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### The Church of God



Church of God, thou spotless virgin,  
Church of Christ for whom He died,  
Thou hast known no human founder,  
Jesus bought thee for His bride.

Sanctified by God the Father,  
Built by Jesus Christ, the Son,  
Tempered by the Holy Spirit,  
Like the Holy Three in One.

God Himself has set the members  
In His body all complete,  
Organized by Jesus only—  
Oh, the union pure and sweet!

Church of God, the angels marvel  
At the music of thy song;  
Earth and hell in terror tremble,  
As thy army moves along.

Church of God, "beloved city,"  
Thou art of celestial mold;  
Lo! from God and out of heaven,  
Came the city of pure gold.

Stones of jasper, clear as crystal  
Is the building of thy wall;  
And the Lamb, thy light forever—  
Jesus, Jesus, all in all.

God's own holiness within thee,  
His own beauty on thy brow;  
Glorified in His own image—  
This thy wondrous portion now.

In thee dwells the Triune fullness,  
Blessing all thy pilgrim days;  
All around thee His salvation,  
And before thee gates of praise.

Church of God, in heaven written;  
Thine the risen life of Christ,  
And the treasures to thee given,  
Never, never can be priced.

Far above this world's confusion,  
Walking close by Jesus' side,  
Leaning on His loving bosom,  
Is the Church, His chosen Bride.

—D. S. Warner

### Christ and The Church



Jesus Christ declared in A. D. 32, "... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it [singular]" Matt. 16:18. Christ is the foundation of His church. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11. Read Eph. 2:20-22. During his earthly ministry Jesus gathered material for His church, and on the day of Pentecost in A. D. 33 after His ascension that body of believers was sanctified, endued with the witnessing power of the Holy Spirit and set in operation as the spiritual Body of Christ—the organic, visible, corporate expression of Christianity.

The church is invincible, and it is the only institution in this world that will survive the end of all things. It is of divine, heavenly origin, and it will be consummated when the Lord comes to take her unto Himself as "a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle."

The prominence of the church in the Scriptures is shown by the fact that the word "church" or "churches" occurs one hundred and eleven times in the New Testament, but the singular and plural forms of the word never refer to a sect or a denomination. The church is the whole of the same faith—not a part of or a cut off portion. The plural form "churches" refers to the various congregations of the one and the same church which Jesus built. In a universal sense the church is Biblically defined to include every redeemed, blood-washed soul—the whole family of God "in heaven and earth." (Eph. 3:15.) It includes

all the saved and excludes all the sinners, regardless of the profession. Every member of the church universal is potentially a member of any local congregation of God.

The name of the church is "the Church of God." The Apostle Paul exhorted the elders of Ephesus: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28). Read 1 Cor. 1:2; 10:32; 11:22; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5, 15.

The Apostle Paul declared: "I speak concerning Christ and the church." Eph. 5:32. The church is identical with Christ and is the physical expression of His Spirit in the world. "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 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. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Eph. 5:30-32. Again we read that "all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ." 1 Cor. 12:12.

Christ is the vine and we are the branches (John 15:1-5), and the same energy and vitality flows from the vine to the branches.

Christ is the head of His body and we are the members (Eph. 1:22, 23; 4:15, 16), and the same lifeblood flows through the head and the members.

Christ is the Bridegroom, and we are His bride. "They two shall be one flesh—Christ and the church." Again the apostle writes: "That ye should be married to another, even to him [Christ] who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Romans 7:4.

Members are inducted into the one Body of Christ—the Church—by obtaining salvation. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. Christ is the door. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9.

Members who sin are out of the church. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Ex. 32:33

The members of the church live without committing sin. "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." (1 John 3:6). Read 1 John 5:18; Titus 2:11, 12; Luke 1:74, 75.

The church register is kept by the Lord in heaven, called "the book of life." "The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there." (Psa. 87:6). Read Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3.

The discipline of the church is the New Testament. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Tim. 3:16.

Listen and heed Christ's loving entreaty as He stands outside your heart's door: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. The

invitation is extended: "And the Spirit and the bride [church] say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17.

—L. D. Pruitt

## The Church—True and False

The Church of God is a pure, spotless virgin. She is of heavenly birth. She came out from God and bears His image upon her. She is decked with rich ornaments from His treasure-house. She is robed in garments of light. Her brow is as fair as the morning, and her cheeks are as comely as the rose. In her reflection of God's holiness she is as fair as the moon; in her shining splendor of purity she is as clear as the sun; in her flowing white robes of heaven's purity she strikes terror to the hearts of evil men. O mortal man, we announce to you, on authority from heaven, that she is the pure, spotless, holy bride of the Son of God. She is pure enough for Him to take into His bosom.

Satan has robbed an harlot, donned her with a garment of (false) light, branded her "Church of God" and put her out upon the world. Outwardly she looks like an angel of light, and her ministers like ministers of righteousness. She is arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold, pearls, precious stones, and has a golden cup in her hands. (Rev. 17:4). Inwardly she is full of the abominations and filthiness of her fornication. The pure Church of God has no more affinity with her than Jesus has with the devil. As rays of light pass through miles of atmosphere laden with dust, dirt and life-destroying germs untainted, so God's pure saints pass through this corrupt, sin-cursed world as pure as the breath of an angel. Nothing earthly—silver, gold, diamonds, pearls—could make them pure. Their holiness is too rare and costly to be purchased by anything of earth.

"What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me pure within?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Saints of the Most High have gone to the cross, and passed through the transforming tomb with Jesus, leaving their grave-clothes behind them; they have walked with the Son of God through the seven-times heated furnace where they were loosened from every earthly tie; they have gone with Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration and been molded into His image; they have ascended in a chariot of fire; into the kingdom of God and sit with the Savior in an heavenly place. They are not of the world even as Jesus was not of the world. John 17:16.

—C. E. Orr

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## A Still Small Voice

When the sinner becomes fully awakened to his condition, a feeling of alarm arises; a serious meditation takes place as the words of the gospel ring in his ears: "What is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?" Luke 9:25. The pleasures of earth vanish away like a vapor before the burning rays of the sun, as the scene is presented to him in the light of eternity. Then is when life is considered as vanity, and worldly show and worldly wisdom a light matter, and swept away as chaff before the wind.

As he looks out into the dark chasm of hopeless despair into which his pathway leads, every sign-board seems to point to perdition as his doom. Many, as they stood and faced this great precipice of despair lost all hope and plunged into the depths of sin to drown their misery, but upon the brink, and as hope was lost amid the dark and gloomy surroundings, have put an end to life, only to meet their doom in eternity in a far worse state of affairs among the ceaseless wailings of the lost. To put an end to life here on earth because of trouble and sorrow does not bring deliverance from such, but brings the sting of death upon the soul, which is far more to be feared than the deadly touch of the adder or the asp; and the step can never be recalled, nor the sting removed after death has severed the thread of life and the spirit has taken its flight from the body.

While some rush heedless into the jaws of death, purposely, fearless and bold, others are accidentally hurled into eternity without a moment's warning. Alas! their doom is sealed.

I have stood by the cold, lifeless form of a once bright young man, who, a few hours before was in the bloom of health. On his face was depicted the words, "sorrow, disappointment." In his pocket was a letter written before the suicidal ball was spent, and there were the same words penned with his own hand, with these words also to his friends: "Meet me in heaven." Then taking the murderous weapon ended his life only to meet his doom and read words that cannot be erased throughout the ceaseless ages, "disappointed." Imagine his horror and astonishment to find that he had no inheritance in heaven, but was banished from the presence of God to abide his wrath forevermore.

I have lifted the dying form of the aged as the last breath of life was taking its departure from one who was hurled into eternity, by a runaway team while he was under the curse of rum, and death found him with gray locks and a heart stained with sin, unprepared to meet his God.

