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### *The Great Sacrifice*

God is sweeping through the nations,  
With an awful searching eye;  
Ev'ry spot of imperfection  
Must be purged, or hope must die.

Jesus gave His life to purchase  
For Himself a spotless bride  
All who fear Him and obey Him,  
Cleansed beneath the crimson tide.

To preserve her pure and spotless,  
He must make a sacrifice;  
Give to evil spirits supper,  
All who give to sin a place.

See, His sword is bathed in heaven,  
And the mountains strewn with dead;  
"All ye birds and beasts assemble,"  
Lo! a feast for you is spread.

Hear the angel loudly crying,  
Standing in the blazing sun,  
Wake, O man! while time is flying,  
For the judgment has begun.

God is coming, O my brother,  
Can you face the solemn day?  
All the pure His angels gather,  
The defiled become a prey.

—D. S. Warner

It is strange we trust each other  
And only doubt our Lord.  
We take the word of mortals  
And yet distrust His Word.  
But oh, what light and glory  
Would shine o'er all our days,  
If we always would remember—  
GOD MEANS JUST WHAT HE SAYS!

### *Warning To The Church*

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write;  
These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of  
God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that  
thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."  
Revelation 3:1.

The Savior probes into the inner life of this  
church and reveals that their works were not per-  
fect before God. Sardis was recognized by the other  
churches as being in good standing, but before the  
eyes of the living Christ it was a dead church.  
People talked of them and gave them a great name,  
but the King of kings knew them and declared them to  
be dead. It would profit us all to remember that  
it is "before God" everything is to be established.  
The Apostle Paul said that it was a very small thing  
for him to be judged of man's judgment. "He that  
judgeth me is the Lord." He labored to be accepted  
of Him. The most important question for us all is  
how will our work appear before God?

When the divine fire of the Spirit of God is lack-  
ing, then we substitute human fire. It is pathetic  
to observe churches offering strange fire to God by  
sponsoring cocktail parties, card parties, chicken  
suppers, and festivals to win souls for God. God never  
intended for the church to secure the devil's contrap-  
tions in order to advance the work of His kingdom.  
All that God wants is a few people who are fully saved  
and filled with His Spirit and He can turn the world  
right side up.

There are many today who were once powerful  
for God, but now are going on past reputation, for  
the power of the Spirit has left their lives. It is  
possible to lose the Spirit of God in the midst of  
religious activity. One can lose Him while serving  
as a deacon or trustee, teaching in Sunday school, or  
working diligently in the church. The Pharisees never  
ceased attending church, praying, fasting, or tithing,  
and yet God said to them, "For ye are like unto  
whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful out-

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ward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." Matt. 23:27. They had an outward appearance of being alive, but within they were dead.

An increase in numbers may give a church a name to live while the decree of death is hanging over it. A mere increase in numbers is no sign of spiritual life for God. He is more interested in quality than He is in quantity. Having the right name and doctrine is no sure sign of spiritual life, for many congregations have gone to sleep in false security upon these principles. The right name and doctrine must be accompanied by holy living and divine love if God's approval is to rest upon a church.

Sardis had a name to live, but the living Christ said: "I know thy works; thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead. Remember therefore how thou hast received and hast heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." This solemn warning was telling the church that she must arise from her slumber and be the church that God is calling for. The commercializing, secularizing, socializing spirit of the world, like a cancer, is attacking the spiritual tissues of the church. Everyone who names the name of Christ needs to be filled with the Spirit of God. The church of the twentieth century can be as powerful as the church of the first century when all are filled with the Holy Spirit. Only the Spirit of God can resurrect a dead church; only a Spirit-filled church can effectively win souls for Christ; only a church saturated with God's Spirit and love can survive in these evil days. —Bro. Adolph R. Robinson

## Repent, and Be Saved Today

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17.

These are the words of Jesus. **REPENTANCE** is the starting point in His plan of salvation. For true repentance brings you into this heavenly experience of **KNOWING** that your sins are forgiven, and that your name is written in heaven.

When you are sorry for your sins, and willing to confess them to Jesus and forsake them forever, He will remove **ALL YOUR GUILT**, giving you the blessed assurance that you are **TRULY SAVED**.

As long as there is any sin you are unwilling to forsake, this experience of **KNOWING** your sins forgiven will **NEVER BE YOURS**. You **MUST** meet God's conditions: "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

Brother, God can save you **JUST THIS MOMENT** if you will consent to do His will; which is to make restitution and straighten up everything in the past as far as possible. God will take care of the **IMPOSSIBLE**.

You see there is a part for you to do. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov.

22:13. **MAKE HASTE** in this matter. "For **NOW** is the accepted time, behold **NOW** is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2. Tomorrow may be too late.

Jesus may come in the clouds at any moment. If there is any sin in your life which has not been repented of you will not be prepared to meet Him in peace. "Therefore **BE YE ALSO READY**; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

If you are lost it will be **UNPARDONED SIN** that damns your soul. Jesus has bought your redemption on the cross, and by faith His shed blood is applied to your heart by the Holy Ghost, making you a free man in Christ Jesus.

Sin brings into the heart darkness and despondency, fear and unbelief. These end in sorrow and eternal death to the soul.

How these present day conditions should cause you to hasten to get right with God and everyone whom you have wronged, making apologies if need be, and straightening up with them as far as you are able. God always put that which we are unable to make right under the blood, remembering it against us no more forever. He puts our sins away from us as far as the east is from the west. He buries them in the depths of the sea.

What a loving, kind and merciful Father our God will be to you when you **TRULY REPENT** and **BELIEVE HIS WORD**. It is **SIN** that keeps you from seeing His kindness and witnessing in your heart the blessed presence of His Spirit.

Christ Jesus has the power to save you, not only from the guilt of sin, but also from its power and dominion. "If the Son therefore shall make you **FREE YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED**." John 8:36. "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the **UTTERMOST** that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. —Sel.

## Origin of Evil

Question—Will you please explain more fully . . . the origin of evil and of the devil? —F. S.

Answer—A correct explanation of this has something to do with our hope of eternal salvation. Let us notice a few Scriptures used by those who teach that the devil was once a holy angel in heaven. Isa. 14:12. If you will read the remainder of this chapter you will see that it was the king of Babylon who had exalted himself to heaven, not the devil. Luke 10:18. This has reference to Christ's defeat and overthrow of the devil in the temptation in the wilderness. Satan was cast down from his exalted position. Rev. 12:7. This refers to a war in the ecclesiastical heaven or in the religious world. Dragon here has reference to a spiritual power and not the devil. 2 Pet. 3:4, 5, and Jude 6:7. This has reference to Adam and Eve. They were cast out of Eden, their first estate. . . . Notice that in the last two texts the writers are speaking of great wickedness or sin. Why should Peter start with sin in the eternal heaven and

then go next to the wickedness in the days of Noah? Why should he overlook the sin in Eden which plunged the world into sin? We understand that Peter and Jude are talking about wickedness on the earth, and therefore start with the sin in the garden and not sin among holy angels in heaven. The Bible is not a record of what is done in heaven, but what is done on earth. It is said in John 8:44 that the devil was a murderer from the beginning. In John 1:1 we are told that God was in the beginning. The word "beginning" is used here of both God and the devil, and is so used because of our finite minds being unable to grasp the fullness of eternity, but this beginning reaches back into eternity beyond beginning.

