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God's Standard

God requires us to be holy,

For as He is, so must we be—
Blameless, without spot or wrinkle,
If in peace His face we'll see.

Yes, we must be perfect, brother,
For the Lord requires this, too—
Not what man would call perfection,
But God's perfect will to do.

We must dress in a godly manner,
That our bodies attention do not draw,
And cause some one to look and lust,
And thereby break God's holy law.

We must forgive to be forgiven,
Our enemies also we must love;
These things the Lord requires of us,
If we would dwell with Him above.

Uncleanness, adultery, and fornication—
The Lord forbid that we commit.
Hatred, variance, emulation—
These make the soul for heaven unfit.

Envy, murder, and drunkenness—
The Lord wants us these things to hate.
From wrath and strife let us keep free,
That eternal hell not be our fate.

Witchcraft, lasciviousness, and idolatry—
From these evils let us refrain;
From such like, heresies, and sedition,
That we a crown of life may gain.

No, we will not leave reveling out—
It does the Lord displease,
And they shall not inherit the kingdom,
That do such things as these.

—Charles B. Taylor

Pictures of the Past

Man has invented some marvelous things, yet none of their inventions can surpass what God can do. Recently, I read about a camera that can "see" what has happened as well as what is happening. This infrared "eye" operates electronically. At night it can look down from an altitude of more than 30,000 feet to a space on earth, and record images of people and equipment not then present, but which were on the site earlier in the day. It is said that this television-like camera can focus on any empty parking lot and provide a kinescope image of the cars that were parked there a few hours earlier, and even people who had been there on the site. It can produce clear, sharp images even when the only light available is the dim glow of a tiny ember. Apparently, the light and heat waves generated by cars and people who previously were there can still be discerned by this sensitive, infrared "eye." This does sound incredible, but it is absolutely true, according to those who are in the position to know. I believe it to be true, although I never have been shown this infrared eye of the military camera. I am sure that in times of war, this electronic "eye" will be used against the enemy, and the record it gives will reveal much and be used against individuals as well as nations.

This is a remarkable camera, and this infrared "eye" which takes pictures of the past is marvelous, but I am thinking of another "Eye." There is nothing hidden from this all-seeing Eye! The Bible says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3. He not only knows where we are now, but also He knows where we have been. God's omnipotent vision penetrates all the way back to our birth and will carry the image all the way to the day of judgment. What a startling thought! That thing way back there in the past that you thought was covered up from everyone is on record and has been seen. On the judgment day, it will be revealed. That thing you did and God dealt with you about it, but you pushed it back again and again out of your mind, and now

it very seldom bothers you, will be brought out in the open one of these days. These pictures of the past will pass in review, at the final accounting, unless you do something about it. Aren't we glad these sins can be cleared? How awful for them to meet us in the judgment day. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. Confessing with "godly sorrow" will bring forgiveness and the "film" will be wiped clean by the cleansing blood of Jesus. "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." 1 Timothy 5:24. We want ours opened up now, confessed, and cleared, do we not? The evil pictures of the past will be covered and all will be clean. Aren't we glad that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, loved us so much that He was willing to take the punishment for our sins and let us be forgiven? Oh, we ought to love Him and serve Him with a fervent love from our heart!

It is wonderful to know our sins are under the blood, and that we are the children of God. We are comforted when we think of those great loving Eyes of the Lord that are beholding us constantly. We do not care if we face the pictures of the past because they are only pictures of God's grace glowing in our lives. The good that we do is not any goodness of our own, but the goodness of God flowing out, as we are only instruments of righteousness in the hands of God.

We need to always remember that no one has absolute privacy; God and angels constantly behold every person. —Sister Marie Miles

The Ordinances of the New Testament

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3.)

Water Baptism:

Those who repent and believe are commanded to be baptized—Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16. God's ministers are commanded to baptize—Matthew 28:19.

Examples of water baptism: Jesus was baptized—Matt. 3:16. The three thousand converts on the day of Pentecost—Acts 2:41. The Samaritan convert—Acts 8:12-17. The eunuch—Acts 8:35, 38. The household of Cornelius—Acts 10:44-48. Lydia of Thyatira—Acts 16:14, 15. The twelve disciples whom Paul found at Ephesus—Acts 19:1-7.

In every case, faith and repentance must precede water baptism. Faith—Acts 8:37. Effect of faith—Acts 10:43; 1 John 5:1; Romans 5:1. Repentance—Acts 2:38. Effect of repentance—Acts 3:19.

In order to follow the only mode of water baptism, we must: go where there is much water—

John 3:23; go into the water, both the preacher and the candidate—Acts 8:38; be buried in baptism—Romans 6:4. There is only one action in baptism—Ephesians 4:5. Baptism must not be performed in any other name than the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"—Matthew 28:19. The apostolic ceremony used in baptism—Acts 8:16; 10:47, 48; Acts 19:5. The object of water baptism—1 Peter 3:21. In the apostolic church, both men and women were baptized. No mention is made of infant baptism—Acts 8:12. The ordinance is to be administered by God's ministers until the end of time—Matthew 28:19, 20.

Feet-washing: 1 Timothy 5:9, 10.

God's people must observe all things that Jesus commanded—Matthew 28:19, 20. By keeping God's commandments we prove: that we love God—John 14:15, 21; 14:23, 24 and that we are His friends—John 15:14. By not keeping God's commandments we prove: that we do not love Him—John 14:24, and that we lie in professing to know Him—1 John 2:4.

Feet-washing is one of the "all things" that Jesus commanded us to observe—John 13:12-17. "Ought"—means: to owe, be obliged, indebted. Example of its use: 1 John 2:6. "Should" means: denoting obligation, or duty. Example of its use: 1 John 3:23.

Feet-washing is an ordinance of the New Testament. It was instituted by Christ—John 13:1-5. It was commanded by Him—John 13:14, 15; Matthew 28:19, 20. It was delivered to the churches by the apostles—1 Cor. 11:2. It was demanded by the apostles—1 Timothy 5:9, 10.

Reasons why feet-washing is not the old Jewish custom. In manner: In the custom, each washed his own feet—Genesis 18:4; 19:2. In the ordinance, we wash one another's feet—John 13:14. In design: In the custom, they received a literal benefit of cleanliness—Genesis 18:4. In the ordinance, we receive a spiritual benefit—John 13:17. In Peter's case: although a Jew, he did not understand it—John 13:6, 7. Feet-washing was made a test of fellowship—John 13:8.

Feet-washing was a condition upon which widows were counted worthy—1 Timothy 5:9, 10.

The house of God is the church. From the foregoing, we learn that Christ, its chief cornerstone and foundation, instituted, practiced, and commanded feet-washing. The apostles practiced, delivered and demanded it; hence, it constitutes a part of the Building, is in the Building, and who dares take it out?

The Lord's Supper:

In the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians, we learn: that Paul delivered the ordinances to the churches, and that they kept them—1 Cor. 11:2. That the Lord's Supper was one of the ordinances He delivered—1 Cor. 11:23-25. That the Lord's Supper does not consist of a full meal, but of the bread and wine [grape juice]—1 Cor. 11:20-27, 34. That

this ordinance shall be observed until Jesus Christ comes—1 Corinthians 11:26.

The order in which it was instituted: Two days before the feast of the Passover, Satan entered into Judas and he covenanted with the chief priests to betray Christ for thirty pieces of silver—Matthew 26:1-16; Mark 14:1-11; Luke 22:1-6. On the first day of the feast, the disciples came and asked Jesus, "Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?"—Matthew 26:17; Mark 14:12; Luke 22:7-9. He instructed His disciples and they prepared the Passover—Matthew 26:18, 19; Mark 14:13-16; Luke 22:7-13; John 13:2. In the evening, Christ and the twelve apostles sat down to the Passover supper—Matt. 26:20; Mark 14:17; Luke 22:14. Before they ate the Passover Supper, Christ arose from the table and instituted the ordinance of feet-washing—John 13:1-17. After Christ had washed the disciples' feet, He sat down again, and they ate the Passover Supper—John 13:12, 21-28. While they were eating the Passover, Christ pointed out the betrayer—John 13:21-26; Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21; Luke 22:15, 21-23. Immediately after receiving the sop, Judas went out—John 13:27-30. After Judas went out, Christ instituted the Communion or Lord's Supper—Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:19, 20.

Conclusion: Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

—Selected by Egbert Allen from "Bible Readings for Bible Students, and for the Home and Fireside," by Speck and Riggie.

