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### *What Faith Does*



Faith does not dwell in fancy's dream,  
Nor in the gloomy maze;  
Faith lives beside the flowing stream,  
Where only victors graze.

Faith gropes not in secluded night,  
In doubtful regions wild;  
"Faith is the victory, lost in sight,"  
Sings God's obedient child.

Faith mounts the hills of trouble here,  
And soars above the clouds;  
Faith drives away each slavish fear,  
And lifts the mourner's shroud.

Faith sweeps the barricades of wrong,  
Bombards them left and right;  
Faith is the victor's conquering song,  
Amid the hottest fight.

Faith brings triumphant through the fire  
The soul that will abide;  
Faith warms our soul with good desire,  
Though we be greatly tried.

Faith ploughs the tossing sea of life,  
And strikes the other shore;  
Faith walks amid the raging strife,  
Now, as in days of yore.

Faith raises valleys, lowers hills,  
Faith spans the chasm wide;  
Faith makes a way where none is seen,  
And crosses o'er the tide.

Faith climbs the peak and reaches God,  
Above the stormy sky;  
Faith sees the sunny side of life,  
And wings the soul on high.

—B. E. Warren

### *The Gifts of Healing*

Sometime after the Lord began to manifest his power through me in the healing of the sick by the laying on of hands, or praying the prayer of faith for those who were absent, aside from my office duties as opportunity presented itself, I led cottage prayer-meetings, gave exhortations and explanation of scriptures in public assemblies, taught Bible classes, and in August, 1892, I was ordained to the ministry.

Although I had heard different ministers mention divine healing while preaching, and witnessed the healing of the sick in answer to their prayers, the first entire sermon on the subject that I ever heard was one delivered by myself. Since that time I have heard many ministers preach some wonderful sermons on divine healing. In the year 1895 the church seemed to take a forward move in that direction, although it was not without considerable opposition by the enemy, from various sources.

During the campmeeting at Grand Junction, Michigan, that year, there were an unusual number of healings. Aside from the great number of others who were healed, there were five men and women who were at the point of death who were instantly healed in answer to prayer. Brother Swinburne, Denver, Colo., was one of the number. He had blood poison. Another had acute indigestion. One had been kicked by a horse and nearly killed. I do not remember the nature of the afflictions of the other two.

As the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, tested Elijah when he was fleeing from King Ahab, and the apostles many times in the midst of their successes and failures, in like manner he was present to defeat us if possible.

One day, in the midst of a powerful healing service, when many were being healed, suddenly two little blind girls were seated before us. They were apparently about six years of age and had been born blind. Why our faith should waver at that time we did not know, but it did. The faith of everyone who was laying on hands and praying for the sick suddenly dropped. My faith fell

**Attend National Campmeeting, July 23 to Aug. 1, Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.**

as flat as any of them. The girls received no help. It was a few minutes before we could pray the prayer of faith for anyone else. Soon we had to vacate the place for another service. We felt beaten, and I imagine that we felt much like the disciples felt when they made an apparent failure. (Mark 9:18, 28).

There was a longing desire in my heart to go somewhere alone with God to learn the cause of this failure. For sometime other responsibilities occupied my time, but as soon as the night service began I went out into the grove back of the auditorium and there lay upon my face in the grass and began in deepest earnest to inquire of the Lord concerning the matter. It seemed that the Lord spoke to me with a deep impression which formed itself into words and said, "That would be a miracle. Who in the Church of God claims the gift of miracles?" He did not ask who had the gift of miracles. I said, "Lord, I do not know of anyone who claims that gift." Then he made me to understand that he desired someone to move out by faith in regard to such things and others in the church would become emboldened to follow in like manner. I arose to my feet and felt deeply impressed to find Bro. D. S. Warner and tell him about the matter. He was not in the auditorium, so I went to his home near by and was glad to find him alone. After telling him my experience, he said, "Brother Byrum, this is of God. He wants His church to advance on these lines, and no doubt desires you to put in for that gift." I told him that if there was any honor to it I should prefer that some of my brethren have it. After some further conversation we knelt in prayer. I prayed aloud, then Brother Warner began to pray, and while he was praying I silently asked the Lord if he desired me to have the gift, that he impress Brother Warner to lay hands on me for that purpose. No sooner had I silently spoken the words than Brother Warner stopped in the midst of his prayer, and said, "Brother Byrum, the Lord impressed me to lay hands upon you for that gift." As he did so, I felt an inward consciousness of the approval of the Lord, but no unusual outpouring of his Spirit. But it seemed that my faith had quietly laid hold upon the promises of God with an unusual authority and firmness.

Later, I learned that arrangements had been made to have a meeting for those who were interested in making spiritual advancement and obtaining the gifts of the Spirit. At this meeting I felt impressed to make a few comments on the latter part of the sixteenth chapter of Mark, but had no intention of saying anything about my experience of the night before. However, while in the midst of a sentence, in the explanation of a scripture, I could say nothing more until I consented to give my experience. When I did so, some ministers, with tears, said, "Amen." And as the power and presence of God rested upon us, five ministers claimed to receive a special anointing of power for the exercise of those gifts. But one minister who was not in a very good spiritual condition afterward remarked that he would rather see a few miracles wrought than to hear us tell about having received the gift.

Two days later, in company with Bro. J. W. Daugherty we were to start on a Western trip for four months and attend a number of campmeetings in the Western States. We were nearly a week on our way, as our route took us through Canada to Seattle, then to

Colfax in the eastern part of the State of Washington, near which place our first meeting was held.

Never before had I fought such a desperate spiritual battle with constant accusations. We had a tourist coach with a small private kitchen at one end and a small room at the opposite side of the aisle. For the first three days, there were but few passengers in our coach and Brother Daugherty and I spent most of our time in those two little rooms in earnest prayer. Finally, we felt that we had gained the victory.

Upon our arrival at the campground one afternoon, services had just closed, and the people came from the tabernacle to meet us. Bro. J. W. Byers was in the lead and said, "We are just waiting for you brethren. We have heard what you claimed in the East, and of the great manifestations of the power of God there, and we have just been awaiting your arrival. God is working in our midst, but here are some pretty hard cases that are not healed yet."

As we lifted our eyes, before us were the blind, the deaf, the dumb, the lame, the paralyzed, the devil-possessed, and those having various other afflictions, awaiting with great expectancy. I silently breathed a prayer and said, "O Lord, will my faith take in the situation?" Never did I realize a more utter dependence upon God, nor felt my weakness to a greater extent; yet God uplifted me by His Spirit and encouraged my heart. Those around me knew nothing about the struggles through which I was passing while we were rejoicing together.

As soon as the first service was over and we could get away from the crowds, we went to an adjoining hill, and there in the tall barley threw ourselves upon our faces. For two hours I prayed God to help and to show me positively regarding these things and to let me know if he had really given me this gift. It seemed all the answer that I could get was: "What is the use of continually asking the Lord for something you have already obtained?" I arose and went to the campground.

After the next service I went alone before God. But this time I had no spirit of prayer. For about an hour I tried to pray and call upon the Lord for special help and a more positive knowledge; but it seemed the Lord did not care to hear my continuous asking, but seemed only to bring to my mind how unnecessary it was to keep calling upon Him for the thing I already had.

Not feeling thoroughly satisfied I went out the third time, but this time I had not gone far when my anxiety to have the matter settled was so great that I could wait no longer. I dropped upon my knees, intending to call mightily upon God for the needed help. But the only words that I could speak were, "O Lord, I praise Thee for what Thou hast given me." My soul was filled with the power and glory of God and only those words escaped my lips. Finally I arose and said, "Lord, now make manifest Thy power to Thy servant." Soon a man came along who had come to the meeting fully expecting to be healed. He said that he had been totally deaf in one ear for twenty-three years and that the doctor had probed his ear and said the ear-drum was destroyed. Seeing that the man had faith for healing, he was told to come to the tent and the Lord would heal him. As hands were laid upon him and prayer offered in his behalf, he immediately threw up his hands and said,

"I can hear as well out of that ear as I can out of the other one." A brother who witnessed this healing said, "Brethren, we are living in the days of apostolic power. We have a boy here on the grounds who has been walking on crutches, and we do not feel that it is to the glory of God for him to continue in that way. We desire that you come and pray for him." When prayer was offered, the boy threw down his crutches and was instantly healed, insomuch that he walked away naturally as if he had never been lame. There was also a woman who was paralyzed on one side for twelve years, during which time she was totally blind in one eye and deaf in one ear. She was completely healed.

