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### Thanksgiving Unto God

Thanks: Thanks for the harvest's golden grain  
That has now been garnered in,  
Thanks for the sunshine and the rain,  
That has helped to fill the bin.

Thanks: Thanks for the barley, oats, and rye,  
And the fodder in the shock;  
Thanks for the sheep in pastures nigh,  
And for herds of grazing stock.

Thanks: Thanks for the lowly cotton stalk  
That fits rightly in Thy plan,  
And produces seed and fiber,  
Food for beast, and clothes for man.

Thanks: Thanks for the land where freedom's light  
Shines o'er valley, hill, and plain,  
Where stars unveiled through the night  
Over all the vast domain.

Where wheels of progress, moving on  
Beneath Thy providential care;  
Brings us blessings, one by one,  
Of which we joyfully share.

Our songs of thanks and praise to Thee,  
Resound and echo 'mong the hills;  
For Thou hast given liberty  
Which our hearts with rapture fills.

When our life on these mundane shores  
Shall cease, and we shall fly away;  
We thank Thee for the Home prepared  
In the land of endless day.

—Ulysses Phillips

Jesus told ten lepers to go show themselves unto the priests, and as they went they were cleansed. Yet only one returned to give glory to God. Jesus asked him, "... but where are the nine?" Unthankfulness and ungratefulness are also prevalent in these days.

### The Kingdom of God in Prophecy

God called Abram to leave his country and go unto a land that He would show him and promised to make his name great, and of him a great nation, and that in him all nations of the earth should be blessed. Genesis 12:1-3. He promised him later that in Isaac (the seed of promise) his seed should be called. Gen. 21:12.

Abraham's descendants, seventy souls, went to Egypt during Jacob's lifetime, and after more than four hundred years, God called Moses to deliver them from Egyptian bondage. God delivered them through him without war. Six hundred thousand able-bodied men, their wives and children, besides a great mixed multitude which went with them, a great nation, God brought out of Egypt. From the wilderness their descendants took possession of the land of Canaan as God had promised them.

These people were the chosen people of God because of Abraham, their father, the friend of God. 2 Chron. 20:7. Though they had received the law and a covenant through Moses, they sinned by rebelling against God, so were in trouble much of the time. God delivered them by judges and prophets until He raised up David to be their king. Under him, they conquered the nations around them and became a great kingdom. It was an outstanding kingdom through Solomon's reign, also, but they soon turned away from the law and commandments to idolatry and all manner of sin. They were warned by the prophets, but took very little heed. God, through the prophets, began to show them something better for the future. Though the prophets warned them of terrible destruction if they did not return to the Lord, they were still stubborn. God wanted to give hope in their hearts through the prophets. Jacob said: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah . . . until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Genesis 49:10. (Shiloh means Rest-giver, who is Jesus Christ.) Isaiah 9:6, 7 says: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The

everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

This King was to make changes in the kingdom from a literal to a spiritual kingdom of "kings and priests unto God." Rev. 1:6. Even the covenant was to be changed, including the lineage of the priesthood. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah . . . But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jer. 31:31, 33. "A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit . . ." Ezek. 36:26, 27. God's spirit will make a spiritual life. "Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high." Isaiah 32:15. "Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it; so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all." Isaiah 65:8. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope." Malachi 3:1, 2.

This was fulfilled. John the Baptist came preaching repentance for the remission of sins. He said he was not the Christ, but was sent to be a witness of Him who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost. See John 1:29-33. Jesus came according to the Scriptures preaching repentance and rest to the soul (Matt. 11:28, 29) and went about doing good, showing love, meekness, mercy and compassion to all, healing the sick, casting out devils, giving His wonderful counsel, and giving judgment against all manner of sin. Many believed on Him. He sent out His apostles to preach, and later seventy others, giving them power to heal the sick, and to cast out devils, in order to show the love of God to His people. He taught them many things—how to love one another, to do unto others as they would have others do unto them. As He was soon to give His life for the sins of the world, He began to tell His disciples that He must be rejected of the rulers, be killed, and be raised from the dead the third day. He told them also of the Comforter which should be given them from the Father. "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." John 14:15-17. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name,

he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26. The Comforter, Spirit of Truth, and the Holy Ghost are all the same Holy Spirit which they were to receive after His departure. See John 16:7-14.

The world could not receive Him but only those who had received Jesus as their personal Saviour. One hundred and twenty of them received Him on the day of Pentecost in the upper room where they were together. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:2-4. As there were Jews from all nations dwelling at Jerusalem, when this was told in the city, the multitude came together and were surprised beyond measure and wondered as each heard these Galileans speaking the wonderful works of God in his own language wherein he was born. Jesus had said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8. The miracle-working Jesus had not lost any of His power, but through the sign and the wonderful message Peter preached, there were three thousand souls saved—a nation born at once. It continued through persecution and opposition, and spread to other cities. The power of God was present to heal all manner of diseases and raise the dead. It was wonderful! The Word went to Samaria, then to the Gentile nations, including all men everywhere who would believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and obey Him, living the holy life taught by Jesus and His apostles, and is for us today.

He, the great King, is now reigning in our hearts by His counsel, judgment, and righteousness, through the Holy Spirit, thus fulfilling the prophecies.

—Ray Key

## Spiritual Retrogression

The fact that we are spiritual at one time does not guarantee that we shall always remain so. There may come, if we permit it, a time of retrogression. Our zeal may flag, our love grow cold, and our interest may be lost, and we may become indifferent. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them" (Heb. 2:1, A. S. V.) Water, when unconfined, always flows downhill, and so do the natural currents of life. Serving the Lord, like any other good thing, requires exertion. If we grow careless and merely drift along, the current will always lead us farther away from God. Progress Godward is always progress upward.

How many who once were afire for God are now cold and indifferent! How many who once were bright lights are now only smoking wicks! Remember that what we once were does not give evidence of what we are now. Spiritual progress results from conformity to the laws of progress, and spiritual retrogres-

sion from lack of conformity to these laws. Physical growth is dependent upon the taking in and assimilation of new materials by an already organized structure. Spiritual growth depends upon our taking in spiritual materials and utilizing them properly in our development. We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. If we keep so filled, there will be no retrogression.

A number of things contribute to drifting away from God. Let us consider some of them.

**Neglect of prayer and of the reading of God's Word.** When we neglect these, we cannot but grow indifferent and fail to make spiritual progress. When we neglect these things, we soon lose our relish for them; and when that relish is lost, it becomes still easier to neglect them. In this way we shut up the channel of grace and thereby prevent its flowing into our hearts.

**Neglect of attending meetings.** When people grow careless about assembling themselves with God's people, it is an evidence that they are drifting. Fervent love for God gives us a fervent love for His people; and a fervent love for them brings a fervent desire to be with them. A loss of interest, either through neglect or by letting another interest come in ahead of God draws the soul away. We can prosper spiritually only so long as God has first place in our affections and first place in our interests. Beware of anything that comes between you and God, to draw your interest away from Him. It will be ruinous to your soul.

**Drawing away from duty.** When people are first saved, as a rule, they have a great zeal to work for God. They prefer doing that to anything else. Their souls delight in it. It is their meat to do His will. So long as they are in this attitude, they will prosper; they will steadily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord. But when their zeal begins to cool and their love becomes less strong, there is often a drawing back from duty. Before, they needed no urging; they were ready. Now, duty is irksome, they go about it reluctantly. They prefer that someone else work while they look on. They serve God from a sense of duty rather than a sense of love. If we saw these things in their right aspect and their true meaning, we should see them as great danger-posts along the way warning us of the trouble ahead. Such a change always indicates spiritual retrogression. It shows that the soul, instead of becoming more spiritual, is becoming less so.

