saved today, and enjoying the things of God as He gives me understanding.

I have read the "Faith and Victory" for many years. It has proved a blessing to my heart and life. I like the way the truth of God has been brought forth all these many years. My confidence is in God to still preserve it for His saints. In God we trust.

I am sending in an offering to the glory of God.

Your sister in the body of Jesus, —Eva Penner

Mo.—Bro. Fred Pruitt, Editor of "Faith and Victory" paper for forty years: I do not know how long I have read the paper but it has been a long time. I have been saved forty or more years. I much enjoyed reading it, for I could get food for my soul. I do not know who could have done any better. I believe he has been a faithful servant for dear Jesus. I always felt free to give to help.

I have asked the dear Lord to help me and give me wisdom. May the dear Lord help us as God's children to be faithful to the end and hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" and then take us home to glory. Praise the dear Lord! I love Jesus.

—Sister Mary Whitmore

Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We want you to know that we have been enjoying the "Faith and Victory" paper for about twenty-five years and see no compromise in it. But it is still the same truth we read in our first paper.

We don't know just how our mother came in contact with the paper in Illinois, but she sent it to us when I was sick in body and soul. I saw where the saints in Guthrie were having a day of fasting and prayer and asked any who had a need to write in and they would pray for them. I wrote with the expectation of receiving healing. The Lord saved my soul and healed my body, for which we are forever grateful. This put us in contact with the saints of God. When the Lord opened up a way, I took my children where the truth was preached. They are both saved today. We feel we owe much to the "Faith and Victory" paper and those who labored to send it forth. The books and tracts have been a great blessing to us also.

We thank the Lord for Bro. Pruitt, and what he has done to get salvation to lost souls through the printing work.
—Edith Wall

Mont.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints—those we have met and those we have learned to know and love by reading the articles and testimonies in "Faith and Victory" paper:

We had been thinking for some time of writing and telling Bro. Pruitt how thankful we were for the paper, also for the books and tracts. The book, "God's Gracious Dealings" has been such an encouragement to us. We got our first copies of the paper through the kindness of

some friends and soon afterwards we met a group of the saints. We can't thank and praise the dear Lord enough for His goodness and mercy in bringing us out of confusion and worldliness to a vision of His true church.

It would take too much time and space to tell of how dear and precious the saints have been to us, but we do want to thank all for their prayers and encouragement and to say that we still need both. May the dear Lord continue to bless Bro. Pruitt and all those who help in the great work of reaching souls by the printed gospel of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Find an offering enclosed, half of it for the work in West Africa and the other to be used as the Lord directs.

We are isolated and look forward each month to the paper for soul food and encouragement, and we are never disappointed. We especially enjoy the good editorials and testimonies. God bless and encourage all.

Christian love, —Betty Davis and Edith Boyer

La.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' name: Tonight we are thankful for God's great love and mercy to us; so glad He gave His only Son that we might have life eternal. We are encouraged to live for Him.

It is so sweet to trust in Jesus with our children. So many times God has healed their little bodies. We especially want to thank the saints for their prayers in behalf of the eyes and feet of our baby boy, Bobby. His little limbs and feet seem almost normal and his eyes are much better. We know God is able to completely heal his eyes. We notice that when he has a cold or when he cries, they are weak, so please continue to pray with us for him.

We are also thankful that God has blessed us with a baby girl so sweet and precious. When God took one little rosebud, He did know best and taught us some precious lessons. We yielded to His will and now He has loaned us two more little rosebuds for us to love and enjoy. Surely we can say that God is good. We can say with David, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name."—Psa. 103:1.

Let all be encouraged to press on.

With Christian love, —Bob and Dorall Forbes

Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: It was in the late 1920's that I received my first "Faith and Victory" and the truth for the first time. It read just like the Bible. In it I read about bobbed hair and mine was bobbed. The article was written by Bro. Pruitt. I was not too ready to measure up at first but when I read in the Bible that long hair was a glory to a woman, I quit bobbing mine right then.

God has saved and sanctified me in the truth and healed me many times, for which I do thank and praise Him. Pray for me.

—Amelia Smith

Kansas—Dear Christian friends: I thought I would write a few lines to Bro. Fred Pruitt, telling him how much I appreciate his little "Faith and Victory" paper. I do like the Sunday School lessons so well. It has been a great help to me.

—Mrs. Callie Hogle

Oklahoma—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings to you and all of the dear saints at the printshop: I told the Lord if He would heal me, I would write my testimony for the paper. I truly want to thank the Lord for healing me. He has done so much for me. He is such a help in time of need. He has reached down many times when it looked as if death was very near, and healed me. Praise the Lord! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I want to do more for Him this year than ever before. Pray for me that I will always be a shining light wherever I go.

May God bless you.

—Rachel Hiebert

S. Carolina—Dear Sister Marie Miles: I have been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper for over six years. It is good spiritual food for my soul. I am now getting the "Beautiful Way" paper for my seven children. I am glad for the papers.

I hope your step-mother is well now. I remember when she and your father were married.

Please pray for me and family. I am the one the Lord healed of a snake bite. I surely thank you for sending me the anointed cloth with which God healed me in answer to prayer.

