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# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

## Church of God Servant

At evening time  
it shall be light.

-ZACHARIAS 14:7

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.

-PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

Unto Him shall  
the gathering of  
the people be.

-GENESIS 49:10

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### AT REST FROM HIS LABORS

**FRED PRUITT**, first editor of "Faith and Victory" paper and associate founder of Faith Publishing House, passed rather suddenly to his eternal Home on Thursday, June 6, 1963. (See the obituary on page 8.)

### What It Means to Overcome

What does it mean to o'ercome?  
To say "Thy will, not mine, be done?"  
We must be cheerful all the day,  
Rejoicing always, come what may.  
Hide the pain and hide the tears  
Hide the sorrow and the fears,  
Outwardly to wear a smile  
Though heart be breaking all the while.

To help another up the road  
When we are bending 'neath a load.  
A brother's burden help to share  
When crushed beneath a load of care.  
When some one speaks an unkind word  
To act as though we had not heard.  
When loved ones hurt us, as they will,  
To keep on smiling and be still.

To be unmoved in storm and rain  
Let no one know we are under strain.  
While others think we have no care  
To spend our time in quiet prayer.  
Some day, when heart can stand no more,  
We'll wing our way to Heaven's shore,  
And there receive eternal gain  
For overcoming in His name.

—Laura T. Halsey

### The Sin of Rebellion

We read in 1 Sam. 15:23: "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." Saul had disobeyed God. In other words, he rebelled against the command of God to have his own way. Did you ever know of a time when people wanted their own way as today? I believe we are living in the most rebellious age the world has ever known. From little children up to all ages, they are rebellious. Children are rebelling against their parents, when the Word of God says, "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Eph. 6:1. But instead of obeying God's command they follow their own way. Many parents set the example before them.

Mothers and wives all over the land are rebelling against their God-given duties of the home, saying they "just don't like house-work and the children get on their nerves; they feel like a prisoner within four walls." So they go out and take a job, many of them, against their husbands' wishes, forsaking their children and home to have their liberty and own way. Yet the Word of God says, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord." Eph. 5:22. "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands that the word of God be not blasphemed." Titus 2:4, 5.

Husbands likewise are rebelling against God and their duties of providing for the home, forgetting the vows they made to each other and before God and man. Eph. 5:25, 31, "Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh." Homes are broken. Instead of love, the home is filled with rebellion. There would never be a divorce if rebellion did not

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get into the heart. The dear children are neglected, and grow up without the training they should have, with no respect for the rules of home, schools, or the laws of the land, but rebel against authority of any kind. Crime is increasing day by day, all because of rebellion and the hardness of hearts. It is a sad picture indeed!

Many whose hearts were once tender and easily touched by the Word of God, today have little respect for it, because they have rebelled and wanted their own way, instead of God's way. Many say they can't live it, when in reality they have let a little rebellion into the heart.

The text compares rebellion to witchcraft. Why? Because it is so deceiving. Many have been deceived by witchcraft or fortune-tellers of our land making them believe they will receive great riches or honor and success, when it turns out the opposite. Satan deceives souls by making them think they can have their own way instead of taking God's Word and His way. They will be disappointed just like the one who believed the fortune-teller. Rebellion is the opposite of submission.

Dear reader, is it hard for you to obey God's Word on every line? Or do you want your way in some things? Satan will deceive you and make you think you don't have to be so careful to follow all the Word. We read in Deut. 5:29, "O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep ALL my commandments ALWAYS, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" Oh, the blessings of submitting to God and His precious Word! But many fail to receive the blessings of the Lord by their rebellious attitude of heart.

Many rebel against the ministers who teach the Word, but we read in Heb. 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not grief; for that is unprofitable for you." Many refuse to take instruction, but take their own way. They become heady, highminded, exalted in themselves, lose their first love, become empty, critical of God's people and fault-finders, all because they let a little rebellion creep into their hearts. Surely, it is unprofitable for their souls.

Jesus is our perfect example, and He submitted Himself to His Father even though the cup was bitter, because He loved us so. Then He says to us, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." It may be hard to measure to all the Word sometimes, but if we will go again and pray to God with a submissive heart, He will strengthen us and we can say, "Thy will be done." Then what joy we receive! If a misunderstanding arises, submit to your brother and to God. 1 Pet. 5:5, "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea ALL of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

Under the law it was the death penalty to refuse to obey the commands (Joshua 1:18). Today it will bring to us spiritual death if we refuse to obey God's Word to all the light we have. But if we yield our hearts to God, the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth.

Let us be followers of God as "dear children" and let not the sin of rebellion keep us out of heaven.

—Ruby E. Stover

## The Better Church of God Under The New Testament

There are two great errors advanced in the ecclesiastical world in regard to the church question. One is that God had no organized church under the Old Testament, and the other is that Jesus Christ has not organized a new church under the New Testament, but has merely improved the church of Moses and extended it into the Gentile world.

I begin with Matt. 16:18: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus here represents himself as an organizer of a church; he plainly says, "I will build my church;" we would, therefore, be ignoring his words to say that he did not build a church.

We will turn next to the epistle unto the Hebrews: "And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; but Christ as a son over his own house, whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope, firm unto the end." Heb. 3:5, 6. The two churches, that of the Old Testament and that of the New, are here spoken of in the figure of two houses. The Old Testament church is represented as the house of Moses, and that of the New Testament as the house of Christ. Moses is said to have been faithful as a servant of God in his house, and Christ is said to be faithful as a Son of God in his house. Christ's house or church, according to this text must be greater than Moses' church, inasmuch as the son is greater than the servant. That the term "house" in this text signifies a church is evident from Paul's first epistle to Timothy, in which he says the house of God is "the church of the living God." 1 Tim. 3:15. He is speaking here of Christ's house, and if Christ's house is the church of the New Testament, Moses' house must have been the church of the Old Testament.

We will notice the nature of Christ's church in comparison with the church of Moses. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 2:5. Christ's church is here denominated a spiritual house; Moses' church was not a spiritual house, but merely of a secular nature; it was constituted by a literal nation of flesh and blood, while Jesus' church is constituted by a spiritual nation who are saved by grace—the general body of true Christians. Paul defined the New Test

ament church as follows: "And have put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church which is his body." Again, in Col. 1:24 he says, "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." These texts make the body of Christ and the church identical. This is the only universal signification the word church has in the New Testament. The body of Christ is composed of all the true members of Christ; hence we have in these scriptures a proof of my assertion that the church is constituted by all those who are saved by grace.

We have seen that Moses' church was a secular arrangement and had therefore literal doors by which men entered into it, and a literal door through which men passed out of it. So likewise we shall now see that inasmuch as Christ's church is of a spiritual nature, it has a spiritual door of admission into it and a spiritual door of expulsion from it.

The door of admission into Christ's church is explained in 1 Cor. 12:13, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." The one body mentioned here is the one body of Christ, which I have before shown to be the church of the New Testament. The baptism of the Spirit which makes us members of the church of Christ, is the same experience that is elsewhere in the New Testament denominated the birth of the Spirit. This is the only door through which men may enter the New Testament church. Natural birth made men members of the Jewish church, but a spiritual birth is required to make us members of the Christian church.

