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### Hymn of Thanksgiving



Once more along the path of life  
We pause to give thanksgiving;  
A special tribute 'mid the strife  
We meet while here we're living.

We turn our hearts from present woe  
Our gratitude to render  
To Him from whom all blessings flow:  
The ever-faithful Sender!

To Him all thanks and praise belong:  
Our God, the King of glory—  
His praise, an everlasting song  
Tunes well the gospel story.

Not willing us to be denied  
He wrought His great salvation:  
"Tis finished!" On the cross He died,  
O wondrous revelation!

To all the world His goodness flows,  
His grace all men enfolding,  
And on each hungry heart bestows  
His comfort, faith upholding.

Give thanks to God, His holy Arm  
Hath gotten Him the vict'ry;  
His Light and Holy Spirit's charm  
Unveil the wondrous myst'ry.

Salvation! Vict'ry over sin,  
A triumph, Resurrection!  
Bestowed on all who enter in!  
And seek His great protection.

For all His gracious will provides  
To praise Him we endeavor;  
The grace of Jesus Christ abides,  
And He shall reign forever.

—Leslie Busbee

### JUDGMENT

By Sister Fern Stubblefield

(Part Two, in conclusion from last issue)



In the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Revelation we find that Jesus Himself gave some judgments to the churches through His servant John. First, let us notice that John saw Jesus in the midst of the seven candlesticks which was explained to him to be the seven churches of Asia, and He was holding the seven stars in His hand which were the angels or pastors of the seven churches. To the first one, Ephesus, He first pointed out their good qualities, their virtues. Do you know that we need to recognize in people their good qualities even when they are short somewhere? It will help our love toward them. Then He told them plainly their shortcoming, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works; or else I will come quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." He told them what was lacking and what they must do in order to meet His requirements. He acknowledged their virtues and He had not yet removed them out of His sight, but they had something to do or they would be removed. He was laying judgment, but He wanted their souls to be saved. He was extending mercy in that He had not yet removed them, yet He spoke definitely of their condition and warned them faithfully what would happen if they failed to repent.

He loved them. He had given His life's blood in order to purchase their salvation. There are times when the Spirit of God leads His servants to mete out words of judgment. Those servants of God need to be able to see in an individual the virtues as well as the shortcomings. They also need to have a divine love for those on whom they lay judgment.

One day a sister was downtown and beheld the short immodest dresses. In her soul rose up a vehemence against such. She found herself mentally preaching against such and felt great boldness. Then

the Spirit of God showed her that she needed to have a love for their souls first. She realized what a great difference that would make, in speaking words of judgment against such. A love for them would not cause her to compromise, but, oh! how cautious it would make her, to be sure that she only spoke when the Spirit of God was leading. Then she realized that those first thoughts were only self-effort thoughts. They would not accomplish any good had she followed them without any love for the souls involved and without the leadings of the Spirit of God.

After Jesus went back to heaven the disciples tarried at Jerusalem until they were filled with the Holy Spirit and then were led of the Spirit. In Acts, chapter 5, Peter spoke words of judgment to Ananias, then to Sapphira. God backed up his words of judgment and both fell dead. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and it was the Spirit speaking through Peter those words of judgment. He was not judging them in his own understanding, but God through the Spirit was laying judgment upon them. God was acquainted with these two and knew every condition. He knew what had transpired before this, their opportunities and such. He saw that it was time to mete out judgment without mercy and backed up Peter's words in such a way that we have no doubt about it being the working of the Almighty God.

Now let us notice verses 3 and 4 of Matt. 7: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." We can learn some things from this reading. It is our first responsibility to take care of our own lacks. If there is something lacking in our own lives, that should be of greater importance to us than the lacks in our brother's life. We are going to have to stand before God ourselves and we should be first concerned about our ourselves. Humility will help us to do this. Then, we are not in a good condition to help get something out of our brother's life if we have something in our own life that needs straightening out more than his.

Suppose he is short and needs some help, but we are greatly lacking in love ourselves. We are in no condition to help him. In that condition we could kill what life our brother has. Suppose we lack in mercy. In that condition we can do more harm than good. Suppose we have a critical spirit, and we are critical of many things that others do. We need to get down in earnestness before God and get rid of that thing before trying to help our brother in his need.

Satan has a way of magnifying the lacks of others sometimes, and making our own look so small in comparison. If we have our eyes on others all the time, we may have serious lacks and perhaps many of them, but we won't see them because our at-

tention is all on our brother. When the Word goes forth, our mind goes immediately to our brother and how he needs that truth. It may be that we need that very thing ourselves and through this means Satan cheats us out of what we need ourselves. Let us recognize this subtle trick of the enemy of our souls. Let us resist him when our thoughts turn to others and their needs first when we hear the Word preached or read our Bibles. Let us take a look into our own lives first and pray God to help us measure to it. When we do this we find places to move up and it will keep us busy keeping measured up to the Word ourselves. Then the shortcomings of our brother won't look so big, when we see our own as we ought.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." Gal. 6:1. There will be times when it is needful to go to a brother overtaken in a fault. Here are some conditions laid down for us. We need to be spiritual. We need to go with meekness. We need to consider ourselves, lest we also be tempted. Consider the pit from which we were dug, consider how God has been patient with us in our weaknesses, consider how we have had to be corrected in different ways, consider that we could be in exactly our brother's place with his fault were it not for the grace of God. If we are spiritual, have a meek spirit and properly consider ourselves, we will be in a good condition to go to a brother overtaken in a fault.

—Sister Fern Stubblefield

## BE NOT DECEIVED

Jesus said that if it were possible the very elect would be deceived. It is the devil's business to deceive souls. It is one of his outstanding activities and has been from the time he deceived Eve in the garden of Eden. Don't think he is anything less than a deceiver today. He has many ways and people through whom he works today. He has religions, preachers, atheists, infidels, communists, false holiness, and professed Church of God people. He has fanaticism, compromise, and liberalism. He works with the young and the old. He works in the schools and churches. But what should be watched more than anything is when he comes in sheep's clothing to deceive the elect of God. If he always came as a liar, murderer, roaring like a lion, or as a mean ugly devil, we could soon detect who he was. But the Word says he transforms himself into an angel of light.

People feel that anyone who calls himself a preacher or minister of the gospel is all right, safe to follow, and look on him as God's messenger. How wonderful it would be if every preacher were truly a messenger of God! How sad that many are preaching today of whom God said, "I never sent them." (See Jeremiah 14:14.)

Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing." Paul said, "Let no man

deceive you with vain words." We feel that it would be good to warn against the way the devil is working to deceive souls today.

The devil has great power—next in power to God. Do you remember reading where God told Aaron to cast his rod down, and it became a serpent? The magicians of Egypt cast their rods down, and they also turned into serpents. Yes, the devil can perform great signs and wonders. He is the prince of the power of this world and the people don't realize it. People tend to think that everyone who says he is a minister of God can be safely followed, but the Word tells us of a man who lost his life because he gave heed to a man who said, "I am a prophet of God also as thou art." Peter said, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you." In Rev. 16:13, 14, we read that John saw "three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [pagan worship], and out of the mouth of the beast [Roman Catholicism], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [Protestantism]. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles." Please, take note! They are the spirits of devils, but they work miracles. This is where the devil is deceiving many precious souls today. Yes, we see many signs and wonders being performed. A few years back the Catholics claimed to have a picture of Mary that would shed tears on Easter morning. The heathen with all their gods cry unto idols and there are things that actually happen to keep them believing in their idols. If there was never an answer to their prayers, they would soon awaken to how hopeless their gods are. But they are deceived by the signs and wonders they see.

Many people confess they've been healed by the great healers of our day, but do they get their healing from God? The devil has power to afflict, he also has power to lift the affliction. The Word says for us to try the spirits whether they be of God or not. Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." The Lord wants us to know good fruit from evil fruit so we won't be deceived. If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

Let us consider the life of Christ and the example He left. Did Jesus ever hold a big healing campaign, telling the people they would have to buy a ticket, stand in line, and if they didn't have a ticket, He would not heal them? No, indeed. When He found the man so afflicted he couldn't step into the pool to get his healing, Jesus healed the man. The poor boy that the spirits would often throw into the fire and water, Jesus set free by rebuking the devil. The woman who had spent her living upon physicians and could not be healed of any—did she have to pay Jesus to be healed? No! She came behind Him and touched the border of His garment and immediately her issue of blood was dried up. To the poor crooked woman who could in no wise lift herself up, Jesus said, "Woman, thou art loosed." Never do we see Jesus charging for His healing power. The people, no doubt, would have built Him a fine temple, or

fixed a big tent for Him to hold big healing campaigns in. But He said, "I am sent to do my Father's will." Again we hear Him say to His disciples, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Never do we see the apostles charging for their service or receiving honor from man. When the people wanted to do honor to Paul and Barnabas, they rent their clothes and cried out, "Why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you." This is Christ's spirit and any other spirit is not of God.