A regular reader,

—Eliza Jane Lee

Wisconsin—Dear Brother Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' precious name: Thank God, I was healed before I received the cloth. On Saturday, the second of February, in the evening at 8:00 o'clock I was standing by the table. All at once I felt a sensation go all through my body. I said, "Thank God, I'm healed." The pain left me. Praise the Lord! I felt hungry and got a cup of milk and some crackers and ate. I had no pain. Thank God for His healing power. I went to bed and had a good night's sleep with no pain. On Monday I did a big washing. Today I feel fine. Praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He has healed me many times of minor aches, but the pain this time was such that I could not pray through. I decided I would write to the Faith Publishing House for prayer, and prayed that God would answer prayer in the name of Jesus.

May God bless you every one and help you to carry on till Jesus comes. All praise to our Lord Jesus Christ who blesses us in heavenly places, who heals us of all our diseases.

—Mrs. Anna Scovell

Mo.—To the precious saints, the household of faith: We greet you in the dear name of our Lord.

It is close to 40 years ago when I first came in fellowship with the saints and have enjoyed going through the pages of the "Faith and Victory" paper. I have appreciated the counsel of Bro. Fred Pruitt and am still willing to have more. We also cannot express in words what the saints and many others have meant to us through the years in sharing with us to help carry the gospel into new fields.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1.

—Darius and Evelyn Gibson
Route 3, Seymour, Mo.

Ohio—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love to you all in the precious name of Jesus: I am always glad to get the "Faith and Victory." Sister Marie, I always did believe your father was a true saint. By their fruits we shall know them. You also had a wonderful mother. I met her at different times at campmeetings. I used to get some good letters from her. We wrote to each other for some time. I never will forget her. She was a wonderful help to me spiritually.

I can't thank and praise the Lord enough for His love and mercy to me. I remember when the Lord brought me out of sectism, and I have never had a thought of going back to the things of the world. God has taken me through many fiery trials, heartaches and sickness and is the best friend I have.

We have all had the flu but we are all feeling well again. The Lord has been good to us. I often think, what would I do without the Lord?

I hope you are all well, and that Sister Nettie Pruitt is feeling well again.

May God bless you all is my prayer.

—Sister Lucy Lizar

Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers, greetings of love in His dear name: It is with joy that we greet you on this your fortieth milestone in the great work of getting the truth of the "evening light" to a lost world.

Your paper receives a hearty welcome each month in our home. As we read its pages, enjoying the blessed truth, and hearing of our beloved brethren and sisters as they write of God's wonderful dealings with them, our hearts swell in praises to Him who has made it possible that the truth could be printed.

Bro. Pruitt is an outstanding example to all of the saints and ministers. His faithfulness to his special calling should inspire many to a greater effort to be all God wants them to be.

Your brother and sister, —H. P. Huskey

Penn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: greetings in Jesus' name, the name which is above every other name.

I well recall the day when my sister, Julia, and I journeyed to Guthrie, Okla, about 35 years ago, when the "Faith and Victory" was still in its infancy.

Bro. Pruitt, it was there that I served my apprenticeship in printing—press work, and linotype operation. This type of work I have followed practically all my life.

I often recall the days spent in the Lord's Print Shop, publishing the "Faith and Victory." I think of the letters sent in by readers of the paper, telling how they were helped in their souls by the papers and tracts. We never can tell how much good we do as we labor for Him. The Word tells us to cast our bread upon the waters and after many days it will return again.

Do be encouraged, Bro. Pruitt, to keep up the good work. May the Lord richly bless you as you labor on for Him.

Enclosed you will find an offering to be used in the Lord's work.

Your brother in Christ, —William Cramer

Wisc.—Dear publishers of "Faith and Victory" paper: I have been wanting to send my card and gift for your anniversary, but I have been ill—such great pain in my back, and I have a bad heart, but I am trusting the Lord.

I have been getting the "Faith and Victory" paper all of 20 years or more. My brother had sent it to me when he lived in Cornell, Wisconsin. He has been gone to Glory for some time. You folks know my other brother, Arthur Klatt, living at Fairchild, Wisconsin.

I surely like the paper and wouldn't be without such good food for my soul. I am 71 and how long I have yet to be here the Lord knows.

Now I do wish you many more years in your good work for the Lord.

—Sister Emma LeMay

Texas—Dear Saints: I wish to take this opportunity to thank you who stood by so faithfully in prayer while I was going through such severe trials which were more numerous than I have space to write. The hours of suffering bodily and the mental strain almost took me to despair. Often I did not know what I was doing or saying, so if I have done this to any of you, I ask for your

forgiveness. Many days and months seemed so dark there seemed to not be a ray of light anywhere, but the Master always came to me with some comfort and gave me strength in my body to go a little further. My vision toward the needs of suffering humanity has greatly increased. Surely, I cannot fail Him, by not obeying His Great Commission.

I am still weak in my mind and need a healing touch to the area of my brain that was injured. I have learned how to rely and trust in the Lord much since I have been here and desire ever to walk closer by His side, until He calls me Home.

Pray for me as I seek to know more fully the plan God has for me. I know it cannot be too hard with His Grace.

In My Savior's Service, —Margaretha Penner

Mo.—Dear Saints: It has been some time since I have sent in my testimony. I am encouraged today to keep on serving God, the one who loves us and keeps us day by day. I thank God for a clean heart with a desire to please Him in every way.

I think of the good campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. last summer. Many went to the altar of prayer for help. The call was for every need. It was a heavenly place. God seemed so near. I never get discouraged with this way. I like it. For around 35 years God has been near and caring for me.

