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Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today,
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way.
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died,
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read,
We are the sinner's Gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed.
We are the Lord's last message
Given in deed and word,
What if the type is crooked?
What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
With other work than His?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him
And be ready for His return?

—Adapted

JUDGMENT

(Part One)

By Sister Fern Stubblefield

In the 7th chapter of Matthew, verses 1-5, are some instructions that are very important for the Body of Christ today. Violation of these truths is causing trouble in the church, in homes, and in communities. "Judge not, that ye be not judged;" (vs. 1, 2a) Jesus gave us these words and He set a perfect example for us to follow. Again, He spoke these words, "Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true; for I am

not alone, but I and the Father that sent me." John 8:15, 16. Then in John 5:30 we find Him saying, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." By these Scriptures we find that Jesus never judged any man after the flesh, nor in His own understanding. His judgment always came from the Father and it was always right. It was always given in the right way at the right time.

Back in the days of Joshua, when the children of Israel had settled in the land of Canaan, we find an example of the violation of this truth, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." The children of Israel had taken possession of the land. The tribes of Reuben and Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh had chosen to take possessions on the other side of Jordan so that the Jordan River separated them from their brethren. We find that the children of Israel "heard say" that these two and a half tribes had built an altar. Now, God had commanded that they should worship Him before one altar which was then at Shiloh. When they heard of it, "the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together to go up to war against them." Joshua 22:12. They heard it and passed judgment upon it without even investigating the matter. They never made any inquiry of their brethren as to why they had done this, nor did they inquire of God about it. They just gathered themselves together to go up to war against their brethren, having judged them according to the appearance.

Before they actually began fighting their brethren they made this inquiry, "What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the Lord?" They had already passed judgment. They received this reply, "The Lord God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know if it be in rebellion, . . . And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the Lord God of Israel? . . . so

shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD. . . . it is a witness between us and you." We find that when the princes representing the children of Israel heard these words, they were pleased with their purpose and went home. How much better it would have been if these first ones that saw the altar there, before telling it to others, would have gone and inquired of their brethren first as to why they had done this thing; then had gone with the purpose of heart that if their brethren were committing a trespass to try to win them back to the right way. Instead, they told the others, and it spread through the entire congregation and it resulted in the whole congregation judging their brethren and preparing to war against them. Evidently they didn't even ask the Lord about the matter. He was aware of their motive all the time.

Jesus made it clear that He judged no man after the flesh, but all His judgment came from the Father. This is a perfect example for us.

In the 8th chapter of John we find the Pharisees bringing a woman guilty of adultery to Jesus. They reminded Him that Moses said such should be stoned. "But what sayest thou?" He stooped and wrote on the ground as though he heard them not, no doubt waiting on his Father for the right answer. Then He answered, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." They all left, then Jesus told her, when no man condemned her, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." She deserved death, but Jesus extended mercy to her, giving her a chance to turn from her wickedness and make heaven her home. Since Jesus had come and was going to give His life for her sins, it was not yet God's time to lay judgment upon that woman, but time for mercy to be given. Sometimes conditions exist when the spirit of the law says, "Stone them," but the Spirit of Christ says, "Spare them for now." There is a time for judgment, but we must be sure that it is God's time.

Jesus gave us the parable of the unfruitful fig tree. The owner said, "Cut it down." The dresser of the vineyard said, "Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it and dung it; And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." There is a time for mercy and a time for judgment.

We meet with situations almost daily in which we can be guilty of judging. Things happen or words are spoken. Often like a flash a thought will arise in our minds concerning them, but often those first quick thoughts are "judging" thoughts and not God-given. Perhaps the thought comes as to why someone did something. We don't actually know, but it looks that way and we consent in our minds that it is that way. In doing this, we are judging that one and are guilty of doing what Jesus told us not to do. Perhaps someone makes a statement and we hastily draw a conclusion about it, then consent to it and we judge our brother. We don't actually know and God hasn't given understanding, but it sounds that way. Sometimes words and actions

on different occasions point to a certain conclusion when, if we could see as God sees the thing, it would be different from what it sounds like or appears to us. Many times hearts are crushed, people are turned away, barriers are raised that should not be, all because someone judges another.

Those first words that often rush to our minds when we see or hear something are often judging thoughts of the flesh and we need to resist the impulse to speak them. James tells us, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak." Often, when we wait before speaking, wait for the Spirit of God, our words are far different from what they would have been at first. Oh, let us truly be slow to speak and look up to God that we not judge one another and bruise tender hearts. Parents sometimes misjudge their children, wives misjudge their husbands and vice versa. Brethren misjudge brethren and speak quickly their words of judgment, hurting, bruising, and sometimes even killing spiritual life.

When we hear an evil report and don't really know if the thing is true, we had better lay that thing down before the Lord. We can lay things down, neither accepting nor rejecting the report. Sometimes it is well to go to the person and make inquiry about it. Sometimes we need to just pray for God to make the thing clear, but don't pass it on. Pray for your brother. Love your brother. Many times reports are believed and confidence is dropped when a person does not even know if the report is true. Why should we be hasty to believe every report that goes around, then be a party to passing it on when we don't even know whether it is true? This doesn't manifest the love of God.

—Sister Fern Stubblefield

(To be concluded in next issue)

BUTTON UP YOUR LIPS

If you heard a bit of gossip,
Whether false or whether true,
Be it of a friend, or stranger,
Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lip securely,
Lest the tale you should repeat,
Would bring sorrow unto someone
Whose life is now not too sweet.

If you know of one who yielded
To temptation long ago,
But whose life has since been blameless,
Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lip securely,
His the secret: God alone
Has the right to set in judgment,
Treat it as to you unknown.

Sometimes life is filled with troubles,
Oft its burdens are severe,
Do not make it any harder
By a careless word or sneer.
Button up your lips securely
'Gainst the words that bring a tear,
But be swift with words of comfort,
Words of praise and words of cheer.

—Author Unknown

Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?

(Part Two, continued from last issue)

By Ostis B. Wilson

Luke 10:17-20

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject to you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

Please bear in mind that all of this was done and said in connection with the disciples of Christ and their work. Therefore this could not refer to the devil being cast out of the eternal heaven where God dwells because he did not just at this time show up in the earth. He showed up in the Garden of Eden in the form of the serpent. He came along in Job's time and was operating all along from Adam and Eve's time on down.

These disciples of the Lord had been out on a mission for Him and they had been able through His Name to cast devils out of people's hearts who were possessed with them. It is in this connection that Jesus made this statement. Satan had taken a very exalted place and had dared to intrude into the hearts of men which had been made for God only. Through the power of Christ and His gospel he was defeated and dethroned and cast out of his exalted place in human hearts and cast down from the high esteem in which he had been held by those whom he had deceived and possessed.

Heaven is a term which may be and often is used to denote an exalted position or high place as well as to denote the habitation of God and the eternal dwelling place of the saints. Take, for instance, the statement of Jesus in Luke 10:15, "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven," etc. We know that that city of Capernaum never actually got up to heaven, but Jesus referred to their pride and being lifted up in heart and mind and pronounced judgment upon them for it.

The Bible refers to the third heaven. This was an experience related by the apostle Paul in the 12th chapter of 2 Corinthians, verses 1-4. In verse 2 he refers to one being caught up to the third heaven. Then in verse 4 he says, "How that he was caught up to paradise." This identifies the third heaven with paradise, and that is not yet the place of God's abode, because in Luke 23:43 Jesus said to the penitent thief who was crucified with Him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Jesus, then, went into paradise on the day of His death. But after His resurrection the third day following, He said to Mary in John 20:17, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father." He had been to paradise, but He had not been to His Father at that time.