Let us now compare the door of excommunication from the New Testament church with the door of excommunication from the Old Testament church. Since natural birth made the Jews members of the Old Testament church, they were bound to retain their church membership as long as natural life continued, regardless of the multitude or heinousness of the sins they might commit; hence the only door through which a member of the Jewish church could have been expelled was that of natural death. Therefore none but those who committed capital sins could have been legally excommunicated, their excommunications having consisted of a stoning to death or execution by some other means. As spiritual birth is the door into the church of the New Testament, those who have been born of the Spirit retain their church membership as long as they retain their spiritual life. They can only retain their spiritual life so long as they refrain from committing sin, because we are told that "sin, when it is finished [committed] bringeth forth death." James 1:15.

As only natural death ended membership in the Old Testament church, and every member of the Jewish nation, no matter how wicked, continued in the church until death, the Jewish church was an unholy church. But not so with the church of the

New Testament. Since spiritual death ends our membership in the church of Christ, and it is brought about by a single sin against God, no human being with the condemnation of sin upon his soul can ever possess a membership in the New Testament church; hence it must be a holy church.

As the church of the Old Testament was merely human, or secular, in its nature, it was but a union of the bodies of the people, and with the death of its members it ceased to exist; but the New Testament church being spiritual in its nature binds together the souls of men into a perfect unity in Christ; hence we read of the members of the New Testament church that they are "of one heart and one soul." Acts 4:32. Physical death does not affect our membership in Christ's church, but we continue in it the same after death. God's church upon earth in the new dispensation is the same in its nature as his church in heaven, or in other words it is the same church that has come down from heaven. Well could the apostle Paul speak of "the whole family in heaven and earth." Eph. 3:15.

The government of the New Testament church, like its organization, is spiritual and divine. The officers are all appointed by God through the Holy Spirit. See 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11; Acts 13:1-3; 20-28. The discipline of Christ's church is the New Testament; it is the only book of government that has been given by the Founder of the church; hence it is to be granted that he has not intended that we should have another, and I feel safe in saying that none who possess a membership in Christ's church alone will ever need another.

—W. G. Schell

#### MEETING REPORT FROM ORLAND, CALIF.

Dear Saints in light: We want to report our meeting of March 17th to April 13th held in Orland, Calif. It was wonderfully blessed of God.

We did not send for a minister or ministers, or set a date for closing. We left all this in the Master's hands.

Bro. R. Floyd Wilson of Yuba City, Calif. was led of God to assist in the meeting. The blessings of God rested upon him as he preached the Word with power under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Souls were convicted, and work at the altar of prayer followed. Three were saved and others received help. Since the meeting closed two others were sanctified.

Bro. Wilson has been preaching the gospel for many years, with God blessing his labors as he walked in all the light that fell on his pathway. When more light came he gladly took his stand for all the "Evening Light" truths and fled the ruins of Babylon for his life.

Pray for the work in Orland.

H. P. and Agnes Huskey

#### A NOTE OF THANKS

On the 2nd day of June, 1963 I was surprised and made happy by receiving a nice shower of birthday cards and letters and gifts. As each one came I prayed God to bless the sender with double joys, making each one happy as they had made me. Please accept my thanks.

—Sister Fred Pruitt

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**EDITORIALS**

There will be no "Faith and Victory" paper issued for the month of August as is our usual custom. The workers in the printing plant have need of a change from the continual operation of the printing machinery and have the time to attend the campmeetings in July and August. However there will be some of us here at the office all the time to take care of the mail, and to wrap and mail out the orders for tracts, books and papers. We shall also send out the rolls of Sunday School lessons for the month of August.

We certainly do appreciate the good Christian printshop workers whom the Lord has sent to help get the gospel to men by the printed page. The Lord does not fail to take care of His work and the Lord's Print Shop has been a very busy place all winter and this spring. Besides the regular work of printing the "Faith and Victory" paper each month and the many tracts to keep in stock, He has also enabled us to print a number of books which were written by some of the early ministers of this "evening light" truth which we all love. Truly, the truth of God's Word is still marching on and will shine brighter and more perfectly as we near the end of time and the Lord's coming. It will be flashing from east to west and from north to south, and will shine more and more unto the perfect day. Bless His name!



Our thoughts this morning are upon the prophecy of the prophets and upon Christ, His work and His Kingdom. In Exodus 19:6 we read what God said to the Hebrew nation through Moses: "And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation. . . ." In Luke 16:16 we read, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." The law and its rites were a shadow of the good things which we have in Christ. Now the kingdom of God is preached. The prophets prophesied of the good works that Jesus would do for us and of the sacrifice that He would make to bring us unto God.

In Matt. 5:17 we read the words of Jesus, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." In the next verse he makes it plain that one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled. According to the words of Christ all the foreshadowing of the law and all the prophecies of the prophets would be fulfilled in Christ or in this gospel dispensation. None of them were to reach beyond the destruction of the earth which will be burned up at His coming. 2 Peter 3:10.

Let us turn now and see what the prophets have to say about the great and mighty work that Jesus

was to do for all mankind when He came into the world. The first prophecy we will notice is found in Genesis 49:10 and it reads thus, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh [Christ] come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." The sceptre is an emblem of sovereign authority. The Jewish nation had a house, temple or tabernacle where God, their Sovereign Ruler, met with them and the law of Moses was read or rehearsed. The Word says that He would not depart from them until Shiloh come. According to the words of Christ, the Sovereign Ruler did not depart from the Jewish nation until they crucified Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said unto them, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." In Matt. 8:12 we read what Jesus says, "But the children of the kingdom [Jewish people] shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Listen to what Jesus says to the Jews in His day, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

While the Jewish nation was in favor with God He met with them in their house or temple at Jerusalem and that was a heavenly place for them, but since they crucified Christ, their house was left unto them desolate, for God ceased to meet with them there. Since Christ has come and by His blood sacrifice has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel of salvation for our souls, we are made new creatures in Christ—old things of the law nature have passed away, and behold, all things are become new. The Jewish economy and their literal worship in a literal house, which is termed their heaven, all passed away and now we have a new heaven in our souls which is Christ in us, the hope of Glory. We read about this in Acts 7:47, "But Solomon built him an house. Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, heaven is my throne and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hands made all these things?" In John 4:23, Jesus said to the woman at the well, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Thus we learn from these scriptures that God is not confined to any literal house that man has built, but every one that is born again from above is His child and He inhabits him. All the born-again ones are His children, his wife, his temple, his family, his house, the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth and they become an habitation of God through the Spirit. In Eph. 2:21, we read, "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Jesus did not patch up the law (Mark 21:22, 23) or the Jewish worship in

the temple built at Jerusalem, but now we worship in New Jerusalem, a spiritual house not made with hands. Read in 1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Let us see what the prophet says about this new house, new city, new temple or New Jerusalem which Jesus has built together as a spiritual people whom He inhabits. In the 28th chapter of Genesis we read about the dream that Jacob had concerning the house of God. He saw a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. The Lord stood above it, and said, "I am the God of Abraham, thy father, and the God of Isaac." When Jacob awakened out of his sleep he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not." He said "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Jacob got a vision of the new house of God that was to be set up on the earth by Christ Jesus. The ladder could represent Christ, and as we grow in grace and knowledge we climb up in Him to heaven. The angels could be ministering spirits ministering to the children of God who are His household of faith living in the earth. In Isaiah 2:3 we find these words, "Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob." In the 9th chapter of Isaiah and the 6th verse we read of a child being born and a son given and "the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Let us turn to the New Testament and see where the Lord brought these prophecies to pass. In Matt. 1:21 we read, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." In Luke 1:30 we read, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob [His saved children] for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." In Hebrews 3:6 we learn that we who are saved are the house of the Lord. Also read 1 Timothy 3:15. Let us read Luke 16:16, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." In Luke 12:32 we read, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." In Romans 14:17 we read, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink [literal things]; but righteousness, and peace,

and joy in the Holy Ghost." Thanks be unto God who gives us victory over Satan and makes us able to reign with Him in this life in His kingdom.