Just last week for three days I had a very bad nose bleed. On the third day I felt like God would heal me. We called Bro. Roy Harmon. He and his daughter came over. Bro. Harmon anointed me, had prayer and God healed me, but not without a fight of faith. After prayer it kept bleeding. I didn't want it to clot to stop. I just cleaned my nose out until it just stopped, and I haven't had it any more. It was a miracle. After we didn't get the victory real soon, Bro. Harmon called his wife and she in turn called others for prayer. In a very short time it stopped bleeding. I was very weak, but God is able to do all things. I am expecting the strength I need. Pray for me.

—Sister Goldie Knapp

Texas—Dear Saints: I called the print shop for prayer in November. I was sick with a cold and other afflictions in my body. The Lord healed my cold and the other afflictions were helped so much and I have been so much better ever since. I have a breaking out on the sides of my neck. It's better, but not well. Continue to pray that the Lord will heal all my afflictions.

I am with one of my sons here in Houston, Texas. His wife had a bad pain in her ankle. She was limping pretty much. I prayed, then she said her ankle didn't hurt any more. My granddaughter fell off the bed and hurt her hand and arm. I prayed and the Lord healed her at once. To our precious Savior be all the praise, for He gave me breath, He gave me life, He healed these dear ones and I only prayed. Of myself I can do nothing.

I have scattered several of Sister Neva's tracts around us here in Houston. She wanted somebody to keep up her tract work.

A sister in the Lord, —Dolly Williams

Okla.—Dear Ones, I greet all the saints in the name of the Lord: I thank Him for what He has done for me. Oh, dear ones, He picked me up out of the miry clay and put my feet in the right path! Thank the dear good Lord! I haven't been saved long. I love this way more every day. I mean to go all the way. The Lord

has done so much for me. He healed me of gall stones. I thank Him for His wonderful love.

For a long time before I got saved, it seemed like I was carrying a load in my heart. Oh, dear ones, some of you know what I mean. I can't say in words just how good I feel in my soul. Praise His holy name!

I have an unsaved family. Pray that the Lord will save them from sin before it is too late.

Your sister in the Lord, —Elizabeth Jenkins

Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad: I feel I should write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper, and witness for the dear Lord who has done so much for me. He has healed my body at different times, for which I give Him all the praise. Just since Christmas He healed me of a sore eye. I had been having a hurting in my eye for some time, and it kept growing worse. Fever was in my eye and it became so weak that I could hardly bear the light. When I was prayed for, the Lord would relieve the pain and it would be much better, then worse again. I kept praying so earnestly for the dear Lord to remove whatever the trouble was, and as I was praying one morning the Lord witnessed to me that He had taken it away. I began to praise His name. My eye has been gaining strength since that time. I feel this affliction has been a help to me to get under the burden more for other suffering ones, and has put a stronger desire in my heart to work for Him. I know the dear Lord knows how to work out all things best for us, and I do want to always be pliable in His hands.

The things of this world grow dimmer to me. Pray for my unsaved family, and that I might keep pressing the battle on to the end, and be some help to others on the way. I do appreciate all the saints' prayers.

Christian love, —Sister Lydia Hall

Ohio—Greetings of love to all the saints: "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."

Thanks be unto God for the privilege to serve Him and enjoy His many wonderful blessings. His name alone is worthy to be praised.

This morning as I was getting ready to go to work I was preparing some hot ovaltine to take to work with me. I overturned the glass and it spilled on my clean skirt. The Bible tells us about giving thanks. I said, "Thank the Lord," even though at the time I couldn't see any good in it, as it was late and I had to change my skirt. There was a blessing in that trial. Praise His name! It was quite cold out and I had gone out earlier to start my car. I left it running to warm up. As I was going to change my skirt I looked out and saw that the car had rolled down the driveway a short distance. I couldn't run out then, so I asked our great God about holding that car and not to let it move any further. I changed my clothes and God did not let it roll any further. Praise His name for it all! Isn't He wonderful! It is no secret what God can do. I live on a hill and if the car had rolled out into the street, I don't know where it would have ended up. I love the Lord. He is my Rock and Fortress.

I have enjoyed many wonderful articles down through the years in "Faith and Victory" paper. May God bless Bro. Pruitt and all the staff. Pray for me.

Yours in Christ, —Annie Stills

La.—Dear Saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' precious name: I'm still saved and encouraged to press the battle on for the Lord.

On Sunday February 17, I was taken with a gall bladder attack and was very sick for three days. The Lord in His goodness touched me and I thought I was going to be all right but on Wednesday evening late it started again and I had four more days of hurting, but the saints kept holding on for me. The Lord gave me some relief so I could get some rest at night. The saints would be over here for several hours at night, praying. Shreveport, Hammond and Monroe were called for prayer. Bro. and Sister Ben Goldsberry from Monroe came down Saturday night. They were with us Sunday morning and had to have prayer a couple of times for me. On Sunday evening Bro. and Sister Merrill Williamson came over. Bro. and Sister Goldsberry were still here. They anointed me and prayed, and the Lord touched my body, for which I was thankful. I had scarcely eaten anything, just a little liquids most of last week. I was real sore when I first began to get up, but thank the Lord, most of the soreness has gone, and I have been gaining strength.