Now the Bible speaks explicitly of three heavens and from the foregoing conclusion it seems there must be yet at least a fourth heaven which is the abode of God.

1. There is the aerial heaven that surrounds this earth in which are the clouds as well as the sun, moon, and stars, etc. This is what is referred to in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

2. Then there is the ecclesiastical or spiritual heaven referred to in Eph. 2:6. "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." There are several other references in the Scriptures to these spiritual or church heavens.

3. The third heaven or paradise is referred to in 2 Cor. 12:1-4. To understand this properly furnishes us the key to the proper interpretation to many Scriptures which would be very confusing in connection with other Scriptures if we do not understand this point and think that every time the term "heaven" is used in the Bible it refers only to the abode of God.

—O. B. Wilson

(To be continued in next issue)

PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh! Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in the giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—Selected

WHAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

Here are some things that money can't buy,
A passport to heaven when death draweth nigh;
Youth when you're aging, or grace from on high,
The glory of dawning, the sunlight of day,
Or the peace in your soul when you take time to pray;
Or the joy and contentment you've found on your way.
The love of true friends, the trust of a child;
A whole day of life with the page undefiled,
A sin that's forgiven, a heart reconciled.

A faith in our Maker, a faith in mankind,
Voice for the mute or sight for the blind,
Or a conscience that's free from the shackles that bind.
No, money can't buy the cool drip of rain,
The beauty of sunset, the dew on the grain,
Devotion of loved ones, A soul without stain;
The change of the seasons, a world that's made new,
The day and the night that's always on cue,
And to know that you can be one of God's chosen few!

—Vernie Buck Donham

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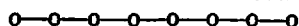


Once again with the arrival of this autumn season we make another special effort by the blessings of the Lord and the co-operation of our readers to reach many more thousands of people with the printed gospel message. The summer is ended, the campmeeting season is past, and millions of souls are not saved! Shall we consider the challenge too great, fold our hands and wait for another convenient season to reach the perishing? No! The poet, W. G. Schell, wrote:

"Every second, sad to tell,
Counts another soul in hell—
Dreadful sight to see them bound in sin's dark pall.
What in life we all may do
Can but save a very few,
Yet the blessed Savior shed His blood for all!"

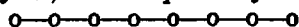
Yes, the urgent need for the salvation of souls is always before us, summer and winter, and in between times. The challenge is much greater because we are in the "gleaning time" of the gospel day, according to the prophecies and the signs of the times. Jesus plainly tells us: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37. Very few indeed, just eight souls, took heed to Noah's warning, though he faithfully preached to them 120 years according to history. Just prior to Jesus' second coming, the same general conditions are prevailing—unconcern and indifference toward the gospel message. Nevertheless, it is the solemn obligation of the Church to carry the gospel to "every creature" and "all nations" right up to His coming. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." God designed that every soul would hear the gospel whether he believes it or not. Jesus said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. The gospel will witness for or against each hearer in the day of Judgment. He will stand there speechless, without an excuse, if he has failed or refused to obey the gospel.

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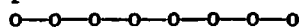


The Sunday School "Bible Lessons" booklet for Adults and Young People for the 4th quarter of 1969

(Oct., Nov., Dec.) has been mailed to the subscribers. If you are not now using the "Bible Lessons" in your Sunday School class, write to this office for a free sample copy of the current quarter. The International Uniform Lesson Outlines have been dropped, and the lesson subjects and Scriptures are now used for each Sunday as the Lord directs the writers. It consists of 68 pages with an attractive heavy cover. The subscription price is 35c a copy for a quarter of year, or \$1.40 per year, issued quarterly.



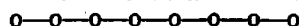
On our shelves are many back issues of "Faith and Victory" and "Beautiful Way" papers which we would certainly like to get into the hands of readers. If you could help pass them out, we would be happy to mail them to you at the cost of postage and wrapping—just 25c per pound. Order 4 pounds for \$1.00,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



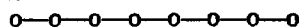
As this issue goes to press, Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist from Kentucky, has begun a tent meeting at Nowata, Okla. where Bro. Clarence Fry is the pastor of the local congregation. The tent is located on the corner of Fairview and Cedar Streets. No doubt a number of the saints in that area will be attending and helping in the services. We pray that the convicting Spirit of God will accompany the Word and that many will have found peace and joy in the Lord before the meeting closes.



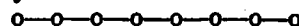
Sister Ruby Marken is still with her parents in Idaho. Her mother, who had been very ill, is some better, but still needs much help from the Lord according to Sister Ruby's letter of Sept. 13. Pray for all of them in this time of affliction.



Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Bro. Floyd and Sister Ether Hines of Michigan for their 49th wedding anniversary which they observed on Sept. 22. May the Lord grant them many more years together.



Since the middle of August all the workers here at the Lord's Printshop have been very busy catching up on the work that got behind during the summer and reprinting the tracts and books that had run out of stock, as well as printing and mailing the "Bible Lessons," "Beautiful Way," and "Faith and Victory" papers. All the workers are by the grace of God laboring harmoniously together as a team with an eye single to the glory of God and the spread of the printed gospel literature for the salvation of souls. How precious it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!



Bro. James Huskey has written a very interesting report, consisting of several typewritten pages; of his recent missionary trip, in company with Bro. Leslie Busbee, to the deep interior of Mexico. The

report is too long for this paper, but if you will write him at Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073, he will mail you a mimeographed copy.

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Congratulations to Bro. Charles and Sister Betty Smith of Shawnee, Okla. on their 25th wedding anniversary, September 20. We wish them many more.

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In stock at this office are about 350 different titles of gospel tracts to be sent out free in limited quantities for careful and prayerful distribution. Where prices are quoted, they are at cost or below. Write for a FREE 4-ounce sample to read and pass on or enclose in your letters. One tract may result in the salvation of many souls.

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Saints should beware and take warning in these perilous times when they see those who once loved the truth now departing from the faith, "giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." They have lost the true vision of the Church as a distinct separate body, free from sin and sinners, the city of God in the top of the mountain far above this world's religious confusion. They will mix and mingle with the various religious groups for popularity and influence. They cater to worldly pleasures and entertainments — television, fairs, banquets, professional singings, worldly dress, and such like. These are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God"—more interested in social activities than in real spiritual worship. Of course, they will flock to the preacher who will pat them on the back with one hand and take their money with the other. Jesus said, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Again Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." We are not to be judges, but we are allowed to be fruit inspectors. The little foxes spoil the vines. Songs of Solomon 2:15.

Those who know report that there are no lukewarm Christians behind the Iron Curtain. A saint there must endure untold persecutions, and a person is either in or out wholeheartedly. When the bloody hand of torture fully takes hold in this country, the nominal professor of Christianity will also drop out. Then a clear line of distinction will be seen between the chaff and the wheat, between him that serveth the Lord and him that serveth Him not. Petty carnal differences and clashing of private opinions will fade away into insignificance.

Oh, that souls would awake from the snare of lethargy, lukewarmness and cold indifference that is settling on the professed people of God! No one, from the pew to the pulpit, is immune from the subtle attacks of the devil on this line. The Apostle Paul warned: "For to be carnally minded [the minding of the flesh] is death; but to be spiritually minded [the minding of the Spirit] is life and peace." Rom. 8:6. Furthermore, the Apostle wrote: "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9b. The Spirit of Christ is a missionary spirit, full of love and compassion for every precious soul. It is humble, self-denying, kind, gentle, long-

suffering, and full of good fruits. It rejoices in the truth and nothing but the truth. Also, the Spirit of Christ reproves, rebukes and instructs in the way of righteousness.