When a preacher, whether an evangelist or pastor, charges for his services, it is not the spirit of Christ. Beware lest we be deceived. It is so easy to go with the crowd, but Jesus told us if the blind lead the blind they will both fall in the ditch.

God still has a pure, clean Church today that is separate from the world. 1 Cor. 2:12, "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God." Many false prophets are gone out into the world. The spirit of the world is for all to join hands and unite together. The Spirit of God calls for a separation from the world. If we are not careful, this spirit of the world will deceive us. Jesus said that many would come in His name and deceive many. Isa. 4:1 tells of seven women taking hold of one man. They wanted to eat their own bread and wear their own apparel, but they wanted to be called by his name to take away their reproach. Yes, there are many so-called churches of God that have a form of godliness, but they are denying the power thereof. They call their services directed by the Holy Spirit, yet they call on someone to pray, to lead their prayer-meetings, etc. They have their pulpits committees. In their campmeetings they have their special evangelist. They have their musical instruments in their worship, and worldly-dressed people to sing specials. Yes, they can sing, pray, and preach, but the Lord tells us to beware lest we be deceived. We cannot fellowship these things, nor open our pulpits to them. We must be a separate people. God's church is without spot or wrinkle. When Jesus comes for His bride He will only know the ones who have kept themselves unspotted from the world. I am persuaded we are living in the last days. How careful we must be lest we be deceived.

One of our dear older brethren was once warning us of these times in which we are now. He said that years ago false religions would throw rotten eggs and tomatoes and persecute us, but today the devil is working differently. Sectism will come in, sit with you in worship, amen the preaching, preach for you, and let you preach for them, but it is still the same old spirit to deceive us. Oh, dear saints, will we be deceived? Satan's ministers are transformed as ministers of righteousness, but their end will be according to their works.

The truth has been purchased and brought down to us with a great price. I think of how the dear saints of old have stood separated from sects and pull-off groups. Some were beaten, some killed, some

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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 subscription envelopes are arriving daily, and we would like to have 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 1970. Write us for more subscription order blank envelopes to fill out with additional names, or type, or print 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!**



The annual Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting here at Guthrie, Okla., will be held this year from December 19 to 28, inclusive. A more complete notice will appear in the next issue.



My sister, Marie Miles, returned safely by plane to the office on Oct. 14 from a two-weeks' trip to California. She visited relatives and saints, and was in services at Pomona and San Bernardino.



Sister Ruby Marken and her father made a fast trip in October in a light truck from Idaho to pick up her personal property here at the office. Word from her is that by the blessings of the Lord they returned home safely. Sister Ruby's mother is not well and needs her care now, and she expects to be with her parents as long as they need her. The years of Sister Ruby's sacrificial labor here in the gospel publishing work are appreciated, and we know that the Owner of the vineyard is not unrighteous to forget her work of faith and labor of love. May God's presence be her constant portion. Her testimony appears elsewhere in this issue.



Bro. Leslie Busbee of Springfield, Mo., began a meeting here at the Guthrie chapel on Wednesday, Oct. 15. At each service the Lord is giving His servant some precious Bible truths which feed our souls. We know that God's Word will accomplish that whereunto He sends it. Believing the truth will set men free from sin and self.



The congregations at Anthony, Kansas, and Enid, Okla., are in the process of building new chapels at

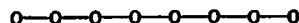
new and better locations in their respective cities. May the Lord prosper these efforts, and we pray that the temporal changes and improvements will also increase and expand the spiritual out-reach for precious souls. Without a real missionary spirit a congregation will die spiritually. The light of truth is moving onward, and saints must keep pace with it.



Bro. Mart Samons just closed a week's meeting on Oct. 19 at Neosho, Mo. It is reported that the preached Word resulted in much spiritual profit.



Bro. Willie Murphey and daughter Kathleen returned Oct. 15 from a fast trip through the north-eastern states, visiting congregations and isolated saints.



Bro. James Broker of Mound City, Mo. reports that the special meeting being held there is well attended. Bro. Roy Harmon of Overland Park, Kan. preached the Word on the first Sunday, October 19. Then Bro. Murphy Allen of Senath, Mo. labored in the meeting during the week. Pray that souls will be saved and that a permanent work for God will be established in that area.



Bro. Archie Souder, pastor at the 50th Street Chapel in Oklahoma City, informs us that they have sold their chapel and his home next door to the chapel, and they have to vacate by Nov. 1. Land on which to build a new chapel has already been purchased on N. E. 23rd Street within the limits of Midwest City, Okla. Until the chapel is built, the congregation will meet for worship on Sundays in the I.O.O.F. Hall at 94th and Classen in Britton, Okla.



### A Girl Eligible for Adoption

Sister Lou Bray of Garfield, Ark., has been caring for a sweet nine-year-old girl, Jackie Sue Brady, for one and a half years. Now she is advised by the authorities that the girl is eligible for adoption. Sister Bray writes: "Jackie . . . makes friends, cooperates, and is a happy little girl, doing average in school—third grade. It would be wonderful if some Christian parents could have her. She is a pleasure to me, and my desire is to have her placed in a Christian home. . . . Surely some saint needs a little girl. She loves to go to meeting and had never been in meeting until she came to me."

If any Christian couple is interested in adopting this girl, contact Sister Lou Bray, Rt. 1, Box 162, Garfield, Ark. 72732.



On Oct. 7 a set of Justewriter machines were installed in the Lord's Printshop for the purpose of setting "cold" type to use in connection with the faster process of lithography or offset printing. One who knows typewriting can soon learn to operate these machines. In fact, right now the Lord could use another consecrated efficient typist and office

worker in His gospel publishing activities. Will you not listen for that still small voice of the Master?

Another addition of printing equipment in October was a used Harris LTN 23 x 36 Offset Press. Moved from Minneapolis, Minn., this press weighing about 8,000 lbs. is now in position on the shop floor, but it may be some weeks before we can get it fully ready for operation. This press is large enough to print this publication, as well as books, by the litho or offset process. Now if the Lord would provide more consecrated helpers, we could anticipate much increase in the production of gospel literature.

These additional machines are costing thousands of dollars, but the King's business demands whatever the price for literature evangelism. We certainly do thank the Lord and all those who have contributed to the purchase of these machines, as well as those who are regularly giving to the support of the general current expenses of God's publishing work. May the Lord bless and reward each one with prosperity in soul and body. —Lawrence Pruitt

## Be Not Deceived —

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burned at the stake, and some suffered the loss of loved ones and friends. Yet they held the banner high and the truth has come to us to set us free. Now there is the spirit in the world today of all laying down their beliefs and going in a union together; but it will never make us one. Let us hold up the banner of truth. Let us stay separate from all false ways. Let us not be deceived by fair speech and personality. Let us try the spirits, whether they be of God, and separate from all false spirits. Any spirit that can fellowship false spirits is not of God. Let us beware lest we be deceived.

From one who loves the truth, —Mrs. Albert Eck

## OBITUARIES



Jimmy Gene Burditt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Burditt, was born Dec. 31, 1947, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He came to Britton, Okla., as a small child and had lived here until joining the navy in 1967.

He departed this life Sept. 17, 1969, at the age of 21 years, 8 months, and 17 days, while serving in the U. S. Navy in Hawaii. He was involved in a motorcycle accident.

Jimmie was a very conscientious boy and had a good experience with the Lord when younger. Recent letters inform us that the Lord had been dealing with him, that he had been counting the cost, and even making restitution and trying to live what he had been taught. He had been brought up in the truth, and since we know the longsuffering and great mercy of the Lord, we can only trust and hope that all was well with him.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents of the home in Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Becky, of the home, and Marilyn Morgan, Indianapolis, Indiana; two brothers, Steve and Bob; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Alice Burditt, Okla. City, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bros. Archie Souder and O. C. Porter, with interment in the Britton cemetery.

Alva Clinton Bigley was born Nov. 22, 1881, in Dade County, Mo., and departed this life at the age of 87 years, 10 months, and 4 days, at his home in Webb City, Mo.