Our God Is Merciful

How great is the mercy of the Almighty God! Seeing-by the light of the Holy Scriptures how great is His mercy, every person should be inspired to trust and believe Him. The great extent of His mercy reaches us in the giving of His Son, Jesus, the Christ. As one who believed put it: "That the Gentiles [nations of the world] might glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, . . ." Christ was given to mankind as a testimony of the truth of God and to fulfill all the promises that God had made concerning His everlasting salvation. We should rejoice, and glorify God for His great mercy.

Reading farther in Romans 15:8-13, we notice the Old Testament scriptures quoted: "For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name." This comes from the 18th Psalm which is David's psalm of victory sung upon his deliverance from all his enemies and the hand of Saul who sought his life. He sings of the mercy of God to him in a most gracious way. He magnifies God's goodness in hearing and answering his prayer and sending from above and drawing him out of many waters. David, the sweet Psalmist and King of Israel, extols the wondrous mercy of His God. "Therefore," he says in the last two verses, "will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. Great

deliverance [salvation] giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore." Why did he want to confess the mercy of God among the Gentiles? Because he wanted us to know about the goodness of God and His great mercy that will help us in our times of need even as it did in his behalf.

"And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people." This next scripture comes from the song that God told Moses to write as a witness to Israel just before he was taken from them. God knew that Israel as a nation was not true in heart and that eventually they would grievously depart from Him. "Write ye this song," He said to Moses, "and teach it to Israel and put it in their mouths, that it may be a witness for me against them." God said that in the future when many evils and troubles are befallen them, "that this song shall testify against them as a witness." This song we have now on record in Deut. 32:1-43. It showed the goodness of God to Israel, and their unthankful rebellion against the Lord, His anger, wrath and promised punishment and declares that His hand would take hold on judgment to render vengeance to His enemies and reward to them that hate God. It pictures destruction to Israel and all who follow their ungodly example. But it closes with sweet rays of hope to all who seek His mercy. "Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful to his land, and to his people." When Jesus came as the Saviour of men, salvation and victory was extended to all and a way was made to escape the wrath of God and to find refuge in His mercy.

"And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him all ye people." This comes from Psalm 117. "For his merciful kindness is great toward us and the truth of the Lord endureth forever." "And again, Isaiah saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust." This comes from the eleventh chapter of Isaiah where in the first ten verses is found a vivid description in prophecy of Christ and His work in the earth. False prophets of today say this is all yet to come to pass, but the writer in Romans applies it to Christ and His salvation now. The wolf dwelling with the lamb, and the leopard lying down with the kid, and the calf and lion and fatling together are pictured by many how it will be in a supposed future, earthly, millennial reign. But here they greatly err and correspond not with our text in Romans 15. This text describes the effect of salvation in the lives of people who believe the gospel of God and His mercy. "In him shall the Gentiles trust." Praise the Lord for His mercy. He has established it beyond all doubt to our believing hearts. We can fall back on His mercy and it will not fail us. May God bless these thoughts and encourage you to look up and trust in His great mercy.

—Leslie Busbee

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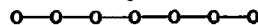
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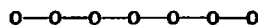
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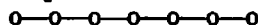
The Oklahoma State campmeeting of the Church of God will be in progress (May 25 to June 3) here at Guthrie very soon after this June issue goes into the mail. As usual, preparations are going forward for this annual meeting in which we are expecting the outpouring of the presence of the Lord, the salvation of souls, the sanctification of believers, divine healing of bodies, and the edification of the Church. New people seeking for the old-time Bible truth are expected to attend this meeting, and we pray that the Holy Spirit, who is the pulpit committee and presiding officer in the Church of God, will have the pre-eminence in every service.



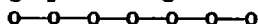
Several thousand tracts in the Efik language of Nigeria have been printed and mailed to the mission stations in Nigeria for free distribution. It is our pleasure to know that the gospel literature is going out in English, Spanish, and Efik to the darkened corners of the earth. Jesus is still standing with outstretched arms to save earth's millions if they would only hear and believe the gospel—the good news of free salvation.



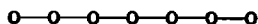
Sister Joan McIntosh of Springfield, Mo., who formerly worked at this office, is presently helping to get the Justewriter type set and the pages made up for "The Beautiful Way" paper which is used in junior and primary Sunday school classes. May the Lord bless and reward her for these services unto Him in behalf of precious souls.



Bro. and Sister Mart Samons of Kentucky began a tent meeting at the east edge of Hammond, La., on May 15. May the Lord add His special blessing to every effort of His servants to reach new people with the gospel message.



Bro. Kenneth Probst just closed a week's meeting on May 13 at Anthony, Kansas, where Brother Willie Murphey is the pastor. It was reported as being a very good meeting by Sister Dolly Gideon of Anthony.



Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott of Dayton, Ohio, attended the spring meeting in Los Angeles, Calif., which closed on April 22. They were the only out-of-state ministers present. On their return trip to Dayton, they stopped in Guthrie on Sunday, April 29, and Bro. Abbott brought an instructive message on Sunday morning to the Guthrie congregation. May the Lord bless and prosper their labors, and give them special strength for their efforts in the campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. Carolina, and all future activities in the gospel work.



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to and for all the bereaved, some of whom are: Sister Ossile Thompson of Baker, La., whose husband passed sud-

denly on May 9, apparently of a heart attack; Sister Katherine Williams of Oklahoma City whose brother departed this life on May 12; the relatives of Sister Mittie Jackson of Boley, Okla.; and Sister Estelene Cramer of the Guthrie congregation whose father passed suddenly in Oklahoma City on May 16.

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Sister Bonnie Matthews, my wife and this writer attended the spring meeting at Boley, Okla., on the last Sunday, May 6, and were blessed by the preached Word and the fellowship of the saints. That day the large attendance reminded us of a week-end at their annual campmeeting.

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A reprint of the fourth edition of "The Revelation Explained" by F. G. Smith will be available, Lord willing, by July 15, including his 17x22 inch wall charts on Revelation. The 464 pages will be bound in a nice cloth cover. The price is \$4.50 each, postpaid. Terms are cash with your order, which will be accepted now and your book will be mailed as soon as they are available.

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We would like to purchase a 1914 edition of "What The Bible Teaches" by F. G. Smith for reproduction purposes. Please contact this office, stating price and condition, if you have one for sale.

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My sister, Marie Miles, is still having trouble with her heart, confined to her home and not able to be up much. Pray the Lord to undertake for her in a special way, as she is needed so much in this literature ministry.

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At this Printshop the Lord still needs a consecrated, competent typist (unencumbered woman or man) to operate the Justewriter machine, and help in the mailing and bindery departments. The Lord could also use another printer or printer's helper. Write us if you would consider this call of God.

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Bro. Wm. J. Preston of Virginia returned last week to Guthrie to help prepare for and attend the Oklahoma campmeeting beginning here on May 25. His presence and services are certainly appreciated.

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"Occupy till I come."

This was the command of the nobleman to his ten servants to whom he had given each one pound of money in the parable that Jesus spake to His disciples as recorded in Luke 19:13. When the nobleman returned from the far country, he called his servants to give an account of their stewardship. Some had been faithful to the trust, and by trading they had gained additional pounds, and for which they received the nobleman's commendation. But one servant laid his pound up in a napkin, did not make use of it, and the nobleman on his return questioned him and pronounced him a "wicked servant." His pound was taken from him.

Jesus spake these parables to set forth spiritual and moral truths. Jesus Himself is that nobleman

who was in this world in the flesh, and then gave gifts, commands, and commissions to His servants and to all who have become His servants since then. Jesus returned to His Father in heaven, but according to His promise He is coming again to call the world to the final judgment. Each professed servant of the Lord must give an account of his stewardship. To each, God has given gifts, talents and time, and He expects a profit from His investment. Has the servant made use of these precious gifts or has he wasted them? Every life has an influence, either good or bad. Has the servant denied himself, given up his personal ambitions, and dedicated his entire life to carrying the good news of salvation to perishing souls? Will he come before the Saviour in that day with precious sheaves or only worthless leaves?

The Master gives the ringing command: "Occupy till I come!" He is surely coming again, and to "occupy" means to make wise use of all that He places under our control "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Let us be watchful, prayerful and like that faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord when He cometh, shall find so doing.