In answer to prayer this writer's wife, Maybelle, is much improved in health, for which we praise our Great Physician. She is able to help some in the office work, but needs much more strength. She certainly appreciated the many cards, letters, phone calls and prayers, and wishes to take this means to thank each one as she may not be able to answer all by personal letter. Your continued prayers will be appreciated for both of us.

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For the purpose of increasing the production of gospel literature, which is so urgently needed worldwide, we have been in negotiations for the purchase of additional typesetting and printing equipment. The cost will run into thousands of dollars, but with the Lord's continued blessings we expect to have at least some of this equipment installed in the Lord's Printshop in the near future. This is God's work and we pray to be in His divine order in every activity and business transaction to advance His cause.

Time is so short and the King's business demands haste. The multitudes are perishing in sin and darkness. Let us pray fervently, and focus our efforts in spreading the soul-saving gospel to the whole world before the night comes when no man can work.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Mrs. Winnie Belle Wilson was born March 29, 1892, and passed away on August 1, 1969 after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Edward Leigh and Edith Watson Brodbeck. She spent all her life in the vicinity of Oregon, Mo.

Sister Wilson was a member of the Church of God and was an example to her family and friends.

Her husband preceded her in death some years ago. Survivors are one son, George Wilson, Tacoma, Wash., three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Betty Ann) McCombs, Oregon Mo., Mrs. Edith Frey, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Mrs. Erma Campbell, Skidmore, Mo.; three brothers, Charlie Brodbeck, Kansas City, Mo., Emmett Brodbeck, Oregon, Mo., and Maurice Brodbeck, Stockton, Calif.; three sisters, Miss Kate Brodbeck and Miss Marjorie Brodbeck, both of Oregon, Mo., and Mrs. Eileen Sipes, Forest City, Mo.; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She made her home with her daughter, Betty Ann, the last nine months. She will be missed very much by her family and friends, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Interment was in the Oregon, Mo., cemetery.

—Mrs. John Whipple

William James Embly was born in Ringgold, Maryland on July 17, 1871, and went to be with the Lord on August 27, 1969, at the age of 98 years.

On July 1, 1905, he was married to Miss Emma Dudeck, at Oregon, Missouri. To this union ten children were born, two of whom preceded him in death.

He leaves five daughters: Faith Amanda Embly of the home, Elsie Hope Pruitt, Fresno, Calif., Esther Carol Trustham, Santa Monica, Calif., Grace Gentilla Embly, Los Angeles, Calif., and Irene Simpson of La Mirada, Calif.; and three sons: Ralph William Embly, Veneta, Oregon, Elvin H. Embly, Chino, Calif., and Arthur Samuel Embly, Santa Monica, Calif.

His wife preceded him in death on December 16, 1962. Bro. Embly was saved at the age of 21 years and testified that over the many years God had never failed him. In the last few months as Bro. Embly's health was failing and being weary of this life, he keenly felt the presence of the Lord and was anxiously waiting for the call from this world to be with Jesus.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Charles Elwell. Text 1 Cor. 4:16-18. Interment was in Bellevue Cemetery, Ontario, California.

—Charles Elwell

"I LOVE JESUS!"

Sister Mary Whitmore passed to her eternal reward on August 28, 1969, at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 85 years, 10 months, and 15 days.

She heard and embraced the truth of God's Word many years ago and labored hard to measure to all she could know and understand. She was one who really

strove for perfection in her life. She carried a heavy burden for the lost, really fasted more than she ate. When we would ask how she was, she would reply, "Fine, praise the Lord, pressing on to Glory." She made great sacrifices to get the truth out. Only God knows how much literature she handed and mailed out.

The expression, "I love Jesus!" at the top of this obituary was one that Mother Whitmore made to nearly everyone she had opportunity to speak to. Hardly a letter was mailed but what this was on the envelope. Very few letters were written without this being at the top. We felt it would not be a complete obituary without it.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Marcum; one sister, two grandsons, five great grandchildren, a host of saints, relatives, and friends.

The funeral services were conducted in the Forbes Community Church, Forbes, Mo., by Charles R. Smith. Interment was in Forbes' Cemetery. —C. R. Smith

REPORT OF CAMPMEETINGS AT BOLEY AND DOVER, OKLA.

The campmeeting season has come and gone. How the time does fly, bringing each of us closer to our eternal reward where we may rest from our labors! May the dear Lord help us all to be faithful to the end so we can hear those precious words of our Saviour and King, "Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Praise the Lord! Heaven will surely be worth it all!

We are thankful for the campmeetings the Lord blessed us to attend this summer, for the fellowship of the saints, and for the good Word of God that fed our souls. The Lord wonderfully blessed the Boley and Dover, Okla., campmeetings. He was faithful to anoint His Word. We were thankful to have with us in the Boley meeting Bro. H. P. Effinger and Bro. and Sister David Shelton from Alabama. Bro. Effinger also attended the Dover campmeeting.

The Lord blessed with altar services in both meetings. The ordinance services were solemn as we were reminded of our dear Lord's death and suffering for the redemption of our souls. We had a baptismal service in the Boley meeting—all brethren. The last day of the Boley meeting a number of young brethren pressed their way to an altar of prayer for spiritual help. This was very encouraging to behold. We appreciated the sisters who sought help, also, but we don't often see as many young men seeking the Lord as sisters. We thank the Lord for everyone, brothers and sisters.

We thank the Lord for all the ministers that labored in both meetings and for all the dear saints.

During the Boley Spring revival meeting there were four ministers ordained, namely, Brother Manles Gaines and Sister Eva Hardman of Tulsa, Okla., Sister Annie Bell Allen, Okmulgee, Okla., and Sister Anna Mae Thompson, Boley, Okla. Let us pray for them that the Lord will bless their labors of love in the ministry for Him.

On the last day of the Dover meeting, this writer felt very tired in body and my nerves quite tense. Unaware of how I was feeling, one of the Lord's servants felt burdened to request prayer for me. The saints went down in earnest prayer and poured out their dear hearts to God with such love and compassion in the writer's behalf that it was very touching. The dear Lord heard and has answered. Thank the Lord! "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto

their cry." The Lord wonderfully blessed in my body, for which we give Him all the praise and thanks.

We desire you to continue to pray for us that we will be faithful to the Lord.

With Christian love, —Katherine Williams

Meeting Notices

WICHITA, KANSAS, AUTUMN MEETING

The autumn meeting at the Church of God chapel in Wichita, Kansas, will be held, Lord willing, on Oct. 10 to 19. You are cordially invited to attend these services at the chapel located at 1701 N. Ash St.

We are praying the Lord to give us a good meeting in which many souls will be saved. A number of souls are on our mind and we would like all to pray that the devil be defeated and that the power of God will prevail in all our undertakings. The Lord is expected to send ministers of His choosing. Our number is getting low, and we need many more saved here in Wichita. We are praying and expecting the Lord to do great things for us in this meeting.

For further information, contact the undersigned.

—Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor
1536 Piatt St., Wichita, Kansas 67214

REVIVAL MEETING NEAR MOUND CITY, MO.

Lord willing, there will be a revival meeting on Oct. 19 to 26 at the Benton Church of God chapel located about five miles south of Mound City, Mo., on Route BB. We are looking to the Lord to supply Holy Spirit-filled ministers of His choice, and will appreciate the presence of any of the saints who feel led to come and assist. All are welcome.