—Fred Pruitt, Editor

The above editorial and the missionary exhortation on page 13 are the last writings for the paper of our beloved father and editor.

Truly, the family and the staff of co-workers are indeed saddened, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. Perhaps even now we do not fully realize the loss we have sustained in the great battle against sin and Satan, but there is in our hearts a lively hope and bright anticipation of meeting him again with all the faithful of the ages around the eternal throne of God.

At the close of that warm June day when my father was so suddenly taken from us, I returned to my home from the office about 10 p.m. I was there alone in my grief, my wife, Maybelle, having gone on the previous Monday to the bedside of her mother in San Bernardino, Calif. where she had suffered a stroke. (Please pray for her and all the family in this trial of affliction.) As I lifted my heart to the Lord in prayer, I asked Him to give me a special scripture for my comfort and consolation. As I opened my Bible this is the first verse that came to my view: "I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." II Sam. 22:4. This was David's song of thanksgiving after he was delivered out of the hand of Saul, and this is the text I am resting upon. In calling on the Lord I am fully convinced there is a solution and a way to meet with victory every problem of life.

My father's desire and request was that my sister, Mrs. Anna Marie Miles, and myself should assume and continue the operation of this publishing work after his passing in accordance with the original aims and purposes for which it was established. Over the years he has communicated these policies to us.

Not only was this his request, but also the Lord has especially burdened each of us to labor for Him in this capacity. In obedience to this call we have been directly engaged in the work for a number of years. As a lad of 13 years I learned to operate the Linotype machine in this publishing work and helped most of the time in the shop until 1934 when I took a job as a printer-operator in a local commercial printing plant and resigned from that position in 1958. Since then I have been engaged in this gospel printing work.

Some 36 years ago, in 1927, this writer as a boy of 16 years, was definitely converted at an old-fashioned campmeeting of the Church of God in Oklahoma City. Then and there I counted the cost, paid the price and made a decision to follow the Lord the remainder of my life. Later I sought and obtained the experience of sanctification, dedicating my life to the leadings of the Spirit of God. Up to this moment my faith has not failed, though tried many times, and the anchor holds firm to the solid Rock. Through all these years we have been intensely interested and closely connected with this gospel printing work which my father, mother and co-laborers were engaged in, and have aided in its advancement and progress in every way possible.

Now we believe that the Lord will help us in the much greater responsibility that has fallen upon us. By the special help and leadings of the Holy Spirit, and the earnest prayers of the saints we will endeavor to continue to proclaim the great truths of the Bible which brought forth this precious "evening light" reformation, free from compromise or fanaticism. To this end we so-

licit the earnest prayers and co-operation of the Church at large.

Our father left no written will, nor an earthly inheritance to his children, but did leave the greatest heritage—a godly life—that a parent could leave to his child. He did not need a will, as he had already placed what the Lord had given him into God's work. No real or personal property remained in his name excepting a little personal money in the total amount of \$50.56. Aside from this sum and a few small offerings received for this occasion, the funeral expenses will be paid from the funds of Faith Pub. House as the Lord supplies.

Mother Nettie Pruitt, his wife, and the six children of Fred Pruitt, who are his legal heirs, have willingly signed an agreement releasing the Faith Pub. House from any liability in the matter of the estate of Fred Pruitt since this is a non-profit religious institution, and all of them definitely expressed the desire that this work be carried on in the same manner and for the same purposes as it has in the past, according to our father's wishes.

In life our father and mother lived plain and simple lives in harmony with the teachings of God's Word, not wasting the Lord's money in extravagance. Likewise, to be consistent with their lives they desired that in death and burial this simplicity of Christ would be expressed. Their wishes were carried out. Their caskets were plain, but adequate for the occasion. The Lord's money was not "buried" in vaults and other unnecessary items. They are not in the grave, but there lies merely the houses in which they lived, and soon all will return to the dust from whence it came.

Yours in His service,

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

Words cannot express the love and appreciation we have for the children of God who have been so precious to stand by us in this time of sorrow. At times it seemed my heart would break but then the echo of words spoken directly to me, and over the phone, and those written in letters helped me to look up to God and He would ease the hurt and again I could see God's hand working and I could view my father's going as he did. He has talked to me in the last couple of years about his going as any person would talk about the trip they intended to take. He made me feel that this trip was to be the most glorious trip he would ever take. He instructed me about what he wanted done in this work which was so close to his heart. He knew the burden I had for it and he and Lawrence and I prayed together often about its progress in reaching more souls.

When I was still small, I sat at a table and folded tracts by hand as we did not have a tract folder in those days. As I grew older I learned to operate some of the machinery. When I was a child it was just work that had to be done to me but when I was older and was saved, a burden fell upon me to help others. Many times I would fold tracts, wrap papers, fill orders and pray the Lord to make that particular tract, booklet or paper a blessing to some soul. I helped here in the office until my marriage at the age of 22 years. Before I married I traveled in the gospel work with my father and we were in close communion with each other. When my husband asked for me, he told Carl that he could hardly give me up but felt it would only be selfishness to want to keep me from him. For 18 years I lived in California after marriage. During those years I learned many things. At the time I did not know that the Lord was preparing me for this work. I had some hard things to endure that has helped me to understand those who have troubles.



In October, 1954 I came to Guthrie and cared for my precious mother for two weeks before she was called to her reward. I returned to California with a burden upon my heart. I left my bereaved father who told me with tears that he did not know how he could carry on this printing work alone. He needed a man and his wife to move in here with him but who would that be? I requested prayer at the chapel in Pomona where I was pastor at that time, that God would fill the vacancy made here in the printing work, as I wanted to see it continue unhindered. One day in prayer the Lord made me know He wanted me to come here and help. What a mountain stood between me and a move to this place! The saints in Pomona didn't want me to leave them when I told them of my burden. Some, with tears, just told me they felt that surely someone else would come. Some in California wrote me that I was needed there more than here. But God had laid the burden and the mountain to be moved was His. After much prayer I was much surprised to find that my husband was somewhat favorable. He had a good job with seniority. Some at work plainly told him he was making a big mistake but God's big hand was in it all. My teen-age boys were willing. When I wrote my father about it he wrote me that God had answered prayer in a greater way than he ever expected. Soon our furniture was sold, our home redecorated and rented and we were on our way. The call to come was so definite and so plain. God had worked a miracle to bring me here. I have had some hard things to face because I was willing to be in this work and be in the front of the battle for God and I would be afraid to ever leave here until God makes it very plain to me. The burden is heavy upon my heart to see that souls still have a chance to read the plain gospel story that goes out through the literature from this place. So much false literature is dumped on the reading public that we must see that the Truth is sent forth. Dear ones, pray for me, my brother and the dear workers here that we ever keep that burden for souls upon us. Some might feel that we do not ever have any battles with the enemy here. But dear ones, the devil does not want truth to go forth and he would like to stop the flow of truth from here. But by the grace of God and your prayers we intend to work on until we, too, can lay down our armor as my precious father longed to do many times. God has made plain His will concerning me at this time and that is to help keep this work going until He makes me know differently. I feel that as God has definitely led me in the past, He will continue to do so in the future.