Sin is a principle. Righteousness is a principle. We hold that no holy being could create or generate a sin principle any more than an unholy being could create a righteous principle. For holy angels to sin, a sin principle must have existed and they received it in their nature by faith or in some manner. The devil and angels did not create sin for God created all that has been created. God did not create sin. He did not create goodness. Goodness is an uncreated and eternal principle. We hold that sin is an uncreated and an eternal principle. If it be a created principle, then God created it, for He alone is Creator. A holy being could not create sin and retain his holiness; therefore God did not create sin. Devils could not create it; therefore sin is uncreated. God saw that His creation was good, but we do not understand that sin was His creation.

Jesus taught His disciples to say when praying, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Now if angels in heaven sinned, then God's will was not done in heaven and Christ's words would not mean much to us. If holy angels in heaven sinned one time, how can we know that they have not sinned many times? Why could they not sin some future time, and if they can sin, why could not we after we got to heaven? To our mind the only logical conclusion is that sin never entered heaven and never will. No holy being in heaven ever sinned or ever will. Why would God redeem sinning man at such a great cost, and not redeem sinning angels?

Holy angels in heaven became lifted up with pride, so we are told. From whence came the pride?

—C. E. Orr in "Path of Life" May, 1932

### **"Ceased From His Own Works"**

When a man retires from his job he does not go to that place to work anymore. He quits completely. His life is changed. Instead of rising early to go to work, he may sleep later in the morning, or he may go fishing. His pay check stops and a great change takes place in his life. His work at that place and his association with his fellow-workers stop and they cease.

Let us look at the scripture in Hebrews 4:10. "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath

ceased from his own works, as God did from his [in the beginning]" on the seventh day (verse 4). The rest that this verse speaks of is the rest to the soul which is received through real Bible salvation. Those who have a born again experience and are full of the Holy Spirit truly are enjoying the gospel blessings which Jesus died on the cross and arose again to give. This rest to the soul is the beginning of the eternal rest that we have in eternity with our Lord and Savior after death, if we are faithful unto the end.

Let us notice the words, "ceased from his own works." When we are born again and are God's children, we do not live as we did when we were in sin. We live differently. We cease fellowship with the same worldly group. A great change comes in our lives. Our habits are changed. We do not talk the same way. We do not sing the same songs. We do not dress the same way. We do not act as we did before. Our thoughts are different. Our desires are to find ways to please the One who loved us and was willing to give His life that we might have eternal life. We do not go to the same places. We have "ceased from his [our] own works." "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17.) We live a new life. Jesus knew of this great change and He prayed for us. He prayed to the Father and said, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:15, 16.)

The Apostle Paul tells us that we were once "dead in trespasses and sins" but God has "quickened" us or made us alive. There is a great difference in a person who is dead and one who is alive. What was he referring to? He goes on to tell us that "in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." But thank God, "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:1-3, 8.) So we see that a change takes place in our lives and we do not live as we did when we were not saved. We have "ceased from his [our] own works" and we are doing the will of God.

Have you ceased from the life that you lived before you came to Christ? If not, something is wrong. Seek God to help you to understand how to find Him so that salvation will become a reality in your soul. Salvation gives us new desires and we do not walk after the flesh nor live as we did while in sin. God has this change for you. It is a brand new and blessed life. Seek for it today.

—Sister Marie Miles

"I am looking at the Sun that rules my sky and not at the clouds that the devil sends by."

—Vada McMillian

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**EDITORIALS**

As in past years, the "Faith and Victory" paper will not be issued for the month of August. However, the Bible Lessons for August will be printed and mailed to all who receive rolls of papers for their Sunday schools. If any other subscriber wants the August lessons, please let us know, and we will mail them to you.

Our faithful volunteer co-workers are much appreciated, and they will be privileged to have some time off from their regular duties here at the gospel publishing plant to attend the various campmeetings or do as the Lord may direct them. The work load of printing and mailing out the gospel literature has been heavy, and we feel the time is well spent for each one of us to take some time to assemble in worship with the saints and feed on the Word of God at these summer meetings. However, some of us will be here at the Office most of the time to fill orders for literature, take care of correspondence, etc.

The present work force is composed of eight full-time workers, named as follows: Clifford and Dorothy Wilson, Gene and Dora Lela Beisly, Ruby Marken, Opal Kelly, Marie Miles, and the writer. Others help part-time. We are all working together harmoniously for the sole purpose of getting out the soul-saving gospel of Christ to this perishing world. There is transforming power in believing the gospel, and no doubt more souls are being reached by the printed word than any other means. We count it a blessed privilege to be "workers together" with the Lord in His great cause. Your prayers are solicited that God may "give the increase," for without Him our labors would be in vain.

As soon as this July paper is in the mail, Sister Ruby Marken, who works mainly in the subscription and mailing department, will be going, Lord willing, to Twin Falls, Idaho to spend the summer with her parents. May the Lord bless her and make her a blessing to her parents and others. Sister Opal Kelly will be helping in her department at least part of the time while she is away.

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Our co-workers, Bro. and Sister Gene Beisly and their two daughters, Marcia and Sharon, plan, Lord willing, to attend the campmeeting at El Alamo, Baja, Mexico on July 5, 6, and 7. This will be their first contact on the field with the Mexico mission workers. Since Bro. Gene has been concerned to help get out more Spanish gospel literature, he has recently made further studies of the language, even translated some gospel tracts to Spanish, as well as set the same in Spanish type on the linotype machine. This contact on the field will help him to better understand the spiritual needs of the Spanish-speaking people in Mexico as well as the problems which the missionaries face in their search to find ways and means to get the good news of salvation to those who are in such great spiritual darkness. We pray the Lord to bless and protect the Beisly family on this

trip for His cause, and may their presence at the meeting and visits to the various mission stations be an encouragement to the workers.

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**Here and Now—The Only One-World Church . . .**

The nominal religious world is making great strides toward a "one world" church, which in reality is nothing more than "Mystery Babylon the Great." These efforts are not only evil, but also wasted, because Jesus Christ built a unique one-world church nearly 2000 years ago. In A. D. 32 He said to Peter, ". . . upon this rock I will build MY church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. The one holy church that Jesus built and set in operation on the day of Pentecost (A. D. 33) has not been duplicated nor improved upon in spite of the multiplicity of human counterfeits. The church is identical with Christ and is the physical expression of His Spirit in the world. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body . . ." 1 Cor. 12:13. The church universal—the spiritual body of Christ—is the organic, visible, corporate expression of Christianity. The church is exclusive and inclusive. It excludes all the sinners and includes all those saved from sin. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. Christ is the door. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9. The Lord keeps the church register in heaven, called "the book of life." "The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Psa. 87:6.

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Plainness of dress and simplicity of conduct in every phase of life is in keeping with the New Testament standard. The outward adorning to attract attention to one's self is forbidden. 1 Peter 3:3, 4. Our dress should harmonize with and complement (make complete) "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." In this manner the holy women of old adorned themselves. All articles of dress, worn only for adornment or show, should be laid aside as "becometh women [and men] professing godliness."