I have lifted the lacerated form from the railway track of one in the prime of life, as death was closing the scene here on earth to unroll the scroll and sketch a scene beyond this vale of tears.

But we turn again to the brink of this awful chasm where sin has widened the gulf between the wandering transgressor and God. See him as he has been rushing down the dark way now, almost hope-

lessly groping along in the darkness of despair. Hark! Listen to that voice behind you, O despairing one; hear the words: "This is the way, walk ye in it." Isa. 30:19. But he says, Could that mean me? Yes; it means you. When you turn to the right, or to the left, that voice says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." It is a voice from heaven pointing out the way for the salvation of your soul. What will you do?

At this point is where the faint rays of hope appear, yet all in the spiritual sky is darkness. Satan whispers: "It is too late with you; there is no mercy now, and to reform is impossible; all hope has fled away." But that sweet voice continues and not only points out the way, but says, "Look and live." "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." The sinner says, "I cannot come; I am lost and undone, bound by fetters from which there is no deliverance; all is darkness around me."

Could the poor, discouraged, sin-burdened heart, when awakened to his condition, only realize how willing Jesus is to lend a helping hand in time of trouble, there would be a sudden change of affairs. But he must turn from the ways of sin and take an upward road, instead of the one leading downward.

The one who expects to be delivered from the bondage of sin must first forsake his sins, repent, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with all the heart. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and unto our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:6, 7. "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:19.

These scriptures and blessed promises ought to be enough to encourage the most degraded sinner to turn from the ways of sin, even if there was nothing else. —E. E. Byrum, in "The Secret of Salvation"

## PRISON PHYSICIAN WARNS ABOUT IMMODESTY

Dr. Luchtenstein, physician of Tombs Prison in New York City, said recently, "The so-called crimes of passion are increasing alarmingly, and will continue to do so in my opinion until the principal cause is eliminated. This, it seems to me, is the present style of dress which, to say the least, is immodest. Immodest dress has a direct bearing on crime incitation, no matter how innocent the wearer may be."

This observation comes from an official who has worked with 170,000 prisoners in 12 years of penal experience.

Shame caused Adam and Eve to cover themselves with fig leaves. God not only endorsed the idea of wearing clothing, but He also gave them better clothes—the skins of animals. All through the Bible nakedness in public is condemned, and modesty is commended.

Dr. Luchtenstein's warning probably will not have very much effect on unbelievers; but we hope that professors of Christianity will take heed and not become a stumbling block to others in the realm of dress. —Sel.

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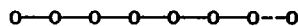
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Fifty years ago, in 1915, my father, Fred Pruitt, answered the Lord's call to the ministry. About 45 years he was also engaged in the printing and distribution of gospel literature, beginning the "Faith and Victory" paper in 1923. He was faithful and active in the pulpit and literature ministry right up until his passing in June, 1963 in his 82nd year. My devoted mother, Mary Ann, faithfully assisted him in the gospel work until her departure to be with the Lord in October, 1954. Our parents have left us a rich heritage of untold wealth, not in any earthly treasures, but in the shining examples of their holy, sacrificial and dedicated lives to the great cause of Christ. A voice from heaven declares: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

More than 40 years ago in the first issue of this paper my father wrote editorially: "The fact that Satan uses the printed page to deceive and sidetrack souls is a good sign that it can be used mightily of God for good. As far as we know the mind and will of God, this paper will be devoted to the upbuilding of God's people wherever they are and whoever they may be, 'for in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.'" Then, as always, this paper is still published in the interest of God's people who compose the one and only true Church of God in this "evening time." It stands committed to the teachings and practices of the thirty years of the "evening light" Reformation prior to 1910, and open for more or additional light, but not the "new light" which eclipses or hides the truth which brought forth this precious reformation.

Through the leadings of the Lord over a number of years, my sister, A. Marie Miles, and I have been especially burdened to carry on this gospel publishing work in which our parents were faithful until God called them from labor to reward. This is being accomplished only through the continued blessings of the Lord and co-operation of many saints scattered abroad, and especially the group of faithful Christian co-workers who are actively helping us in all departments to print and mail out the gospel literature. They have come voluntarily in answer to the Lord's call without a promise from us of remuneration. No one connected with the publishing work receives more than a nominal allowance. We all labor as "unto the Lord." Yet we can set up our "Ebenezer" and testify that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The present full-time co-workers are: Lillian Meek, Sharon Watkins, Roberta Melot, Clifford and Dorothy Wilson, and their son, Eddie, besides a number of other saints who help us part-time and when there is extra work to do. It is a pleasure to work with this group dedicated to the service of God, and we appreciate every one. May God bless and reward them abundantly for their sacrificial labors in His great cause. The prophet Daniel reminds us: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

The publishing work is supported mainly through free-will offerings, as the present small subscription price (35c per year) does not pay the cost of producing it. Then through the Free Literature Fund thousands of papers, tracts and books are printed and mailed out free of charge. A few days ago we mailed 800 copies of the February issue of the enlarged Spanish paper, "La Luz de Esperanza" (The Light of Hope), edited by Bro. Clifford Smith of Los Angeles, to California to be distributed freely by the missionaries at the various mission stations in Mexico. Just today (Feb. 15) 5,000 tracts printed in the Efik language were mailed to the mission in Nigeria, West Africa for free distribution. Where prices on literature are quoted, they do not cover all the costs, so this is primarily and essentially a faith work with the aim to carry the gospel to "every creature" in obedience to the Great Commission which Jesus gave to His Church. A Missionary Fund is also maintained here at the office to aid our readers in relaying missionary offerings to home and foreign missionaries.

The reformation in this "evening time" is really a restoration movement, bringing back to the people the truths and practices which prevailed in the morning Church of the first century. Over the years God has given more light and understanding on His Word. In the early 1940's the Scriptural position of the saints in regard to non-participation in military training and service was more clearly set forth and defined in accordance with the example and precepts of the Prince of Peace.

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God, held annually at Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo., was

started in 1938, and the attendance and interest has been increasing ever since. The Lord willing, the campmeeting will be held this summer on July 23 to Aug. 1. You are cordially invited to attend this national gathering of God's people.

Bro. Ira Stover, pastor of the congregation here at Guthrie, Okla., has been ill for some weeks and on the verge of a nervous breakdown. It was felt that they should be away for a while. Accordingly, Bro. and Sister Stover left by auto on Feb. 8 with Bro. Lawrence Taylor driving their car to a desert spot in Arizona. Let all the saints agree with us in prayer that God will give Bro. Stover a definite healing touch, deliver him from all his afflictions, and grant that both of them will be able to return soon refreshed in soul and body.

Just off the press is the first reprint edition of the book, "The Secret of Salvation—How to Get It and How to Keep it," by E. E. Byrum, first published in 1896. It deals with the complete plan of salvation, how to get and keep the victory over sin and Satan, and also sets forth the truth on divine physical healing. It consists of 264 pages, bound in a heavy paper cover. You should secure several copies—one for yourself and others to loan or give to your neighbors. Send your order NOW! Price, 75c per copy, or three copies for \$2.00, postpaid.

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Under consideration is the reprinting of more out-of-print books which were written by the pioneers of this Reformation. Those truths are still essential today for a clean and progressive work for God. Among those considered for reprinting (if the Lord opens the way) are: "The Pilot's Voice" by Isabel Byrum, "The Man of His Counsel" by Effie Williams, "The Birth of a Reformation" by A. L. Byers, and "Bible Readings for Home and Fireside" by Speck and Riggle. We would like to have an expression from our readers as to their interest in this matter, and would appreciate your comments pro and con on these tentative plans.

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## OBITUARIES

Mary Elizabeth Cox, daughter of John and Sarah Cox, was born in Kansas on December 1, 1889 and moved with her parents to St. James, Mo. in 1900. She passed away in Rolla, Mo., just past her 75th birthday on Jan. 28, 1965.