My father was here in the office and he told Lawrence that he had had a hurting in his chest for the past two days and he thought he would go down to his house and rest. Lawrence came into the press room and told me. As I started down to see about him, my nephew came running in and told me that Mother Nettie, my father's wife, was calling for me. I hurried down and my father was having a heart attack but we did not know at that time just exactly what the trouble was. We called Bro. and Sr. Stover, our pastor, to come. We and the workers prayed and he soon got relief. Later he got up and took the mail to town around five o'clock. Later in the evening he had another attack. The Lord again heard prayer. I stayed with him most of the night. He rested fairly well. Around nine o'clock the next morning on Thursday, June 6, he had another one and he asked us to pray the Lord to take him out of the suffering. We couldn't seem to realize he was so near the end. But at 10:45 he was gone to His Saviour, whom he loved so dearly. We could hardly believe it. But that is the way he wanted to go. He had told me many times that he

wanted to go quickly as he was keeping ready to go at any time. Lately he has talked much of heaven and that he was anxious to go there.

The next morning after he was gone I opened my Bible and it fell open to 1 Chron. 28:9. This verse I had underlined some time ago. It was like my father speaking to me. "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong and do it." Oh, how my heart was strengthened as I thought of the great responsibility that had fallen upon my brother and me. That responsibility is too big for us but we are serving the same God my father did, and if we keep serving him with a "perfect heart" and "a willing mind," he "will be found" of us.

I have been here working with my father now almost nine years. We had appointments nearly every Sunday at other towns in places where the saints did not have a pastor but did have a place of worship. I had been driving the car and taking him, his wife and others to these places. We would have two services and the Lord blessed us together in our labors for God. Many times I would ask him to tell me if I preached anything that would not be just as God's Word taught it because I valued the revelation that God had given him on the Word. Yet the same Holy Spirit was revealing the same word of truth to me. Our spiritual life together has been precious.

As I came into the office this morning rather early the tears flowed, as I didn't see my father here as he always was. We miss him and it seems we will miss him even more as the days bring the realization more and more that we will not see him again in this life, but thank God, we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

The flowers were beautiful that so many dear ones had sent to help ease the heartache. The cards with wonderful verses and written words of comfort were precious. We do not feel that we are able to answer individually each one, so please accept these few words as an answer. You have helped us so much! We appreciate all those who came from far and near to speak a word of comfort. We are grateful to those who were close and brought food and have done so much. May God bless and reward all of you.

It helped so much to have my brother and sister from California and my brother from Arizona to come and be with us three children here in our sorrow.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

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## OBITUARIES

Mallie Fields, brother of Sister A. F. Baldrige, was born Nov. 15, 1900, born again 1962. He departed this life on May 16, 1963, and received a crown of eternal life. He had resided at his sister's home for over five years. His testimony was that he was ready; that there was nothing in his way.

I had the privilege of instructing him in the things of God and he enjoyed listening to the Word. I had also one real sympathetic neighbor who visited and did what she could.

—Sister A. F. Baldrige

Hazel Leona House, the second daughter of Sandy and Amelia Allen, was born June 20, 1895 at Imo, Okla. She was converted in her youth.

In 1923 she met and married Willie Anthony House. To this union eight children were born. In her later years she heard and accepted the truth and was affiliated with the Church of God. About a year ago her health began to fail and since she was not able to carry on her usual activities she spent part of her time at home on the farm and part with her son and daughter-in-law in Oklahoma City. On June 3rd, 1963 the death angel bore her spirit away.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Willie House of the home, three sons, Allen Anthony of Okla. City, Arnold Leo of Gary, Ind., Jessie Oliver of Las Cruces, New Mexico, five daughters, Mrs. John Ella Clark, Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Fleda Jean Brown, Wilma Agnes Perry of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Venus Viola Thomson, Gary, Ind., Vida Audine House, Akron Ohio.

Funeral services were held June 9th in Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Crescent, Okla. Bro. Ulysses Phillips and others officiated. "Blessed be the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Fred Pruitt, son of Harrison and Mary (Burroughs) Pruitt, was born October 4, 1881 at San Antonio, Texas, and departed this life at his home in Guthrie on June 6, 1963 at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 2 days.

On April 9, 1906, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Balla at Walnut, Kansas. To this union ten children were born, four of whom died in infancy.

The year of their marriage in 1906 they moved from Kansas to a homestead in the Territory of New Mexico, northwest of Clovis.



In the year of 1915 he heard the gospel message of this "evening light" truth for the first time at the school house near his homestead. He believed the message and was definitely converted, becoming a new creature in Christ. Very soon after, he was sanctified, baptized, and heard and obeyed God's call to the ministry. Feeling the need of more fully giving himself to the work of the Lord, he left the farm and eventually moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 1918 and engaged in the preaching and printing of the gospel. This cause became the foremost purpose in his life, to which he gave all his time, talents, and possessions. To this call he remained faithful to the end, covering a period of 47 years in the ministry of the Word.

Forty years ago, in 1923, he, with a few close associates, began the publication of the "Faith and Victory" paper, continuing as editor and active manager of the publishing work until his passing.

On October 11, 1954, his wife, Mary Ann, mother of his children, preceded him to that eternal Home.

On March 3, 1956 he was united in marriage to Sister Nettie Sample.

He leaves to mourn their loss: his wife, Nettie, of the home address; six children: Andrew J., Fresno, California, Lawrence D., Guthrie, Mrs. Anna Marie Miles, Guthrie, Mrs. Mary Lola Embly, Chino, Calif., Mrs. Frances Edna Murphey, Guthrie, and Frank Edward, Phoenix, Arizona, 16 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren besides many other relatives, friends, and saints.

The funeral service for Bro. Fred Pruitt, our long-time fellow-minister, was held in the Church of God chapel 6th and W. Warner, Guthrie, Okla. on Monday, 2:30 p. m. June 10, 1963, with a very large gathering of friends, neighbors, and saints from several states, who came to pay their last respects to our dear brother. More than thirty-five ministers were present.

"A mighty tree has fallen; a mighty stream has ceased to flow." A number of the ministers spoke thus in giving tribute to our fellow-minister of their love and labor in the gospel work together.

Bro. Sam Barton read Psalm 27 and spoke of his association over the years with the departed. Bro. O. B. Wilson read 2 Timothy 4:1-6 and related a number of personal experiences and glimpses into the life of the deceased when they traveled and labored together in the gospel work. He felt, as a young minister, that after his first trip with Bro. Pruitt, his ministry had greatly expanded. The undersigned, Bro. Ira D. Stover, brought a message on "A Life Spent for God," using the texts in St. John 5:31-36; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Acts 20:17-24.

The first call was to go and preach the gospel—the glorious gospel of the Kingdom of God. Bro. Pruitt faithfully preached the gospel in many states, being responsible through God in bringing many souls to the Lord, also seeing many go on to perfection and receiving the glorious experience of sanctification. Numbers have expressed that his life had been an influence in helping them get established in the faith of God. Bro. Pruitt was pastor of the Guthrie congregation for many years, while also sending forth the gospel by the printed page.