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Ten years ago, on June 6, 1963, my beloved father, Fred Pruitt, founder and editor of this paper for forty years, passed to his eternal Home. To say the least, the loss of his presence and counsel has been keenly felt over these years, especially in connection with this literature ministry for which he gave his life. Though the responsibility to edit this paper and manage the gospel publishing activities have fallen heavy upon us over the past decade, the Lord has thus far graciously solved the difficulties and problems as they arose. The production of gospel literature has steadily increased by the blessings of the Lord, and we certainly appreciate all our readers and co-workers who have co-operated so faithfully to reach many more precious souls with the Bible truth which is able to set them free from sin and false doctrines. Pray that the Lord's Printshop will ever be a beacon light of truth on the dark ocean of unbelief until Jesus comes again for His faithful saints.

—Lawrence Pruitt

OBITUARIES



Sister Juanita Mae (Sallee) Williamson was born in Circleville, Ohio, to Bro. and Sister Theodore Sallee on September 12, 1943, and departed this life on April 18, 1973, at her home at Olla, La., at the age of 29 years, seven months and six days.

Sister Juanita accepted the Lord at a very young age in life and was one that strove for perfection. She was a real example in any capacity you would place her. She received convictions from God that she faithfully held to until death, fully trusting God for soul and body. Her example as a young saint sister will be remembered by all who knew her.

She was united in holy matrimony to Brother Don Williamson in Dayton, Ohio, on October 1, 1967, and to this union one son was born.

She leaves to mourn her Home-going: her husband, Bro. Murry Don Williamson; one son, Keith Maurice Williamson; her parents, Brother and Sister Theodore Sallee; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Merrill Williamson; two sisters, Nancy and Marjorie Sallee; three brothers, James, Patrick, and Robert Sallee, a number of other relatives, friends and saints.

Viewing was held at Trout, La., and her funeral was conducted in the Oak Grove Church of God Chapel by Bro. Charles R. Smith. Interment was made in the cemetery by the chapel at Oak Grove, Loranger, La.

—Charles R. Smith

Sister Juanita carried the following item in her purse and practiced it in her daily life:—

Recipe for Happiness

Take 2 heaping cups of patience,
1 cup full of obedience,
1 heart full of love,
Just a drop of the Saviour's blood—applied to the heart,
A dash of laughter,
1 head full of understanding,
Sprinkle freely with kindness,
Add plenty of faith and mix well,
Spread over a period of a life-time,
And serve everybody you meet.

Note of Thanks

Again, I would like to try in a feeble effort to thank all the dear saints for their prayers, cards, encouraging letters and phone calls, and offerings during the illness and death of my wife, Juanita. It almost overwhelms me to see the love the saints have one for the other. May God abundantly reward each one as only He can.

I appreciate the way the Lord is helping me bear my grief. At times when I felt as though I could not bear it, it seemed I could hear Jesus' voice saying, "You don't have to—I will bear it for you," and He would pour in His comfort. Heaven is now a little nearer and dearer. Your continued prayers are coveted. I have not one complaint to make against God.

Your Brother in Christ, —Don Williamson

Brother Fred H. Thompson was born on Nov. 5, 1920, at Montpelier, La. He passed away at his home, near Baton Rouge, La., on May 10, 1973, at the age of 52 years.

Brother Thompson is survived by his wife, Sister Ossile (Bankston) Thompson; one son, Jack; his mother, Mrs. Christina Rayborn; two sisters, Mrs. Luella Johnson, and Mrs. Cora Villar. His father preceded him in death.

Bro. and Sister Thompson were members of the Baton Rouge congregation of the Church of God, corner of Prescott and Eleanor Streets.

His death was very sudden and unexpected, and all were shocked when they heard of it.

On Wednesday night at prayer meeting our Bible study got off on the subject of heaven and what it would be like. There was quite a discussion on the subject. Bro. Thompson made the statement, "The most important thing is to be ready to go when the Lord calls for us." Little did we realize that his call would be the next day.

He will be sadly missed by the saints at Baton Rouge, and by his dear wife and son.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. M. F. Williamson, his pastor and the writer of this report. Scripture texts: Proverbs 16; 2 Tim. 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 9:2-27; Job 14:1, 2, 14; 19:25, 26.

Campmeeting Dates for 1973

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 25 to June 3.

Holly Hill, S. C.—June 1 to 10.

Tulsa, Okla.—June 8 to 17.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 22 to July 1.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 22 to July 1.

Akron, Ohio—July 6 to 15.

Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico — July 10, to continue as long as the Lord leads.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 20 to 29.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—August 3 to 12.

Bakersfield, Calif.—August 3 to 12.

Boley, Okla.—August 17 to 26.

Blackford, Ky.—August 17 to 26.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 24 to September 2.

Fresno, California—September 7 to 16.

CAMPMEETING AT TULSA, OKLA.

Our camp meeting here in Tulsa, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, for ten days, June 8 to 17. We invite the saints and sinners to come and be with us in the meeting. We want the saints to come and help us fight against sin, and sinners to come and get saved.

Everyone who comes will be cared for. All who can, please bring your bed linens and pillows. We are looking to the Lord to give us a Spirit-filled meeting from the beginning to the end. We ask each one to pray much for this meeting. The chapel is located on the corner of Norfolk and Pine Place.

For additional information, contact Brother Lewis Williams (pastor) at 2643 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas, phone, (316) 264-8481, Bro. M. D. Gaines, 2932 N. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74110, phone (918) 425-8946, or Bro. Charles Lowe, 1823 N. Main, Tulsa, Okla. 74106, phone (918) 584-6838.

OREGON STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oregon State Campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) will convene in Jefferson, Oregon on June 22, and continue through July 1, Lord willing. Those who come by bus from either north or south should come to Albany, Oregon, if traveling on an express bus. Some on the local schedules come through Jefferson. If you travel by train, get off at Salem as trains do not stop in Albany. When you arrive, phone 928-7223 or 327-2855, and someone will pick you up at the station.

The meeting is financed by free-will offerings only and the ministers who work in the meeting are supplied by the same means. We urge all saints and lovers of the truth throughout the Northwest to attend this meet-

ing as it is the only campmeeting of the Evening Light Saints in this area. There are cabins and a dormitory available on the camp ground and also a limited number of places available in the saints' homes. All who come will be cared for.

We are expecting several ministers to be present who will be able to preach and teach God's Word with the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The truth of the gospel will be expounded in a way that all souls may be enlightened, instructed, edified, built up and strengthened. Let every one come with a true purpose of heart to do good and to receive good.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the campmeeting on Friday, June 22, and on through the meeting, Lord willing. Yours and His in the Master's service,

—Ostis B. and Evelyn Wilson

6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321

GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING AT HAMMOND, LA.

The annual General Southern Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, on Friday, June 22, on the campgrounds at Hammond, La., and continue through Sunday, July 1, 1973.

We are expecting the Lord to meet with His people in mighty power, to save souls, sanctify believers, and heal the sick. We are looking to the Lord to send in ministers of His choosing who will preach the Word under His holy anointing.

Meals and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We urge all to come and enjoy the sweet fellowship of the saints and feast on the precious truths from God's holy Word.

For further information, write or call Bro. M. F. Williamson, P. O. Box 1084, Hammond, La. 70401, phone (504) 345-4566.

OHIO STATE CAMPMEETING

The Ohio State campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light) will be held July 6 through 15, 1973, at Akron, Ohio. The chapel is located at 419-421 W. Thornton Avenue.

A hearty welcome is extended to all nations! Provisions will be made to care for all—space for campers, dormitories for the Sisters, and the Brothers, and the dining hall for the serving of meals. All expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Please send your contributions to Bro. Darnell Abbage, 1436 Honodle Ave., Akron, Ohio 44306, or to the pastor, Hazel A. Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320.

Come praying that we will have a profitable meeting with Spirit-filled ministers to preach the gospel of salvation for sinners, sanctification for believers, and divine healing for the body.

For further information, contact the pastor, Sister Hazel Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320, phone 762-4432, or Bro. Adolph Robinson, 1256 Romaine Dr., Akron, Ohio 44314, phone (216) 836-6948.

—Sister Hazel Clark

36th NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

This reminder comes bringing a special invitation and welcome to everyone to attend the 36th annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God which will convene on July 20 and continue through July 29, 1973, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri.

We are looking forward to another time of warm Christian fellowship among those who have a love for the truth, and are willing to stand firmly in the old paths wherein is the good way. We expect ministers from various localities to bring forth God's Word under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Meals will be served in the dining hall on a free-will offering basis with lodging available in dormitories and tents. A nominal donation of \$5.00 per tent, \$1.00 per cot, and \$2.50 for cot and space in dormitory is suggested for those who are able to help defray the cost and maintenance of these provisions. We do trust that no one will stay away because of a lack of finances, as we are confident that God will supply for the needs as they arise. There are several comfortable motel accommodations within a short driving distance which are available at reasonable rates for those who desire such. In addition, there will be parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers and motor homes, etc.

