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A Mother's Love



A light that shines above the clouds
Of gloom and dark despair;
Through mists of tangled, shattered hopes,
And sheds a ray of cheer.

Set by the hand of God divine,
And naught of earth can smother
The burning flame of sacred love
In the heart of a faithful mother.

With joy she constant vigil keeps
Over her precious charge,
And seeks to guide the patting feet
Of sons as they grow large.

The mother's love, first to forgive
An erring son or daughter;
And soon forgets the pain and woe
The wandering one hath brought her.

There is no light that shines above
In cloudless starlit sky,
That's like the light of joy and love
That beams in a mother's eye.

She's there to calm the troubled hearts,
And soothe the fevered brows;
And to the throne her prayer ascends
When on her knees she bows.

Through the dark thralls of toil and pain,
When life was but a span,
God looked and saw 'twas not in vain;
She gave to earth a man.

And when her work on earth is done,
And she has left this shore—
Her light of love will still shine on,
And on, forever more.

—Ulysses Phillips

The way to heaven? Turn right at Calvary and keep going straight!

"Your Redemption Draweth Nigh"



We often hear the remark made, "I don't know what is going to happen to this world. We are living in an awful time which makes one afraid." We agree that we are living in an awful time. All kinds of wickedness are abounding on every side. Definite lines between right and wrong are not adhered to as in the past. Morality among people is sinking to a low ebb. People do not trust each other. The leaders of our nations do not keep their word. Hatred in the hearts of people is turned loose. They go out to destroy and kill. No wonder people are afraid today.

Jesus looked down through the ages and saw these times. He said, "And there shall be signs . . . upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; . . . Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:25-28. Jesus not only saw the conditions and acknowledged them, but also told us what to do. We need not be in despair as many are today. We can "look up, and lift up" our heads because our redemption is at hand.

In Oct., 1964 Professor Linus Pauling of U.S.A. "estimated the world's nuclear stockpile as the equivalent of 320,000 million tons of TNT," and added that "this was sufficient to provide the equivalent of 12 one-ton blockbusters for every acre on the earth's surface. There is far more than enough to kill everyone on earth," he warned. In one meeting he said, "In giving a forecast of what would happen within 60 days of a nuclear war involving, say 800 million people in the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. and Europe, that (1) 720 million people would be dead, (2) 60 million would still be alive but would be seriously injured; and (3) 20 million would be comparatively uninjured but would be faced with devastation and the disruption of all services." We are told that "manned satel-

lites are able to race over country after country every two or three hours with the possibility of using atomic weapons or pin-pointing targets from the launching pads."

Do you not wonder that those who are in authority and people who know these things are suffering from fear? Do you wonder at "men's hearts failing them" today? Does it affect you and me? Can men in authority do anything about this? Can you? Can I? No, we cannot, nor can they. Nations are afraid of each other. A ruthless leader could, if God permitted, cause a chain of bombings that would bring death and suffering to multitudes.

But there is one solution, and Jesus has given it to us. He has told us to "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." That is what we are doing. We are "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2) Jesus brought the plan of salvation to us. When we confess, forsake, and with godly sorrow repent of our sins, we are His. We are born into the kingdom of God. We then can have an infilling of the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and guide in this dark world. He will give us power to live so we might be ready to meet Him when "the Son of man" comes in a cloud with power and great glory. Oh, what a great day that will be!

Dear ones, we need not brood over these things that are coming upon the earth. We need to "look up." If we look at these things at all, we need to look at them from the mountain of the Lord where we have victory and power to look down upon them. They are not bigger than our God. Through the faith and confidence we have in God we can triumph over them and go on our way with a knowledge that God is taking care of His own.

Prophecies are being fulfilled on every hand and we know that "our redemption draweth nigh." Sectism is gathering itself together against the one true Church—the Bride of Christ. In 1964 the pope of Rome and the leader of Eastern Orthodoxy met, and then later action was taken to recall the excommunication which had dated back 910 years. Then in 1966 the head of the Church of England, which was a leader of 45 million Anglicans around the globe, and the head of the Church of Rome, which is the leader of 550 million Roman Catholics, met together, leading to reconciliation. The National Council of Churches is a confederation of churches, as they say, in "brotherly love." These events, foretold in prophecy, are now being fulfilled, and there will be a great persecution of God's true church. We will not join up with them. We cannot afford to lay down the teachings and practices of God's Word. We must stand firm; therefore, we will be persecuted for this.

John, the Revelator, by the Spirit let us know of these times. He said that Gog and Magog would be gathered together to battle; "the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went upon the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. And

the devil [the dragon, Rev. 12:9, anti-God spirit or communism] that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast [Catholicism] and the false prophet [Protestantism] are, and shall be tormented day and night forever." Revelation 20:9, 10.

Jesus tells us to take heed to ourselves in these perilous times and not be caught in the snare of the cares of life, etc. (Luke 21:34-46). We want to be counted worthy to stand before the Son of man with our hearts pure and clean. We want to be ready to "meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:17.

Be encouraged and look up, because your redemption draweth nigh. We know not when God will call for us, therefore we should keep ready at all times.

—Sister Marie Miles

"Have Faith in God"

My heart has been very burdened lately. There are different ones of our brothers and sisters in the Lord who are ill. I pray the Lord to give us more faith, for I feel it is to the glory of God for these saints to be healed.

I feel led to write what the Lord gave to me, hoping this will strengthen the faith of all who read. I know this is from God. Mark 9:23, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 11:22, "And Jesus answering said unto him, Have faith in God." Mark 11:23, "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be removed and be thou cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Mark 4:31 and Luke 13:19 show that availing faith cannot be mixed with doubt. Many seeds will mix with other seed, but not so with mustard. Different kinds of mustard seed can be sown together, but each will bring forth its own kind. Real faith cannot be mixed with anything. Stand firm on the Word of God, refuse to look at diseases, troubles, or what Satan, doctors, children, or parents may say. Be like the mustard seed. Faith in God will not mix, cannot mix with any doubt. Luke 17:6, "And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea, and it should obey you."

God's Word cannot fail when we come to Him in faith with our hearts pure toward God and asking purely for the glory of God, with no selfish desire. Thank God, He will always answer the fervent prayer. Time after time God has stood with His children. He has never failed His trusting children. Of course, our hearts must be clean—no selfishness in us. Then we can claim His promises. Doubting nothing, stand

on the promises of God. They cannot, will not fail. I pray the Lord to increase our faith.

The children of Israel passed over the Red Sea and the River Jordan. The three Hebrew children had not even the smell of fire on them from the fiery furnace. Nothing but the bands which tied them were burned. The lions' mouths were closed, and Daniel was not hurt. By obeying God's Word, the walls of Jericho fell down. By faith David killed the giant. By faith Gideon won the victory. I could go on and on, telling of the victories God gave His trusting children. Oh, glory to God!

You who are going through sickness, troubles, and persecutions, don't look at these things. Look to the promises of God. He will heal; He will deliver. Refuse everything but the promise and power of the all-powerful Jesus Christ. Stand true on the Word of God, claim the victory in Jesus' name. Refuse to look or listen to anything but the Word of God. Thank the Lord that we are counted worthy to prove to this world that the Word of God is true. We will receive a great reward while in this world. Our bodies are healed and our needs supplied. By our standing true in faith, souls are saved and others' faith increased. By our being faithful many will see Jesus.

Let us thank the Lord we can be laborers in His vineyard, although it might be in deep sickness, by holding on in faith for our healing. God will never leave us. Claim your healing in Jesus' name. Your faithfulness will encourage others.

—Sister Lettie West

Woman's Symbol of Subjection

We have been asked to explain 1 Cor. 11:10. We have a religious journal before us which says: "When the 11th chapter of 1 Cor. was written there was a social reason for women wearing veils and keeping their hair long. This social reason has passed away. There is, therefore, no reason now to object to bobbed hair on religious grounds."

