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The Two Ways

Wide is the gate, and broad the way
That leads to endless night,
Far from the reach of mercy's day
Of hope and gladness bright.

How dark the path of sin, how steep
Its downward course is found;
Though great the thronging masses keep
Their pace to onward bound.

The multitude of men so vain
Who tread its heedless way
Will soon awake in torment's pain,
From which no one can stray.

Yes, wide the gate: enchanted ground!
An entrance gained with ease,
The way of least resistance found
Who seek the flesh to please.

No sacrifice or cross to bear,
No flesh to mortify;
Reproach is never a burden there,
For sin and wrong no sigh.

A church to join, a role to play
In program, sport, or game;
The praise of men their greatest pay,
The wealth of earth their aim.

For Christ has said, "Love not the world,
Its fashion, lust, and pride."
Though persecution darts are hurled,
It must be laid aside.

Inscribed on God's foundation sure
A seal that none can smart:
"Who names the name of Christ so pure
From sin let him depart."

Take warning, then, the truth receive;
Press to the narrow gate—
Repent of sin, in Christ believe
Before it is too late.

—Leslie Busbee

Jesus Said, "Come"

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. Many heavy-hearted, precious souls, bound in sin, should be glad, for the invitation is to "come" and get "rest." When one's body is in great pain and suffering, how sweet it is to get rest. But this great spiritual soul-rest is much more valuable and sweeter. But the sad truth is, that people will not come; therefore, they are going on in the broad way that Jesus said would lead to destruction. "And many there be which go in thereat." Matt. 7:13b. Oh, how sad!

Again, Jesus said in John 7:37b, "If any man [or woman] thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." His innermost being shall be filled and satisfied. Oh, the rest it will bring when God forgives the soul that comes with a thirsting for Him and with a desire to have his sins blotted out! Jesus said in John 6:37, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Yet Jesus has also said in John 5:40, "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." People sometimes spend all their life's earnings on physicians to lengthen or spare their physical life which must come to an end some day, but they neglect that spiritual life that cost the life of the Son of God. But ye will not come and receive that spiritual life that never ends! "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10b. As long as we love and serve the Lord, that life will last.

"Oh, joyful day to the faithful soul, who walks with Christ in His purity; life's battles fought, the victory won; He shouts from time to eternity." "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9. But ye will not come! Dear friend, unless you come to God in the name of His Son, Jesus, and be saved by repenting of your sins, and have faith in His blood (as without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, Heb. 9:22), surely you will be lost in that awful place called hell, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. Mark 9:43-44.

"Oh, come to the Lord today; come, sinner, without delay. Oh, give Him your heart, I pray. Why carelessly wait? Soon you will be called to die; poor soul, to the Savior fly; you know that the end is nigh, why carelessly wait?"

—LaVern Manuel

The Simplicity of Faith

Faith is not the monstrous thing that some people suppose it to be, nor need the exercise of it be a difficult matter. I once observed a man sitting in an assembly listening to the preaching of the Word of God on the subject of faith. He had never been able to exercise faith and receive many direct answers to prayer, because he had always imagined and considered faith a thing just beyond his grasp, and, like many other people, he had the idea that a person must be wonderfully favored of God above common people in order to be able to pray the prayer of faith. He did not realize that exercising faith is merely taking the Word of God and believing it.

While this man was thus listening to the expounding of the Word of God, he seemed to lose all thought of his surroundings and sat there straining every nerve to grasp the promises that were read. The minister in addressing the audience, said, "Do you get that point? If so, hold fast to it." This man clenched his fists and, with nerves to the highest tension and with the greatest effort of mind, tried to hold on to the point, seemingly by main physical and mental strength, and in so doing he lost the next important point of instruction given by the minister. Thus the man sat throughout the service, straining himself to believe the promises of God. He had not learned the simplicity of faith—that he could sit quietly and comfortably and receive the promises and readily retain them in his mind. He afterwards received private instruction and became able, not only to listen to the Word of God in quietness, but also to exercise faith and receive answers to his prayers.

As an illustration of the childlike simplicity of the prayer of faith, I wish to relate the following incident, which took place a few years ago.

Two little girls, the elder but three and one-half years of age and the other eighteen months, were at home one Sunday morning. It was wintertime. On the Wednesday night previous there came a snowstorm, a regular Michigan blizzard, and from that time until Sunday the wind and snow blew furiously.

There was a brick wall under the house for a foundation. In some way a cat got under the house the night of the snowstorm, and no doubt the hole through which it entered was closed up with snow, although we never could tell how the cat got under the house, whether through some hole under the ground or from the attic between the rafters. However, the cat was there, and during the remainder of the week it pitifully cried out, being cold and hungry.

On Sunday morning, while the remainder of the family were at meeting, these little girls came to their mother very much troubled and told her all about how the poor kitty was hungry and cold and was crying for help. Finally the elder said:

"Can't the Lord get the kitty out?"

"Yes," was the reply, "if you will go and pray and ask God to do it."

She called her little sister, and they ran into the other room and, kneeling over the place where the cat was crying, with their faces in their hands down upon the floor, said:

"O, dear heavenly Father, bless the kitty. O, dear heavenly Father, make a hole. Take the snow away and let the cat out. Amen."

Such was their prayer. Rising quickly to their feet, they stood a moment as if waiting to know what to do next. Then they started for the window and, pressing their faces tightly against the windowpane, watched intently to see the cat come; nor were they disappointed. Scarcely had a minute passed until they began to laugh and shout and cry out, "It's a-coming! It's a-coming!" Sure enough, there was the cat coming through the deep snow toward them. They were very thankful to the Lord because he had made a way for the cat to get out.

When the rest of the family arrived home, the little girls ran to meet them crying, "O Papa, we prayed the cat out! we prayed the cat out!" No one could make them doubt that the Lord answered their prayer; neither do we doubt it.

This is a beautiful illustration of the prayer of faith, and after it was offered to God they acted it out. When they had prayed, they expected nothing else than to see the cat, so they pressed their faces against the windowpane until they saw it coming.

—E. E. Byrum

"I'm Hid Away"

As I entered the door of the chapel to attend a funeral, I was handed a folder on which was printed "Loving Memory of Ollie (Henson) Crawley." At the top of the folder it had the Bible verse printed, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." John 15:1. The minister who brought the message mentioned that this was a favorite verse of Sis. Crawley's and that she often quoted it. Later, this verse came to me and as I meditated upon it and the verses following, the Spirit of God brought to me some precious thoughts.

The next verse reads, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (verse 2) "I am the vine, ye are the branches." (verse 5a) We notice in these verses that there are three important parts, the Vine, the branch, and the fruit. The Vine is Christ, the branches are "born-again" Christians, and the fruit is their works, or the grace of God manifested in their lives. Without the Vine there could not be a branch. Without the Vine there could not be fruit. When we look at a bunch of luscious grapes hanging upon a vine, we immediately know that the vine was in a healthy condition to bear such excellent grapes. Without the vine there would not have been any fruit. The branch surely falls into the background and is not noticed much, yet it is important. The Vine received the praise.

What kind of branch are we? Are we a branch that is willing to be hid out of sight, meekly and humbly bearing the precious fruit of Christ? Are we honoring Him in every step, willing to be hid away so that He might always be on exhibition? Or are we looking at the fruit, taking some of the glory, and forgetting the Vine? To me, the fruit and the Vine show the most, yet the Vine is the One who causes the branch and fruit to be manifested.

We sing the song, "I'm hid away with Christ in God; I'm hid away with Jesus." What does it mean to be "hid away with Christ in God?" Surely these serious thoughts are worthy of meditation and self-examination. Can we go with Jesus to Gethsemane and from our hearts pray, "Not my will, but thine be done?" This is utter submission to

God's will. The self-life is brought down into the depths of humility. In sanctification there is a surrendering, also a purging of the nature, and a cleansing of the sin principle by the Holy Spirit. As we journey on in life, there is a continual "bringing into subjection" of the body or self-life. The God-life cannot be perfectly manifested through us to the world until we go down into the depths of humility and keep that true position. This is when the branch is out of sight, hid away in Christ, and the Vine, which is Christ, is exalted.

"Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God," is the command in I Peter 1:6. God has at times humbled His people, but it is more to the glory of God and also to the good of others if we humble ourselves. How precious is the communion on the path of humility with our Lord. Our spiritual ear is in tune with the "still small voice" of our Lord and Master. His will is made plain and, oh, what a blessing it is to us and to others! There, we learn to lose our honor, as we honor Christ, the Vine. We are keenly aware of the "mighty hand of God." Without it we are nothing. Fruit cannot be borne of Christ until Christ's power can flow through the branch. It has to be Christ all the way. How precious to know that, "If ye abide [to stand fast, submit, remain] in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (verse 7).

In Isa. 57:15, we read about God, who is "the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity," but He will only "dwell . . . with him . . . that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble. . . ." This is a serious thought. When we quit bearing the fruit of humility, we leave God. He only dwells with us when we are humble. The Apostle Paul said he was "less than the least of all saints." He willingly humbled himself continually under the "mighty hand of God." Those things that he previously thought were gain to him, he counted as loss.

Jesus is a perfect pattern of humility. He "made himself of no reputation, and "humbled himself." From the exalted position of equality with God in heaven, He descended to the plane of the most humble servant on earth.

The greatest danger that we have in any victory, or fruit borne for Christ, is self-exaltation. The devil knows this. Resist any thought or feeling from the devil and let the Vine have the praise. At other times we seek to be more useful and oftentimes we fail to find that place because it is down so low in the path of humility, and to take such a path, seems to lead us into complete uselessness. But this will not be the case. Our utter dependence upon Christ and the feeling of utter helplessness give Christ a chance to work through us and cause precious fruit to be borne, as we move at His commands.

—Sis. Marie Miles

A Solemn Question: If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

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Ye Are Not Your Own

The Christian is the exclusive property of Jesus Christ. He is the Lord's property. First, by right of creation; for "all things were created by him, and for him." Col. 1:16. He has the sole right to possess us and to do as He pleases with us, since He created us for Himself. His sovereign right to the exclusive and full possession of man, because He created him, is supreme, and none have the right to question, much less to rebel, against His will.

Secondly, God has the right to possess us because He has bought us with a price. After we had been sold to another master and had been made slaves of sin, although rightly belonging to God, He redeemed us in order to gain possession of what was lawfully His own. "For ye are bought with a price." I Cor. 6:20. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." I Peter 1:18,19.

Inasmuch as we have the power of choice between good and evil, and we have chosen to walk in the service of sin, God cannot get possession of us until we voluntarily return to Him and forsake all sin. Although while in sin we belong to Him by right of creation and redemption, He does not possess us until we give up our service of sin, and become His servants; hence, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." I John 3:8. The person who is practicing sin is surely in the service of Satan, and does not stand in the possession of God.

When God gets full possession of us, He sanctifies us and makes us fit for His use. In this is comprehended a complete separation from sin and a severance of every earthly tie. In making a complete surrender of ourselves to God, we necessarily must forsake some things which may not be in themselves sinful. Parents, children, brothers, and sisters, wives and husbands, property, and our natural life might prove a hinderance to our being, at all times fully prepared unto every good work in obedience to the call of our Master. All these must therefore be fully surrendered to God in order for Him to sanctify us wholly and take full possession of us. "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26,33.

Dear reader, have you counted the cost? And, in counting, have you summed it all up in the fact that you are not your own? Are you really in God's possession? If He is the sole owner of your person, and fully possesses you, He will have no trouble in having you do as He bids, whether it be in your home land or in a foreign field. When He calls you to leave your native land, your relatives, and other objects naturally dear to your heart, you will be ready to do His will, and you will not allow the love of even natural life to hinder you from obeying your Master. If you are in possession of this world's goods, you will be ready to part with them for the sake of the Gospel. Let us glorify God in our body and in our spirit which are His.

—J. C. Blaney

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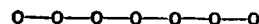
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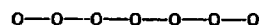
GREETINGS TO OUR READERS with the arrival of this autumn season. The summer is ended, the campmeeting season is past, and yet much more needs to be done toward the salvation of precious souls. Time is fast running out, and it will soon end in eternity. What we intend to do to win more souls from sin to salvation must be done quickly.



For many years, except the year of 1974, it has been our practice each fall to make a gospel extension effort through a special three-months subscription offer on this monthly gospel paper. However, this autumn we regret to advise that due to the steep increase in postage rates and a 150% raise in the cost of address change notifications, we do not feel it proper to attempt that special offer again. The Postal Service charge for the notification of a change of address has been raised from 10c to 25c, which is almost the price of a regular year's subscription to this paper. On those special offers, a substantial percentage of the thousands of names received come back for a change because of a wrong address, and at the price of 25c each it makes the cost prohibitive. These circumstances are beyond our control, and we must commit the matter to the Lord. Yet we would encourage and urge all our readers to send in yearly gift subscriptions for your relatives, friends, and neighbors. The subscription rates (35c per year, and three one-year subscriptions for \$1.00) are far below the cost of production. In fact, the subscription price hardly pays for the paper on which it is printed, and these rates have been the same for more than 25 years. This nominal figure is designed especially to encourage a wider circulation, and if we know that a person wants the paper and is not able to give the 35c, we will send it free of charge. The extra cost of production is met by the free-will contributions of our faithful readers who are sincerely concerned for the salvation of precious souls. Let us all continue to be "workers together" in God's great cause. The reward will be eternal joy in the presence of our Lord and Saviour when the "golden sheaves" are brought in.

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The new phototypesetter machine has been put in operation, and most of the type for this issue was set on this new typesetter. We are expecting much good service from this machine in the process of producing gospel literature, and we thank the Lord and His saints for their faithful co-operation in procuring this essential machine for the Lord's Printshop.

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Note From Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott . . .

"We wish to say that since it was mentioned at the Myrtle, Mo., campmeeting about our need for a better car, the saints have responded well. May God bless each one. We are very grateful for all that has been done. We will see about this matter after we get rested up a little. Your prayers are needed. Thank you!"

—Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott,
3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410

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My sister, Marie Miles, who spends much time in editing the "Bible Lessons" and "The Beautiful Way" papers, left today (Sept. 24) by plane on a three-weeks trip which will take her to Arizona, California, Oregon, and Idaho where she will visit relatives, friends, and saints. In California and Oregon she will hold some gospel services. Pray the Lord to give her a safe journey and make her a blessing to all those she contacts.

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Thank the Lord that Bro. Titus Enu had a safe and smooth flight to Lagos, Nigeria, W. Africa, from Oklahoma City where he left on Sept. 6th on his return to his home in Bendel State, Nigeria.

Bro. Enu is still praying for and desires to obtain a car or bus equipped with loudspeakers to aid him in spreading the soul-saving gospel more rapidly in his homeland. A separate fund has been started at this office for the purpose of purchasing a car and equipment for his use in the gospel work. Now on hand in that fund is \$1,720.84, but it will require much more in order to purchase a dependable car or bus. Please ask the Lord what He would have you do for this very worthy missionary project.

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No Basis For The "Secret Rapture" Theory . . .

The next and final coming of Christ is not a secret event, but it will be witnessed by all mankind. His coming "as a thief in the night" (2 Peter 3:10) merely indicates that He will come without prior warning. He will come suddenly upon a world unaware and unprepared for that great event. When Jesus comes, "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." It is no secret, "for

the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (1 Thess. 4:16), "and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him." (Rev. 1:7). Does the foregoing description read like a secret coming? Check it carefully.

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"Tim and His Lamp" is the title of an excellent booklet especially written and published for children and young people. A number of years ago, these stories from the old book, "Tip Lewis' Lamp," were re-written by Sister Fern Stubblefield and used in the "Beautiful Way" junior papers. Now they have been put in a booklet form of 52 pages with a heavy paper cover, and the books are scheduled to be off the press the first part of October. Price, 35c each, or three copies for \$1.00, plus 30c for postage and handling. Order several copies as choice gifts for children.

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Christ's New Commandment . . .

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34, 35. "Love one to another" is the only element that will convince the world that God has a church in the world today. Christ, the Founder of His Church, issued this new commandment which is contrary to the law of Moses that

permitted "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." "But I [Jesus] say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt. 5:44. Love will not retaliate. Love will bear and forbear one with another. "Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth." Love will not compromise with wrong, but will speak the truth in the meekness of Christ. Love will warn the unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, and support the weak. Love is the bond of perfectness, the divine element that never fails. Love is the only passport to the eternal world of bliss. Do you have it?