In 1910 she was united in marriage to Ernest Engle of St. James, Mo. and to this union six children were born. Two children preceded her in death.

Sister Engle was converted at the age of 24 into the Church of God. She bore her suffering with patience and did a lot of praying. Sister Engle often asked for prayer when her pain was more than she could bear alone. She often spoke of going Home and talked to others of their getting everything ready. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Sister Engle is survived by her husband, Ernest Engle of Rolla, Mo.; two daughters, Mary James of Tipton, Mo. and Ruby O'Conner of Villa Ridge, Mo.; two sons, Lloyd of Cuba, Mo. and Charles of Maplewood, Mo.; two sisters and two brothers, eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, a host of other friends and relatives.

Funeral services were conducted in the Glenn Funeral Home by Sister Margaret Eck. Her body was laid to rest in the Kender Cemetery, Cuba, Mo. Texts used: Eccl. 1:4 and 1 Kings 2:2, 3.

Sister Lillie Bell Stevenson, born to Jenkin and Neece Johnson in Arkansas on February 23, 1912, passed away on Jan. 22, 1965 to her home of peace and rest.

In December, 1937, she was united in marriage to Leslie Stevenson, to whom she was a faithful, loving and devoted wife.

In 1946 she met the saints and embraced the truth of the Church of God. Sister Stevenson was a godly woman whose greatest determination was to obey the Lord. She received great consolation from reading her

Bible, praying and singing her favorite song, "When I Get to the End of the Way." For several years she had been afflicted, and through her extreme suffering she remained patient, cheerful and trusting God to the end.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Leslie Stevenson; two daughters, Betty Jean Gracey, Wichita, Kansas and Annie Mae McGregor, Pasadena, Calif., ten grandchildren, ten brothers, three sisters, a host of other relatives, friends and saints.

The funeral services were held at the Church of God chapel, 3rd and Phillips Sts., Okla. City, conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. Archie Souder and Bro. Sanders. Interment at Childsville Cemetery, Boley, Oklahoma.

## Prayer Requests

Mo.—Dear Saints abroad: Greetings in Jesus' name! We are encouraged to press the battle on and see the end of a Christian life. We are still endeavoring to hold up the standard. God has been very good to us. We are thankful for His many blessings. We do want to show our appreciation by living for Him.

Dear saints, let us all look up, for our redemption draweth nigh. If we will be faithful to the end, we can go Home to be with Jesus.

We have some very urgent requests concerning the Lord's work. We desire your prayers. Also remember Bro. and Sister Alsie (A. J.) Sorrell. They need a touch from the Lord in their bodies. They are very worthy saints and have held this truth up for many years, even when there was scarcely anyone else around them who embraced the truth. They have trusted God faithfully and are still pillars in the Church of God. If any saints would like to write to them their address is Myrtle, Mo.

Yours for the truth, —Murphy and Natalie Allen

Rosarito, Baja, Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: I feel led to list a few of our prayer requests concerning the missionary work in Mexico.

(1) We believe that the devil is using one soul to hinder the work in Rosarito. This would be solved, I am sure, if he would get saved, so pray earnestly for the salvation of Miguel Esquer.

(2) We have received word from Bro. Estevan in Southern Mexico that he is very ill with pneumonia. They are very poor and far away from any saints.

(3) Pray for two families that have quit coming to services in Rosarito.

(4) There is difficulty in registering the Dodge pickup in Mexico so Tomas can use it.

(5) Pray about a church house in the valley where Tomas is ministering. There is a real promising congregation there.

(6) Pray for Sister Esquer in Rosarito; she has a big responsibility in teaching the children's Sunday School of about 24 pupils.

(7) Pray for Sister Edith Cole and Sister Carrie Sheppard in Mexicali who are conducting sewing and Bible classes.

(8) Pray for Sister Ruby Marken and Sister Opal Kelly in Santa Catarina. Sister Opal has a burden to teach the children on the reservation.

(9) Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and knowledge to Sister Charlotte as she teaches Bobby and Patricia.

(10) Pray about improving the living conditions in the house at Rosarito, but above all, we want to be in the center of God's will.

Yours in His service,

—James Huskey

Va.—"I have stomach trouble and low blood pressure. Remember my boy. After I wrote for prayer he got better but he still needs help."

Ind.—Bro. Lowell Wilson has palsy and needs healing.

Tex.—Needs healing to her body and wants the Lord to work it out so she can attend a campmeeting.

Ark.—Very afflicted in body.

Calif.—A dear sister that has many problems and is weary in body and mind.

Ind.—Severe hurting in jaw.

Kans.—"Pray for three different ones that we are visiting and are afflicted."

Mo.—"My daughter is not saved and is very afflicted."

Ind.—A neighbor that causes trouble.

Pa.—A relative that is mixed up in a false doctrine.

Pa.—"I just lost my father and am worn out in body. I also have a goiter."

Ill.—"Pray for my child. A problem has arisen that is beyond the help of man."

Cayman Islands—"We are morally good people but want to be saved."

Okla.—"I am trusting God fully. I have an affliction that I desire the Lord to heal."

Tenn.—"My little girl has eczema and we are looking to God to heal her."

Pa.—A friend who wants deliverance from drink habit.

Ark.—A sister has arthritis and upset stomach.

New York—"I have been sick almost two years. I want to meet all of His conditions. My wife is sick and we have unspoken requests."

Ky.—Very afflicted in different ways.

Va.—Pray for Sister Powell as she has cancer.

Wis.—An aged man in the hospital and not saved.

Ore.—Aged and needs healing.

Texas—Pray for Jimmy Lambright who had severe head pains and is left blind in one eye. His parents are trusting the Lord to heal him.

Ohio—"My sister is very sick. My grandson, 20 years old, is emotionally upset."

These are a few of the many requests that come in to the office. We heard from one dear aged saint who said she would read one request and then get down and pray for that one and then read another and do the same. We heard from another dear sister whose request was mentioned and she said she began to feel better in body as soon as the paper was distributed. We thank God for all He does for His trusting children. Prayer truly changes things. Faith is the key that opens the storehouse of God. We walk by faith and not by sight.—Sis. M. Miles

## Campmeeting Dates for 1965

Following are some of the Church of God campmeeting dates for the coming summer. Dates for others have not been received. Complete notices will be printed in later issues.

Holly Hill, S. Carolina Campmeeting—June 4 to 13.

Tulsa, Okla. Campmeeting—June 4 to 13.

General Southern Campmeeting at Hammond, La.—June 25 to July 4.

Oregon Campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon—July 2 to 11.

Akron, Ohio Campmeeting—July 9 to 13.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. July 23 to Aug. 1.

Oklahoma Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla.—Aug. 6 to 15.

California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif.—Aug. 27 to Sept. 5.

Dover, Okla. Campmeeting—Sept. 3 to 12.



## Meeting Reports

### REVIVAL HELD AT NEOSHO, MO.

We have just closed a meeting here at Neosho, Mo. Bro. Mart Samons was here for 12 nights, and the Lord certainly did bless in the preaching of the Word, and it was a very profitable meeting. It seemed that the Lord had the heart of each one prepared for the meeting. When the anointed Word went forth, the Spirit of conviction was felt in the congregation. There were thirteen who claimed salvation, most of whom were young people. Nine claimed sanctification and seven were baptized. Also there were others who went to the altar for special help. The Lord blessed in each service from beginning to end, and when the invitations were given, they were willing to come to the altar without much persuasion—some almost ran.

We surely do appreciate how the Lord blessed in the meeting in convicting, saving and sanctifying souls. We are thankful for the new-born babes in the family of God. We also appreciated the other saints and ministers that came to attend the meeting with us. Some came from Webb City, Kansas City, Springfield, and Seymour, Mo., Coffeyville, Kans., and Pea Ridge, Ark. The last Sunday morning was a very precious service. There were about twenty young people present, and the Lord used Bro. Samons in a special way to feed their souls, and give them good sound instructions in how to grow in grace. We do desire that God will watch over these new converts and keep them true to Him.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in the baptismal service. He also took care of the weather. The night before, the temperature dropped to 8 degrees above zero but by afternoon it came up to 43 degrees. No one took any cold from being baptized.

