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Sowing the Seed



Unheeding winter's cruel blast,
We venture heaven's seed to cast,
Both late and early plant the truth
In aged hearts and tender youth.

Shall we be found with only leaves
When Jesus comes to gather sheaves?
Nay, sowing daily o'er the land,
We'll come with joyful sheaves in hand.

Nor is the precious labor hard,
Its glory is its own reward;
We plant in hearts of grim despair,
A life that blooms as Eden fair.

Oh, were this life the utmost span,
The closing destiny of man,
No toil could half so blessed prove,
As sowing seeds of peace and love.

But Heaven's bright eternal years
Have bottled up our sowing tears;
There we shall greet in holy bliss,
The souls we turned to righteousness.

Then sow the seed in every field
And grace will bring the golden yield;
We soon will sing the joyful song,
And shout the blessed harvest-home.

—D. S. Warner

GOSPEL LIBERTY



Christ was sent to this world to free people from bondage. SIN is bondage. If anyone commits sin he has become a servant of sin. Read what Paul says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are, to whom ye obey: whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Being then made free from SIN, ye become the servants of righteousness. . . .

But now being made free from SIN, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting LIFE." (Romans 6:16, 18, 22)

Yes, gospel liberty is granted to those who have been freed from sin. Let us take heed and "stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal. 5:1. The New Testament is good news of gospel liberty over all the powers of the devil. "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James 1:25. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (v. 27)

Jesus Himself testified that the truth of His gospel will make you free, and sin makes man the servants of sin. "If the SON [Jesus] therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

The Old Testament law of Moses was a "yoke of bondage." It was the "ministration of death," and was done away by the freedom of the gospel of liberty which Jesus Christ preached. Here is the testimony of Jesus, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10:10, 11. The Old Testament was the letter; the New Testament is the SPIRIT. "The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life." "But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance: which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? . . . for if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. . . . Now the LORD [Jesus] is that Spirit: and where the spirit of the LORD [Jesus] is, there is LIBERTY." 2 Cor. 3:7, 8, 11, 19.

Jesus preached the gospel of liberty. Therefore, the New Testament is a law of liberty. "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed:

and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, we be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin, and the servant abideth not in the house for ever; but the son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:31-36.

The Apostle Paul speaks with power and authority of the gospel of Christ. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk NOT after the flesh, but after the spirit. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law [of Moses] could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." Rom. 8:1-3.

Christ is the one who fulfilled the need of liberty and truth, and a completion of man's salvation. The law of Moses lacked grace and truth. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:17. "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth." John 1:14. The work of Jesus was a complete redemption, a way of light and life. For those who will receive that way, He said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb. 10:9, 10.

—Thomas J. Bowers

The Law and Faith

"And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." Galatians 4:17-22.

God made a covenant with Abraham of salvation to the ends of the earth. The promise was made to Abraham and his seed. This seed was Jesus Christ. There was nothing for Abraham to do but believe and prove his faith by obedience. Through his faith

Abraham became heir of the promise of eternal life and salvation, which afterward was revealed through Jesus Christ. "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Gal. 4:6. Abraham's righteousness consisted of faith in the promises of God. It must be noticed that there was absolutely no mention made of moral principles or a holy standard of life. Abraham had two wives, besides being guilty of other acts of transgression. God did not deal with Abraham concerning these things. His purpose in Abraham was to reveal the righteousness of faith.

Four hundred and thirty years after the covenant was made and confirmed, God delivered by the hand of Moses a law which dealt chiefly with the moral principles of life and godliness. This was the ten commandments recorded in Exodus 20. This law was attended with various literal ordinances and statutes to be observed. Moses described the righteousness of the law: "That the man which doeth those things shall live by them." Rom. 10:5; Gal. 4:12. This righteousness was contrary to the righteousness of faith. It placed righteousness in one's ability to do something, while the righteousness of faith consisted of believing the unmerited promises of God.

Our text says that the law, which was given four hundred and thirty years afterward, could not disannul the covenant God made with Abraham by faith. God gave the inheritance to Abraham by promise. Why did God then give the law, if it aided not the covenant which had already been confirmed? "It was added [or given] because of transgressions." After the covenant of salvation had been established without dealing with holiness and moral principles, God then began to introduce to man the standard of life which He wanted man to live. The law was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. The law was given as a "go-between" connecting the faith of Abraham with the fulfillment of the promise in Christ. It was a mediator in this respect. God must needs deal with man concerning holiness and moral principles, but His love and wisdom preceded this with favor and grace through faith. The law was to condemnation that made man feel his need of justification. When Jesus Christ came He united the moral law and faith, thus producing the New Testament Christian who lives by faith AND who keeps the righteousness of the law by reason of the indwelling love of Christ which is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:10, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. [This is FAITH.] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. [This is the fulfillment of the law]." Eph. 2:8-10. Oh, how beautiful and gracious is the plan of God for us! How precious that He will receive us in our sinful, degraded condition, justify and forgive us, make us His children, cleanse us from unrighteousness, and write His laws in our hearts and give us grace and power to live up to His holy standard!

We find it needful at this point to mention the fact that there were two phases of the law given by Moses. One was the spiritual, and one was the carnal or ceremonial. The spiritual side dealt with the standard of holiness and life. These commandments of spiritual life were attended by literal ordinances and observances. The distinction on the two were plainly portrayed in Paul's case. He testified in Phil. 3:6 that "touching the righteousness which is in the law," he was "blameless." And yet he acknowledged in Romans 7 that he had utterly failed to live up to the standard of the law. "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." (vs. 14, 15) Paul was successful in living according to the customs and ceremonies of the law, but WAS NOT successful in endeavoring to live to the spiritual. The ceremonies included sabbath-keeping, offering up sacrifices, keeping feasts, etc. Hebrews 9:10 says that these "carnal ordinances" were "imposed on them until the time of reformation." Christ "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross. . . . Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." Col. 2:14-17. We see in this that Christ brought an end to the ceremonial phase of the law. But the spiritual side He fulfilled and established. Romans 3:31.

The power of the indwelling Christ received by faith establishes the law in our lives. The law without the power of Christ was to condemnation. But in Christ Jesus "there is therefore now no condemnation to them who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.**" Praise the Lord! The reason that Paul in Romans 7 could not live according to the standard of the law was that he was carnal, sold under sin. (Verse 14) But in Christ he was transformed from the old life to the new which was spiritual life unto God. Thus being made spiritual through faith in Christ, he was able through the power of Christ to live according to the law of God. The law was given by Moses but was never established until grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John 1:16, 17.

Take courage then, dear soul, to come to Jesus Christ and receive the free pardon for iniquity. Doubt not that covenant which was confirmed centuries ago in Abraham and brought to pass in the death of Jesus. Be diligent, dear Christian, to humble yourself to receive grace and power to live that upright life according to the standard of God's holiness. Be willing to be taught of God, remembering that His love is great toward us. Be careful to guard your attitude toward others, remembering that were it not

for the mercy of God, we would be as they are. And remember that grace through faith brings us into favor and peace with God, and that He is faithful to supply us with power and ability to walk uprightly.

