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Tribute To Mother

Oh, think of Mother! who is she
That honour you should give her?
Count up the virtues she's so free
And faithful to deliver.

Remember her, for 'ere thy birth
Her thoughts of thee were glowing,
For your sweet welcome to this earth
Her hopes and dreams bestowing.

Oh, honour her for all her grace:
(Thy love let nothing hinder)
The daily care she did embrace
When ye were young and tender.

Just think! enough for thee she's done
Before thy second summer
To make until life's setting sun
Thy love a faithful comer.

Go to her often, let her know
Her charms are not unwanted,
Make special mention, try to show
Thy love for her undaunted.

Do something over and above
The normal role of duty;
Express in actions now your love
That God may shine His beauty.

For He the home has here ordained
A holy institution,
And may its shrine be never stained
By sin's dark, vile pollution.

So honour Mother, give her cheer,
Thy praise of her be voicing,
The rest of all her journey here
Give cause for much rejoicing.

We owe it to her; God will bless
Our gifts to one another—
'Tis part of Heaven's righteousness:
The love we show to Mother!

—Leslie C. Busbee

Christian Education for Children

Today parents have such a great responsibility in training their children in the way of God because of the evil days. From the beginning, the devil has worked against right and tried to destroy any seeds of truth that had been sown in the hearts of boys and girls. The devil has an advantage over parents because of the bent toward evil that children have when they are born; but parents need not become discouraged in the training of their children.

The Bible tells us how to train them. In Eph. 6:4 we read, "And, ye fathers [or mothers], provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Notice the words, "bring them up." Children cannot be left to themselves, but they must be trained. How? "In the nurture and admonition of the Lord." What does the word "nurture" mean? It means to "educate, train, rear, upbringing, and nourish." In other words, parents are to educate their children in the way of the Lord. Parents cannot take this lightly because it is God's command. How can they educate their children in the Word of God? We again look into God's Word for the answer, "And thou shalt teach them [commandments] diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:7. What a great responsibility mothers and fathers have! Parents cannot shrug this off and stand before the Lord guiltless. This is God's commandment. We can't let the Sunday school teacher or the pastor take all this responsibility. They can only help parents in their obligation.

First, parents should live a holy life before their children. They should value the Word of God and love it. Jesus should be honored in the home in all things. One of the best ways to start training up a child is for the parents to maintain daily family worship. The reading of the Bible should be explained and brought down to a child's level. Sometimes illustrations, or stories told along with the Bible reading will bring out a thought that makes a deep impression. Often it should be brought out about the wrong of taking dope, strong drinks, using tobacco, gambling, stealing, lying, etc. This can best be brought out through the experiences of others who got into

these evil habits and the bad results they brought. Take time with the family devotions. It should not be a hurried up activity. If the mother or the father is not saved and will not participate, the saved parent can have the devotions with the children without the other or at a time when the one is not there who would oppose the Bible teaching; but how wonderful it is for parents to love the Lord together and train their children to do so! Bible questions and answers are a good way to impress children's minds. Many of our deepest experiences center around the family altar. Tomorrow your child will look back and remember the happy hours spent around the family Bible. What a great responsibility you parents face today!

Our text speaks of not provoking your "children to wrath." Many times children are teased by parents until the child becomes angry. This is very wrong. Sometimes they are made fun of and their tender feelings are wounded. Treat your child as you would want to be treated. You must have rules in your home. A child should know what those rules are. These rules should be based upon God's Word. When a child knowingly disobeys those rules, then a spanking or other punishment is in order. Now this is where many parents fail. They "provoke" their "children to wrath" by just a few licks with a switch and the child stomps off in anger. They should be whipped until they get angry and then get over it. That is conquering a child. Oh, if parents would only start with their babies or as soon as they are old enough to know what you mean when you say, "No." A baby, just walking, will look at you and go right on doing what you told him not to do. They need a good spanking for so doing. You will find, if you start young, that when they are teen-agers they will have been so trained, they will not dare to disobey you, or they will have such respect for your rules and love, that it will be a stay to them. Be firm, but love them when they do the right, or when you punish them make them know it is done through love. Don't get discouraged by doing the same thing over and over. That is training and educating them in the ways of the Lord.

These are a few thoughts for mothers and fathers to think and pray about.

—Sis. Marie Miles

Are You Obeying the Signal?

God's danger signal is flashing to the people of the world, warning them that the Bible is being rapidly fulfilled of the last prophecies in His book, such as earthquakes in divers places, wars among nations, and men's hearts failing them for fear. We hear of terrible disasters that are setting records. This is the last and final warning. I feel Jesus' coming is very near. His red light is flashing danger all over our planet. The redeemed are looking up with their lamps trimmed and burning, and their loins girt about. Great is their joy, knowing Jesus is coming soon to take them to their final Home.

One thing that dims their joy is that their loved ones are not all ready. Many of them are failing to heed the danger signal and are going on in their own careless way. Unless they repent, they will only weep and wail when Jesus appears in the clouds of glory. They will be lost and go down to a lost world. We must labor and pray on for the priceless souls of mankind.

My husband was a railroad man, and when he placed a blue flag on the train that he was checking, the engineer knew he was not to move a wheel until that flag was removed. Surveyors give signals to their co-workers and they know exactly what those signals mean. If a mistake is made, the work must all be done over. A switchman does not say a word to the brakeman; he simply gives signals with his hands. They know what every gesture means. So God does not have to speak audibly to us. He has given signals to us, when to go forward and when to stand still. If we do not obey them it will bring disaster.