**Hardening the conscience** until it loses its tenderness toward God, and so becoming careless in life. In the beginning of our new-born life, we have a tender conscience toward God. We ought to care for this tender conscience. We ought to follow it carefully, and keep it tender toward God. It must, however, be regulated by common sense and good judgment, or it will become a tyrant and rule our lives in a way to make us miserable. This is quite different from having that careful, earnest desire to please God. When we are drifting, we are not so much concerned about pleasing God as we were be-

fore, and we become more concerned about pleasing ourselves. Beware of the increase of this self-pleasing disposition. It is always a mark of spiritual degeneration.

**Self-indulgence.** No matter what direction this may take, it is sure to bring evil results. Partaking of worldly amusements, allowing pride to come into the soul and gratifying it with worldly apparel, luxurious living, and all similar things are destructive to spirituality.

**Going back on our obligations.** When we make God a promise to do something He asks of us, He expects us to live up to it; and not only does He expect it, but He will require it. Therefore, if we draw back from that which we have promised Him, or if we withhold from Him the service that we have promised Him, we shall do it at great cost to our souls. There are thousands of souls who draw back in this way. They make promises to God, and when they make them, they mean to fulfill them; but as time goes on and they do not fulfill them, they grow careless about it, or indifferent, or unwilling, or for some other reason fail to perform what they promised. They draw back from being wholly the Lord's. They want to do something for themselves. They want to choose their own way and make their own plans. God, of course, permits them to do this, but it is at the loss of their spirituality and of his blessing upon their souls. In the end, if they persist, it will mean their eternal ruin.

Oh, beware of drifting! Beware of carelessness and neglect. Beware of anything and everything that makes you less spiritual. Keep this thought in mind: You have but one chance to gain heaven. If you miss that one chance, you have missed it all. Press forward; make some gain each day. You will not be able to see that you have made a gain every day, but if you walk humbly before God and do your duty, lovingly and faithfully, you will each day draw a little nearer God. He has said, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." Every step we make toward God, he makes a step toward us. It is just like walking toward your reflection in a mirror. Every time you step toward your reflection, it seems to step toward you, so that one step brings you two steps nearer. Just so each step you take toward God brings Him two steps nearer you.

—From "Winning a Crown"

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—Bro. Trimble

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## EDITORIALS

The response of our readers in mailing in the lists of names for the special three-months subscriptions is very encouraging, and we want to express our appreciation to everyone who is co-operating so faithfully in this gospel extension effort. The special subscription envelopes are arriving daily, and we want the one that was put in your paper last month, so don't disappoint the Lord and us—just take a few minutes to write ten names and addresses of your friends, relatives, and neighbors, enclose \$1.00 and mail to this office. Please keep them coming, as it brings pleasure to the Lord and us in anticipation of reaching several thousand new people with the gospel message during the months of January, February, and March of 1969. Write us for more subscription order blank envelopes to fill out with additional names, or type, or write plainly the lists of names on a sheet of paper and mail them in promptly. A premium of your choice will be mailed to you for each list of ten names and addresses. Be a home missionary in this manner, and the Lord will bless you abundantly for your labor of love for souls. **PLEASE SEND IN ALL THE NAMES BY DECEMBER 8. THANK YOU!**

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For a number of years many of our readers have desired and requested that we enlarge this "Faith and Victory" paper or put it out more often. As we prayed about the matter, the Lord made us feel that it would be best to take the Bible Lessons out of the paper in order to give at least two more pages for articles, etc. The Sunday School Bible Lessons for adults and young people would be published quarterly in separate booklet form, covering lessons for three months.

The Bible Lessons have been a feature of this paper for 36 years, ever since 1932 when Bro. C. E. Orr merged his young peoples' paper, "The Path of Life," with this publication and began editing six pages which included his Bible Lessons. We hope that this new arrangement will be favorably received by the readers of this paper as well as the Sunday schools and individuals who make use of the Bible lessons.

The 13 lessons, one for each Sunday of the three months beginning with January, 1969, are now ready to print. Each lesson has been enlarged with added material to bring out additional truths. The added material will certainly be appreciated, such as the comments especially for young people.

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Our sincere sympathy is expressed to the wife, mother, and other relatives of Carl Busch who passed away rather suddenly with a heart attack on Sept. 28 at Salem, Ore. Carl had a high regard for the truth, indicated by his regular support of this gospel publishing work for a number of years. May our gracious heavenly Father comfort the entire family.

Sis. Otto Koehler and Sis. E. N. Landgraf, elderly readers of this paper, recently departed this life in the State of Washington. Our deep sympathy is extended to all the relatives in their bereavement. May the Lord sustain and heal their aching hearts.

On our shelves are still many back issues (except September, 1968) of "Faith and Victory" and "Beautiful Way" papers which we would certainly like to get into the hands of readers. If you could help pass them out, we would be happy to mail them to you at the cost of postage and wrapping—just 25c per pound. Order 4 lbs. for \$1.00, or many more, and help spread the gospel message. Specify how many pounds of each title, and various back numbers will be mailed to you promptly, postpaid.

Bro. Mart Samons began a revival meeting on October 18 at the Church of God chapel on N. E. 50th Street, in Oklahoma City.

It was a pleasure to have one of our long-time readers—Bro. James Martin—to visit us last week for a few days. Though nearly 80, he drove the long distance alone from his home in Michigan. His wife departed this life on last July 4, the day of their 60th wedding anniversary. Though lonely and feeling his loss, his decision is to be faithful to God and meet

her again. May the Lord grant him sufficient courage and grace.

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Parcel post rates for mailing our tracts have been raised again. On October 19 the cost jumped 10½% which is 10c per pound higher. Regardless of the increased cost the "white-winged silent messengers" must go forth in all directions to carry the glad tidings of salvation to a perishing world.

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God is making the gospel literature from this office a blessing to many souls, and the truth is reaching those who have never heard it before. Some who had known the truth years ago are rejoicing to find the people of God who are holding up the Bible standard on all lines. Honest souls are sick and tired of compromise, heresies and formality. The voice from heaven still cries: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4. Thank God for those who are hearing the call and declaring their freedom from "Babylon."

—L. D. Pruitt

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## OBITUARIES



Marion Audney Davis, son of Benjamin Franklin and Bertha A. Davis, was born at Unionville, Mo. on Feb. 9, 1906. He departed this life at the home of his son, Ernest, at Guthrie, Okla. on Oct. 14, 1968, at the age of 62 years, 8 months, and 5 days.

The B. F. Davis family moved to the Guthrie community in 1918 from Muskogee, Okla.

Audney was united in marriage to Mary Etta Johnson at Shamrock, Texas, on February 10, 1924. To this union were born two sons: Harold Lee and Ernest Ray, both of Guthrie, Okla.

At the age of 15, Audney Davis accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour, and was born into the Church of God, which he faithfully upheld in its principles and doctrines until his death. He had a great interest in the church and wanted to see it prosper, working and giving of his means in any way where it was needed. He will be long remembered for his deeds of love and kindness in the church as well as in the community. He was faithful in the services, filling his place of duty, and will be greatly missed, especially in this congregation and the community in which he lived.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Etta, of the home; his two sons, Harold and Ernest and their families; one brother, George H. Davis, of Guthrie; three sisters, Evelyn Gibson and Thelma Busbee, both of Guthrie, and Beatrice Eck of Fairmount, Okla.; four grandsons, Keith, Steven, Ricky, and Kenneth, many friends, neighbors, and the church in general.