On Monday morning about 5 a. m. the stone moved. It hurt so that I just screamed, and it hurt to breathe for several hours. I got up by the help of the dear Lord. I told the Lord I wanted to come through this attack with victory in my soul. Thank God, I have.

When I use my right arm much to do strenuous work I have headaches mostly in the right side of my head. I desire the Lord to heal this trouble and my other troubles also. The trouble I've had in my chest is much better. Thank God for that. I am always in need of prayer.

I do thank all the saints for their prayers and interest in me. It means so much to be with the children of God.

Your sister in Christ, —Velma Mancil

Okla.—To the Saints scattered abroad and workers at the Publishing House, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: We are much encouraged in the Lord to keep pressing on for Him.

I'm so thankful for this wonderful paper the Lord has blessed Bro. Pruitt to send out. I have read it off and on (some portion when I was just a child) for the last 16 years. I remember when I was about 10 or 11 years old that Sister Lizzie Jordan had the paper sent to my parents and I always liked to read the good poems. Mother and Dad were not saved, so I didn't know too much about the saints.

One outstanding event in my life was when I was about five years old. I had pneumonia and was very sick. My mother would rub me with some kind of salve. But when Sister Jordan came and prayed for me one day, I remember getting up and walking and getting a drink of water. Before this time I hadn't been able to turn over in bed. Through the years this healing stayed with me.

When I grew up I married one of Sister Jordan's sons and she always had the "Faith and Victory" paper at her house, also tracts and booklets. I would always read them and received such a blessing in reading of the wonderful testimonies of healing through prayer. I desired to be saved, but the cost seemed too great. The Lord would deal with my soul.

Finally in 1955 at Wichita, Kansas in a meeting which Sister Francisco (gone to her reward now) was holding, the Lord wonderfully saved my soul and since that time I don't know of an issue of the paper I've missed reading. The answers to a lot of questions in my mind would be in the "Faith and Victory" paper.

I pray God to anoint someone just as faithful as Bro. Pruitt when He sees fit to call him from labor to reward. I met Bro. Pruitt in his home during the State Camp-meeting in 1959, and had the privilege of visiting the publishing work. I'm so thankful for the editor and the workers there.

I surely do thank God for salvation—not just an empty name. I hope that Bro. Pruitt has many more years at the Print Shop. —Sister Earnestine Jordan

La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: greetings in Jesus' precious name. It has been quite a while since I have written to the paper, and sent in my subscription dues. I am enclosing some money for same, and you may use the rest as needed. I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper, and try to let others enjoy reading it also.

The Lord has been so good to me in the past, and I know He will be in the future if I stay true to Him. He saved us from sin, He heals us when we are sick or afflicted, and works out everything to the good of those who love the Lord. Praise God!

Jesus, from His throne on high,
Came into this world to die.
There on the cross of Calvary,
Yes, He died for you and me.

Jesus is so good and kind,
No better friend than Him you'll find.
He will wash away your sin
If you'll only let Him in.

Jesus is a friend indeed,
And He knows our every need.
He will fill them now with care,
If you'll trust him everywhere.

Jesus can help the sinner go right,
And from darkness turn to the light.
If in Him you will trust and obey,
You will gladly meet Him on the Judgment Day.

I pray that these few lines will help someone in their soul. Pray that I keep true to the Lord and that my loved ones will be saved. I am so burdened for them, as they are going with the world. May God bless you.

—Mrs. F. R. Lea

(The following testimony is from Bro. Wayne Turner, an inmate of the parish jail near Loranger and Hammond, La., from which congregations the saints go and have services each Sunday afternoon. Last summer he wrote the experience of his marvelous conversion. We printed it in tract form entitled, "The Personal Testimony of Wayne Turner," and it has been a great blessing to untold thousands.—Editor.)

La.—My dear friends at the Print Shop and all the saints the world over, I greet you once again in the blessed name of our Saviour, Jesus, and I pray this letter finds you yet encouraged and pressing onward for Christ with all your hearts—hearts dedicated completely to the service and glory of God.

It is such a pleasure for me to write to you once more. My thoughts and prayers have been with you daily. I continue to be well and happy, and each day with my Saviour has been more precious to me than the last. Praise the Lord!

This is sort of an anniversary season for me because one year ago on the 17th of February marks the day the Lord lifted the burden of sin from this poor sinner's

heart. And oh, what a wonderful year this has been for me, more wonderful than words can ever tell! To list each blessing is literally impossible because every second from the moment of my salvation has been a blessing. Blessings that have constantly caused my cup to run over, and no other words can express it any better than that. My heart is forever filled with thanks and gratitude, and I truly do not feel worthy of even the smallest fraction of all God has done for me. I have found salvation, and under the Master's care I have such treasures the world could never offer. It just fills my heart with such a desire to serve Him in every way I can and I know my very best will never be enough. But I pray that I will never do less than my best, and that I may serve my Saviour faithfully and fervently until He calls me Home.

There have been so many wonderful events taken place this past year and one of the greatest has been the response to my testimony—or as I like to call it—"God's tract." I had no idea it would be accepted as it has, and to God shall forever go all the glory for He was the One who made it all possible. And through God's tract has come an opening for my correspondence with people from all parts of the United States, Canada, and even as far away as the Philippines. Through this correspondence I have been able to witness further of what my God has done for me, and to tell others of His great gift of salvation. The souls of several people have become a great burden on my heart and I would like to ask here that you remember them in your prayers that they, too, will find their way to the Cross. My letter writing is such a blessed work, and one I thank my God for providing, because to me a life not in the Lord's service is a life lost. For as long as the Lord allows, I shall continue to serve Him in every way I am able.