He was united in marriage to Hassie Porter on Feb. 23, 1902. She preceded him in death on March 7, 1958, also a son, Ottie, 14 years old, preceded him in death on July 27, 1920.

To this union were born six children, five of whom survive him, as follows: two sons, Floyd of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Neil of Webb City, Mo.; three daughters, Olive, of the home, Mrs. James Coffee, Webb City, Mo., and Mrs. Alpha Croker, Joplin Mo.; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

Bro. Bigley had lived in Webb City for 69 years. He was a retired building contractor and a former City Councilman. He lived a good moral life. He felt his need of God and gave his heart to Him in his late years and lived true and faithful to the Lord until death.

He was very patient in his illness. He was a loving and kind husband and father. He was appreciated and loved by many.

Funeral services were conducted at the Johnson and Simpson Mortuary in Webb City by Bro. Murphy Allen. Text: Heb. 9:27; Eccl. 3:2. Interment was at Webb City, Missouri. —Murphy Allen

Bro. Otto V. Koehler was born in Saxony, Germany, on Sept. 7, 1887, and departed this life at Olympia, Wash., on Sept. 14, 1969, at the age of 82 years and seven days.

Bro. Koehler was married to Miss Gertrude Wolf in Illinois in 1913. Later the family moved to Tacoma, Wash., where he worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad for 34 years and retired in 1951. He attended services at the South Union Church of God, the last day being on his 82nd birthday, Sept. 7. His wife, Gertrude, preceded him in death about a year ago on Sept. 19, 1968. Surviving are one son, Edgar V. Koehler, South Union, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Orville (Esther) Sidow, Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Elsa Tetzlaff, Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Hilde Tubbs, Castro Valley, Calif., and five grandchildren.

Bro. and Sister Koehler loved and appreciated the old-time truth of the Church of God, and by words and deeds they promulgated the Bible truth.

The funeral services were conducted at the Mills and Mills Funeral Chapel, Olympia, Wash., by Elders Logan Harris and Arlie Boggs. Interment was in the Masonic Memorial Park. —L. D. Pruitt

Sister Elta Pearl McMaines was born in Mo., on Feb. 21, 1887, and departed this life in Fresno, Calif., on March 19, 1969.

She left to mourn her passing one daughter, Ina Yarbrough, and one grandson, Micheal Yarbrough, other relatives, and a host of friends.

She was converted at an early age. Later in life she met the saints at a campmeeting in Carthage, Mo., and embraced the truth. She testified she had trusted God for both soul and body ever since that time.

She was very faithful to attend services and taught the adult class in Sunday School for many years. She is missed greatly among the saints and by all who knew her.

Bro. E. J. Trotter and Bro. Isaac Chandler officiated at the funeral services. Burial was in I.O.O.F Cemetery in Fresno, California.

John Wesley Manuel was born to Plummer and Isabel Manuel on September 5, 1901, in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

In the year 1922, at the age of 21 he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Carelene Wilkerson in Tulsa, Oklahoma. To this union two children were born. His wife died, and a number of years later he met and married Miss Lola Hope who survives him.

John's father and mother reared him in the way of the Lord and taught him by precept and by example the doctrines and laws of Jesus Christ. While he was yet with us he gave his testimony that he had accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour, and we truly believe that this day he is with Him in Paradise.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Mrs. Lola Manuel; a son, Nelson Manuel; a daughter, Mrs. Edna Mae Hargis; three brothers, Abe, Alfred, and Amos Manuel; three grandsons, two great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. There are also many friends and saints of the Most High God who loved him and will miss him greatly.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Alvin Lucas, assisted by others in San Diego, Calif.

Spurgeon C. Brewer was born March 25, 1894, and departed this life Sept. 16, 1969, in Harlan, Kentucky, at the age of 75 years.

He was united in marriage to Ethel Hibbard, and to this union were born nine children, seven daughters and two sons, as follows: Juanita Wallace, Evarts, Ky., Theda Bryant, Miamisburg, Ohio, Carl Brewer, Trotwood, Ohio, Doris Hall, Fairborn, Ohio, Ralph Brewer, Dayton, Ohio, Lois Abbott, Xenia, Ohio, Phyllis Andrews, Union, Ohio, Sylvia Davidson, Loveland, Ohio, and Anna Davis, Fairborn, Ohio; and 23 grandchildren. Interment was in Evarts Memorial Gardens, Evarts, Ky.

Ohio—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints: We send greetings of Christian love to all. It has been some time since we have written, but we have been praying for all.

We are still saved and encouraged to live for the Lord, the One who has done so much for us. We truly appreciate His manifold blessings, and we love His dear saints and desire to prove a blessing to each one.

The Lord saw best to call my dear father (Bro. Spurgeon C. Brewer) home to be with Him on Sept. 16. Several of the saints had learned of him and his condition, and were praying for him. He was wonderfully saved at the age of 71 years, four and a half years ago. We appreciate every prayer, card, and letter in his behalf. He loved the saints and appreciated all concern shown him. The Lord blessed him marvelously in the short time that he was saved. We feel assured of the Lord that he made a safe crossing. He told some on Sunday morning, the 14th of September before he passed away on Tuesday night, that someone had come and sung the prettiest songs. No one had been there in person to sing to him. I am satisfied he heard heavenly music from the heavenly choir. We praise the Lord for all he has done. We need your prayers that we will be faithful.

Christian love, —Bro. and Sister Kenneth Abbott

All men live in one of two tents—content or discontent. In which tent do you live?

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

## MEETING REPORT FROM AKRON, OHIO

We are rejoicing today for free and full salvation. Our Lord is faithful to remember His promises to all who will call upon His name and serve Him with their whole heart.

From September 4 through Sept. 10 we enjoyed a meeting here at Akron, Ohio. We were pleased to have Bro. I. C. Chandler of Bakersfield, Calif., to come our way. Then on Sunday evening he was joined by Sister Chandler and five of their children, whom we enjoyed having through the remainder of the meeting. The afternoon services on Sunday were conducted by the young people with group singing, quartets, solos, also a short but encouraging exhortation by Bro. Chandler. It was wonderful to see the soberness and hear the beautiful songs sung by the Dayton, Ohio, young people, along with those of our congregation. We were happy to have saints from Ft. Scott, and Dayton, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., and from Massillon, Ohio, to share this divine feast.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

## EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING REPORT

Dear Saints of God everywhere: We are still encouraged to press on for our dear Lord, and so thankful how He keeps us from day to day and supplies all our needs. He is good to us.

We are so thankful for how God answered prayer here in our little congregation at Nowata, Okla. We began to ask the Lord to send us a revival meeting, and the Lord sent Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Mart Samons with the evangelistic tent and the Word was brought with the anointing of the Holy Spirit of God. Praise His dear name! The attendance was very good and there were sinners in attendance at every night meeting, which one hardly sees any more. We were also thankful to see the saints come in and help out in this meeting. We love God's people.

Pray for us.

—Clarence Fry

## Meeting Notices

### 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.

### HAMMOND, LA., ASSEMBLY MEETING

The fall Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Hammond, La., will be held, the Lord willing, November 23 to November 30, inclusive.

Sleeping quarters and meals will be furnished on the free-will offering plan as usual.

We are looking for another outpouring of the Spirit and blessings of the Lord. We are looking to the Lord to send in His Spirit-filled, Spirit-led ministers to preach His wonderful truth.

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

### GOSPEL SINGING AT MYRTLE, MO.

There will be a gospel singing at the Church of God chapel near Myrtle, Mo., on Saturday night, Nov. 1, 1969. We will also have all-day services the next day, Sunday, Nov. 2. We want everyone to come who can, and ask the Lord if He would have you help with the singing, or have a special song. —Mrs. Clayton Gaines

### WORK DAY ON NATIONAL CAMPGROUND

Bro. Austin McMillian has announced that there will be a work day on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1969, on the Church campground at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., for the purpose of painting buildings and raking up the leaves. Mark this date on your calendar, come, and bring your tools. The Lord will bless you for this willing service rendered unto Him and His cause.