—Leslie C. Busbee

Dope—A Communist Secret Weapon

Lenin once said, "Demoralize the youth of the land, and the revolution is already won!" Never before in the history of our republic has so much money and effort been put forth to accomplish Lenin's dream. It is promoted by men and women in all walks of life, who are, unknowingly, pawns in the Communist drive for power. They are money-mad fiends who would sell their soul for a dollar. Their evil business has now reached into the billions of dollars which go to support Fidel Castro's regime in Cuba, and Mao in Red China.

Dope has become the Communist secret weapon to destroy our youth and to fill their revolutionary coffers. This weapon is leaving a bloody trail across our nation, filled with broken homes, wrecked lives, prostitution, theft and murder. The crime rate and immorality among our youth has reached an all-time high.

I wish that some of the servants of the Lord who are afraid to look into the pits of sin, could sit with me by the side of some dear American boy or girl who is trying to "kick the habit," (break away from dope) to see them lie writhing on the bed or floor, moaning and screaming as the pains set in at the bottom of the spinal cord; howling like mad animals, weeping as you have never seen humans weep. In this struggle, they are trying to come out of the very pit of hell, so that they might once again enjoy true life, free from the "monkey on their back." (Term for dope addiction.) Thin faces, once beautiful and kind, now wracked with pain, look demonic.

Where is the minister or missionary for these poor wretches to pray for them and comfort them in this hour when they make a noble effort to return to the land of the living? These young people very seldom find the way to the church door. They are lost on a rocky cliff, ready to plunge into the canyon of despair and death below. It is sorrowful to hear their pitiful cry which has been branded by many so-called Christians as too filthy and sinful to enter our clean ears. We fail to see that they are victims of a habit that is spread by the anti-Christ Communists. Many Christians fail to catch the vision that these lost ones are in need of a shepherd—one who can understand suffering and who has passion for the lost—a passion that will reach into the very gutters of filth, and through the love of Christ, have patience with these poor souls, and a willingness to care for them until they can come to the full knowledge of Christ; and they can receive that perfect peace that only Christ can give, through the Blood-bought power of salvation.

—K. G.

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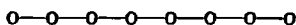
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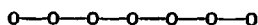
EDITORIALS



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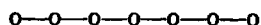


My sister, Marie Miles, is in California for a few days and expects to be back at the office before this issue is put in the mail. Enroute by bus she visited our brother, Frank, and his sons at Phoenix, Ariz. While in California she expects to meet with the saints around Pomona while she is staying in Chino, at the home of our sister, Mary Embly, and her family.



Bro. and Sister Ulysses Phillips—veterans of the cross—of Dover, Okla., after they attended the National campmeeting, went to California to make their home with their daughter and family, Bro. and Sister E. V. Davenport, who live at 1406 Trenton St., San Bernardino, Calif. For many, many years their home was at Dover, Okla. near where the campmeeting has been held annually. Now they are aged and Bro. Phillips is not able to drive a car any more. It did not seem best for them to remain alone at the farm home where they had lived so long. Their absence from the Dover meeting this year was keenly felt.

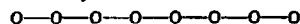
Many of our readers will recall that Bro. Phillips contributed many poems and articles to this paper over the years. All of the saints have appreciated their lives of devotion to God's cause. Now in their declining days at the sunset of this life, your words, letters and cards of encouragement would be appreciated while they wait for the dawn of that eternal day of bliss.



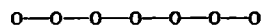
On Sept. 3 Bro. Nse Umanah, mission secretary in Nigeria, sent us a telegram stating that Bro. B. U. Etuk, the native mission superintendent, was very ill and requested prayer for his healing. The church did pray earnestly for him, and by a letter dated Sept. 7 Bro. Umanah reported that Bro. Etuk was improving in answer to prayer. Evidently he had a stroke, as he could not talk for two or three days. His speech returned, and he could walk some, but still very weak. Let us pray for his complete recovery that he will be able to direct the mission work with a well body.

Bro. and Sister C. C. Carver, Shreveport, La., left New York by airplane on Sept. 6 bound for Nigeria, W. Africa to aid in the missionary work for a period of 28 days allowed by their visas. Arriving at Amsterdam in Europe the next day, they made a side trip to the Holy Lands where they visited the scenes of ancient events of the characters of Bible history. Reports have come in of their safe arrival at various stops along the way, for which we thank the Lord. Now our latest telegram from them, after their return to Amsterdam from Palestine, states that they plan to arrive at Port Harcourt in Nigeria on Sunday, Sept. 19. The main mission station is about 80 miles inland from Port Harcourt.

Pray that their presence and labors at the mission stations will be very profitable for the cause of Christ, and that they will have a safe trip home.



Just recently the Chief 22 offset printing press was installed in the Lord's printshop. Trial runs have been made on it, and with some further adjustment on the mechanism, we expect to soon be reprinting the "Evening Light Songs" book which is about out of stock. The shipment of about 3,500 pounds of paper has arrived to be used for this one book.

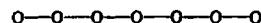


A reader has sent us the following question: Has the moral law become extinct with the ceremonial law or law of Moses?

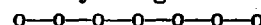
God's moral law is one that is essentially right in itself. Every moral law is right from the creation of man, and will always be right. It cannot be changed or abolished, obligating people universally. For instance, there is the moral law against murder. It was wrong for Cain to kill Abel, although not one word of the Bible was yet written.

God's ceremonial laws are binding on only those to whom they are given. They may expire by limitations, be repealed, or abolished.

The law of Moses contained both moral and ceremonial laws. Therefore, it follows that no moral law of the Old Testament has become extinct with the abolition of the ceremonial laws or ordinances when they were "nailed" to the cross of Christ. (Col. 2:14).



We extend our sympathy to the relatives who suffered the loss on Sept. 10 of Terry Meek, the 11-year-old son of Roy and Dorothy Meek, Sapulpa, Okla. His grandmother, Sister Lillian Meek, is one of the faithful workers here at the Lord's printshop. Terry was saved and loved the Lord. This summer he and his brother spent several weeks here with their grandmother, and was at the printshop most every day. He seemed delighted in operating the creasing machine on the day the September paper was wrapped for mailing. May the "God of all comfort" be the portion of the bereaved, ever remembering as David of old expressed it, that they cannot recall the lad but they can go to him by the grace of God.



"Remember Lot's wife." Don't look back!

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

News Bulletins

After part of this issue was already printed the following special news items were received or written:—

Bro. and Sister Carver arrived safely in Port Harcourt, Nigeria on Sept. 19 as scheduled. A mimeographed copy of Bro. Carver's diary of their trip thus far may be obtained by addressing your request, with an enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope, directly to Bro. Lynn Carver, 836 Drexel St., Shreveport, La.

Heavy rains in the Cottonwood Creek watershed have resulted in another major flood here in Guthrie. About 1 a.m. this morning, Sept. 21, the sirens sounded to warn all residents that the creek would overflow. Several of the Guthrie congregation and others awoke and went immediately to the campground and chapel, and put things up as high as possible. Most of the salvaged lumber from the recently dismantled tabernacle was hurriedly hauled to the highest spot at the Printshop premises, which now looks like a lumber yard. At 9 a.m. the creek began overflowing rapidly, and now at 3:30 p.m. the water is just five inches below the floor level of the Lord's Printshop. Everything that could be damaged by water in the shop has been raised up at least eight inches, and we are praying that the flood does not come any higher. The campground is now in about four or five feet of water, and all the buildings will require a major cleaning job.