The funeral services were conducted at the Guthrie Church of God chapel on Oct. 17 by Bros. Ira D. Stover, O. C. Porter, and Clifford Wilson. Interment was in the Summit View Cemetery at Guthrie, where many other saints also await the general resurrection.

**Editor's Note:** Bro. Audney Davis, whom this writer has known for about 50 years, had been having trouble with his heart for the past several weeks, but last Sunday, Oct. 13, he was out to the morning and night services, feeling much better and he testified how the Lord was helping him. The next morning he was still feeling well, and he and Sister Etta drove over to the home of their son, Ernest, before 8 o'clock. Soon after arriving there, while sitting on a saw-horse using tools to repair a chain, he suffered an heart attack and passed suddenly.

On Monday evening, one week before Bro. Audney's Home-going, this writer and his wife visited in their home, where we looked at old pictures and talked of events and changes that have taken place over more than 50 years. This pleasant visit ended with the reading of the 27th Psalm and prayer together.

Bro. Audney's great concern was the advancement of the work of the Church. His latest burden was for the enlargement of the Guthrie chapel to better accommodate the two annual state meetings. This recently completed project, which nearly doubled the size of the building, was financed mainly by him and his family. As the Lord blessed him, he wanted to be a blessing to the church.

His friendly personality, generosity, hospitality, and Christian integrity won for him a wide influence in the church and community among young and old of all races alike, reflected so strikingly by the many floral offerings and the chapel's capacity attendance at his funeral.

This writer and all the co-workers at Faith Publishing House extend their heartfelt sympathy to Sister Etta Davis, the children, the sisters, the brother, and relatives in their bereavement. The family's loss is our loss as well—a vacant place which no one can fill as Bro. Audney filled it. The children of the B. F. Davis, R. Johnson, and Fred Pruitt families grew up together in the Guthrie congregation. As the officiating minister remarked, "Another limb has been broken off the family tree." May the "God of all comfort" sustain each one and grant grace and courage to carry on. —Lawrence Pruitt

#### Note of Appreciation

We certainly thank each of you for your prayers, comforting words, cards, letters, flowers and loving sympathy which you shared with us in the loss of our loved one. We shall always remember your kindness, and words cannot express our deepest appreciation.

—The M. A. Davis Family

Gertrude Margaret Koehler was born March 8, 1888 at Stettin, Germany, and passed away on September 19, 1968 at her home in Olympia, Wash. at the age of 80 years, 7 months, and 11 days.

She was united in marriage to Otto V. Koehler in Ill. in 1913. To this union were born one son and one daughter.

Sister Beatrice Spaur visited Bro. and Sister Koehler in August. She wrote, "We had a little service in their home. She and Bro. Koehler joined us in the singing. Sister Koehler's face was shining, which was a beautiful picture. Bro. Koehler held up his hand as we sang, and tears of joy were running down his face. We could feel the presence of God in that room."

Both she and Bro. Koehler have been an encouragement to the workers here at Faith Pub. House many times through the receipt of their letters. We will miss her.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Otto Koehler; one son, Edgar V. Koehler of South Union, Ore.; one daughter, Mrs. Orville (Esther) Sidow, of Phoenix, Ariz., and a sister, Miss Herta Wolf, in Germany; also five grandchildren, and other relatives, friends, and saints.

Funeral services were conducted by Logan Harris and interment was made in the Masonic Memorial Park, Olympia, Washington.

Carl Moses Busch was born May 7, 1912 at Beaver, Okla., and following an heart attack, he passed away Sept. 28, 1968 at his home in Salem, Oregon at the age of 56 years, 4 months, and 21 days.

The night before he passed away he and his wife read the Bible and prayed together and talked of eternity. Carl was interested in helping in the gospel work here at Faith Publishing House, which was appreciated greatly.

Carl was married to Erldyne Franzene May 25, 1963.

Survivors include his widow, Erldyne, Salem, Ore., his mother, Emma Busch, Scio, Ore.; four sisters, Mrs.

Mamie Isaak, Salem, Ore., Mrs. Mildred Bethell, Scio, Ore., Mrs. Margaret Hales, Aumsville, Ore., Mrs. Marie Davis, Salem, Ore.; four brothers, Herman Busch, Scio, Ore., Vernal Busch, Salem, Ore., William Busch, Medford, Ore., Robert Busch, Sublimity, Ore., many other relatives and friends.

Sister Beatrice Spaur assisted with the funeral services and interment was made in Wisner Cemetery at Stayton, Ore.

Mrs. Mary (Taylor) Clark, the daughter of William and Adeline Taylor, was born near Hernington, Tenn., on Jan. 30, 1871, and passed away Sept. 19, 1968 in Tulsa, Okla. at the age of 97 years, 7 months, and 20 days. At the age of 18 she was united in marriage to Charley Clark. To this union three children were born—one son and two daughters.

In the pioneer days she, with her family, moved to Kingfisher, Okla. There she met the saints, heard the gospel preached in its fullness, accepted it and was born in the Church of God. She remained faithful until parting this life. Sister Clark was kind and very patient in her long illness, never complaining about her condition. She lived a sweet and upright life and was a good example to others.

She has gone to her reward and will be greatly missed by her loved ones and friends. Her husband, her son, and one daughter preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Mrs. Bertha Jackson of the home; two grandsons, three granddaughters, two great grandchildren, other relatives, many friends and saints.

The funeral services were conducted at Tulsa, Okla. by Bro. Lewis Williams. Text: 2 Cor. 5:1.

#### A Tribute to My Aunt

My aunt, Mrs. Laura Nicholson, who made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lockenvitz of Bloomington, Ill., passed away February 5, 1968, at the age of 82 years, 11 months, and 15 days.

We miss her very much,

Now that she is gone,

But to wish her back in this sinful world

Surely would be wrong.

May the love and peace of Jesus

Be with her loved ones here,

And may they know the only way to meet her,

Is to meet her up there.

Now she has won the crown,

Her suffering is o'er,

And she has a home now with Jesus

That will last forever more.

Her nephew, —William R. White

#### LOS ANGELES REVIVAL

Lord willing, the annual revival of the Church of God in Los Angeles, Calif. will convene Nov. 29 through Dec. 8, 1968. The church extends a hearty welcome to all to attend this revival. We solicit your prayers.

For further information, contact Bro. I. C. Chandler, pastor, 415—11th St., Bakersfield, Calif. Phone area code, 805 FA 5-6752, or Bro. T. R. Summers, 207 E. 76th Pl., Los Angeles, Calif. Phone AC 213 PL 8-8319.

Special Offer—Ten names for three months for \$1.00



### OKLAHOMA CITY FALL MEETING

The fall meeting of the Church of God, at 800 N. E. Philips, Okla. City, will be held, Lord willing, November 8 to 17, 1968.

Everyone is invited to come. Pray that God will bless in the meeting and that souls will be saved.

For further information, contact Bro. Herman D. Kelley, pastor, 2304 N. Everest, Okla. City, Okla., phone GA 7-7314, or Sister Mary E. Harris, Sec., 2140 N. Kate Okla City, Okla., phone GA 7-7330.

### OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Ore. will be held November 8 to 17, 1968, inclusive. As usual, this meeting will be held on the free-will offering plan. All are cordially invited to come. Cabins and bedding are furnished.