The immodest, indecent "undress" of the present age is an abomination in the sight of God. The so-called civilized nations, including our own, are revert-

ing to heathenism at an alarming rate. "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." 1 John 2:16. The Apostle Paul commanded "that women adorn themselves in modest apparel . . ." 1 Tim. 2:9. This would apply to men as well. People have diverse opinions of "modest apparel," but God has a standard for His people though it may not be spelled out in detail. The principles are in the Scripture and the Holy Spirit will interpret it correctly. God made coats of skins and "clothed" our foreparents. (Gen. 3:21) By this act God intended that their bodies be clothed and their nakedness covered. Men and women should cover their arms and legs as well as the rest of their body. The woman's dress should be long enough to have her knees well covered when she sits down. Even God-given reason and decency would teach one that he should keep his body clothed. This matter of keeping the body clothed in "modest apparel" is just as essential on the week days as it is on Sunday. God's people are to be lights every day in every way—in the world, but not of the world. "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. . ." Rom. 12:2.

The danger to the Church is that indecency, immorality and sin of all kinds are so widespread and common that to some it dulls their sense of the sinfulness of sin, and they soon begin to drift with and cater to the ungodly modern styles, even to imitating the "beatniks" and "hippies." The ones who are really concerned for the welfare of the church will warn the saints when they see the "little foxes" approaching. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church: "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." 2 Thess. 2:15. Holding fast to a tradition which is in line with principles of truth would be obeying Paul's injunction. On the other hand, Jesus reproved the Jewish leaders of His day because their traditions made the commandments of God of none effect. Heaven is a holy place and a strict account we must give if we would enter there.

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Bro. Harland Smith, faithful missionary to Mexico for the past ten years, arrived in Guthrie on June 1 where he visited us here at the office and other saints in this area during the week prior to the marriage of his son, Clifford, to my niece, Patsy Murphey, which was an event of Saturday evening, June 8, at the chapel here in Guthrie. Many saints, friends, and relatives, as well as the parents of the bride and groom, were present at the ceremony performed by Bro. Ostis Wilson. Bro. Clifford had formerly worked here at the Office, setting type and he edited a Spanish gospel paper for a time. Our prayers and best wishes are for this saintly young couple for a long and happy life together in the service of the Master. This summer they will be making their home in Pomona, Calif.

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Those within driving distance are invited to these work days (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 National campmeeting to be held July 19 to 28.

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Bro. Cecil Carver reported on June 17 that he had just returned from a ten-day airline trip to Honduras, C. A. He was kindly received there on Roatan Island and invited to preach to the congregations pastored by Bro. Esau Brooks. We pray and trust that this contact and preaching mission will prove a blessing to the cause of Christ.

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The Guthrie congregation appreciated the two timely messages delivered by Bro. Ostis Wilson on Sunday, June 9. He and his wife, Evelyn, have now returned to Pacoima, Calif. where they are managers of the Church of God Senior Citizens Home and pastors of the congregation there.

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Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Mart Samons and family on the passing of his father in Kentucky on June 12 after an extended illness. Bro. Mart is very weary after keeping vigil at his father's bedside for three weeks. May the Lord comfort and sustain him and the entire family.

The tent meeting which Bro. Samons had planned to hold at Cass, W. Va. in June has been postponed until August. Keep in touch with him for the dates at his address: Rt. 2, Box 156, Danville, Ky. 40422.

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Bro. Murphy Allen and family and Bro. Curtis Williams have gone to the Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting which begins June 21.

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This writer requests a continued agreement of earnest prayer for the eradication of a growth about the size of a nickel just below his left ear. After being anointed and prayed for according to the Word, I am standing on the promises and expecting its removal. Jesus has been my only Physician for more than 50 years, and I praise Him for His saving and healing power.

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We hope to meet many of our readers at the National campmeeting to be held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri on July 19 to 18. A supply of gospel literature—tracts, papers, books and Bibles—will be in stock at the book store on the grounds. Please meet us there.

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Good reports have come from the Holly Hill, South Carolina campmeeting which ended June 16.

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We are sorry that space is not available in this small paper to include all the testimonies, articles, etc. which are sent in for publication. Please be understanding and bear with us in this situation.

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Our dependence is upon the Lord for divine wisdom and guidance. We solicit your continued prayers and co-operation in publishing the good news of salva-

tion through our Lord and Savior. Only what is done for Christ and souls will last. Let us be faithful and hear those words, "Well done, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

May the blessings of our heavenly Father rest upon every reader until we greet you again in the September issue.

—L. D. Pruitt

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### OBITUARY

Edward Lee Glover was born April 4, 1947 in Okla. City, Okla. to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Glover. He departed this life March 28, 1968 in Yokohama, Japan.

He leaves to cherish his memory his father, Mr. Lee Glover; his mother, Mrs. Roxanna Glover; a daughter, Lee Ann; one sister, Virginia Mae; two brothers, Wiston and Laverne, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Herman Kelley, assisted by Bro. Otis Hill and Sister Katherine Williams. Text: James 4:14.



## Remaining Campmeeting Notices

### SIXTH CAMPMEETING IN MEXICO

The sixth annual campmeeting at El Alamo, Baja, Mexico will be held, Lord willing, July 5 through July 7, 1968. We are again looking forward to a rich outpouring of God's blessings on the meeting and earnestly solicit your prayers for its success. —Harland Smith

317 E. Cucamonga, Claremont, Calif. 91711

### GENERAL SOUTHERN AT HAMMOND, LA.

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Friday, June 28, on the General Southern campgrounds at Hammond, La. and will continue through Sunday, July 7.

We are looking forward to another refreshing shower from the Lord. We are looking to the Lord to send in ministers of His choosing who will come with a burden upon their souls for the meeting.

As in the past, meals and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We urge everyone who possibly can to be here for this meeting. We and the church are praying and expecting an outpouring of God's Spirit in our midst.

For further information write or call Bro. T. H. Coffey, P. O. Box 1177, Hammond, La. 70401. Tel. area code 504—345-2412.

### AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING

The Akron, Ohio campmeeting will be held July 5 through July 14, 1968. The first service will be at 7:30 p. m. of July 5, and thereafter there will be four services daily with meals served on the premises.

All nationalities are welcome. We will have sleeping quarters for all, also ground for parking trailers and campers. You are cordially invited. "Whosoever will" may come for salvation and sanctification for the soul, healing for the body, inspiration, encouragement or whatever your need may be. Feel free to come. We are expecting Spirit-filled ministers and workers in all capacities to be here in a unified group to carry on the work of the Lord. Our meetings are run on the free-will offering plan, expecting the Lord to supply both spiritual and temporal needs.

The Lord's chapel is located at 419 and 421 W. Thornton St., three blocks west of Roads Avenue. Call Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor, at 762-4432, or 376-3501, or Bro. Adolph Robinson at TE 6-6948. —Sister Hazel Clark

### CALIFORNIA STATE AT PACOIMA

The California State Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene on the saints' campground located at 12312 Osborne Place in Pacoima, Calif. on July 5 to 14, 1968, Lord willing.

Pacoima is a suburb of Los Angeles in the northwest part of the city near the town of San Fernando. If you come by car from the east or south, take the Golden State Freeway (it will be marked "Bakersfield" where you leave either of the freeways coming from those directions) and follow it to Osborne Street which is about 20 miles out from where you hit this freeway. When you come to Osborne Street, turn right and follow it straight ahead across the railroad tracks and about a half-mile farther to a "Y." At this "Y" go straight ahead instead of taking the left curve and soon you will come to our sign over the entrance to the campground on your right.

If you come from the north by car, follow the freeway which will be marked "Los Angeles" to Osborne Street, turn left and proceed as outlined above.

The phone number on the campground is A. C. 213—899-2022. If you arrive by bus or train, give us a call and someone will come to get you.

We hope that all of the saints throughout the West will be able to attend this meeting, as well as all others who may need help in soul or body. Pray earnestly for a victorious meeting and for a precious visitation from God.