Thank God, there is the consolation in knowing that in our spiritual lives the floods shall not overflow us.

—Editor

OBITUARIES



Noah Carl White, the son of H. W. and Lydia White, was born in Missouri on Jan. 20, 1902, and passed away at his home near Jefferson, Oregon on Aug. 24, 1965 at the age of 63 years, seven months and four days.

He was saved at a young age and was a very active member of the Church of God until his recent illness.

In 1923 he was married to Ella Mae Davis. To this union one son and two daughters were born, the son dying in infancy. His wife passed away in 1932. In November, 1941, he was married to Helen Epp. To this union one son was born.

Those surviving to mourn their loss include his wife, Helen; his son, Larry; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Shamberger and Mrs. Barbara Jensen; his mother, Mrs. Lydia Ridgeway; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Taylor and Mrs. Minnie Haskins; three brothers, Arthur C., Otis A., and Clarence A.; twelve grandchildren, besides many other relatives and a host of friends and saints.

The funeral services were conducted at Salem, Ore. by Bro. A. E. Harmon, assisted by Sister Dorothy Keiser. Text: Psa. 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Interment was in Lee Mission Cemetery, Salem, Ore.

Bro. Harmon writes: "Bro. Noah is missed very much here at Jefferson. Wife and I were always welcomed in their home over the past 20 years when we came to Jefferson. A few days before his departure he told me, 'Now is as good a time as any to go.' He was faithful in his trust in God. There is a vacancy here which will not be soon forgotten."

Terry Lane Meek, son of Roy and Dorothy Meek, was born July 21, 1954 at Larnard, Kansas and departed this life at his home, Tulsa, Okla., on Sept. 10, 1965 at the age of 11 years, one month and 20 days.

Terry was ill almost one week, and at times suffered severely, but he asked for prayer often and the Lord answered. He would ask for songs, and as they were being sung he would raise his hand in praise to God. Although his parents and others felt that God was calling him Home, they were grieved but submitted to God's will. Little Terry will be missed greatly.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, Roy and Dorothy Meek; three brothers, Jerry, Teddy and Charles; one sister, Beverly; both paternal and maternal grandparents, besides many other relatives, friends and saints.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Richard Madden, assisted by Bro. Charles Smith. Interment was made in Green Hill Cemetery, Sapulpa, Okla.

Dorothy Boone was born August 1, 1920 at Ferriday, La., and departed this life on September 5, 1965 at the age of 45 years, one month and four days.

In 1938 she was united in marriage to Oscar King, to which union three children were born. One preceded her in death in infancy.

She was born again in the Church of God in 1951, and lived faithful until the Lord called her Home. She was a living example of humility and obedience.

She leaves to mourn her passing her mother, Mrs. Adean McKay; a son, Norman King; a daughter, Betty Love; two granddaughters and a host of other relatives and friends. We will miss her, but we are confident that our loss is Heaven's gain.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Isaac Chandler. Interment was in the Stockton, Calif. Rural Cemetery.

—Gwendolyn Robinson

Campmeeting Reports

DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Dover, Okla. campmeeting is now history, and we believe it has gone down in heaven and earth as a victory for Christ Jesus from the beginning to the end.

The Lord provided Holy Ghost-filled ministers to expound the gospel. The attendance was good, especially on week ends. The home community also showed real interest by their good attendance.

The response of consecrated saints and friends in material things was more than sufficient, so that there was no lack of food, natural or spiritual.

The ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper were observed with 18 sisters and eight brothers present. The memorial service was precious. A number were at the altar of prayer for help, healing or deeper consecration. Seven souls sought the Lord for salvation. Five of them were of the Dover community, and two from other places. Rejoicing in song and praises to God were much in evidence. It was a happy time for the saints—yea, a foretaste of heaven itself.

So I rejoice greatly as I write this and think of how our dear Brother and Sister Ulysses Phillips labored there so many tiresome, weary years, and praise the Lord, it was not in vain, but has proved to be holy, living, foot-prints down to this present time. —Lewis Williams

MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING REPORT

The 1965 State Campmeeting of the Church of God at Myrtle, Missouri, is in the past, but its spiritual blessings linger on in the hearts of many precious souls, I am sure. Many expressed themselves as feeling that it was the best meeting at Myrtle that they had ever attended. We give God all the praise, as He wonderfully anointed for the preaching, praying, and singing, also in many other ways. Sweet unity of the saints prevailed throughout the ten-day meeting. The Lord sent ministers of His choosing and saints from ten different states were present.

Many souls were at the altar for salvation, sanctification, and healing. Fourteen followed the Lord in baptism. Forty-six took part in the ordinance services—washing feet, and the Lord's supper.

We thank the Lord for all these past blessings and for sending so many out to the meeting, and trust God will bless everyone and keep those saved who gave their hearts to the Lord and help those unsaved to get saved before they are eternally lost.

—Assistant Secretary, Effie Miller

Word has been received from the treasurer, Bro. Alsia Sorrell, that the expenses of this meeting were taken care of with a balance of \$64.02 in the treasury. All needs were met by free-will offerings. We wish to thank all who helped make this meeting a success, as some no doubt helped, though they were not able to come. Money was supplied to purchase some new mattresses and some of the brethren built a nice storage cabinet for the bedding. The Lord has blessed us with nice buildings and many conveniences for the comfort of the saints. This is a beautiful spot which was donated for the work of the Lord by our dear faithful Brother and Sister Alsia Sorrell. There are just a few there, so let us hold them up in our prayers and in any way the Lord may direct. We expect to see many more there next year for the campmeeting. All-day services are held the first Sunday of each month excluding September.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the good spiritual food as well as the temporal blessings.

—Secretary, Evodna Marler

WORK DAYS AT MYRTLE, MO.

There will be work days on the campgrounds at Myrtle, Mo., on both Friday the 5th and Saturday the 6th, which is before the all-day meeting November 7th. There will be places provided for all who come to help with the work or for the meetings. We hope to see you there!

—The Myrtle Congregation

PRELIMINARY WORK ON OKLA. CAMPGROUND

The saints of Oklahoma will be interested to know that preliminary work is about completed on the State campground here at Guthrie in preparation to enlarge the chapel to accommodate both annual state meetings. The tabernacle has been dismantled, with the lumber in the process of being salvaged for re-use in the enlarged chapel. The house next door to the chapel has been moved to the corner north of the dining hall. These improvements are especially made for the state meetings and should be of vital concern to all the Oklahoma saints. Your response in finance and physical help will be appreciated. Laborers from several congregations have helped already. Remember that the building must be completed for the coming winter Assembly meeting. For information on further work plans, keep in contact with the treasurer, Bro. M. A. Davis, R. 4, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Phone BU 2-3442.

—Lawrence Pruitt

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Edna Hammond of Paoli, Ind. requests the saints to pray for the complete and permanent healing of herself, her husband, and her son.

Please remember the many, many other requests for prayer that have come in this month which are not printed here. Let us believe that God is a present help in trouble.

Meeting Notices

OREGON STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Oregon State Assembly meeting at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, the Lord willing, Nov. 5 through 14, 1965. It will be run on the free-will offering plan. We extend a hearty invitation to all who can attend this meeting. Come and enjoy the precious Word of God which will be preached by ministers under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Come expecting a real blessing. We have cabins and other sleeping quarters furnished. Meals will be served in the dining hall.