There was much praying in camp—and the healing of the sick was one of the prominent features of the meeting during the next ten days. Nearly all those difficult cases were delivered and healed by the power of God.

At every campmeeting along the way there were some real miracles wrought, aside from the more common healing of sickness of various kinds. At a meeting in Oklahoma, one day among the many who received help was a man delivered from evil spirits, which was followed by the healing of a man who had been blind in one eye for thirty-nine years and a man who had been deaf in one ear for thirteen years.

In many ways the enemy tried to defeat me and prevent my writing on the subject of divine healing or putting it into practice during the years following. After so many healings had followed my ministry, he then suggested that it would be better for me to keep humble and not publish them, but just let the Lord take care of that part of it and advertise His own work. At first it seemed plausible, but when I found it was only a suggestion of the devil, I concluded that if I were not humble enough to publish the healings for the encouragement of others, it would not be a mark of humility to refrain from publishing them. When I did publish them, it was a great encouragement to those who were sick and afflicted, also to the ministry.

Since those days, I have witnessed the healing of many thousands of people with various kinds of sickness and diseases. Some were healed instantly and others gradually recovered. On the other hand, I have seen many apply for healing who were not healed, because of a lack of faith, or a lack of meeting the conditions in order to get healed. With some, it may be a lack of knowledge of the teaching of the Word of God on the subject, or a lack of prayer, or exercise of faith. It may be a failure to walk in the light that the Lord has given. Jealousy, hatred, or sin of some kind may be the hindering cause with some; while with others they need only the aid of someone else to enable them to receive the healing touch by faith.

Jesus only healed one man among the many afflicted people at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:2-14), as the others did not appeal to Him for help. He would not heal the deaf and dumb boy, (Mark 9:14-27) until the father of the boy did his part by believing. At another time, because of the unbelief of the people, He could heal only a few sick folk (Mark 6:5, 6); while at other times, He healed all who came to Him.

I am convinced that many ministers and others would be more powerful in the hands of the Lord in heal-

ing the sick were they to spend as much time seeking help and wisdom from Him as they spend arguing some point tending to the contrary in order to defend and cover their own weaknesses. —E. E. Byrum

## Redemption Twofold

The Scriptures clearly prove the incompleteness of the justified state. Jesus, praying to His Father, said of His disciples, "Keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me," "I kept them in thy name:" "I have given them thy word"; "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:11-16) Surely, there can be no doubt that men of whom all this could be truly said, were justified. Yet Jesus acknowledges the incompleteness of their experience in the words of the seventeenth verse of the same chapter: "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." Again, in the nineteenth verse He says, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

The first Christian experience of the Samaritans was incomplete. They "with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake." (Acts 8:6). "When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:12). Yet in the following words the incompleteness of their justified state is acknowledged: "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." (Acts 8:14-17). This infilling or reception, of the Holy Spirit and the purification of heart are simultaneous experiences. In the following words Peter speaks of them as such: "God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." (Acts 15:8,9).

Paul, writing to the Thessalonians, admits a partial but incomplete experience when he says, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly." These people were evidently sanctified in part, that is, justified; but Paul wished them to be wholly, or entirely, sanctified. The experience of sanctification, using the word "sanctification" in its broadest sense, begins with justification and reaches its completeness in entire sanctification.

The two negative conditions of the unregenerate heart are native depravity and acquired guilt. These are the double needs of man and constitute the basis of the double cure. Justification removes guilt, but does not accomplish entire sanctification, or complete redemption.

—From "The Double Cure" by D. O. Teasley

They who would live a perfect life must set the life of Christ before them as portrayed by the Holy Scriptures. —C. E. Orr

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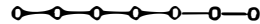
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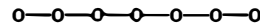
## EDITORIALS



**GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS** on the arrival of this summer season: We hope that many of you will be privileged to attend at least some of the campmeetings and evangelistic tent meetings that will be held at various places across the country.



It is God's will that every person should hear and believe the gospel—the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who paid the redemptive price for every soul. Let us be "workers together" with God and His people in this special summer effort to reach many more precious souls with the gospel message by personal witnessing and passing out gospel literature.



According to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. This omission of one issue will relieve the workload somewhat in the month of July, and allow our faithful co-workers some time off, if they so desire, during July to attend a campmeeting or two, or do whatever the Lord may direct. Since the demand for gospel literature has increased so much, it seems very necessary to keep the presses running through the summer, if possible. When one gets a God-given vision of the value of one soul, no sacrifice is too great to help rescue the perishing. Lord willing, some of us will be working here at the office all through the summer.



The 42nd annual Oklahoma State campmeeting, held here at Guthrie from May 28 to June 6, was especially blessed of the Lord by His presence and convicting power. The largest attendance ever on these grounds was from many states. A number of out-of-state and in-state ministers were mightily used to preach the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Conviction came down time after time. A great many souls responded to the gospel invitations, and found the abounding joy and peace of sins forgiven. There was much rejoicing of the saints here and in heaven above. Believers consecrated their lives unreservedly, and were cleansed by the blood of Christ from the depraved Adamic nature and filled by the Holy Spirit in a second work of grace. On the last Sunday a number of converts followed Jesus' example and command of water baptism. On the previous day the other New Testament ordinances of the Lord's House—feet-washing and the Lord's Supper—were observed. These were very solemn and inspiring services.

Bro. Titus Enu, native pastor in Nigeria, West Africa, who arrived in Guthrie on May 23rd, certainly enjoyed these services and the fellowship of the saints. His messages, especially on the line of active faith, were very inspiring, though his fast, Oxford English speech was not fully understood by all. No doubt, the communications will improve by his further association with our English accent.

**Itinerary for Bro. Enu this Summer . . . .**

Besides the Guthrie campmeeting, Bro. Titus Enu preached at the Church of God congregations in Sapulpa, Oklahoma City, Guthrie, and at the first weekend of the Tulsa, Okla., campmeeting before leaving on June 15th with Bro. Tom Melot to attend part of the campmeeting at Jefferson, Ore., and at Oakland, Calif. Lord willing, Bro. Enu will attend the other campmeetings in this order: Hammond, La., Akron, Ohio, Muncie, Ind., National Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., Myrtle, Mo., Bakersfield, Calif., Boley, Okla., and Pacoima, Calif. We pray that his presence and participation in these meetings will prove a mutual benefit. Pray for his health and safety in these travels of thousands of miles.



Bro. Titus Enu, just before he left Guthrie with Bro. Tom Melot to attend the Jefferson, Oregon, campmeeting.

Brother Enu desires to obtain a small car or bus equipped with loudspeakers that he may use in his homeland of Nigeria to spread this glorious gospel of Christ more quickly and efficiently. Let us be "workers together" with him in obedience to Jesus' command for worldwide evangelism. Time is running out, and the night cometh when no man can work. "Every second, sad to tell, counts another soul in hell."

This writer, his wife, and our co-worker, Sister Dolly Brown, enjoyed the privilege of being in the services with the saints assembled on the first Sunday (June 13) of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, campmeeting.

Recently, many thousands of the Efik language tracts have been printed for free distribution in Nigeria, as well as thousands of Spanish tracts for free distribution to Spanish-speaking people. This is in addition to the continual reprinting of the English tracts, of which we have 350 titles in stock. More than 1,500 copies of this paper are going each month free of charge to foreign countries for distribution, besides many "Bible Lessons" and "Beautiful Way"

papers. The gospel must go forth to every creature in obedience to Jesus' command. May the Lord richly bless and reward all those who have a part by their free-will offerings in sending the Bible truth to the multitudes.

**Books in the Printing Process . . . .**

The following books are in the process of printing, and we expect to have them ready for distribution at various times through the summer:

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Orders on the above books will be filled as soon as the printing is completed.