For further information, write Sister Hilda Nielsen, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Ore., or Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 386, Jefferson, Ore. Phone A.C. 503, 327-2855.

### HAMMOND, LA. ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual assembly meeting of the Church of God at Hammond, La. will be held during Thanksgiving week—Nov. 24 to Dec. 1, 1968. Come and enjoy eight days and nights in singing the songs of Zion, and hearing the inspired Word of God preached by Spirit-filled ministers.

As in the past, food and lodging will be supplied on the free-will offering plan. We urge you to attend this meeting if at all possible. Come, worship with us; we will do thee good. Remember the date: November 24 through December 1.

For further information write or call T. H. Coffey, pastor, Phone—AC 504, 345-2412 P. O. Box 1177, Hammond, La. 70401

### REPORT OF VINITA, OKLA. TENT MEETING

We praise the Lord for the presence of His Holy Spirit which made this tent meeting a profitable time of reaping in the saving of souls.

The tent was pitched near an old school house in a rural community several miles from Vinita, Okla. The neighbors were very helpful in setting up the equipment, and showed continued interest by attending the services night after night. The weather was very agreeable with the exception of one or two nights when the attendance was hindered by rain and wind.

Several souls sought spiritual help at the altar of prayer and we give God the praise and honor for all that was accomplished.

Circumstances did not permit the baptismal service to be carried out as planned on the last Sunday, so arrangements were made for Bro. Clarence Fry to baptize the converts the following Sunday.

In years past some of the ministers and saints have held meetings in Miles school house, a few miles away. The lasting effects of the gospel of Christ are still evident in this community. The seed that was sown then is still bringing a harvest.

In addition to those who were delivered from sin during the meeting, there were those present from the community who had found the Lord in revival services in Coffeyville, Kansas some months ago. Still others had been born again during a Sunday meeting in the adjacent school

house a week or two prior to the tent meeting when Bro. Clarence Fry and others came to be with them in services. We earnestly pray that a real congregation for the truth may be established in this community.

We appreciated the labors of everyone who helped make this meeting a success. We especially thank all the ministers and saints who took time to drive many miles and assist with their presence and singing. In addition, we want to thank all who gave of their means to assist in a financial way. May the Lord who seeth in secret reward each one openly. We are truly laborers together with God. Some plant, some water, some cultivate, but praise belongs to God who giveth the increase.

—Brothers Curtis Williams and Kenneth Probst

### REPORT OF VARIOUS MEETINGS

Dear Bro. Pruitt, Sister Marie, and saints: It is a wonderful privilege to greet each of you in our dear Lord and Saviour's name, who gave His life that we might live, and not just to live, but that we might have life more abundantly. Praise God!

The campmeeting season has come and gone. Time moves on so swiftly, bringing us closer to eternity. Surely we thank God for that Home of rest.

We thank the Lord for all the good we got out of the meetings this year. Surely the Word of God was precious to our souls, and it was such a blessing to be with the dear saints of God.

The Lord blessed the campmeetings at Boley and Dover, Okla. His presence was felt in these meetings. The Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Souls were saved, some sanctified, and bodies healed. We give God praise and thanksgiving for it all. Praise the Lord!

We thank the Lord for all the ministers and workers who labored in these meetings.

At this writing, (Sept. 27) we are in Alabama and have been here working with the saints. The work of God here is growing. The Lord is adding souls to the church and the dear saints are happy in the Lord.

Several here are looking toward Zion, seem to be hungry for the truth, and have mentioned taking a stand for the truth. Do pray for them that the Lord will bring them on out into the light of His Word. One dear sister, ninety years old, said she was so thankful to meet the old-time saints and to see them dress and conduct services as they did years ago. Praise the Lord! He is just the same today!

Continue to pray for the work of God here in Alabama. Sister L. Shelton and Bro. Joe Latham need special prayer for the complete healing of their bodies. Pray for us.

Christian love and prayers, —Sis. Katherine Williams

### NORTHEASTERN FIELD REPORT

Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: We greet you once again in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. . . . We never cease to wonder how the Lord so marvelously takes care of those who trust in Him. We are much encouraged in the service of the Master.

I was over in Pennsylvania. . . . I got back Sunday night. We feel it was a very profitable trip. The Lord blessed in the meeting at Pittsburgh. We had meeting in the Tinsleys' home. We met some real saints. Sister Hazel Clark, Akron, Ohio, was there. . . . Different ones rejoiced to hear the truth again, and testified that they were tired of where they had been going. . . . That Bro. Johnson over there is a fine brother. They are looking for a place in which to have services. It is surely encouraging



how the Lord is raising up some new congregations. That is the kind of work we enjoy most—trying to get people saved, or out of confusion and established in the truth. The "Faith and Victory" paper, tracts, and books are so much help in this kind of work. I don't know how many I have heard say that when they read the paper, they knew that was it. Keep up the good work.

We went by the Houcks' in Perkasio, Pa. for a few days. They need much prayer. I also came by Cass, W. Va. and was there from Wednesday to Sunday. The Lord is wonderfully blessing over there. They are having their Sunday School now. Quite a few are attending. The Lord is blessing Bro. White. Two more got saved while I was there. They have a nice meeting house, and have it leased for two years. They surely need someone there with them. I intend to go as often as I can to be with them. ... The Lord reminded me that He was the Great Shepherd of the sheep and lambs, but do remember them in prayer.

I still need prayer for this hernia. I feel the Lord has touched it to the extent that I don't suffer with it as I did. I was in pain most of the time from the Monark campmeeting until just a couple of weeks ago. But we are waiting and believing that the Lord is going to completely heal it. We've already got some real lessons out of it. We are not afraid to trust God.

We are remembering you much to the Lord and looking for victory for you. ... We appreciate all the workers there.

Bro. Murphy Allen is to be here for meeting on Oct. 8. I'm sure it will be a blessing to the few here.

Your Brother, —Bro. Mart Samons, Wife, and boys.

### PERSONAL WORK IN THE NORTHWEST

Dear Saints scattered abroad: We send greetings of Christian love to you in the precious name of Jesus. We love Him because He first loved us.

The dear Lord is blessing us here in Jefferson, Ore. All the dear saints are so precious, having the same care one for another. I feel like the dear Lord has placed me here in this part of His vineyard to do what little I can to encourage the dear ones.

It has always been so precious to do personal work, visiting the isolated saints to read and pray with them. I did so much of this work when I was younger. My husband and I would move to a new place and my first desire was to visit my neighbors and get a little work started. When we first moved from Richwood, W. Va., to Charleston, W. Va., God opened the way that we could rent a building for Sunday school and other services. When we lived in Seattle, Wash., God blessed us there with a little work for Him. I remember, in 1942, how we visited over on Vashan Island. We had to take the ferry across the Sounds. It was there where we met dear Sister Jacobson, an aged saint. She rejoiced to hear the songs out of the "Select Hymns" songbook. She had never heard them before. All she knew about the Church of God was what the Holy Spirit had taught her. Later she read the "Faith and Victory" paper and got in touch with the saints through correspondence. She was trusting God completely for her body. At this time she was in bed with cancer but she trusted God to the end. How we did enjoy visiting her!

Sister Evalee Stice and I left Jefferson August 28 to make the same tour we had made a year ago. We had been praying about the dear ones that are isolated and don't have the privilege to assemble with any congregation. Our first stop was in La Grande, Ore. to visit with dear Sister O. K. Myers, who is 87 years old,

and still active in the work of the Lord. She is in a home for the aged, but what a blessing she is in this home! We spoke to different ones who told how much they loved her. I thanked the Lord as I thought, if God can use her at her age, how much He could do with other willing hearts!