For further information, write to Sister Beatrice Spaur, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon. Phone 327-2855, area code 503, or write Sister Hilda Nielsen, Box 34, Jefferson, Oregon. Phone 327-2564.

—Dorothy Keiser

AUTUMN MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The church at Wichita, Kansas is planning, the Lord willing, to begin its fall meeting on Oct. 22, 1965 and run as long as the Lord leads.

Several have expressed themselves as being burdened for this meeting. If you are still burdened after reading this notice, please contact me as soon as possible.

—Lewis Williams, Pastor

1536 Piatt Street, Wichita, Kans. 67214 Ph. AM 4-8481

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT NEOSHO, MO.

There will be all-day services the fourth Sunday of each month at the Church of God chapel in Neosho, Mo. The chapel is located on the east side of town, one-half mile south of No. 86 highway on Freeman Road. We extend a hearty welcome to God's ministers and saints and all who love the truth to come and worship with us.

—Neosho Congregation

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT W. MONROE, LA.

Lord willing, there will be all-day services at the Church of God chapel in West Monroe, La. on the second Sunday (10th) of October, 1965. The congregation invites you to worship with them.

—Bro. Ben Goldsberry, Pastor

ALL-DAY MEETING AT DAYTON, OHIO

To the saints scattered abroad, greetings: At Dayton, Ohio the all-day meetings will begin again on Sunday, Oct. 10, and on each second Sunday of the month until further notice. The chapel is located at 622 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio. Phone No. 233-5393. All are welcome.

In Christian love, —William A. and Verga McCoy,
24 Belpre Place, Dayton, Ohio 45403

Mexico Missionary Report

Dear Saints scattered abroad:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I wish to report up-to-date victory in my soul and a determination to give my all to God each day.

The campmeeting at Pacoima, California closed Sunday night, Sept. 5. A Mexican man and wife from Mexico were gloriously saved in the meeting and were baptized. They really wept and prayed freely to God and came through with ringing testimonies. All praise be to God! There were eight Mexicans plus some children at the services. We translated the services by way of a microphone and ear-phones. That way, one of us could translate the messages to all of the Mexicans at once. It so happened that I was translating the night the woman was saved. As the invitation was being given I was sitting where I could see her face as I translated the exhortations and pleas from the different ministers. She moved restlessly in her chair, her face seemed as chalk, her lips quivered. I could detect her breathing was heavy as she was under deep conviction. Finally she dropped the earphone from her ear, turned around to Sister Edith Cole who was behind her. They whispered a moment, then the woman led the way to the altar, Sister Cole following her. A little later Sister Cole sent for me to come in front where they were. I never heard more earnest praying in my life than the Mexican sister was doing. She had her hand up and was saying, "Oh, God, I mean with all my heart to surrender all and live for you."

The night Pedro (the husband) was saved, I was burdened for him and looked around to see where he was. He had gone outside. I went out, found him out in the dark. He looked like someone lost in the wilderness so troubled was he. I asked, "Pedro, don't you want to be saved?" He answered "Yes, but I was told I couldn't be saved because my wife was married before." I said, "If you will repent of your sins, ask God to forgive you of your sins, and be willing for God to show you what to do from that point on, you can be saved now." I asked, "Would you rather separate if God said to, or be lost in hell?" He answered, "It would be better to

separate." I said, "When do you want to get saved?" He answered, "Right now!" We went into the building and down to the altar where he prayed through in a short time. A few nights later he found me out in my truck praying. He got in and joined me in prayer for the service and he prayed like a veteran. He had such a soul burden; it was wonderful.

Now dear ones, please pray for these people. They have a young daughter about eleven years old. Pray that God will show them His will in this matter of double marriage and give them grace to be obedient. Pedro is a half-brother to Bro. Tomas, our native minister, who was in the campmeeting with his wife and three children until Thursday. They left because they were burdened to get back to their congregations. Bro. James Huskey accompanied them as far as Rosarito where they gathered the people for service. Bro. Huskey said Bro. Tomas preached with anointing and conveyed many truths he had heard in the campmeeting.

Please pray much for the work and workers in Mexico. God is working in a definite way. I have been privileged to pray with at least 13 persons individually since May 1, who testified to an experience of salvation, nearly all of them were first-time converts. Glory be to God! One old Indian man was on his death-bed. He testified clearly and definitely before his family and me. Two days later, he went to heaven. I tell these things because many ask from time to time, "Are souls being saved in Mexico." The answer is YES!

Recently Terry Madden from Oklahoma was with me on a trip. We had a service in a ranch house with about ten present. As the service closed, the man of the house seemed to be choking back tears and showed signs of being under conviction. However, we left and started away through the hay field. I said to Terry, "I believe Natividad was under conviction." He replied, "Yes, I believe he was, too." I said, "Well, if he wants to be saved he can get out behind the barn and pray through." But my heart got heavier and heavier. Soon I said, "Terry, we'd better go back." He agreed. We drove up in front of the house and called the man outside. I said, "Natividad, it appears that God is dealing with your soul." He said, "Yes." I asked, "Do you have a desire to be saved?" "Yes, of course." "When do you want to get saved?" "Well, I suppose now." We got out of the truck, and went in the house. I said, "Natividad desires to be saved. How about the rest of you?" Natividad's brother, about 35 years old, said, "I think my mother wants to be saved." Natividad asked his wife if she didn't want to get saved and her eyes got big and her face turned pale. I asked the 15-year-old niece if she wanted to get saved. She turned pale and trembled. We went to our knees. God blessed in prayer and Natividad testified that God saved him. I hugged and kissed him and said, "Now you are my brother in Christ," while the others looked on in wonderment. Glory to God!

I then asked, "Are the rest of you satisfied?" and started toward Natividad's brother. He put out his hand and said, "Not yet, not yet." I asked, "One day soon?" He said, "Yes, a little later." Pray for him that it will be soon. I went into the next room where their mother was sitting on the bed. She suffered a stroke about a year ago and one side is paralyzed. She testified that she was saved and ready to go to heaven. She looks forward to each Saturday when we conduct a regular service there in the home. That is in Ojos Negros.

I could write a book on God's dealings in Mexico. My heart is overflowing right now and I'm longing to finish the rest home in Pacoima and head for Mexico

where I can spend seven days a week rather than two. Pray for me. I need your prayers.

Also pray for Bro. and Sister Wittenborn who feel the Lord leading back to Mexico.

Dear ones, believe me, the doors are open, souls are begging for the pure gospel. Full time workers are needed. Do you know what that means? In Romans 10:13, 14, 15 we see that it is through the preaching of the WORD. How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent? It is the Lord that calls, qualifies, and sends by His Spirit, but you must help send them. May God bless you and direct you in doing His will.

My prayer and burden of late is, "Give me souls, or give me death."

Your brother in Christ,
—Harland H. Smith
317 E. Cucamonga Ave., Claremont, Calif.

Missionary Report From Nigeria

Bro. Nse Umanah, the new field secretary of the mission in Nigeria, sent in a very encouraging report of the mission activities for the month of August, consisting of several typewritten pages. Being too long to print here in full, the report will be summarized as follows:

On Sunday, Aug. 1, 1965 an ordinance service was held at Ikot Obio Inyang where Bro. John J. Udo is the minister in charge of the congregation. Bro. Etuk preached a sermon on the ordinances of the Lord's House. The attendance was 134 and 65 took part in observance of the ordinances. Ten persons were converted.