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The Whole Duty of Man . . .

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:13, 14.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

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Mary A. Thomas House was born on Oct. 30, 1902, to John and Harriett Phillips at Dover, Okla. She departed this life at Wichita, Kansas, to be with her Lord and Saviour on August 23, 1976, at the age of 74 years.

On June 6, 1926, she was united in marriage to Robert T. Thomas House. To this union eleven daughters were born. Her husband, two daughters, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren preceded her in death.

Sister Mary accepted the Lord in her youth when the saints first assembled in Oklahoma and remained a member of the Church of God. She was a real mother in Israel. Patient and kind, she took time for each child and grandchild, as well as others, who came to her for comfort or advice.

She is survived by four brothers, Fletcher and Ben Phillips of Wichita, Kansas, Ulysses of San Bernardino, Calif., and Frank of Dover, Okla.; nine daughters, Gladys Jackson, Ardelia Ballard, Oretta Faust, Virgie Walker, Sonya House, Gaynell Ross, and Mary Cooks, all of Wichita, Kansas, Ora Scruggs of Modesto, Calif., and Oletha Oliver of Los Angeles, Calif.; 24 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Mary's book is now finished

And was published for your sake.

The kind of book we're writing

Depends on the direction we take.

Bro. Lewis Williams officiated at the funeral service in the Wichita, Kansas, chapel with the assistance of Bro. Raymond Johnson and Bro. Herman Kelley. Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas.

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Ollie Henson Crawley was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henson. She was born August 28, 1879, in Paris, Texas. She departed this life September 3, 1976, at the age of 97 years. She met W. W. Crawley and they were united in marriage on October 19, 1899, in Paris, Texas. They moved to Boley, Oklahoma, in 1907. To this union 13 children were born, seven daughters and six sons. Seven children preceded her in death.

Bro. and Sis. Crawley were married 72 years. She never held a public job and was a devoted housewife and mother. She stayed home and attended to her children until they were all grown, and then she traveled with her husband, who was a minister in the Church of God. She went to Neosho, Missouri and other states to help spread the gospel. She also visited the school in the community in which she lived. She loved to visit her neighbors and

minister to the sick. She was saved and added to the Church of God in 1913. She loved to go to church services and was faithful to be there until her health began to fail.

She leaves to cherish her memory six children; three sons, Willie, Okla. City, Robert and Roscoe, Bakersfield, California; three daughters, Callie Carter, Okemah, Okla., Alberta McGlory, Okla. City, and Fletter Johnson, Bakersfield, California; 21 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, one brother, George Henson, Boley, Okla., and a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, Bro. Herman Kelly and Sis. Katherine Williams. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:15.

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Delayed Note of Death . . .

On Sept. 20, Mrs. Lora MacDonald wrote that her mother, Sister Adelia Davis of Grants Pass, Oregon, departed this life to be with the Lord on April 26, 1976, at Merlin, Oregon.

NOTES OF THANKS

We wish to thank every one for the cards, letters, flowers, calls, the love, and kindness shown to us during the sickness and passing of our dear husband and father, Pat Cole.

—Sis. Eunice Cole and family

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We express our thanks and appreciation to all the saints for their prayers, their cards and letters of encouragement during the illness and passing of our dear husband and father, Bro. Robert Forbes.

—Sister Elma Forbes and family

REPORT OF BOLEY, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

"While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Praise God for His wonderful love to all mankind!

We are very thankful to the dear Lord for blessing us with a wonderful campmeeting in Boley, Oklahoma, this year on August 20-29th.

We were very thankful to have with us Bro. Titus Enu, native pastor of the Church of God in Nigeria, West Africa, whom the Lord used to His own glory. We appreciated hearing Him relate some of his experiences of active faith in God.

We were also blessed to have with us Bro. Ulysses Phillips, of San Bernardino, Calif., who came to Wichita, Kans., to his sister's (Sis. Mary House) funeral, and was in the last day of the campmeeting. Our hearts did rejoice, as we listened to his burning testimony, shouts, and praises to God.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all visitors, ministers (from far and near), and saints who laboured to help make the meeting a success.

The Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost with power and authority. A number sought the Lord for spiritual help and divine healing for their bodies. The saints were edified. Many shouts and praises went up to God. The spirit of the meeting was glorious. Praise the Lord!

I believe we had the largest attendance this year that we have had in the last few years. Many camped on the grounds. We give God the praise and honor for it all.

Sis. Ollie Crawley, the widow of Bro. W. W. Crawley, passed away a few days after the close of the meeting.

May the Lord richly bless all of you.

Pray for us. Christian love and prayers,

—Saints at Boley, by Sis. Katherine Williams

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REPORT OF CALIF., STATE CAMPMEETING

The Lord blessed us with a profitable meeting here at Pacoima, Calif., from Aug. 27 to Sept. 5, 1976. The Holy Spirit was faithful to anoint the Word of God and convict precious souls. Some were saved, sanctified, and received other help. Several were baptized, for which we surely thank the Lord.

The attendance was good. Saints and ministers came from far and near to help in the meeting. We were also blessed with several out-of-state ministers. We are grateful to all who had a part in the meeting. May God bless each one is our prayer.

—Sis. Patsy Fields

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GREEN PASTURES, OKLA., REVIVAL

The annual revival meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, October 8 through October 17, 1976. The chapel address is N. E. 57th and Denver Streets, Spencer, Ok., Phone 405-771-3710.

A cordial invitation is extended to all, and accommodations will be furnished for those who desire to stay. We request your prayers that the Lord will work mightily in this meeting.

For further information, please contact Bro. Herman Kelly, pastor, 1504 N. E. 48th St., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73111, phone 405-427-7314, or contact Bro. Raymond W. Brown, 2701 S. E. 50th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73129, Phone 405-672-8055.

—Submitted by Agnes Brown

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ALL-DAY MEETINGS AT DAYTON, OHIO

The church in Dayton, Ohio, will have all-day meeting on Sunday, Oct. 10, and on Sunday, Nov. 14, 1976. You are cordially invited to come and spend the day in these services. The chapel is located at 622 Tyron Avenue.

For further information, contact Bro. and Sister John Gutwein, 4008 Gardenvue Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45431, phone 513-426-8159.

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REVIVAL AT GREEN BANK, W. VA.

Bro. Mart Samons, pastor at Green Bank, W. Va., has announced that there will be a revival meeting held, Lord willing, at their chapel in Green Bank, W. Va., from Oct. 23 to 31, inclusive.

They are praying the Lord to send the minister or ministers of His choosing to preach the Word. All in that area are urged to attend these services.

For further information, contact Bro. Mart Samons, P. O. Box 127, Green Bank West Virginia 24944, phone 304-456-4469.

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AUTUMN MEETING IN WICHITA, KAN.

The Fall meeting in Wichita, Kansas, has been set for Oct. 29 to Nov. 7. Since time is running out, we are

endeavoring to redeem the time and warn and convince as many souls as possible that they will have to hurry up and get saved, or get closer to God if they are already saved, if they intend to go to heaven. We are looking to the Lord to direct and send the ministers of His choice. We ask all the saints to pray that God will move upon Wichita and save all who are willing to pay the price.

The chapel is located at 1701 North Ash. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Lewis Williams at 316-264-8481.

ALL-DAY MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

There will be an all-day meeting at the chapel at 718 N. Kansas Street, Springfield, Mo., on the fifth Sunday in October, the 31st. We would be glad to have all that can, to come and be with us. —Bro. Murphy Allen, pastor

PRATTSVILLE, ARK., GOSPEL SINGING

Lord willing, the saints at Prattville, Ark., will have a gospel singing on Saturday night, October 30, 1976, with all-day services on Sunday, the 31st. Everyone is invited to come and be with us. If anyone would like further information, he may contact Bro. Douglas Walters, phone 501-942-3321, or Bro. W. H. Henderson, phone 501-888-2796, or the undersigned at 501-699-4390. Everyone come who can, and those who cannot, pray the Lord to bless in every way. —Clarence and Lenora Bennings R. 1, Box 139A, Prattville, Ark. 72129

REVIVAL AT HOFFMAN, OKLA.