We would like to mention, too, the good meeting we had in November. Bro. Ostis Wilson came and preached for us eleven nights. The Lord richly anointed in bringing forth the Word to feed our souls on the spiritual things of God. We all enjoyed it very much and saw our privileges in moving forward.

We are thankful, also, for all the faithful ministers who have come to be with us at different times. Let us all rejoice together for the ones that were saved and pray for them that they will stay true to God.

Your saved brother,

—T. V. McMillian

### REVIVAL MEETING HELD AT SENATH, MO.

We are sorry to be late with the report of our meeting here at Senath, Mo. in November, but felt it would be pleasing to the Lord to tell how He impressed Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Mart Samons to come here and bring forth the truth of God's Word, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit in a week's meeting.

The messages were good and well anointed from the start to the finish. We feel the meeting was ordered of the Lord and good has been done. Some nights the attendance was good and most every night certain ones came and showed an interest in the truth.

We, the saints of God, were blessed and encouraged in the Lord to press the battle on. We do trust and pray the Lord will bless the seed that has been sown and souls will see and accept this truth before it is eternally too late.

We are looking forward to an all-day meeting here Easter Sunday, April 18, if it's the Lord's will and want all the dear saints and everyone to feel welcome to come. We trust the dear Lord will impress the minister or ministers of His choosing to come and bring forth the

messages that are needed. So come, everyone who can, and those who can't come, please help us pray that the meeting will be a success for the Lord. We covet your prayers.  
—The Senath Congregation

## Meeting Notices

### ANNUAL LOS ANGELES REVIVAL

The annual spring revival of the Los Angeles Church of God will convene, the Lord willing, April 9 through April 18, 1965 at the chapel at 1381 Walnut St., Los Angeles, California.

All are welcome and urged to come, and expect the Lord to manifest His presence. We solicit your prayers.

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. 76 Pl., Los Angeles, Calif., phone PL 8-8319.

### JEFFERSON, OREGON SPRING MEETING

The congregation at Jefferson, Oregon invites you to come and meet together with them to worship the Lord in a meeting beginning April 9 and closing April 18, which is Easter Sunday. If you need any spiritual or physical help, there will be ministers and saints present who can pray with and for you. This meeting will be supported by free-will offerings. We will have three general services each day. For further information, write to Sister Beatrice Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon.

### ANNUAL SPRING MEETING AT BOLEY, OKLA.

The annual Church of God revival meeting at Boley, Okla. will convene April 16-25, Lord willing. We extend a cordial invitation to each one to come and feast on the good things of God. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His own choosing.

—Anna Mae Thompson, Rt. 1, Box 71-A, Boley, Okla.

### ALL-DAY SERVICES AT SHREVEPORT, LA.

You are cordially invited to attend the all-day services on Sunday, March 14, at the Church of God chapel at 7106 Southern Ave., Shreveport, La. Regular services will be held in the morning and gospel singing in the afternoon.

—C. C. Carver, Pastor

### BOOKS WANTED

This office would like to obtain the book, "Unraveling Revelation," or any booklets on Revelation by A. Q. Bridwell. If you have any of these for sale, please write us full description and prices.

Faith Pub. House, P. O. Box 713, Guthrie, Okla.

### PEACE ABOUNDING

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Rom. 5:1. There is more in these words, "peace with God" than can be expressed. One cannot sit down in meditation and fathom the depth of this wonderful peace, nor find the limit of its height nor the boundary lines of its width, as it expands far beyond the limit of our finite comprehension because the infinite God is the Author and Giver of it.



## National Missionary Fund Report

(EVANGELISTIC TENT WORKERS NEEDED SOON)

Dear Saints scattered abroad: We send greetings to each and everyone of you in the precious name of Jesus, who suffered, bled and died for you and me that we might enjoy the gift of free salvation. It didn't cost us anything, yet we can enjoy peace and contentment that the world and all of its pleasures cannot compare. Praise be to His holy and precious Name! So often we wish we could convey just what it means to us.

For almost a month now we have felt like having a heart-to-heart talk with the saints everywhere. We love the saints and our decision is to live and die with them. We want to be an encouragement to all and a help wherever we can for the advancement of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Some people teach that Jesus is coming back to set up His Kingdom at some future day, but the Word of God teaches us in Luke 17:21 that the Kingdom of God is within us; and, thanks be to our God, Christ is reigning in our hearts today.

Since this is the time of the year that most of us have to make out income tax reports, we have felt it good to remind the saints everywhere that we want to be of help to you this year. The government is requiring a closer check on the donations. Just recently a brother couldn't claim all his donations because they didn't go through a required channel and therefore had to pay the income tax on that which he should have been exempt from. Why should the saints be overtaxed because they freely give to the cause of God? The Church of God does not have a headquarters on earth to which to send their offerings, and neither are we desiring any but what we have in heaven. We feel it good to offer our services through the National Missionary Fund that you may feel free to send your offerings, and if you so desire to tell us to whom you wish the offering to go, we will send it there and, unless you request otherwise, we will feel free to tell them from whom the offering came. We keep a record book on the Missionary Fund and make a report each year at the National business meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

We are thankful to report to you that the National Missionary Fund has been a blessing to many of our ministers who are laboring in the gospel field giving their full time in seeking souls and coming to the aid of many sick and suffering, seeking out a hungry isolated saint here and there. While they leave good homes and jobs to go and administer help, is it not the duty of the Church to support them? Time is fast coming to an end and what we do, we must do quickly. We see the millions of souls eternity-bound, but where?

We are desiring your earnest prayers that the Lord will lay the burden on several to go with the evangelistic tent and equipment as soon as the weather breaks, so it will move out to the glory of God, that much good will be accomplished this coming summer.

We appreciate everyone who has been faithful to support the Missionary Fund. May the Lord abundantly bless you is our prayer. Pray for us.

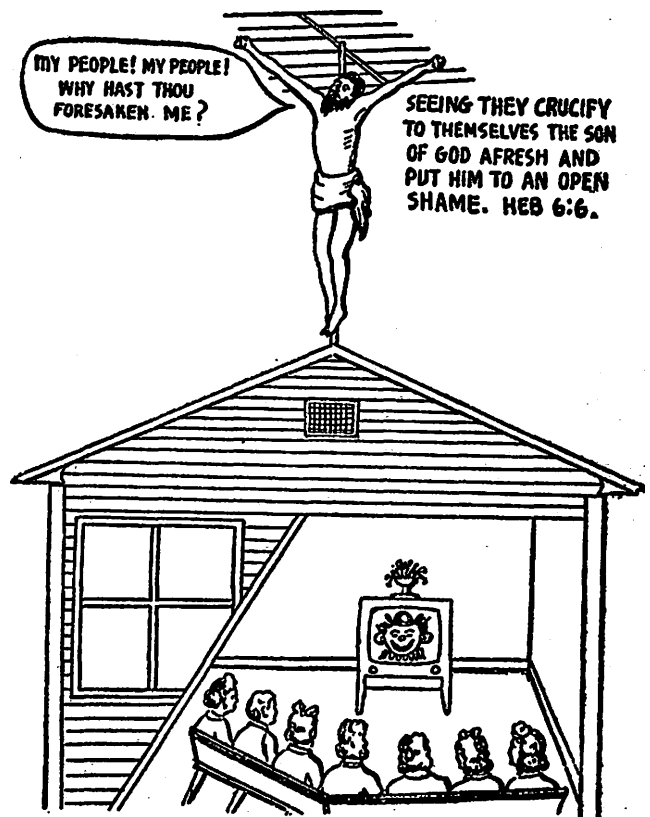
Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ, Ralph and Inez Beisly  
407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas

### LET US TRAIN OUR CHILDREN

We must never overlook the fact that every civilization must move either forward or backward on the feet of our children, either for good or for bad.