Bro. George Hammond of Kenosha, Wisc., will leave, Lord willing, from Oklahoma City by plane on July 11th to visit the mission workers in the Islands of the Philippines. Perhaps Bro. Florencio Granil will return to the States with him if he can secure his visa. Pray for Bro. Hammond that his effort and sacrifice in going will be a great encouragement to the mission workers in that needy field, and that he will have a safe round trip.

This writer feels impressed of the Lord to warn the saints against attending these sectarian, so-called gospel singings. This is in agreement with the preaching at the recent Guthrie campmeeting. These singings sponsored by sectism may seem to be innocent entertainment, but therein is a false spirit and influence that will surely prove a snare to the unwary. Frankly, it is no place for saints. It is not conducive to true spirituality, and your going is not a good example for others to follow. God commands emphatically, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord."

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Watch for publication dates in future issues of this paper.

We are sorry to advise that the "Evening Light Songs" book will be out of stock before we can get another edition printed, but it will be in stock again as soon as possible. The printing of the proposed new song book, "Echoes From Heaven," will have to be postponed until this fall.

Our obsolete Varityper typesetting machine, which operates from punched tape, has proven not to be dependable for our typesetting requirements. Recently, it quit working and the Company service man could not fix it. As a result, our co-workers had to go to Oklahoma City to set our type on a like machine, and our "Bible Lessons" for the third quarter were several days late going into the mail. However, we did secure another man who found the trouble and put our machine in operation. The parts and service on these electronic computer typesetters are very expensive. It is a "must" that we replace this obsolete unit with a current model—something that we can depend on to meet our publication deadlines. A current unit to meet our needs will cost from \$7,500 to \$12,000. Several companies have these machines on the market. Please agree with us in prayer for divine wisdom to find the best machine for the Lord's Printshop.

Ten thousand pounds of printing paper are scheduled for delivery to the Lord's Printshop this month from the paper mill at a cost of more than \$3,000.00. The gospel presses must be kept running as long as the Lord tarries His coming, and this writer is confident that He has faithful saints scattered over the country who will continue to sacrifice for the sake of the gospel and precious souls.

May God's presence abide with all our readers to guard and guide each one on the path of life, and, Lord willing, we will greet you again in the September issue of this paper. —Lawrence D. Pruitt

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## OBITUARIES



Richard L. Gates, the only son of Sylvester and Myrtle Gates, was born in Wichita, Kansas, on October 18, 1925, and departed this life on May 24, 1976, in Wichita at the age of 50.

Richard had been ill for several months prior to his death. During the latter part of his illness he sought for salvation by repenting of his sins and receiving Christ into his heart, thereby being born into the Church of God. While enduring much suffering, he began to long for his summons, and the day before he passed he said, "I wish the Lord would hurry up and take me to heaven."

In September, 1953, Richard married Earnestine Mason Haley who survives him. Other survivors include: two children by a previous marriage, a son, Richard Gates Jr., of Denver, Colorado, and a daughter, Carol Ann James, of Wichita, Kansas; two step-children, Elijah Haley and Barbara Pryor, both of Wichita, Kansas; three sisters, Margaret Cowan, Helen Smith and Sylvestine Brown, all of Los Angeles, California; six grandchildren, and other relatives.

Our actions on the stage of life should be right ones,  
Since the length of our performance is so uncertain;  
For if possible Richard would warn those still acting,  
When we least expect, God may draw our last curtain.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Sis. Katherine Williams and Bro. Keith Marsh. Text: Romans 11:22. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas.

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Earnest Fletcher Ellis was born September 9, 1906, in Elk City, Oklahoma, and departed from this life on June 8, 1976, at the age of 69 years, 8 months, and 29 days.

On March 10, 1937, he was united in marriage at Clinton, Oklahoma to Velda Wilds. To this union five sons and six daughters were born. He moved with his family to Pampa, Texas in 1949 and resided in this area until his death.

He had a tender heart toward God through the years, and desired to live for Him. God was gracious and merciful to him, and as he sought the Lord he found peace to his soul. He is in the hands of a righteous and merciful God.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Velda Ellis, of the home; six daughters; Mrs. Stacey Stubbs, Mrs. Jan Wood, Miss Kathy Ellis, Miss Marsha Ellis, all of Pampa, Texas, Mrs. Alinet Eldredge, Ulyssess, Kansas, and Mrs. Ann Hulsey of White Deer, Texas; five sons, Kedron, of Salem, Oregon, Stephen, of Vernon, Texas, and Keldon, Weldon, and David, of Pampa, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Russell Long, Elk City, Okla., and Mrs. Lillie McCollom, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 14 grandchildren, and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at Pampa, Texas, by Brother Willie Murphey, assisted by Brother Leslie Busbee.

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Royal R. Taylor was born May 28, 1898, and died May 12, 1976 at his home in Eagle Creek, Oregon.

He was married to Walxie Warden on Oct. 31, 1917. To this union one son was born, Gilbert, who died in infancy. His wife, Walxie, died in Sept. 1918. He married Augusta Luehring in 1926. To this marriage one son was born, Lawrence. Augusta died Aug. 23, 1963. On Oct. 3, 1965, he married Virginia (Wilson) Elwell, who survives him.

He is also survived by one son, Lawrence, a granddaughter, Gwen, of Dinuba, Calif.; two sisters, Beulah McKinney of Cambria, Calif., and Edith Kuns, of Woodburn, Oregon; three brothers, Foy, of Porterville, Calif., Tom, of Pixley, Calif., Herbert of Dinuba, Calif., and ten step-children.

From his youth Royal chose the good and upright things of life. He gave his heart to God at an early age. He was especially blessed of the Lord in the last few months of his life. During his last illness he prayed and praised God. He left a good testimony that his calling and election was sure, which is much comfort to his survivors.

Funeral services were held in Gladstone, Oregon, and in Dinuba, Calif., with Bros. O. B. Wilson and Charles Elwell officiating. Burial was in Dinuba, Calif.

### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Precious saints: I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all for the prayers, lovely cards, flowers and offerings of love. My heart is much comforted by all the love shown to me in this time of deep sorrow in the loss of my dear companion. After more than ten and one-half years of happiness together, I miss him so very much. But my dear Lord comforts and helps me because he was ready to go. Some of his last words were praising God. During his illness of about six weeks, the Lord came to our rescue and touched his body again and again, so that he did not suffer greatly.

Please pray for me. My desire is to keep fully surrendered to God's will and serve Him faithfully the rest of my life.

In Christian love, Virginia Taylor

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John E. Watson, born July 23, 1896, in Washington Parish, La., died June 4, 1976, at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 11 days.

By the new birth, Bro. Watson was inducted into the Church of God a number of years ago, and for the past five years he attended the services of the church at Kentwood, Louisiana.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Watson, of the home at Kokomo, Miss.; three sons, Dennis, William and Ervin; five brothers, one sister, 13 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Earl Watson.

Funeral services were held June 6 in the Shady Grove Church of God chapel by Bro. Bob Forbes, assisted by Bro. Haynes, the local pastor.

### NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Christian friends: I want to thank every one for their good, encouraging cards and letters that I received in my time of sorrow and loss of my husband. May the God of love bless each one. It makes me have more thoughts for others. Do remember me in your prayers.

—Rosa Watson

R. 3, Box 212, Foxworth, Miss. 39483

## Remaining 1976 Campmeeting Dates

**Akron, Ohio**—July 2 to 11.

**Ojos Negros, Mexico**—July 6 to 11.

**Muncie, Indiana**—July 9 to 18.

**Fresno, California**—July 9 to 18.

**National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.**—July 23 to August 1.

**Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.**—August 4 to 11.

**Bakersfield, California**—August 6 to 15.

**Blackford, Kentucky**—August 13 to 22.

**Boley, Oklahoma**—August 20 to 29.

**California State at Pacoima, Ca.**—Aug. 27 to Sept 5.  
Please note this corrected date.

### OHIO STATE CAMPMEETING

The Akron, Ohio, campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light) will be held in the name of the Lord on July 2, through the 11, 1976, at the chapel located at 419-421 W. Thornton, Akron, Ohio 44307.

All nations are welcome to attend each of these services. Come at the beginning and camp with us until the end. We have space for trailers and campers to park. Dormitories and the dining hall are on the ground.