The Lord willing, there will be a fall revival meeting at Hoffman, Okla., Nov. 9th through the 14th, 1976. We are asking the saints everywhere to be praying with us for the meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Woodrow Warren, 810 North Porter, Okmulgee, Okla., 74447, phone 756-6425. —Sis. Lorene Payne

OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING AT JEFFERSON

The annual Oregon assembly meeting of the Church of God will convene in Jefferson, Oregon, on November 5, and continue through November 14, 1976, Lord willing.

Those who come by bus from either north or south should come to Albany, Ore., if traveling on an express bus. Some of 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 labor in the meeting are supplied by the same means. We urge all saints and lovers of the truth throughout the Northwest to attend this meeting. There are cabins and a dormitory available on the camp ground, and also a limited number of places available in the saint's 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 meeting. Yours and His in the Master's service,

—Ostis B. and Evelyn Wilson

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AT HAMMOND, LA.

The annual assembly meeting of the Church of God will convene on Nov. 21, continuing through Nov. 28, 1976, in the Saints chapel on the Church of God Camp-ground, 109 White Street, Hammond, La.

We invite all nations to attend this meeting where the truth of God's Word will be preached in its fullness. The unity and fellowship of God's saints are precious. We are praying that God will send the Holy Spirit-filled ministers of His choosing to preach to us the old-time truth.

Meals and lodging will be provided as usual on a free-will offering basis. Bring your own sheets and pillows if possible. We have some blankets. Electrical hookups for campers are available. Come and join us in a good, old-fashioned Church of God meeting.

For further information, contact Bro. Bob Forbes, 109 White St., Hammond, La., 70401, phone 504-542-1144.

LABOR DAY WEEK-END MEETING AT AKRON, OHIO

Our Labor Day week-end meeting here at Akron, Ohio, proved a real blessing, and we saw the working of the Holy Spirit (omnipresent) in other lands as well as here.

We were notified that our brethren in Canada desired to come as a group to worship in services with us over the Labor Day week-end, which was the leading of the Spirit. Immediately, we notified other close congregations to come, meet these saints, and worship with us also. With the Lord still leading, Bro. Curtis Williams came on very short notice to preach the Word of God in all its fullness, along with other ministers. We enjoyed having the saints from Canada, the state of Michigan, Cleveland and other towns in a real, spiritual feast. Our brothers and sisters from Canada were a blessing to us, and they expressed the blessings they received. All praises to God!

—Sister Hazel Clark, pastor

Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I got saved about three weeks ago at the campmeeting at Pacoima, California, and I thank the Lord for it. I am sure you knew my father, old Bro. Henry Robinson, and also Sister Robinson of Okmulgee, Okla.

I'm writing for you to mail me the "Faith and Victory" paper each month.

I was in Guthrie many years ago to a campmeeting with my mother and sister.

I am asking for you to pray that I will stay saved and live for the Lord. I don't want to turn back.

Yours in Christ, —Norman Robinson

In regard to dress, the question is: Mini, maxi, or modest? "Mini is up, maxi is down, but modest wins the crown."

PRAYER REQUESTS



Ohio—"Mary Ingram of Dayton, Ohio, is much afflicted. She has trouble breathing and is in a wheelchair. Sis. Caudill lives with her. We have had meetings in their home and they seem to enjoy the meetings very much."

—Bro. Earl Sharp

S. Car.—"I have something on my eyelid that is small. I do not know what it is. I do know that God can heal it. . . Bro. Archie Sweat can't be here very long unless God helps him soon."

—Sis. Nettie Harbeson

S. Car.—"Please pray for the healing of my feet and legs."

—Anna Boston

Fla.—"I am home now . . . pray that I will . . . not fall again. My arthritis is in the whole arm that I broke . . . I know God can heal."

—Marie Lindner

Colo.—"Jesus has been my great Physician for years. I want Him to heal my back. I don't know how or what caused this trouble, but it is so painful . . . I know Jesus is able."

—Sis. Addie McEndree

Miss.—"I have a pain on my left side in my colon, and an awful hurting in my stomach. I know the Lord can heal, as I have been healed instantly."

—Mattie Smith

Okl.—Bro. Orie Young has suffered a severe heart attack. Remember him earnestly in prayer.

La.—Sis. Joan DePhillips is suffering from a bad heart condition and needs much prayer.

Calif.—Remember Sis. Hazel Savage as she is isolated and has some heavy burdens.

Okl.—Bro. and Sis. Duke of Shawnee need much prayer. Sis. Duke is sorely afflicted with cancer.

Okl.—Pray for Sister Ruby Stover who is suffering with high blood pressure.

Okl.—Pray for Sister Evelyn McCoy who is in great need of healing of cancer.

There are other requests for prayer for different ones. We want to pray for the whole "household of faith," when we pray. We know that the devil is after every one of us. We will be "tested and tried" on every line, but be encouraged we can be "more than conquerors through Christ." Praise God! "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." He is the same today as He was when he walked the shores of Galilee and healed all that came to Him.

—Sis. Marie Miles

LETTER FROM PASTOR TITUS ENU

Lagos, Nigeria (Sept. 10)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the most wonderful name of Jesus to you and all the saints of the holy family in America.

I am writing from Lagos. Glory be to God for His perfect control of the flight from the Oklahoma City Airport to Lagos. I dreamed on the plane that I saw Sister Katherine Williams praying for a safe flight for me. I am aware that all the saints petitioned the Lord to pilot me to Nigeria safely. He has done that, praise the Lord! He loves me wonderfully!

My son and his friends were at the airport waiting for me. The plane touched down in Lagos five minutes ahead of schedule.

Importation of a car from America should not be ventured. The customs duty is too high. We shall buy a car in Nigeria for urgent gospel work whenever the Lord

provides the money. I shall communicate prices of cars to you after visiting car dealers in Lagos and Benin City. I am leaving for Kwale on Sept. 11th, and I shall write in full after getting to Kwale.

Yours in Him,

—Titus Enu

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Aug. 18)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the saints abroad: Greetings of great joy, hope, and love to all of you in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our peace, refuge, and strength.

Thank you very much for your letter, and the enclosures were noted with heart-felt gratitude.

The new chapel here at Thevalappuram was opened for services on July 31, 1976. We had a very profitable one-day meeting in the new chapel where saints from different parts assembled together. After the general meeting, the gospel workers and pastors had another meeting to make decisions for the furtherance of village evangelism.

Our national festival days commence next month, and Lord willing, we plan to conduct open-air meetings in many places during those holidays. It is a good time and chance to spread the gospel to many villages. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6. We pray God to supply the means to meet the expenses of these campaigns.

Three more new, full-time gospel workers are now working with us here in the church. I request special prayer and care of the saints for the needs of the families of these co-workers.

Our gospel car which the saints in America donated to the Lord's work here has been in good running condition for the last two years, but now it needs some necessary repairs, for which I look to the Lord.

My wife was sick, but God healed her and she is all right now.

I was glad to know Bro. Hammond had a profitable trip to the Philippines.

We continue to pray for your complete healing. Let us exchange our prayers each day.

Yours in the Lord.

—John Varghese

REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, AND PROGRESS OF THE SPANISH LITERATURE

I have just heard from the young missionary couple, Mayarino and Panchita Escobar, in Ojos Negros, Mexico, who are the parents of a baby boy born the latter part of August. The baby had been slightly ill and the mother weak, but both are doing well; thanks to the Lord. Mayarino has gotten a little work helping dry peaches in the new industrial dryer there in Ojos Negros. He is willing to work and help the work of the Lord, and I believe the Lord will bless his efforts along this line.

At last report, they were having heavy rains due to the recent hurricane and the roof was leaking terribly. They were putting pans in the attic to catch the water until they could get some repair roofing, and the pans, water, and part of the ceiling had fallen.

Recently a pickup truck was found among the saints for a reasonable price to fit their needs. It was also

recently delivered to them and they paid cash for it. I am so glad they have a dependable pickup for the work. We do thank the Lord and all who are supporting the work there, also all who are praying for them. The Lord is blessing. Keep holding them before the Lord. They are taking care of the work in the Valley of the Trinity, too, so pray much for them.