For further information contact Bro. James Broker, 312 Frazer St., Mound City, Mo., or Bro. Edd Whipple, Route 1, Forest City, Mo.

JEFFERSON, ORE., ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon, will be held, Lord willing, November 7 to November 16, 1969, inclusive. All are invited and welcome to come.

This meeting will be supported on the free-will offering plan as usual. Cabins and bedding are furnished, also meals are served in the dining hall.

God blessed here in our campmeeting and we are praying the dear Lord to bless again. We urge all who can to attend these services. All the saints here are praying that God will send His Holy Spirit-filled ministers to be with us to preach the Word. For further information, write or call Sister Hilda Nielsen, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Ore., phone 327-2564, or Sister Bea Spaur, P. O. Box 348, phone 327-2855. —Sis. Bea Spaur, Pastor

OKLAHOMA CITY FALL MEETING

A fall meeting will be held at the Church of God chapel, 800 N. E. 3rd St., Oklahoma City, on November 14 through the 23rd, Lord willing. Pray for the Lord to bless in this meeting. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His choosing. As the Psalmist says, "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." A warm welcome is extended to all.

For further information, contact Bro. Herman Kelley, Pastor, 2304 N. Everest, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73044. Phone 427-7314.

Prayer Requests



Dear Sister Marie and "Faith and Victory" readers: Greetings in Jesus' dear precious name. I told the Lord I would testify through the "Faith and Victory" paper if He would heal me. I had so many symptoms of cancer but in answer to prayer they have disappeared. I believe the Lord healed me of cancer. I do need prayer that the Lord will heal me of other afflictions and strengthen me in my body.

Yesterday I removed a roast from the oven. When I picked up about half of it on a fork it slipped off and fell back into the pan, splashing hot grease and broth on my face and neck. It turned red almost immediately. I asked the Lord to help me and not let it get sore. Within about two hours it was all gone. I want the Lord to have the glory for all He does for me.

I have a very special request that I have been praying about for some time. I would like for each of you to pray concerning this request that I have before the Lord. He knows all about it. My burden is great. It concerns my very soul, heart, mind, and body. I need each one's prayers so very much. May God bless each of you.

Christian love to all of you. —A Reader

Okla.—"Stomach trouble." —Mrs. Iva Lebow

W. Va.—"I have a nervous condition . . . need prayer for my soul." —Betty Lawrence

Pa.—The Lord has done much for Sister Avis Tinsley but she still needs complete healing of an affliction.

Mo.—Sister Rumpfelt has a bad cough and at times she feels as if her lungs are filling up. She has other afflictions and problems.

Minn.—Bro. Ernest Kirchner called for prayer. He is lonely since his wife passed away and is sickly in body.

Mo.—Kenneth Christiansen desires the saints to pray for him. The brain tumor is coming back again.

Calif.—"My husband is sick . . . I know God is able to heal him . . . Pray God to heal our son and deliver him from the cigarette habit . . . has stomach trouble and a cough . . . other requests." —Mrs. Marvin Helms

Mich.—"We are writing . . . for prayer for the healing of our son-in-law, Howard Olson. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown. . . . Pray that he will have faith for his healing." —Bro. and Sister F. Hines

La.—Remember Bro. Dallas Flynn in prayer. He is very frail, also his wife.

Okla.—Sister Jessie Taylor is still looking for complete healing. She has been fighting the good fight of faith.

W. Va.—I want to put in a request for special prayer for a dear one I have been visiting here. She has cancer and asked me to pray for her, also put a request in the paper. Pray for me as I do personal work here for the Lord that He will strengthen me in my body and give wisdom." —Sister Beatrice Spaur

Tenn.—"Gall stones." —Mrs. B. J. Gossett

Ohio—"I've been suffering with my stomach and back." —Maudie Sharp

Idaho—Sister Ruby Marken accidentally pulled a rock on top of four toes of her foot, mashing them severely. She has suffered greatly. Her whole trust is in God and she desires prayer for healing.

We are thankful to report that Sister Maybelle Pruitt and Sister Dorothy Wilson are both improved since we

wrote last. They both have been helping us in the office. The Lord is good to His children.

I want to testify how the Lord protected me in the electrical storm this week. I got up in the night to put down the metal-framed window in the living room and lightning struck about that time. It knocked me over into the middle of the floor and I must have lain there over half an hour before I came to. The force was so great that it caused big bumps to raise up on my limb. Of course, it threw the breaker on the main switch and it ruined one appliance. I am thankful that the Lord did not permit me to be hurt any worse. I feel He has spared my life for some purpose. I have rededicated my life to the Lord as I feel my time belongs to Him.

Dear ones, isn't it comforting to know that "all things work together for good to them who are the called according to his purpose"? Whether afflictions, sickness, problems, calamities of any kind touch our lives, there is a "working together" of it all for good somewhere, somehow. By faith we place our bodies, lives, and all in His hands and rest with an assurance that He does all things well. Be encouraged in the Lord.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

MISSION REPORT, ABAK DISTRICT, NIGERIA

Southeastern State, Abak District, Nigeria (Sept. 8)

—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: We, the gospel workers in Abak Division under the N. T. Church of God Mission in Nigeria, send greetings to you and the entire church of God in the United States of America in Jesus' precious name. We are so thankful to our Lord today as our lives are preserved from violent destruction during this civil war in Nigeria. Thank God as we are able to resume communications today.

Our gospel work here has been divided into four sections under one main station at Asana. . . .

We take this opportunity to fill you in, that in Section Two under Abak District, we have our monthly district meetings, fastings, men's as well as women's meetings.

You will, no doubt, remember that Ukpom is the place where the infirmary [House of Prayer] had been built. Here many souls get their freedom from Satan's dominion as well as bodily diseases. Many souls fled from different corners in 1968 during the crisis and took refuge here in the House of Prayer. Some came over twenty miles. Neither soldiers nor trouble of any kind worried them. Prayers were offered for the sick folks and none of them died on account of war or bodily ailment. Today many still crowd in, seeking the prayers of the saints.

On Sunday, the 18th of May this year, a district campmeeting was held at Nung Oku Ubo. This is a newly built chapel transferred from Inen Abasi Atai where Biafran soldiers pulled down the former chapel. Here many souls got saved as they knelt at the altar. A woman with a swollen leg, brought on a couch, was healed. She accepted Christ at recovery.

On June 2, this year, a gang of armed robbers went into the house of our Bro. Titus, the chairman of our meeting. They fired guns in such a way that bullets got through the locked window of his sleeping room at 12 midnight. He and his family were there, but to the surprise of all, the bullets fell on the bare floor without touching anybody. Praise God! They shouted for Bro. Titus to open the door, but when the man asked to know who they were, they got annoyed and forced the door open. Elder Titus was severely beaten and ordered at gun point not to shout. All his clothing, his wife's, their

valuable goods and his bicycle were packed away. His money was also swept away. Today they (Titus and wife) are with only what they have on. We wish you would remember them in your daily prayers that the Lord will supply their needs.

Yours in His service, —B. U. Udeme

NIGERIAN PASTOR'S LETTER

Midwest Nigeria (Aug. 27)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour and Keeper for, "He is able to keep us from falling." Thank you for your letter dated 15 August, 1969, contents of which were noted.