Our next visit was with dear Sister Vivian Williams in Milton Freewater, Ore., on the State line. We drove over into Washington, to Walla Walla, got Sister Hattie Gibson, (82 years old) and brought her over to Sister Williams' home. We had a precious meeting, reading the Word and hearing the testimonies of victory from these two sisters, and singing the songs of Zion. Sister Williams' cousin, Ed, had been very ill with a stroke. He makes his home there. He was happy, too, and wanted to be prayed for. He is 77 years old. I don't have words to write how the dear Lord did bless in that humble little home. It was hard to leave.

We took Sister Gibson back to Walla Walla, Wash., and drove on to Spokane to visit Sister Gustafson. It was the first time we had met her. She received us kindly and we had a good visit, speaking of the precious Bible way.

Wednesday morning we drove to Yakima, Wash., where we visited Sister Westrope, a precious sister. She suffers much with arthritis and has to use a walker to get around. She was happy to see us but we could only stay a short time. It was precious how the dear Lord blessed and gave wisdom to explain some truths to our dear sister about a false doctrine. We read mostly from Revelation. The Holy Spirit gave understanding to read and explain the Scriptures to her. We believe God ordered this visit right at the time it was needed. This sister was so happy. She said she believed she would know how to take a stand against a false doctrine she had been meeting. Mr. Westrope, who is deaf, sat quietly all the time we were talking, seeing we had our Bibles open. We do pray for this dear man that he will understand how to give his heart to the Lord.

We drove on over the mountains to Seattle and found our way to the hospital where Sister Greenway was. She had fallen and broken her hip some time before this. She was overjoyed to see us as our visit was a surprise to her. We stayed with her two hours or more. We read and had prayer. She begged us to stay longer, but we needed to get on our way. We spent the night with my brother.

Friday morning we left for Tacoma. Sister Thomas had made arrangements for a service in Sister Alice Bunch's home. A few of the saints gathered in. Bro. Shaw, Sister Bunch's father, lives with her. He is very frail and in need of prayer. Sister Landgraf [who has since then passed away] was there. We had a good visit with her. It was good to meet with these dear ones and sing the songs of Zion and hear the testimonies as each one told of the goodness of God. Bro. Shaw read 1 Corinthians 13. The Lord gave us some of the Word to read to encourage those there to be steadfast in the truth and live for God.

Saturday morning we started for home. Elmo, my nephew, came over from Seattle. Sister Thomas also came with us. We stopped at Olympia to visit Bro. and Sister Koehler. [Sister Koehler has, since then, gone to her reward.] They rejoiced to see us. Bro. Koehler was not too well. As we sang the precious songs of Zion, Bro. Koehler rejoiced, lifting up his hand, and tears were running down his face. They do not have a place to meet with the saints.

We were so happy the Lord had led us to visit all these dear ones and helped us to be a comfort to them.

Evaloe and I felt the blessings of the Lord upon us as we drove from city to city and rejoiced that we could be workers together with Him. We traveled 1400 miles, and we both felt the guiding hand of the dear Lord upon us. We arrived home at 6:00 p. m. on Saturday, thanking the dear Lord for a safe trip.

The desire of our heart is to press on in this holy way. As we think of all the ones we visited we can see that the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. Let us pray the Lord to stir hearts to go labor for Him. We now say, as our beloved brother Paul, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Acts 20:32. God bless you.

Your Sister in the one body, —Beatrice Spaur

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Midwest Nigeria (Sept. 30)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' dear name to you and brethren of the Church of God throughout the land, who follow Christ regardless of the cost. The cost of becoming a Christian and following Christ is great. But salvation cost God what cannot be greater (John 3:16). We should surrender all that we have and are to Jesus Christ. Even though it costs so much, it is the most profitable investment that we can make. When Christ is received as our personal Saviour, joy is received. If joy is to be received, Christ must be received.

Your letter dated September 13, 1968, was received. Thank you for all enclosed. Your regular communication with us provides us with more strength, inspiration, encouragement, and revival.

Once again our hearts are full of praise to our loving heavenly Father for His goodness to us as a church and congregation. On September 15 came the defeat of the goddess of Abbi called Egedi. In a large procession we marched through the main streets of Abbi, making our way to Edu stream lying between Abbi and Ezionum, a distance of approximately three miles, for the baptism of the converted brethren. On the way, at Iyeze, a village of Abbi town, is the site of the old goddess of idol worshippers by the name of Egedi. Egedi means an old woman. It has been an imperative traditional "must" that women passing through the face of this goddess should remove their clothing from their body. Any violation arising from forgetfulness rendered such a woman liable to seizure of whatever she has on, regardless of newness and quality, and thrown to or hung on the fence of Egedi, the goddess. As I was preceding the procession of the entire Abbi congregation with Bro. Ojuenum to the chosen spot of the stream, it occurred to me on arrival there to dispatch him back to meet the procession with a warning to the sisters that whoever she be that pulls off her dress in honor of the goddess should regard herself disqualified forthwith as a member of Christ's kingdom and His Church here on earth. This was not only obeyed to the praise of our God, but the goddess was vilified and mocked.

The lesson read by Bro. Joseph Enebeli before the baptism was taken from Romans 6:4-13, while the word of exhortation was selected from Col. 3:8. Thirty-eight converts were baptized. Conspicuous among the converts is Bro. Edmund Chukwuka, formerly a prominent and stubborn politician of the age, who resigned from the corrupt worldly fame and declared himself for Christ. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven."

On September 23 we had the observance of the Lord's Supper. The sermon preached by the pastor, Bro. Enu, on

the occasion, was chosen from John 6:53-58. It was a never-to-be-forgotten day of solemnity and fullness of blessings from on high.

Truth cannot be suppressed for long; it must prevail. The entire Benin City congregation who were deceptively carried away are fully back to the fold of the holy family—the Church of God. I was forced to leave Benin City on Sept. 20, 1967 by the civil war. This gave chance to a false minister to wade in. He had at the time a weapon so sharp and terrible—the teaching of tribalism. Nearly all churches in Nigeria have been killed by this deadly disease, "tribalism." It is an epidemic to which the civil war in Nigeria has given birth. Its cure is remote, especially with the carnal churches of prestige-making. I shall visit them in Benin City when this most destructive war ever known or heard of slacks down.

No communication is possible with the Asana brethren in the Eastern region. We are much disturbed. Thank God for the two letters received by you from them. War is a terrible thing. Our sufferings are great and heart-rending. I am glad God is aware of our problems and will surely provide against the depression which the war has brought in its train.

Sincerely yours in Christ, —Titus U. E. Enu

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Sept. 23)—Beloved Brethren in the body of Christ, our Lord and Master: Greetings to you in the name of our risen and soon-returning Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for your loving letter dated Sept. 7.

Yes, I visited our congregations and they were all very much encouraged. They are trusting in God for all their needs. God is a living God and His promises are all true.

We are still disturbed by the rains and hope they will soon cease and favorable atmosphere will shine for us.

We are extremely glad and pleased to read in the "Faith and Victory" the letter from our Nigerian brethren. May the Lord keep them and preserve them is our prayer.

We are planning to launch a missionary effort again outside Kerala. But we are handicapped for want of finances. The Tamil area and Canarees area are the two closer wings for us. We want to extend to these two languages. Please pray for these new proposals.