Just last week, I was enabled to mail out 600 more tracts to Mexico, and have another 1400 ready for folding. Readers, if you have the ability to run the printing presses, ask the Lord what He would have you to do in helping get the Spanish literature out. Time is short and there is much to do. You don't have to know Spanish, though it would help.

—Yours for the gleanings of precious souls in Mexico, by personal contact and through the printed page, Mayarino and Panchita Escobar, Ap. Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. C. Mexico, and Opal Kelly, 919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

Mo.—We praise God's name. We truly thank Him for His love and mercy to us and for the many, many blessings.

Truly, this is a time of preparation, a time we can live for Him, work for Him and prepare to meet Him. We want to give our best, as the song says, to our Master, Saviour and Redeemer.

Oh! how I long for others to know Him. Dear ones out in sin, why don't you seek Him now, while you have time and opportunity? The time is coming soon, when it will be too late. I love this way that leads to eternal life with Christ. The only way is through the shed blood of Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." I'm so thankful for each one that has been born into the Church of God. May God bless and encourage each of His children.

The "Bible Lessons" and the "Faith and Victory" paper have been such rich, spiritual food for me. I truly rejoice as I read the precious truths and testimonies.

May God bless you dear ones at the Print Shop. May He give you strength in your bodies and encourage your hearts as you work for Him.

With Christian love, —Lena Bowman

Okla.—Just wanted to write and let you know that we are moving and to send our new address. . . . We really enjoy receiving the "Faith and Victory." It is a real encouragement. May God bless your labors and sacrifices for Him.

—Gary and Judy Morgan

(Thank you for letting us know about your change of address. The Post Office charges 25¢ to inform us. —Sis. Marie)

Okla.—Dear Saints: Greetings to each one in Jesus' precious name. Surely He has been very good and merciful to me in many ways.

My dear aunt, Louise Brewer, passed away, but left a testimony that she was ready to go, for which we thank God.

I've had a severe ear trouble, but the Lord surely was good to me in many ways. My ear still drains, and I would be thankful if the Lord would see fit to clear it up completely. I was thankful that the ear I hear out of was not the one that was so sore. One morning, when I awoke,

I felt that I was going to go through something hard, but the Lord gave me a song. The song expressed that the Lord would be with me. Later, dear Sis. Essie Moore called me long distance from Texas, and I felt that the Lord showed me in the call that He was with me through His children's prayers and concern for me. I got much worse the night after she called, but the Lord helped me to see I needed much help to make heaven my home, and I'm striving to get all the help I need. I would appreciate all the saint's prayers.

My dad took ill very suddenly. My nerves were bad from the trouble with my ear, and fear came upon me from thinking that maybe the Lord would take him, as we have lost so many in our family. But the Lord has been very good and precious through it all. Dad is up, but very weak. He trusted the Lord all the way and we are grateful.

Much love to all the saints. I love the paper and thank the Lord for those who make it possible.

—Frances Perkins

Alabama (Sept. 16)—Dear Bro. Lawrence: We are in a tent meeting here in a little town near Bessemer by the name of Hueytown. The Lord is blessing us richly with the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. The truth has been and is being preached under the rich anointing of the Spirit, and souls are rejoicing in the truth. Some are taking their stand with the saints of the true Church of God and for the old-time truth of God's Word.

Bro. Curtis Williams has been with us since the beginning of the meeting, and Bro. and Sister Mart Samons came in Monday night. . . .

Remember us in your prayers.

With Christian love, —Bob and Dorall Forbes

Ind.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus name. Since I wrote to you last, my dear husband passed away on August 17th. He was a child of God and served Him in righteousness and true holiness. He was a wonderful husband and dear father. I miss him so much, but the Lord has comforted my heart with wonderful scriptures and beautiful songs. The afternoon he passed the song, "Yes, my heart says amen to Thy will," seemed to sing in my soul and I know the prayers of God's people were going up to the throne of grace for me. All of this has strengthened me.

Please continue to pray for my children who do not know the Lord. Remember me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ, —Mattie C. Black

Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I like to get your letters and the "Faith and Victory" paper. We would like to meet you people and be in services with you, but we can do the next best thing, and that is to send an offering to help get the Gospel to others. We want to do what we can. . . . May the Lord bless you people, is our prayer.

Remember us in prayer as we serve the Lord.

Your Bro. in Christ, —Clarence Hamilton

Tex.—May the dear Lord bless and help each one of our dear workers at the Print Shop. Keep looking up. You are doing a wonderful work. God will reward you. I am so thankful for the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is food to my soul.

I love the Lord and the way grows brighter and brighter as I sink deeper and deeper in Him. The only way to perfect happiness is to keep your mind stayed on God and obey His words.

Remember me always in prayer. —Sis. Essie Moore

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Mo.—We send greetings in the Lord: We are truly thankful for His many blessings to us.

We had a safe trip in moving from Kansas to Missouri. Our new address is P. O. Box 715, Myrtle, Mo., 65778. Our phone number is 417-938-4410.

We are looking forward to a nice gathering for our gospel singing on Saturday night, October 2nd, and all-day services on Sunday, October 3rd.

—Bro. Donald Sharp and family

(Brother Donald Sharp is the new pastor at Myrtle, Missouri. —Editor.)

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Wash.—I surely do appreciate God's love and goodness to me and all His trusting children. I am thankful for salvation and for the Lord keeping me saved.

We surely do appreciate the "Faith and Victory" paper and all the literature that is published there.

I was privileged to go to the campmeeting at Jefferson, Ore., once again this summer. I surely do thank the Lord constantly for His help.

—Sis. Violet Thomas

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La.—Greetings in Jesus' name: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I thank God for the privilege of being in the campmeetings this summer. They were good, and I surely did enjoy them. It was a joy to be with the saints once more. I thank God for the good traveling mercies that He gave us this summer, and also for the comfortable vehicle He has made possible for us to enjoy. The campmeeting season is over, but I pray the blessings of the meetings will live on in our lives until Jesus calls.

Remember us in prayer. I want to be ready when He comes, or calls for me.

—Albert Green

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Pa.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in the wonderful Name of Jesus! I do love Him for what He has done for me. He saved my soul, He keeps me each day and is always there when I need Him most.

About two weeks ago, I got up at night and couldn't bear any weight on my left heel. I hobbled all day Saturday and Sunday. All of those around me told me to go see a doctor. I told them I called on the Lord and He said He would deliver me out of all my distresses. David told us that in Psalms, so that is what I did. On Monday, the pain was all gone and the heel was just like the other one. Praise our wonderful Lord! I feel like the song says, "I am so happy in Christ today, that I go singing along my way." What a mighty God we serve!

—Mrs. Clifford Cox

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Calif.—"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works." Psalms 105:1,2. I want to tell of God's deeds and works to me at the death and funeral of my

sister, Mary, at Wichita, Kansas. Bro. Lewis Williams preached her funeral. My nephew, Paul Phillips, and his family sang a special song. There was much sadness and weeping. I was feeling depressed and sad, but when the verse of the song was being sung, "I'll fly away with the angels when they come for me," it just seemed like a company of angels hovered around me. All my sadness vanished, and I did not shed a tear of sadness, only tears of joy. My sister had told me she wanted to go Home. She knew she was not going to get well, and wanted to go. When my wife died, I cried like a baby, and I do have a lonely feeling now at times. I have been to many funerals and burials in the last fifty or more years, have seen many sad and grieved children, parents, and relatives, but I have never experienced the peace and joy that the Lord gave me at my sister's funeral. I still have that good, glorious, happy presence of God and His angels with me. I feel like making it known to many thousands of the saints, and others. I wish you could know just how joyful it is right now. David said, "Make known his deeds," and I feel like the Lord wants me to tell it, and I must tell it to keep it, and keep it to tell it. I have told it before and will tell it again, that Jesus is so good to me. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalms 34:7. I feel the presence of the Lord while I write this. Praise His Holy name! I do not see the angels with my natural eye, but I surely feel their presence is near. You, that know the worth of prayer, continue to pray for me as I do for you.

Yours in Him,

—Ulysses Phillips

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Mo.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings of holy love in our dear Saviour's name! What a wonderful Saviour He is! We love Him because He first loved us and gave His life that we can enjoy salvation today.