This is pitiful. God never divorced social life from Christian life. All our social living must be Christian living else we are not living the Christian life. Social life of worldlings changes, but the social life of the heavenly society no more changes than their Christianity. If the above could be truthfully said of 1 Cor. 11, it can be truthfully said of 1 Tim. 2:9 and hundreds of texts in the Bible.

Let us examine 1 Cor. 11:10. "For this cause." Because the woman was created for the man she should have power on her head. Please let us be honest. Just as true that woman was created for the man, that true is it that woman should have power on her head. When it becomes true that a change is made and woman is no longer created for man then she may remove the power from her head, but not until then. What is meant by "power on her head"? We all know that this means that God gave the woman a mark to show that she was under the power or authority of the man. Weymouth renders this text, "For man was not created for woman's sake, but woman

for man's. That is why woman ought to have on her head a symbol of subjection." All other translations support this rendering. Now it is undisputable that the hair is the symbol referred to. God, by nature, gave woman long hair. Man's hair will not, by nature, grow like a woman's. God gave to woman long hair as a symbol, or to show that she was to be in subjection to her husband. Woman today is removing the symbol, and perhaps it is fitting that she should for the majority of women today are not in subjection to the husband or to the man.

The last clause of the text reads, "because of the angels." Angels have much to do with Christians. They minister unto saints. Heb. 1:14. They encamp about those who fear God. Psalms 34:7. They rejoiced when a Savior was given to man. Luke 2:10, 11. And when a sinner repents. Luke 15:10. They are likewise grieved when God's order is changed. When women throw off the God-given symbol of subjection the angels are grieved, because there is a wrong state of heart. Just as truly as the wearing of jewelry is an indication of pride in the heart, that true is the cutting of the hair an indication of insubordination to man in the heart. This grieves God, Christ and the Holy Spirit, the angels and all truly holy God-fearing people. Those who would teach that because social life in the world has changed women can now cut their hair and still be in God's plan and order are wresting the Scriptures to their destruction. Such teaching makes hundreds of texts of no effect and will let sin and the world in upon any people. —C. E. Orr, in "The Path of Life," 1931

COME UNTO JESUS

Come unto me, ye that labor, I will give you rest;
Take my yoke upon you, your soul will be blest.
Ye that are heavy laden, cast on me your care;
I will ease your burden and your sorrow bear.

Come unto me, ye that wander out in sin's domain;
Oh! stay ye away no longer, I'll set you free again.
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow
And though your fears be many, then they all must go.

Come unto me, ye that waver, oh, wherefore dost thou doubt?

He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.
Though your trials be many, though your burdens be hard to bear,

Just bring them all unto me, I'll take away each care.

Oh, come unto me, ye that suffer in affliction's test!
Bring your troubles unto me, ye shall have sweet rest.
I will heal all your sickness and make you every whit whole;

And if you have sinned, I will restore your soul.

Come unto me, ye that sorrow—all bowed in grief;
I know about your heartache, I'll give relief.
Cast on me your burdens and sorrows so hard to bear;
Just bring them all unto me, I'll wipe away each tear.

Come unto me, ye that labor, I will give you rest;
Take my yoke upon you, your soul will be blest.
Ye that are heavy laden, learn of me;
I am meek and lowly, my love will set you free.

—Byron R. Wittenborn

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The saying is very true that "time and tide wait for no man." Each tick of the clock and each setting sun measures off another unit in the race of time. And where does time end? Let the poet, D. S. Warner, answer:

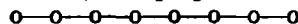
"Time onward flows like a river vast,
While age on age it has borne to the sea;
And down this stream we have come at last,
To see time end in eternity.

"Oh, joyful day to the faithful soul
Who walks with Christ in His purity!
Life's battles fought and the victory won,
He shouts from time to eternity."

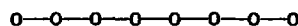
The poet compares time to a flowing river which empties into the sea or ocean—that immense body of water, which he compares to eternity. A few days ago this writer and his wife circled over the Pacific Ocean in a jet airliner. It was night, but we could see the lights along the shore and knew that the vast expanse of water was below us. O boundless eternity where there is no time!

The Apostle James asks the question: "For what is your life?" Then he answers: "It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14. In this "little time" man is given an opportunity to prepare for eternity by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ—the only means whereby we can be saved from sin and ready to dwell with all the holy in eternal bliss. Time passes so swiftly, and it seems to be passing faster and faster in these last days. In this age of fast transportation and communication, time is more important; it is more valuable. Distance is now measured in minutes and not in miles. In a recent jet airline flight the plane traveled 600 miles per hour at an altitude of 31,000 feet. The time from Oklahoma City to Los Angeles was some over two hours. Even faster and larger planes are now being built.

Yes, the "little time" allotted to man is valuable. In it he must repent and believe the gospel in order to be prepared for eternity. Now is the day of salvation. No promise is made for tomorrow. O soul, do not procrastinate, but prepare to meet thy God!



Bro. and Sister Ira Stover went by airline on March 31 from Tulsa, Okla. to California where they will have charge of the Senior Citizens' Home on the Pacoima church campground while Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson are out in meetings in the East for the next few weeks or months.



Bro. Mart Samons, evangelist from Danville, Ky., held a meeting here at Guthrie from April 10 over Easter Sunday. The church was blessed and edified by the anointed gospel messages from God's Word. On Sunday afternoon the ordinances of the Lord's House were observed. This was a very sacred memorial service, carrying our meditations back to the supreme sacrifice that our Savior offered for our

salvation and the example of humility and service that Jesus set for us to follow.

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Those within driving distance are invited to these work days (May 18, June 1, June 15, June 29, July 4, July 13) on the Monark Springs, Mo. campground. Mark these dates on your calendar and remember to come. Much preparation must be made for the large attendance expected at the coming National campmeeting.

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Sister Lillian Meek is continuing to improve and recover from the stroke she suffered last November. We thank the Lord for answering prayer in her behalf.

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Three more reprint books are now in type form, listed as follows: "Around Old Bethany," by R. L. Berry, "Availing Prayer" by Fay C. Martin, and "Pasha 'Greasy' Tichomilrow, The Converted Robber," translated from German by Charles Lukesh. With the blessings of the Lord, we hope to have some of these books completed and available within 30 days.

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Darius and Evelyn Gibson Moved to Guthrie

On April 13 Bro. and Sister D. A. Gibson were moved by their sons to the home of Sister Evelyn's brother, M. A. Davis, who resides on R. R. 4, Guthrie, Okla. Severely afflicted for many months, Bro. Gibson is very weak in body, but he made the trip fairly well. Since he is practically bedfast, he must have care around the clock. The brethren from Guthrie and surrounding congregations are assisting in his care. His faith and trust in God remains firm. Pray fervently for him in this fiery trial of affliction. All mail for them should be addressed to D. A. Gibson, c/o M. A. Davis, R. 4, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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The Bible experience of the new birth or conversion is one and the same spiritual process which also inducts the believer into the church—the spiritual Body of Christ. Formal church-joining was not practiced by the apostolic church of the first century, neither is it today. Of the early church we read that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should

be saved." Acts 2:47. Again it says that "believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." Acts 5:14. Being added to the church and added to the Lord is one and the same experience.

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In the annals of the history of America, the present moral, spiritual, civil, and political conditions are the worst ever recorded. Lawlessness and civil disobedience are now the rule instead of the exception. Furthermore, according to the Scriptures, these conditions will get worse instead of better. The Apostle Paul warned us of these times.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." Then follows a long list of unholy characters. Read 2 Tim. 3:1-5, and in the last verse he says these have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Yes, millions of so-called church members are involved in sin and lawlessness. Again the Apostle writes: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:13.