On Aug. 8 a combined service was held at Ibianga. Bro. Inyang taught the Sunday school, and Evangelist Udoffia preached the sermon, using Jesus' admonition to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." The attendance was very good and three were saved.

On Aug. 15 an ordinance service was held at Nduo Eduo where Bro. Edet E. Udo is caring for the souls of this congregation. Bro. Inyang taught the Sunday school. Then Bro. Etuk preached a sermon on the ordinances, and 41 members partook of the ordinance of feet-washing. Four were converted. The attendance was 104.

On the evening of Aug. 21 eight members of the congregation at Ibianga wanted to go to Nnung Asong Ikono to have a prayer-meeting with the late Pastor Tom Ek-pene's family. As the eight were crossing a flooded river in a canoe, it rammed into a palm tree which had fallen across the river. The canoe capsized and all were thrown into the water. Four swam to shore and two hung on to the palm tree all night and were picked up in a canoe the next morning. A woman, aged 29, and a boy, 12, were drowned. For days a search was made for the bodies, and on the fourth day the bereaved husband found the decomposed bodies. Immediately he reported it to Bro. Nse who went with him to the scene. Other saints had gathered at the spot to mourn and arrange for their burial. May the Lord comfort all the bereaved in this tragic loss.

On Aug. 22 a service observing the ordinance of feet-washing was held at Three Towns Ikono where Bro. Frank U. Uffort, who is the preacher in charge of the congregation, led the service in hymns, prayers and reading of Psalms 4. Bro. Etuk preached a sermon on the ordinances. An aged man who was a heathen repented. His gods were destroyed and put in the river. The attendance was 160.

On the last Sunday in August an ordinance service was held at Ikot Akpan Eda with Bro. Etuk and Umanah present. Bro. Okon B. Akpan is in charge of the con-

gregation here. Bro. Etuk preached on the subject, and 46 partook of the ordinance of feet-washing.

The adult language classes are being carried on successfully in some places.

The sewing classes are being taught by Miss Peace M. Essien who is carrying on the work faithfully in this project.

Bro. Nse closes his report with his personal thanks to all the readers for their fervent prayers for him and the gospel work there. He feels the Lord's hand upon him and is encouraged in the ministry of the Word.

As you may know, he is very busy, for he translates and interprets at the various mission stations the Bible lessons which Bro. Ostis Wilson mails to him each week.

Bro. Etuk wrote recently that the Volkswagen car, which was purchased for the mission work a few years ago, was damaged when caught in flood water. Subsequently, they traded it on a new car and are endeavoring to pay for it by monthly installments. He requested the Church here to pray that the Lord would enable them to meet these payments each month without fail.

From the Missionary Fund at this office a bank draft for \$300.00 is being sent each month to Bro. Etuk, the native superintendent, to meet the allowances for the native gospel workers and the expenses of the mission operation.

The native workers are making preparations in anticipation of the arrival of Bro. and Sister C. C. Carver at Port Harcourt, Nigeria on Sept. 19. They will drive the 80 miles to Port Harcourt in their new car and return with them to the main mission station.

May the missionary spirit of Christ prompt us to continued effort in behalf of the world's multitudes who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

TESTIMONIES

Mexico—Dear good people of Faith Publishers: It was about 42 years ago, after I got saved, that I lived at De-queen, Ark. And it was then that I ordered some tracts from Faith Publishing House. Since then I have ministered at many places. I am still on the field, and for the past six years I have been here in Mexico working with the young missionaries.

I have a tract in my possession, the name of which is, "Forty-eight Hours in Hell." I have thought of having many of them on hand to give out to people. I am writing to know if this place still exists and publishes tracts. If so, let me know and I will tell you what I want.

Truly wonderful is the Lord.

—Fred C. Wise

(Editor's Note: It was a pleasure to answer this brother and tell him how the Lord had kept the gospel literature going out from this office all the years since he first ordered tracts 42 years ago. Though difficulties and opposition have been encountered, God has always taken care of His work. Many "Ebenezers" have been set up along the way with the inscription, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.")

Missouri—Dear Saints of God: Today I am happy for salvation and able to report victory in my soul. I am so thankful I had the privilege of being reared in a Christian home and for the knowledge of the truth.

I want to take this opportunity to testify to God's healing power. Early this spring an affliction came on my hands. I don't know what it was, but it was very miserable. At times it was worse, when working with

acidic fruits or vegetables, or doing the washing. The palms of my hands would break out in tiny bumps, and itch terribly. Then the bumps would break and the palms of my hands would become raw sores. I would pray and get relief, but it didn't go away.

At the Monark, Mo. campmeeting, and the day of fasting for the sick, I was watching different ones receive healing, and it just flooded my soul, thinking of God's great power. As the ministers were praying for the last ones who had come forward for healing, the Lord spoke to me and said, "If you'll go be anointed, I'll heal the affliction on your hands." They were much better at this time and didn't look bad. I sat there and looked at my hands and the devil came with his thoughts. "Why, there's nothing wrong with your hands, they're already well; and what will the ministers think if you show them your hands? There's no need to be anointed." The Lord spoke to me the second time to go be anointed. I knew right then it was only the devil bringing such discouraging thoughts to cheat me out of a blessing.

I went up to be anointed and prayed for and I knew with assurance that I was healed of this thing. After campmeeting my faith was tested by a form of it coming back rather severely, but I know it wasn't the same thing I had, because God had healed me of that and it will NEVER come back. The palms of my hands have new skin grown back over them. Oh, how thankful I am that we can come to a God who hears and answers prayer. I want to be like the one of the ten lepers who received healing and returned to give thanks to God.

This may have been a small thing, but I thank God for healing me. It really increased my faith and made me more determined to live for God and trust Him through life and death.

I realize if there was ever a time God's children should dig deeper and get a tighter grip on God it is today. Let us pray for one another.

Your Sister in the Lord,

—Norene Cole

La.—Dear Saints: I want to write my testimony in appreciation for what the Lord has done for me. About two weeks before the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting I hurt my back taking a lawn mower out of our car. It dealt me much pain and at times I could hardly go. After we got to the campmeeting I injured my back more severely than it was to start with. I could hardly get up or down, but the Lord gave me strength and faith to trust in Him. I got the witness of my healing while at campmeeting and was anointed and prayed for. The healing touch came about two weeks after we returned from Monark. Thank the Lord! He is still the same, yesterday, today, and forever!

Continue to pray for me. I am still saved and encouraged to live for the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

—Doyle LaCroix

Oklahoma.—To all the saints scattered abroad, Greetings in Jesus' precious name: Today finds me on the firing line. I want to be a good soldier for the Lord. I am working to get out of the "danger zone."

I have had a badly infected eye, but by the eye of faith I am claiming the promise. I have obeyed the Word and expect to see the results. I know faith will pilot us through the storms of life.

Bro. Sam Barton needs prayer. He is now having headaches with a pressure. I believe he had a light stroke. It could have been a heat stroke. He got better, but the past week his nerves are failing him. He doesn't sleep much. Please remember him when you pray.

We want to thank the dear saints who sent cards and love offerings to us. My eye has hindered my answering, but as I can I will answer. Some failed to send addresses. May God bless each one is our prayer.