All expenses will be met with free-will offerings. Contributions may be sent to the treasurer of campmeeting funds, Bro. Darnell Abbage, 1436 Honodle Ave., Akron, Ohio 44305.

We pray that all the services will be led by the Holy Spirit, and the preaching by Spirit-filled ministers. All are invited to come. All the gifts of the Spirit are needed—helpers, prayer warriors, teachers and gospel workers. Come, all that need help in body or soul.

For further information, contact Sister Hazel Clark, the pastor, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320, phone 376-5371. The chapel phone is 762-2286.

—Sister Hazel Clark

### CAMPMEETING AT MUNCIE, INDIANA

A campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light) will be held, Lord willing, southeast of Muncie, Indiana, from July 9 to 18, 1976. The old-time Bible truth as taught and practiced by the pioneers of the Evening Light Reformation will be expounded under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend this old-fashioned gospel meeting, especially those in the Northeast. Saints, come praying for a mighty outpouring of God's presence and power in every service.

The 10-day meeting will be held on the Central Friends Campground located six miles southeast of Muncie, Ind., on U. S. 35 and one quarter mile to the right on Road 650 S. This five-acre campground with lots of trees has been rented at considerable expense. It is equipped with dormitories that will sleep about 150 people, the tabernacle will seat approximately 300, and the dining hall, fully equipped, will seat about 200 in the dining area. It is expected that electrical outlets will be

available for about 20 trailers and campers. Please bring bedding, including pillows, cases, sheets, and blankets; also water bucket and washpan. Bro. Egbert Allen expects to arrive there on July 6th and have the place open. The campground phone is (317) 774-4575. Perhaps some in that area would volunteer to come on those days ahead of the meeting and help clean the buildings and dining equipment.

Bro. Orie Young, minister of Sapulpa, Okla., was led of the Lord to offer his services to assist Bro. Allen in the meeting in any place needed. Since there is an urgent need for food and other provisions, Bro. Young has accepted the responsibility to receive donations of food and provisions at his Sapulpa home from Oklahoma and surrounding area and see that they are delivered to the Indiana campground. Please send or take your contributions of food, etc., to Bro. Orie Young, 12 South Walnut, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066, phone (918) 224-1600.

All phases of this campmeeting will be supported entirely by free-will offerings. Please send your free-will contributions and request for more information directly to Bro. Egbert Allen, Rt. 2, Norwood, Mo. 65717, phone 417-746-2840, and state specifically in your letter what the offering is for.

If the Lord permits, the undersigned writer and his wife will be a few days in the Akron, Ohio, and Muncie, Ind., campmeetings. We would be happy to meet our readers at those meetings. —Lawrence Pruitt, Editor

### FRESNO, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The Fresno, California Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, July 9 to 18, 1976, at the campgrounds located at 7249 East Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, California.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining area and dormitories are located on the grounds. All meeting expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting—that souls will be saved, believers sanctified, and bodies healed.

Directions to the campgrounds are as follows: From the south on Highway 99, exit on Clovis Avenue and go right. Continue down Clovis Avenue a few miles to Kings Canyon Rd., make a right turn onto Kings Canyon and continue east to the campgrounds. From the north on Highway 99, take the Ventura exit. Turn left onto Ventura and continue east to the campgrounds. (Ventura becomes Kings Canyon Rd. after a few miles.)

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. E. J. Trotter, 811 W. Alamos, Clovis, Ca. 96312, phone (209) 291-6003 or Sis. Gladys Foster, 1226 E. Terrace, Fresno, Ca. 93704 phone (209) 224-2715 or the church, phone (209) 255-9868.

### 39th NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

This reminder comes bringing a special invitation and welcome to everyone to attend the 39th annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God which will convene on July 23rd and continue through Aug. 1, 1976, 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. 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, motor homes, etc.

Since the price of food is much higher this year, the managers of the dining hall encourage all the saints to send or bring in groceries and food of all kinds—fresh, canned or frozen fruits or vegetables. If you intend to process more fruit and vegetables this season, we could use the processed food you had left over from last year.

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 of 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 Sis. 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, in care of the Church of God Campground, Monark Springs, P. O. Box 331, Neosho, Mo. 64850. Please send your orders as soon as possible. The foregoing address is the permanent address which should be used for all correspondence concerning the campgrounds or for those writing to persons in attendance at the meeting.

The address of the campground caretakers, Bro. and Sis. Dale Doolittle, is R. 5, Box 61, Neosho, Mo. 64850, phone 472-6427. Please send your contributions to Bro. Dale Doolittle, or to the secretary-treasurer, Bro. Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97 West Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74107.

The work days to prepare for this meeting are scheduled for July 3, 5, 10, and 17. Your services as unto the Lord will bring His special blessings, so come and see what the Lord will do.

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.

#### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING AT MYRTLE

Lord willing, the Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., will begin on Wednesday, August 4, and continue through the following Wednesday, August 11. This meeting will begin on the third day after the National Campmeeting at Neosho ends.

We extend a hearty invitation to all to attend this meeting. Come praying earnestly that much salvation

work will be done. We look forward with eager anticipation to a sweet time of fellowship with God's people. We are expecting a rich outpouring from Heaven upon the assembly of the saints.

The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Bring bedding if convenient, as there is a limited supply on the grounds. Come prepared for some possibly cool nights.

Anyone coming by bus to Thayer, Mo. (the nearest station), may call (417) 938-4642 or 938-4493 at Myrtle, Mo., for transportation to the campgrounds.

For further information, contact Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

#### CAMPMEETING AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 6 through 15, 1976. The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Brown Street. A cordial invitation is extended to all. We expect to furnish accommodations for all who can attend. Expenses will be met on the free-will offering plan. We request your prayers for the meeting.

Those coming from the east on Highway 58, do not take the Bakersfield exit. Continue on the freeway to Cottonwood Rd. exit. Turn left at signal light (Brundage Lane-Cottonwood Rd. exit). Keep in right lane and turn right at signal light ( $\frac{1}{2}$  block) which is Lakeview Ave. Go two blocks to Virginia, then right two blocks to Brown St.

From Highway 99 north or south, take Calif. Ave. exit, go east about three miles, turn right on Lakeview Ave., go about seven blocks to first stop sign which is Virginia Ave. Then left two blocks to Brown St.

Those traveling Interstate 5, take Stockdell Highway-Brundage Lane exit. Go east about 25 miles to east side of town. Turn left on Cottonwood Rd. Sign reads Cottonwood Rd. on right and Lakeview Ave. on left. Go two blocks to Virginia, then go right two blocks to Brown St.

For further information contact: Bro. A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" St., phone 327-0411; Bro. Robert Mayes, 245 "N" St., phone 325-2730. The church phone is 322-9314, area code 805. —Robena Montgomery

#### BLACKFORD, KY., CAMPMEETING

The congregation of the Church of God at Blackford, Ky., cordially invites you to attend the campmeeting which will be held there from August 13 to 22, 1976.

Anyone desiring further information may contact our pastor, Bro. W. R. Fox, Marion, Ky. 42064, phone (502) 965-3320, or the Charles Knight family, Rt. 7, Marion, Ky. 42064, phone (502) 965-3070.

—By Mrs. Charles Knight

#### BOLEY, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the Boley, Okla., Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Aug. 20th and close on Aug. 29, 1976.

We extend a warm welcome to all nations to attend this meeting. Come praying that the Lord will give us a Holy Ghost-filled meeting and that souls will weep their way to the cross and get saved. We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers to help in the meeting.

There is ample space on the campground for parking campers, trailers, etc. Dormitories for both women and men are on the grounds.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord . . ." Isa. 1:18. Saints, come praying that the Lord will save souls, sanctify believers, heal the sick, and edify the saints. All nations are invited. We will be looking for you.

For further information, contact Sis. Ora Spears, Route 1, Boley, Okla. 74829, phone (918) 667-3376, or Sis. Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104, phone (405) 235-2270.

—Sis. Katherine Williams

### CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State Campmeeting on the Church of God campground at Pacoima, Calif., will be held, Lord willing, August 27 through September 5, 1976. The chapel address is 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, Calif.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this meeting. There are cabins and a dining hall on the grounds, and we expect to furnish accommodations for all who come. We would appreciate it very much if those traveling by car and living within the state would bring their own linens and bedding. All meeting expenses will be met by free-will offerings. We request your prayers.