The Apostle James asks the question: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" James 4:1. The root cause of all the trouble in the world is sin in the heart planted by Satan. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, break down the wall of partition between the Jew and Gentile, and unify God's people of all races into one holy family or church. The Apostle Peter said: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34, 35. Paul writes: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:28. Race prejudice is a work of the flesh and has no part in the church that Jesus built. For more than 85 years the visible Church of God in this "evening light" of the gospel day has taught and practiced the Bible doctrine of integration of the races in worship and spiritual fellowship. (In some areas, however, this practice was nearly impossible because of the extreme position of the unsaved element.) In contrast, most of the sectarian movements practiced segregation until recent years when they "repented," confessed they were Scripturally wrong, or at least liberalized their rules to conform to civil rights legislation.

In 1906 an original member of the church here at Guthrie, Okla. was a colored minister and former slave in Texas, Bro. G. W. Winn, who often testified over the years that he was "color blind." Bible salvation will destroy hatred and prejudice in the heart.

This writer makes a special appeal to the saints of all races, white and colored, to band together in closer Christian love and fellowship, and present a solid, unified front against the evil forces of suspicion, distrust and confusion. Christ is not divided, neither is His church. Let us all continue to demonstrate heaven's love and unity to this world. Jesus said,

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

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The terror tactics of communism is to pit class against class and race against race, for its ends and purposes are greatly advanced in the midst of strife and confusion. No doubt, many are unknowingly playing into the hands of communist agitators.

The only safe place for your soul in this world of atheism, materialism, and false religions is in "the camp of the saints." Rev. 20:9. The church is the only institution that will survive the final onslaught of Satanic forces. The spiritual Body of Christ is of divine origin, and "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Thank God!

—L. D. Pruitt

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DATE CORRECTION ON ALABAMA MEETING

A company of gospel workers, including Bro. Lewis Williams, Bro. Isaac Chandler, and Sister Katherine Williams, will begin a meeting, Lord willing, at Northport, Alabama, on May 17 and not on May 10 as incorrectly stated in the April issue. This is a new field where they are trying to get a work started. Your prayers and financial support will be appreciated. Sister Katherine Williams plans to go to Northport a few days before the meeting, taking a large supply of gospel literature from this office to use in that evangelistic effort.

All who desire to come, will find a sincere welcome. If anyone comes by bus to Tuscaloosa, Ala., call this number—75-8-2187. If any come in cars from Columbus, Miss. on 82 Highway, cross Boiler Road, turn left at Travel Inn. If coming from South on 82 Highway, cross 69 on 82, come to the Travel Inn, and turn right.

For further information contact Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Piatt, Wichita, Kansas, or Bro. Lindsey Shelton, 23 Hightown, Northport, Alabama.

OBITUARIES



Beulah Ellen Harmon was born April 12, 1901 at Graham, Texas and passed away March 28, 1968 at the age of 66 years, 11 months, and 16 days.

Beulah came to Clovis, New Mexico at an early age. There she met and married A. E. Harmon of the same city in 1919. They moved to Glendale, California in 1920, where they had lived ever since. They both were converted and accepted the truth of the Church of God under the preaching of George E. Harmon and L. E. Davey in a tabernacle meeting at Duarte, Calif.

For a number of years husband and wife have been going to Jefferson, Oregon for campmeeting, assembly meeting, and Easter services. It was on this last trip to Oregon, near Madera, Calif. with husband asleep and wife driving, when suddenly (it seemed) a car appeared in front. She apparently (we will never know) missed the brake and hit the throttle. Husband was awake then, unable to do anything, for they only had a few seconds until the end.

She leaves her husband, A. E. Harmon, and three children: Gerald Eugene Harmon of Loranger, La., Richard Erwin Harmon of Canoga Park, Calif., Virginia Ellen League, Granada Hills, Calif.; seven grandchildren: Kelly and DeDe Harmon; Kenny and Janine Harmon; Steve, Tom, and Susan League. Another son, Ralph Eugene Harmon, their firstborn, passed away at the age of two years. She also leaves one brother, Charles Raymond Seddon, and one sister, Mary Pearl Miles, both of Glendale, Calif.

She was faithful in her chosen work by helping to feed the people. She loved to hear straight preaching, especially at the last. She heard Bro. Chandler preach at Los Angeles, and remarked over and over to others, "I wish you could have heard his sermon." She wanted folks to live up to it. May God bless her.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Ostis Wilson, Bro. Ira Stover, and Bro. I. C. Chandler at the Church of God chapel in Pacoima, Calif., with interment in the Grandview Cemetery in Glendale.

Following are the touching words and inner feelings written by our bereaved Bro. A. E. (Gene) Harmon:

My wife was and is my first love. No other love has ever been equal to that first love. Since my wife's passing, I am struck dumb. The sunlight is not the same. I walk the sidewalk. I cannot find it there. My children are so good to cheer and comfort me, but only temporarily does the sun shine through. I pick up bits and bits of my wife's notations on pieces of scrap paper. That helps. I just read one which says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." That helped a little more.

I am beat up in my body, but by the grace of God I am here. I can only see my "Mom" stretched out before me, gone. I tried to awaken her, crying, "Mom!" but no answer. Everything seemed so dim before me. They thought I was in shock, but I wasn't. My heart was broken. The body bumps are small, the heart bump is what hurts, but there is one source where I get help. That is from above—God who comforteth us in all our tribulation that we may comfort one another with the same comfort. If we are true Christians, He is our first love. There will never be another love that will supplant that one.

I must go on. I am past three-score and ten. I know not what to do, but I trust the living God to direct me.

I cannot bring my wife back, but I trust God to meet her in glory, where, according to the Bible, there will be no sorrow, pain, or death. I am alone except Mom's handbag. I carry it around. It contains some of those bits of scrap paper. I keep it close to me, for it was always with us wherever we went. It was filled with those bits. I thought they were just scraps of paper. Now, they are treasures. I have a lot of them to look through. Some of them I don't understand—figures and things. I will try to understand them, for they are Mom's handwriting. I am now looking into the deep recesses of her heart. I think there were treasures there that I could not always see before now, but now my tears are washing away all dust particles so that I can see better. In one instance she was wronged. She smiled, never answering back, but took special pains to return good. I could go on and on, but you may get tired. May God bless you with that first love, then regrets won't be so harsh.

—Bro. A. E. Harmon

(Editor's note—A phone call from Calif. on March 28 about 10:30 P. M. brought the shocking word that Sister Beulah Harmon was taken suddenly that same day in an auto accident near Madera, Calif. while she and Bro. Gene Harmon were on their way to the Easter meeting at Jefferson, Ore. Since we had known the Harmon family for more than 50 years and were also related by marriage, Wife and I felt impressed to make the trip to California to personally convey our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Gene, the children, and relatives in their time of sorrow and great loss. May the God of all comfort continue to sustain them. The beautiful floral offerings and large attendance at the funeral service indicated the high esteem in which Sister Beulah Harmon was held by those who knew her. While in southern California we were privileged to meet many of the saints, and also a number of our relatives. —Lawrence Pruitt.)

Tynye Jean Gillion, the oldest child of Bro. and Sis. Benjamin Foster, Jr., was born Sept. 5, 1941 at Clarks-ville, Okla. and passed away Mar. 27, 1968 at Bakersfield, California at the age of 27 years, 2 months, and 18 days.

In June of 1961 she was united in marriage to Jerry Wayne Gillion at Bakersfield, Calif.

In December, 1967, the Lord convicted her of her sins. She took heed and gave her heart to the Lord, and from that time forward she endeavored to live a consistent Christian life.

She leaves behind a devoted husband, Jerry Wayne Gillion; one daughter, Demetrie Lorraine; her parents, Bro. and Sis. Benjamin Foster; one sister, Mrs. Essie Turner; two brothers, Russell Foster and Leonard Foster, all of Bakersfield; and many other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted in the saints' chapel at Bakersfield, Calif. by Bro. I. C. Chandler, assisted by Bro. Z. E. Francisco and Bro. F. E. Doolittle.