The campgrounds are located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, on Highway 86, the exact location being one mile east and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of the intersection of Highway 86 and Alternate 71 Highway. Those coming by public transportation, such as bus or train, will need to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the grounds, or call Granby, Missouri, phone number 472-6427 to arrange for someone to meet you and bring you to the grounds.

Bro. and Sister Austin McMillian will be working to assist in finding accommodations for sleeping. All correspondence regarding tent orders, dormitory space, etc., should be addressed to them, c/o Church of God Campground, Monark Springs, P. O. Box 331, Neosho, Mo. 64850. The foregoing address is also the new, permanent address which should be used for all correspondence concerning the campgrounds or for those writing to persons in attendance at the meeting.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, sanctification of believers, divine physical healing for the sick and afflicted, and a drawing together of God's family in these last days.

—Bro. Kenneth Probst, Business Mgr.
R. 1, Box 49, Bluejacket, Ok. 74333 Phone 918—256-5992

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING FOR THE NATIONAL CAMPGROUNDS

On Saturday, May 12, the board of trustees for the Church of God National Campgrounds, composed of Bros. Amos Porter, H. A. McMillian, Woodrow Warren, Herman Kelly, Glen Inman, Ted Bock, Bob Stover, with Kenneth Probst as business manager, met in Neosho to finalize the transaction for the purchase of the adjoining acreage immediately east of the present campsite. This ground, composed of approximately five acres and a comfortable, older three-bedroom house, was acquired following the campmeeting session in 1972 for \$12,000. Cash of \$7,000 was paid upon receipt of contract, with the remaining \$5,000 secured by a note at 7% interest payable to the seller.

In order to secure a contract on the property it was necessary to permit the seller to retain occupancy of the house, outbuildings and yard for three years from date of contract. It will therefore be approximately two more years before we can assume possession of the house for caretaker's quarters. However, we have immediate ac-

cess to and use of the remaining ground, and we plan to have it available for parking and camping this season.

We also anticipate having the ground plotted into lots, etc., and mapped, subject to approval of the church at the general business meeting which will be held during the campmeeting. It is anticipated that only a limited number of lots will be available, and anyone desiring to purchase a lifetime lease on a lot for \$100.00 should contact Bro. Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97 W. Avenue, Tulsa, Okla. 74107, or the undersigned at the earliest convenience. As soon as the planning and plotting are completed, those who have purchased lots will be notified.

The indebtedness of \$5,000 is due and payable three years from the date of contract with interest payable in annual installments. However, we have reserved the option to pay any or all of the principal with any of the annual interest payments. We are trusting this can be retired this year, if possible, to permit developing the grounds as quickly as is feasible to allow maximum benefit from the property.

Among those projects discussed by the board were the following:

1. The opening of additional parking space with a re-routing of entrances and exits.
2. The installation of electric, water and sanitary facilities in an area designated for trailers, campers and motor homes, etc. (It is anticipated that the electricity will be available this year.)
3. The possible future consideration of family-type motel units to be constructed on the new grounds to provide much needed lodging facilities for families and older saints.
4. The need to contact the owners of the old motel type units at the rear of the grounds and negotiate suitable terms to permit the demolition of these units to make room for additional parking of trailers, etc. (This project would be coupled with the preceding project.)
5. The need for additional water, bath and sanitary facilities to cope with the increasing attendance.
6. The necessity of requesting that all owners of cabins on the present grounds take whatever steps necessary to repair and maintain these facilities to permit their use during the meeting or, if preferred, to remove the cabin from the premises to permit the space to be used for parking or camping.

Several other smaller projects and needs were discussed, and work days were set for the purpose of making ready for this year's meeting. These days are as follows: Sat., June 9th; Sat., June 16th; Wed., July 4th; Sat., July 7th; Sat., July 14th. If you can assist with the work on these days, it will be greatly appreciated. If other times would be better for you and you desire to help, contact Bro. Austin McMillian or Bro. Kenneth Probst for schedule of work to be done.

If you should desire to help with the indebtedness on the new ground, you may direct your correspondence to the Church of God, Monark Springs, P. O. Box 331, Neosho, Missouri 64850. Att.: Kenneth Probst.

—Kenneth Probst, Business Mgr.

If you are ever to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might, your strength will be born in some storm.

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MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., will be held August 3 through 12. We extend an invitation to all.

Bring bedding if convenient, as there is a limited supply on the grounds. Come prepared for cool nights.

Those coming by bus to Thayer, Mo., (the nearest bus station) may call (417) 938-2483 at Myrtle for someone to come for them.

The meeting is supported on the free-will offering plan. Pray for this meeting, and ask the Lord what He would have you to do.

There will be a work day on the campgrounds Saturday, June 30, in preparation for the meeting. Help will be appreciated. On Sunday, July 1, following the work day, there will be an all-day meeting at the chapel on the grounds.

For further information, contact Brother and Sister Albert Eck, Box 706, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, or Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

Prayer Requests

Okla.—“I have been sick with kidney trouble, also my eyes.” —Sister Della Harrison

Ill.—“I have a heavy burden. . . . My oldest son, 37 years old, single, has been gone about twelve years. He called home about three years ago. Since then we have not heard from him. At that time he was in Texas. I have checked different cities and departments in Austin with no success in locating him. . . . His name is James S. Mumford, but for some reason he was called “Jim Miller” in Texas. . . . He knows I am praying for him. This is more than I can bear at times.”

—Sister Margaret Mumford

Ky.—“I am sick with arthritis, and my husband, who is 89, is almost blind.” —Mrs. Alfred Jones

Calif.—“I need prayer. I have sugar diabetes . . . and need prayer for my right eye.”

—Mrs. Beulah Fahlgren

Ill.—“My niece suffers some peculiar pains through her stomach . . . also she is anemic. . . . I'm going through a great trial.”

—Ethel Redmon

Ala.—“My right leg has been hurting me. . . . I could not walk for a few days. . . . I am looking for complete healing. . . . Sister Callie Ligon of Lipscomb, Ala., is down in her back and needs prayer, also remember her son and daughter.”

—Sister Pearlene Whitson

W. Va.—“I have a large lump behind my ear, and one on my head and neck. . . . Something seems to be wrong with my eyes. . . . Pray for my son's eyes. I believe God can and will heal.”

—Mrs. Elizabeth Jeffrey

Tenn.—“Pray for my granddaughter and her husband to be saved before their marriage is broken up. . . . I also have some unspoken requests.”

—Grace Burger

Texas—“All of you please pray for my eyes, also two unspoken requests.”

—Mrs. Louise Strickland

La.—“Please pray for my eyes.”

—J. M. Mitchell

Texas—Pray for my niece, Mrs. Shirley Ferguson, “who has an urgent unspoken request.”

—Louise Strickland

Okla.—Pray that God will destroy the devil's bondage on my sister, husband, and family, other relatives,

friends, and neighbors, and give them His gift of repentance. (Romans 2:4)

—Ada Scanlan

Okla.—“I need God’s help with a spiritual problem.”

—Ada Scanlan

Okla.—Plead to God to send fully saved workers and nurses to the Golden Rule Home, Rt. 5, Box 74, Shawnee, Okla. 74801.

—Ada Scanlan

Minn.—“I have a hernia. . . . I have been shoveling snow and did some heavy lifting. . . . I know our Lord answers prayer.”

—Mrs. Helga M. Spohn

Pray for a man who takes dope, and when he can’t get dope, he drinks. He abuses his wife and children. He and his wife both need God. The wife was reared in the truth and her mother is so burdened about the conditions of that home.

The Lord has been so gracious to me. I have had a fight of afflictions. The Lord would heal me, and then I would have something again, but it’s truly wonderful that each time it is a new victory. Today, I am thankful for His healing power. My faith and confidence are anchored in Him. Many times, right in the time of pain, I would thank the Lord for healing before it came. By faith, we can do that, because healing belongs to us and pain has to give way and let healing come. I do not believe God wants us to just give in to the affliction, but give in to faith which brings healing. The devil will fight us every inch of the way, but when we use the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, he has to flee. Praise the Lord for victory through Christ!

I want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers, and the children also. One Sunday school teacher wrote me that she asked her class to pray for me. She said one boy in her class had a lot of faith. God does hear children’s prayers. God has heard your prayers and I do pray God to richly bless you. I also want to thank all who sent me get-well cards. They are so beautiful, and the verses and your words were so encouraging. It took time for you to do it and I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. I am not able to answer each one, so please accept this as a “thank you.” Most of all, I appreciate your prayers and love.