Oh, how I love the dear family of God. I am so glad I can be counted in that loving family.

When we feel burdened down with the cares of life, we can take them to the Lord and leave them there.

—Bro. and Sister Sam Barton and Dorothy

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Kansas—Dear Saints: I want to thank the Lord for giving me a healing touch to my helpless body through the prayer of faith. May God richly bless all who had an interest in my well-being.

I received much help to my soul, too, and would not trade the affliction for anything and miss the blessings I received. Praise God for His mercy and blessings to us. I love you all.

—Lavina Martens

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Ohio—Dear Saints everywhere, greetings of love: I feel the Lord would have me write our testimony of the miracle that was wrought on August 13, 1965. We are saved and truly satisfied with the ways of the Lord. On August 7, I was blessed to become the father of another son. My wife had been admitted to the hospital two days before the baby was born for rest, overweight, and toxemia, a poisoned condition of the blood. They wanted to treat her for this, but she refused. She was then put on a salt-free diet. During this period she sent for Sister Clark and Sister Anna Bell Allen to come to the hospital and have prayer with her. That was on August 6 and in a period of two days the water began to come from her body. The doctors were amazed themselves, but God gets all the praise. I know the Bible tells us, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." And we mean to abide in Him and have His words abiding in us.

On August 11 my wife was discharged from the hospital but the baby was kept there against our wishes. He had contacted this poisoning from his mother. His eyes were quite puffy and he was unable to open them. But we looked to God to take away all the swelling from his body. About 12:30 p. m. that night the baby specialist called us and informed us they were transferring the baby to the Children's Hospital because he had become worse, and asked if I'd come over and sign a medical statement for treatment. We stood firm and true on God's Word and told him we believed in divine healing. This really shocked him. His reply to this was, "I feel sorry for you and also the baby." We called several of the saints to be agreed in prayer with us that God work out the best thing. About 2:00 in the afternoon one nurse from Children's Hospital called my wife and told her, "Your baby is dying. Did you know that? What do you plan to do—let him die without our help?" My wife told her that we believed in divine healing. I was at work at the time but they called me twice on my job. She said, "Mr. Jones, no man of faith can do this baby any good," and asked what I was going to do. I still kept the victory, for I knew the moment I trusted in doctors I would become guilty of what is written in Jer. 17:5, "Thus saith the Lord, cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." I was determined that nothing would move me from the hope of the gospel. I'm rejoicing that I can say like David in Acts 2:25, "For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand that I should not be moved." The devil was right there painting dark pictures,

but we kept our eyes on the Lord. We know what He says in Psalms 34:19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." The Lord brought the song to my heart, "Jesus Heals." It made such an impression on me that I began to sing it.

Since my wife and I wouldn't sign a medical statement, they discharged the baby to us. My cousin and I went to the hospital to bring our baby home. They had given him up. When we arrived I signed the release papers, and was told to go with the nurse to the dressing room, that she would dress him. As I stood there looking at him, he was very pale, and swollen all over. I couldn't see life anywhere in him, and the nurse that was dressing him was looking so astonished at me because I was not crying as I looked on him. I was looking beyond the condition of the baby, beyond the nurses and the doctors, to God Almighty who is holding the breath of us all in His hands. As the nurse had him on the dressing table, the Spirit said to me three times, "Pray for him" and I looked steadfastly toward heaven and prayed the prayer of faith, and when I said Amen, immediately the swelling left the baby, his breathing and natural color were restored, and he began to move as if nothing had been wrong with him. When the nurse saw what had happened, she stood there very astonished. She had witnessed that divine healing is real.

We're so thankful that we can say we serve a great and mighty God. He gave us grace to trust Him for complete healing for our baby without any medical aid from man. God gets all the praise, honor and glory. Isa. 40:8 says, "The grass withereth and the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever."

We appreciate the kindness of all the saints and are thankful for their prayers in our behalf. Our deepest desire is to please God always. Please pray for us both. May the Lord bless every reader.

—Bro. and Sis. Theophilus A. Jones, Jr.

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Ark.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop and saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' name: I am so glad I can report victory over the devil this morning. God has been so good to me. Just two weeks before the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting I had a bad case of athlete foot. If you have never had it, you don't know what I am talking about. It is very tormenting with itching and blisters. When Husband and I went to bed my foot was hurting until I could not rest. We got up and prayed. I told the Lord if He would heal me I would write my testimony to the paper. God instantly took the pain away. The blisters stayed but I just kept thanking God for healing and He moved it all out. Praise the Lord!

The devil has been telling me that was too little a thing to write about, but when the Lord can heal a little thing, He can heal a big one.

Christian love,

—Mrs. E. A. Loftis

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Okla.—Dear Saints scattered abroad: I read the "Faith and Victory" paper each month and enjoy it.

I was born into the Church of God at 14 years of age in the year of 1948. I have tried to serve our Master to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

Pray for my mother, husband, and daughter.

Yours in Christ,

—Mrs. Mary O. Jones

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Calif.—Dear saints everywhere: I thank the Lord for being saved and encouraged to go the Bible way. I thank the Lord for saving me and healing my body.

On May 3, 1965 I was sent home from work because I had a pain in my right leg and couldn't straighten

up my back. At that time I was not saved and trusting the Lord. The next day I entered the hospital. After several weeks in and out of the hospital the doctors discovered that I had a ruptured disc in my back, and set a time on a certain morning to operate on me.

My mother, Sister Roberta Ross, had been saved in the Church of God for 31 years, and had brought me up under the influence of the church. She asked me what I was going to do. I told her that I was going to put my trust in the Lord, go home and let the saints pray for me. Though I was not saved, I went home on July 9. The next day my mother, several ministers and saints came and prayed the prayer of faith, asking the Lord to heal me. As I was still hurting when the saints started to leave the room, I asked them to pray again. One minister suggested that perhaps they should pray for my soul this time, and talked to me about getting saved. After a little time the Lord put conviction on my heart. I decided to give up my sins and let the Lord save me. They prayed for me and God saved my soul.

During the following weeks my mother and I went through some real testing times. Some nights I could not lie down in bed, but would have to get up on my hands and knees to get some relief. Different saints would come and pray for me. I kept faith that God would heal me. In a short time the Lord did heal me and the hurting was all gone. I could stand, walk, and sit without pain. I drove to the Bakersfield, Calif. campmeeting and stayed three nights, then I drove from Bakersfield to San Diego without stopping. I am now getting ready to go to the Calif. State campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif. I was sanctified at the Bakersfield campmeeting and baptized in our new baptismal pool here at our chapel in San Diego.

I surely thank the Lord for healing my body and all He has done for me. I told the Lord I would send in my testimony when I got back on my feet. Pray for me that I will stand true to God and never fail.

Your Brother in the Lord, —James V. Ross, Jr.

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Missouri—Dear Saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory." I must testify what the Lord has done for me. I had cancer and God healed me. He also healed me of eye trouble and headaches. I thank the Lord for all He has done for me.