### TRACT WANTED

If anyone has the tract, "Dan's Vision of Hell," or knows where a copy may be obtained, please write to Sister Becky Barnes, Stoutland, Mo. 65567. She would certainly appreciate this favor.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Saints of God: Please let me take this opportunity to express my thanks for the many cards and letters I have received from different ones, also the multitude of prayers sent up to the Throne of Grace for me. It will be difficult to answer each one individually, but I do want you to know that I appreciate all that has been done in my behalf. Please continue to hold me up in your prayers. —Sister Jessie Taylor

Route 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

### HELP NEEDED

Bro. Ernest Burditt, carpenter in Oklahoma City, left on Oct. 19 to help build a house for Bro. Curtis Williams and family at Clearfield, Ky. They would certainly appreciate other volunteer help right at present to get the house closed in before cold weather. Anyone who can go now or later, first phone Bro. Williams at A. C. 606-784-7769, or write him at Clearfield, Ky. 40313.

Scripture Text Christmas Cards—box of 18 cards for \$1.00, plus 15c for mailing. Order Early!

## Prayer Requests



Ind.—"I am a shut-in. . . . I have arthritis and bur-sitis. Pray for me. I have taken the 'Faith and Victory' paper for several years. I feel like I can't do without it. I enjoy it so much." —Mrs. Mabel McMabel

Ill.—Need prayer for body, soul, and mind. —V. B. Hubbart

Okla.—Sister Lizzie Randles needs healing for her body. Pray for her.

Okla.—Let us get under the burden for a dear young mother, Sister Daisy Harris. She has a serious affliction that she is completely trusting the Lord to heal. She has other requests for prayer, also.

Ill.—"I am going through weekly tests because I refuse to take medication for asthma and high blood pressure. Please pray for me." —J. Terrell

Ark.—"I have been real ill and in much pain some of the time. I surely need your prayers . . . also my husband needs prayer." —Pearl Steele

Minn.—Pray for an affliction on her body. She says, "I am looking to my Lord to heal me. He has never let me down." —Helga M. Spohn

Okla.—"Please pray I'll not doubt and that I can overcome fears that torture me daily . . . my eyes are bad." —Mrs. F. J. Warner

Ga.—Sister Bowers wants prayer for the healing of her grandson who has a rupture, and her sister needs prayer, also.

Mich.—Bro. and Sister Floyd Hines have a heavy burden for a person they desire prayer for; also they desire that God will work out some problems.

Calif.—"Have special prayer for me. I am having much trouble with my breathing. Pray for my granddaughter." —Isabel Mahnke

Pa.—Bro. Charles Houck is suffering severely and needs prayer.

Ind.—"I had a fall. . . . I desire God to work out some problems for my son." —Mae Hill

Wash.—"I am inclined to believe that I have eczema. I am not discouraged." —Sister D. T. Thomas

Okla.—Remember Bro. Ray White in prayer. He is suffering with his limb, and his lung has been hurting him. His trust is in the Lord.

Calif.—"I am having trouble with my head and right limb." —Sister Alpha Daniels

La.—Sister Coffey is still looking to the Lord for complete healing. Remember her in fervent prayer.

Minn.—Bro. E. J. Kirchner is in a nursing home in Austin. Remember him in your daily prayers.

Ohio.—Bro. L. Hassinger is very feeble and afflicted in body.

Okla.—Bro. Jerome Park, formerly of York, Pa., and now at the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla., needs special prayer for healing of a nervous condition.

Saints, keep looking up to the Lord. Don't waver, but hold your faith steadfast in the Lord. He will come. I remember about two years ago how that I was suffering with heart trouble and high blood pressure. The Lord let me have a seige of it, but I kept looking to God expecting healing. He did come. He healed me and today I am free from both troubles. I have had the Lord to heal me instantly again and again, and then I have had to wait at times for several days, and then He has let me hold on with faith for several months, but He has always come and healed. It is not for us to say how God is to do things, but it is our part to hold our faith



steadfast in Him. I thank the Lord for His great healing power. He has healed me of many afflictions. I have not turned to the arm of flesh, but have trusted Him completely. I have never in my life even taken an aspirin, which most people carry around in their purses so they can take them at any time they get a little ache. But, dear ones, it is not anything I have done, but it is only God who has healed me. When my nerves would bother me, the Lord would heal them. Today I am thanking Him for His saving, keeping, and healing power. My heart is filled with thanksgiving, and with tears I am praising Him. I am not clinging to this life; because my Home is over there with my Lord. I know some day He will take me to be with Him.

I think of the faith of Abraham. The Bible says that he "callesth those things which be not as though they were, who against hope believed in hope." Rom. 4:17, 18. So we also have the privilege of having that same kind of faith. When we have done all we know to do and are clear before God, we can by faith "call those things which be not as though they were." Praise the Lord! I am doing that now in a certain thing I am holding before God.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

#### FROM NATIVE MISSIONARY IN MEXICO

Esteemed Sister Virginia and husband and children, and Sister Marie and family: Sincerest greetings from us, and prayers for you. I trust that all have victory in their souls. We are well. Thank God for His love that has always watched over us. My wife is well, thank the Lord, now delivered of her baby. There were no problems. I know that God heard our prayers, and brought us a boy named Daniel. Both are well, and each day are gaining strength.

I want to tell you that David and his wife are in the Valley and he is working on a ranch. They continue very faithful to the Lord. The day I saw them they were happy and told me about having opportunity to talk with people in Jalisco, and giving out literature. Pray for them that they may be able to leave their lives in the precious hands of my God to be used of Him in His vineyard.

Everyone here is very encouraged in the Lord. . . . Please pray for us that God will give us the power that we need every day. . . .

Your Brother,

—Tomas Mendoza R

#### A LETTER FROM MEXICO

Mexico—Dear Sister Marie and all: The Lord has been very precious to me here. . . . As I leaf through my Bible, I have some real precious promises underlined, as they have been special to me in times past, and they seem to be more precious each time I read them. It seems with each new experience comes a more precious realization of God's presence with me in all things. . . .

The morning after the Pacoima, Calif., campmeeting ended (which I attended), Edith Cole was asked to bring a stove and refrigerator across the line for the work. She said that if we got the things across I could have them to use as long as I am here. That night at 1:00 A. M., we were refused permission to cross. We went to Chula Vista and got a cabin for the rest of the night. At Edith's suggestion I called Customs to see if we could get a permit to cross the line. I believe I called three offices, and all said to just forget it, as we couldn't even buy a permit because they made refrigerators and stoves

in Mexico and they thought we should buy from them. We didn't give up. The first person who came to my mind to help us tie the things down on the truck was Sister Tora Mae Jensen's husband. I called them. I told him what Customs had said, and he said he would leave right away and try to get us a permit. He is a notary public, and in a short while after we arrived at their house he came and fixed out some papers, notarized them, and he and Sister Tora Mae left for the line. They came back shortly and she was singing a song of victory, as they had been able to get us a permit from the head man on the Mexican side, free of charge, that gave clear right of way for us to take the things to Mexico!

I would like to say this about the campmeeting. I had so recently passed through so many rich experiences in the Lord that my joy was full before I arrived, and I must say, I have never in my life enjoyed any campmeeting like I did that one. Every message was rich, and there seemed to be such a hungering in many for a closer walk. Bro. Stover brought a message on sanctification the last Sunday morning, though he had to leave before he finished, to take his son and family to the airport, and Bro. Chandler stepped into the pulpit and began where Bro. Stover left off, and completed the message. I believe I would be safe in saying that two-thirds or three-fourths of the house-full went to the altar. The Spirit of the Lord was really working and many souls were seeking a closer walk for the perilous times which are now upon us. It was precious just to be there. I was prayed for in the campmeeting, and definitely went for a healing to my weakened body and received just what I put in for. I have felt wonderful ever since, in body. How I do thank the Lord for giving me that healing touch. I have lost 18 pounds, but believe it is to my advantage.

Do keep holding me up in prayer, for "hitherto hath the Lord helped me" and I believe He will continue to do so. Christian love and prayers,

—Sister Opal Kelly

#### NIGERIAN PASTOR ENU'S REPORT

Midwest Nigeria (Oct. 3)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-laborers of the Print Shop: Greetings once again from Abbi congregation of the Church of God in the lovely name of the Messiah born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)

We are passing on toward that heavenly goal. There is nothing to turn back for. We love the Lord and are out to serve Him all the rest of our days. We are told to "set our affections on things above and not on things of the earth." Col. 3:1, 2. Our Lord spent the whole night in prayer. This was not a night of asking for anything temporal. It was a night spent with His mind off the things of this world, with His affections set on things above. His thoughts were heavenward, and his heart filled with love and praises for His Father. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." We are to covet "the best gifts." 1 Cor. 12:31. We want to have a home in that Kingdom where sin, sorrow, sickness, and death will be no more. Lovers of the world are traveling the broad way to ruin and destruction. Let us pray for them.