Many prayers have been answered for me this past year, and one in particular is a treasure of blessings to my soul. I asked God to show me if the convictions I felt in my heart on His Holy Word were right or wrong. And show me He did, gloriously so, by sending His own people to me that I might walk in the light of His holy word, and fellowship with the saints everywhere. These brothers and sisters in Christ are treasures beyond words to me and I thank God constantly for His answer to my prayer. Praise the Lord!

And how could I ever leave out the wonderful blessing of the services held here at the jail each Sunday afternoon by the saints? I have spent many a year behind the bars of jails and prisons, but never have I seen the Spirit of God so at work in any prison as I have seen it here. Many men have come and gone from here since the services began last July, and I don't believe there is a one who hasn't gone away with the conviction of God on his heart. To see men reading the Bible and talking of God is something I never thought I'd ever see in any jail. But, praise the Lord, I am seeing it, and what a wonderful sight it is. May the spirit of God continue to work on the hearts of each one within these walls and turn each lost soul to Christ. Please continue to remember us, and the service each Sunday in your prayers.

Yes, it truly has been a wonderful year and I could go on just naming blessing after blessing the Lord has showered on me. But then when you accept Christ and become a child of God it just naturally can't be anything else but wonderful. With Jesus in your heart, your life has meaning and I am so very thankful that the meaning of my life is now in Jesus. I am thankful that God saw fit to grant this unworthy individual salvation, and record my name in that blessed book, the Lamb's Book of Life. The victories the Lord has provided, the strength

and support in times of need and burdens, the spiritual guidance through each day have all been precious comfort to my soul in my walk with Christ. It's a feeling that only the Lord allows, it cannot be expressed anywhere except in the heart. Praise His holy name! I guess the best way to describe it would be to take a line from the song which goes like this:—"Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart." Yes, it truly has been a most blessed year, the first year of my life.

I am happy to say that my wife and son are fine, and I would truly appreciate your continued remembrance of them in your prayers; also my mother and other members of my family.

And please remember me in your prayers also, that in my correspondence I may write what the Lord would have me write, and that it will in some way help each reader to be encouraged in pressing onward for Christ; that I may also be a light for Christ to the men I come in contact with each day, and that I will continue to be a faithful and dedicated servant for my Saviour every second of every day until my journey on earth ends.

As I close, let me reassure you that my thoughts and prayers are with you each and every day. May God bless and be with you all in every needed way forever and ever.

Your brother in Christ, —Wayne Turner

Mo.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' name: As the good Lord has blessed me with another year, I praise Him for His loving kindness and tender mercy. I am 85 years old, and have been saved more than fifty-one years. I have trusted God fully and He has healed me many times. He blesses me with a little eyesight and He blesses me with spiritual sight and peace that passes understanding. I live alone with the Lord and spend my time with a burden for souls, praying and meditating on God's Word. The dear saints take me to meeting and do anything for me that I need. May God bless the dear saints everywhere. My salvation means more to me as I near the end of the way.

Eighty-five years since God gave me this life,
I wasted much time in trouble and strife,
'Til Jesus my Saviour came into my soul;
The experience today is more precious than gold.

I know not if He wills me another year,
I know my salvation only grows more dear.
If I will be faithful and do my best,
I know He will take me home to rest.

—Sister Minnie Noakes

Mich.—Dear Sister Anna Marie and all the saints, greetings in much love: It was wonderful to read all the good letters in the March paper, from our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. It was almost like a reunion. I would like to add my letter with the rest.

I was saved in a mission at Bangor, Michigan in 1937. I received a real experience and was happy in the Lord and very zealous. I started to keep company with the man who is now my husband. His folks went to the Church of God at South Haven, Michigan. They kept trying to get truth to me but I would fight the truth. God was trying to show me more light. I finally just gave up and God showed me the real church of God. He showed me how we were born into it and didn't have to join any church.

Clarence Brant and I were married in October, 1937 and attended the church in South Haven, Mich. The time came when we became dissatisfied with the way

things were going there. One day a man handed us a "Faith and Victory" paper. It read like the real thing. This was in 1945, I believe, and we soon contacted Bro. Pruitt. He came to see us at Bangor. Arrangements were made for Bro. Pruitt to preach for a service at the chapel in South Haven. Several came to hear him. Bro. and Sister Leo Wilkins came from Kalamazoo to hear him. There were others, too. Some of the folks made the remark that it sounded like the truth they heard 40 years ago. A few of us took our stand for the truth and came out, some of whom were Bro. and Sister Frank Brant, Bro. and Sister Leo Wilkins, Sadie Hall, and us. We had quite a group to start with. We started to have meetings in our homes. Bro. Pruitt and Bro. and Sister Key were so faithful to come and help us out in meetings. We had meetings in Bangor and Kalamazoo, Mich. We are still standing for this same truth. The devil has tried to overthrow the work time and again, but there are still a faithful few who are holding on. We have a little chapel between Kalamazoo and Bangor on the corner of G. St. and 3rd St. where the saints are always welcome. It has been because of the faithfulness of a few, who have given of their time, talents, and money that we are able to keep the work going. May God richly reward these faithful ones.