Again he heard the call to send forth the message of truth on all lines through the press as well as the pulpit. He labored untiringly for souls, his chief interest in life. The three texts of scripture used perfectly convey the thought of a life spent for God—a call to labor and obedience to that call. The second and last call is the appearing at the end of our life's span with all our work finished, ready to receive the Lord's announcement of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The third scripture, Rev. 14:12, 13: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." This denotes our final and eternal rest from all our labor and the fruits of "a life spent for God" still remaining with them in Glory.

Dear ministers, fellow-laborers, and saints of God, let us take up the task and burden for souls our brother has laid down and carry the torch on to a final victory, closing the ranks and uniting our forces in love and humility for a valiant soldier of the cross has laid down the armor and gone to receive the reward for the faithful. Let us follow the Captain of our salvation who is leading this battle for truth and right to a final victory.

Bro. Ulysses Phillips closed the service at graveside. The body was laid to rest in Summit View Cemetery at Guthrie by the side of his wife, Sister Mary Ann Pruitt, to await the general resurrection.

—By Ira D. Stover, Guthrie Pastor

#### Just A Word of Thanks

Our hearts have been touched with grief, but also touched with kindness. Please know, everyone who reads these lines, and has helped in any way to soften our grief by your words of comfort, your floral offerings, and your gifts, that we appreciate it greatly.

—From the Pruitt family, by Sister Fred Pruitt

May Francis Blackwell, daughter of Cornelius and Mayetta Hall, was born Sept. 24, 1897 in Eastman, Ga. She departed this life on May 6, 1963 at her home in Bakersfield at the age of 65 years, 4 months and 18 days. She was united in holy matrimony to John K. Blackwell on February 22, 1916 at Chandler, Okla. To this union 8 children were born, 2 boys and 6 girls. One daughter preceded her in death. She also reared 6 nieces and 4 grandchildren.

In 1921 she heard the teaching of the Church of God Evening Light Saints and readily accepted it and was saved. From that time forward, for over 40 years, she endeavored to live a constant Christian life. In 1939 she was ordained a deaconess of the Church of God, also held the office of treasurer. She served faithfully in these capacities until her Home-going.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, John K. Blackwell of the home; 2 sons, Grant, Bakersfield, and Willard, Los Angeles; 5 daughters, Mrs. Maryetta Pierro, Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Henrietta Francisco, Mrs. Hazel Davis, Mrs. Bernice Jackson and Mrs. Janice Herring, all of Bakersfield; 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 34 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Saints Chapel, Bakersfield, with Bro. I. C. Chandler officiating, assisted by Bro. Z. E. Francisco, Bro. A. E. Harmon, and others. She was laid to rest in Union Cemetery, Bakersfield.

—Hazel Davis

The family of Sister Francis Blackwell wishes to thank each and everyone for the love and kindness shown to them during their recent bereavement.

Ida M. Stonecypher, born Feb. 17, 1879 in Indiana, passed away May 28, 1963. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Blanche Hutchison, Garden Grove, Calif., 3 sons, Herschell, Hastings, Neb., Cecil, Tallahassee, Fla., William, Glendon, Ore., 1 brother, 10 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Sis. Stonecypher loved the Lord until death. She attended services regularly since 1944 in Pomona, as long as health permitted.

Bro. Stonecypher preceded her in death in 1959. Funeral services were conducted by LaVern Manuel.

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## Campmeeting Notices

**GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING** at Hammond, La.—June 28-July 7.

**JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING** — Dates on June 28-July 7.

**HOFFMAN, OKLA. CAMPMEETING**—June 28-July 7.

### GREEN PASTURES, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting at Green Pastures, Okla. will be held July 5 to July 14, 1963. Please pray for the success of the meeting. All are welcome to come.

—Bro. E. W. Sanders, Pastor

### CHURCH OF GOD NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, July 19 through 28th inclusive, 1963, on the Saints' camp ground at Monark Springs, Missouri, which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo. on Highway 86.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting to come and enjoy this wonderful gathering of God's children where we will be able to feast upon the precious Word of God and lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise unto Him. Let us urge everyone to attend this meeting, for surely we are nearing the end of time. Should you have a spiritual need, whether salvation from sin, sanctification as a second definite work of grace in purifying the heart, or healing for the body, COME, expecting to receive a real blessing and to be a blessing to those about you.

We are expecting God to send His Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to preach the truth of His precious Word. Then if we walk in the light as He is in the light we will have fellowship one with another.

Those coming by bus or train will find it necessary after arriving in Neosho, to either take a taxi-cab to the camp ground or phone the camp ground asking for some of the saints to come and get you. The telephone is through the Granby, Mo. exchange and the number is GRover 2-4217.

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

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each, and steel cots including mattress for \$1.00. Space in dormitories, \$2.50, which includes steel cot with mattress. Those who can, should bring bedding, as the nights will be cool, especially if we have rain. Those desiring tents or spaces in dormitories should send their orders AT ONCE to the undersigned.

We appreciated the help Bro. Merrill Williamson and son, Murray Don, gave us last year. Lord willing, they will be on hand to help locate people in their tents again this year.

Bro. Amos Porter will be the custodian on the camp-ground during the meeting.

For further information, please write to: Ralph M. Beisley, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kan as.

### OKLAHOMA STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, beginning Aug. 2 to 11th at Sixth and West Warner, Guthrie, Okla. We are looking forward to another gathering together of the children of God in these parts.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Send contributions or donations to Bro. M. A. Davis, Rt. 4, Guthrie, Okla. Come praying for a good meeting and lost souls.

Bro. Ira D. Stover, Pastor

### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. CAMP MEETING

The camp meeting at Bakersfield, Calif. will be held, Lord willing, from August 2 to 11, 1963, at the Church of God chapel located at 501 South Brown St.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting to come expecting to receive a blessing and to be a blessing to others. The expenses of the meeting will be met through free-will offerings and contributions. Meals will be served in the dining hall on the grounds and sleeping quarters will be provided for all who come.

For further information, contact A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" St., Bakersfield, phone FAirview 7-0444, or Evgandis Gaines, 330 Augusta, Bakersfield, phone FAirview 3-1181, or I. C. Chandler, Pastor, 415-11th St., Bakersfield, phone 325-6752.

### MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING

The 14th annual Missouri State Campmeeting of the Church of God at Myrtle, Mo. will be held, the Lord willing, on August 16 through 25, 1963.

We extend a hearty welcome to everyone to attend this meeting and enjoy the good Word of God.

Those coming to camp on the grounds should bring pillows, sheets, and covering if possible, as the nights might be quite cool. The meeting will be run on free-will offerings.

Those coming by bus or train should come to Thayer, Mo. or Pochontas, Ark. and call Bro. Alsie Sorrell, phone WE 8-2482, or Bro. Earl Sorrell, phone WE 8-2322, and some one will come and get you.

For further information please write or call the above saints at Myrtle, Mo.

### BOLEY, OKLA. CAMP MEETING

The annual Church of God campmeeting at Boley, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, from Aug. 16 to 25, 1963.

We desire the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers of His choosing.

For further information, contact Sister Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Box 108, Boley, Okla.

### THE CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The California State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, on the saints' camp ground located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California (a suburb of Los Angeles) beginning August 23, and continuing through September 1, 1963.

Pacoima is in the northwest part of Los Angeles near the town of San Fernando. Highway 99 passes through Pacoima just about a half mile southwest of the camp ground. Those coming out from Los Angeles on U. S. 99 turn to the right at Osborne St. and those coming from the north through San Fernando turn to the left at Osborne St. At the "Y" where Osborne St. curves to the left, continue straight ahead on Osborne Place to the entrance gate of the camp ground.