Directions to the campground are as follows: From Interstate 5, take Osborne exit. Then travel east approximately a mile until you come to a fork. Keep straight ahead, which will be Osborne Place. Go about a block to the campground on your right.

For further information, contact Bro. M. J. Francisco, 12311 Judd St., Lakeview Terrace, Calif., phone (213) 899-5305; or Bro. James Pierro, 11316 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, phone (213) 896-5331, or the church phone (213) 899-9021. —Sis. Patsy Fields

### ATTEND SERVICES IN PATASKALA, OHIO

All those in the area of Pataskala, Ohio, are cordially invited to attend church services in the home of Bro. Rufus Perry at 12500 Cable Road, No. 156. The schedule is as follows: on the first, third, and fourth Sunday of each month, Sunday school from 10 to 11 a.m.; Bible study will be held on the first and third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you have trouble finding the place, phone Bro. Perry at 927-7238. Come out to worship the Lord and study His Word at this location where you will find a hearty Christian welcome.

It is what we see with that inner vision that gives to life its blessed fullness and sweet contentment. O ye saints, do not live around among the seen things. Go out and build a mansion for your soul in the heavenly life.

—C. E. Orr

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mich.—"I have sugar diabetes and seem to be getting worse. . . I was awful sick for a few weeks and suffered so much. I don't suffer that way any more, but the diabetes is worse. I ask you folks to agree with us in prayer, that the good Lord will heal me. I know He can and I believe He will." —Sis. Ether Hines

Ind.—"My eyes and ears are badly afflicted. Many times I do not hear well and my eyes are very poor. The Lord knows why this came upon me. I have the promise from the Lord that I will not go blind. Continue to pray for me." —Lettie West

Calif.—"I have not been feeling well, so I ask you all to pray for me. I have been very weak. Sometimes it takes all the strength out of me to fix myself something to eat. I know I can be healed of this, and I am expecting healing." —Sis. Susan Stinson

Miss.—"I am in the bitterest affliction of my life . . . I have such a severe pressure in my head. . . It lifts at times. . . I have suffered for 25 years in various ways. Please, dear ones, agree together in prayer that the Lord whom I love will come to my rescue. . . Help me stand upon God's eternal promises with faith."

—Ethel Lowery

Mexico—"I am feeling much better, and feel that God has heard prayer in my behalf. . . I don't have near as much pain . . . Driving and lifting hurts me the most. I don't know what is wrong with me, and the enemy has presented many thoughts that were not encouraging. . . I can say that through it all the Lord has not left me alone. . . I ask an interest in your prayers." —Sis. Edith (Cole) Lara

Okla.—"Please pray for me . . . I suffer with arthritis . . . I know God can heal." —Mrs. Anna Barber

Ga.—"Bro. Friendly Green's eyes are giving him trouble again, and I am not feeling very well in my body. Remember us in prayer." —Sis. P. R. Bowers

Okla.—Sis. Nellie Poulos had a bad spell and they called her children but the Lord raised her up. She is now able to get from the bed to her chair. Bro. Alton and Sis. Fern Stubblefield have her in their home and are caring for her. She is now 86 years old.

Mich.—"My parents need prayer. They are in a false religion. Please pray that God will lead them out into the precious truth." —Marsha Corteway

Mo.—"Mike (Hightower) has some fever in the evenings yet, but it has not been very high since he has been home. He has a short cast on now, just below the knee with a walking piece on the bottom. He still has infection in the marrow of the bone. Only God can clear this up, which we are looking to God to do. Mike is using crutches now some and putting a little weight on his leg, but he keeps it elevated to keep the swelling down. We do thank and praise God for all that He has done for Mike and all that He is going to do for him. We really appreciate all the saints' prayers and concern during our great trial. It has made the going a lot easier." —Esther Hightower

Mo.—"I had a bad heart attack a few days ago. . . The Lord touched me. . . My husband has pains in his legs. Pray for us." —Edna and Elmer Blacksher

The Lord is still healing His children today. We are encouraged to continue to trust Him completely. He was

very precious to me a few nights ago when I had a lot of congestion in my lungs and such a high fever. When I would cough it seemed that my throat and lungs were raw and sore. I just kept looking to the Lord to heal me. I had called my pastor, Bro. Leslie Busbee, and Sis. Sylvia, to anoint and pray for me. I believe that when we obey the Bible, then we can just rest upon that and trust God to do the rest. (I might add, at this point, that some will make the remark that they were sick and the preacher never even called or came. The Bible says, "Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him . . ." James 5:14. So we are to do the calling. I do not feel we should call every time we have a pain; we need to do some praying for ourselves also.) I am thankful that God does hear and answer prayer. He brought me through and relieved me of the pain and congestion. How my soul rejoices in a Saviour's love and care. I count it a privilege to trust the Lord for the healing of my body without medication from man.

—Sis. Marie Miles

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (May 20)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the dear saints everywhere: Most loving greetings to all of you in Jesus' name. Grace unto you and peace be multiplied.

Thank you very much for your letter dated May 3rd, and the enclosures were noted with many thanks. We praise God for His wonderful ways of supplying our needs. "Seeing then that we have a great high Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:14-16.

Our special prayers are for God's blessing upon each campmeeting there, and that He will bless Bro. Enu's travel to each meeting. The Guthrie camp meeting was the first in which I participated. Please extend my hearty greeting and love to each beloved saint who attends the meeting. . . . I desire to participate in next year's meeting with my wife.

We purchased the tile and thatched the roof of the new chapel at Trichur. Pray for the remaining construction work. The picture of the chapel will be mailed soon. We do not have enough rain yet. My brother Philip has not gotten his visa to come to the States, and is still waiting to know the will of God.

My earnest prayers are for your complete healing and good health.

Yours in the Lord, —John Varghese

### OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO REPORT AND SPANISH LITERATURE PROGRESS

Dear Ones: Greetings in the precious name of Him who died that we all might live.

The Lord is blessing the work in Ojos Negros, Mexico, and the young people there (Mayarino and Panchita Escobar) are encouraged to press on. There have been some deaths of relatives of some who came to the services and the Escobars have had a real oppor-

tunity to show God's love to all. We are all especially burdened for one lady who is a Catholic, but has been a faithful attendant in service for some time now and is showing some real good signs of ripening up for Bible salvation. If she, or just any one soul, could be saved through the efforts put forth in the work and for the campmeeting, it would well be worth all. Doesn't the Word say, "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" and "it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish"?

I am leaving Guthrie today (June 16) alone for Ojos Negros, Mexico, yet not alone, knowing that the Lord is with me.

The Lord is blessing also in the printing of the Spanish literature. He has made it possible to get several tracts, plus campmeeting notices, ready for distribution both on the trip and in Mexico during this campmeeting season and ready for mailing on arrival in Mexico.

The young people and I wish to thank each one who has contributed for the support of the campmeeting, for the mission work in Ojos Negros, and the printing work here, and we pray the Lord will richly bless you.

Please pray much for the coming campmeeting, the work in general and the printing work.

Your Sister in Christ, —Opal Kelly

919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

### FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

S. Carolina—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. This leaves me much encouraged in the dear Lord. Praise His holy name!

The attendance at our Holly Hill campmeeting this year was larger than ever before. Our souls did rejoice in the Lord as His holy Word came forth to us. However, there was not much altar work. The saints were happy to sit together in a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. Oh, the sad time was when we had to part! The saints had to go back to their earthly homes, but we are looking forward to a time and place when and where we won't have to part anymore—just be together forevermore. Praise God!

Pray for us that we will stand true to God until this life is over. May God bless everyone, is our prayer.

Your Sister in Christ, —Sis. Edna Crummie

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Ore.—Dear Sis. Marie: We are having a good meeting so far [Jefferson, Ore.] with good preaching and good attendance. . . . Bro. Glidewell is able to attend the services each day and is much improved. He walks with a walker. Bro. Paul Galaway is in the hospital with phlebitis in his leg. He needs our prayers.

We had a safe trip home from the Guthrie, Okla. campmeeting. The Lord protected us from danger. Little Donnie Shirrell said, "Stop, the rope is broken that holds the baggage on top of the car." We stopped and fixed more rope around the suitcases and discovered one tire was nearly flat. We felt the Lord protected us by letting Donnie see the broken rope.