It is surely so as stated in yours under reference that not everyone that says, "Lord, Lord," shall finally be saved, but he who does the will of God. There is a very solemn passage which concerns two members of the early church, Ananias and Sapphira, who were husband and wife and who were guilty of the premeditated act of insincerity and deception. They pretended to be very generous and to give their all to the Lord for His work, but in actual fact they were keeping part of the price. God demands sincerity and reality. Quality is always more important than quantity. How important it is for us to search our hearts about this and to make sure that we are not insincere and hypocritical, that we are not guilty of actions and habits which are completely contrary to our Christian profession. God's work is sometimes the work of subtraction in order that His work may go forward. See Judges 7:1-25; 1 John 2:18, 19.

We are toiling on and live in anticipation of the Lord's return. The Bible most definitely declares that Jesus is coming. John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; and 1 Thess. 4:16, 17. How could we possibly believe otherwise when His personal return is promised and emphasized many times, not only in the New Testament, but in the Old Testament, also.

By His grace, I shall be going to Benin City on the 1st of September and hope to be there with the brethren of that congregation for two weeks, worshipping and praising God together. Pray that the visit should be according to His will only.

Yours in Him sincerely, —Pastor Titus U. E. Enu

LETTER FROM MAIN NIGERIAN MISSION

Southeastern State, Nigeria (Aug. 11)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and every saint of the Church of God in America: We greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This leaves us and the work of God fine and we are praying for you and the Church of God there.

We were happy to receive your letters and . . . bank cheque sent to us to be divided among ourselves in the work of God in this South-Eastern State of Nigeria. Thank the Lord, we cashed it . . . The items of payout will be dispatched to you whenever we are through in the division and payout. . . . Especially this time we are all in much need as a result of the civil war raging. However, note that the war cut our communication for quite a period. . . . [Editor: During these months the funds designated for Nigeria were sent to mission stations in Midwest Nigeria with which we could communicate. Now funds are being sent to the 20 stations in this war-torn area as the Lord provides.]

We are happy to let you know that progress in the work has been going on. The last day we met, Pastor

M. U. Ekpene was promoted to fill the gap where late Pastor S. U. Akpan vacated as the Vice Chairman of the Mission.

We want to know what you can do toward clothing and food for the needy members?

We should be much happy if an arrival of a missionary could be possible on or before our Annual Convention this year which is December 19 to 21, 1969. Write soon while we wait and pray.

Yours in the Master, —B. U. Etuk

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Sept. 5)—Dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and all the family of God: Once again we send our warm greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who "shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation unto them that look for Him." Heb. 9:28.

Thank you very much for your good letter dated August 11 and for its contents. . . .

Yes, the Lord has blessed and prospered my trip to Calicut and other northern areas. On Aug. 15 we had a very good meeting at Calicut in their hired room. A good number of people gathered there to attend the meeting. But some of the hearers had to stand outside of the room due to the lack of space. We are very glad to hear from you that your concern and prayers are with and for the brethren at Calicut. Our Lord has never failed. Is there anything too hard for the Lord? Claiming the promises of God, we hope He will strengthen the hands of helps and thus open the way for a chapel at Calicut very soon. In that meeting they gave their heart-touching testimonies and made new decisions and steps to go forward.

On Aug. 16 we conducted an open air meeting at a place about six miles away from Calicut. I was really surprised to know that no Christians can be seen in that area. With great sympathy I thought of the fields where the Word of God has not yet been sown nor scattered, and of people who have never heard of Jesus and His salvation. In that place His Holy Spirit directed us and supplied us enough courage and words to glorify the name of Jesus Christ and His free gift of eternal salvation to human beings. A good number of tracts were distributed in that area.

We are thankful to hear from you that you saints are continuing to pray the Lord to provide the facilities and equipment for the spreading of the gospel in India. This is the hour of opportunity. This is a project in the Church of God in India in which every Christian who loves the Lord can participate. But as in the days of Nehemiah, we find a few "Sanballats" and "Tobiahs" conspiring together to hinder the work of the Lord. Because of the work of the enemy to stop the building of the walls of Jerusalem, it was necessary for Nehemiah to set a watch against them day and night. While some worked on the walls, others watched the wall with vigilance. The firm confidence of Nehemiah was, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore, we, his servants, will arise and build." (Nehemiah 2:20)

I also visited our believers at Trichur, Porkulam, Pazhanji, etc., and tasted spiritual enjoyment with them by taking part in meetings and Bible classes.

I was happy to know that your campmeetings were in progress and profitable with good attendance and mighty messages for salvation and spiritual blessings.

Our prayers are for all saints there.

Yours in the Body of Christ, —John Varghese

FROM MISSIONARY AT OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

Ojos Negros, Mexico—Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings in the Name above all names—the precious Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Yes, I too, have it settled in my heart to live for God and be faithful to the end of the race.

The tract, "Nevertheless Afterward," has been a real encouragement to me. . . . Pray that I can say a full amen in my heart to all that I encounter, recognizing it to be the will of God for me.

It seems that most of what comes to me to do here, or so far, is personal work, as not having something to pick up the people in, hinders having meeting. . . . Right now, my car is still waiting for the battery to be returned from Ensenada. . . . May the Lord richly bless you for providing that with which to get the car fixed so more can be reached. If the Lord permits, I intend to try to make up for lost time after the car is in running order.

These people are really good to me. . . . I'm very grateful for all. I know God has worked it all out and will continue to bless. Thanks again for everything.

Love and prayers.

—Opal Kelly

Mailing address:— Apartado Postal No. 525, Ensenada, Baja Calif., Mexico.

From The Mail Box . . .

Virginia—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of Jesus. . . . I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" very much. I have been receiving it for years. God wonderfully blesses and keeps me and is my Healer. I'll soon be 77 years old and my joints try to stiffen on me.

Yours in the Lord,

—Gladys Weiss

Minn.—Dear Saints at the Print Shop: The love of God passeth all understanding. Happy are we in the knowledge of sins forgiven.

I am enclosing . . . for tracts and . . . to be used in the Lord's work where it is needed most.

This leaves me well and happy in the Lord, looking for His soon coming. I did not get to go to any of the campmeetings as I did not want to go alone (am 82 now) in the hot weather.

May the Lord bless you in your labor of love for Him. I will soon be distributing tracts again. I do not see any results, but I leave it all in the Lord's hands. He has said that His Word would not return unto Him void. Great are His tender mercies.

With much love and prayers, —Bro. Andrew Senti

Ind.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings again in Jesus' precious name. . . . I have been having a trial with my stomach. It seems the food doesn't want to go down even when everything I eat is blended. . . . One evening I went down to Sister Lee's and told her I had come down to have her pray with me, that I was having another spell with my stomach. . . . I told her that I would like to have a good testimony to God's healing power. . . . We got down and prayed in agreement. That night I slept all night without waking up and next morning my stomach was empty. . . . God answers our prayers. . . . But it seems while I am around here I am always having a battle. While I was out in California I never had a pain and felt real good all the time. . . . My niece could hardly believe that I had been so sick. They want me to come out and stay with them for the winter. I appre-

ciate their kindness toward me and am thinking of going back out there if it is the Lord's will. . . .

I am praying for you and your dear wife. I do hope she is well by now. Enclosed is . . . May God richly bless you is my prayer.

—Earl B. Bliss

Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, co-workers and saints abroad: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me saved, sanctified, and satisfied in Jesus.