—Hazel Davis

PLANS FOR CHAPEL IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

To the Saints of God, greetings: We, the saints in the Bay area, have purchased a place to build a chapel in Oakland, Calif. which is very much needed in this area, and we solicit your earnest prayers. If anyone would like to help finance this project it would be greatly appreciated. Send all donations to Clyde C. Smith, 2066 81st Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94621.

Yours in the one Body, —Clyde C. Smith, Pastor
Barbara Smith, Sec.

Campmeeting Dates for 1968

Following are some of the campmeeting dates for the coming summer. Dates of others will be added as they come in. More complete notices of each will appear in later issues.

Holly Hill, S. Carolina—June 7 to 16.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 21 to 30.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 28 to July 7

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—July 5 to 14.

Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 14.

National Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo.

(Monark Springs)—July 19 to 28.

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—August 2 to 11.

Boley, Okla.—August 16 to 25.

Myrtle, Mo.—August 16 to 25.

Fresno, Calif.—Aug. 16 to 25.

National Campmeeting Notice

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' campground at Monark Springs (Neosho) Mo. on July 19 through 28, 1968.

We are again extending a very sincere and cordial invitation to everyone who may read or hear about this campmeeting, to attend if possible. God has been faithful to us in the past, and He will not fail us now. He has promised to supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory.

As in previous years, lodging and meals will be furnished on the grounds. The usual fee of \$5.00 is charged for camp tents, with an additional \$1.00 for cot and mattress. Space in dormitories will be \$2.00 per person. All who come will be taken care of. If you can, please bring your sheets and covers. It would also be advisable to bring wraps, as the weather turns very cool at times. All meals are served on free-will offering plan.

Let us all come with a soul-burden and in a prayerful, humble attitude with a desire to please the Lord in every capacity, allowing God to lead and direct in all things. God will send His Spirit-filled ministers to bring the Word. Let us pray much for the ministers, for they surely need to cry aloud against the sin and wickedness of the world today.

There will be five services daily. Early morning prayer service, 6:30 A. M.; morning worship, 10:00 A. M.; afternoon service, 2:00 P. M.; young peoples' meeting, 6:30 P. M.; evening worship service, 7:30 P. M.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees it was discussed and decided that a proper thing to do would be to establish rules for all who attend the campmeeting to abide by.

First of all, we, the trustees, would like for everyone to know that we are burdened for the spiritual welfare of everyone concerned. We want to be of spiritual help to all that attend.

We would like to ask everyone to please be considerate, and to show respect to the premises, and to each service. It is also asked that each of us will be in our tent, dormitory, or cabin by 11:00 P. M. Exceptions will be made for those at the altar and the ministers working with them, or praying for the sick on the grounds.

Please do not bring musical instruments on the grounds.

Those coming by bus will come to Neosho, Mo. as the campground is five miles east of Neosho. It will be

necessary to take a cab to the grounds or call G.Rover 472-6427, which is a Granby, Mo. number, and someone will come after you.

We would appreciate receiving your tent and dormitory space orders as soon as possible.

Work Days on National Campground

May 18, June 1, June 15, June 29, July 4, and July 13
Come prepared to paint and for general clean-up work. All help will be appreciated.

Please send orders and offerings to Bro. H. A. McMillian, Route 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850 or Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

WICHITA, KANSAS MEETING REPORT

Our spring meeting in Wichita, Kansas, held March 22-31 was a victorious success. Most agree that it was the best meeting we have ever had. It was truly a Holy Ghost-filled and Spirit-led meeting all the way through and the Word of God really went forth with power and authority.

The Lord dealt with souls and many were at the altar seeking salvation, sanctification, or special spiritual help. Twenty-one were baptized on the last night of the meeting. There were 79 who participated in the ordinance service, which was a blessed one.

The following ministers were in attendance and preached during the meeting: Sister Katherine Williams, Bros. Herman Kelley, Curtis Williams, Mackie Francisco, and Mart Samons. There were also other neighboring ministers who attended.

We are thankful to all of the saints who prayed for the meeting, because God surely answered prayer.

—Shirley Knight, Secretary

Prayer Requests

Ind.—“My body is swelled and suffering from a bad heart condition.” —Sister Slinkard.

La.—“I suffer with my back continually.” Mary Bush.

Ark.—“... not well in body.”—Pearl Steele.

Mich.—Bro. Milford Parsons' son has severe tonsil trouble.

Ind.—I. Strebig writes that her friend has sclerosis.

Tex.—Sister Lambright has a skin condition that is severe.

Ark.—“I desire to be saved.” —K. Pulliam.

Mo.—Sister Logan has several afflictions and she is looking to the Lord to heal her.

Mo.—“My brother has some kind of spells.” Eathel Hill

Ind.—Bro. Earl Bliss desires continued prayer for his complete healing. He has been unable to work since last June. No saints are close to visit and pray for him in times of suffering.

Ill.—Bro. Wallace Lantrip wants prayer for an inspiration of faith for healing of his crippled condition.

Pa.—Bro. Jerome Parks desires prayer for healing of epilepsy. He loves the Lord and wants an increase of faith.

Mich.—Sister Elsie Aungst is aged, afflicted and hardly able to care for herself. Pray for her, and also for the salvation of her children.

Sister Jessie Taylor has good courage but still needs your prayers. I feel she is just living on the prayers of God's people. Her bowels are packed and she surely needs a deliverance.

I visited Bro. Ernest and Sister Eva Mitchell, who have been moved to the Golden Rule Home. Bro. Mitchell

is looking to the Lord for complete healing of that cancer on his face. Let us get under the burden for him.

Sister Poulos still can't retain her food, but was sitting up when I visited her. She does need prayer. Others at the home also need prayer.

We are thankful to report that some of the homes we have been praying about have been reunited, but others still need prayer. Also pray for the many requests that come to the office. God knows and understands all about them.

On that day, many people were crowding about Jesus, but only one touched Him for healing. She was the only one who had faith. Jesus said, “Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.” (Matt. 9:22). We might pray and come to Jesus, but only through faith can we touch Him.

Recently I have gone through a trial of faith, but thank God, He has touched me. I had much trouble with my heart, but the Lord has healed me. It is wonderful to be able to have strength to do my work here in the office. I told some that I was working by faith, but it is good to be able to work now by faith and also by feelings. We like feelings, but we must walk by faith. We might not have the touch just when we think we should, but we must hold with that steady faith, knowing God does heal and will heal. There is no such thing as a true prayer being unnoticed or unanswered by God. Sometimes we count prayers unanswered because they are not answered just as we ask them to be. Sometimes we count our prayers denials when they are simply delays. Let us trust God's great wisdom. —Sis. Marie Miles

NATIVE NIGERIAN MINISTER WRITES

Midwest Nigeria, W. Africa (March 18)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We greet you in the Savior's matchless name, who died for our freedom.

I have received with thanks your letter dated March 5, 1968, with the enclosure . . . to support the work of spreading the gospel of Christ in this area to which we are transferred by Him to labor. Thanks for remitting as He supplies.

The Abbi congregation should be extended the right hand of fellowship. No financial burden shall be involved, for none cries for it, but for the sound doctrine advanced by the Church of God mission. Whatever you are supplied to remit to me for the work in this period of infancy will be sufficient for distribution according to need. They are financially unmindful, but eager to be shown the Saviour. Let us gladly accept the responsibility of showing them the way.