Hope you are keeping well, and may God bless you gospel workers there. —Sis. Lucille Trimble

'Thanks for the 'Faith and Victory' paper. It is such a good paper. It is good to know that I can pick up that paper and read, knowing that it will not be filled with the junk that is put out on the market by today's troubled minds.'

—Sis. Doris Bowers' grandson

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## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Okla.—Dear Sis. Marie and saints everywhere: I thank the Lord for His healing power. He is truly the same yesterday, today, and forever. The Lord has recently healed me and I do not want to fail to praise Him for it.

I've had a rash on my hands for a long time, but it didn't get real bad until about five months ago. It burned and itched almost constantly, especially when I'd put my hands in water, which really irritated them. They became so dry that they would crack open. One finger was so sore that I couldn't use it at all. Now the Lord has healed the rash and put all new skin on, for which I can't thank and praise Him enough! He has been so good to us. I want to live my life for Him. Pray for us.

—Judy and Gary Morgan and girls

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Okla.—Greetings in Jesus' name once more this side of eternity: Since I last wrote to you it seemed our dear Savior was going to call me Home, but the prayers of the saints ascended up to the throne and the Lord left me here a while longer. I want to spend every minute for Him. Pray that I will know why He spared me, that I can do His blessed will.

I want to thank you for your good, encouraging letter, dear Sister Marie, and also for the books, tracts, and roll of papers that Bro. Lawrence sent us. Those I faithfully hand out. We know that only time will tell the good they have done. My orders were all filled exactly as ordered, and we enjoy the books. . . .

We send greetings of love to all the "Faith and Victory" readers, and thanks to all for your prayers. The Lord did give me a definite touch and those dizzy spells are gone. Praise His dear name!

—Doris Bowers

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Mich.—Dear Sister Marie and saints: I am still "pressing on." We surely love the Lord and want to be everything He would have us to be.

Last year I was sick and just didn't feel able to go to any campmeetings. I surely will feel happy in my soul to be able to go this year, Lord willing. God has been so good to us. Our last little girl is now eight months old. God was so good to me, as I trusted Him completely and stayed home. "To God be all glory" for without Him we can do nothing and are nothing. I really do praise Him for my salvation. It really seems that I have a different name as He changed me so. Praise God! I love Him, and want to encourage anyone that is trying to serve Him to press on to the crown before us. There is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun.

—Jerry and Marsha Corteway

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La.—I greet you in Jesus' most wonderful name, and thank all of you for your prayers for Jerry, my son. He is some better. God really did touch him that day I

called. He is so good to His trusting children. We know, and do believe that Jesus Christ is the same today. . . . If our faith is strong, and we believe for something in our heart, we will get it. We must take our eyes off the affliction and get them on God! When He heals, we are healed! It touches God's heart to see our faith strong in Him! We wish we could see more healings done, but God is testing His saints to prove whether we will be true like Job and Abraham of old.

We are sending a widow's mite. May God open the storehouse and supply all you may need there for soul and body.

Keep praying for Jerry and me and all the saints here. We do need your prayers.

I am mailing tracts in letters and I give out or mail "Faith and Victory" papers. I trust some heart will yield to God through all the saints' efforts. May God bless you abundantly.

—Sis. Ruby Quave

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Okla.—To all the saints: Today finds me in the good fight of faith. It seems I have been in the furnace of affliction for over six years, yet I'm not weary of the Lord's ways. I'm so glad I have six years on record for the "faith once delivered to the saints."

I'm far behind in writing my testimony to the saints, but I want you to know that I am still pressing on. I have been having trouble with my eyes and nerves. I am never well any more, yet the dear Lord has given me daily help to get along. I have been falling so much of late, yet I haven't had a real serious fall. It did feel like a rib was hurt the last time I fell, but I made it by the dear Lord's help. So far, I have been able to care for myself, and the Lord sees to it that I have someone with me most of the time, which I am so thankful for. The days and nights get so long when you are alone, but I often feel the presence of the dear Lord all about me. I often say aloud, "Dear Lord, I feel your presence." When I get cramps at night, I pray until God helps me to go to sleep with my face covered with tears. Later, I awake to dry them up. Oh, how wonderful our God can be in times of trouble! How I long to be able to go to church services, but I know I'm not able, so I try to stay happy in whatever state I am in. So remember me in prayer.

—Sis. Hettie J. Barton

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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, the saints at the print shop and all others abroad: We greet you with the love of Jesus our Savior, and trust you are being blessed as you continue steadfast in the doctrine once delivered to the saints.

It has been quite some time since we wrote you, and the Lord has richly blessed us as we have made our break and "come out" of spiritual "Babylon" and removed ourselves from membership in the Mennonite church.

As you probably know, we got about every book from you we could, of the early "evening light" saints, such as D. S. Warner, H. M. Riggle, S. L. Speck, and F. G. Smith, and the more we read of these writings the more we saw of the true light of the Gospel and what the true church really is. I was in confusion for so long trying to fellowship in sect "Babylon," while the Spirit of God was telling me that there had to be others that believed as I

did. The Mennonite sect, to which I was led after my conversion in 1962, seemed good at the start, but the more I fed on God's Word and grew in knowledge, the more He showed me of the errors of their ways. I was always looking for something better and so could have no real peace in my heart anymore than any real born-again child of God could have in sect Babylon. So naturally I had my ups and downs in my Christian experience and was led to believe that this was normal and I could do nothing about it. But the unrest in my soul would not let me accept this lame excuse for a second rate Christian life. I knew that my Savior didn't want me to settle for second best, because His Word tells me that at the Judgment He will not settle for second best either! Praise His holy name! All glory to God!

Then about a year ago I happened to pick up a couple of your tracts on the "Millennial Reign" and a few others with which I agreed, so I sent for some more of your tracts, and then books, and the more I read the more I was encouraged.

I came to see there was a second work of grace, and all these years I had been told by sect preachers of the Mennonite sect that there was no such thing, and I ignorantly took their word for it, not even really knowing what entire sanctification and the second work of cleansing was all about. I thought at best I had to live in sin in this life, never having a hope of real holiness but God said, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." Oh, the blindness of these blind leaders leading the blind!

So I can only have praise and give God the glory for the work you are doing at the print shop in getting the truth out in these last days. Now all my dear companion and I can do is try to lead others out of spiritual "Babylon" and into the glorious "evening light." Praise the Lord! For the first time in my Christian life I am facing real persecution as I stand up for these truths, and as was testified in Bro. Warner's biography, most, or all of this persecution comes from the sect preachers. The moment you oppose error with truth, their only reaction is persecution. Praise the Lord for the truth of His Word!

I just had to write to share with you and all the saints our rejoicing that all of you may rejoice with us. Pray for us that we may continue in all truth and doctrine in spite of what man may do to us.

The Lord willing, we will try to get to the camp meeting at Muncie, Ind., in July.

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds on Christ Jesus.

Christian love,

—Bro. William and Sis. Mary Riemann

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings of love in the sweet name of Jesus. I am thankful for His great love toward unworthy me. I feel like the poet wrote, "If I had the choosing of my pathway, in blindness I would go astray." So, it surely pays to trust God and commit our all unto Him. I'm thankful to be saved, sanctified, and satisfied in this true and holy Bible way, and there is no other way from earth to heaven. The dear Lord made everything so perfect, and that is why it satisfies my soul.

No, I didn't go to the tent meeting in Alabama, and I guess it was the best I didn't. It seems I could never feel clear in going, and I didn't feel very well in body. I suppose you heard about the bad wreck that Doyle

LaCroix and his family had on their way home from Alabama. If I had been in the car, I could have gotten hurt badly, as most of them received some minor injuries. But me being older, it might have gone worse with me. So the Lord knows and understands about the future and we don't, so it surely pays to trust God fully in all things and leave our future as well as our present to His wisdom and power. I am so thankful for His great protecting care over Doyle and family in this time of trouble, and that they are doing as well as what they are. It could have been much worse, as the car is considered a total wreck. The Lord was merciful to the young woman in the truck and spared her life, which we feel was because prayer was offered at once at the scene of the accident for her. What a mighty God we serve!