We will be looking to see you at the campmeeting. Remember the date—July 5 to 14—and plan for it.

Yours and His in the Master's service, —O. B. Wilson

### ATTEND THE 31st NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

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 GRover 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.

Remaining work days on the National Campground are June 29, July 4 and July 13, right on up to July 19.



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 54, Neosho, Mo. 64850, or Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

### OKLAHOMA STATE AT GUTHRIE, OKLA.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 2 to 11, 1968 on the corner of Sixth and W. Warner Streets, Guthrie, Okla.

This will be the 34th annual State campmeeting on these grounds. A hearty welcome is extended to all, and provisions will be made to care for those who come. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting, and for the salvation of souls, sanctification of believers and the healing of bodies.

Contributions of money and food for the dining hall may be sent directly to the treasurer, Sister Frances Porter, Rt. 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

—L. D. Pruitt, Trustee

### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The annual campmeeting at Bakersfield, Calif. will begin August 2 and end on Aug. 11, 1968. It will be run on the free-will offering plan. We extend a hearty welcome to all lovers of the old-time truth. We will provide lodging for each one who comes.

The chapel is located on the corner of So. Brown and Virginia Avenues. Those arriving from the north or south, turn east on 4th St. which is Virginia Ave. For further information, contact Bro. A. W. Sherman, Phone FA 7-0411 or Bro. I. C. Chandler, 415 11th St., Phone 325-6752.

### BOLEY, OKLA.

The annual Church of God campmeeting at Boley, Okla. will convene August 16 and continue through August 25, Lord willing. All are invited to come. Pray much for the meeting. We are looking to the Lord to send gospel workers of His own choosing.

—Katherine Williams, Pastor  
905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla.

### FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

The Fresno, Calif. campmeeting will be held August 16 to 25 at 7249 E. King Canyon Rd.

Those coming from the north on the freeway, get off at Venture Ave. exit, turn left on Venture Ave. Those coming from the south, turn right on Venture Ave. Keep straight out Venture Ave. to 7249 E. King Canyon Rd.

Those coming by bus or train, call Sister N. Jennings, Pho. 233-6836; Sister A. Johnson, Pho. 264-0953; or 237-1240, or 266-4180, and someone will pick you up.

Come and worship with us, one and all. The meeting will be supported by the free-will offering plan. All will be cared for. We are praying God to send those from far and near with a burden for souls.

—Bro. E. J. Trotter, Pastor; by Sister N. Jennings

### MYRTLE, MO.

The Missouri State campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. will be held, Lord willing, August 16 to 25, inclusive.

The camp ground is located two-tenths of a mile off the B. B. highway, half a mile east of Myrtle. Look for the sign.

We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His choosing to preach the Word. The meeting will be supplied by free-will offerings. Anyone coming on the bus or train to Thayer, Mo. can call 938-2482 or 938-2483 and someone will come after you. If possible, please bring your own pillows and covers as ours are limited. Please pray much for the success of the meeting.

There will be a work day on the Myrtle, Mo. campground on the 3rd day of August in preparation for the campmeeting. If anyone wishes to come, your help will be appreciated.

For further information write to the undersigned or to Bro. A. J. Sorrell at Myrtle, Mo.

—Carol Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778

### DOVER, OKLA.

The Dover, Okla. campmeeting will be held from August 30 through Sept. 8. You are cordially invited. For further information contact Bro. Henry Caldwell, Rt. 1, Dover, Okla. 73734. —Henry Caldwell, Secretary  
—Katherine Williams, Pastor

### REPORT OF THE ALABAMA MEETING

Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: We are still thanking and praising God for how He blessed us during the recent meeting in May at Northport, Ala. Souls were saved, evil spirits were cast out, and people testified to the healing of their bodies through the power of God. Seventeen claimed salvation, and seven were baptized on the last Sunday of the meeting.

We would like to thank all the saints who came from far and near to help in the meeting, and also to thank all those who sent offerings.

Pray that the Lord will continue to bless the work here.

Your Brothers and Sisters, —The Alabama Saints

### REPORT OF OKLAHOMA CITY SPRING MEETING

Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: We are still saved and encouraged to press on for God.

We would like to give a report of our spring meeting at Third and Phillips Streets in Oklahoma City. The Lord wonderfully blessed from beginning to end. The Word went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit of God. By the way God is sending forth His word, we know the time is not far off before He will call His saints to their reward and the unjust to their punishment. We won't have any excuse because God is surely using His ministers to bring forth the pure gospel.

Souls were saved, sanctified, bodies healed, and others sought a closer walk with God. On Sunday evening there was a real breaking through. The altar was filled with sinners and saints. Truly, God is faithful.

Continue to pray for us and the work here in Oklahoma City. May God richly bless each one is our prayer.

—Bro. and Sis. Herman Kelley

### NATIONAL MISSIONARY FUND REPORT

Greetings in the Lord: We are thankful to be delivered from the bondage of the sinful things of this world for they separate us from our Saviour.

As we scanned articles on Communism we were appalled at the rate this evil thing is spreading. What we do for Jesus we must do quickly. Perhaps by speaking out

more boldly, praying more, fasting more, and sacrificing more we can get the truth to a few more souls before it is too late. If the saints don't carry the gospel, who will?

We wish to thank each one for your prayers and support of the National Missionary Fund. The Missionary truck has been repaired by Bro. Ralph Wilkins and is in good operating condition. Thanks to Bro. Wilkins for his sacrificial labor.

Due to the long illness and death of Bro. Samons' father, he will be unable to go out perhaps as soon as he had hoped. If anyone desires a tent meeting in your community, you need to let us know soon and pray much about this evangelistic work. Any ministers who feel led to take the tent out can write to Bro. Samons or to us.

There yet needs to be a license tag purchased for the truck. Remember also that it takes groceries and money to care for all who go along with the tent meetings.

One young brother and his wife and baby from Loranger, La. have expressed a desire to go along and help.

The West Virginia meeting has been postponed until August. As of now, there are no meetings scheduled.

The truck, house trailer, and tent equipment are located at Bro. Mart Samons', whose address is Rt. 2, Box 156, Danville, Ky. 40422.

Please mail contributions, either to them directly and they can be given to the evangelist, or to us.

—L. L. Marler, Rt. 1, Box 180, Senath, Mo. 63876

## Prayer Requests

Ind.—Dear Christian friends: Will you please agree with me in prayer for the healing of my body. I have the crippling kind of arthritis in both hands, both feet, knees and shoulder, shingle trouble, and other afflictions. I am all but helpless, so do earnestly pray for me.

Your Brother in the Lord, —Earl L. Bowden

Miss.—“My limb . . . dog tore it . . . faith weak. My brother drinks . . . family trouble.”—Rosa Davis.

Ill.—For soul and body.—D. Harris.

Mich.—“Almost bedfast . . . no one to care for me.” —Elsie Aungst.

Mich.—“Blood pressure very high . . . we have some heavy burdens.”—Sister Margaret Brant.

W. Va.—“Mother's blood pressure high . . . been out of her mind . . . Pray Lord save my sick brother. . . and I'll be able to hold up.”—Sister Essie Carter.

Calif.—“My wife is not well in body. She has a very serious affliction . . . she suffers much.”—Brother Pat Huskey.

Ind.—“My husband has a bad heart now with palsy. . . has had two light strokes.”—Sister Lowell Wilson.