A plot of land has been given to us free of charge for erection of a chapel for God at Abbi. Join us to pray for funds to start off instantly. I assure you in His name that whoever the Church of God in U.S.A. is sending to work with us either temporarily or permanently when the war ends will glorify the King of kings for speedily accomplishing much in so short a time in this area. The land will additionally accommodate erection of missionary residential quarters. Praise the Lord who silenced the pride of the adversary in Job 38:11, “And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed.” All is settled and fully set to reach the entire area of Kwale District, carrying to the inhabitants a parcel of good news of God's kingdom and feed the hungry souls with spiritual food of His Holiness. Who knows but that the all-knowing God was posting us here for assignments of a higher nature?

Let me inform you that the package of books with a precious gift of the Holy Bible mailed to us has been received intact. Unfailing materials have been received. Thank you indeed for replacing the looted books of His kingdom.

You are requested to convey to the entire staff of the Faith Publishing House our sincere greetings and make them to understand that we, in no small degree, do appreciate their faithful devotion to duty. Thank God for their refusal to bow down to dollar imperialism of this sinking world.

They shall be no stranger in the City,

Jesus will their place prepare.

He will meet them; He will greet them,

They shall be no stranger there.

Continue to pray for the Asana group of congregations for protection of God throughout the duration of civil war in Nigeria.

Sincerely yours in Him, —Titus U. E. Enu, Pastor

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (March 22)—Dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt: I have great joy to extend my Christian greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus our Lord. Thank you very much for your good letter dated March 5. I have noted the contents. Thank you for your kindness and concern for us. I have again received very good letters of invitation and good reports about encouraging experiences of our brethren. I am preparing to go again for some more meetings scheduled by the brethren.

We are praying and ardently looking unto God for all our needs here for places of worship and burial grounds, etc. I understand that your capital at hand runs short sometimes. May the heavenly Father bless you and fill your treasures full from His heavenly treasury. Yes, prayer changes things. May our faith be strengthened and increased is our prayer. Kindly pray, pray for us and surely the Lord will wonderfully lead us. As we cling to the Lord, we see streaks of bright hopes and light in our horizon of onward march. Our part is to let our requests be made known unto God with thanksgiving by prayer and supplication.

I have been praying for Bro. Carver. May God pave the way for his getting visa soon. I don't know if he got his visa or not. It is quite a good time since he wrote me.

Yours in His service, —C. M. Verghese

MISSIONARY NOTE FROM BAJA, MEXICO

(Following is a short letter from Bro. Tomas Mendoza, native minister in Baja, Mexico, who is laboring faithfully there for souls.—Editor)

Greetings to one and all: Today, with much pleasure and in the love of God, I am glad I have been made to know of the precious Water of Life that God has given us, which, to drink of, is wonderful. The Lord said that he that drinks of this water will never thirst. I think of the millions of souls who are perishing of thirst, and many are not satisfied in the sects because they do not have the Water of Life. We will pray that more people might be saved through Jesus Christ.

Please pray for the work here. We need more workers. God is moving the hearts of the people here and they are being saved.

We are visiting an Indian Reservation and God is working in their hearts. Yesterday I was with them in order to have service and God gave us a blessing. A young man of twenty-three years was saved. Thanks

to my God for His great love with which He loved us! This brother was made grandly happy. He cried like a child, but afterward he was happy in his soul.

I ask your prayers that God will bless us to preach the Word with power.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Tomas Mendoza R.

From the Mail Box . . .

Ill.—Dear Sirs: Please renew our subscription to the "Faith and Victory" paper . . .

I am real happy to again find the book I valued as a young Christian. I loaned it to my cousin and she said she lost it. I grieved its loss as I couldn't find another. I know the writer and heard her preach in camp-meetings here. The small book is "Trials and Triumphs of Eva Grant" by Effie Williams. Please send me two . . . also two of "The Revival in Tin Town." Please find check enclosed . . . I feel I'm fortunate.

I've attended the church of God here at McLean for forty-six years.

May God bless you in His work. —Mrs. Geo. Mitchell

Mont.—Dear Ones: Greetings of love and appreciation in Jesus' dear name. Here is some of the Lord's money to be used in reaching souls as He directs. Pray for us and our loved ones as we are far from a group of God's people. We love the truth and all of the saints. May the Lord bless and encourage you in the good work.

—Sister Betty Davis and daughter

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Oregon—I feel that I would like to tell how the Lord protected Sister Beatrice Spaur and me from a terrible accident on the freeway north of Albany, Oregon. Due to smoke from a kraft paper mill, mingled with fog, visibility was cut to nearly zero.

We had made plans to go to Sutherlin, about a hundred miles away. We had felt that it would be good to include in this mission of love, Bandon, a town about a hundred miles further on from Sutherlin. We had talked over our plans and had decided that we would get an early start that day in order to have time to do all that we felt the Lord would be pleased for us to do. In prayer I felt a leading from the Lord that we should not try to make the trip on to Bandon, so spoke to Sister Spaur of my feelings. And we agreed that it was best to go only to Sutherlin which made the trip shorter and we would not need to start so early. On Wednesday morning when I got to Sister Spaur's, I was strongly impressed to go on to Bandon after all. We decided that if we did not spend too much time in Sutherlin we would be able to make it, even with the late start.

When we arrived on the freeway we witnessed one of the worst traffic accidents that the State of Oregon has ever known. There were about fifty cars and trucks wrecked and strewn along the highway for nearly two miles. Had we gone as first planned, we would no doubt have been in the middle of this traffic accident, but the Lord, seeing the future, caused us to realize that He was still guiding the lives of His children. We went down the frontage road and escaped all of these terrible things. We could see clearly why He gave us the impressions He did.

When we arrived in Bandon, we found a woman in the hospital with a serious illness. Her husband was with her, and they were wishing that someone would be

sent to them to help them pray as they were strangers in town. We were strangers to them, too, but not for long. She asked to be anointed and prayed for. He said it was as much a miracle for God to send us there as the healing would be.

As we returned about ten o'clock the same evening past the mill, the place of so many wrecks, we were made to feel more grateful to the Lord for His protection and guidance in that day's four-hundred-mile trip with no trouble. Besides, He rewarded us for being some help to some of His little ones. —EvaLee Stice

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Kansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour: I am thankful for His goodness and mercies unto me, and for His gracious dealings with me. It is a privilege to be saved and living for the Lord each day, also to have the high calling to be saints of God. Surely it is through no merits of our own.

I am thankful to be serving a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. In John 15:7, it reads, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." In another place we read, "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you." Thank the Lord, no matter how big or how small the problem is, we can take it to Jesus and He will work it out for our good and His glory.

I am young in the Lord, but thank the Lord, I am drawing out of the wells of salvation with joy that Living Water that is so satisfying we never thirst again except for more of the same.

I have a burden upon my heart for lost souls—for my parents and also other young people. I feel that some young people who have the privilege of growing up in a home where the truth is taught and who have godly parents, don't know the value of what they have. It is only the Lord's mercy that saves us. I was brought up in a home, knowing nothing about the Bible or about God. By watching my grandparents' lives as I grew up, I had a desire for what they had, which increased as I grew older. My heart's desire is to see more young people moving out for the Lord. We don't have a promise of another breath, much less old age. Pray for me that I will be all that the Lord would have me to be. I want to be hid with Christ. I would also like your prayers for the leadings of the Lord concerning a job. My C.O. work is about over and I want to go wherever the Lord leads me. Pray that I will keep humble and say "no" to the devil and "yes" to God. —Dawayne Lasiter

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Mich.—Dear Saints, greetings to all in Jesus' precious name: I am glad and thankful to write a few lines telling of the Lord's goodness and mercy to me. I had stomach trouble for quite some time and a pain in my left side. I sent a handkerchief to be anointed to dear Sister Marie. I received it March 7, 1968 and applied it to my body. All praises to His name, He came to my rescue and healed me. I feel strong and can work hard. There is no strength like the Lord can give. I find comfort in the verses in Hebrews 13:5, 6. He says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." In the 6th verse, it speaks of the Lord as my helper and that I will not have to fear man. When the Lord does something, it is well done. He doesn't go half way, but does it all. I thank all of you who prayed for me, and also for my mother whom the Lord also wonderfully healed. How thankful we are! I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world can give. The things of this world are worth nothing compared to our blessed Lord. He comforts our sad hearts and is with us through all our trials. Man often gives only heartaches, but Jesus gives joy, happiness, and peace. Why should we not

love Him with all our hearts? We are so thankful for you dear ones who pray for us every day and for the work you are doing to get the "Faith and Victory" paper out to dear souls. Many souls need to hear of Jesus and His love so they will know how to be saved before it is too late. We all know there is not much time left. Please keep praying for us and we will do the same for all of you. God bless you.