We heard of the good meeting at Guthrie. It made our heart rejoice and we just felt like shouting, too. Praise the Lord! Sis. LaVern Manuel has had a very deep cough, but she is able to come to meeting. Remember her in prayer. Also pray for my daughter, Aquilla. She has been sick with a chill, then a fever, and she still has fever in the afternoons. We know God is able to heal her completely.

May God bless you and all the workers there at the print shop. We are still praying for Bro. Lawrence's complete healing. Remember my unsaved children. Pray for me that I keep faithful, as I mean to make heaven my home.

Sis. Marie, we are enjoying the lessons in the Sunday School book. —Mrs. Effie Miller

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Mo.—Dear Sis. Marie: I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lord for His dealings with me. I know that if it were not for Him, I'd surely be in a bad condition spiritually, but His mercy has been extended and I can say with joy in my heart, that all is well with my soul.

For several months I've been without complete joy. First one thing and then another would come up and all my joy leaked out. I became negligent with an "I don't care" attitude, but as far as giving the Lord up entirely, I can't feel like I did. I just simply grew slack in my experience, but yet I desired to do what was right.

The Lord began dealing with me along some lines, but I just couldn't do what He asked of me. As time went on, I began to realize how neglectful I really had become, but I did not know what to do about it. It seemed like I couldn't accept the fact that I was wrong, but I knew if I ever intended to gain in my spiritual life I was going to have to acknowledge my wrong and be willing to do right.

A few nights ago I dreamed of the Judgment. In this dream, I heard a loud noise, and all of a sudden there was Jesus. He looked around, and I looked to see what He was looking at. I saw many of the saints beginning to ascend into heaven. They all looked radiantly happy. Their eyes were looking straight up. I never saw anything so beautiful and spectacular before. As I stood there looking, the thought hit me that I wasn't moving at all. I said to Jesus, "Lord, haven't I done things for you? Haven't I done as you asked? What about me?" Jesus turned and looked right at me with sad, expressive eyes and spoke so softly, "My peace does not lie upon you, I don't know you." Those words were

like a knife to me! I began pleading, but to no avail. Next in my dream, I was on a bus-like vehicle sitting next to an individual to whom I had spoken occasionally about their soul. This person looked at me and asked, "Joan, what's going on?" I told this person it was the Judgment and that the end of time had come. This person said to me in a desperate tone, "Oh! Joan, why didn't you tell me?" My dream went on. We were still on this bus and I began crying, "Oh, God! Give me a second chance. If only I could have one more chance, I would do so differently!" I began looking around me again and I noticed that the grass was still green and everything was still so pretty. The Lord spoke to me and said, "I'll give you another chance." I turned immediately to the person I mentioned earlier and said, "God is so good, the end of time isn't yet, because He just told me He would give us another chance, and I know He will, because God cannot lie! His word is sure!" I woke up trembling.

In my dream my whole life passed before me, and some things I thought were so very important, at that moment, seemed so unimportant. Those things that I placed value on were so worthless.

I got up and went to work with this dream on my mind. I felt I had to do something about it, but how and when? That night was prayer meeting. After it was over, I felt I must do something that night or I just might not see another day. I asked Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elaine Doolittle over that evening and talked to them about my dream. I even had to openly confess some things. About 12:30 p.m. we called Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen and with all of them I prayed through. I got victory that very night. After prayer Bro. Allen asked me, if the Lord should call before dawn, would I go up or remain? I knew positively I would be accepted and would be among those saints who ascended.

The next day I got up to go to work, and it was all so very different. I didn't feel much, but didn't doubt my salvation and as the day went on I felt so clear and so good. I knew God had done a wonderful work for me, and most of all, I knew where I stood with Him. I realized more and more as the day wore on, how the things that seemed so very important now, in that day will lose their value, and the one and only important thing then will be whether our soul is really ready to meet God in an instant, should He call for us. Will we be ready? That is quite a question.

I thank the Lord for all He has done for me, for His love and mercy and all He means to me. I desire your prayers that I might be the example He would have me to be, and be willing and obedient to His every command.

—Joan McIntosh

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send you greetings in the holy name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. We hope this finds you well and much encouraged to press on for the Lord.

We can be very thankful for this way of salvation the Lord has provided for mankind. We can have Jesus Christ for our Captain through this life to show us how to conduct ourselves in the battle.

This letter leaves us all feeling well and determined to press on to the goal. We have much to thank the Lord for, as He has been everything to us He promised to

be. He has never failed us. We can say that even through our shortcomings, He has been faithful.

We can say at this time that our son, James, has been completely healed of his breathing and hearing problems. Thank the Lord! It happened shortly after the last letter that we wrote to you. All thanks to God and everyone that prayed for him. . . .

Our prayers ascend for you and the work and workers there. May God bless you real good in all things.

Your helpers in Christ,

—Bro. Milford and Sis. Dorothy Parsons

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Ohio—Dear saints at the Print Shop and abroad: Thank the Lord for how He is wonderfully blessing the Church of God (Evening Light) here at Sandusky, 2017 3rd Street.

I thank the Lord for the "Faith and Victory" paper with all the good articles and testimonies which are food to my soul.

I was very sick with the flu. Bro. and Sis. Bruner prayed for me before Sunday school on May 23rd. Thank the Lord, He touched and healed me. I got up from my bed, got ready and went to the church services. To God I give all the praise.

Your Sister in Christ, —Sis. Grace Green

## Tactics of a Thief

Quietly and carefully the thief broke the lock on the door and slipped slowly into the room of the sleeping woman. Reaching down very slowly and carefully, he picked up her purse beside her bed and crept quietly out of her room. The next morning she found her purse and contents scattered on the floor of her kitchen, but her money was gone.

The newly-converted child of God is happy, rejoicing in a Saviour's love. He is "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" daily. Rom. 12:11. He takes time to read the Word, meditating upon it. He takes time to pray, and even at his work, he lets his mind dwell upon heavenly things when it is possible. Time rolls on. Quietly and carefully the devil works to find a way to kill just a little of that fervency of spirit. He speaks right up while the child of God is reading the Word and tells him that he needs to do a certain job. Before long, as the devil continues these tactics, the child of God is cutting short his Bible reading and meditation time. Then the devil butts in while the child of God is praying, making him think there is a certain thing that needs to be done right now. Just so, the thief slowly and carefully walks right into the spiritual life of the child of God and cools him off so he isn't as careful in serving the Lord or thinking about the things of God.

Jesus warned us of these things. He said, "The cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." Matthew 13:22. "Watch therefore: . . . But know this, that if the good-man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up." Matt. 24:42, 43. So dear ones, watch the thief who is taking your time, and robbing your soul. Feed upon the Bread of life, prayer, and communion with God. Through this, we can draw grace and strength for the daily problems of life.



There are many other tactics of the enemy that will rob us of being "fervent in spirit." Relatives or friends will visit us on Wednesday night or on Sundays, and we feel we must stay home from services. One time this happened to me and I just had to let them know that I would be gone to services. Soon they learned this fact. Of course, we do know there are exceptions to this rule and the Lord does understand. We need to meet together and draw strength from the Word of God and the fellowship of others. Even in services the devil will try to take our minds away from the Word of God or the words of the songs of praise. Oh, how we need to be watchful on every point!

We need to watch how we spend our time. Habits can get hold of us that will rob us of our spirituality. One dear woman could not keep saved because she could not give up the reading of love stories, etc. She had become addicted to reading. She would neglect her children, her housework and family, just to read. She could not face the problems of life, and when she was reading she was living in another world. We need to read good books that will encourage our spirituality. There are good books that will help us understand the ways of the Lord and are truly written under the inspiration of the Lord. But not many people are addicted to this kind of reading. So we need to watch the tactics of the devil and guard against any loss. Let's be "fervent in Spirit." There are many who waste time in reading worthless books. A visit, a phone call, or an encouraging letter can lighten some person's load, or a word fitly spoken will cheer some heart. These activities are of much more value to one's spirituality. But the devil will slip in wrong reading upon a person if he is not on his guard.