We have received your letter dated September 12, 1969, and noted the contents with many thanks. The chapel building at Abbi will continue for many months to come to engage our attention and money. Much is yet to be accomplished in the project. We trust God for provision of funds and strength to go through.

Sixteen converted brethren of the Abbi congregation were baptized on the 28th of September, 1969, at Edu

Stream on the way to Inam Village. They were told to deem it reasonable to trust in God because any pleasure enjoyed in the wrong path is only for a season. Heb. 11:25. How different are God's pleasures! Psa. 16:11.

A young man, Joseph Obine, of Abbi, who was possessed of an evil spirit and chained by both feet to prevent destruction to property and bodily harm to others, disturbed the peace of his mother, aunt, and relatives with shouts at the top of his voice throughout the whole night, requesting that the people of God be sent for to pray for him. His aunt, who is a member of the congregation of God's family, took prompt action by sending for us. We rushed there after the evening worship of the 28th of September, read Psa. 103:3, and committed him to God in prayer for forgiveness and healing in the name of His dear Son, Jesus Christ who was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, and with His stripes we are healed. While in the morning prayer on the 29th of September, at 5 A. M., a young man in a perfectly normal state walked in with his mother and aunt. Behold, it was the possessed Joseph Obine who was prayed for! Praise God, for His divine healing of Joseph! Jesus is unchanging to the end. Amen.

My visit to the brethren of the Benin City congregation proved a blessing. We owe them a duty in our daily prayers for spiritual growth.

We have now heard from Asana brethren of the Southeastern State with exceeding great joy. Praise the Lord! Bro. B. U. Etuk wrote the letter. Our delight in hearing from them cannot be adequately expressed. We are thankful to God for restoration of postal communication to the area.

Sincerely yours in Him,

—Titus U. E. Enu

### MISSION REPORT FROM NIGERIA

Southeastern State, Nigeria (Sept. 22)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: "Blessed be God which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me." Ps. 66:20. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." There is joy in serving the Lord. It is a real joy to be saved. I thank God for His unique love in making me a new man in Christ Jesus. The joy in my heart is overflowing to share what salvation brings to me—(1) forgiveness of sins, (2) change of heart, and (3) adoption into God's family as a child of God. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

Greetings in Christian love and fellowship through Christ our Lord and Saviour. Thank you very much for your last communication dated September 12, and the enclosure of the love gift to me to aid in gospel work. Thank you also for a copy of "Faith and Victory" paper enclosed. I note also with much appreciation the mailing by surface mail a copy of "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary." May the Lord cause same to arrive safely in my prayer.

On September 21 the Lord's Supper was held at Nya Odiong Congregation, Opobo, Southeastern State. The superintendent, Bro. B. U. Etuk, and the field secretary, Bro. Nse B. Umanah, attended with panels of pastors, evangelists, and preachers. Bro. Joel S. Ukpong, the preacher at the station, conducted the first part of the morning service, echoing the house with Spirit-filled choruses. Bro. Stephen Peter read the first lesson from Amos 8:1-14. Evangelist Smith J. Akai from Ibekwe station read the second lesson from the gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 2:1-19. Pastor B. U. Udoka delivered a soul-stirring sermon, and based the theme on the

"Second Coming of Christ." He quoted Scriptural passages from Matt. 24:32; 2 Pet. 3:10; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 1 John 2:15; Isaiah 24:19; and Amos 8:1.

The Lord's Supper was administered by me, assisted by Bro. Udoka, Evangelist Akai, and M. A. Uko. The theme of the sermon before the Lord's Supper was based on "The Living Bread," as stated in John 6:51-54; "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man [no exception] eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world. . . . Whoso eateth my flesh [anybody] and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." At the table 1 Cor. 11:23, 24 was read and sermonized. One hundred sixty-seven souls partook of the Lord's Supper, while 226 souls attended the services. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." Psa. 115:1.

The Lord is caring much for the congregation at Ikot Esen Akpantuen through much intercession and prayers. Souls are added to the Lord. We invite prayers from the saints in the States and everywhere to unite with us in good faith to press the battle on against sin and Satan. Let us go into the battle with one accord in all humility and be filled with the Spirit. Pray with us and for us. Our hearts do rejoice that He has opened our eyes to behold His wondrous works, and yet our hearts are burdened for the multitudes, the teeming millions in this jungle who are still in outer darkness, still bowing down to gods made with their own hands. Will you not pray with us for these lost ones? We know you cannot help us very much financially during this terrible depression, but will you not do the greater thing—will you not daily intercede at the Throne of Grace for the work here? We need prayer help very much from you, so pray for us.

Your saved Brother in Christ,

—J. U. Etuk

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Oct. 3)—Dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and all other saints, greetings of brotherly love and Christian joy in the blessed name of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest in heaven.

Thank you very much for the letter and contents dated Sept. 12, 1969. I have gone through the September issue of "Faith and Victory" you sent and we are very sorry to hear of your wife's illness. We pray to God who promised to the children of Israel, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," (Exodus 15:26) and surely He will touch her to have complete restoration to health for the service of the Lord. Yes, Brother, when one member of the family of God suffers, all the members suffer with it. We trust she is greatly improved. The Hand which turns the wheels of the universe moves at the anguished cries of the saints. Praise the Lord!

The reports of the campmeetings at various places really refreshed us, and with much gratitude we praise the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth for ever. "Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?" (Psalm 106:1, 2)

We plan to have a three-days' meeting on October 17, 18, and 19 at Karikkom chapel. Saints and believers from north and other parts will surely reach here to take part in the meeting and to spend hours in prayer before God. Nothing else can replace prayer. When conspiracies of confused politicians lead troubled humanity to the edge of conflagration, this is the time for the child of God to pray. Satan shall shiver, the foes shall flee and the darkness be dispelled if we pray. New steps

and decisions will be adopted with prayer for the progress of our work here during this meeting.

Our convention season begins from next January onward. Our Karikkom convention is planned to be conducted in the last week of January. I wish, if it were possible, for any of you to be with us during that season of three to six months to preach the Word and to enjoy the services. It will be quite encouraging and inspiring to us. This year we wish to have additional conventions in some new stations.

We continue to look high for urgent needs which I mentioned to you previously. We thank you for your prayers, also. By God's grace we are all going on well and fine spiritually and physically.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

## Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Kansas—Dear Saints scattered abroad: We send greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We are so thankful to report victory in our souls today over the powers of sin, and accusations of the devil. The other night, as I was communing with the Lord concerning the conditions existing in the world, and realizing if we will live godly we must suffer persecution, the Lord spoke in a clear and distinct voice, "That is the cross I bore, and you must bear that cross for Me." Many folks today seek the easier way, but will there be a crown of victory at the end of that easier way? Oh, no, how sad!

Sometimes it seems useless to try to labor on as people seem to be so satisfied in the way that seemeth right. About a year ago I got a vision I shall not soon forget of souls lost, some hungry, thirsty, bleeding, sore, crying for help. Someone needs to go to the rescue and search them out. I had been praying the Lord to open up avenues through which we could contact some hungry souls, and the Lord made the way, besides giving me a better understanding of what vehement desire and zeal we should put forth for one soul. Many times since that time tears and sleepless nights have been our lot as we labor in prayer for the work of the gospel.

Some people feel it is useless for the Brethren to go out with the evangelistic tent in various places seeking and searching for a hungry soul. Surely we are living, as it were, in the days of Noah, yet we must be faithful at our post of duty and continue to do our best.

This summer Bro. Curtis Williams has been laboring with the tent in Kentucky, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, and the report is that only a few attended the meetings. Be assured the Lord is not forgetful of his sacrifice and labor of love toward those who even refused to come and hear the gospel.

We have appreciated all those who have been able to help Bro. Curtis in the various places. Some traveled several miles to be of assistance to him and he, too, expressed his appreciation to those who have helped carry the burden, not only in your prayers, but also in financial support. It is costly to carry on tent meetings and these brethren have sacrificed in order that this effort might be made possible. We, the Church, have a responsibility in supporting and encouraging them and in doing whatever we can to further every effort to reach that lost one out there crying for help. If we don't have a burden, we ought to stir ourselves and fast and pray until God gives us a burden. The Lord would that we were either hot or cold. Too many are careless, unconcerned, and will awake too late to find, even as the five foolish virgins, the door shut, and the love of God leaked

out of their souls. Love for God and lost souls will cause us to go to great lengths to help spread the gospel. Let me assure you His blessings are rich and no man can take them away. The end of time seems so near at hand. Let us exhort everyone to awaken to righteousness and sin not. Don't let other things of life become more important than obedience to God.