Now I got a sanction from the government for starting a periodical, "Church of God Messenger" after waiting a long time. But I am not finding means to print and publish. May God help us and guide us for starting the paper. Otherwise, the sanction from the government will be withdrawn, I am afraid.

Will you kindly pray for us as we put forth our earnest efforts for His cause?

I am thankful to you for all your help and concern for us.

Yours in His care, —C. M. Verghese

### MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Dear Readers of the "Faith and Victory," greetings again in Jesus' name: On behalf of the missionary workers we send this report.

This writer has been unable to go to the field for six weeks. I have apparently sustained a back injury which affects my left leg from hip to foot. It is not possible for me to ride in a car very long at a time. I need your prayers.

Edith Cole is back on the field. Bro. Charles Reynolds has given her a Volkswagen car. We are grateful to

God and to him. This is the answer to several months of seeking the Lord for a vehicle for her. Bro. Roy Harmon and his wife recently visited her in Patscuaro. In visiting with the Harmons when they came through Pomona, Calif., we saw that they, like others, feel a deep love and concern for the Mexican brethren.

Bro. Tomas Mendoza has had some services in La Huerta in my absence, with favorable results. The chapel in Ojos Negros now has a roof. Bro. Tomas hopes to have some special services there soon, weather permitting. There are, as yet, no doors or windows in the building. Frequent calls from Bro. Tomas bring good reports. He and his family are well, for which they give thanks to God.

David Rosas is conducting services in El Alamo. I have talked with Bro. James Huskey by phone and they are well and busy.

There are several special needs on the field. Celia Rodriguez in Patscuaro has had an X-ray made which showed five abdominal tumors. She staunchly refuses to turn to doctors for aid. She desires prayer that "her faith fail not." Sister Teresa Villavicencia in Ensenada still needs much prayer for the ulcerated varicose vein on her limb. Bro. Nicolas Lara in El Rodeo was recently shot twice with a pistol. The Lord had mercy and he is recovering. All the workers need and desire your prayers.

—Harland Smith

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## Prayer Requests

Mo.—"I am having a battle with arthritis, also another affliction. ... I want prayer. I know God will hear prayer. ..." —Sister Goldie Knapp.

Mo.—Sister Florence Burris is having pains in her body and needs prayer.

Va.—Sister Nannie Connell writes that the Lord has been answering prayer for her. She desires prayer for her son and also for herself. She has trouble with her stomach.

Ala.—"I want prayer for arthritis, hemorrhoids, and other afflictions." —Sam Roberson.

Ohio—"We do covet the saints' prayers for the complete healing of our baby. We know God is able. ... Christ healed all manner of diseases. ... We have been reading the book, 'Divine Physical Healing,' and it made our hearts rejoice." —Sis. Della and Bro. Johnny Gutwein.

Mich.—"Please pray for our son who is not saved. He had a cyst removed from the upper part of his lungs." —Floyd Hines.

Calif.—"My friend has a bad heart and high blood pressure. ... I am having a test with this nerve in my ear." —Annie McKinney.

Ind.—Edna Hammond needs special prayer. Her nerves are very bad.

Mo.—"Need prayer for soul and body. My nose and ears hurt me severely." —B. Rumpf.

Wash.—"Sore knees bother me so much." —Carrie Westrope.

Ark.—"My eyesight is bad and gums are sore." —Mrs. Esther Null.

Remember Gary Eck earnestly in prayer. He has been sick several days. We appreciate our young people who love the Lord.

We are so thankful for the prayer warriors who take the requests that are put in the paper each month to

the Lord in earnestness. Some dear ones let us know that they name each request over to the Lord. If each one who sends in a request and those praying come with faith to the Lord, we do know that He will hear. The Bible says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6. God takes note of that earnestness and does hear our cries.

One dear girl writes, "My mother and father have been arguing and fighting as far back as I can remember. ... My father has always been unsaved and drinks a lot. Pray for them." Surely we need to pray for children and their parents where there is so much trouble. Children have a feeling of insecurity and it affects their lives.

We received a letter telling us that the Lord had caused one home to be restored. We are thankful for that. We also thank the Lord for others who have been healed and blessed.

Sister Jessie Taylor has some more knots coming on her body. She said she was not worrying about herself, but keeping all committed in God's hands. We so appreciate her courage and love for God, but she still needs prayer. It is only a miracle she is still with us.

Let us pray for those who have lost their loved ones. Death is something that none of us are ready for. As long as we are in the flesh, this will be hard for us to face, but we know that God can help. One minister said, "God will heal the heartache, or time will heal it if we will let it." We thank God for His comforting power in these times. We feel for our dear Sister Etta Davis whom we have known for 42 years. She and Bro. Audney were so close. May the Lord bless each one who has lost a loved one is our prayer.

There are many dear ones to pray for and we beg God to hear the cries of His children. If you are afflicted, just look up and hold on by faith. God does hear His children.

—Sister Marie Miles

## REMARKABLE ANSWER TO PRAYER

Mo.—(Oct. 9)—Greetings of love to all the saints: We are thankful for the Lord's goodness and mercy to us.

I feel like the Lord would have us tell what He has done for Clayton, my husband. On September 3, around 1:30 p. m., Clayton was riding David's pony to water. She bucked him off and his head hit some rocks. When I ran to him the back of his head was bleeding and he seemed to be unconscious. He vomited up his food, and when we got him to the house he vomited thick curdled blood. Blood ran out of his nose and ear. He had a bad bruise behind one ear.

We called several places for prayer. Bro. and Sister Albert Eck came, also Clayton's mother and sister, Myrtle. Clayton was in severe pain for a few days. Different ones came in and helped us care for him. Clayton was unconscious for several hours. Then he was, I guess you would say, semi-conscious for a few days. For a week or two his mind wasn't normal. One day the thought came to me, "What if his mind is never normal again! What if he is always like this!" Then my eyes fell upon the motto on the wall, "Be not afraid, only believe." That encouraged my heart very much.

One of Ruth's nurses said that a person doesn't usually live over 24 hours when he bleeds through the ears. Dr. Morgan asked me one day how Clayton was getting along. He said that if Clayton bled through the ears he had a skull fracture,

We feel like the Lord performed a miracle for Clayton. We trusted Him completely. Clayton is able to work some now, but has to be careful. His mind cleared up and is pretty well normal. His head hurts him some at times, but he has come such a long way. We are expecting the Lord to complete the work.

A day or so after Clayton was hurt he was suffering severe pain and was very miserable. It made me ill to see him suffer. I went outside to vomit. As I was outside, I thought about Job and how he suffered such pain and then the Scripture in James came to me, "Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." Then it also came to me that we were being set up as a mark for the Lord. Many people are looking at us during the afflictions we have been going through. My prayer is that as they look they may see Jesus in our lives.

Ruth has gone down the last few weeks. She was under an oxygen tent from Tuesday until Sunday. She is now a little better, but still has a lot of congestion. Ruth still seems to know us, but isn't very responsive. She seldom laughs anymore. Many times our heart has ached as we looked upon her, but the Lord has been merciful in many ways and we are thankful for the way He has been with us and helped us. Keep praying for us.

Christian love, —Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

## From The Mail Box . . .

Calif.—Sir: Please send me a new price list on your monthly magazine titled "Faith and Victory," if you still publish it. I have a copy dated Nov., 1946, which I have kept all these years because I enjoyed it so much. Since I moved from Barnsdall, Okla. where it was sent to me, I have wanted to contact you again. I am desperately trying to contact you now.