We think of Bro. Pruitt as a father in Israel and a pillar in the Church of God. We appreciate his efforts and sacrifices that he has made for the sake of the church. We like to get the paper and usually read it through without stopping. We would like to write more about our healings, etc., but space won't permit. We extend our love to all the saints everywhere and desire your prayers.

—Sister Margaret Brant

Conn.—Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, who died on the cross of Calvary to redeem us and fully cleanse us. Praise be unto His holy name.

Brother Pruitt, I, too, wish to give God the glory and a note of thanks that He inspired you with a vision of sending His gospel through the printed word and a paper that has blessed my soul since I received it.

Brother Pruitt, it will be forty years this coming June since the Lord saw fit to save me and to bring me into His glorious light. I am so happy to know there is a paper that is true to the "Evening Light." My sincere prayer is that God will keep it just that way until He comes to take His bride.

Brother Pruitt, please excuse any mistakes in writing as I have gone blind in my left eye and barely can see with the other. The devil has been afflicting me right and left. I have been told that I would go completely blind. I told my small congregation that even if I did go blind, that I would still preach divine healing. Please pray for me.

Remember me and wife and the saints here in New England. May God's richest and choicest blessings be upon you and all saints connected with the work God has called you to do.

I remain your brother in the Lord Jesus,
—Bro. Martin Gurka

Hatred is self-distilled punishment.

The more a man is addicted to vice, the less he cares for advice.

An atheist cannot find God for the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman.

Prayer is an acknowledgement of faith; worry a denial of faith.

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JESUS FULFILLS HIS MISSION

Printed Portion Mark 14:32-36; 15:24-31; 37-39

Mark 14:32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

15:24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by rallied on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Memory Verse: Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. John 10:17.

Practical Truth: There is a cross for each of us today after we go through Gethsemane.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus said that He did always those things that pleased the Father. Now Jesus had come to the time he was to do the most important and the hardest thing to please His Father. Jesus was to bear the sin of every person who had been born and was to be born into this world. Yet Jesus never did one sin Himself. The Bible said He was to "taste death for every man." (Heb. 2:9)

His hour had come and the cup that he was to drink was before him. He began to feel heavy-hearted. He saw the cross before Him and the flesh drew back. He took three of the disciples with him. Jesus' humanity called for companionship in his sorrow and trouble. But even this was denied him because the disciples didn't understand and went to sleep. In his deep agony he poured out his heart to the Father. The sweat dropped from his body as great drops of blood. The humanity would cry out, "If it be possible!" and then the spirit of willingness and subjection to the Father's will would cry out and say, "Not my will, but thine be done." Oh, how he loved his Father and He loved us! We should always love Jesus and bring our lives into subjection to Him.

April 14, 1963

CHRIST IS RISEN

Printed Portion Mark 15:42-47; 16:1-8

Mark 15:42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away; for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they anything to any man; for they were afraid.

Memory Verse: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3.

Practical Truth: If we be risen with Christ, we will seek those things above and be ready to arise to meet Christ in that great Day.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christ has arisen. He is sitting at the right hand of God interceding for you and me. Oh, the joy it gives us to know that our Lord and Saviour is alive! One that knows and understands all about us and has tasted of the same problems that we have and lived here in the flesh without sin. He knows how to help us to do the same.

Some might say, "But how can it be that Jesus arose from the grave?" I ask how can it be that an egg can hatch into a caterpillar, or larva and then as the caterpillar grows, sheds its skin several times, a hard case forms around it and it is called a pupa, then the pupa breaks the case around it and comes forth from its grave a beautiful butterfly? It is a miracle of God. Oh, the power of God is unlimited! Jesus died, but the grave could not hold him and He arose. Because He arose from the grave, you and I will arise from the grave, if we are dead when Jesus comes bursting through the clouds. He will break the power of death and we will arise in newness of life; into the beauties of heaven to be with the Lord forever. We want to be sure that we are the Lord's when we die and then we will arise. This is one of the basic doctrines of our faith.

April 21, 1963

PSALMS IN WORSHIP AND LIFE

Printed Portion Psalm 1 and Psalm 15

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 15:1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Memory Verse: My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. Psalm 73:26.

Practical Truth: There are two classes of men, two ways and two destinies.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lessons the next few Sundays will be in the Psalms. The book of Psalms is the song book of the

Hebrew nation. David wrote most of the Psalms but other writers contributed also.

The first psalm points out the blessing that is upon the godly man. He is careful from whom he receives his counsel. We have examples of those in the Bible who took counsel from the wrong source and got into trouble. (2 Chron. 10:3-15). One time King Saul took counsel from a witch instead of the Lord. We need to take counsel of the Lord's people and from God's Word.

It is wonderful to be planted by that river of water that flows from under the throne of God. (Rev. 22:1). We can draw strength from the Lord and grow and flourish in the things of the Lord. But the ungodly do not have help in the time of need. They are blown about by the wrong counsel, influence of evil and scorners. They are trying to please others and the crowd. They cannot face the judgment. God will take the righteous home with him but the wicked will perish.

The 15th Psalm brings out more good things that the righteous do and abstain from.

April 28, 1963

GOD CARES FOR ME

Printed Portion Psalm 23; Psalm 46:1-6; 10, 11

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Memory Verse: Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10.