The Lord has been good to us. We praise Him for His healing power, and saving, keeping grace.

Yours for the gospel, —Ralph and Inez Beisly

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Calif.—Holy greetings to Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, co-workers, and saints abroad. Today finds me saved, sanctified, and satisfied in Jesus.

I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper very much. I have been reading it for years. I wish it came every week because thirty days is a long time to wait.

The Lord is still doing wonderful things for me. I spilled boiling water on my foot about 7:00 o'clock one evening. By the time I was ready for bed it was so sore I could hardly stand it, but when I awoke the next morning it was as well as my other foot. I thank the Lord for it. I need your prayers. I am not well, but I am still trusting God because He has done so many things for me in the past.

Yours in Christ,

—Jettie Mae Phillips

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Mo.—Dear Saints everywhere: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour. We love Him with all our hearts and desire to press onward for Him. As we write this letter, our hearts are thankful for God's mercy, love and blessings to us in every way. Most of all, we are thankful for salvation. We feel so unworthy for all He has done for us.

We would like to testify of the Lord's goodness and power in behalf of our little girl, Lisa, who is now almost ten months old. From the time she was real small her navel had protruded. We, as well as others who saw it, were real concerned about it as it could have been a rupture. We kept looking to the Lord, knowing He could and would take care of it. It didn't seem to hurt or bother her, but we felt sure the Lord could make it normal. On the day of special fasting for the sick at Monark Springs campmeeting we felt impressed to have her anointed and prayed for that the Lord would make it normal. She was about seven and a half months old then, and since that time the Lord has completely healed it. It wasn't long after campmeeting when we noticed how much better it was and it continued to improve until now at the time of this writing it looks and is normal. Thank the Lord! He has been so faithful to hear and bless each time she has had a need. Just recently He has blessed and undertaken for another need she had. He has taken such good care of her. She is a strong, healthy baby. We surely do thank and praise Him for it. We feel that our hearts are not able to express all the praise and gratitude He deserves, but as much as we are able, we do praise Him.

We are encouraged to live for Him. It is the desire of our hearts to be all He would have us to be. Pray for us that we always remain faithful.

Christian love, —Don, Lana, and Lisa Johnson

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Okla.—Dear beloved in the Lord, and especially our sick, afflicted, and shut-in sisters and brothers: Greetings of holy love in the name of Jesus our Lord, the giver, sustainer and preserver of life, both physical and spiritual. Let us praise His name together.

My heart goes out in deep sympathy to each and all of you. Sympathy means "suffering with" or more properly entering into your present state, sharing and feeling your suffering and discomfort. I have been in the "furnace of affliction" and if there ever is a time when we need the prayers and concern of the saints it is while passing through that fiery place.

Yet in love our heavenly Father calls us to this furnace life that we may be corrected, chastened, schooled, melted, purified and refined, "meet for the Master's use."

For November let us consider the following Scriptures: Job 28:10; Isa. 48:10; Jer. 9:7; Zech. 13:9. And may we all pray much for our sick, suffering, bereaved, and shut-in ones that the Hand of the Lord be moved in their behalf.  
—Little Mother Ethel Miles

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Ill.—Dear Sister Miles and workers there: May the Lord bless and encourage your hearts as you labor for Him. I think of you so often there and pray much for you. May the good things printed there be as great a blessing to others as they have been to me. I am so glad I came in contact with the Faith Publishing House. I feel the Lord worked in my life to bring me to a deeper faith and better understanding of the truth. Oh! how I want to be wholly yielded to Him in ALL things. I need your prayers always.

I surely have much to thank and praise God for today. It is nearing the time when 32 years ago about the middle of October I was so wondrously saved.

I suppose my conversion was one of the quietest ever seen, outwardly, as far as others could see. There was no demonstration of any kind. All I had was a sense of relief and a knowledge that I had done all I knew to do to get right with God. I had really repented, forsaking sin, giving myself wholly to God. I stayed at the altar a long time, waiting for some demonstration—but you know we don't get saved by demonstrating. My rejoicing came later in the still hours of the night when I awoke and thought upon what I had done. It was still a silent rejoicing, deep inside me, not outwardly. . . . The wondrous part of my salvation is that it made me a "new creature in Christ Jesus." The old Thelma had died and I became a new Thelma. I turned completely around, going in the exact opposite direction from which I had been traveling. Only God could have thus recreated me. I can witness today that it is good and satisfying to be a real Christian. The world has the idea that the Christian life is dull, a negative life. Oh, it is not! One has never truly lived until he has found God. Then you begin to really live, for until that time your soul was dead in trespasses and sins. Salvation, which comes at repentance, is a resurrection; a restoring to life; a re-creation; a making anew or alive! Then we can begin to live as we ought to live, as God intended His creation to live from the beginning of time!

You know, the Word speaks of "joy unspeakable and full of glory," and surely that is what I have! How I wish that I could tell others how wonderful it is to be a real Christian! My experience may have been a very quiet one, but, oh! it really hit the rock! How do I know? Because I was saved, delivered, from sin! From that hour I arose and went, to sin no more! I found the power and grace I had longed for to live right. And that power and grace is there today—so freely given through the Lord Jesus Christ to everyone who will seek Him with their whole heart.

Dear ones, I am persuaded many fail because they do not seek with their WHOLE heart. I was sick and

tired of sin—I did hunger and thirst after righteousness. I am so thankful for this good salvation.

We are thankful God spared your life when the lightning struck your home.

Some of the afflictions I requested prayer for are much better. My whole trust is in God. The bone spur or arthritis I had in my heel is completely gone. Thank God for His goodness!

I do want to be a better Christian and faithful in all things. When the Lord brings me to your remembrance pray for me. I know I have yet many things to learn.

With Christian love,

—Thelma Sprague

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Idaho—Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I wish to thank each of you for the prayers for me when I had my foot crushed. It was so damaged that I could not walk on it, but had to crawl wherever I went. In just about an hour I was able to hop some without too much pain and by the time I had been up long I was able to bear some weight on it and it continued to improve. It is a miracle that the bones were not broken, but the Lord had His great big hand between the rock and my foot. It is still swollen and I am having difficulty trying to find shoes that I can wear without buying a larger pair. I am looking to the Lord to see me through this and I am not disappointed in my trust in the Lord. He has never failed me and I am assured in my heart that He never shall.

We would appreciate your continuing to remember my mother in prayer. She has some days when she is not in so much pain, and then others when the pressure is so bad in her head that she can hardly stand it. God is able to take all this congestion out of the blood stream, and we are looking to Him to do that which He sees best.

I am real glad that the Lord permitted me to be a member of the family at the Print Shop for the few short years that I was able to be there. The Lord is so good to all His children. Let us rejoice together.

Yours for lost souls,

—Ruby Marken

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Oklahoma—Greetings to one and all: I am happy to be in the land of the living and thankful for how the Lord has blessed and helped me many times. I still have quite a lot of trouble as many of you know what I have gone through with, but I am looking for the Lord to completely heal me of this.

A place came on my body and it got larger and larger. Sometimes I could hardly bear it. I begged the Lord to heal me of this and He has. There weren't many people who knew about this, but it was there for about five months. I told the Lord I would write a letter for the paper if He would heal me. Thank the dear Lord, it is all gone.

Please continue to pray for me and my loved ones.

Mrs. Florence Sisk

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Ohio—Precious Brothers and Sisters—All for the Lord. It is much easier to go all the way with the Lord. It is amazing how many people want us to go to their churches, clubs, organizations, parties, etc. . . . They cannot really see the spiritual side of life. We are praying for and speaking to others about this. Amen.

I was led of the Spirit to speak to a man of man-rule and how he should come out of it. This revelation came to both of us, "Only those who are worthy and strong enough will be led out of Babylon today." Glory to God, He has and will show the inside of these mysteries to those who are praying and watching. It was a fresh insight to us, although others may have seen it years ago.

Since answering your last letter some opposition has shown up from church people and relatives with phone calls, and face to face encounters which gave us opportunity to testify for our God. The "Faith and Victory" paper and people are being discussed, and that is good, for after all they are a very good people.

My wife and children and I pass out tracts with name and address on them, which is another good work.

We were reading the Word about "owe no man anything," and how the children of Israel were not to go out of their country to borrow anything from their neighbors, and it was plain to us that we should work toward this end. This was another blessing that was shown to a family of the faithful, believing the promise.