A sister in the Lord Jesus, —Wanda L. Miller

Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I trust this will find you all in good health and still rejoicing from the summer's campmeetings and encouraged to keep up the good work. I have been reading some of the books I got at your bookstore at the Monark, Mo. meeting. I believe there is much helpful material here and would like to have a few more copies to give away. Please send me the following: . . . I enclose . . . cash. Please keep the remainder as an offering to be used in your work for the Lord. Sincerely,

—James F. Broker

Pa.—Dear Sister Marie and saints: The Lord is blessing me in my body for which I thank the dear Lord so very much. . . . Continue to pray for me. . . . Send the "Faith and Victory" to the enclosed names. . . . We had a good meeting in our home last month that Bro. Mart Samons held. It surely was encouraging. We have been in four meetings this summer, and had two in our home. . . .

—Sister Avis Tinsley

Kansas—Dear Workers: We are thankful for being acquainted with such a merciful and gracious God. We are thankful for the "Faith and Victory" paper and for the dedicated ones who print it and the other literature. . . . We are looking forward to our soon-coming meeting here in Wichita with high expectations that the Lord will bless in a mighty way.

—Shirley Knight.

Nebr.—Dear Sister Marie: Thank God for answering prayer for my granddaughter who was very sick. . . . I am trying to keep in harmony with my Saviour and I be-

lieved it would be answered. . . . I love the "Faith and Victory." I first subscribed for the "Faith and Victory" in 1928. Sister Humphrey showed me a roll of papers that had been sent to her and we subscribed for it. I have it yet and like it.

—Sister Mittie Sultzbaugh

Miss.—God has blessed me in many ways, for which I am thankful. . . . It has been seven years this month that Mother has not had the use of her right side. We need to continue to pray for her. . . . I appreciate what you folks are doing there for God. I hope to send in some addresses for the paper.

—Dorothy Bridges

Ill.—We have a new church work started in Decatur. I go up and back on the bus. I pass out tracts in the bus station and on the bus. . . . Pray for this work I am doing for the Lord, and the souls that I give them to. . . . There are just a few of us. Pray that the Lord will send some minister to pastor this work. I rejoice greatly that this work has started. . . .

—Lettie West.

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I hope you and yours are well. Ruth and I are very well at present, but I can't write much because I hurt my right wrist. It is better but I can hardly write.

I do thank the dear Lord for you and the workers in this publishing work, and your sweet consecrated lives. You are carrying on just as your dear precious parents did. May God bless you and all the workers there.

With love,

—Sister Essie Wilson

Winnipeg, Canada—We were thankful and happy for the opportunity of meeting you in Missouri and for the fellowship we shared there. It is good to know that God's workers are still busy laboring for Him. . . . We were particularly thrilled by the surprise visit of Bro. and Sis. Ralph Beisly. . . . I would like for you to know that I have been enjoying the Sunday School papers very much. It has been a great help to me in my work with the children. I have often been blessed by the deep thoughts contained therein. . . . We wish to do God's will and live close to Him. May the Lord bless all of you in your work. Greetings also from Art Lange

—Harvey and Eleanor Elke

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Ore.—Greetings to all the saints in our dear Saviour's name: Today finds me much encouraged to press the battle on against sin and corruption in Jesus' name. It has been quite a number of years since I have written through the paper. The cares of this life really will keep us a captive to the needless things we think are important at the time. We have found that the only thing that counts is what is done for the Lord. We have found through much sorrow and grief that it pays to serve God. I am thankful for our wonderful Saviour, for His great unfathomed love and His saints who have endured so much for us. Even though we were away from God for a time, we endeavored to keep the love for the truth of God's Word in our hearts.

We are so thankful for a prayer-answering God. There is no need of making intercessions through an earthly priest for forgiveness of sins. Thank God we can go to God through our Lord Jesus and know for certain all is forgiven.

One of the greatest sins is adultery which is taking souls into hell, and the false movements in the name of

religion are not able to help them. My constant prayer is, "Lord, help me to be an example that I may keep a soul from a burning hell." The thing that I am sorry about mostly is that we have not been able to live farther apart, as some do not believe it possible to make such a sacrifice and still see each other. We feel the need of being careful not to offend in any way. I am asking the saints whom I have offended in any way to please forgive me. By the grace of God, I intend to stand firm and do my part toward the upbuilding of God's kingdom. We pray God to burden His children to pray earnestly for those who have made the great sacrifice of leaving a companion when in double marriage in obedience to the Word of God. Some who think they are helping matters will be sympathetic toward those who have children and tell the couples they should do differently because of the children, but we can testify to the glory of God of His rich blessings in our earlier years when we first started out that we had no fear that God would not care for the children and me while living apart from the father, but the enemy worked through the sympathizers and caused us to fall. We missed out on many, many blessings all the years we should have stood true. We do know God can solve every problem. He can heal every wound. We have suffered many more things because we did not stand true to God and His Word.

We are so thankful God has saved our son Jim and his family. We covet the saints' prayers for them in their decision to go all the way for the Lord. We desire as a special request that you remember our daughter who was saved when a child and is not saved now. She is tender toward the Lord. They have two lovely children who need to be in services. It would be wonderful if the Lord would direct some of His saints to start a work there.

Let me close by saying I mean to go right on until the crown is won. Let me refer you to the part of God's Word found in Phil. 4:8, 9.

Love to and prayers for all the dear saints,

—Madelon Reynolds

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La.—Dear Sister Marie. . . I am thankful to be a child of the "living God." Our God is alive forevermore. Some say God is dead, but we know our God is not dead. He can hear our prayers. . . We think of you dear ones, and pray for the work. We appreciate what is being done to get the truth to souls. . . We enjoy the papers, tracts, and books so much. We wish there were more. . . I was not well a few days ago, but the dear Lord has touched me and I am feeling all right once more.

—Effie Miller

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Oregon—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all the saints, greetings in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour: We praise Him for His mercies to us.

I feel it would be pleasing to the good Lord to write a testimony of what He has done for me. For two weeks, off and on, I was troubled with my right side. The Lord would come to my rescue and relieve me of the pain, but it would come back. I would testify what the Lord had done, and the pain would come back. On Sept. 12, I had been helping a Brother when I got so sick I had to go home. I went into a hard chill, and my right side was in great pain. Prayer was offered, but there was no relief. My side kept getting worse and worse, hurting so badly I couldn't move, bend, or do anything. It felt like it would burst. My daughter, Margaret Cable, began to phone the saints for prayer. On Friday night I knew that unless the Lord undertook I wouldn't be here long, and began to tell Margaret what to do afterward. She felt assured by the

Lord that this was not the time and told me so. Nevertheless, I knew I could go because the pains in my side were getting worse. On Sunday morning the Lord came and took all the pains away. Praise His name! There was a soreness in my right side that lingered for several days, but praise the good Lord, He took the soreness away, and once again I am able to bend, move, and I feel well in both soul and body. Some of the brethren who had the same symptoms believed it was appendicitis. My right side was surely sore, and I could not retain any food. We appreciate all the saints who prayed and stood by us. They are so precious to us.

Monday was my birthday and a cake was brought out. Praise the Lord, I could retain it. I had been eating lightly just that day.

Your Bro. in the service of the Lord, —W. J. Benson

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all the dear saints, greetings in the dear name of Jesus, our Lord: I have been saved nearly five years now and I am determined to live for God. The narrow way gets sweeter all the time. Praise God!