Holly Hill, S. Car.—“His service is my sweetest delight. . . Bro. Abbott has a very bad eye condition, red and inflamed, so painful and has caused headaches for three or four weeks. . . We are looking for God to heal him.”—Sister Sam Abbott.

Ore.—“I visited Sister Adelia Davis who has been down so long with a stroke. . . She broke her hip . . . has kidney infection . . . she asked for prayer.”—Emma Busch.

Ind.—“Son had heart attack . . . brother broke hip, not saved . . . my blood pressure.”—Sister M. Hill.

Colo.—“Feet in very bad condition . . . can't be up and around . . . trusting God.”—Sister George Meier.

Colo.—“ . . . I have been healed of many things . . . pray for my healing . . . pray God to send someone to live here, rent free, with me.”—Mrs. Lillie Ratliff.

Ill.—“Nerves, back, legs.”—Sister E. Boling.

Mo.—“Skin cancer . . . sugar diabetes.”—Mrs. Alice Howard.

Wash.—“Daughter and husband on verge of separation.”—A Mother.

S. Dak.—Sister Olive McFarling needs a touch of healing to her body. Her husband also is not well.

Tenn.—“ . . . ulcer of stomach . . . poor circulation.” —J. T. Hooten.

Mo.—“I still need prayer for my body.”—M. Niswonger.

Calif.—“I will be 88 years old June 29, have heart trouble.”—Guy Littrell.

Mich.—Aged, alone, and pains in hands. —Mrs. Pearl Earl.

Mich.—Pray for an aged one. He is bedfast from a tractor accident and his wife hurt her back. —Olive Gettersson.

## Telephone Calls:

La.—Sister Ben Goldsberry's son, 17 years of age, has lost much blood from his tonsils, is in a semi-conscious state, also needs to be saved.

Mo.—Sister Thelma Holbrook wants prayer for her neighbor who has been in a car accident.

Okla.—Sister Mae Belcher wants prayer for her daughter Eula who has lumps appearing again on her neck. Several years ago the Lord miraculously healed her of this condition.

Ill.—Sister Edna Hammond desires prayer for herself and son.

Minn.—Bro. E. J. Kirchner still desires prayer for his body.

We are living in perilous times and the devil is enraged because he knows his time is short. That is one reason that we should not think it “strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.” 1 Peter 4:12, 13. Dear fellow companions in tribulations, take courage. We shall conquer. We shall overcome. We shall defeat the devil in the name of Jesus. The devil is a conquered foe. Treat him as such. We shall, one of these days, share in the glory of Christ and then we shall have “exceeding joy.” A few more days and it will all be over. This is not our home, but we are living here to be ready to live again in eternity. So do not think it strange if the trial is long and hard, but look to Jesus. He will be with you. God will bring you out on victory's side; be assured in your heart of this. Hold your faith steady in God. Look to Him and not at the problem, affliction, or the work of Satan.

Let us still remember Brother and Sister Sam Barton in prayer. They keep good courage, but their afflictions are severe at times. The Lord does help them.

Let us continue to pray for Sister Jessie Taylor who has some days which are painful, also Sister Lillie Miller in Louisiana and many others who are holding their faith steady in God for the healing of their bodies. We appreciate all of God's children who have proved to us and others that they are trusting God completely and also trusting His great wisdom in their lives. —Sis. M. Miles

If a person goes down because he sees a failure in another person, the devil has gained two souls instead of one.

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### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (May 20)—Dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and all associate workers in the Lord's vineyard, greetings in the magnified name of Jesus who is King of kings and Lord of Lords:

Thank you very much for your good letter dated May 6. I have noted the contents. I accept all encouragements and helps in the name of the Lord who lives forever to intercede for us in heaven. How happy we are that the Spirit also maketh intercession for us here with groanings which cannot be uttered.

My fourth son, John Verghese, received the parcel of books you sent him. He will write you acknowledging with thanks the receipt of same.

I acknowledge hereby with thanks receipt of the beautiful Bible covers and good calendar which reached me a few days ago. They are of great use to me.

This year the monsoon rains are very late, hence we are experiencing a severe drought. We are taking advantage of this drought and our believers are arranging meetings and conventions to awaken the perishing souls to repentance and thereby redress the spiritual drought. I am invited by a distant congregation to reach them this week for holding devotional meetings and take part in the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper. They are planning to prepare a love-feast for all family folks of the believers. It is quite an expensive undertaking, but we hope it is a real sharing and a family feeling of oneness in Christ. Young and old will come, families as a whole, and praise the Lord with singing and exalting the Lord. Please pray for a real refreshing from on high over all the congregation. We know the kingdom of God is not meat and drink.

I plan to attend other conventions and hope to be back by the middle of the first week of June.

My wife is not well. She is very weak and worn out. She needs complete rest. I am leaving her in the safe arms of God while I leave for the distant congregations. Hence I solicit your earnest prayers for my wife and my family. Please remember to pray for my son Samuel who is going to be wed soon. The girl is the daughter of a believer and we understand she is also born again. Kindly pray for my trip. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me that utterance may be given unto me that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." (Eph. 6:18, 19.)

Brother, the closing words of your letter, "Pray for us as we do for you—a few more days and the journey will be over," have caused serious thoughts and deep reflections in my heart to awaken me to realize the transient wave of life passing in us. Glory to God, it is safe in His keeping.

Please pray for us as we do for you.

Yours in the Master's service, —C. M. Verghese

### NIGERIAN PASTOR'S REPORT

Midwest Nigeria, W. Africa (May 25)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Abbi congregation joins with me in sending you and saints of your congregations in U.S.A. greetings in Jesus' dear name.

We have received your encouraging letter dated May 6, 1968 and its enclosures with many thanks. We are marching on steadily and preaching the Word with boldness. Faith in Christ is the remedy, His blood the glorious victory. Amen.

Please pray with us and for us that God will keep us faithful and spiritually and physically fit to go on with this work for as long as He wants us to.

Some day the opportunity for service down here will be over. As we wait, watch, work, and wage warfare with that glorious Day in view, let us lean heavily upon the Everlasting Arms. Some day, some happy day, the Lord will wipe all tears away and we shall go to dwell with Him.

Faithfully yours in Him,

—Titus U. E. Enu

### LETTERS FROM WAR-TORN EASTERN NIGERIA

(Editor's Note: We were happy and thankful to receive on June 17 the following two letters from native ministers of the Church of God mission in Eastern Nigeria, the area from which we have had no communication for more than a year because of the civil war.)

Southeast Nigeria (May 19, 1968)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings to you and all the saints in Christian love and fellowship through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, Amen.

Words are inadequate to express how thankful I am to my God when on the 31st of March, 1968, He helped us so miraculously from the hands of Ibo vandals who surrounded our village with intent to end our lives because our leaders have asked for a separate state. Ibos thought the only way to occupy our God-given land and to tap its resources forever would be through victimization, nepotism, discrimination and war. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord of hosts." The hope of Ibo people to kill all the Ibibios has been shattered to bits, and now we have our long cherished state. Praise the Lord!

I was detained by Biafran Government for eighty-one days at Enugu last year quite innocently. The Lord was so good and merciful to me that on September 27, 1967 I was released from the detention camp and I found myself back in the pulpit. Praise the Lord! When the economic blockade is removed and we have free communication as before, I will write you fully on the subject for publication, Lord willing.

I am glad to let you know that we have been blessed with a bouncing baby boy on the 31st of March when the war surrounded our village. Both mother and child are doing well in health. He is named Victor Etuk.