My son, Norman, was drafted and is in the army at Ft. Polk, La. After training with arms for a while, he refused and went to his commanding officer, stating his objections on religious grounds. The commander wrote to Washington and applied for C.O. duty for my son. In the meantime several saint ministers wrote notarized letters which were also forwarded to headquarters in Washington. Now he is waiting to hear what they intend to do with him.

We thank the saints for their prayers. We ask you to continue to pray that God will undertake in this matter. . . . My son carries himself in a saintly manner and tries to answer everyone politely. He says the most valuable things are the saints' prayers and his own. He says he needs grace and spiritual guidance among other things. Pray for him.

We certainly appreciate being in the family of God. Pray that God will keep us daily in His will.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mattie L. Simpson

Calif.—Please send 300 tracts, "The Bible." Remittance enclosed. . . . I will be 90 years old next month. Still going, but slow.

—Roy L. Guest
10856 Camarillo, N. Hollywood, Calif. 91602

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

HOW THE LORD LED ME TO HIS CHURCH

Calif.—I would like to testify how the Lord led me until I found the true way and His church.

Dear Sister Dora Fortner, a saint of God, was a neighbor of mine, whom God used to bring me to the Lord. I had gone to Sunday School from the time I could remember until I was seventeen years old. I stopped then as the Sunday School I was then attending was not conducted in the way to which I was accustomed. They had too many worldly social affairs, so I just drifted away from God.

One time I was very ill, at the point of death for three days and nights. The Lord gave me a dream of a cross and crown above the church-house that was near our home. I thought this surely meant death for me, but the good Lord spared me and stirred my soul to seek Him and serve Him. The Lord was merciful and patient in dealing with me. I went to a revival meeting. There conviction seized me and I went to the altar and God forgave me. They wanted me to join the church, but the Lord gave me an answer which I did not quite understand at that time. I said, "I do not believe we have to join a church to get to heaven." How wonderfully the Lord was leading me! Praise the Lord for His mercy and leadings of His Spirit.

I had started going to meeting with Sister Dora Fortner and became interested in the services. One Sunday they "opened the doors of the church" for anyone who wanted to join. They were much disappointed that I did not join. I was still convinced in my mind that

we did not have to join a church to get to heaven, but just why, I could not tell. However, later, I was made to understand. Praise the Lord, He was leading me step by step. Then something happened that proved a benefit to her as well as myself.

The Lord permitted me to get down in bed with a severe attack of tonsillitis. I was unable to turn over in bed without great pain unless someone helped me. As I was alone, Sister Dora came in several times a day to wait on me, and while she was there two men came to my door inviting people to the afternoon prayer meetings they were having in different homes. When she told them I was sick, they asked if they could pray for me. Sister Dora told me what they wanted, and I said I guessed it would not hurt anything. I was not much concerned, but things changed after they prayed. The Lord touched my body and took away the pain and I sat up in bed. Sister Dora decided to go that afternoon to their prayer meeting. I asked her to request prayer again for me. The Lord touched me again and I got up and combed my hair and swept my floor. Praise the Lord for His mercy! This was a step to teach me divine healing.

This prayer meeting was in the home of one who was getting acquainted with the people of God. They brought the light to her as well as to me. Sister Dora and I started going to their meetings, and as the truth was preached according to the Word of God, we both accepted it. As I had not been baptized since I had been forgiven of my sins and she was not satisfied with her baptism, we were both baptized according to the Bible. I bought a booklet from one of them entitled, "A Religious Controversy," written by C. E. Orr. This book revealed to us the need for sanctification in order to live free from sin and have the victory over the devil as Jesus did. Then the church that Jesus built was revealed to us, and that we were lively stones built up by Him, which is the church and not a house built of wood and stones. Thus, by this booklet the Lord continued to lead me as it revealed to me the very things the Lord had taken me through, step by step. Praise the Lord for His mercy to us.

—Sister Flossie Atha

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Ore.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear ones there, and to the saints scattered abroad: We do praise the dear Lord today for His loving care and tender love that He bestows on all that will put their trust in Him. Praise His dear Name! At this writing I am here at Parkersburg, W. Va., visiting my oldest brother. I left Jefferson, Ore., on the 12th of August. . . . I am now three thousand miles from there. . . . As I traveled the dear Lord blessed me in so many ways. While in Chicago a lady and her little girl of 12 years helped me with my luggage. She told me that she lived in Florida but had been visiting in Bend, Ore. She liked it so well and was planning to move there in October. I gave her a "Faith and Victory" paper.

It has been over two months since our campmeeting closed, but as I hear from different ones, we are still feasting on the precious truths we heard. Our hearts rejoiced when Sister Ruth Murphey and Sister Evelyn Gibson drove in a few days before the campmeeting started. Later others began to come in—Bro. Trotter, Bro. Pat Huskey, Bro. Francis Doolittle, Bro. Gene and Sister Loretta Harmon, Bro. and Sister Kenneth Abbott and family, and Sister Velma Smith. The preachers preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the singers sang as the Lord led. The saints did rejoice, all making one sound, in one accord. . . . Of course, there

will still be battles with the devil, but when our God is for us, who can be against us? The God we serve has never lost a battle and He never will. Praise His dear name! Some were at the altar for help, two were sweetly saved and baptized. Forty partook of the ordinance services. Some of the dear saints came from Washington, and others came in from different parts of Oregon. It was a precious gathering together of the children of God. Sweet unity and love prevailed from the kitchen to the pulpit.

We are blessed by having Bro. Charles Elwell and family move to Oregon, also Bro. and Sister Royal Taylor. Bro. Charles is taking care of the Sunday service while I am away, which we appreciate very much and so do all the saints there.

I am asking the saints everywhere to pray for me while I am here in West Virginia. I was visiting in South Charleston on Aug. 31 when the phone rang and there was Sister Evelyn Gibson. I could hardly talk for crying for joy. She and Sister Ruth Murphey had been visiting saints in Pa., and came via So. Charleston, not knowing I was there. But the dear Lord knew, and as He sent Titus to comfort Paul, He sent these dear ones to me. Praise the Lord! What a precious meeting it will be when we meet all the dear saints in heaven! We three met with Sister Hill and then with Sister Flowers. We had sweet fellowship and prayer together. I went with them to Huntington to see Sister Carter. She was so glad to see us. She needs our prayers as she is going through a heavy trial. We visited Sister Bertha Roberts, also. Our next stop was with Sister Curtis Williams in Clearfield, Ky. How precious the visit was there! We got to see the new baby, and the other children. Sister Williams said the dear Lord had done some wonderful things for her body. She is much stronger. We went to Danville, Ky., to see Bro. and Sister Samons and they took us to see Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott. We rejoiced and prayed together. We also met some of the saints there in Danville.

On Tuesday morning Sister Ruth and Sister Evelyn left us to go on their way home. I had gone as far as I could with them. It made me think of Naomi and Ruth, and how Orpah turned back to serve her gods. The difference—I turned back to the dear saints that needed comfort and help in So. Charleston. . . .

I need your prayers. May the dear Lord bless all.

—Sister Bea Spaur

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Kansas—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the lovely name of Jesus: He means so much to us today. I feel just like dear old Sister Wiley used to sing, "If it wasn't for the Lord, tell me what would I do." God is so good to His trusting children. He has worked quite a few things out for us lately and helped us to learn the lesson of waiting on Him. So many times I would want to take things in my own hands to get them worked out sooner, but the Scripture in Prov. 3:4 would always come to me, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." How true we have found this to be! It seems hard sometimes in the middle of a decision to "wait patiently," but it is worth it. When God works, it is exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think. We love Him for these blessings, but above all, for salvation.