If you have difficulty finding the way as some do or if you arrive by bus or train, call Phone 369-3608 and you can be instructed or picked up at the station as the case may be. Those who come from the north by bus

should get off at San Fernando as that is near the camp ground.

We are expecting the Lord to be present in this meeting to perform His works and wonders among His people as it has been done in the past—to save penitent sinners from their sins, to sanctify believers who will consecrate their lives to Him, to heal the sick who will obey and believe Him, to anoint for divine worship, to inspire His ministry with messages from Him, to reveal light and truth to earnest, honest souls and to guide our feet in the ways of peace.

God's Spirit-filled ministers will be present to preach God's Word in its fullness, to instruct, teach, counsel, and pray with those who need help from God.

We invite everyone who has needs for soul or body and all who love God and His ways and all who can do good or get good to attend this meeting.

Let us all be praying for a real victorious meeting from first to last all the way through and we urge all who possibly can to be here for the first service and stay through for the last service. That is the way to have a better camp meeting.

Until then, yours for the progressive interest of the Kingdom of God and the welfare of souls.

—Ostis B. Wilson

#### DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Lord willing, the Dover, Okla. Camp Meeting will run through August 30 to September 8, 1963.

A hearty welcome is extended to all lovers of the truth, and to any who desire to get saved. Dover is on Highway 81. To reach the camp ground, go one mile north and two and one-half miles east of Dover. Those coming by bus and desiring to be met in town, find out the time your bus will arrive in Dover and notify us in time. Send contributions or donations to Henry Caldwell or Ulysses Phillips, Rt. 1, Dover, Okla. Pray for the success of the meeting.

#### Special Prayer Requests

Urgent prayer is requested for the salvation of an individual who is trying to break up a home and for the companion who is being wrongly influenced.

Please pray earnestly for the complete healing of Bro. Ralph Wilkins of Kalamazoo, Mich. who has an ulcer of the stomach, a nervous condition and is unable to work. He is trusting the Lord fully.

Flora Ruth Pugh of Louin, Miss. desires fervent prayer for the healing of a serious heart condition which she has had for many years, also for her weak eyes. She also requests prayer for her sister's healing.

David Barnes needs salvation and healing. He chokes at times when he eats.

Sister Mary Whipple is very seriously afflicted and suffers greatly.

Bro. Sam Barton needs a touch of healing to his body. Also the ministers in general need special strength in body to carry on God's work.

Bro. Lloyd Dollins of Springfield, Mo. has been very sick. Pray earnestly for his healing and for financial needs. His wife is not able to work outside the home since he needs her care. When he was able he was active

in the work of the Lord. Address: Lloyd Dollins, 1825 N. Oak Grove, Springfield, Mo.

Mother Lycenia Miles (will be 82 years old July 10th) had a stroke and other afflictions set in. She is a firm believer in trusting God completely. God has worked miracles in her body many times. Please pray for her.

Please pray earnestly for the healing of my husband who has high blood pressure and his legs swell.

—Sister Edna Blacksher

Orland, Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints, May the God of glory be your strength and your present help in every time of need. We are rejoicing because of the wonderful results of fasting and prayer for J. C. Miles of our congregation. The Lord wonderfully answered prayer. This boy was very sorely afflicted but now from all appearances he is healed. We give God all the glory. We want all the dear saints who remembered him to know that we greatly appreciate your agreement with us and we are encouraged to send in another request that the day of July 9 (Tuesday) be set aside for fasting and prayer for our Sister Ruth Rudd. She has an awful sore on her head that appears to be cancer. This has been developing for many years. And now she has inward trouble with her ear, throat and nose; no doubt caused from the cancer or whatever it is. We feel that this will soon prove fatal unless God undertakes. Do be agreed with us in fasting and prayer for her complete healing on this fast day.

Your brother,

—H. P. Huskey

#### TESTIMONIES

##### JESUS CHRIST HEALS TODAY

Colo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Co-workers: I hope this letter finds everyone well, and in good health. I have thought about sending in my testimony to the paper for some time, as I thought it would be to the glory of God.

In January, 1962 my right eye began to bother me. I was unsaved then, and didn't trust the Lord. I began going to doctors to see about it, and took treatment for it. But it continued to get worse. I had an ulcer on my eye pupil which finally dried up and left a scar which the doctor told me was permanent. In April the eye specialist told me there was nothing else he could do to my eye, and that there wasn't a chance of it ever getting clear again. In June the Lord saved me at home. The weight of my problems seemed to crush me down until I didn't have anywhere to turn but to the Lord. I started praying for the Lord to heal my eye, but it continued to get worse. By the last of July it was so bad I had to quit my good job and take another job where I could get by with the sight from only one eye. I couldn't see more than two or three feet in front of me, and the light hurt my eye constantly. I wore a bandage over it and the pupil was milky-looking. Then in Sept. Bro. Murphy Allen was holding a meeting in Guthrie, Okla. where we were living at that time. I was impressed to get him and Bro. Pruitt to pray for me. The devil really tried to hinder me from doing it, because I had already been prayed for at campmeeting for healing. But I was going by James 5:14, 15, and Hebrews 10:23. They anointed me and prayed the prayer of faith. From there on I took it by faith. My first test came the next morning. I hadn't been able to work without a patch, because I couldn't stand the light, but

Jesus said, "Step out by faith," so I did, and my eye didn't hurt all day long, which was truly a miracle. I never wore another patch, and my eye continued to get better until I could get my old job back, and I witnessed to my boss, and all at the plant what God had done. It was a long fight of faith, but I never once gave up my complete healing, although I was sorely tried. At this writing, June 1, 1963, my eye is nearly as good as the other eye and doesn't bother me any more.

I'm in my C. O. work now in Denver and would appreciate hearing from any of the saints. I'm encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I can never thank the Lord enough for what he has done for me.

Pray for me. Christian love, —Tommy Melot

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Dear Children of God everywhere: I feel I would like to testify to the goodness of the Lord to me and tell how he healed my body recently. I am glad I ever learned to trust the Lord for the healing of my body. I count it a great privilege. I am glad I don't have to take the medicines offered by man. Some are surprised when I tell them that I have never taken even an aspirin in my life.

I had the flu and was very sick. The Lord was very precious to me and touched my body, but while I had the flu I also had an attack of kidney stones. Oh, I suffered one night at times with my side so much, but the Lord helped me again and again during the night. By morning He took away the pain and it was wonderful how He blessed me in my body. Later I had another attack, but this time the kidney stone lodged in the passage. Not only did I have pain, but it also made me quite nervous. I could feel it all the time. I kept praying and looking to the Lord and after a week I felt impressed to be anointed and prayed for on Sunday night at meeting. I did not get instant healing but just kept claiming my healing. I knew that "by faith I was healed." I had obeyed His Word. From that time on, I never had any more severe pain. I just knew the Lord was dissolving it. Someone told me I should drink a lot of lemon juice to dissolve it. I think I drank some twice. I would never think of it. I was looking directly to God and nothing else.