I'm so glad I found the Lord years ago. He has proven to be a Friend that "sticketh closer than a brother" to us all these many years. When the burdens get so heavy, and it seems we can't go any further, He always comes to our aid. He lifts the burden from our hearts and gives us a song. At times, things may not be any different, but He gives us courage to press on.

Truly, it appears that His coming is so near at hand. The condition of the world is waxing worse. It seems He will call mankind to judgment before long. Oh, how it behooves God's children to live close to Him every day, for we know not the day nor hour of His coming.

I want to thank the Lord for His many dealings with me. Those He loves, He will chide. The afflictions He has permitted to come my way have been a blessing to my soul and I thank the Lord for them. The fiery afflictions made us flee to the Lord for more grace to be able to bear them. Many times we would beg the Lord for some encouraging scripture that would inspire our faith. Time after time He did just that. Even through this, it seemed our afflictions grew worse. But thank God, He kept our heart encouraged to commit it all to Him. The Lord made it plain, that I must come to the place I would be willing to go and be with Him just as much as I wanted to be healed. Praise the Lord! I truly got to that place and testified to some that it was all in God's hands, whatever He saw fit to do. I was ready to go or ready to be healed, and was just waiting on Him. It wasn't long after I had testified to this, (perhaps two weeks) that I awoke one night, feeling myself sinking. It

seemed that my life was slipping away. I raised up in bed, wondering if the Lord was taking me Home. I prayed for Him to bless as He saw fit. In just a very short time it left me. I lay back on my pillow, thanking Him for touching me and soon went back to sleep. Since then, I have felt so much better and more normal than I have felt for two years. I have been able to carry on with my work and not tire so easily. It is just wonderful how the Lord has blessed me in my body. It blesses my soul, too, when I think what a precious experience this has been to me. Praise the Lord!

I want to take this means of thanking all the dear saints for their earnest prayers in my behalf. It truly meant so much to know my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord were holding me up in their prayers. I thank God for hearing and answering prayer.

May God help each one to fight the good fight of faith. He will not leave, nor forsake you.

Please continue to remember my dear companion, Murphy. He is still in the furnace of affliction, but has his faith in the dear Lord. We are waiting on the Lord for victory for him, too. The dear Lord has done too much for us to ever doubt His great healing power. We mean to trust Him all the way by His grace. So let us be faithful. He will soon be taking His church home.

In Christian love, —Natalie Allen

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear, precious name. He is so good to me and I do appreciate His love and care. So thankful to be saved and sanctified and in the true and holy way. The only way from earth to heaven is the Bible way.

The Lord is so good to hear and answer prayer. I felt so good yesterday and was praising and thanking the dear Lord, but after eating supper it seemed my whole body was out of order. My chest hurt and my right arm ached. I kept looking to the dear Lord, and in a short while He came to my rescue and took all the disorder away, even every ache and pain, and I rested well last night. I feel pretty good today, only a little weak. Thank the dear Lord for His mighty healing power!

I was glad to get your good encouraging letter, also the tracts. It's true the devil works many ways to discourage every one he possibly can. As Sis. Evelyn (Gibson) McCoy used to say, the devil does not care how good we act just so we act bad once in a while. So thankful the dear Lord has victory for us all the time and we don't have to act ugly, pout, or say and do things contrary to the will of God. The Holy Spirit can give us grace to keep sweet in our souls under the trying scenes of life. Praise the dear Lord!

So many dear ones have gone out into eternity in such a short while. It ought to stir every heart for a closer walk with God, and those who are not saved really need to get right with the Lord, as time is passing so fast and our time might be sooner than we think. I believe the Lord is doing all He can to awaken every one to their need of God. I surely want to live close to the Lord and do all I can to help precious souls to be saved.

Sis. Marie, I do appreciate the little calendar you sent me last Christmas. It is here on the table beside my chair and I look at it every day that I'm home.

Do pray for all my unsaved children that they will get saved before too late. Pray for those that are saved, that they will keep saved.

May the dear Lord continue to bless you and all the workers at the Lord's Print Shop and supply every need, is our prayer. We are still expecting the Lord to heal Bro. Lawrence, and He has promised not to cut off our expectation. Pray for us. We covet your prayers that God's will be done in our life.

—Effie Miller

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Minn.—My dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, who gave Himself for us, that we might have that blessed hope of eternal life. Praise His holy name!

The town where the writing in the sky was seen is Tambow, Russia. The Sister who wrote to Father used to live there and she personally knows the Brother who saw it. About the reaction of the people, she said the public traffic came to a standstill. They just watched what was happening. She didn't say any more about it, but they must have been somewhat afraid, I would say. We can just imagine that. . . .

We need to pray for the saints in Russia who suffer persecutions. How grateful we ought to be for the freedom we still have! Only the Lord knows for how long. I think we take this freedom too much for granted. It's only the mercy of God that we still enjoy freedom.

I have been thinking on the love and mercy of God toward us. The more I think on them, the greater and more overwhelming they seem to become. I'm beginning to realize how really nothing, or less than nothing, we are. For what are we in ourselves? He has made us, gives us life and supplies everything we need in life, both physically, and spiritually. Yes, the very air we breathe He gives to us, and gives us the ability to do so. We surely don't have any reason whatsoever to think anything of ourselves, when we consider that we can do nothing of ourselves apart from the Lord. Yet, oh, how the Lord loves us so much and cares so tenderly for us! The extent of His mercy and love is hard to comprehend. Our mind just can't take it all in.

About two weeks ago, I had such a bad earache I could hardly go to work. I prayed for the Lord to take care of it, but it kept hurting badly for about three days. Oh, the enemy was right there. He suggested all sorts of things. He even told me that if it were a boil and would burst on the inside, I might not live. I told him, "Well, praise the Lord, then I would get to see Jesus." The devil doesn't like it when we praise the Lord, for he surely left in a hurry. My earache left me, too, that very night. I'm still praising the Lord for it. I received a real blessing in my soul.

I'm glad the Lord has shown me the truth on healing. I'm happy to trust Him, instead of going to the doctors like I used to do. The doctors can help the bodies, but they surely cannot bless our souls and help us learn the lessons we need to learn. I know I have so much to learn about trusting the Lord for everything. I feel I have just begun, but by the grace of God, I'm so glad for the privilege to learn and so grateful for His patience with me. . . .

May the Lord richly bless you in your labors for Him and all the dear saints there with you. We do pray for you always. Pray for us here.

—Sis. Lydia Berglund

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Mo.—Our dear Sis. Marie: We do praise Jesus today and always for His love and tender care for His trusting children. We have gone through a real test since we have been here in southeast Missouri. We are glad we can report complete victory. You remember Cassie was

anointed and prayed for concerning her right knee when you all came to our house at Okeene, Okla. The Lord touched her, then she took a virus. Recently her left hip got bad, all down that limb until it felt paralyzed and she could hardly move it. We kept praying. Then yesterday we called Virgie in Louisiana. She requested prayer at meeting yesterday and last night. Cassie rested so much better last night and said this morning she felt like a new woman. Thank the dear Lord! He is so good to us all.

We trust you are all well and the work is coming along good. We have enjoyed the "Faith and Victory" paper this month. It seems to get better all the time. We appreciate all you dear ones that make it possible. We need your prayers.

—Sis. Katie Gibson,
Sis. Cassie Wilson and Bro. Willard Marler

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Ark.—Greetings of Christian love: Praise the precious name of Jesus for His great love for us! I don't know how to thank Him enough. Bless His holy name!

I had been sick for two or three weeks, but the Lord has raised me up. . . . Praise the Lord!

Pray for me, as I am an aged widow.

—Cherry Alba

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Ore.—Dear Sis. Marie: "For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul." Psa. 109:31. The 18th day of August, I stopped my car on a county road out in the country to pick a few blackberries. The road was narrow and I pulled over as far as I dared, but had just the edge of my tires on the driver's side on the edge of the road. A patrolman drove by. Later, he came back and pulled up behind my car with his lights flashing. He told me I was parked unlawfully, and asked for my license and wrote me a citation. I pled with him, and told him I had never been cited, but he was very short with me, cold and indifferent. I chose to appear in court and face the judge with my plea. I had until the 30th day of August to pray and lay my case before my Lord. I had noticed the officer made an error on my ticket and placed me in the wrong county.