We want to let you know of our change of address. . . . Enclosed is an offering to help in the Lord's work.

A Sister in Christ,

—Sister Norene Harmon

Calif.—Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus. This leaves me happy in my soul. The dear Lord is very good to me. I am glad I learned to trust Him for all my needs.

For the past nine or ten months, up to the last month, I have had a very peculiar burning in the upper part of my stomach and chest at times. I looked to the Lord continually and prayed for grace and patience to wait on Him for my healing. I told Him I would testify to it when I was healed. As I worked and prayed for others in the Bakersfield and Fresno, Calif., meetings the Lord touched me and it is gone. Praise His dear name! He is all that I need. Sometimes the enemy would try to discourage me, but I just held on to God.

I am planning, if God permits, to go to Houston, Texas. I plan to be gone a month. I need your prayers that I may be a blessing to someone there. Enclosed find a small offering to be used where needed most.

—Sister Melissa Greer

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Ore.—Dear Sister Marie, I greet you once more in the precious name of Jesus. I love Him so much and I do want to live closer to Him. I want to be an example to those with whom I mingle.

The Lord touched my old limbs so I can walk better. It was so that I couldn't walk across my room without much pain. Oh, He is so good to me to care for me in my old days!

There are many old people here who are so much worse than I am. I feel I should not complain. The Lord keeps my eyes and hands so I can use them to help spread this precious gospel.

I am enclosing . . . to be used where most needed. It is wonderful to have saints to put out the truth that will really get folks saved and ready to live or die. The people in this world are in such an awful shape in sin. Grievous sins are being committed. The Bible says it will "wax worse and worse" until the end. I wonder how much worse it can get.

I am glad I have a better Home waiting for me; and for all that will love and obey Him. I need your prayers that the Lord will strengthen me in soul and body.

Love to all at the publishing office. —Sis. O. K. Myers

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S. Car.—Greetings in Jesus' name to all the saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: Oh, how we rejoice in His blessings from day to day! He is good to us.

I thank Him for being able to attend some of the National campmeeting, and also some of the Myrtle, Mo., campmeeting. It really was food to my soul. Praise the Lord!

It is wonderful to know that we are serving a God who can heal all manner of diseases. I know by experience. Praise the Lord!

I have a very bad cold now. I am looking to the Lord for help. Please remember me in your prayers. I desire a closer walk, and that I may ever be what the Lord would have me to be.

Yours in Christian love, —Sister Minnie Winters

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Ohio—Dear Workers in Christ, greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus: I want to thank the Lord for His mercy to me. I am enjoying my salvation today. Thank the Lord! Surely He has been everything to me.

For God to be glorified, I am writing to tell of a miraculous healing of my body. For about two years I had hard lumps on my body, and they would open and

drain blood and matter. They would cause much pain and hindered me from using my arms a lot. At one time I had to go to bed, they pained so much. I have been prayed for several times with still no relief. After much suffering and pain, the Lord began to deal with me about faith. He gave me the Scripture, "But without faith it is impossible to please God: 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. I began to pray for God to increase my faith.

One night I went to prayer meeting and was pleading to God to completely eradicate every bit of this affliction from my body. When I arose from prayer, they were all dried up. Praise the Lord! The next day the devil brought the affliction back worse than it had been before. I had new openings. I told the devil God had healed me and I would die before I'd get off His promise. The devil kept pressing, but God kept giving me Scriptures and confirmed my healing. For a whole month this kept happening. Sometimes I would have to firmly tell Satan: "I'm healed," or sing a song of victory. After that month the affliction completely left my body. I'm shouting the victory because I didn't do a thing but trust God, and He had to help me do that. Thank the Lord! He is able to heal no matter what man says. When I came out of that test God had given me more faith to believe Him. He is more real to me in my soul.

Pray for me as I still need more of God. I realize time is short and we are in perilous times. It means much to have our faith anchored in God. I surely want to be ready when my Lord comes for me.

Your Blood-washed Sister, —Catherine Posey

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Calif.—Dear Saints of God, greetings to you in the name of Jesus: I feel like the dear Lord would have me to send in my testimony. I am thanking and praising Him for salvation.

This year I was sick in bed for eleven weeks. I had a bad heart and an infected kidney, and then pneumonia. During this time I had several severe attacks, but through God's mercy and love, He came to my rescue every time. Never was there a time when I was discouraged. I am not completely well, but I thank God for what He has done, and all the dear saints for their prayers in my behalf.

I am still encouraged to live for the Lord and to work for Him all the days of my life. There are times I have shed tears of thankfulness for a dear loving wife. She was right by my side during my entire illness. We appreciate all the saints who came to see me. It encouraged me to press on.

I have made new changes in my life, and I am asking the Lord to bless me with sufficient health and mind to do the work He would have me do.

Bro. Isaac Chandler, my pastor, and Bro. Alvin Lucas were close by my side during my illness. I was ready to take all their teaching and instructions. I truly thank God for these men of God.

—Bro. Archie Gibson

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints scattered abroad: Today finds us still on the battlefield. Sometimes the battle gets hot, but we are still holding up the banner of victory. I often think victory is sometimes won at the very end, and sometimes victory goes all along life's way. Sometimes we can't see it for the tears of pain, but it is on hand just the same. . . . Victory means we have gained higher heights and deeper depths. We can't have victory and be unstable. We have times when afflictions or trials lower on us and obscure the whole victory, but

we must stand still to see the end to victory. Sometimes it ends in death, but we are prone to wonder why God fulfilled victory in death. But, dear ones, death brings security—no more suffering, grief, and disappointments. We stand before God wrapped in victory. Is it any wonder we become homesick to view our Father's face in peace? What a victorious time that will be!

I think of a dear child of God who fasted for the healing of one of God's dear children. How are you spending your life? Do you miss meals or go without water in hot weather to help your brother? Don't forget God requires a life without so much ease. Let us take inventory. How long has it been since you visited your sick brother or sister when he or she was going through the valley of death? Don't forget, Brother and Sister, you have to give account to God for that life of ease you are living. God called and sought you out to do His will, not to sit back and criticize others.

I have heard dear saints say, "Brother So-and-So neglects his duty." Well now, how about you? God called you the same as He did the preacher brother, and He expects you to do your part. Oh, some say, "I'm not a preacher," but I can prove the Bible says for everyone to carry the gospel to lost souls by loving it, by acting it, by obeying it, and there is a job for you, my brother and sister. Do you intend to meet God at the Judgment empty-handed? Will you have to tell God that you buried your talents? We had better see what our talent is, as time is moving on. Someone or ones will come up in that last day with no sheaves. God sent us out into the field to work, and the Word says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

We often hear ones say, "We appreciate your lives." Yet, the race is still on, and one blunder can spoil all that we have accomplished. Let us keep in the race until the trumpet sounds for us. We have a promise that our strength will be renewed daily. How often we have to draw on the supply of grace, courage, and endurance. The Bible says, "Endure hardness as a good soldier." What kind of soldier would we make if we retreated when the battle got hot? All battles don't have the appearance of victory, but the Bible says that at the end there is a crown if we endure. But we must have the power to endure, and I know death will be swallowed up in victory.

We still have our trust fixed in God. All the devils in hell can't change our decision for God. It seems we are getting near the end of the way. Our bodies are very weary from pain, but we desire to keep our right mind to the end and have that sweet peace that we have done what we could. —Bro. Sam and Sister Hettie Barton

Fla.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, co-workers at the Print Shop, and all the saints far and near: Greetings to you in the name of our Lord who saved us from a miserable life of sin. I'm happy this bright sunny morning for all these wonderful blessings our dear Lord is giving to us.