—Sister Marie Miles

TENT MEETING REPORT

La. (May 16)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: We send greetings in Jesus’ dear name, the One who gave His life that we might be saved, and that we could sit together in heavenly places.

I am glad we can report victory over all the works of the devil, enjoying our salvation, and also enjoying working for the Lord. The Lord is blessing in the tent meetings again this year. We just closed a real good tent meeting in Kokomo, Miss. A number of people were out almost every night. Some heard the truth for the first time. The Lord surely did work in the meeting. Some we have been burdened for found the help they needed. We feel it was real profitable.

We are here at Hammond, La., now with the tent, and had a good attendance last night (May 15) for the first service. Our next tent meeting will be in Greenbank, W. Va., which starts June the 8th. We are looking for a good attendance over there. A number of the saints have talked of coming. The nights may be cool over there, so all that come should come prepared.

There are other places we have in mind for meetings this summer, so pray that we will be led of the Lord when and where He would have us to go. Not very many are interested in all the truth in these last days, so we need to know where that hungry soul is.

The Lord gave us a scripture before we left home. It is found in Mark 16:20, “The Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” If there ever was a time that we needed signs, it is today. There are so many playing religion now. I believe if the Word is preached in its fullness under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, it will cause people to measure up or quit professing. It seems like a lot of folks are on a stand still. “Woe” be on them that are at ease in Zion.

We are determined to stay in the old paths, and desire the prayers of all God’s people.

Yours for all the truth,

—Bro. and Sister Mart Samons
Junction City, Ky. 40440

TENT MEETING AT GREEN BANK, W. VA.

Bro. Mart Samons will hold a tent meeting, Lord willing, at Green Bank-Arbovale, W. Va., from June 8 to 17, 1973. Everyone is welcome. Especially we would like the saints to come from different places to help in the meeting. Pray that the Word of truth will find an entrance into honest, hungry hearts.

For further information, contact the undersigned.

—Tom and Shirley Carpenter
R. 1, Box 10A, Arbovale, W. Va. 24915

Foreign Field Reports

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (April 24)—Beloved Bro. Lawrence Pruitt, and all the believers in America:

Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosures were noted with overflowing gratitude. “Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God . . . Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.” (2 Cor. 9:11-15).

By God’s grace our work in all centers here is going on fine and prospering in the way of the Lord. One of our believers at Avoor church left this world and entered into eternal peace last week. . . . More Malayalam Bibles are being distributed. More tracts are being printed, also the book, “The Church of God,” for free distribution.

If the authorities hesitate to give me a visa for one year, I shall apply for a tourist visa for six months, which is easy to get. Thank you for your kind advice.

. . . Tomorrow, I wish to start to Trichur for a campmeeting there for four days. A few other believers also from Karikkom will follow me.

I continue to pray for the complete healing of your illness. Let us remember each other in prayer.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

(Editor’s note: We have advised Bro. Varghese to get the six month tourist’s visa and come on by plane at once, so he can be here for the campmeetings in various states. Pray that the way will be cleared for his prompt arrival.)

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast Nigeria (April 6)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: We greet all of you in the name of Emmanuel who came down from heaven to save us from Satan's possession.

With much thanks to God, we received your letter of March 5, together with the enclosures. We are particularly grateful for the large supply of tracts in our common dialect arriving in our office. These have arrived in good time to sow the mission field.

In the third week of April we will assemble at Nduo Eduo for campmeeting which will last four days (19 to 22). . . .

We are happy to report victory over Satan in this quarter's communion services held at Asana, Ukpom, Ikot Esen Akpantuen and Ikot Obio Inyang. At the latter mission station, Pastor A. J. Uboha administered the Lord's Supper to 476 souls. . . .

We still appeal for you or someone to visit us for a short time, or perhaps we can come there for counsel and fellowship.

We do pray for you and the work at large. Likewise, we desire your prayers.

Your co-workers, —B. E. Udoka and Nse Umanah

EASTER MEETING IN MEXICO

Patzcuaro, Baja Cfa., Mexico (April 28)—Dear ones, greetings in the name of our risen Saviour. He conquered death, hell and the grave for us. Praise His dear name!

The Lord gave us a good camp meeting during Easter week here at Patzcuaro. We feel that lasting good was accomplished and that it will count for eternity. Many came from outside the village, including gospel workers from La Mision, Ojos Negros, and Valle de la Trinidad. We had children's and adults' meetings in the mornings at ten o'clock, and then general services at two and six o'clock. We had very poor accommodations for sleeping and eating, but everyone worked together so well that I think no one really suffered. . . . The Lord wonderfully supplied food for the meeting.

The Lord blessed us with rich spiritual food. The messages were sent from heaven with love and power. Many came each time to hear the Word, but there was very little altar work. The Lord did His best to help them. For my part, it was precious and I felt the presence of the Lord. . . . Please continue to pray that the Word that has been sown will germinate and grow and bring forth a good harvest. We thank you for every gift and for all your prayers for this meeting.

Your Sister in Christ, —Edith Cole
P. O. Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

One morning in March, the Lord made me to know He desired me to go on the mission for Him that He had before showed me to make. It was impossible at the time to pick up all my people, and He showed me this was a good time to go. I left that very day. He so wonderfully blessed all the way. I marvelled at His presence and protection over 4,850 miles traveled alone, yet not alone, because He went with me every mile of the way. He permitted me to meet with nine congregations and several isolated saints, plus in between, many cousins and dear friends. I had met some

of these people in camp meetings, but had never visited the congregation itself, and it was a real joy to me, and brought a thankfulness to my heart to see such sweet manifestations of Christian love and hospitality along the way to one whom many had never met. How I thank the dear Lord for it all! Of course, I couldn't have gone if I had not been able to leave someone in charge of services here in Ojos Negros, but immediately on asking Bro. Juan if they could do it, he said they surely could, and did. Sometimes he came alone and stayed over from Sunday through Tuesday in order to have their Bible study on Tuesday, and other weeks he came in on Sunday and again on Tuesday. It is 55 miles from his place to here. I thank the Lord for supplying someone who is faithful to keep the work going in my absence.

We have just returned from a profitable meeting in Patzcuaro, Mexico, where Sister Edith Cole is working. Bro. Juan took most of the baggage, and three of his family besides himself, and 21 people rode in my pickup. The saints were much encouraged in the meeting.

It is bad weather here again, but we had a good meeting yesterday (April 29), most especially because of the presence of the Lord.

The Ojos Negros camp meeting will convene on July 10. Everyone is invited, and we will do our best to make you as comfortable as possible. Please notify me well in advance so that someone can meet you or I can give you specific directions on how to come.

May the Lord bless each and everyone of you who are carrying a burden for the work in Mexico. Please continue to pray for all of us as we labor to gain souls for Jesus.

Christian love, —Sister Opal Kelly
Apartado Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa., Mexico

LETTER FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle de la Trinidad, Mexico (May 2)—Bro. Pruitt and Sister Miles: Today, with joy in my heart, I give thanks to my God for the peace which He gives me day after day, and for His Holy Spirit which He has put in my heart.

Dear brethren, how grateful I am to have this communion with you, and for the great love of my God. I want to tell you that God has blessed me much in my heart and soul, and I am happy to be serving a God so good to humanity.

Here, all are well and continuing faithful to the Lord. We are all aware that only God is able to give us peace in our soul and eternal life. I know that many people joy in the pleasures of this world, but what they ignore is the fact that these pleasures are temporary. Those who know God have eternal joy because we are in the true God.

Yesterday, we were with the Kiliguas (a tribe of Indians), and found a brother sick with fever. God gave us a very rich message with the text from Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." The presence of God was so great with us and one brother wept much. They do not know how to read, and they understand very little Castillian (Spanish). I remember that the mother didn't understand the message, and Trini (that's the brother's name) interpreted for her, and before she died she asked me to baptize her.

I give thanks to my God for His love so great, and my brothers. I also give thanks to my God for all of you who have made it possible, with your prayers and

offerings, for the gospel to continue to be preached. . . . May my God bless you richly in your souls.

Pray for me that I would continue faithful to my God.

With prayers and the love of God, —Tomas Mendoza

James Huskey Family To Do Mission Work In Mexico

Dear saints scattered abroad: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus. In His name we have salvation, and a satisfying portion to our souls. Oh, that the world might learn about our Saviour and experience the blessings we find in Him!