Once the seed of learning is planted, if it is nourished, it must increase. Faithful workers, pray for us as we pray for you. We are handing out literature, hoping for good results that the Spirit of Jesus may be active in our area.

We strive to exemplify the life of Christ that others may see the Spirit of Jesus in operation. We would like to make our home one godly "way-station" to those who are traveling around the land and would not hesitate to be the guests of the Williams family. This was put on our hearts, a small gem we would repay for all the kind and loving words and deeds of the campground children.

We are praying for the Guthrie folks night and day and are waiting on the God of our fathers to lead us. Our five children pray each night after the reading of Bible truths that we have sought out and are learning many things that were hidden before. Pray for His will to be done in this area.

—Bro. Leroy A. Williams and family

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love to you in the name of Jesus Christ. I am thankful the Lord spared you through the lightning stroke which befell you.

I wanted to inform you of the passing of Edward's dear mother. It was quite a surprise and of course it touched my husband deeply as they were close. The morning of Sept. 9, about 5:10 A. M., she phoned the police to say that there was a prowler at her house. No doubt, being in her physical condition, it really frightened her. She evidently went into shock, for whenever she called the ambulance at the hospital about 10 or 15 minutes later they could not understand her. They could distinguish "Edwards" and "Kenton" so had to look in their files before going for her. She phoned her son in the meantime and told him, "I'm dying." When they arrived (they lived about a mile away) the ambulance was there. She died at the hospital—61 years old. She was literally scared to death, massive cerebral hemorrhage.

I could not have asked for a better mother-in-law, although she didn't know much about the truth as we know it. She really seemed to respect me and wanted a good experience of salvation. From the time I first met her she expressed a sincere desire in person, and in nearly every letter she wrote, to come here to Oklahoma to make contact with God and know that she was clear with Him. We are so thankful that God in His mercy and loving kindness granted that desire. It had been almost a year since her visit with us. Although she heard only one sermon she desired to live for God and seemed to be endeavoring to do so. . . .

I had loaned her my best Bible and when the children returned it there was a sheet of paper with her handwriting and twenty or more Scriptures written for her to study. While she was here she took many booklets and copies of "Faith and Victory" and "Mission Trail"

home with her. Most of these the children returned, but I'm confident not all. I hope God causes them to be read. . . .

—V. Nadine Robertson

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Tenn.—Dear Sister Marie Miles and the faithful workers at the Publishing House: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus, our Saviour.

R. H. Craig brought the truth to Overton County, Tenn., in 1913. I accepted it and began preaching the doctrine of the glorious church of God at that time. I worked in the G. T. office. Bros. Byrum and F. G. Smith were my Bible teachers. . . . I am 81 and wife is 79. We covet your prayers that our health will be of such nature that we can keep on working for the Lord.

I like the "Faith and Victory" paper. It reminds me of the "Gospel Trumpet" paper when Bro. Byrum was the editor. You will find a dollar enclosed to renew my subscription to the paper.

Yours for the Truth,

—James T. Hooten

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love to you and the workers at the "Faith and Victory" office. I was with the saints and my mother, Sister McKinney, at the Pacoima campmeeting. I enjoyed every minute of it. Sister La Verne Manuel's sermon was inspiring.

I have grown closer to my Lord through prayer day and night for our ill son who has liver trouble. Many are the lessons to be learned from sickness and the present chaotic world condition. "They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles." Isa. 40:31. We are taught the way of simple faith as we are driven back to the word of God and prayer. There is a lesson for us to learn from the eagle who sits on the edge of the precipice and watches the dark clouds overhead filling the sky with blackness. There he sits perfectly still, turning one eye and then the other toward the storm as the forked lightning plays back and forth. He never moves a feather until he feels the first burst of the breeze. It is then that he knows the hurricane has struck him. With a scream he swings his breast to the storm. It is the storm itself that he uses to soar upward into the black sky. He is borne upon the storm. God wants this experience to take place in the lives of every one of His children! He wants us to "mount up on wings as eagles." We can turn the storm clouds into a chariot!

Those who keep too close to the road of life and do not respond to the upward calling do not have time to breathe the lofty air of the heavenlies! But those who turn unto the Lord, the Omnipotent One, have the power of wings, and we rise from our tiresome journey into the higher heavens of the glories of our Most High God.

I watched a bird upon a fragile stem;  
It seemed it would surely break with him.  
He did not seem to worry or to mind,  
For all his swaying in the wind.  
He sat erect and sang his lilting song,  
He felt so very sure, so very strong  
For he had wings!

Love and prayers,

—Sister Lucille Allen

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Va.—Greetings to the saints at the Print Shop: I have always liked the little paper, "Faith and Victory." I have been getting the paper for many years. Bro. Fred Pruitt, or perhaps Bro. Lawrence, put me on the list for the paper and I look forward to receiving it.

I am sending a little donation to use as the Lord leads.

Much love,

—Ira Adams

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Oklahoma.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Please send me ten pounds of back issues of the "Faith and Victory" paper. Also send me the price for a roll of ten F&V papers a month per year.

I feel like we need to be doing what we can to help spread the gospel. I feel so helpless before the Lord. He surely is my all in all. I love Jesus more than anything in this life. I am learning of my Saviour lessons precious to my soul. Pray for me to always have the victory. There is no excuse for turning back. I only regret that I spent so many years in sin. Time is so valuable. I am just now learning how precious time is. My life is fast slipping by and soon I'll be past my prime of life. If only young people could see how the devil is cheating them out of their time. They go on their own way and then in a few years wake up to the fact that their children are grown and their youth gone and life has been wasted in pursuit of pleasure and money. Oh, the joys and peace that could have been theirs! I desire to rear my children for the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Thomas Melot

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and Carl: I send the warmest greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad I can report victory in my soul tonight, though the nights are hard for me to go through. I have to fight for every breath I draw. I have had shortness of breath since about the middle of May. I have other complications, too, indigestion and loss of weight. I went down to 103 pounds, but my faith is still in our Lord who is always standing by. I know He is still in the healing business, and I am still waiting on Him. I thought perhaps He would take me Home this time, but it seems not. I want more to glorify Him. He knows what is best for me and I am willing to go or stay, even if I do have to suffer. I never know if I will get through the night or not. I know I love Him more than life here. I have wonderful neighbors, but they are always suggesting this or that remedy. They say God helps those who help themselves. This gives me a chance to lift up my Saviour. He doesn't need any help. He didn't need any help from Mary when He made more wine for the feast.

I just lately heard about the lightning throwing you across the room. I trust you didn't get seriously hurt.

Oh! how I missed attending campmeetings this year. I only went to Pacoima, Calif., and was hardly able to do that.

I am still here alone except for my blessed daily companion, my dear Lord Jesus and the blessed Holy Spirit. I can just about cook a little food for myself. I can't shop any. Carl, my son, does a lot of that for me and the neighbors do, too. I would like to have one of the saints with me, otherwise I don't mind being here alone. I enjoy it as I can read my Bible and go in and out and find green luscious food in the pasture of His Word for my soul. If I were well and strong, I would be doing a lot of other things besides reading or searching the Word. I haven't been to Los Angeles to meeting since the fourth Sunday in May, but the saints come to see me. I appreciate them very much.

May God bless and protect you from all harm and use you to His glory.

Love and prayers,

—Sister Georgia Zinn

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S. Carolina.—Dear Saints at the Print Shop and all the other saints scattered abroad: We do praise the dear Lord for His loving care and tender mercy that He bestows upon us from day to day. I love Him today with all my heart.

I desire the prayers of each one to bear me up that I may be found doing everything He would have me to do. Also, pray for my unsaved children.

Yours in Christian love,

—Sister Winter

## Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?

By Ostis B. Wilson

(Part Three, continued from last issue)

### Revelation 12th Chapter

This chapter deals with two wonders which appeared in heaven—one a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars and ready to be delivered of a child; the other a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and a tail which drew the third part of the stars of heaven—and also with the war in heaven.

Now, there are some things mentioned here which make it very clear that the "heaven" referred to here is not the heaven which is the eternal abode of God, and that it has no reference to the devil being cast out of this heaven.

In the first place, this dragon was in the same place where the woman was; for it is said that he stood before the woman to devour her child as soon as it was born—verse 4. This woman was in pain—verse 2. Do we suppose we shall be enduring hardships, trials, persecutions, and suffering pain in heaven? I do not.

Then it says in verse 5 that she brought forth a child and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. Could she be in heaven where God is, and still her child be caught UP to God and His throne? Is God still on up above heaven somewhere so that the child would be caught UP above heaven to Him? I say, No!