I am sorry to report that Brother B. U. Etuk's health is bad once again. He suffers the same stroke on the left side of his body. Presently he cannot move his limbs. Bro. Inyang of Ukpom suffered the same stroke about a month ago. The Lord knows the reason why.

Meanwhile, you can communicate with me through the above address only. Trust the Lord is blessing the gospel work over there. Pray for us as we are praying for you. The Church of God has come to stay in my village.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Jackson U. Etuk

Southeast Nigeria (May, 1968)—Bro. Pruitt, workers in the Print Shop, and every saint in the Church of God in America: Greetings of love to you (from those who have been hindered for quite a while) in the name of our dear Jesus Christ, the Son of God who gave His dear life for us that we may be free and worthy to inherit the Father's kingdom for eternity. We are grateful to God Almighty for His unspeakable love in retaining our dear lives, especially in this part of Africa during its Civil War. How we rejoice to seize time once more to write you while yet on this earth. Surely He will keep us and let the Church of God, both in America and Nigeria meet

face to face before proceeding to the Spirit world where we will never part.

It is your friend writing you from this corner of the globe for spreading the gospel to the unreached. There is not sufficient space to detail all, but trust these few lines will satisfy your desire.

There have been many happenings in the field, some which have slipped from my desk because of "run to save your dear life." Many lives and belongings have been lost, and some sufferings (which those in the class of suffering are termed to be fortunate.) Starvation, generally, is what we are used to, and very many children are very poor in health.

The work of God is lively, which so gladdens our hearts. But there have been some misfortunes. First, Pastor J. U. Etuk was innocently detained from July to September, last year by Ojukwu's regime. Secondly, lives of Brothers Esau Ikot Iba and Paul Matthew Umon were claimed in the early and last parts of January this year. Third, in the first part of this month both the field superintendent and Sunday school superintendent, Bros. B. U. Etuk and B. E. A. Inyang fell sick, both of strokes. Bro. Etuk is this time affected by it on both sides causing his inability to walk. Bro. Inyang is, too, unable to stand up for walking. So one can imagine how sad they and their families are, especially at this crucial period. These two able ministers who are touched by Satan desperately need your prayers. The rest of the workers are keeping the work of God going irrespective of much suffering caused by the war.

We were liberated on the 1st of April by the Federal Troops who have been on bush-combing up till date. The Federal Government says this is done to completely finish the rebels before lifting the Economic Sanction. The blockade in effect since last June cut our communications, causing both sides the impossibility of hearing from each other. As a result of that, I am using my father's address to write you this letter and hope you can reply in care of his address. Meanwhile, I instruct you to write me, excluding any monetary consideration until we ask you to release funds.

I wish you would especially extend our love and good wishes to brothers and sisters, O. B. Wilson and Cecil C. Carver. Tell them that at their earliest convenience I desire that they write.

Bro. Pruitt, we trust God has found and qualified a minister from there to come over and help us as soon as the war is over.

It has been impossible to hear from T. U. E. Enu of Benin City and hope they have been writing you as soon as they were liberated. Our hearts have been longing for them and the growth of the work in their area.

Pastor J. U. Etuk and I have started a Church of God meeting in our home town, Ikot Eesen Akpan Ntuen. We have now about 40 members and many more are promising.

Finally, we solicit your daily prayers for God to uphold His noble work everywhere in this troubled nation. We are praying for you, too, as much as we can.

Your Brother, —Nse B. Umanah

### PRAY FOR RUTH GAINES AND PARENTS

Mo.—(June 10)—Dear Ones at the Print Shop, greetings of love: Ruth has rested quietly the past several days. She hasn't coughed very much nor had very much phlegm in her trachea tube or mouth. She has only vomited once or twice the last few days. We are thankful for every bit of relief the Lord gives her. We are still looking to the Lord for complete deliverance.

Heb. 6:12 says: "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Sometimes we have to pray for patience. At times we get so worn out in body and also our hearts ache so much to see her sick so long, but we go earnestly to the Lord in prayer and He gives us grace and strength to go on. We appreciate the concern and love of all the saints. Pray for us. —Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

Rt. 2, Box 51, Thayer, Mo. 65791

(Editor's note: Saints, please write them a card or letter of encouragement, and pray fervently for little Ruthie and all of them in this long and severe trial of affliction. One or both of the parents make the 25-mile trip each night to the hospital at West Plains, Mo. where their 6-year-old daughter lies unconscious with a brain tumor. Afflicted since last autumn, she was moved by the authorities to this hospital over seven weeks ago. They want God's will to be done to get glory to His name.)

### Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Pa.—Dear Saints, I send greetings in Jesus' precious name: I promised the Lord I would testify through the paper if He would answer prayer for me. One evening I had severe pain in my right eye and forehead. I prayed earnestly to the Lord and He let me fall asleep. When I awoke, the pain was gone. I am so thankful that it is our duty and privilege to cast our cares upon Him. I have tried to bear my own burdens so often but the Lord has taught me by experience that I can do nothing of myself. It is wonderful to commit our problems and worries to Him and let Him solve them for us. It has been a hard lesson for me to learn as I was so dull and slow to hear His still small voice.

Pray for me as I do you.

—Norma Houck



W. Va.—Dear Ones: We are happy to report that we are still saved and encouraged to press on in the battle for the Lord. We are thankful for His goodness and His many wonderful blessings.

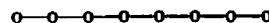
The Lord still makes ways for us to go to Akron, Ohio every few weeks. I was there to hear Bro. O. B. Wilson preach and surely enjoyed the heavenly food that was there. If the Lord wills, we hope to be at the National Campmeeting in July.

We are sending some names for the paper, also a request for some tracts. . . . We still remember back some years ago how someone sent us a "Faith and Victory" paper and some of these tracts, by which we finally met the saints and found this wonderful "evening light" truth. Surely we are so thankful for the work put forth there at the Publishing House. May the Lord continue to bless you all richly in all things.

We are looking forward to Bro. Mart Samons and Bro. Curtis Williams bringing the tent down here in August. Please pray much for this meeting as we are burdened for souls here.

Dear ones, be encouraged to press on in this wonderful work for our Lord, for surely the reward is great.

—Bro. James White, Box 133, Cass, W. Va. 24927



La.—Dear Ones who read the "Faith and Victory": greetings in the name of Jesus, our wonderful Savior. As the many testimonies in the little paper are a real blessing and spiritual strength to me, I trust that mine with reference to the Lord's special goodness in healing a place on my face will be an encouragement to others.

A light brown spot came near my left cheek. After being there for some time, probably two years or more, it became a darker brown. Then about four months ago, a scab formed over the spot which was about the size of the nail on my index finger. It soon began to bother me by itching every few days, also it had the feeling of an ant or something biting there. Naturally, knowing what we do about how cancer works, that was often presented to my mind. I told the Lord He knew my decision was to trust Him all the way, by His help. I knew He could heal whatever it was and had confidence in Him that He would if it would be to His glory. I appreciate the burden and concern others had and their prayers for me. Thanks be unto our dear Lord, two weeks ago last night part of the scab came off and two days later it was all off. All praise belongs to the Lord.

I am glad the big God in whom we trust knows His children and is able to take care of every need that comes into our lives. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble: and He knoweth them that trust in Him." Nahum 1:7. That verse should mean much to God's children in this day of peril. What do we have for a strong hold to look to, but our God? I am praying for a still stronger hold on Him and for my faith to be increased. I feel the need of it. Pray for us. —Alta Flynn

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La.—I want to send in my testimony and thank all the Christian people who prayed for my sick loved ones. I sent in several requests at different times. God surely did hear and answer prayer many times. My husband (Alex Johnson) is much better in many ways. My daughter and her baby are doing well. . . .