Four days after I was anointed and prayed for, I told my husband that the stone was bothering me that evening but I had not noticed it much at all through the day, but added that I was expecting the Lord to completely dissolve it. By mentioning it, I was afraid I might waver a little, though I believed in my heart that God would definitely dissolve it. My husband told me that if I did what I had planned to do the next day that I would surely be suffering the next evening. But, dear ones, I carried out my plans and was very busy and on my feet most of the day but I never even felt that stone. I don't really know when it was completely taken away. I never even thought about it all day until that evening when I felt tired and then I thought of what my husband had said, and then I thought, "Well, thank the Lord, it's all gone!" Oh, it's wonderful how the Lord helps us and comes to our rescue. That has been nearly two weeks ago and I haven't had one bit of trouble since. **Praise the Lord!** I surely want to exalt and praise the precious name of Jesus because through His name we receive every blessing that comes our way in this life.

—Sister Marie Miles

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: I am still saved and much encouraged to live for the Lord. Truly, He is good to His children.

I want to tell how the dear Lord has blessed me in my body. Before I wrote for an anointed handkerchief, this affliction on my body would cause me much pain often. It seemed as though I could hardly stand it, but the dear Lord came to my rescue, and He touched my body. To Him I give all the praise. What a mighty God we serve! I just thank the dear Lord for His wonderful blessing.

I am living to all that I know and understand and I desire the prayers of the saints that I grow stronger in the Lord and do the thing that He would have for me to do. I thank all the saints for their prayers in my behalf.

Your saved sister in Christ, —Sr. Fannie Taylor

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Baby Mary John fast asleep after the incident, the mother raising her right hand to God in praise.

**Miraculous Event:** While the whole congregation, numbering well over 437 were silent listening to the pastor S. U. Akpan preaching, something happened. A young mother came in with her baby girl of about five months old, in a state of suspended animation. According to her story which was given with bated breath, she was coming to join us. She was, she said, at the mercy of her cyclist who was coming slowly down a steep hill, preceding a narrow bridge. Then all of a sudden, she told us, the bicycle's brakes failed and they ran amuck. Still frenzied, this woman went on to say that the next thing she knew she was holding this "dead child." (Apparently they fell and the cyclist sustained very bad bodily injuries; how the child fell, none can tell, and

though she had no external wounds, she didn't breathe when I felt her nose and mouth; every movement of hers simply ceased.)

The Nigerian overseer, Bro. B. U. Etuk, sitting and sweating profusely, then got up and took the child in his hands, knelt down and prayed. His loud voice was drowned by those of the congregation who were later returned to order. His loud voice rang through the building and the next thing we all heard was the cry of baby Mary John, the "dead" child. Everyone was so excited that many shed tears of joy. Mary was handed over to her mother midst shouts of "God with us," "our God is good!" "hallelujah, praise His name!" It took awhile to calm down. It was a scene that not many will forget soon.

—F. F. Ekpo, Field Secretary

By Editor Fred Pruitt:—The above testimony is taken from the month of May report of the meetings and doings of the Church of God operating in the State of Nigeria, West Africa with Bro. B. U. Etuk as overseer of the work. God is blessing in the work there and souls are being added to the Church.

These dear people are hungry for the true Gospel of Christ and a door is opened there for effective missionary work. We are praying that God will send one or two missionaries to that great field which is ripe to harvest. We are asking God for missionary money for these dear workers over there, and also that we can have money to bear the expenses of missionaries called of God to go into that field. Surely, God has a missionary or two qualified and ready to go.

We pray that this need may sound loudly in the ears of many who are somewhat living at ease in this country. Read about it in the third chapter of Revelation concerning the Laodicean church which the Lord was about to spew out of his mouth. Every child of God should possess a warm heart of divine love to obey the Lord and to give in a sacrificing way and thereby be a useful vessel in the hand of God. The Lord Jesus Christ tells us that one soul is worth more than all the world and that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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### TESTIMONY

Oregon—Dear Saints everywhere: greetings of love in the blessed name of Jesus. I do love Him this morning with all my heart and thank Him for His wonderful blessings and healing to me. Oh, the love and concern for me and the many prayers offered in my behalf will never be forgotten. How I do thank God for His precious children. Dear Sister Spaur was always so kind and understanding. Her advice and counsel were such an encouragement to me when the days looked so dark. There were many sleepless nights and my strength seemingly was gone. It seemed that I was very near a complete breakdown. It was comforting to me to know that God knew what I was going through. I would cling to those precious promises in His word. The saints at Jefferson would come to my home, pray for me and do my housework. It's wonderful to see and know the love God's people have for each other. I can't really express here on paper what I feel in my heart. Praise His blessed name. I do want to draw nearer to Him and always be what He would have me be.

Remember us all here in Oregon and thank you for your prayers for me.

Your sister, —Ruby (Wishon) Hutchinson

The history of the Church's progress is the history of prayer.



Bro. Wayne Turner

The above photograph of Bro. Wayne Turner, age 27 years, was taken April 7, 1963 at the parish jail at Amite, La. where last year he received a definite experience of Bible salvation after hearing the gospel message. His account of his wonderful conversion has blessed many people far and near. (His testimony in tract form is available at this Office.)

The court granted a request that he be baptized. Accordingly, on April 24, 1963, with the saints from Hammond and Loranger, La. in attendance, Bro. Pinkerton baptized Bro. Turner near Loranger in a pond on the land of Byron and Clarice Pruitt, my son and daughter-in-law. It was a very touching as well as a joyous occasion. The Lord's presence witnessed to this scene of baptism by immersion.

Recently Bro. Turner's case came before the State Supreme Court, and it affirmed the decision and sentence of the lower court that he should die for the crime of murder. Subsequently, on May 17th, he was transferred to the State prison at Angola, La. where he is confined in a small cell. Up to this writing he has been allowed very few visitors.

My son, Byron and his wife, who have been in close contact with Bro. Turner at the parish jail for about a year, requested on the phone that the saints pray that arrangements can be made with the officials so they and others will be privileged to contact him again personally and by letter. (Those who have written to him and not received an answer are informed that it is because he is not allowed to correspond with any except a very limited number approved by the officials.)

No date has been set for his execution. The final decision will rest with the Louisiana Governor and the recommendation of the Pardon and Parole Board.



Let us heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul: "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body." Heb. 13:3. Our opinion is that he is in a very excellent position to render a great service to society if he were granted his freedom. Pray that fervent prayer for Bro. Turner—that God's will and purpose will be performed in his life, whether by life or by death. The Lord knows best, and Bro. Turner is saying in his heart, "Lord, not my will, but Thine be done!"

—Lawrence Pruitt.

#### OBITUARIES—(Continued from Page 9)

Paul Timmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Timmons, was born March 24, 1916, in Meridian, Okla. He was called to rest May 29, 1963 at Okla. City. He was married to Lillie Mae Lefford on Dec. 31, 1939. In 1956 he was saved in the Church of God and served faithfully until the end.

Bro. Timmons leaves to mourn his passing: a wife, Lillie Mae; son, Billie; 2 grandchildren, 3 sisters, 3 brothers, and a host of others relatives, friends and saints. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Herman Kelly, assisted by Bros. James Lewis and E. W. Sanders. Interment was in the Jordan Cemetery, Meridian, Okla.

#### THE LORD CALLS, "WHO WILL GO FOR ME?"

The evangelistic tent and equipment are still idle, waiting for gospel workers to respond to the great need in the wide open fields of harvest for souls. According to Bro. Ralph Beisley, secretary-treasurer of the National Missionary Fund, no one has contacted him about using this equipment which is at his home at 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas. O ye gospel workers, what will be your feelings when the words are spoken, "The harvest is past, and the summer is ended?"

#### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Ones, greetings to all: we wish to take this opportunity to thank you every one for your prayers and love offerings sent to us to make it possible that we could get a new car to go forth to spread the truth of God's Word in new and isolated places. Each of you will have a part in this great work, as we are all laborers together with God. 1 Cor. 3:9.

Now words fail us to know how to express our thankfulness to you. We do appreciate the efforts that have been put forth in our behalf in both prayers and in sacrifices. We do need your continued prayers that our path be directed and that we prove faithful to God in all we undertake to do.

In His service, —Darius and Evelyn Gibson  
Rt. 3, Seymour, Missouri

#### Thoughts on Marriage and Home

Marriage is an institution founded by God upon the constitution of man.

A man may be alone and yet be good, but it is not good for him to be alone.

The importance of entertaining sound views of the sanctity of marriage can not well be exaggerated.

The uniting of man and woman in marriage is not only the uniting of two creatures, but also of two spirits. God intended it to influence and help the soul.

Christ attended a wedding, and it would be a great thing if there would be only such weddings as He would attend.

We have seen some homes that were a Bethel, and we have seen others that were a Babel.

As truly as the flower needs the light of the sun that it may bloom into beauty, so the inmates of the home need the love and sympathy of one another that they might reach true manhood and womanhood.

One time I heard a neighbor say to his wife, on leaving for his daily work in the morning, "I hope you will have kind words for me when I come home."

To be greeted with kind words when coming into the home, to behold a look of gladness and a smile of welcome beams upon the soul like a bit of heaven.

The great art of married life is to hold and increase the love that has already been won. Husband and wife should be growing into the affections of each other with the years.

A wife was asked by another, how she managed to manage her husband. She replied, "I manage him by not managing him." There is a secret here. When two get to trying to manage each other they get to be unmanageable.

The arithmetic of married life is to increase joys by sharing them and lessen troubles by dividing them.

—By C. E. Orr from "The Path of Life"

#### BIBLE STUDY

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July 7, 1963

#### GOD IN ACTION

Printed Portion ..... Genesis 1:1-13

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and the darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering-together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding after his



kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

**Memory Verse:** Has thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. Isaiah 40:28.

**Practical Truth:** We do not need to figure out how it happened but just believe that God spoke and it came to pass.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We are going to study for a while in the book of Genesis. It is a great book. We read in it the origin of the heavens, earth, plants, animal life and man. The first words are, "In the beginning God. . ." If we believe these words then we believe the whole book. We notice in the second verse it says "the Spirit." Then in John 1:1 it says "In the beginning was the Word [Word was made flesh, the Son of God. John 1:14] and the Word was with God." "Without him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:3). God, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Word which became Jesus Christ, were all there in the beginning working as the Trinity in creating the world.

Translators now agree that the word "firmament" in Gen. 1:6 really tried to indicate an unfathomable space in the Hebrew language. (Ar. Com.)

Notice how orderly the story of the beginning takes place. The dry land was prepared before vegetations were called forth. The vegetation was ready for the lower animals when they were made, etc. God in action is so great and wonderful that it is hard to take it all in. A deep reverence and holy awe fills our hearts and minds for God. His creation is perfect. Everything continues on as God commanded it, but man. Today man is trying to overthrow faith in God's creating power.

July 14, 1963

### IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Printed Portion ..... Genesis 1:26-31, 2:1-7, 21-23

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

**Memory Verse:** What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Psalms 8:4, 5.

**Central Thought:** Man became the image of God when He "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living soul."

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Man today tries to get away from God. He tries to live his own life and shun any desire for God or any dependence upon him. He won't acknowledge him nor look to him, yet the very breath he draws is given to him of God. Man was made out of God's dust. He breathed life into man. He was made in God's own image. God has a claim on man whether he acknowledges it or not. Whether man wants to or not, he will have to give an account to God for all he has done while in this life.

God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul." God gave him a part of Himself. Adam was pure as God is pure and holy. As God is eternal and will live forever, so the soul that He put in man that day will live forever. As God worked so he caused man to desire to work and make things out of the things God gave him. As God is over all the world and all mankind, so man is over the things that are in the world as far as God allows him. As man needs companionship, so God wants love and fellowship. That is his reason for creating man. Man is morally like God.

God is holy, omniscient, eternal, creative, sovereign, and craves fellowship. Man was created holy, intelligent, immortal, industrious, charged with responsibility, and needs companionship. Surely there is God's image in man. It is Jesus Christ who has fully revealed to us the "express image of his person [God]."

Adam needed companionship so God put him to sleep and from close to his heart and the center of his affections and love, a rib was taken and a woman was made. She was to be by his side. He was to love her as himself. All that God made was perfect.

July 21, 1963

### REBELLION AGAINST GOD

Printed Portion ..... Genesis 3:1-10, 15, 22-24

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

**Memory Verse:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:6.

**Practical Truth:** "You can't do wrong and get by."

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

So far everything had been perfect. God had made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve and had given them one commandment. By giving them this commandment and by them keeping it, He knew that they loved Him and wanted to do His will. There was a penalty given if they disobeyed this commandment. But a spirit came to them speaking through the serpent and beguiled Eve into disobeying God's commandment. His subtle attack was not only against Adam and Eve to bring them under his control but was also against God. He pictured God as being unkind and unreasonable and withholding something good from them. Eve fell for this and yielded to temptation. He worked through the "lust of the flesh," "the lust of the eye" and "the pride of life." (1 John 3:15). Compare this to the temptation of Jesus in Matt. 4:1-11. Eve took of the fruit and gave to Adam and he ate. Sin caused them to want to hide from God. They made themselves garments of fig leaves and fled to the depths of the garden to hide from God.

In verse 15 we find a promise that God would give them a spiritual garment, the robe of righteousness to cover their sin. It would come from the "seed of the woman," who was Jesus Christ. "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21). Through

Jesus Christ today we have access to the Tree of Life and as long as we eat of that fruit we will live forever. But first we have to go through the flaming sword which is by the Word of God. (Heb. 4:12).

July 28, 1963

#### WHERE IS THY BROTHER?

Printed Portion ..... Genesis 4:1-10

Gen. 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

**Memory Verse:** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22:37, 39.

**Practical Truth:** We must learn to love others as God loves them. God is not willing that any perish.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Sin had entered into the hearts of Adam and Eve. We read in Gen. 5:3 that Adam "begat a son in his own likeness after his image." His children were born with a disposition toward evil within them. It was easier for them to sin now than to do good. We also notice in our lesson that God will not let sin go unpunished, yet we note that he is quick to show mercy. Yet, if mercy is not accepted, judgment will fall even if it is delayed.

Two offerings were offered to God. The one was accepted, the other not. God would only accept a blood offering because that is a type of Jesus' blood that was shed for the remission of sins.

Cain was full of hatred. God tried to get Cain to control himself by talking to him. He told him that sin was at his door. Sin is like a lion, ready to spring in if the door is left open. It seems that Cain opened the door of his heart wide to jealousy, hatred, and then murder. Sin grew in the world until God was grieved that he had ever made man. He decided to destroy all mankind except righteous Noah and his family. But we find that after the flood, man continued to be evil. We are sure in this day and age God is grieved and it won't be long until he will destroy the world and everything by fire. We need to be ready.

—Mrs. Marie Miles