Verse 6 says the woman fled into the wilderness. Is there any wilderness in heaven where God is? The Bible does not describe it that way, but rather as a place of exquisite beauty, richness, grandeur, glory, light, etc.

Verse 11 says, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death."

This makes it perfectly clear what kind of a war it was (spiritual) and where it was by the weapons which were used. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb. But the blood of the Lamb (Christ) was not shed in heaven. It was shed on the earth. Again it was the blood of the Lamb through which they overcame, therefore this could not possibly refer to the devil being cast out of God's heaven because the blood of the Lamb was not shed for thousands of years after the devil is known to have been working in this earth. Therefore, if we were to concede that the devil were ever in heaven and cast out, we would have to exclude this Scripture as any proof of it because they could not have used the blood of the Lamb as a weapon against him way back there when it had not been shed.



It is also said that they overcame him by the word of their testimony. But it is here in this world that God's people testify to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then it is said that they loved not their lives unto death. Heaven is a spirit world. God is a spirit. John 4:24. "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits." Heb. 1:7. We see then that God is a spirit and His angels who dwell with Him in heaven are spirits and we know that spirits cannot die. But this is talking about people who could die, and, in fact, many of them did die.

Verse 13 says, "And when the dragon saw that he was cast out unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child." Now, there is nothing at all mentioned in the entire chapter about the woman being cast out of heaven to the earth. Then how could the dragon persecute her after he was cast out into the earth if she were still in heaven? Remember, the dragon was in the same heaven where the woman was. Then if he could be cast out of heaven to the earth and still have access to the woman to persecute her and her still in heaven, we would be making heaven a very uncomfortable place to be. Let us hope that God is able to provide a better defense and security for His children than that.

The fact is, all of this took place right here in the earth and the term "heaven" refers to the ecclesiastical, spiritual, or religious heaven, which is among the people right here on earth.

Further, to substantiate any such argument that this chapter refers to the devil being cast out of heaven, one would have to prove that the devil had such a physical form as a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and a tail long enough to draw stars out of heaven. This cannot be done, because we have no knowledge of the devil having any kind of physical form any more than we do of God having a physical form, but we do have knowledge that both of them are spirits.

Again in Rev. 13:2 we see that the dragon gave his power and seat and authority over to another, a beast which arose up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, etc. Now, if this dragon is the devil himself, I would like to know when and where the devil ever gave his power and seat over to another and to whom. The fact is that this dragon was not the devil himself, but both the dragon of Rev. 12 and the beast of Rev. 13 were agents, instruments, or systems (religious systems) through which the devil operated and carried on his work.

But some may object that the Scripture says it was the devil (Rev. 12:9). This verse says, "And the great DRAGON was cast out, that old serpent CALLED the devil, and Satan . . ." It says here the dragon was CALLED the devil and Satan.

It could properly be called the devil because it was the principal system through which the devil was operating at that time. It was a devil-dominated system of religion. Paul says in 1 Cor. 10:20, "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice,

they sacrifice to devils . . ." We see then that the devil actually had a system of religion and at least some worshippers who sacrificed to him. Therefore he is spoken of here, or rather his religious system through which he was operating, is spoken of as being in heaven (ecclesiastical or religious heaven) because that in the hearts of the Gentile idol worshippers whom he had deceived he was exalted to the place of God and worshipped and sacrificed to instead of the true God.

Now we have brought forth several clear points here showing what this is not. But we would not be fair to the inquirer after truth to just tell him what it was not and leave him hanging out in mid-air, not knowing just what is meant by these things. So we shall now bring forth the truth that is taught in the 12th chapter of Revelation in connection with other Scriptures.

Now, if we just forget the first wonder that appeared in heaven in the first verse of this chapter (the woman clothed with the sun, etc.) and only consider the second wonder which is spoken of in verse 3 (the great red dragon) we shall, no doubt, be thrown off the proper course of thought and stray from the truth. But we find that this woman is mentioned throughout the entire chapter as the object of the dragon's wrath and persecution. Therefore we cannot leave her out of the picture at all, and to carry her along in connection with the activities of the dragon will help us to understand just what is being taught here and where and when it all took place.

The language here is highly symbolical as it is throughout the entire book of Revelation.

With these thoughts in mind, we will first establish the identity of the woman referred to in the first verse.

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

This woman was in a very exalted place, and the brightest luminaries of heaven were assembled around her. This is a picture of the New Testament church which was built by Christ Himself (Matt. 16:18) in all of her pristine glory and splendor.

But perhaps you may require other Scriptures in connection with this to justify this interpretation of this Scripture. We shall give them.

Rev. 19:7, 8, says, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Here we see the Lamb (Christ) has a wife and that her splendid apparel is the righteousness of SAINTS, which compose the church on earth.

Rev. 21:9, 10 makes it even clearer. "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed



me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." The following verses then proceed to give a detailed description of this city in highly symbolical language. This Scripture does not only tell us that the Lamb has a wife, but also tells us who she is—"That great city, the holy Jerusalem."

Turning to Hebrews 12:22, 23 we find a further identification of this city. "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and CHURCH of the Firstborn, . . ." This definitely identifies the city of God (heavenly Jerusalem) as the CHURCH of the Firstborn. There it is definitely established from these Scriptures that the wife of the Lamb (Christ) is His church and therefore she is symbolized by a woman in this exalted position.

This is further taught in the Scriptures by plain comparison in Eph. 5:25-32. And again in 2 Cor. 11:2 Paul is speaking to the CHURCH at Corinth and says, "I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." This refers to the bond and spiritual relationship between saved people and Christ, the heavenly bridegroom of their souls.

Rom. 7:4 is another Scripture along this line. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

But so much for that. We could go on multiplying texts at considerable length along this line, but it is not necessary. Surely it must be clear to everyone that the New Testament church which Jesus built is His bride and is properly represented by a pure woman such as is pictured in Revelation 12.

The sun is the brightest luminary of heaven. Then it would properly symbolize the brightest luminary of the spiritual heaven, which is the SUN of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. This woman is said to be clothed with the sun, and surely the divine virtues and graces of the Son of God is the apparel and adornment of the Church of God in the earth.

She puts on the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 13:14. She puts on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him. Col. 3:10. She is arrayed in fine linen, the righteousness of saints. Rev. 19:8. She is changed into the same image or likeness of Christ by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:18.

Oh, what is the glorious and high situation of those who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, which compose His church in the earth!

(To be continued in next issue)

That which died in Adam is made alive in Christ. That which came to life in Adam is put to death in Christ.

—C. E. Orr.

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## Will God Fail Us? No! Never!

"Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there." "Having done all to stand, stand therefore . . ." Eph. 6.

"If ye ask anything in my name I will do it." "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

Recently I was praying for something and I said, "Lord, do it right now," and at that moment I felt a check. Then I said, "Lord, you know what is best. Help us to be patient and wait; do this in your own good way."

Luke 18:1, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint." We might say, "Don't fail to believe." One may say, "I have prayed and prayed and prayed about a matter and God hasn't answered." If you believe He hasn't, you have not the necessary faith. God doesn't see time as we do. We are not willing to wait on the Lord, sometimes. We must bring our cares to God with unwavering faith, pray until we know we have prayed, contact heaven, hand God our problem and walk away leaving it in the hands of the all-wise God.

If you were keeping some mother's baby and it cried until you couldn't quiet it, you would think of taking it to its mother. Even though you had to travel for miles, you would go, and when you had delivered it safely to her, you could walk away satisfied that she could and would take perfect care of the baby, and you would not have to be uneasy about her doing a good job. You could be satisfied to leave it in her care.

As we said, God doesn't measure time as we do. There is a long span of time from the cradle to the grave, and God knows best just at what point in one's life to answer that agonizing prayer. Sometimes God answers quickly; sometimes He says, wait, and sometimes He says we must not have what we pray for because we asked amiss.

I used to pray for God to show me His will in a dream. I had it so fixed to get the answer in that manner. But God does not want us to fix plans for Him to work out a certain way. Finally, I realized this, so committed it to God. Lately it was necessary for me to know fully God's will in two different matters, and I prayed that in His own good way He would show me. He did, in dreams which stayed with me until, step by step, He made me to interpret it as clear as an open book. How I praise Him for this!

"But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. Eph. 1:7, ". . . according to the riches of His grace." Eph. 3:16-21, "That He would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory . . ." Praise our God.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Gladys Cashio

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