A number were in traffic court, but none addressed the judge as "Your honor." They gave such lame excuses for breaking the driving rules. It sounded like the ones in the Bible when folks were invited to the supper. Most of them were fined. When it came my turn to speak, I felt the Lord on my "right hand" as He promised in the Scriptures. The judge was so pleasant and had a smile when I stood up. He asked how I pled, and I said, "Guilty." He then said, "Would you like to tell me about it?" I said, "Yes, Your honor," and proceeded to tell him that I was a Christian and had tried hard to obey the laws of God and the land, and that I was a widow on a pension. I told him as simply as possible what had happened, and that I had never been cited or caused an accident. He said, "You are a very fortunate woman, Mrs. Jones. Did you notice you have an error on your ticket?" I said, "Yes, Your honor." Then he said, "Your case is dismissed. You are free to go." I said, "Thank you, Your honor," and went out. My friend, Birdie Kroker, who was with me, told me I was so brave and showed no nervousness, but was calm and direct. We were very happy.

So the Lord delivered me, and I also learned a good lesson on faith as well as being more careful to keep the law. "Thanks be to God, who always causeth us to triumph!" Afterward, I wrote a "thank you" note to the

judge, and I sent the above scripture to him in the card. I wrote, "When you stand before the Great Judge of all the earth in that day, may He show you as much mercy as you have shown me."

—Sis. Grace Jones

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Ohio—Dear saints: I thank the Lord for having mercy on me and saving my soul after wandering around in "Babylon" for many years. (I am 71 years of age.) The Lord showed me this was my last chance, and that the Church of God is the right church. Now I'm satisfied. "I have found it, Lord, in Thee."

I was real sick. Something was in my head and I thought I was going to die. I called Bro. and Sister Bruner to come and pray for me. After prayer, a large lump came into my mouth and I spit it out. I thank the Lord for healing me.

I don't mean to turn back, but go all the way with the Lord. I desire your prayers.

—Sister Mary Hills

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Calif.—Dear Saints: I'm thankful for being saved, sanctified and satisfied with the way of the Lord. I'm very happy and satisfied that the Lord has helped me to make a total commitment to His will. He has shown me that it is possible to really enjoy salvation if I would give up my will and way and follow Him without reservations. For years I tried to make plans for myself and then include the Lord on the end. However, the Lord revealed to me that I should first seek the kingdom of heaven and His righteousness and all my temporal needs would be provided by Him.

The Lord made known to my wife and me that He would be pleased with some gospel work here, and we have started by His grace and strength. We have cottage meetings every Thursday night and Sunday school and regular services every other Sunday. We are very thankful to Sis. Velma Smith and the saints at Oakland and Stockton for their help, presence, and prayers, for we truly need them. We thank the Lord for this faithful young congregation and we sincerely desire your prayers that the Lord will direct and teach us to give balanced counsel.

I've worked behind the walls of Folsom State Prison for five years through many dangers, evil thoughts, and attitudes, but thank the Lord, His grace has always been sufficient. There have been times when the Lord has shown me that in completely trusting Him without reservations He could protect me both physically and spiritually. Under extreme pressure, I'm able by His grace to have a victorious Christian life at the end of each day. I feel a great responsibility to every living soul, which helps me to be very watchful, prayerful, and thankful.

We also ask your prayer that the Lord will provide us a place where we can have an established place of worship. We hope by the grace and mercy of God to say that there is a Church of God in Sacramento. We are fully dedicated to this goal if it be God's will. If any of God's ministers feel the burden to spend a few days with us, we will be more than happy to see them. We are growing and need more spiritual food from our Father's table. We also welcome the saints anytime to be with us. There has been much interest from people who have never heard of the Church of God. There are several of the saints' children living here.

We desire to be of spiritual service to every soul that needs salvation, and we are begging all of you for your prayers.

—Bro. James Randle

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"MY MOTHER, TOO, DIED FOR ME"

Calif.—I was born in Alexandretta, Syria, and reared under the influence of my saintly mother. During my boyhood days I remember her reading her Bible, and praying on her knees. In the years gone by, her life has made, and is still making an impact on my life. When I grew to manhood I became a God-fearing sinner, always in fear of death. This thought used to trouble me very deeply, but the pleasures of this world overcame my anxiety of death.

One day I took my mother to Los Angeles. During our conversation, in a childish way, I expressed my deep love and care for her, and said, "Mother, if you live 200 years, you will stay with me and I will take care of you." She said, "Thank you, my son." She then added, "If I get sick, please don't take me to the hospital." I said, "Mother, I will never take you to the hospital and leave you there, God forbid." She did not want to stay away from us and I was so much attached to her. When I was a little boy, while at play, I used to be carried away with the imagination that my mother was ill. Then I would burst into tears, thinking she was dying. All this love I had for her, yet my wayward life often brought Mother to her knees. She lost all her earthly comfort because of me.

One day I received another letter from a gospel minister. He was urging me to accept Jesus as my personal Saviour. I turned and said, "Mother, I wish he would stop writing to me." With a sobbing voice she said, "Please, my son, yield to the Holy Spirit." She was so earnestly expecting me to surrender myself to God in return for her bitter tears, worries and sleepless nights. When I refused, she smote her breast (a sign of deep grief in that part of the country), and weeping, she said, "Oh, my son, I would lose you in all eternity." She went to her room and collapsed. Something burst in her head, then a stroke followed. The doctor came and said she had double pneumonia. I cried most bitterly, "Oh, Mother, I brought all these tragedies upon you." Great anxiety and remorseful tears filled my eyes. Oh, how sorry I became! In a few days I could see the cruel hands of death reaching out for her. I also could see slowly the heavenly chariot descending from above to take her to her long-sought Redeemer. Just before she closed her eyes for the last time to this world, with a trembling voice she sang, "When we all get to heaven." Then she looked at me with a heart-piercing look and said, "My son, my heart is bleeding with pain for you. I now commit you to the amazing grace of God." Then she took her flight in that chariot beyond the blue.

At this writing, my eyes are full of remorseful tears for this sense of guilt. Who can imagine my sick and broken heart! I deeply loved my mother. Ever since she passed away her last words have tormented me greatly. No matter where I went, her words followed me. Even though I am now a born-again Christian, I am still in tears for not following my mother's God at the time she wanted me to. I am wondering, does she yet grieve over me, does she know I am saved and one day I, too, will be going Home to die no more? These very thoughts are tormenting me. In my heart I often tell Mother if I have to walk on my knees the rest of my days and years to make heaven to see her, by the grace of God I will. I will leave no stone unturned to make my Home with her. "Thank you, Mother, thank you, for paving my pathway with your tears."

One day the Holy Spirit arrested me. I was already under conviction. At once I went to my mother's resting

place. Tears streaming down my face, I said, "Mother, I am sorry, so very sorry, for sending you away with a broken and bleeding heart." There, I lifted my eyes toward heaven, searching and wondering where she was. My eyes were so clouded with tears that I could not see through. "Oh, merciful God, please forgive me of my past, and tell my mother that I am saved, and her tear-stained prayers are answered. Oh, my loving Saviour, as I look at the cross of Calvary, I commit my life to Thee. Let thy grace, O Lord, flow deep into my life and make me victorious over the world and its pleasures. By the grace of God they will no longer have dominion over me. This I do promise."

"Mother, I believe God in heaven saw your disturbed condition and deep anxiety over me being lost in all eternity. All these you could visualize and they caused you to shed bitter tears in sleepless nights. He at once shut the iron gate of hell and sealed it in my behalf. Oh, Mother, how deep and strong was your love for me! I want to thank you for everything. When I reach heaven, the first thing I will do is prostrate myself at Jesus' feet for the great agonizing burden He gave you, then I will prostrate myself at your feet, Mother. By the grace of God I will see you in that morning and I will not disappoint you. You will know me because your tear stains are still upon me. I know, Mother, you, too, died for me."

Your son,

—Harry G. Markus, Sr.

THE GODHEAD

(Acts 17:19)

After listening to the arguments and preaching of some of the advocates of the Godhead as a single person,—"Jesus only,"—I have concluded that they have mistakenly (or otherwise) confused the persons in the Godhead with their attributes and titular names, as their attributes and titular names are in many cases the same.