Practical Truth: We cannot see God's arms but they are always around those who love Him.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson is one of our favorite Psalms. There is a sermon in nearly every verse. David wrote this Psalm. He knew what a good shepherd was. He himself watched

over his father's sheep. God was with him and he killed a bear and lion and took the lamb from them. Oh, the security we feel as we trust in the Shepherd of all shepherds! The quietness and peace is great that floods the soul of those who permit the Lord to lead them in the pastures of His great love, and in the paths of righteousness.

We were lost in sin but God restored our soul to purity. And when we come down to the valley of the shadow of death, God will be there with us. We need not fear.

When we are in trouble, He will prepare a table for us. From that table we can take large servings from the dish of love, forgiveness, long-suffering, and peace. We can also drink of the cup of joy that overflows right in the presence of our enemies. God has everything the soul desires.

The next Psalm teaches us that God is our helper in time of need. He cares for us. We need not fear. God is in the midst of his church and the river of life is flowing from God. We need to be quiet and trust in the Lord for God is able to help us. —Sister Marie Miles

TESTIMONIES

Calif.—Bro. Fred Pruitt and workers at the Printshop, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am glad to be saved and to have known about this truth since I was about five or six years old. When I was a child and about ever since I can remember, the paper "Faith and Victory" has come to our house. It is through the paper that I learned of other saints, their trials and tests. The encouraging letters Sister Marie Miles wrote me and all the saints' prayers and encouraging words have helped me to come this far on my Christian journey. I am only 26 years of age, but have gone through quite a few things.

I was married in July, 1958, and afterwards my husband backslid. Then he would be up and down. He was called to draft service, but with prayers, God kept him out. Then I had trials which seemed to me more than I could bear, but it says in the Word, "When you have done all to stand, stand therefore." I knew that no matter how hard the trial was, God would never leave nor forsake me if I would be true. In all those trying times God helped me. I must not forget the sweet letter Sister Marie wrote to just hold on to God for my husband's salvation, and thank God, he kneels with me in prayer both night and morning. I am grateful that this home is a sweeter place to live in than it has been. I know God has changed things and I am waiting for a complete change. Pray for me.

Your sister, D. J. Stubblefield

Kansas—Dear Sister Marie, greetings to you in Jesus' name: I am yet saved and encouraged to live for the Lord.

I am sending in a testimony of the Lord's blessings to my little baby. I think she had the flu. She was sick off and on for about six days. She would hardly eat and could hardly keep anything on her stomach. She began to lose weight. I promised the Lord if He would heal her I would send in a testimony of His blessings. She is doing fine now.

I was working outdoors and it was cold. I felt like I was catching a cold, but I just prayed and asked the Lord to help me to stay well as I have seven children to care for. The Lord didn't let me catch a cold. I am surely thankful for this.

Sometime before this I thought I had the asthma. I was choking and could hardly breathe. I was sick all night as I found it difficult to breathe. I was so tired. Different ones came and prayed for me. The Lord burdened Brother Bowman to come and pray for me and he did, anointing me with oil. From that minute the Lord heard and answered prayer. The shortness of breath improved until it was gone completely. The cold in my throat loosened up. Pray for me. —B. J. Gracey

S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt: This is just a testimony to let you and the dear saints know I am still on the battlefield for my Lord. If I know anything about my life, I am trying to hold up the blood-stained banner for God, thanking and praising Him for His mercies to me.

I desire the prayers of all the saints to remember me and my companion. We desire more faith. I want that perfect love that casts out all fear. Please pray for us. A sister in Christ, —Mrs. Minnie Winter

New York—Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: I was happy when my sister in the Lord found this paper, "Faith and Victory." We always share good books and papers, and when I found it, it became a part of us. I was overjoyed. The reading is wonderful for growth and inspiration. Much can be used by our adult youth.

May God bless all the workers who are connected with the work of getting the gospel out.

I am a member of the Church of God congregation here in Brooklyn, N. Y. Pray for us here as we need your prayers.

Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. Alma Cody

Miss.—To the saints and readers of "Faith and Victory:" I notice that you will be observing your 40th anniversary. I want to say that I have received the paper for more than 30 years. It has been a real inspiration to me. I have known Bro. Pruitt for 30 years or more. I have never known any one that I had any more confidence in than I have Bro. Fred Pruitt. His faith in God and the sacrifices that he has made to keep the paper going have meant much to many.

I love the Lord and want to see the end with victory. —Novella Pugh

Alabama—I learned of Bro. Pruitt in 1931, and I subscribed for his paper. I never have met him, or any of his office help, but through his literature and a few business transactions I've learned and found him to be a man of pure spiritual principles, truthful, honest and firm in his stand against all wrong, but for all the virtues that constitute the Church of God.

—Sister Jones

Texas—Dear ones in Christ, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I received the "Faith and Victory" paper today, and have really enjoyed it. Thank the Lord for His love and keeping grace.

This is how I found the true church of God. My husband was talking of moving, and I prayed God to let us move close to some holiness people, for I was hungry and thirsty for holiness. We did not move, but a family that believed in holiness moved close to us. The woman gave me 20 of those tracts you print and send out. I wrote to Bro. Pruitt (I think the letter was dated April 11, 1941) and asked him if he could come and hold a meeting. He answered and said he couldn't, but he knew another preacher who could. He sent Bro. Cecil Carver

my letter and told him to write to me. I read the tract about the church and saw the true church before he came. Bro. Carver, his wife and children came and held the meeting.