The place to start with crime prevention is not the electric chair but the high chair.

## THE NEW MODERN CROSS



God commanded: "Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing." Deut. 7:26.

The Psalmist David said, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." Psa. 101:3.

The Apostle Paul exhorted the church: "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. God does not get any glory out of lust pictures, prize fights, dancers, wrestling bouts, liquor or tobacco advertisements, murders, crime promotion, etc.

America is experiencing the worst crime wave of teen-age delinquency ever known in the history of the world, and crime is increasing four times as fast as the population. The principal cause can be laid at the door of the movies, television and rotten literature.

Television is helping to fill the jails, the hospitals, the insane asylums, the divorce courts, the clinics for venereal disease, the houses of ill-fame and even hell itself.

Television is robbing the attendance at the church services and is putting out the spiritual fires of many who once loved God. Wherever television goes, real spirituality disappears. No one (without exception) can look upon TV for long and be deeply spiritual, or carry a burden for lost souls.

Some say that it is just the same as radio, (and this is no attempt to excuse the sin of the uncontrolled radio), but there is a difference. It is the difference between hearing the voice of a half-naked woman and having her prance around before you. It is the difference between

hearing about an adulterous libertine who stole some man's wife and of having him come into your living room to seduce yours. It is the difference between hearing about beer and liquor, and of having them set up a bar in your home and drink before your children. Yes, there is a vast difference. Psychologists say that up to 90 per cent of our thought life is stimulated by what we see. Thus only 10 per cent of our thoughts are aroused by hearing, smelling, feeling, and tasting. Television employs the quickest, surest route to the polluting of the mind and the damning of the soul. Some claim that they will control theirs, but none of them do it for very long. It soon controls the owner.

A leading magazine dated Feb. 1, 1965 stated that "93.5 per cent of the nation's families now own at least one TV set each, and the average set is kept running 5½ hours a day. The power of television to penetrate the minds of people—even those with relatively little education—is seen as unique because its message reaches the mind through both the eye and the ear."

God said: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Ezek. 3:17. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1.

## TESTIMONIES

Calif.—Dear Saints, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: I am very much encouraged in the ways of my Lord. I have much to praise God for. He has been everything to me.

About two years ago I carried a burden for a month or more, not knowing why. During that month the first verse of my mother's song stayed with me constantly. I tried to figure it out, but couldn't. One afternoon I heard our daughter crying loudly in the back yard. I ran out and saw that she was on fire. Her little blouse was practically burned off. As soon as I took her in the house the song began to ring in my heart and the Lord made me to know why I had had the burden and the song so heavy on my heart. The song was:

### Press on My Soul to Glory

When I'm passing through the furnace,  
He won't forsake me there;  
He has promised to protect me,  
And my burdens He will share.

### CHORUS

Press on, my soul to Glory,  
My journey won't be long.  
Through trials and tribulations  
Is the way He calls us Home.

Then why should I be fearful,  
While the raging storm winds blow,  
If I trust in God Almighty  
Then the powers of hell must go.

Press on, my soul, to Glory,  
My courage is renewed.  
The devil stands defeated,  
And I'm feasting on heavenly food.

—Song by Sis. Naomi Eddens

This song was much encouragement to me when this happened. Only the child's arm was burned, after having only a small piece of the blouse left. I realize that it could have been much worse. I give the Lord all the praise for protecting the rest of her body.

We have been dealing with two souls and the Lord is surely blessing. We need your earnest prayers that we may have divine guidance for I know that "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:1b. By the grace of God I mean to be faithful.

Your sister in Christ, —Rose Etta (Eddens) Randle

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La.—To the dear Saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: It has been some time since we reported through this paper. But we are still saved and decided for heaven at any cost by His grace. We are still quite busy in the Lord's work, doing what we can to encourage the saints. Several here are quite busy for the Lord, using their voices to sing the gospel message in jail meetings and Old Folks' Homes, and Bro. Pinkerton preaches in these places.

Yesterday we visited Bro. and Sister Ed Freeman who live out of Magnolia, Miss. Both were ailing in their bodies, she with a form of rheumatism where she had one time seriously injured her back, and he with gland trouble. Also, he had a hard fall a few days ago which aggravated his trouble quite intensely, causing him much distress and suffering. So we are in an agreement of prayer for his complete and permanent healing and ask you dear saints to pray with us. Brother Freeman is standing on the Scripture found in Mark 2:5, "When Jesus saw their faith," which means those four men who lowered him through the roof to Jesus had faith with him for his healing. So now let us unite our prayers with Bro. Freeman for his complete and permanent healing.

Bro. Dale Doolittle seems to be improving in health since the agreement of prayer at the Guthrie assembly meeting. Also Bro. Randall Flynn is improving since the auto accident some weeks ago. Sister Nichols has made improvement but still needs much prayer. The Lord is blessing us with needed strength to keep going.

It seems to me we had an unusually good assembly meeting here at Hammond. So many ministers were present and the messages were put out in the power of the Holy Spirit. There seemed to be such sweet unity all through the meeting and our souls were greatly edified.

May the Lord encourage each of us to be true to Him in these perilous times when much of this world is filled with the sin of unbelief.

Also we wish to say that we are thankful for the "Faith and Victory" paper that holds up the truth as it was at the beginning and is a means of encouragement to many.

Christian love to all, Bro. Ray and Sis. Katherine Key

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Penn.—Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus: I'm so very happy to know Jesus as my personal Savior. I never knew life could be so good and never knew Jesus could be so close and real to anyone. Truly I do thank God that He ever saw fit to save me. At one time I had the gambling fever so bad that it was hard for me to go home after work. All I wanted to do was gamble and I was a heavy smoker—two packs a day. Except for the mercy of God I would be doing that yet. Jesus can save one in the twinkling of an eye when he meets the conditions. Oh, if the world would taste of Jesus and see that He is good!

I was happy to receive my first issue of the "Faith and Victory." Glad to know of other saints and read their testimonies and see how wonderful God is working. Praise the Lord!

—Bud Irwin

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Oregon—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Marie: I received the tracts, also papers and have distributed a lot of the papers at the rest home and put some tracts in the holder near the entrance. Many of the patients are

bedfast but some can walk around or have wheel-chair ability. I was out on Friday and took the papers to many rooms. Sunday I was there and read the Sunday school lesson to an aged patient and her room-mate and we had worship. She is bedfast most of the time, but loves the Lord. She and I have prayed a lot of problems through. I have put my anointed handkerchief on her several times and the Lord has touched her, also others. One dear old lady with arthritis, who was a real saint, living to all she knew, died easy after I applied the handkerchief. She had been having death rattles several days. She passed away the next day real easy, just went to sleep. Her husband used to ask me to pray when I visited their apartment. She had been in the rest home since he died. She was a very precious old lady, never complained and everyone loved her.

I miss the association of the saints and church privileges, but God's grace is sufficient.

God bless you all there as you promote the gospel is my constant prayer.

Yours in the One Body, —Sister Grace Jones

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Texas—Dear saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name: Surely He is worthy of all praise and adoration. We love Him.

Tonight as we read our "Faith and Victory" paper, our hearts just bubbled over again and again. It seemed as though we were sitting in the midst of a prayer meeting, listening to all the testimonies. As we read, our hearts would just fill to the brim and we'd stop to praise the Lord audibly.

Our hearts have been deeply touched by the testimonies of God's dear children. Oh, the joy and sweet fellowship we share in the Spirit. We can witness with you that God is faithful to those who will trust Him.

We are learning that "it is darkest before dawning" but, oh, how bright the breaking through when we are faithful in dark hours and how wonderful to feel the touch of God's hand when going through! To look back and see what God has done that we could not do, nor anyone else could do, causes us to consecrate a little deeper and surrender a little more to His divine will in our lives.