That the Bible teaches the Godhead as a plural number; (three persons—one God) is clear, and no one embracing the teachings of Christianity believes in "three Gods" as the advocates of the "Jesus only" doctrine try to impute to those who do not share their erroneous doctrine.

The mystery of three persons, Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, constituting the Godhead is one no finite mind can adequately solve; but because the Bible—the only authentic authority—declares it to be so, saints and all believers of the Scriptures accept this to be true. Man's finite mind is inadequate to comprehend the great mystery of the infinite Godhead; therefore, his limited power of reasoning on the subject is within the teachings of the Bible. Therefore, to teach that the Godhead is a single person, "Jesus only," is to do injustice to the writers of the Scriptures and to display a kind of disregard for correct usage of words; therefore, the words, "our," "are," "we," and "both" cannot be used as a singular number and be correct.

The advocates of the Godhead as a single person would do well to note that Christ used those words as follows: "My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23. "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." John 17:11. "Now have they both seen and hated both

me and my Father." John 15:24. Speaking of another person in the Godhead, Christ said, "My Father is greater than I." John 14:28. "I go unto my Father." John 14:12. "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter." John 14:16. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20:21. "This is the Father's will which hath sent me." John 6:39. "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matt. 26:39.

In the passages previously quoted, it is obvious that Christ spoke of and to a Being possessed of individual existence other than Himself, one whom He owned as His Father, whose will He came into the world to accomplish and which He did accomplish. In speaking to His Father, He said, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." John 17:4. Of Himself, He said, "If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me." John 8:54. In Matthew 26:39 He said, "Not as I will, but as thou wilt." Two different wills indicate two different persons. He prayed to His Father and used the word "thou," (John 11:41, 42; 17:1, 2) thus indicating a second person.

To confirm or contradict the teaching that the Godhead consists of three persons, it is necessary to establish the meaning of the word "person" as it is used in our language. According to one of our leading lexicons, the word "person" means "a being possessed of intelligence, will and individual existence, who can say I, my, me, mine, thou." Is it safe to accept such a definition relative to the Godhead? Will the Scriptures support the same? Can it be applied to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost of the Godhead as each possessing these characteristics? Search the Scriptures for the correct answer, yes. The Scriptures previously quoted clearly indicate there is a difference in person between Jesus and His Father. The Father gives all power to the Son. (Matt. 28:18; John 13:3.) This power will be returned to the Father. (I Cor. 15:24-26.) Although all the attributes of the Godhead dwell in Christ, it is obvious that Father and Son are separate persons. They possess the same titular names; one in name and attributes but separate in personalities.

In Hebrews 1:1-9 is seen a difference between Father and Son. Verse one the Father is termed God and in verse eight the Son is termed God by the Father. This does not indicate a oneness in person but in name. Here it is shown that Christ is superior to the angels. In Isa. 9:6, He is termed the "Mighty God, the everlasting Father." Thomas called Him, "My Lord and my God." John 20:28. Of Christ it is written, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1. Here He has the divine titular name "God," and a positive statement, He is God, is given, thus showing His eternal, divine existence. The preposition "with" shows a relation which could not exist unless there was another person. Yet, not two or "three Gods," but three persons in one Godhead.

Jesus called His Father, God. "The truth, which I have heard of God. . . I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me." John 8:40, 42. He called Himself the Son of God. John 9:35-37. Of the Father it is written, "No man hath seen God at any time." John 1:18, (Exodus 33:20,

23). Christ said "the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape." John 5:37. Here Christ plainly shows a difference between Himself and His Father. People saw His face and heard Him (Christ).

God, the Father, is a Spirit, Jesus was not. He said, "a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have," Luke 24:39.

Peter testifies that God raised up Jesus, (Acts 2:32). This indicates two persons. The previously quoted Scriptures prove that there "is but one God the Father. . . and one Lord Jesus." (I Cor. 8:6). Since Christ cannot make a statement indicating falsehood or misrepresentation, it is obvious the Father and Son are different in persons and one only in name and attributes; therefore, the Bible does not support the doctrine that Jesus is the only person in the Godhead.

The advocates of the "Jesus only" doctrine erroneously use John 14:7-9 with John 1:18; 5:37 and Exodus 33:20, 23. It will be seen that Christ was not speaking here (in John 14:7-9) of seeing the Father literally but spiritually. The Father works through Him. John 14:10. If there were no Father such works could not be performed; therefore, He said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." It is to be noticed that Christ said, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He did not say, "I am the Father." A saved person is in Christ and Christ in him; therefore, Christ is seen (spiritually) in his life—spiritual activities. In like manner, Christ said, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." Yet not with the natural eyes, as is taught by advocates of the "Jesus only" doctrine. Possibly Philip had in mind seeing literally while Jesus spoke of spiritual sight. How could He have said to some who had seen Him, "No man hath seen God at any time," and to Philip, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," with the intention of conveying the idea that there is no other person in the Godhead? It is obvious that Christ was not speaking here of seeing the Father literally; and since He does nothing of Himself, but the Father works through Him, to see Him is to see the Father. He is an advocate, (I John 2:1) a Mediator between God (His Father) and man. I Tim. 2:5,6. "Between" suggests another person.

The Scriptures prove also that the Holy Spirit is a Person in the Godhead, and one in attributes with the Father and Son. These attributes are unity, spirituality, immortality, eternal existence, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, holiness, justice, love, mercy, and truth.

While speaking to the Son, the Father addressed Him with the pronoun "thou," (Heb. 1:8,9) and the Son in speaking to the Father addressed Him "thou." John 17:5. And they termed the Holy Spirit "He" and "Him." Thus, three persons, and in essence one God. The Holy Spirit is not an influence or "power," as some affirm, but a Person. Ananias lied to Him. Acts 5:3. Can one lie to a mere influence or power? He can be grieved. (Ephesians 4:30). Of Him, Christ said, "He [the Holy Spirit], shall testify of me." John 15:26.

Here are a few scriptures indicating three persons in the Godhead. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself

without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Heb. 9:14. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one." 1st John 5:7. See also I Pet. 1:2; Matt. 3:16, 17; Eph. 2:18; II Cor. 13:14.

Reader, what think ye of Christ? Whose son is He?
—Israel Smalling

We Shall Be Judged By Our Words

How is our general conversation? Is it on foolishness, telling jokes, speaking evil of someone, or just gossiping? Are we trying to tear down, or build up the kingdom of God? Are we kind to our wives, our husbands, our children, our mothers and fathers, and the ones we come in contact with daily? Are we sober-minded?

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Eph. 2:1-3. "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Eph. 4:22,23,31,29.

"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matthew 12:36,37. "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Matt. 5:34-37. "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." Eph. 5:3,4. "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." James 3:5,6,10. "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine. Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:1,8.

Did you know there was a man we read of in the Bible who talked to himself and his words condemned him to die? "And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and

my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall these things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12:18-20. Did you know the Bible tells of two people who fell down dead because of the words they said? They were Ananias and Sapphira. Read Acts 5:1-10.

Did you know blasphemy against the Holy Ghost can be by our words? "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matt. 12:31,32. Read Rev. 16:8-14 and Rev. 21:8.

Dear ones, this is a serious matter with God. Let us all be very careful about what we speak. If I have ever said anything, or done anything to hurt anyone, please forgive me. Also, do pray for me that I will be careful and say only things pleasing unto God. I will also be praying for each of you in like manner.

Christian love,

—Sis. Pearlene Whitson

"LO! I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

Beside the plow He walks with me,
And if my step be slow,
He pauses, waiting so that He
May lead me where I go.
I feel His presence at my side,
His hand upon my hair,
His love sweeps boundless like the tide,
About me everywhere.

Beside the plow He walks with me;
I plow the furrows deep,
I know His gentle eyes will see
The harvest that I reap.
His guiding touch is on my arm,
And well I know the care,
That keeps me safe from sin and harm,
Is with me everywhere.

Beside the plow He walks with me,
And all my troubles sweep;
I know that there will be
No time to pine or weep.
My very oxen seem to feel
The rapture in the air,
The love that lives to bless and heal
Surrounds us everywhere.

Beside the plow He walks with me,
And lo! the sun shines down,
The same that smiled on Galilee,
And on a thorny crown.
God grant that when the shadow's creep
Across the mountain fair,
His love may still be wide and deep
About me everywhere. —W. J. Henry
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