We do appreciate the goodness of the dear Lord to us and how He extended His tender care to us all along the way through this past summer. My prayer in the spring was that the Lord would help me to attend as many meetings as possible with the true saints of God. In June, I was in the meeting at Northport, Ala., which was very good indeed. Many were helped spiritually. The Lord restored Bro. Shelton's hearing and improved his speech in this meeting. Many others were healed of their infirmities, also. From there we went on to the Tulsa, Okla., meeting. There the Lord poured out

His blessings. Souls were saved, believers sanctified, and a number followed Christ in baptism. Sick bodies were healed. Many were at the altar for spiritual help. Thank God for His great love to the sons and daughters of men who were seeking to be His own. Praise His dear name!

After the close of the meeting (June 22), the Lord blessed me to visit my sister in Bakersfield, Calif. I enjoyed being with the saints of God in services. While there we received the sad news that our sister in Cincinnati, Ohio, had passed away the week just before the campmeeting in Bakersfield. We had hoped to attend the meeting, but the Lord saw different. We want to live in His will for us. We went to Ohio for the funeral on July 19, after which we went to Philadelphia, Pa., to the bedside of another of our sisters who had undergone a very serious operation.

Before leaving Tulsa, Okla., the sad news of Bro. Shelton's passing reached us. I am glad that God knows best for us. 1 Thess. 5:18, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Thank God for this truth!

We were privileged to ride up to Xenia, Ohio, with the Hargraves family from Goulds, Fla., to his father's funeral, which was joy in the midst of sadness. The word went forth with power. Three souls testified to salvation after the funeral was over. This was a very unusual funeral. His request was that his two sons preach his funeral. This was carried out.

We visited my sister's two daughters in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Lord wonderfully delivered one of them from the demons who talked to, accused, and threatened her. She testified that she was delivered. Thank God! Please pray with us that the Lord will send someone there to help those daughters find the Lord and cease from sin and error. Also pray for my son's deliverance from the bonds of the devil and that the Lord will break down the stubborn will of his wife that they may be saved from sin.

May God ever bless each of you there and help you continue to get His precious Word out over the land wherever man is found, is my prayer. Truly the devil is loose.

I need your prayers for I mean to go right on fighting the fight of faith until the crown is won. May God bless you. Keep up the good work. Pray for the Lord to establish His true church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Yours in Christian love, —Sister Mattie B. Savage

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Okla.—Holy greetings, dearly beloved co-workers and brethren in the Lord: I wish to testify this September day that I am making an honest endeavor to hide away as much of the Word on "trust" as possible. David spoke of hiding the word of the Lord in his heart. And Paul exhorted Timothy, saying, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Can we do less and be accepted of the Lord?

In order that my study may have something of system, order, and plan, I have worked out a crude outline, subject to change and variation as needed.

1. Memorize key word with verse, also other verses.
2. Study explanations, definitions, research and general references.
3. Prayers, meditations, and personal testimony.
4. Bible examples and similar instances.
5. Conclusive thoughts, summary, etc.

My study thus far has been both pleasant and profitable. I mean to continue as the Spirit of the Lord leads. I can say as the Psalmist, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion." Many of the Psalms are rich in their declarations of trust.

In Psalm 57:1 we are told that in times of trouble and calamities, David expected God's mercies because He trusted in Him. By the help and grace of the Lord we can do the same.

Some years ago, while living in Wichita, Kansas, I learned much about the spiritual uplift from study of the Word, and I am hoping a great number may be thus-minded, that the Body, of which Jesus is the head, may do more effectual work in the vineyard of the Lord.

And now, my beloved, if I may again suggest a word for study, let it be "division," studied from every angle, for the month of October, and may the rich blessings of our Lord rest upon all is my prayer.

—Sister Ethel K. (Little Mother) Miles

Yoked Up With Christ

Recently I was asked to go with a group in a wagon trip of six miles. It took us almost two hours. It was the first time, since I was a teen-ager, that I had ridden in a wagon. Bales of hay were provided for us to sit on. We would stop occasionally to let the horses rest. It was an unusual experience for most of us.

I became very interested in watching the horses. There was one old work horse and she would get down to business and pull hard when it was needed. The driver had to keep prodding the other horse or he would let her do all the pulling.

I thought of the words which Jesus said unto all: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30. As I watched those two horses, and saw the one so willingly taking the heaviest load and pulling so hard without even seeming to notice that the other horse was not helping, I thought about our being yoked up with Christ. After we hear the call to come to Him and are forgiven of our sins, the heavy load of condemnation is gone and we have that sweet rest in our souls. Then He tells us to "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me!" Dear saints, that is what you and I are to do. I noticed that the collar that was around the horse's neck was padded. It was a soft collar, but they were yoked together. One had to go where the other one went, yet they were yoked up in such a way that one could pull the heavier load. Dear ones, that is the way it is with Christ. We go right along with Him, but He pulls the greater load. But we have to learn to stay with Him and let Him do that. If we would pull back too much, or pull to one side too far, or go ahead, He could not pull the heavier load for us. We need to keep up and stay with Him. He makes our "burdens light." He was "meek and lowly" and we must be "meek and lowly" to be able to walk by His side. He might take us down the hillside, and it might look dark down in the valley, or the road might be rough and rocky, but with Jesus by our side we can feel secure and safe. As we go up the other side of the hill, the load might seem heavy, but Jesus pulls the bigger load. He

bears our burdens for us, and we take the lighter weight of it. We can trust Him to lead us in the right paths, which are paths of righteousness. Although we might not see the end of the way or over on the other side of the hill, we have Jesus beside us and we can safely trust His wisdom. Self must be crucified and from our hearts say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." He does all things right.

I am glad I am yoked up with Christ, aren't you? I feel safe and secure in His ways and His leadings. He pulls the heavier load if I will just let Him and not try to get ahead of Him. —Sister A. Marie Miles

QUESTION: The Bible says (John 1:18; 1 John 4:12) "No man has seen God at any time" and John 14:9 says, "He that hath seen me [Christ] hath seen the Father." Is this a contradiction?

ANSWER: In Exodus 33:18-23 Moses made a request of God. "And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen." Hab. 1:13 speaks thus of God, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity." God's holiness is so great that sin cannot enter His actual presence and yet by His Spirit He is everywhere present! God is a consuming fire and sin is a combustible thing that cannot abide His presence. Couple this with the fact that all humanity has been contaminated with sin and it becomes obvious why mortal, sinful man cannot abide the actual presence of such purity, such holiness, such perfection. God's very goodness would overwhelm us, for He even tells us to "be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good." 1 John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." God is a spirit and we are of flesh and blood in this body. He is infinite; we are finite. He is the august Majesty of the universe, possessing all honor and glory and praise and dominion, while we are weak worms of the dust. Little wonder we are not able to behold His face and live! God knew that, and yet He yearned to be able to present Himself to us in a manner that we could receive, so He provided the way. From heaven He took the Word and made it flesh and sent it to dwell among us that we might behold it and be able to comprehend Himself. The text says, "These three are one," so that beholding any one of the Trinity would give us perception of the other two. Keep in mind that God is a spirit; therefore, He must be spiritually discerned. 1 John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ." Jesus is so completely one with the Father that to be in Christ is to be in the bosom of the Father. To behold Christ is to behold the Father, also, for they are one.

—C. W. Wilson

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