We could mention other tactics of the devil who is a sly enemy of our soul, but let us all be careful on every line that we may be found ready when the Lord calls for us. —Sis. Marie Miles

## "Eternally"

Dear reader, can it be that YOU are one who will be ETERNALLY lost? Not lost for just a moment, a few hours, or a few days, or years, or even a lifetime, but ETERNALLY. Eternally means forever; never ceasing; without end.

Can it be that you are one who will be without hope eternally? Now you have hope. When you are sick, you hope you will feel better tomorrow. If you are unemployed, you hope you will find work tomorrow. When conditions are hard and a new day breaks, you hope things will be better. There are no tomorrows in hell. There is no new day, there is no day! Hell is forever darkness!

Can it be that you will be one doomed to forever wail and weep and gnash your teeth? You do not like sorrow here; you do not like to cry. But when sorrow does come, (and it will), you hope time will lessen that sorrow. In hell you will weep and wail and gnash your teeth eternally.

Now you are tired, so you welcome sleep to give you rest. When you sleep, you forget your troubles, your labors, your disappointments, and your failures. In hell there is no sleep, no rest, no ceasing from your weeping

and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Forever, and ever and ever, you will remember your spurned opportunities. You could have been saved! There was a way of escape; Jesus died for you, but "Ye would not!" Think of your regret, eternally!

Presently you are seeking pleasure. At God's "right hand there are pleasures evermore," (Psalms 16:11) but that isn't the kind of pleasures you are seeking. You think it a pleasure to quaff that drink you crave. In hell, you will eternally crave that drink, but there will be nothing to quench your thirst. The eternal fire will only make your thirst the greater.

You love amusement and entertainment now. In hell there will be no television to keep your mind occupied so you can forget your wretched, lost condition. There will be no music of any kind, no racing, no ball games, no picnics, no sports, and no vacation-lands in hell. There will be only stark reality—hell lasts eternally.

In this life you want license to do as you please. You do not consider others you may wound or hurt; nor God's law that you are breaking. You come and go as you please. Your god is Me, Me, Me! "I'll go where I please, and do as I choose." In hell, you'll go nowhere. You will be there eternally. You'll have no license (freedom used irresponsibly). In hell you'll be bound in chains of darkness forever. There will be no freedom to choose what you will do. Your choice will have been made eternally!

God's Word gives ample description of hell. The Scriptures listed below give you a glimpse of the place you will dwell eternally if you reject Jesus and His salvation one day too long. Read them to see if you want to go to hell eternally.

Everlasting fire—Matt. 25:41; Weeping and gnashing of teeth—Matt. 22:13, Matt. 25:30; Outer darkness—Matt. 8:12; Portion with the hypocrites—Matt. 24:51; Everlasting punishment—Matt. 25:46; Furnace of fire—Matt. 13:42, 50; Fire that shall never be quenched—Mark 9:44, 45, 48; Torment in this flame—Luke 16:23, 24; Greater damnation—Luke 20:47; Shame and everlasting contempt—Daniel 12:2.

—Thelma Sprague

## "Not of This World"

By reading John 17:14-16, we see clearly that there is a wide separation between the true children of God and the people of this world. We are in the world, but not of it. Our lives are to be separate from the things of this world as was the life of Jesus. The Word of God very clearly draws the line between the world and the followers of the lowly Jesus. We read in I John 2:15, "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." The Word of God draws the line and He expects us as His saints to measure to it.

The professed Christian world has been carried away by a spirit of worldliness; and today, in many places, it is impossible to tell the professor of religion from the non-professor. We see them wrapped in pride, following after the vain fashions of this world. But the Lord wants us to keep ourselves unspotted from the World. According to the Word of God, we are to dress

in modest apparel and to have no outward adornment. We are to put nothing on our persons that will adorn to attract attention. (I Peter 3:3).

The enemy of souls has been working hard to impose a spirit of compromise upon the people of God, and thus to cause them to lower the standard of righteousness. He even suggests that in order to win the people of the world to the truth we must not hold the lines so straight, and that people should have liberty of conscience. But we have liberty of conscience only to the extent that our lives are kept in harmony with the Word of God. Lowering the standard will never save a soul.

There is a spirit that has been working to try to influence precious souls to put on a little superfluity—just enough to take away the appearance of Scriptural plainness. The enemy tells the dear souls that they should wear just enough finery so they will not look so different from fashionable people. Oh, may God help us to keep clear from that spirit, and that we do not court with the world! James says, "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4).

Let us be careful lest our souls become spotted with a spirit of worldliness, and we find ourselves drifting. If we put on a little today, next week we can put on more; and in a short time we will find ourselves wearing things that at one time we would not have worn. Little by little we have drifted towards the world, and we find our conscience not as tender as it once was.

We must remember also that we have an influence over others. If we put on a little superfluity, some weak one will put on more. We may have some garment that is not as plain as it should be. We may think because we have it that we should wear it until it is worn out; but, while we are wearing it out, several other dear souls who may not have had the teaching we have, may pattern after us. Later, when they hear teaching on this subject, they are placed under trial, and some may possibly lose their salvation under the trial; all because they followed our example. May God encourage every one to be an example that others may safely follow. It does not take much worldliness to kill out spirituality. Let us keep our souls clear by keeping separate from the world.

—E. Faith Stewart

From "The Gospel Trumpet," 1911.

## The Value of Trials

Trials are not valued as they should be. They are often looked upon as hindrances and evil that will keep us from doing God's will, when in reality they are the very cause of our spiritual prosperity.

Trials, in the spiritual conflict, are the effects of a principle at work, which, in other departments of life, is called discipline, training, exercise, or drilling. Just as children without training, muscles without exercise, an army without discipline; so would we be without our tests and trials—weak, ungovernable, unstable, and useless.

There are two things ever before a spiritual man: first, that he may be an example of the grace of God at all times; second, that he may be of all the service possible in saving souls. On his heart there is a continual soul-

burden, and a burning zeal for the work of God. All that will help him to be useful and worthy are welcomed as blessings. These blessings often come in the form of trials.

As lamplight in the daytime is useless, so might be the grace of God in our hearts, if we were always in pleasant surroundings with no trials to mar our happiness. When the unsaved see us enduring the same troubles and sorrows as are common to man, yet with the patience and grace salvation brings, their hearts are drawn to God. In this way, our light shines much more than in our spoken praise or testimony.

The Christian warfare is not only defensive; it is also aggressive. We may not only hold our present ground, but we must also press forward, conquering our foes, even to snatching souls, as it were, from the fire. Not only is the devil our enemy, but we are his. The Lord Jesus is our Captain; and if we are submissive and obedient to Him, not one battle will be lost.

We may be ever so willing, but pliability in God's hand must be learned. The soldier who enlists for the war may be willing and prompted by a deep love of his country, but to be a good soldier there must come the long weeks of drill and discipline. Trials are a large part of our spiritual discipline. Just as a soldier without the training would be useless, so would we be without our trials. Why should we then bemoan our trials? Why not glory in tribulation, knowing it will work patience and experience?

There is yet another reason for our trials. Jesus suffered for our salvation. "He was tempted in all points like as we are," that He might be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." He became like us that we might be like Him. If this discipline of suffering was necessary for Jesus, to make Him able to reach souls, how much more necessary for us that we may be able to be workers with Him? By means of many of our trials, sorrows, and cares, God means to bring sympathy and compassion to our hearts for others in need, that we may be able to help them. Will any one be so selfish as to say he is unwilling thus to suffer? Surely then, he is none of Christ's. Let us spend less time in praying to be delivered from trials, and more time in calling for grace in time of trial, that we may get the good intended.

—Mabel Hale

Bro. C. E. Orr writes of his experience of the second cleansing: "The first night of the meeting my wife and I went forward to the altar for sanctification. Only a little instruction was necessary to enable me to grasp the promise of God, and the Holy Spirit and fire came into my soul in such power and glory that it seemed to transport me far above. My conversion was glorious, but my sanctification was more glorious. I was conscious in my heart of a cleansing. I actually felt pure. Just as a stained cloth being washed comes forth clean and spotless and white, just so I could see my soul purged, cleansed, and made whiter than snow. Through the night, though my sleep was profound and deep, I was conscious of a purity and glory in my soul. During this meeting I was shown many beautiful and glorious things by the Spirit and Word of God."