Lord willing, we will be leaving Guthrie around the tenth of June to spend several weeks in southern Mexico. We feel God would have us take the truth to some there who have never heard it. We will need much prayer as there are always obstacles whenever the devil sees that some souls will be released from his bondage. We will also need prayer for health and strength, as the trip will be physically strenuous, but most of all, we need the Holy Spirit's wisdom and anointing.

On the 7th of July, we plan to leave southern Mexico for Baja, Calif. and be with the saints at the Ojos Negros camp meeting and spend some time with the brethren of different locations in that state.

Some have asked if we would be taking another tour as we did last year. For this reason, we are putting our summer plans in the paper, that those who are interested might make their plans accordingly. If you are interested, you may contact us here in Guthrie any time before June the tenth. After that date, write us in care of Irineo Rama, Apartado Postal No. 205, Uruapan, Michoacan, Mexico. We would be happy to have a group come down, and feel that everything could be arranged to that end. The time is short and we must redeem it, as souls are perishing without Christ. We plan to give out tracts, Bible portions, and Bibles, and have meetings wherever God directs. Pray for us.

—The Huskeys: James, Charlotte, and children

From The Mail Box . . .

Mo.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: This leaves us encouraged and pressing our way toward Heaven. Truly, this is a pressing way (Luke 16:16), and we must keep our eyes upon the goal, and let nothing of this old world lead us astray.

The Lord is blessing here in the congregation at Springfield. Souls are being saved. We had a wonderful day on Sunday, April 29. Bro. and Sister Leonard Roberts were with us in services.

We want all the saints to feel free to stop with us at any time. Our new address is 1808 W. Thoman, Springfield, Mo. 65803. Telephone 417-865-6907.

Pray for us, as we endeavor to do the Lord's will, and labor for Him.

Yours in Christ, —Murphy and Natalie Allen

S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence, and all the saints at the Print Shop: This leaves me still pressing on to make heaven. This salvation is the sweetest thing that I have ever tasted. It means so much to be a true saint of God.

I have read again the book, "God's Gracious Dealings." It is a book that every Christian should read.

It did fill my heart with joy. As I read it, I thought of Bro. Fred Pruitt. While he was living, he meant so much to me. He wrote me many encouraging letters. He surely is missed by all the saints that knew him. I am running so some day I'll be where he is. I am glad that you and Sister Marie [and other workers] keep the work going on. Praise the Lord!

I am here in Orangeburg, as one of the saints trying to get the pure gospel out to the lost by means of the printed page. Pray much for me, that I will stand true to God until Jesus returns for His chosen ones. I am sending a little offering to help in the work.

—Eddie Driggers

Okla.—Dear precious saints at the Print Shop, greetings in the name of our dear Lord who gave His life for our sins so we could be saved. Praise His holy name for ever! He has been so good to me. He has blessed me with a long life. I was 87 last year, August 22, 1972.

Dear ones, pray for my eyes. I can't see very clear some times.

I am sending some money to pay for the "Faith and Victory" paper, and use the rest where you want to.

—Susie (Hiebert) Berg

Arkansas—Dear Sister Marie, and all at the Print Shop: Greetings of Christian love to you and the saints everywhere. I am still going on with Jesus, my blessed Lord and Master of my life. He has sent again a message to the professed church world, a warning message to repent or perish by the visitation of His wrath soon to come. This message is to the church world which claims to be of God and is not, but is ruled by man. Please pray for me.

You will please find enclosed . . . to be used wherever most needed. May the Lord bless all of you and His work.

Yours in Christ, —Cherry R. Alba

Penn.—Dear Sister Marie and all saints everywhere, greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—the One who bore our sins on the cross, died in shame and suffered that we might go free from sin. Oh, how I do love Him for doing that for me, and now He is interceding at the right hand of God! Praise His name!

I felt a twinge in my heart when I saw that Sister Marie hadn't written the letter to me, but I know she isn't well, and I do pray for God to give her strength each day. I have met her, that is why I write to her each time. She was here one time to meet my dear mother, Dona Campbell, with Sister Alberta Cook, and Sister Tinsley. It has been years ago. It was so wonderful to meet the daughter of dear Bro. Fred Pruitt. When we went through our mother's belongings after her passing, we found a picture of dear Bro. and Sister Fred Pruitt. I have it in my possession and shall treasure it all my life.

This is part of the money left us in her savings, so we want to help in your missionary work. I read where the saints in Nigeria and India thank you for the offerings, so please use this to send to them to help in their great work among those who don't know Jesus.

I am praying for the healing of Bro. Lawrence Pruitt. I know God is able, and as Job was tried and came forth as pure gold, so can he. So we will hold on to God, fast and pray. . . .

Please pray for my unsaved loved ones. My son has been here with his four children. They seemed so eager to hear the Bible stories. I read to them out of the "Beautiful Way" papers, and sang songs with them.

Your Sister in His service, —Mrs. Clifford Cox

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Miss.—Dear Bro. and Sister L. D. Pruitt and Sister Marie: I am sending a small offering to be used where it is needed the most. I trust the dear Lord that Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence are much improved. They are such dear saints. The Lord needs more of that kind to work for Him.

Please remember me in prayer. My eyes are weak. I cannot see too well. Pray also for my unsaved loved ones. I want to see them all saved.

I wish you all the good blessings of the Lord.

—Sister Bessie Downs

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New Mexico—Dear ones at the Lord's Print Shop, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I do pray all is well with every one this beautiful morning, for which I am very thankful.

I do appreciate the little "Faith and Victory" paper which I have read for so long, ever since Mother Doolittle took it long ago. It is so helpful and encouraging. I don't ever want to be without it.

Thank you so much for all the good and encouraging letters you write, also the tracts. I am sending something to help where needed, also for the mission-ary funds.

Thanks very much for your prayers for my husband. He is improving. He still isn't home. Continue to remember him in prayer.

May the good Lord bless and help you each one, especially Sister Marie and Brother Lawrence.

Christian love, —Sister Ruth Doolittle

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all, greetings in Jesus' dear name: As you may know, I am in the Senior Citizen's Home here at Pacoima, just growing older and weaker as time goes by.

I love to read the "Faith and Victory" paper. Here is an offering for you to use as you think best.

Love to all my Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
—Guy Littrell

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Ohio—Bro. and Sister Lawrence Pruitt, greetings of love in Jesus' precious name: I am having my son write these few lines for me as I am not able to write at this time.

I surely thank the Lord for His wonderful salvation, which delivers us from all sin. Praise His name! May the great God of Heaven bless you and the workers there as you labor to send the truth to a lost and dying world.

Bro. Lawrence, we are praying for your healing, so be encouraged as the Lord knows you are doing a good work for His cause.

I was living with my grandson and his wife, John and Della Neff, but as they have sickness in their home, I have moved, and now I live with James and Dorothy Neff. He also is my grandson, and they are both saved. My new address is 2142 Needmore Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45414. I live not far from Bro. and Sister Wm. McCoy. Remember me in your prayers as I am very weak at times and very short of breath.

With Christian love, —Sister Maudie Sharp

Jamaica, B. W. Indies—Brethren: Please allow me to say thank you again for all your kindness toward me here in Jamaica. You have kept me supplied with tracts and good literature, and it has been a blessing not only to me, but also to hundreds of others. Only God knows the good results.

I have already informed you of my leaving the Island, but God has not told me my next assignment, so for a while at least, I will be staying with one of my sisters in Atlanta.

Now, sir, I am reluctant to beg again, but I saw in your paper an article titled, "Did Jesus Wear Long Hair?" Will you please send me as many as 500? I want to distribute some here, and take the most of them back to the U. S. to give out to those long-haired individuals who say Jesus was the first hippie. Brother, to me, that is almost blasphemy, saying Jesus was a hippie. I have never believed that Jesus had long hair because the Bible plainly says that "it is a shame for a man to have long hair."

Thank you for everything, and may God bless you in your publishing ministry.

Yours in Christ,

—John B. Rollins

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La.—Dear Brother Lawrence and workers: Just a note to say that my nerves are much better, but my eyes are no better.

With Christian love,

—J. M. Mitchell

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Conn.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I enjoy so very much the "Faith and Victory." It may be small, but its works are very big. The works accomplished by the printed pages are so far-reaching. We certainly thank God for the saints who continue to publish it and make it available to all. In these "last days" we appreciate everyone there who helps make this possible. Our prayers are for all of you.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Barbara E. Stalker

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the blessed name of Jesus: Yes, we worship Him in the beauty of holiness. I trust you and Bro. Lawrence are much better in health now. God is still on His throne. He still heals and cares for His own. Thank the Lord for His Word and Spirit that never change. . . .