Pray for my family. —Louise Freeman

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Tenn.—I send greetings to all the dear saints in the name of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ; the sweetest name that man has ever heard. I wanted to give my testimony in the paper for the glory of God, as He so graciously delivered me in a very needy time a few days ago. Early one morning I started to rise for prayer and devotion to God when I felt so awfully sick. I couldn't see the clock and things would just seem to go round and round. I made several efforts to get up and couldn't, so I lay in bed for awhile. My folks fixed breakfast. After breakfast, I made it to the couch. I was wondering how I could let my sister know about my condition so she could agree with me in prayer. I rose in the name of the Lord and after prayer I began to mend. I was able to go with my husband and daughter and her husband after some hay. My son-in-law told me if I got sick again I should go to a doctor. My husband told him that I wouldn't go to any doctor. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would send in my testimony. We all know that the devil is just as hard against divine healing as he always has been. But praise the dear Lord, healing is God's children's bread. He has promised to heal us of all of our diseases if we will obey and believe.

Continue to remember me in prayer that I always will be true to the dear Lord and continue the good fight of faith. I desire an increase of faith and wisdom from above that I may know how to better please Him while He permits me to remain in life. Continue to pray for my unsaved ones in my home.

A blood-washed sister, —Mrs. Edith Gregg

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Ala.—Dear Saints, greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I thank the Lord for being saved and having a mind to go all the way with Him.

A few weeks ago my little grandson had a very bad sore foot. It swelled and pained him so much. He couldn't wear his shoe. It kept getting worse. On Wednesday I began to pray and told the Lord if He would heal his foot, I would testify of it to others. The Lord wonderfully blessed that same day. On Sunday he was able to put his shoe on and go to meeting. He hasn't had any trouble with it since. Thank the dear Lord! I do give Him all the praise.

Saints, pray that I will ever be all the Lord will have me to be. Also pray for my brother, who is mixed up in his mind, that the Lord will help him.

Yours in Christ, —Alma Latham

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Maryland—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints, greetings in the dear name of Jesus: First, I want to say I thank God for saving my soul. I also thank Him for His dear saints wherever they are and I thank them for their prayers. Some time ago I wrote in for prayer for God to heal my husband's body. I am so thankful that He heard our prayers. My husband has been feeling better. I asked for prayer for my brother, who had cancer. He passed away the ninth of July. My sister-in-law wrote that my brother had a change of heart before he died and she said she believed he had got saved. I hope and pray that he did. I have some consolation from what she told me in her letter. I do thank the dear saints for their prayers.

I have high blood pressure, arthritis, gall bladder trouble and also colitis. I believe in divine healing. I know the Lord can heal me if I will just let my faith grow and get victory over a few things in my life. Please pray over an unspoken request and that I will let the Lord lead me in all spiritual things. Pray for my unsaved loved ones and ask God to have mercy on their souls and save them from all sin. I thank the Lord for the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is so full of love and truth. May God's richest blessings be upon you and all the dear saints.

In Christian love, —Sister Myrtle Warner

"PROUD FLESH"

The greater portion of everything seen and heard over the television appeals to the flesh only, even the sob-story scenes and so-called clean programs. It feeds the flesh, but never the soul. Regardless of how good the moral in the story may be, or how many tears it may bring, it is but the flesh being moved. That is why nearly all worldly-minded persons take such great pleasure in it.

It has absolutely no appeal to the spiritual-minded person who walks not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For every true saint of God has fully and completely determined in the very depth of his ransomed soul that "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the works of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." Psa. 101:3.

Sad to say, many who were once spiritual-minded have become careless and let their minds revert back into a fleshly-minded condition, and are now enjoying what they please to call "controlled T V programs." Surely every enlightened soul knows that the T V has always been under control—of the devil. Many, many persons who are now helpless alcoholics started out by drinking under the "controlled" way, and many, many poor souls started their tobacco habit career by the so-called "controlled" way, but are now confirmed cigarette fiends, snuff dippers, cigar smokers, and tobacco chewers. There is absolutely no safe way or plan of controlling sinful actions while continuing to live in such things that appeal to the flesh.

Receiving the Spirit of Christ into the heart is absolutely the only cure for all harmful fleshly desires and lusts found among the people of the world. One must become a new creature (creation) in Christ through the new spiritual birth from above. (2 Cor. 5:17) God's holy Word instructs the spiritually new-born person to "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," (Phil. 2:5). If the spiritual mind remains in him, he will be quick to shun the very appearance of evil, teaching his children and others the same. Although tempted on all worldly points in life, Christ kept His mind pure, completely void of all worldly, fleshly desires and lusts that might have even a tendency to divert His mind from the spiritual way. The true saint has a burning soul-burden for lost souls, and the spiritual welfare of the church, having neither time nor desire to pet and pamper the flesh.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Prov. 29:18. In other words, if God's people fail to have A vision and continue to hold to T-vision, they will surely perish, for the spiritual vision is of God, while the television is out of the very pit of hell, spawned in the beastly muck and slime of Satan's filthy mind. God's church is pure and holy, in no sense conforming to the world. (Eph. 5:25-27) The television is of the world in every sense of the word, corrupting and defiling in all its many ramifications, disgracing every saint's home it enters, corrupting even the little ones in every home wherein it is viewed.

God's children are commanded to "obey them that have the rule over you" (Heb. 13:17). How could this be accomplished rightly toward those preachers who have television in their homes and find pleasure in feeding their own flesh instead of the flock? When one gets saved the spirit of Christ is his constant companion—in his home, the automobile, out in the field, washing dishes, doing house work—seeing everything we see, hearing everything we hear, knows our every desire, worthy or unworthy. Wherefore how careful a saint of God should be about allowing a desire to creep into his heart that would cause him to find pleasure in any machine that is "controlled" altogether by and for worldly interests, reaping their income from liquor and tobacco advertisements. If he be a preacher and endorses television, he thereby testifies that the Holy Spirit also approves and endorses that which is unholy, worldly, and unclean.

In Psa. 79:1 the writer's soul cries out in anguish: "O God, the heathen have come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled." Surely this cry is echoed by every true saint of God as they view conditions today. May God help everyone of His children to continue to seek out and walk in the "old paths, where is the good way," finding rest for their souls, and not for the flesh. Jer. 6:16. Surely the heathen have come among God's inheritance and defiled His people among the nations, for those "outside" do watch and judge by what they see among His people. All who worship among God's people and neglect to hear the church, are judged of God, as being "heathens" to His church. Matt. 18:17. Wherefore, all who endorse television, and continue to cling to their decisions, are become as a heathen man to the church, and shall surely be purged out. God will not spare one, for His church is pure and spotless. The purging will include all who will not take their stand against the evils of T. V. in their hearts. There is absolutely no neutral ground on which to stand, neither is there any discharge from this war against evil, but all must hold firm and true with their whole heart and soul, keeping down in the very depths of spiritual humility, realizing the utter nothingness of the flesh. They must depend every moment on the mighty power of God to accomplish His perfect purpose through their empty vessels.

On the farm our livestock get cuts from barbed wire, and sometimes "proud flesh" sets in, but when burnt powdered alum is applied in the cut, the proud flesh soon sluffs off and disappears. The dear steadfast saints of God do not purge, neither do they judge, but they pray earnestly for the fallen, and the falling ones. It is Almighty God himself who will sluff off every portion of proud flesh that exists, cleansing this wound with the fire of His hot displeasure (Heb. 12:29), causing His glorious Church again to shine forth as the pure, lovely, spotless Bride of Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Bro. J. W. Trimble

The Cross, The Blessing

(Luke 9:23)

Take the cross and meet your blessings,
Countless ones are waiting there.
You may surely have your portion,
If your cross you meekly bear.