Much Christian love, —Olive Gettersson

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Okla.—Praise God who gives us the victory through Jesus our Lord. I was 90 years old on March 30. I have been living for God 57 years. I am sorry I didn't live for Him all my life. I thank Him for salvation and for His sanctifying grace. He keepeth me in perfect peace as I keep my mind stayed on Him. I am a helpless cripple at this time. I have to have the care of a nurse, but God has given me a home at the Golden Rule Home and the saints to help me. I didn't expect to live to be this old, but it was God's will, and my heart says amen to His will. I'm holding fast to the promises that He won't cut us off and that we shall bear fruit in old age. If we are faithful unto death, He said He would give us a crown of life. Pray for me that I be faithful, for I don't want to miss that crown. I have no physical sight now—can only see light—but my spiritual sight is getting brighter.

I know that I will soon be going

To the land of endless day.

May the seed that I am sowing

Help some soul along life's way.

Jesus is all in all to me,

His blessed face I soon shall see.

And as I trust His love divine,

I feel the touch of His hand on mine.

May God bless all the saints continually.

—Sister Minnie Noakes

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and the precious saints of God everywhere: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name.

I felt impressed to write my testimony. I truly praise the dear Lord for His goodness to me. I feel so unworthy of all His many blessings. I am glad I can report victory in my soul this morning. I am thankful He ever saw fit to reach down and pick me up and out of that old pit of sin that I was in. He is precious and means more to me than anything in this life. Surely He is a present help in every time of need. It pays to put our trust in Him.

When we got saved in 1953 we threw away all our medicine and put our trust in the Lord for both soul and body, and it is still in Him. He has healed me of many things, too numerous to mention. He healed me when I got glass in my eye from a broken fruit jar. He brought me through several bad spells with my heart. Just about a month ago I was very ill. I thought one day the Lord might be going to take me home. The dear saints came and prayed for me. The Lord wonderfully touched my body. Praise His dear name! What a mighty God we serve! How thankful we are for His precious ministers, the brothers and sisters who are so concerned and will take our needs to the Lord in prayer. Thank the dear Lord for that remnant that is standing firm in these days. Our daughter talked to her doctor about my illness and he said I possibly had a light stroke. I don't know what it was, but I do know the Lord came to my rescue. Praise His dear name!

I have been having a pain in my left temple. The pain would be real bad when I would get too tired. Last Sunday morning it was hurting me quite a bit. After the morning service I felt like asking to be anointed and prayed

for. The ministers prayed for me, and thank the Lord, the pain left. I told the saints the pain was all gone. I knew the dear Lord had touched my body. It is still gone. The days of miracles are not passed. God is still in the healing business today. He is just the same today.

If you are afflicted in your body, dear ones, don't give up. Just keep holding on. Keep your trust in God. As the song says, "When feelings of joy have subsided, when sickness your health so impaired; don't fail in your trust, be decided. God sees you and tests you. He knows and He cares." Praise His dear name! It is wonderful how He comes to our rescue and helps us in times of trouble. I surely want to exalt and praise His precious name for all He has done for us.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, nice letters and cards. May the dear Lord bless you everyone. We do love and appreciate the dear saints of God. I was brought up by my grandparents, alone. My parents separated and both remarried. I was so lonesome as I grew up. I felt envious and jealous of other children. I thank the Lord that when I got saved that was taken away. I now have lots of fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters in the Lord. Remember us in your prayers.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Vena Sell

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love to you in the most precious and loving name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This leaves me still saved, sanctified, and much encouraged to press on for God at all times. We are thankful for all His many blessings to us. A few weeks ago Mother was hardly able to walk through the house. She would go to her chair from the bed and back to the bed—just up and down. Sometimes she was in bed most of the day. But thanks be to God, He touched her in answer to prayer and raised her up. She is now on the go once more. She is able to stay up all day and to ride in the car. Bro. and Sister Pierro came over and anointed and prayed for her. We sang the song, "Arise, take up your bed." Then Sister Pierro said, "Stand!" Mother thought she meant for her to stand up so she did. Sister Pierro meant for us to stand on God's Word, but Mother took it literally. From that day on she got better and better. Although still weak, she went to meeting at Bakersfield, Calif. about a week and a half after being prayed for. We are surely thankful for God's blessings to her.

I have had the flu. Mother and Daddy had prayer for me and I began to get better. I still have some of the cold left, but am looking for healing.

During Mother's illness the Lord made me to see some things I lacked and I surely intend, by the help and grace of God, to move up and do better. I am very thankful for the Lord's dealings with His children. He is faithful to everyone of us. I have a deep desire in my heart to do the whole will of God. —Tomasene Taylor

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Okla.—Dear Saints scattered abroad: We want to thank you for the gifts and lovely cards we received on our 60th wedding anniversary. We won't be able to answer all the cards. We are still able to get about. Bro. Barton has good times and then he has suffering times. Lately he has needed much prayer to keep him able to endure the pain, but our God never fails.

We are glad to have been able to have victory thus far up the road. We know our time is drawing near to the end. All we are concerned about is being able to make the end with victory for we want to be in that number when the saints go marching in. If we live two more months we will have been here 80 and 75 years.

We want to make it for the Lord. We miss going to church very much but the Lord knows our hearts.

Pray for Sister Burke that some saint will feel burdened to take care of her. She isn't well.

Thank you for all your prayers and the interest you have shown us. —Brother and Sister Sam Barton

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Editor's Note: In this space was a report by Sister Eva Lou Gaines dated April 8 that their 6-year-old daughter Ruth remained about the same in the State Hospital at Columbia, Mo. where she was taken by the authorities many weeks ago. Her illness was diagnosed as brain tumor. After operations, treatments and many experiments, the doctors have given up hope of removing tumor.

As this goes to press, Sister Eva Lou phoned on April 21 that Ruth was better that day (fever 99), but the day before her fever was 105 with heavy breathing and lung congestion. The doctor stopped nose-feeding by tube, and was feeding through her mouth and Ruth was swallowing. When this fever developed, they began vein-feeding. She still can't talk and doesn't respond in any way except with her eyes. The parents are waiting patiently, praying and trusting the Lord to get glory to Himself in this trial of faith. Let us continue to agree in prayer with and for them. Sister Eva Lou Gaines may be addressed in care of the University of Missouri Medical Center, Columbia, Mo. 65201. Bro. Clayton Gaines is at their home address which is R. 2, Box 51, Thayer, Mo. 65574. They would appreciate your card or letter of encouragement.

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Ohio—Dear Saints everywhere: Greetings in the name of Jesus who saved us and is keeping us by His power. The Lord has been good to us. I had a bad sick spell in February. I thought I was going to leave the world, but the Lord came to my rescue and healed me. I was very sick. I praise Him. We couldn't live without the Lord's help. I want to live for Him and make heaven my home. It is a pleasure to live for the Lord and tell others what He can do. I want to serve Him better and be just what He would have me to be. I want to let Him lead me for I know He knows best in everything. He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. When I was sick I couldn't sleep day nor night. I praise the Lord for healing me. I promised Him if He would heal me I would testify for Him.