We need your prayers.

Yours for the Master, —Bro. and Sister David Pierro

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints, greetings in Jesus' sweet name: This leaves me encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord, as He has been so good to us. He is our Saviour, Sanctifier, and our great Physician. Many times He hears and answers prayer in our behalf and we do thank and praise Him for this.

A few weeks ago we had close to fifty "Faith and Victory" papers rolled with tracts and ready to give out to different ones, but I got a call from my daughter in Louisiana wanting me to come the next day. I didn't have any time to hand out the papers and I felt badly about it. I talked to the Lord and told Him about how I would like to give the papers out but couldn't and knew He understood. But He was working in a way that I could not see. When our county paper boy came by with the evening paper he asked me if I had any more hand bills for him to hand out as I had given him some when we had our revival. I told him, no, but I said I had some papers he could give out. I gave him 13 and in a short while he was back and wanted to hand out more for me if I had any more on hand. I told him I did, so I gave him most all that was left and he gave them out to different ones on his paper route. I surely did thank the dear Lord for helping in this time of need.

While I was at my daughter's, it seemed I was coming down with some kind of throat trouble as it would

burn and tickle until I would have to cough and cough. One day Sister Key came and she anointed and prayed for me, and the dear Lord undertook and I was soon well. I surely do thank and praise the dear Lord for His many blessings.

My little grandson had an upset stomach, but the dear Lord healed him, too. Surely we, the saints of God, are a well blessed people. The Lord is so good to all His trusting children.

We have just read our February "Faith and Victory" paper and it was so encouraging to us to read of the healing of so many different ones. What a mighty God we serve!

I want to be faithful and to please the Lord and the dear saints. I know if we live in the favor of the Lord, we will keep in the favor of the saints. I want to be like David, I want to bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Pray for me that I'll keep humble at Jesus' feet. Pray for my unsaved children that they will get saved before too late.

May God bless each one and help us all to make heaven our home is my prayer.

In Christian love,

—Mrs. Effie Miller

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Okla.—Dear Saints, greetings to you in Jesus' dear holy name: I want to testify to the glory of God, how He heard and answered my prayer on the 9th day of January when I was in a car wreck. God is a good God. He is a merciful God. He is a kind, loving God. The car which I was riding in skidded on some ice on the long bridge just south of Enid on Highway 81. When the accident happened the car skidded from side to side, hitting one side of the bridge and then the other. When it hit the west side of the bridge the second time, it acted like it was going over. That was when I cried out, "Oh God, my heavenly Father, will you save us! Please, kind Father, please save us!" The ones standing, looking on said that the car tilted and then set back down on its wheels. When the car came to a stop, it was headed back south. I do know that the good Lord heard and answered my prayer. Still pray for me that I will live for the good Lord at all times. I am yet saved and much encouraged to live on for God, although I have many trials and tests. By the grace of God I am determined to press on until the crown is won.

I say that whatever we do for Jesus we should do it well. Let us pray with the power, testify with the power, sing with the power, which is His divine love and the Holy Spirit that lives within our souls. There is power in the blood of Jesus.

I want to thank all the saints for their prayers, cards, and calls.

Your sister in the Lord,

—Sarah F. Brown

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Calif.—Dear precious saints of the Most High God: Greetings of sincere Christian love in Jesus' dear name. I love Him today more than ever in my life.

I would like to send in my testimony and thanks for your prayers in my behalf. Some two or three weeks before my illness, Sister Lucille Elliott was at my home helping me with some business and when she was leaving she said to me, "Sister Zinn, any time you need anyone to care for you, just feel free to let me know." I heartily thanked her, little thinking how soon I would need such a friend. The 16th of December I had been working in the yard, came in about 10 a. m. and made my breakfast; was tired and hungry so ate heartily. By 11 a. m. I took deathly sick at my stomach and called Sister Lucille Elliott for prayer. In a little while there were sharp pains darting dangerously around my heart. I called Sister Lucille again and she came right over and we had

prayer again. She had to go to work, so she sent some of the saints to stay with me that night. I was growing worse by the hour. My son came and brought a nurse who said I should go to the hospital at once. My son said, "I will never cross my mother in her belief, or force her to go to a hospital or have a doctor, for I have seen what her faith does for her." I did so appreciate that, and Sister Lucille spoke up and said, "Carl, if you don't care I will take her home with me and take care of her." Of course, he was very willing. She bundled me up and brought me home with her that night. I had such violent vomiting that almost took my life. I went down and down until even some of the saints despaired of my life. I would rather have gone on as I thought it was my time, but my life hung in the balance for about ten days while I waded around on the borderland, not fighting to stay here. I felt no guilt or fear, just willing for God to have His way. The Pacoima assembly meeting was going on and some of the ministers came out to see me and anointed and prayed for me. They went back and all bombarded heaven in my behalf. Several stood around my bed and thought I was gone. Sister Lucille spread the news to the Guthrie saints, Akron, Ohio, Shreveport, La., and many others who joined in and God wondrously heard and answered prayer. My son brought a doctor over to see me and I told him about our great Physician and that I was trusting Him. He diagnosed my case as inflamed gall bladder. He told Carl I likely wouldn't pull out of it due to my age. When he found out that God had really healed me, he could hardly believe it.

The Lord had been talking to me for quite some time, to set my house in order. I went through the home, disposing of things and taking care of business and taking inventory of my life and could find nothing but willingness to obey God in all things. Since He has healed me I want more than ever to know what He would have me do.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each congregation of saints who labored in faithful prayer for me. Satan attempted to discourage me by saying, I had cancer and I said that no matter what it was, God healed it. Another said I had a virus and I just said, God is in the healing business. Praise His most high and holy name! God doesn't need any X-ray or pill bag, and we know by the Word of God that He healed ALL manner of disease, raised the dead, and I don't question Him whether He is able to heal. I know He is able and willing, and by His stripes we are healed.

Here in this life Jesus has no feet to go about ministering to the many needs of the suffering ones, no hands or feet, but ours. I have watched these kind hands that cared for me so willingly and tenderly and I could almost see the nail prints in them, but they were borrowed hands (so to speak) of my dear Sister Lucille. (Matt. 24:40)

I did so appreciate the phone calls and cards that I received and the love and prayers of all my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. I believe I love them better than ever.

I am not yet strong enough to go home and be alone to cook for myself. I ask you to pray the dear Lord for strength for me. My body is so wasted away that none of my clothes fit me any more. I went from 130 pounds to 105 pounds in about three weeks and could not stand alone or lift myself from the bed. All praise to my Lord for all He has done for me! I hope to serve Him faithfully till my journey here is finished.

Saints, let's walk the straight and narrow way and "stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, . . . and walk therein." Jer. 6:16. But these are modern days and perilous times. People are taking the easy way—their own way. Pray for me.

Yours, saved to serve in His name, —Georgia V. Zinn

Florida—Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings of love to each of you in the name of Jesus who saved us and keeps us under His wings of love. Today finds me encouraged to press on against the enemy of our souls, determined to go all the way with the Lord, in spite of all the temptations and difficulties that may come against me. He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

I met with great sorrow in the death of my son in Detroit, Mich. on Nov. 18, 1964. He was only 40 years of age, leaving a wife, son and step-daughter. I want to thank Sister Marie Miles and all others for their prayers and sympathy. We had planned to visit him in the spring, but were defeated by his death, yet we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

As I was coming home on January 1st, while riding on the bus, a man, in taking a suitcase from the rack over me, accidentally hit my head, which hurt very much. As I am isolated here, I sent an air mail letter to Faith Publishing House for prayer. The prayer of faith was prayed and the Lord touched my head. Truly, I am standing on the Bible truth for the healing of the body. The devil, not willing to be defeated, brought back the pain greatly on Sunday. I had to resist him steadfastly and rebuke the pain in the name of Jesus.