Take the way of your Redeemer
As He walked in ancient past.
Pain and sorrow was His pathway,
But it brought Him Home at last.

Many seek to find their blessings
In a worldly atmosphere,
But we only find true blessings
When we the rugged cross revere.

Take the cross and meet your blessings,
Never think to lay it down.
Bring it in the Judgment Morning,
And exchange it for a crown.

—Bro. Donald Sharp

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October 3, 1965

JOSEPH

Printed Portion Genesis 37:3, 4; 39:20-22; 45:3-8

Gen. 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

39:20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

45:3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph: doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph, your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Memory Verse: But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Gen. 50:20.

Practical Truth: Believe in God and in the time of trouble He will take care of you.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

If you want your soul fed, read the whole story of the life of Joseph in the Bible. It is one of the stories of the great love of God shown as He deals with one of His children. The printed portion of our lesson brings out how Joseph goes from sonship to slavery, then from slavery to rulership. But the unprinted parts tell of him being in prison and then made a ruler. All the time God was with him. In the latter part of our lesson he tells his brethren, who had sold him into slavery, that "God sent me before you." Joseph did not look at the instrument that God used and how He did it, but he looked past all of that and saw God in it. Dear ones,

what a wonderful lesson for each of us to learn. Instead of saying, "he did this to me," or "she did that to me," say "God permitted this to come." Then look to God for the grace and mercy to bear up under it all. You can then have a good feeling toward those through whom the condition came.

No doubt God saw that it took slavery, and then the prison to get Joseph ready to be a ruler. My father, Bro. Pruitt, said one time, "Don't push away the tool the Lord is using to get you ready for heaven." May the Lord help us each one to be an earthen vessel through whom the Lord can work to bring to pass His pleasure in our lives.

October 10, 1965

JETHRO

Printed Portion Exodus 18:5, 10, 11, 13-22

Ex. 18:5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:

10 And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me: and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

Memory Verse: He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20.

Practical Thought: As the great man, Moses, was able to learn from Jethro, so may God help us to learn from others whom we meet in life.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We don't know very much about Jethro. He was a priest of Midian. Moses married his daughter, Zipporah. When Moses returned to Egypt, after God had spoken to him through the burning bush, he sent his wife and sons back to their home. Our lesson takes place near Mt. Sinai. Jethro brought Moses' wife and sons to him there where he was encamped with the host of Israelites that he had led out of Egypt.

Jethro rejoiced with Moses after hearing about how God had so wonderfully delivered the Israelites out of the hand of Pharaoh. He reaffirmed his belief that the Lord is great and mighty.

As Jethro watched the people coming and going to Moses with their problems he knew that this was too much work for Moses. He gave Moses some good advice that is recorded in our lesson. Moses was a great man. He had learned all the wisdom of the Egyptians' schools but he was great enough that he could take advice from someone else. Jethro helped Moses set up a court system which was used hundreds of years in the Jewish country.

Many hands will make any load lighter. Cooperation is needed in the home, the school, the town, and especially in the church. One pastor said that he had more than he could do. Another pastor said he got along fine. He said that he had 40 helpers which was everyone in his congregation. Let us all learn how to cooperate with others in the work of the Lord. Be great enough to take advice from the small and great.

October 17, 1965

BEZALEEL

Printed Portion Exodus 35:30-35; 36:1-3a; 38:22, 23

Ex. 35:30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

36:1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

3a And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal.

38:22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses.

23 And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

Memory Verse: Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. Romans 12:11.

Practical Truth: We should always remember we have a Master in heaven to whom we are accountable.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson is about Be-zal-e-el. God told Moses how to make the tabernacle. He gave strict instructions to make it according to the pattern shown him in the mount. (Ex. 25:9). It was to be very, very beautiful. It was to have the finest workmanship possible. We know that it was to have two rooms in it which are a type of the spiritual work in our souls of justification and sanctification. No wonder God was particular about it. In verse 31 we read where Bezaleel was "filled with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in all knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship." This is the first person mentioned in the Bible as having been filled with the Spirit of God. So we see how important this work was.

Today God's work is important. He tells us how to live and God expects us to live in that way to make it into heaven. We can't say, "I don't see it this way or that" and get by. God is particular. God fills us today with the Holy Spirit and gives us power to live as He wants us to live. When the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us, God gives us gifts just as God gave a gift to Bezaleel and others to build the tabernacle. Just as Bezaleel taught others, God wants us to teach others those things that He teaches us. God will not call us to do something unless he equips us for the work as we willingly yield to Him. Our memory verse gives us good advice. There are not any lazy Christians.

October 14, 1965

CALEB

Printed Portion Numbers 13:30-32; Joshua 14:6-12

Num. 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, the land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

Joshua 14:6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.

10 And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

Memory Verse: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13.

Practical Truth: Through Christ we can conquer the giants in our lives.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We need more men like Caleb. He was a man of faith. He didn't look at conditions and try to bring God down to that level, but he saw God as greater than conditions, circumstances, and powers that be. Ten of the spies that went up to spy out the land of Canaan for Moses and the Israelites brought back an evil report. They said the people were giants and lived in walled cities. They admitted that the land was good and flowed with milk and honey, then they added a big "but." So many let that little word hinder them and their courage fails. The people began to murmur and complain. But that man of faith "stilled the people," and said, "We are well able to overcome it." His faith took in victory over all of their enemies. Oh, that there were more people like Caleb! He looked at the God of all power and counted Him able to take care of everything. When we count God in we too can say with Caleb, "We are well able to overcome."

The people did not listen to Caleb and Joshua. This displeased God. God sent them back into the wilderness to live until all over 40 had died except Caleb and Joshua. The last part of our lesson is about Caleb asking Joshua to let him possess the land that was promised to him. In his old age he still had faith in God to help him to conquer his enemies. God will honor faith in all ages.

October 31, 1965

SAMSON

Printed Portion Judges 13:2-5, 24; 16:4, 15-21

Judges 13:2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

16:4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Memory Verse: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Proverbs 16:32.

Practical Truth: Keep company with those who desire to do the right.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Samson was a special child given to his parents and was to be a Nazarite. In Numbers 6 it gives the law governing a Nazarite. Samson's uncut locks were not the source of his strength; they were a sign of his devotion to God. Just as he was different from the world in that manner, so the saints of God today are different and separated to do the services of God in this world.

Poor Samson knew that the Philistines were his enemies and enemies of God's people but he was weak on one point. The devil knows each one's weak point and he works on that. It seemed that Samson loved the Philistine women. Our lesson records the third unhappy affair he had had with them. Samson did not flee from temptation and daily Delilah asked the secret of his strength. Finally he was overcome. Today many people know in their hearts that they should stay away from strong temptation but they do not put forth the effort to do it. Sorrow and heartache come to them as a result.

Poor Samson had his eyes put out and he ground grain for the Philistines. Many souls today are in a deception and are blinded. They are working hard in that deception for the devil. It all came to pass because they did not stay out of the devil's territory.

God had mercy upon Samson and he regained his favor with God. While the people were thanking their god, Dagon, for giving them Samson, he pulled down the building, killing more at his death than in his life.

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