I desire all the saints' prayers for my unsaved children. May God reward you. Pray for us that we keep true to the end.

In Christian love, —Mrs. Alma Humphrey

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La.—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am glad to report victory in my soul over the enemy. It is only through the love and mercy of our dear Lord that I am saved and satisfied in this wonderful truth. He saved and sanctified me many years ago and has kept me by His mighty power. I love the Lord and the desire of my heart is to please Him in all things.

God has been my physician for many years and has healed me of many different ailments. I do thank and praise Him for this. When I moved to Louisiana, about two years ago, I was not very strong in body. I could hardly walk at times as my feet and ankles bothered me very much. One night I went to the altar to be prayed for. I could hardly walk up there. The saints prayed for me and ever since that time I have been improving and now I can get around and do my work real well. I surely do thank the dear Lord for His healing power, and I also thank the dear saints for their prayers in my behalf.

My son is still here with me and I do desire to see him saved. Pray earnestly for him. He is in better health than when he came about a year ago. We thank the Lord for this. The Lord has also provided him work.

Pray for my unsaved children. We are burdened for all the saints' children. We would like to see more of them saved. We do thank the Lord for those who are saved and trust the Lord will keep them encouraged.

We have some problems before the Lord that we long for Him to work out to His glory and honor. We are serving a mighty God and we know there is nothing too hard for Him to do. Praise His sweet name!

It is wonderful how the Lord keeps us satisfied in this way. There is much false teaching being sent to boxholders. I glance through them, then throw them into the waste basket. I have no desire for them or to try to find a better way as I believe the church of God has all the truth and we don't need to look anywhere else. I love the teachings of the church of God. It is the Bible way and we know the Bible way is the only way from earth to heaven. Pray for me that I will ever keep in this strait and narrow way.

May God bless you dear ones at His Print Shop and keep the truth going forth. My heart was stirred for a closer walk with Jesus in the good revival meeting the Lord sent through His faithful servant a few weeks ago at Hammond, La. We trust the Lord will soon send us another one.

With love and prayers, —Effie Miller

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Wisconsin—Dear Ones in Jesus: It has been some time since I have written you, but this leaves me serving the Lord and doing whatever the Lord leads me to do. Two days ago I slipped on the ice when going to the mailbox and could easily have broken my hip, but as I was falling, I heard a still small voice saying, "Go down slowly," and then I saw an arm around my back to ease the fall. I struck the joint in my right hip, back and head, and had some trouble getting up. But with the Lord's help, I did and at once rebuked every pain, and finished what I'd started to do. I was a bit stiff that afternoon, but prayed to God to give me the help I needed as I live alone and am 68 years of age. He gave me the victory, and today all stiffness and pain are gone. All praise and glory be to Him, for without Him I could have lain there for hours before being found.

The Lord is very good to those that love and serve Him. The Word says in John 14:23, "If a man love me, he will keep my commandments," and the 24th verse says, "He that loveth me not keepeth NOT my sayings." The 14th verse says, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." He means every word He says, and if we do not obey them, we cannot expect Him to come to help us when we need Him.

May the Lord talk to everyone who reads this, and may each one dedicate himself to the One who can give help in every time of need is my prayer.

Your Sister in Jesus, —Mrs. Florence Knoll

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Ill.—Brother Lawrence: I felt moved by the Lord to write and express my conviction of what true Christianity is, and I do not mean to confuse the word Christianity with religion. There is a vast difference. We have more religion in the world today than ever in history. But it is very hard to find many people who will stand firm for all the teachings of God's Word. The reason for this can be found in St. John 12:43, "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

This sin-you-must doctrine has about taken over. There are very few people today who believe one can

live a life free from sin in this world. If they can't, may God pity them, for His Word says that no sin shall enter heaven. My friend, if you are living in sin today, remember God's Word says, "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the Judgment." Read Hebrews 9:27, 28.

We are told by many modern preachers today that no one was ever perfect other than Jesus Himself, nor would there ever be in this present world. But how anybody that has been born again can make a statement such as this is beyond me. Matthew 5:48 tells us to be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect. How can this be done, my friend, with sin in your heart?

May God open the eyes of people today before it is too late and help them to see the danger of following after the pleasures and entertainments of this world. In First John 2:15, 16, we read these words: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world." It is very common today to hear people who profess to be Christians say that they still live in sin and can't help it. I can understand why a new-born babe may be awhile getting light on scriptures, but for a man that has been preaching for many years to say we will sin more or less every day, just doesn't make sense to me. I heard a preacher say not long ago that the reason a person couldn't live free from sin in this world was because the old man (devil) would rise up in us and cause us to lose our tempers and say things we shouldn't. If you will read Romans 6:6 you will see that the old man is to be crucified so that sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin, but should live a pure, holy life, undefiled before God. Romans 8:6-9, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." The scriptures I have been quoting from Romans should prove beyond a shadow of doubt that no one will get to heaven with sin in his heart.

I hope all is well there at the Printshop. May God bless each one who is striving to get the printed tracts and books out. I believe there have been many saved just by reading a little tract they may have picked up some where along the street.

I covet your prayers that I may be of some help in this tract work to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, —Wm. R. White

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Oregon—Dear Saints of the Lord: I feel that the Lord would have me give my testimony, which I hope might be a help to someone who is deep in sin as I used to be.

I am happy now that I am a child of God, but it was not this way with me four years ago. I was deep in sin, had been a backslider for more than fourteen years and under the bondage of sin and misery. I had belonged to three different sectarian churches, but this did not bring me the peace I longed for, and try as I might, I only got worse. I was in the Pentecostal movement for some time and had the "tongues." I was also a drunkard and spoke in tongues more when under the influence of liquor than at any other time. It got so that the bottle

was almost my constant companion and I just couldn't get along without it. I could curse and swear like a pirate and usually speak in tongues after swearing. How I did long for salvation!

One night beside my bed I made a full surrender to God and went to bed. To my surprise when I awoke in the morning, it seemed I had moved into a different world. I had been sick from drinking, but this morning the breakfast tasted good to me and everything was different. I tried to smoke my pipe which I had been under bondage to, and it did not taste good. After a few attempts to smoke I threw it in the stove. Praise the Lord! This new life has lasted four years and with the help of God, it shall last forever.

After I was saved I was very happy, but for awhile I was bothered some with the "tongues." The saints from Jefferson, Oregon came to see me and they prayed for me. Within a few days they took me to the meetings in Jefferson and two sermons convinced me that I had found what I had been looking for all my life, and I returned home. Since that time the "tongues" haven't bothered me, as I have found something far better.

Some of the dear saints come and get me, as I live more than 100 miles from Jefferson, and I get to go to the all-day meeting once each month. I am real happy at the age of 73. I have been to three campmeetings during the past year and it is wonderful. It seems to me that I have moved into a different world. I have never been so happy in all my life. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," and this is what I longed for all my life.

I never knew that God had such people or such a church, and I have many good reasons to be rejoicing. With the help of the Lord I mean to continue to grow in Him, and make heaven my home. My mother was a sanctified woman, a saint of the Lord, and I often longed for the kind of salvation that she had and lived. Praise God, there has been a change—a REAL change, and the old stony heart has been taken out and a heart of flesh put there instead. Often times I awake in the night praising the Lord.

In the Blessed Good Old Way, —Clyde W. Southwell

The Great Tribulation?

According to the premillennial theory, Babylon, the literal city, will be rebuilt in Mesopotamia. It will be the capital of the political Gentile world. Under its lead, and in league with the antichrist and the devil, there will be gathered in northern Palestine at Armageddon one of the greatest armies of all time.