I am enjoying the Lord's presence. I see a great need of being a light in this dark world of sin, trouble, misunderstanding, discouragements, and confusion. Pray that I ever be a bright shining light in this place that some might find their way to the Lord.

If any true "evening light" ministers of the Lord feel led, please come this way for this is a ripe field to harvest and the laborers are so few. Please pray for the salvation of souls in this place, and may the Lord ever keep me under the shadow of His wings.

Your sister in the One Body, —Mattie B. Savage

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Indiana—To the readers of the "Faith and Victory:" Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds us well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

The February "Faith and Victory" was like a letter from home. I enjoyed all the testimonies and especially the assembly meeting reports. As we read quotations from the different ministers at the Guthrie meeting, we could just see each one and remarked to each other what a good meeting you had, and how we would liked to have been there.

We are doing what we can for the Lord where we are. We still have services in the different nursing homes, and wherever a door is opened to us.

We are looking forward to campmeeting season again, as that is about all the time we can be with the saints.

My mother, who will be 85 years old in March, is looking for some one to help care for her in her home. Pray that she will find the right person.

The condition of the world clearly indicates we are living in "the time of the end." "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Eph. 2:19. Pray for us.

—Bro. and Sister Amos G. Davis

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Illinois—Dear Saints: We are still saved and encouraged in the Lord. I am writing today to testify of what the Lord has done for our family. We have a boy three and a half years old and about a month and a half ago he started to have boils on his head. He had around forty on his head at one time and about four on his arm. We called the saints at Guthrie during the assembly meeting and Hornersville, Mo. about one week later. The

Lord has completely healed all of them and he only has the scars left. Praise the Lord! Our little girl also was healed of a bad cold and my wife was healed of the flu about the same time. We wanted the saints to know so they might all rejoice with us.

Pray for us that we might stand firm and lift up Jesus. With Christian love, —Don and Mary Gentry

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Mo.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I am enclosing \$1.00 for a single subscription for three years. I would not want to get by without the wonderful little paper. It has so much wonderful food for the soul.

I am requesting prayer for my loved ones who are unsaved. I need your prayers always.

I thank you. May God bless you. —Mrs. Stella Rogers

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, all the workers at the printshop and all the saints everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am so happy I can say I am still saved and sanctified and trusting the dear Lord for soul and body. He is my all and in all.

I want to thank all the saints for praying for me. When I fell last July and knocked my neck out of place, I did suffer much and it meant so much to me to know the saints were praying for me and that I had a Father who was able to do all things. Bless His great name! I will soon be 84 years old. The Lord did not heal me instantly, but He gave me grace and strength to hold on to His precious promises and to know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. It truly settled me deeper in the Lord. The saints, friends, and my family were so good to me while I was suffering. It is so sweet to trust Jesus. The dear Lord gets all the praise. I didn't have any help from man. The Lord has been my healer since 1911.

When I was in my early twenties, the Lord convicted me of sin and burdened me so heavily that I prayed through and He pardoned me of my sin and filled my soul with peace and joy. It wasn't very long until I found there was some more I needed, but I did not know what it was. The Lord directed me to the saints' meeting in Boley, Okla. in 1911. Sister Emily Turner preached on sanctification—there is where I found what I needed and I sought it. The Lord filled me with His precious Spirit. Oh, the joy, love and peace—I can never tell it all, but from that day until today I have never had any desire for sin in any form. I only want to be more like Jesus.

My husband and I reared a large family. We trusted the Lord through every time of need. I wish I had space to tell you the many times the Lord healed in answer to prayer. My husband has been dead 24 years now and my family is all grown and married, so I am left alone, but I have Jesus as my companion. I do love Him with all my heart. My heart's desire is to please Him and live for Him until the last moment of life. I am bothered with arthritis. Please pray for me. I do know the Lord is able to heal that.

Your sister in the One Body, saved and kept by the mighty power of God, —Sister L. P. Hamilton

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Texas—Dear brethren, sisters and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have just received my February paper and read a little and my soul is made to rejoice over the new ones that love the truth. I was reading and praying over the prayer requests. One said to pray for her mother, which I did. She said, if she lost her mother she wouldn't have anything to live for. I don't have a mother or husband, as they are gone on to their reward. But every Christian that passes on leaves a greater responsibility on us

who are left. May God help us to keep up the good work with a greater determination. We have a living Savior to live for. So let us take courage and live for God and the good that we can do for Him. It's bad to lose our parents, but there is much to live for.

I met a lady on the bus. She looked at me and said, "I admire you and your plainness. There's something about you that's sweet." Praise God! It's the Spirit of the Lord that's sweet and I hope and trust He just gets sweeter and sweeter and shows so plainly that everyone will notice and admire Him. I want to live for Him and let His light shine out into the darkness and help people to see there is a reality in living for God.

I love the paper.

Your sister in the strait, narrow way, —Nellie Lovell

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Mo.—Dear Sister Miles: This is surely my last testimony. I know that I will soon be going to the land of endless days. May the seed that I am sowing help some souls along life's way. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord and Saviour, who keeps my soul in perfect peace as I keep my mind stayed on Him.

I will be 87 years old the 30th day of March, 1965. The saints take good care of me. They take me to the chapel. I can't see the Word but thank God, I can hear the Word. I give my time to meditation, praying for souls, and praying for the sick. My salvation means more to me as I near the end of the way.

May God bless His saints everywhere. Pray that I will be faithful unto death. —Sister Minnie Noakes

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Indiana—Dear Saints: I'm convinced that God wants me to give you my testimony. I thank God for saving my soul and filling me with the Holy Spirit. He gives me strength to walk in the light as He is in the light. I have several loved ones over there in the Glory world and I'm expecting to meet them soon. I'm headed for that city of God.

Your brother in Christ, —George W. Herron

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Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: Today finds me saved and determined to go all the way with the Lord. I am enjoying the presence of Him who gave His life for me more than I ever have in my life and am determined to live closer and press harder to gain a home in heaven when I depart from this life.

The Lord had been so good to us and given us so many blessings of late that we would like to share some of them with you. In October our baby, who was about six months old and weighed 30 pounds, fell off the couch and almost broke his neck. When we got to him his eyes looked so different and it was turning dark around them. We called Bro. and Sis. Roy Harmon for prayer, but the baby didn't get any better. As this was the night for prayer meeting, we went on to meeting so we could have him anointed and prayed for. Even then we couldn't see any improvement but our faith was fixed in God, so we just waited on Him. David was still in so much pain we went home before meeting was over, and by 5 o'clock the next morning we could see how the Lord was working in his behalf. Within two or three days all soreness seemed to be gone and he could move his head again.

Ten days or two weeks later he rolled off the bed, and in this fall he struck his head on the baby bed as he was falling, and again this time he fell on his head. He turned very dark around his eyes again and had a knot on the side of his head about four inches long and an inch wide. Our only desire was to call upon the Lord, but felt this time that the Lord wanted us to exercise

more faith ourselves before calling others for prayer. The Lord came to our rescue once more and did a complete work and David doesn't seem to have a bit of trouble with his neck. Thank the Lord!

Also, I would like to tell of how the Lord worked in our behalf in the car wreck that my husband had and the law suits that resulted. They had sued us twice, which totaled more than \$16,000. Different things turned up that made the way look dark, and many would tell us how we should sue, too, but our confidence was in the Lord and we felt that if we would please Him in this matter He would see us through, and He did just that. The case is closed. The party only got a very small amount which the insurance covered.

Remember us in prayer that we will always be all that the Lord would have us to be.