We had a good all-day meeting at Myrtle, Mo. last Sunday. It was rainy, but a large crowd was there, as well as several ministers. I was so thankful to be there once more.

Six years ago this Mother's day my dear husband was here with me. Bro. and Sister Albert Eck brought us home from meeting at Grubbs, Ark., but it is so different now. . . .

Enclosed is an offering to use in the way that you see best.

I am 85 years old now—still read, write and sew with the natural eyes that God gave me. All I am or hope to be is for the Lord. Let's keep humble, willing and obedient, and He will do the rest.

Trustingly,

—Sister N. E. Adams

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Okla.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus our Lord: We are thankful to God for all the mercies He shows us by day and night, and we are determined to press on up the way loving Him more and more, and seeking to know and do all His will.

It was three years ago the 23rd of April that I left Illinois and came to the Golden Rule Home. It has been

a new and strange chapter in my life. "Learning of my Savior precious lessons every hour; how the soul which He has ransomed may be kept by mighty power." That song is my testimony. I do regret that I do not have the health and strength to labor more in this work. I find it more difficult every day to keep going, but rejoice that I can do my own work and also be in charge of the daily worship hours twice a day and attend all the chapel services. That is a real blessing to my soul.

Sister Marie, we are glad God heard and answered prayer and brought you safely home again. Surely we do remember Bro. Lawrence and others there and long to see God move down in power to heal. We have some critical cases here, too. . . . Bro. Charles Smith was so bad today with his heart that he could not use his arm, but he seldom stops.

I do appreciate the "Faith and Victory" paper. . . . I have read Bro. Fred Pruitt's books through many times, and all the other good books.

God is revealing the nearness of His coming to me as well as to others. . . .

I pray God's richest blessings on all of you and the work of God there and elsewhere.

In His love, —Sister Ada Scanlan

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Miss.—To the "Faith and Victory" saints: greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I still love your publication and pray for you daily.

The days are passing so quickly into years. My birthdays have been many (83). The Lord has done so much for me I can never praise Him enough. I eagerly look forward to seeing His face, and praising Him in eternity. What happy thoughts—that for 62 years He has been everything to me. I mean, by His help and grace, to trust Him to the end of my days here. I am standing on His promises and not one word has failed. "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh, is there anything too hard for me?" No, thank you, Lord!

Please pray for my sister and me. She is 85, and not too well. She, too, is leaning on His everlasting arms. We are the last of a large family. The rest have gone on before, but we trust to meet them in the glory World.

In His love, —Cressie Hudson

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie: I would like to write my testimony and thank God for His wonder-working power. I am saved, sanctified and satisfied in the Lord.

In April, my daughter came home from college with a kidney ailment. She had no elimination in five days, and was very sick. Her sponsor at school wanted to take her to a hospital for surgery. I talked with her about being anointed and prayed for. She agreed. I wanted her to try my Doctor, One who had never lost a case. She received partial relief, so we kept praying and telling the Lord that whether she received complete relief while she was here or not, we were still going to trust in Him. She left, but when she got to Durant, Okla., where she goes to school, she received abundant relief. She called back, thanking God for relief. Praise the dear Lord for His wonder-working power.

I asked God that if I had any part in His Kingdom, to please heal this child, and when I received the call, I shouted for joy, and this precious song, "I Am His

Child," came to me. It surely did encourage my heart. Let's fight on in the mighty name of Jesus who is our blessed Redeemer.

Pray for my husband. He has been quite ill with a virus and shortness of breath. Our trust is fully in God. Husband has been disabled for seven years. God has supplied our needs and keeps us encouraged.

Your Sister in the Faith, —Sister Theresa Wright

Ark.—Dear saints: I am glad to say I am still in the fight and I am pressing on. I am surely thankful to the Lord for everything He has done for me. I want to thank all the saints for their prayers in my behalf. I thank the Lord for the truth, and ask Him every day to help me grow spiritually.

I had a nervous breakdown which was caused from accusations, shortly after I was saved last August. My family and I stayed in the home of Bro. and Sister Albert Eck for about three months. During this time, all the saints at Myrtle, Mo., surely were good to me. Bro. and Sister Eck were patient and held me up before the Lord many times. I know there were saints praying for me that I didn't know, but I want all of you to know that I appreciate your prayers very much.

I still desire your prayers that I might be brought out completely from under the accusations of the devil. I'm so thankful for how far the Lord has brought me. I have been working for about three months now. The Lord surely deserves all the praise.

Christian love, —Clarence Bennings

Calif.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I send praise to our Heavenly Father for the provisions in His Word that He has made for us all.

I would like to tell what God has done in my life since I returned my life to Him two years ago. He first broke the power of the devil in my behalf. It seemed I was unable to stay saved. God knew my desire was to be saved, so He told me to have the ministers lay hands on me and rebuke the devil. I've been happy and saved ever since. . . .

On April 15, I had been in service all day. Our Los Angeles meeting was in progress, and I had gone home and to bed because I was feeling a little tired. About 2:00 a. m. I started having a very bad pain on my right side. The pain was so bad that I had got down on my knees. I called some of the saints to pray for me. I could feel the pain leaving my body. Two weeks before, I had made an appointment for a check-up and I went on the 17th. The doctor told me I had a large sack about the size of an egg, and that I needed to go into the hospital right then because it could either rupture or be malignant, and in any case it may cost me my life if I didn't take prompt action. They filled out papers right then, so the hospital wouldn't make me wait. I was in such pain by then that I had to get strength from the Lord even to walk out of there. After getting home and calling my mother, she asked me what I was going to do. I told her there was only one thing I would do, and that was to trust the Lord. He gave me such peace in my soul that when people would call and ask me how I was, I couldn't help but say, "Fine." I felt so good in my soul that my body seemed to belong to someone else.

The saints were praying for me and I was examining my life and felt sure the Lord was going to heal me. I thank the Lord for that peace (Phil. 4:7) that passeth all understanding.

On April 20, I was anointed with oil like the Bible says in James 5:14, 15. I got out of the bed and began resisting the devil. Every pain and symptom is gone in Jesus' powerful name.

The Lord expects us to trust in Him. If we truly believe that God is our Father and Jesus our Brother, there is nothing that He would withhold, that is for our good.

Please pray for me that I will always be in the center of God's will.

Love in Christ,

—Linda Tolliver

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Oklahoma.—To my Sisters and Brothers in the dear Lord, greetings to you, one and all: May God's richest blessings dwell with you today.

I am happy to say I still have victory in my soul. It seemed the winter was long and dark, rainy or snowy days, but I kept courage. It seemed at times pain would also make the days dark, as well as the night, but the dear Lord always came when things seemed so dark, and I would get renewed courage.

The first of March, the Lord sent Sis. Ruth Murphey my way and she and I visited the sick and did what we could to cheer them along the way. I went home with her and it did give me a boost until spring time.

While visiting one dear girl, who had been so sick all winter and left partly paralyzed, I had great compassion on her. She had a family and had to try her best to do for them. It seemed that if I could only get a clothes dryer for her, it would be a blessing, as it was so hard for her to get about and do her laundry, but it was something that had to be done with five children in school. . . . I mentioned in Kansas how I desired to see her have a dryer, so when I started to leave, a Sister in the Lord gave me five dollars on it. I wondered how I could buy a dryer with that as a starter, so while I visited in Missouri I pondered how to do. I felt sure that God was in it, but what steps for me to make I didn't know, so I just trusted God alone. When I got home, I had a letter with \$5.00 in it, and two days later another five dollars came through the mail. I said, "Lord, what is this? Did I ask you for money and forgot what it was for?" It seemed a still small voice said, "No, you didn't ask for money. You desired to help our little Sister, so here it is," and I just had to take a little cry. God blessed my soul. I said, "Yes, Lord, it is all hers and all I have is yours." So, praise the Lord, the dryer is in use and God is taking care of it right along. I'm so happy to tell you that God is faithful to us if we only trust Him.

I have been so sorry that I can't do for the Lord as I used to. It has been a disappointment to lose my ability to be active in God's cause, but I'm happy to do one of His least jobs. I desire to have the faith as the grain of mustard seed.

Do pray for me. I mean to make heaven at any cost.

—Sister Sam Barton

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Tenn.—Dear Sister Marie, and all the saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name. It was so good to get your letter. Since I wrote you, I had a very severe pain in my chest and through to my shoulder. I suffered pretty bad for five days. I just kept praying, and the Lord touched my body and healed me. I truly praise the Lord for healing me. He is wonderful! I haven't had any more pain.