God has never left us nor forsaken us. He promised to be with us to the end.

I am not feeling well. My ears are both sore and my nose stops up at times. I feel very nervous sometimes. I desire all to pray for God to heal me. I know it is an easy thing for Him to do. . . .

We are few in number at the little church in Jigger but God is with us. I know God has a job for us all to do and I ask Him every day to give me grace and direct my path. The harvest truly is ripe and the laborers are so few. When we do all we can, we have only done our duty. . . .

Yours in Christ Jesus, —Beulah Johnson

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Ark.—Dear Sister Miles: I would like to tell how the Lord undertook for me last November. I was so dizzy for nine days and nights that I would sometimes fall when I tried to walk. I believe it was caused from high blood pressure as I have been bothered with it for a long time. After I wrote for prayer the Lord took those dizzy spells away and they never have come back. I do thank God and thank the saints for their prayers.

I still have quite a bit of trouble with my heart and my feet swell. I desire prayer for this as I know the Lord can take this away. It seems that if I do very much work I get pains over my heart.

My husband has a very painful ulcer on his ankle that won't heal. It keeps him awake at night and hurts very bad when he has to work. Pray that God will give him the faith he needs for it to be healed. Also pray for our oldest son who is very nervous and suffers from headaches.

I read about the Lord healing you of your heart trouble. I hope you are still feeling well. I pray God will bless each worker there.

I am enclosing an offering and hope it will help a little in God's work. Love and prayers, —Opal McMurrin

Calif.—Dear Saints everywhere: I feel like sending in my testimony as I told the Lord I would if He would heal my grandson. He had two awful wrecks but God spared his life and he is getting much better. He is in the army and has been in the hospital. They are sending him somewhere. Do pray God will take care of Him.

My family all need to be saved. The Lord is so good to all of us, even the unsaved ones. We don't deserve it. Praise God for calling after me. I love this way and don't want to grieve Him at any time. He has healed me many times. A while back He healed my knee. I am trusting God for all things.

Pray for all my requests.

—Ada Leach

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Ky.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all, we greet you in the precious name of Jesus: I just wanted to let you know that my dad passed away June 12, at 4:30 a. m. It was quite an experience for us, as we had sat up with him twenty-two nights straight. Since my dad never knew the Truth, I prayed earnestly that the Lord would let me know where he was going. The Lord did that. One night as he lay there his face lit up and he said, "Well, bless the Lord, isn't that a beautiful country!" Another night he tried to show me something, said it was brighter than the stars, and he said he didn't see why everyone didn't believe. Then he said, "I am happy in my soul." We thank the dear Lord for that.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the saints for their prayers and deeds of kindness shown to us at this time. We are yet very tired in body, but we are looking for the Lord to direct us now in what He would have us do. Pray that we will ever be led by His Spirit. Give all the workers there our love.

Your Brother for all the truth, —Mart Samons  
Rt. 2, Box 156, Danville, Ky. 41422

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Co-workers: Our heart-felt greetings in Jesus' name to you. I have been intending to write you in the midst of these pressing times. I truly hope each and all are well, encouraged and pressing right on, co-working with the Author and Finisher of our faith.

We are very well. Kenneth is doing real good as far as his regaining reading and writing, but he does not remember any details of what or how the accident happened. Lois is down in the Los Angeles area a big portion of the time to help him. It is truly a miracle that God reached His strong hand and arm right into the jaws of death and rescued Kenneth. He says he has more to thank God for than anyone else. . . .

We want to thank you dear folks and everyone who has been praying and are continuing to pray.

I certainly enjoyed your editorial in the last "Faith and Victory," about your family coming from Clovis, N. M. to Guthrie in June, 1918. Time brings about many changes, and so it has been on down as generations have come and gone. I am sure your dear father and mother look down with a great joy and satisfaction to see their posterity carrying on the good work they were so faithfully engaged in, and also long that the circle will not be broken in eternity.

I am enclosing a small offering. Please send me the book "Divine Healing," also "Around Old Bethany." I had thought of sending a short testimony for the book of an instantaneous healing of 105 degree fever during the flu epidemic in 1918 while I was in C.O. camp during the war. I have been healed many times by beginning to amend from the time of prayer. These blessings are a great heritage of the church.

To me it seems the perils in these last days are increasing by leaps and bounds—distress among nations with perplexity. All these try to dampen and quench the faith of the saints.

We would like to attend at least a part of the Pacoima, Calif. campmeeting. Lois joins in sending our sincere Christian love to all.

Yours in Jesus, —Robert Longley

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Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: I greet you all at the publishing office. I am still praising the Lord for salvation.

I had another birthday. I was 87 years old. I think every birthday that I will not live to see another one, but the Lord keeps sparing my life. I am trying to do all I can to help save the lost. It is pitiful to see so many old folks not saved. Pray for me that I be an example and that I may help to awaken souls to their lost condition. I feel the Lord placed me in this old folks' home to work for Him. They ask me to return thanks. They call on me to help different ones. I feel very needy, but I know the Lord is helping me to be a blessing here. I know my time is short at the longest, and how I long to be of some use to the Lord in pointing souls to that world above.

I am real thankful for a print shop that puts out the whole truth. May God supply your every need and the needed money to carry on this good work. I try to send my little bit. It takes the little things to make big things. I often think of the little poem: "Little drops of water, little grains of sand make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."

I am enclosing an offering to help you in your good work. May God bless each one of the workers there.

Love to all, —Sister O. K. Myers

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Florida—Dear Sister Marie, greetings to you and all there at the Print Shop in the name of our dear Lord who is everything to us.

I am so glad the Lord enabled me to go to the meeting in Alabama. I was happy to meet with some of the real saints of God. The services were so good; I enjoyed the singing, praying, preaching, meals, and the people. Praise our God! It was wonderful meeting the dear ones face to face that I have been corresponding with. Souls were saved, bodies healed, believers sanctified, and the church edified. . . .

Pray for the Lord to save souls here, especially a lady I have been praying for who was sick. She told me the Lord had healed her and she wants to be saved. . . .

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I have holy wisdom to know how to lead souls to Him.

Yours in the One Body, —Sister Mattie B. Savage

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Oregon—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name:

I haven't sent a testimony for quite a long time. Truly, God is good to His trusting children. I suffered with a kidney infection for several years. I trusted the Lord and He blessed me from time to time. Now I know I am completely healed and I surely do thank the dear Lord.

We don't get to go to Jefferson, Ore. to meeting very much any more. But I am thankful for the way the Lord blesses and helps His isolated saints. Dennis, our son, is much better with his asthma, but still is bothered with it at times. I am still trusting God for his healing. Also, his tonsils give him a lot of trouble and I know God can heal that, also. Please pray for him.

I learned last night that my step-mother had a stroke early Friday morning. She is paralyzed on her left side.

She is unsaved and not interested in the way of salvation. I would appreciate the saints' prayers in her behalf, and also for my father who is unsaved. In this time of affliction God may be able to deal with them.

I am thankful for the privilege we have of serving the Lord.

In Christian love, —Beverly Wattenbarger

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Okla.—Dear Sister Miles, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I got your nice letter, and also the good tracts. I am still able to go, praise the Lord! I am not well any more as I am 78 years old, but by the help of the Lord I have grace and strength.