According to premillennial theology, the great tribulation will come upon the earth during the seven-year interval between the second and third comings of Christ. This they call the time of Jacob's trouble. For a long time there was debate among premillennialists as to whether the church would pass through the tribulation. At the present time it seems that the dispensationalists have won the day with the doctrine that the church will not pass through the tribulation, although there are some teachers who believe that Christians who do not believe in premillennialism will be punished by suffering the tribulation, which seems like a rather severe sentence for lack of light on a difficult subject.

Now "tribulation" is a common word in the New Testament. Certainly the church must pass through

the tribulation, because Christ said: "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). And the Apostle Paul taught that "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). On this account he exhorted the saints to be "patient in tribulation" (Rom. 12:12), because God "comforteth us in all our tribulation" (2 Cor. 1:4). He taught the Thessalonians that we should suffer tribulation (1 Thess. 3:4). Even the Apostle John went through the tribulation: "I John, . . . your brother, and companion in tribulation" (Rev. 1:9). The church at Smyrna passed through the tribulation (Rev. 2:9). All the redeemed in heaven "are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14).

Some millennial teachers believe that there will be a specially great tribulation before the end of the world; but I think it is more reasonable to believe that tribulation is a normal experience of saints in this earthly life, and that from time to time there do arise great historical crises of pain and distress which are phases of great tribulation. Thus there was great tribulation among the Jews in Jerusalem at the siege of Titus, as predicted by Christ in Matt. 24:21. Christians had a bitter taste of the tribulation in the persecutions of the ancient Roman emperors before the days of Constantine the Great. Other Christians suffered from the great tribulation under the persecution of the Papacy. The Christians of Europe undoubtedly have passed through the great tribulation in the agony of World Wars I and II and the persecution by the Communists of Russia.

In strict accuracy, however, it must be remembered that the Bible nowhere speaks of "the" great tribulation. It speaks of the tribulation and great tribulations, but it nowhere says that there shall be one specific time of tribulation which will be "the" great tribulation. And if indeed we think we can find such a time, then it must be the time during the destruction of Jerusalem.

—C. E. Brown, from "The Reign of Christ"

THE TOMB OF CHRIST

This Lord's day morning, while reading of the death and burial of Jesus as recorded in Luke 23 I was deeply impressed by the words of verses 50-53. I felt that they contained a very deep thought. After meditating upon them for a few moments it came into my mind that we, too, can furnish a burial place for Christ. This tomb was not only the place of the dead Christ, but also became the place of the living Christ. This tomb received Him in death, and gave Him up in life. A wonderful transformation. In that tomb He passed from death into life. When we are born again, Christ's death is repeated in us. We die with Him. His resurrection is also repeated in us. We are risen with Him. Not only in our regeneration, but in every act of self-denial we show the death and life of Christ. We show the death of Christ to the lower life and the life of Christ in the higher life.

—C. E. Orr, 1931

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May 5, 1968

RESULTS OF INTEMPERANCE

Proverbs 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-32, 34, 35, 1 Cor. 6:10

Prov. 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Prov. 23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh;

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

1 Cor. 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

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. Prov. 16:32.

Practical Truth: One letter changes "drink" to "drunk" and no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our subject is as old as Noah who "planted a vineyard: and he drank of the wine, and was drunken." (Gen. 9:20). Noah was brought to disgrace through his intemperance, just as many others have been down through the years since that time. Our Scripture lesson is dealing with the problem of strong drink in Solomon's day. Today we are still facing this terrible problem and people are not learning through watching the experiences of others, but are continuing to indulge in this terrible practice. Strong drink breaks down one's finer sensibilities and then he is not able to have good judgment or discern between right and wrong. It affects different people in different manners. Some are ready to fight and as our scripture says, "strong drink is raging." To others everything seems funny, or they become drowsy. It is a health-destroyer and is the cause of many accidents on the highways. Those who know, tell us that "a few beers" will impair one's ability to drive properly or to react quickly to problems in traffic.

Statistics show us that drinking strong drinks is one of the leading causes of broken marriages. Think of the children who follow the example set by their parents. Oh, how sad! It is a terrible sin and should be hated as a poisonous snake.

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:17.

May 12, 1968

WISDOM FOR FAMILY LIVING

Printed Portion Prov. 4:1-5a, 20-23; Prov. 6:20-23

Prov. 4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

5a Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not;

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Prov. 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For thy commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

Memory Verse: Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother. Ephesians 6:1, 2a.

Practical Truth: Obedience is taught in the Bible. Obeying God's laws brings peace to a person and also to a family.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Some today will not accept the teachings given in Proverbs concerning the bringing up of children. They feel they are too strict, but God's ways are best. We can't blame our youth today too much for their roving the streets, rioting, rebellion, etc., because it reverts right back to the parents. They were not taught the principles of peace, love, and obedience. The Bible was not taught nor lived as an example for them to follow. Many times there is not the love and mutual understanding between parents and children. When they ask questions they are brushed aside and they go somewhere else to find the answers. Children have too much time on their hands with too liberal allowances and not much training as to how to use them.

Parents need to obey the Bible, give their children the Word of God and command their respect through love and discipline. It is a sad mistake to hastily pick a child up and punish it without first knowing the circumstances surrounding the disobedience. This will cause bitterness in the heart of the child, which will grow. Prayer and punishment go hand in hand. Make the child know that he is not only disobeying you, but God's commandments as well. Tell him how to overcome his disobedience. Start with the baby in requiring obedience.

May 19, 1968

THE DUTY OF MAN

Printed Portion Ecclesiastes 5:1-12

Ecl. 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of

God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

12 The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

Memory Verse: Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12:13.

Practical Truth: Our relationship with our fellowman has a definite bearing on our relationship with God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson can be divided into four parts. Verses 1-3 teach us how to act in God's house. We are not to be rash or hasty to utter anything before God and others but to let the Holy Spirit anoint our words. It is better that they be few as our lesson tells us that "a fool's voice is known by multitude of words."

Verses 4-7 deal with making vows or promises. (Read Matt. 21:28-31; Acts 5:3, 4.) It is easier to forget promises you make than those made to you. It is better not to make one than to make a promise and not keep it, whether it be to man or God. Many marriage vows are broken which bring heartache to many and God is displeased.

Verse 8 tells about the poor suffering in court where there is no justice. Our lesson tells us that One who is "higher than the highest" is looking on and knows all about it. God will have the final word.

Verses 9 through 12 tell about the love of money. The Bible tells us that the "love of money is the root of all evil." (1 Tim. 6:10) Money brings dissatisfaction, increases care and worry and robs many of rest. We each one should be good stewards of all God permits to come to us. We will have to give an account to God in the end as to how we took care of our money or anything that God permitted to come to us.

May 26, 1968

THE STORY OF JOB

Printed Portion Job 2:1-10

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4 And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Memory Verse: Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrews 12:11.

Practical Truth: We must remember that all we have comes from God and He has a right to do with it as He pleases.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Satan declared that Job was not as good as he pretended to be and that he only served God for His blessings. God permitted Satan to take all of his possessions and even his children were killed in a "great wind." But we hear Job saying, "Naked came I into the world and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Our lesson today is written for our understanding. God knows all things but man does not. Satan seemed to feel that man would do anything to protect his body or his life. He wanted to infer that Job did not care for anyone but himself and in that he was not perfect. God permitted Satan to touch Job's body but he could not take his life. Satan cannot go farther than God permits.

Job's afflictions were too much for his wife and she turned against him and God. Surely Job was a man of God and the Apostle James wrote of him and said, "Ye have heard of the patience of Job." (James 5:11) Job was as solid as a rock and refused to be moved from his love and trust in God. He believed with all of his heart that God does all things right. He was willing to trust His wisdom in all the affairs of life. We are only the vessels and God is the potter. He can make of us just what He wants us to be. We must be pliable and keep willing. It pays to trust God's wisdom. —Sis. Marie Miles