I subscribed for the paper and have been getting it most of the time since then. Sister Evodna (Thurman) Marler gave me a lifetime subscription to the paper. I thank her and the good Lord.

In Christian love, —Sister Nellie Lovell

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Oregon—Dear Bro. Pruitt and readers, greetings of love in Jesus' precious name: It is more than six months since Albert (my son) was taken from us while he was working on the fishing boat off the coast of British Columbia. Three weeks before that Grace and the girls (Albert's wife and daughters) and I were in a Jeep wreck and Grace had two vertebrae in her back cracked and was picked up by some passersby who took her to the hospital before she regained consciousness. I regained consciousness before I arrived there in another car. We surely thank God that none of us were hurt except Grace, and the police took the girls and me home where I was able to take care of the girls and do the work that had to be done. We had no way to go after feed for the chickens and pigs or to get groceries, but every time anything was needed, someone came in time to help. Grace was kept in the hospital until she was able to sit up a little, and was just home a week when we got the message about Albert. That morning we were working in the garden, and the girls had gone back into the house. As I worked on alone, I had a very strong feeling that Bro. Nielsen was walking by my side. The feeling stayed with me until I went back into the house. A few hours later we got the word that Albert was missing from the boat and there was no hope of finding the body, although they were still continuing the search. The thought of "daddy" walking by my side in the garden was a source of strength and comfort to me at that time, giving me the assurance that God was with us in our trouble. We had no way to go anywhere as Grace, in her condition, was not able to drive and I did not know how to drive the truck with the extra gear. Albert had the car at the coast. The man who brought us the message took us back to town and kept us at their home until all our telephoning and telegrams were sent and all necessary business attended to. Grace tried to get in touch with Bro. Ostis Wilson and finally found him in Seattle where God had miraculously held him a day extra until he got our call. He came right up to our assistance. God surely had His hand over us then, as everything worked out in such a wonderful way for the next three weeks until we could come home where Grace could recover from her injury. They stayed with me till Nov. 1 and then went back to Kispiox, B. C.

At Christmas when I was in Calif. with my daughter, we were planning to go to Pacoima to the meeting right after Christmas, but we said we would not try to go in the fog, so I prayed for God to remove the fog. The day before we were to go, the fog partly cleared and the next morning it was clear in Oakland, where we were, and all the way to Pacoima. I surely do praise God for caring for us, not only in the big things, but also in the little things as well. What a mighty God we serve!

Your sister in Christ, —Hilda A. Nielsen

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La.—Greetings in the precious love and name of Jesus: The "Faith and Victory" paper was given to me by dear Sister Sadie (Orr) Harmon around 30 years ago and it helped me get light and understanding on the Bible.

Bro. Pruitt's articles have really been a help to me, especially on Revelation and I understand it better. I look forward to the paper each month. I am trying to circulate the paper here in Bogalusa.

This is short as my eyes are weak. My blood pressure went up and affected my eyes. Please pray for me.

May God bless your efforts and labors.

—Sister Lillie Miller

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—Mo. "If you both receive new gladness
As the noontime hours unfold;
If the glow of sunset finds you
Sharing memories dear and good,
It will mean that God has blessed you
Just the way I hoped He would."

—On a card from Bro. E. J. Evans

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Georgia—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus: I want you to know how much the "Faith and Victory" paper has meant to me. Words cannot express all of the wonderful things I feel about this work for God. I have been a reader of the paper for a long time. I am unable to say just how long. I loved it so much that I wanted others to know about this truth so I had it sent into different homes.

Bro. Pruitt and co-workers, I commend you for this work which you have done through these many years for God. I certainly do enjoy the wonderful doctrines I read. My soul has been lifted up many times with the full gospel truth. I have asked Bro. Pruitt questions and seemingly his task wasn't too hard nor his burden too heavy for him to take time out to answer every question I would ask him.

May God bless you, Bro. Pruitt, and your co-workers. When you've finished the work God planned for you to do, you will hear His welcome voice saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." —Sister P. R. Bowers

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Illinois—Brother Pruitt and all the workers, greetings in our dear Lord Jesus: It has been around 12 years that I have been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. Two sisters, Sister Bertha Gill and Sister Irene Selle told me they had a very good little paper. They brought me a few copies of the paper. It was the "Faith and Victory." I read them and saw at once it taught the truth. I had accepted this "evening light reformation" in Oct., 1909. In the fall after these sisters brought me my first copies of the paper, they sent it to me for three months. I was so delighted with the paper I renewed my subscription. I have not been without this paper since, and don't intend to ever be without it. It is next to my Bible. I had been with the Anderson movement from 1909, and knew when they were true. I had seen the work go down and my heart was grieved. To find again a people standing true to the truth of God's Word, I was overjoyed more than tongue can tell. I am back home to stay. Praise God!

I did not meet very many of the saints until five years ago last summer. I went to the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting. I met Bro. Pruitt there for the first time. I felt I was well acquainted with him. I always read the editorials in the "Faith and Victory" paper the first thing, when the paper comes.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us work for the Lord with all our strength. The time is short. Lift up your eyes. The harvest is ripe. Send the "Faith and Victory" paper to souls, pass out tracts, and call people on the phone.

Your saved and sanctified sister in Christ,

—Sister Lettie West