This world is in so much trouble. There is so much malice and the races are fighting against each other. The peoples' dresses are so ungodly that it is a disgrace. The only thing we can do is to pray and stay true to God's Word. There are so many people in the hospitals and our government is in a turmoil. The reason we have all of this trouble is because people have turned away from God and are seeking pleasure but they are finding none.

My husband has fainting spells and needs prayer. My granddaughter has cancer and needs to be saved. Also pray for my grandsons in Vietnam.

May God bless you and all the saints at the print shop and supply all of your needs. You are doing a good work for the salvation of souls.

With love, —Mrs. Ben Harrison

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Kansas—Dear Saints: I have felt for some time that I should send in my testimony. I was awake last night for several hours, meditating on the things of God, and praying.

As I meditated last night, God blessed me and I asked Him to help me find something to do today that would be to His glory. The thought came to me that I could testify through the "Faith and Victory" paper. I do want to thank God for His goodness and mercy to me, for supplying my needs, for the right use of my mind, and strength to work. Even though I do hold down a steady full-time job, pray for me that I will still find time and take advantage of every moment to do something for God.

The noted scholar, Henry Drummond, once stated, "Ten minutes spent in Christ's society every day, aye, two minutes, will make the whole day different." Multiply this one day by every day and add the cumulative effect of habit and the changed mental outlook, and you will understand how this brief period faithfully observed can change everything, even your entire life.

Pray for me that if I can't say or do something good for others that I won't say or do anything at all.

In Christian love, —Wildenna Huffman

## BIBLE STUDY

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July 7, 1968

### PROPHECY FULFILLED

Printed Portion.....Jeremiah 38:14-18; 39:1, 2, 6-10.

Jer. 38:14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the Lord: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me.

15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?

16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the Lord liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.

Jer. 39:1 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

Memory Verse: Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death. Jeremiah 21:8b.

Practical Truth: Real Bible salvation will give us eternal life and a desire to obey God's laws.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jeremiah, who was called of God to be a prophet to His people, felt so helpless until God said, "I shall send thee . . . I shall command thee . . . I am with thee." (Jer. 1:7, 8) Jeremiah went forth with a message for Judah but they refused to listen. He wept much because of their cheating, lying, lack of family teachings about God, etc. The nation was fast leaving the first principles of God's teachings.

Our lesson begins with King Zedekiah (Zed-uh-kye-uh) seeking to know of the future from God through God's prophet, Jeremiah. Jeremiah was true to the king and told him what to do. He pointed out the sinful practices among them and that the judgments of God were to be meted out. The king refused to listen to the prophet and his advice. Today, people as a whole, are not listening to God's prophets, nor are they reading the Bible. They are going on in their own ways. Our nation is headed for the judgments of God to be meted out to it. We read in the Bible where the prophecies were fulfilled. Prophecies are being fulfilled today, too.

The last part of our lesson tells us what happened later to the king and the nation. They were punished because they did not obey God's commandments, nor would they take the counsel of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah was given his choice of going to Babylon or

staying in Jerusalem when King Nebuchadnezzar took the people back as captives to Babylon.

July 14, 1968

### EXILED IN BABYLON

Printed Portion ..... Lamentations 5:1-7, 15-22

Lam. 5:1 Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.

5 Our necks are under persecution: we labour, and have no rest.

6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities.

15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

17 For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.

18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

19 Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, and forsake us so long time?

21 Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

22 But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.

Memory Verse: Hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. Psalm 130:7.

Practical Truth: Those who turn to God with repentance can find help from Him.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The book of Lamentations was written by Jeremiah right after the captivity of the people of Judah. They were in a foreign land. They could not go up to the temple and worship God. They realized the trouble they were in, caused by their many sins. They began to cry unto the Lord. They mourned for their loved ones who had been killed and longed for their homes in Jerusalem. In fact, our lesson is a prayer to God. They are begging for mercy and asking God to consider them in their trouble. The "joy of their heart is ceased." How they wished they had listened to the prophets and obeyed God's commandments! How sad it is for people who never think of God until they are in trouble. Many would be spared much trouble if they would love God and follow in His ways. They wished they had not stubbornly followed their own ways. Thank God, there is mercy for all who will repent. God will forgive those who will humble themselves. Our memory verse says there is "hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plenteous redemption." How glad we are that God has made a way out of our troubles! Through Christ we can come to Him and find mercy. Dear troubled one, look to God. Humble yourself and find help to your soul and a peace that only God can give.



July 21, 1968

## EZEKIEL'S CHALLENGE

Printed Portion ..... Ezekiel 18:26-32; 36:26-28

Ezek. 18:26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Memory Verse: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. Ezekiel 36:26.

Practical Truth: God does not want us to cover up our sins, He wants to take out the stony heart and give us a new heart of flesh so we will not sin.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

After reading our lesson we are filled with thanksgiving to God for His great love to us. Man, in his sinful nature, is a terrible person. Every day we hear of those whose base natures have caused them to commit terrible crimes. We look out at the indecency in dress and the actions of groups of people or individuals in this world. The impurity and unholiness we see cause us to weep. Why? Because we know that our righteous God is grieved. God is holy and in the beginning He created man in holiness and righteousness. Man is far from that when he is in sin. We also feel sad because we were one time in sin and grieved our God. But thanks be unto our God who loved us and sent His Son to die on the cross for our salvation, we can be made a "new creature in Christ Jesus." He will put a "new spirit" within us. He will "take away the stony heart" and give us a "heart of flesh." Praise the Lord. We can live so we can bring glory to our great, loving God. Man can "save" his "soul alive" when he "turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed."

Ezekiel was taken captive to Babylon from Jerusalem, God's city, along with 10,000 others. For twenty-two years he preached to the captives in exile. The first part of the chapter tells us "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." It is not others' sins that you will be punished for, but for your own. (18:4) But we need not die in our sins. God has provided salvation for all who will accept Jesus.

July 28, 1968

## DANIEL PRAYS FOR HIS PEOPLE

Printed Portion ..... Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19

Dan. 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Memory Verse: O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. Daniel 9:19.

Practical Truth: We should not count prayer as a duty, but as a privilege.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When we think of Daniel we think of a man who had great courage and determination. The challenge comes to us—Dare to be a Daniel in this day of many problems. It takes courage to stand for right when so many ways are presented which seem to be an easy solution to the many problems that we face. But we take courage as the Spirit brings to our minds the Scripture, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12. We know that the ways the devil presents are false ways and are camouflaged with prosperity, the promise of happiness, etc. But the Bible teaches plainly that the "end thereof are the ways of death"—eternal death. When we are faced with problems we need to trust God with implicit faith and confidence as Daniel did even to being cast into the lions' den. God delivered him, but his faith was strong enough to trust God's wisdom even if God had not delivered him.

David Livingstone, the missionary to Africa, faced lions, and was badly mauled by one, which crippled his arm for life, but God delivered him from the lion. He did not leave Africa because of this trouble, but continued his work for God there. Sometimes our problems today seem as great as lions, but let us face them with courage, complete trust and confidence in our God.

Daniel, at the time of our lesson, was an old man in the court of King Darius where he and his people were captives in exile. Daniel was concerned about the people there and the sins they had committed. He fasted and prayed for them in sackcloth and ashes. He begged God to forgive the people and let them return to their homeland again. Today we need to pray for our nation that is steeped in sin, that we might be able to live a peaceable and quiet life.

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