I pray daily for all of you. I appreciate your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mary Williamson

Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We are so thankful to God for His great love for us. We love Him and want to do His will at all times.

Recently, I had trouble with varicose veins and called the saints at Jefferson, Oregon, for prayer, and about one half hour after I made the call, the Lord took away the pain, and I have improved steadily. I'm holding on for the Lord to shrink these veins to the size they should be. I am trusting the Lord completely for a complete healing.

I am remembering the needs there in prayer, and surely do appreciate your labors of love, including the "Faith and Victory" paper. May God bless everyone.

Your continued prayers for me will be appreciated.

Love in Christ,

—Sister Violet Thomas

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Will There Be a Millennial Reign?

To answer this question, I shall quote scriptures principally from the New Testament—Christ's own words and the words of those whom He inspired to write the New Testament. These scriptures completely explode all the fanciful ideas which millennial teachers have built around the Old Testament prophecy and some of the New Testament prophecies. These teachers tell us that Christ will come and quietly, silently, steal away His Bride, the Church. This is what they term as the rapture; and after a period of time (seven years, I believe they say) Christ is coming back with His Bride, the Church, and set up His Kingdom here, and reign on earth a thousand years.

For their rapture theory they use the last few verses of the 4th chapter of 1 Thessalonians. Verse 14: "Even so they also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." (See Enoch's prophecy, Jude 14, 15.) These two prophecies correspond exactly; not coming to steal away His Bride, but with ten thousand of His saints to execute judgment on this ungodly world. Verse 15: "We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep." Verse 16: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God." That does not sound to me as if it is going to be a quiet coming—"and the dead in Christ shall rise first"; that is, before we are caught up with Him.

I say emphatically that Paul was not dealing with the subject of the general resurrection here, he was merely comforting the saints with facts concerning their eternal reward as it is clearly seen in the last verse of this chapter.

Turn to 1 Cor. 15:50-52, and read. This is the very same incident related to the Corinthian brethren. "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." (The body returns to the dust from whence it came and the spirit returns to God who gave it—Eccl. 12:7.) "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the

twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Now, we all agree that the trump of God will raise the dead; then if only the righteous dead are raised at the last trump, how can the wicked dead ever be raised? How can there be any more after the last trump?

If the millennial teachers are right, then Paul must have gotten his scriptures badly mixed. If the wicked dead are resurrected a thousand years after the righteous, then another trump of God will have to sound a thousand years after the last trump.

Now turn to John 5:28, 29. Jesus said: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which [or at the same time] ALL that are in the graves shall hear his voice, [the trump of God] and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Does this sound like there will be a thousand years between the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked? Now read John 11:23, 24. "Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

John 6:39, 40, 44, and 54. All four verses are spoken from the lips of our Saviour, and He plainly declares that He will raise, or resurrect, His people at the last day. In John 12:48 Jesus says: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Will the wicked be judged a thousand years before they are resurrected? Matt. 25:31, 32—"Then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Both the good and the bad will be there on the last day or at the close of the last day.

Rev. 20:11—"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven [the starry canopy over the earth] fled away: and there was found no place for them." Now if Jesus has not misinformed us, and all this actually takes place at the last day—the heaven and earth fled away and no place was found for them—how can there be a thousand years' reign on earth after it has passed away? Read Matthew 24:35.

2 Peter 3:10, 13 corresponds exactly with Rev. 20:11. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in the which [that same time] the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Nevertheless, we according to his promise look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness"; not this old earth, but a new one. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Let us be sure that we have the truth.

Rev. 20:6—"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second

death hath no power." The last verse of chapter 20 says: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." These two scriptures show plainly that the first resurrection is the resurrection of a dead soul when it is quickened to life by the power of the gospel of Christ and the name is recorded in heaven. In John 5:24, 25, Jesus says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you; He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live." Ephesians 2:1—"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." These scriptures and others plainly teach the first resurrection, and Romans 8:11 shows the second resurrection. "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." The quickening [or making alive spiritually] and the resurrection of the body plainly show the first and second resurrections.

Concerning Christ's kingdom, the scriptures plainly declare it to be a spiritual and not a temporal kingdom, which is clearly shown in the following quotations from the New Testament. The New Testament also clearly teaches that Christ's kingdom was established here on earth when Jesus came more than 1900 years ago, and that all who will get into His kingdom must get in before Christ comes the second time.

Mark 1:14, 15—"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel." Luke 16:16—"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Jesus answered those who asked Him when the kingdom of God should come: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:20, 21). In John 18:36, Jesus answered: "My kingdom is not of this world." This shows clearly that it is a spiritual and not a temporal kingdom. Col. 1:12, 13—"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Also read Rom. 14:17.

Now, my dear millennium teachers, how in the name of honesty, can you read these plain statements in the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, set forth so clearly, and still argue that Christ will set up His kingdom here on this earth and reign here a thousand years?

In accordance with the inspired Word of God, there is no time, place, or need of a thousand years of the so-called millennial reign.

In conclusion, I want to quote one scripture from the Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17—"For, behold, I create [not refine with fire as millennium teachers teach] new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Now, compare this prophecy with one in Rev. 21:1, and you shall see that they correspond exactly. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: [not this old one refined by fire] for the first heaven and first earth were passed away." God's Holy Word says: "For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed."

Dear readers, beware of false teachings! "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15. —Geo. W. Stephenson

(Editor's note: I am informed that there is a reward of \$16,000.00 offered to any one who will produce one Bible text in plain, unmistakable language that Jesus Christ at His second coming will rule or reign over an earthly kingdom for one thousand years. This offer and challenge has been made to Billy Graham and other popular preachers, but they have not come forward with one text. If anyone wants to try for this reward, I will get you in contact with the sponsors.)

Love Not The World

In 1 John 2:15-17 we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

There is so much meaning in the above scriptures, but let us notice the one little word, "lust": the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes. Oh, how much this takes in! I am not thinking just now of lusting after that which is so bad in the moral sense, but rather the effect of lusting. The apostle Paul said in Romans 7:7, "I had not known lust, except the Law had said, Thou shalt not covet." We note in Galatians 5:19 that adultery is listed along with idolatry and other things as the works of the flesh, of which it says that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. I feel certain there are those who would say at once that adultery would bar one out of the kingdom of God, and I would not say differently, but Jesus said unto a woman who was caught in the very act, "Go, and sin no more." Yet it was said of a rich young ruler that he went away sorrowful because he had great possessions.

In Deut. 5:21 we read that they were not to covet their neighbor's wife, or their house, servants, or any thing which was their neighbor's possession. But Jesus teaches by word and deed not to covet anything that is in the world, whether it is thy

neighbor's or not. I believe Jesus would have us come to a place where we could be so thankful for the love of God and His Gift to us that we would see little that is in the world, so to speak. Read 2 Cor. 5:18. When Jesus looked out upon the ripe wheat, could you ever think He wished that He had it all in a large barn somewhere? Oh, no, He saw it as souls of men to whom God's love was so much needed to be made known. Jesus said of His disciples, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world."

Surely, this should cause us to think, Do we love the world in that we forget about those who are in need? Jesus did not. Do we enjoy a large meal or feast with no thought of those who are hungry over the world and have not the gospel preached to them? Jesus said that the poor are blessed for they shall have the gospel preached unto them.

I do not want to be misunderstood. I am not at all against receiving with thanksgiving the material blessings of life along with the spiritual blessings. But we should seek first the kingdom of God, and then we won't need to seek the other, for it will be added, so says God's Word. I am fully convinced that the man who said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content," was truly a partaker of divine wisdom from God.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but He says to us, "Son, give me thine heart," and for this, God paid a great price.

—Austin McMillian

SATAN'S FAVORITE YARN

No doubt, one of the most terrifying weapons Satan can use against a person is the accusation, "You have committed the unpardonable sin." He doesn't need any big thing upon which to base his accusation. You may pray to God every day, but if you feel you aren't doing as well about it as you should, Satan can use it against you, and may persuade you that God has abandoned you. Then he tells you that God's good promises in the Bible are no longer for you.

I'm writing this from my own experience. It was many years ago that I awakened suddenly in the night, badly frightened, with the thought impressed on my mind that I had committed the unpardonable sin. No, I hadn't backslidden. I must have been too frightened at the time to question or reject the thought. For days it caused me a lot of worry, but finally, after several weeks, the worrisome fear began to leave me, and at last I knew that God had not left me. What a wonderful thing to know!

Certainly, that's not to say one may be careless toward God, but rather to beware of accepting such a false impression.

—Fae Jessup

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