Christian love, —Glen and Leta Inman

### Christian Baptism

The atonement on the cross of Calvary was the grand central event in the divine scheme for man's salvation. Toward this event converged all the relative types, shadows, prophecies and promises from Gen. 3:15 on down through the centuries to the last passover that Jesus ate with His disciples. Luke 22: 15, 16. Very significant therefore were His last words uttered on the cross—"It is finished." John 19: 30. He had already said in His prayer to the Father, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." John 17:4. And now that He had shed His blood (without the shedding of blood there could be no remission of sins) He obtained "eternal redemption for us." Heb. 9:12, 22.

Sacrifices are now no longer necessary, for the Son of God has not only died for us a sacrifice, thus fulfilling and disannulling those sacrificial symbols, but is also risen again and offers life everlasting to all who will believe on Him. John 3:16, 36. Repenting and believing is now the order of procedure. "Repent ye and believe the gospel" were the opening words of Jesus' ministry—not "Repent and be baptized," which might well have characterized John's ministry of repentance. Our salvation then being the free gift of God that it is because of atonement, and receivable only by faith, is not and cannot be dependent upon the performance of any outward ceremony, whether it be baptism, partaking of the communion emblems or any other thing outward. Spiritual things do not come by the literals. It is contrary to the very nature of salvation or of any subsequent forgiveness thus received.

Christian baptism was not enjoined until after the atonement, that is, until after Jesus "finished" His salvation provision by the sacrifice of His own body for the sins of the world. His being sent into the world by the Father was not to condemn the world, "but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17. This was His work, and this was the atoning work he "finished" on the cross. After all this was perfected and He had risen from the dead a triumphant Saviour, He then enjoined Christian baptism upon believers, in the Great Com-

mission. How then could baptism perform any part in the believer's actual reception of salvation since Jesus' work to accomplish this had already been finished? Is it not abundantly clear, therefore, that baptism, not even performed by Jesus but by those who preach the gospel, has a purpose other than that of contributing to actual salvation?

In Mark 16:16 we have as a part of the commission the words, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." If baptism here carried a vital part of salvation we should expect that the non-performance of it would also be included as a condition warranting damnation; but it does not so read; nor would it be in harmony with the Scriptures elsewhere concerning baptism. Baptism is an important accessory which God wants conjoined with believing and following it, but not in any sense as completing our salvation.

—A. L. Byers

### BIBLE STUDY

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March 7, 1965

#### LABORERS IN THE KINGDOM

Printed Portion ..... Matthew 20:1-16

Matt. 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house.

12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.



15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?  
 16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Memory Verse: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20:28.

Practical Truth: If we are faithful we shall all receive a penny (eternal life) at the end of our day.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This parable will not be confusing if we will look at it with the thought in mind that we are saved through the mercy of God. Salvation cannot be earned. All of us were lost in sin and could not help ourselves. Jesus reached down and helped us. We owe our all to Him from the day He called us until our dying day and then we still have not repaid Him for what He has done for us. The debt we owed was too large and beyond our ability to pay. We can only fall at His feet and let Him do with us as He, in His great wisdom, wants to do. We cannot question God's dealings with us. Those of us who have "borne the heat of the day" are glad that the thief on the cross was forgiven by Jesus. He came in at the eleventh hour.

God needs more laborers in His vineyard. The harvest is ripe. God is calling those who are standing idle. Some might say that they do not know what to do. Have you looked around your doorstep? Speak a word here, lift a burden there, give a tract here, write a letter to one miles away, visit a lonely aged person, visit the rest homes and jails, give to the work of the Lord, help an overworked mother, help in the campmeetings, clean the chapel, help the sick, teach the children, give a smile wherever you go. If the truly "born again" child of God will do this and be faithful, he will gain heaven in the end and be glad to see those who come in at the eleventh hour.

March 14, 1965

#### INHERITORS OF THE KINGDOM

Printed Portion ..... Matthew 22:1-14

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,  
 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king which made a marriage for his son,  
 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.  
 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.  
 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:  
 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.  
 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.  
 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.  
 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.  
 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.  
 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Memory Verse: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 7:21.

Practical Truth: Keep ready yourself and try to get others to come to Jesus.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This parable is an answer to a question by the Jewish leaders asking Jesus "By what authority, and from whom did you get it, do you do these things?" (Matt. 21). In this parable God is the King and Christ is His Son. The marriage is salvation and the preparation made for it to be had. The servants are the prophets. The invitation to come was given to the Jews first. Their refusal shows their attitudes toward Jesus and the plan of salvation. Notice the patience, kindness, and longsuffering of God. He sent out an invitation. It says, "they would not come." Just a plain refusal, but God is not willing for any to perish unless all is done to rescue them. God will clear Himself with every soul. He sent forth the second invitation. In this invitation the glories of salvation, rewards and blessings are told, but they just laughed and went their way. Many today are laughing their way into hell. How sad! They are so careless about their souls which will live on forever somewhere. These people knew the power the king had but they dared to even kill the servants and spitefully use them. The Jews killed the prophets and Jesus. They felt they could rebel and escape. The king punished those who chose to refuse his offer. When the Romans finally destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A. D., I am sure many of the Jews remembered this warning.

The Jews received the earliest invitation and when they refused, the whole world was invited. Compel all to come, God said, that the house might be full. The wedding garment of salvation was given but one man refused to put it on. Notice the patience and kindness of the king. He called him, "friend." He could not say anything as he knew he had done wrong. So it will be with those at the judgment. The invitation goes out to all but only those will be chosen who will obey the Word of God and do His will.

March 21, 1965

#### DANGERS OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

Printed Portion ..... Matthew 23:13-24, 37-39

Matt. 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive the grater damnation.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.



16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Memory Verse: And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. Matthew 23:12.

Practical Truth: Only the humble will receive blessings from God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Last Sunday our lesson was about those who did not have on the wedding garment. Today our lesson is about those who are self-righteous. In Isa. 64:6 it tells us that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Do we have people today who are false teachers and gaining many followers? (v. 15) They twist the scriptures to their own destruction. Many times their students are more deceitful than their leaders. How sad!

Some put on outward show of being very spiritual and do the type of deeds that will be acclaimed abroad, but their hearts are not right with God. They are hypocrites and the Bible says they will receive the greater damnation. The Bible says for us to "examine ourselves." Too many take too much time examining the other fellow.

Verses 16-22 bring out the thought that some will be strict on one point. They will keep part of the Word and disregard the other part. Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, tells us not to swear at all. The Jews were very inconsistent in their laws that they bound on others. They left off the "weightier matters of the law" which are mercy, judgment and faith. These doings were so contrary to righteousness that Jesus compared them to straining the contents of a cup to get the gnat out and then turning around and swallowing a camel.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem as He saw them refusing the plan of salvation. "Your house" is no longer God's house. It is without God's presence in it as of old. The last words of our lesson are part of Jesus' last word to the Jewish nation. When He comes in the clouds they will call Him blessed.

March 28, 1965

### THE TEN VIRGINS

Printed Portion ..... Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Memory Verse: Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matt. 24:44

Practical Truth: We need the Holy Spirit to be ready to meet God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

All ten virgins were invited to the marriage. Each one had her lamp and it was burning. Each one had repented of sins and the light of heaven was burning in her heart. They all were looking forward to the coming of the Lord. But how sad to know that five of them were very foolish. They did not take care of their salvation. They did not have the oil of the Holy Spirit on hand to give them power, nor did they seek for it until too late. They had become careless in their prayer life. They had become careless in watching and keeping in touch with God and lost out through the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches, or seeking after riches. How easily this can happen to any of us. Just a little letting down here and there and soon we awake to find we are void of the power in our lives to resist a temptation that comes to us and we have lost our hold on God. We have not been diligent in watching the weak points in us that God points out to us that we might become strong.

We feel so sorry for the poor five foolish virgins because they were not ready, but how many today are just as foolish! We need to awake, arise and put on the whole armour of God, trim our lamps by trimming off anything in our lives that will hinder us from being ready, and keep plenty of the oil of the Spirit on hands by wooing the Spirit of God and doing God's will. The words of Jesus are to all, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

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