My wife divorced me two years ago today. I turned from a life of sin, and my living for God put a division between us. She has the two children and the house. She has re-married, but God can move on hearts. The children are tender and sweetened by all that has happened. Surely God is working. Join with me in prayer for their souls' salvation and for my family to be restored. I love them so much. God knows best and works for our good. I want to get all God has for me out of this trial. Pray for me.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Jim Kutra

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Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: I greet you once more in the precious name of Jesus. Oh, I am so glad He died for me, and gave me this wonderful salvation that fits us to live in this world and prepares us for that home in heaven!

This is the dressing room for heaven. We surely want to have the right clothes to stand at the Judgment seat. Oh, what a day that will be! So wonderful for those prepared, and so terrible for the ones not prepared! I wish I could do something to wake up souls who are not ready.

I am sending \$5.00 to help get the literature out to the people of this world. I yearn to do all I can to help souls get ready to meet the Lord. Do pray that the Lord will help me to keep busy for Him.

—Sister O. K. Myers

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Okla.—Dear ones in Christ, greetings: This leaves me still saved and pressing on for God. The Lord has truly been good to me. For all His benefits, I am so thankful. I can say with the Psalmist David, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." Psalm 27:1, 4.

I can truly say God has in tender love stood by me in these trying times, especially since I am here at Guthrie among the dear people of God. It means so much to be where I can be in meeting each Sunday and Wednesday night, and can talk over the phone to the children of God and my loved ones. It is such a comfort.

My son, Reuel, moved my little travel trailer-house to a trailer park in Guthrie on Sept. 15 and the Lord has

—Bob Forbes

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for sending us . . . additional copies of the "Faith and Victory" papers for this month. We appreciate them very much. I have been giving them out as I make contacts with customers on my job, as I have opportunity to talk with quite a few of our customers and give them tracts and the "Faith and Victory" papers when making personal calls at their homes. We are still working on a



## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Bible tells us that "man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." Suffering comes to the sinner as well as to the Christian. One time on a hill three men were suffering on crosses, two for evil and one for good. Jesus was innocent, yet He suffered. Our lesson tells us not to be ashamed, but to glorify God if we "suffer as a Christian." Christian means "Christ-like." There is much depth to this statement. To be more like Christ should be the cry of every heart.

Our lesson starts out by asking who will harm us if we follow that which is good, then the statement is qualified by saying, "But if ye suffer for righteousness' sake", you are not to be afraid nor troubled. Why should we not be afraid? The answer is in verse 13—"When his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy," that you were partakers of Christ's suffering.

Our lesson tells us what kind of suffering will bring joy and God's blessings upon us. Suffering because of sin or because of our own mistakes will not bring a blessing to us. Sometimes saints will fall into a trap of being a "busybody in other men's matters." They did not mean to get involved. It brought suffering. This does not glorify God. The Lord is merciful and will help them out as they repent and ask for mercy. It might not be a mistake that will cut them off, but it still needs to be repented of. How careful we need to be that the "fiery trial which is to try you" comes, not from our mistakes, but that it comes because God is using us to bring glory to Himself or helping us be ready for heaven.

November 10, 1968

## CHRISTIAN LIVING

Printed Portion ..... 2 Peter 1:3-11; 2 Peter 3:9-11

2 Pet. 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat,

the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?

Memory Verse: Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Pet. 3:14.

Practical Truth: It is more important to add spiritual wealth than earthly wealth to our lives.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

I am glad that we can receive "all things" that "pertain unto life and godliness" by the "divine power" of God, a power that no other power can resist. This takes in everything that we need in this life, which includes all spiritual and temporal needs. Dear ones, we can believe God's Word and count it so. Just think of all the precious promises given us directly from God who "hath called us to glory and virtue." There are 7,487 promises. These are given us that we might be "partakers of the divine nature" and receive "all things that pertain to life and godliness."

Many in the world today are very interested in and work diligently at adding worldly goods to themselves, but our lesson is speaking about spiritual addition which is far more important. We need to work diligently at this adding. We need the virtue of courage to profess our faith before others. We need moral excellence which comes from God into our lives. We need to add knowledge or true wisdom which comes from seeking God and studying His Word. Add temperance, or self-control, by keeping every sense under restraint, by the power of the Spirit of God. Add patience by bearing or enduring the trials or difficulties that come our way with victory and with godliness. We need to keep a strong love for the saints in our hearts and strive for the unity of the faith. Then add charity or love for the whole human race, even those who persecute us.

The last of our lesson teaches us how important it is that we keep ready and live a godly life so we will be ready when the Lord comes as a thief in the night.

## ADD

To faith add virtue (manly grace),

'Twill help you run the Christian race;

To virtue, knowledge add with care:

These things good fruit will help you bear.

Mix temperance with your knowledge, then

Add patience, it will help you win;

To patience add great godliness;

You'll need it daily in life's press.

To all of these (let's not forget),

Add brotherly kindness, even yet,

Crown all these graces from above

And let your heart be filled with love!

—Leslie Busbee

November 17, 1968

## WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Printed Portion ..... 1 John 1:5-10; 2:1-6

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.



6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Memory Verse: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

Practical Truth: Jesus Christ is the source of all light, righteousness, and eternal life. Through Him we can receive power to become the sons of God and live holy in this world.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God is light—the source of all perfection, holiness, wisdom, knowledge, joy, and all good. There is no darkness, sin, nor unholiness in Him. Now if we say that we have fellowship or communion or are partakers of His divine nature and walk in darkness or live a sinful life, we lie and are not walking according to the teachings of God's Word. But if we walk in the light of God, which brought us to repentance and the new birth, the precious blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin and keeps us cleansed.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Therefore every person needs a Saviour. Not only will He cleanse us from our volitional sins, but He will also cleanse, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that sin principle which passed on all men from Adam's fall. God does a complete work for us in salvation through the two works of grace in the heart.

God does not want us to sin. He wants us to live daily without sin. He has grace to keep us. If there is any lack, it is all on our part. But if a person does sin, or has sin in his heart, he need not be without hope. Jesus Christ is our advocate with the Father. He died on the cross for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. If we are keeping His commandments and obeying Him daily, then we know Jesus and know that we have eternal life. But he who sins and does not abide in Him will not be ready when Jesus comes.

November 24, 1968

#### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Printed Portion ..... 1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-18

1 John 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the be-

ginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Memory Verse: But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. 1 John 2:11.

Practical Truth: Hatred cannot live in a heart with the love of God in it.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When we think of God we should think of love because God is love. We should not think of Him as being a God who is just waiting for us to do evil so He can punish us. We should not fear Him because we are afraid He will send us to hell. We want to think of His great love. People choose to sin because they do not choose to love God. God has done everything to help us to do right. His plan of salvation is perfect and it will keep us from sin and bring the sweet pleasure of God upon us. We then fear to do anything to grieve the great loving heart of God. We love Him and He loves us.

Those who walk in the light have love but those who walk in darkness have hatred. Having love for our brother makes us know that we are saved. (verse 14) Love and hate will not dwell in the same heart. If we love our brother we will act like it.

Notice verse 15. It reveals to us how terrible hatred is—it is the same as murder. Then we should guard our hearts. Dislike is a cousin to hatred. That is just too close for any of us to allow it to be in our minds and hearts. Forgive and love one another.

"Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice [animal] than Cain by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts..." (Hebrews 11:4). Cain had sin in his heart, therefore God did not accept his sacrifice and Cain was wroth with Abel, which brought about murder. Anger, jealousy, and hatred grow and will show unless we get rid of them. If we have the love of God, we walk in the light.

—M. Miles.