Recently, we read of the worst air disaster on record when two huge jets collided and burned right on the runway. Both planes were moving very fast. As a result, 577 people were killed and many injured as both planes exploded and burned. When the investigation was made, it was found that one pilot did not obey the right signal for the take off. How tragic! It could have been avoided.

We are now getting the signal for conservation, to cut down on our use of light power as well as heat and water. Many are not obeying. Even in church houses where they could help, many refuse to do so. We are warned in God's Word to obey the laws of the land as long as they do not transgress God's commands. We may some day, in the near future, sit in darkness if we do not cooperate.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." I Pet. 3:10. When God gives that final signal, this old world will be wrapped in flames. Not even His Son knows the day or hour. He is still interceding for the souls of the lost, but when His Father gives the signal, all that will cease, and the unsaved will be lost eternally.

—Grace Jones

The New Birth

The experience of salvation received through Christ is also represented as a birth of the Spirit. Jesus Himself introduced this doctrine. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them which believe on his name: *which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God*" (John 1:11-13). According to this text, all who during the incarnation received Christ and believed on His name were born of God.

When Nicodemus came by night to interview the Saviour, acknowledging Him as a teacher come from God, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God" (John 3:1-7). Nicodemus understood about natural birth, but could not comprehend this idea of a second birth that even an old man might obtain. Jesus explained: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, *Ye must be born again.*"

This doctrine of the new birth is fundamental; for without being born again no man can truly be called a Christian; for a Christian is one who is Christlike, and sinners must be transformed from sin to grace before they can be Christlike, and this change is effected by the Spirit in what is here termed the new birth.

The prominent idea connected with birth is a bringing into life. Now, sinful man is in the Scriptures represented as being in a state of spiritual death. To know God, and to be associated with Him in holiness and fellowship, is life eternal, and is the normal sphere of the soul's happiness (John 17:3). On the other hand, to be cut off by sin and separated from that vital union with our Maker is spiritual death. "I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died" (Rom. 7:9). In Isa. 59:1,2 we read of how sin separates men from God. In I Tim. 5:6 Paul says, "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." "And you, being dead in your sins." (Col. 2:13). "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" (Eph. 2:1, 2). How strange to think of dead men *walking*! Yet we are surrounded by millions of living, intelligent beings who are nevertheless "dead in trespasses and sins." These are the ones who "must be born again." But Jesus has come "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). In John 1:12, 13, already quoted, we read that those who *believed* on Jesus' name were born of God; and in John 5:24 He says, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but *is passed from death unto life.*" The beloved Apostle states very clearly "that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11, 12).

Notwithstanding all these plain texts, and many others bearing on this subject, certain religious teachers affirm that the new birth is not an experience to be obtained now; that we are only begotten in this world, but shall be born in the next; that everlasting life is not obtainable in the present dispensation, etc. "What shall we then say to these things?" We will read the divine Word and let it decide, then "let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3:4).

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ *is born of God*" (I John 5:1). "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . . Beloved, NOW *are we the sons of God*" (I John 3:1, 2). "Because he is born of God" (I John 3:9). "Being born again . . . by the word of God" (I Pet. 1:23). "Every one that doeth righteousness *is born of him*" (I John 2:29). "*Which were born . . . of God*" (John 1:12, 13). "*Because ye are sons*, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts" (Gal. 4:6). "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Pet. 2:2). "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, *that we are the children of God*" (Rom. 8:16). "Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" (I John 4:7). And since we are already born of God, and are now His sons, His believing children, "we know that we have passed from death unto life" (I John 3:14). "*God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life*" (I John 5:11,12).

We must not overlook the miraculous feature of this new birth, this bringing into life. In the natural world, life proceeds only from life. Things inanimate can never endow themselves with natural life. So it is also in the spiritual realm. Man, who is "dead in trespasses and in sins," can never endow himself with spiritual life. He may

possibly reform himself in certain particulars and perform many good works; but after he has reached the end of all self-effort, he will simply be a good moral man, and not what the Scriptures describe as a Christian, for a Christian is a good man *plus something else*. The additional something is life from God, which is infused by the divine Spirit into our hearts. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"; for "this life is in his Son" (I John 5:12, 11).

Millions of people call themselves Christians and think themselves on the road to heaven, when they are not, but are deceived; for they have never been born again, and Jesus Himself declares, "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). How important, then, that experimental salvation be held before all men, so that they may know how to meet Bible conditions and receive a real conversion, this birth of the Spirit, which endows the individual with everlasting life, happiness, and joy! What a shame—what a lasting disgrace to the fair name of Christianity—that multitudes of sin-loving people should claim to be Christians simply because they have joined some human church, or because they were in infancy subjected to a ceremonial rite called baptism! Yet this is a sad fact. May God help to undeceive these blinded multitudes, who are rushing onward to an everlasting hell! Dear reader, if you are one of this number, I pray God to awaken you before it is too late; to write upon your soul as it were in letters of fire these words of our Lord, "*Ye must be born again.*"

—F. G. Smith

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Your Choice



You don't have to go to Heaven,
You don't have to live for God.
You don't have to be forgiven,
Nor be washed in Jesus' blood.

When beyond the shining portals
All the ransomed meet at last,
You won't have to be among them
When the fight on earth is past.

Though a mother in her sorrow
For your soul doth plead and pray,
You don't have to be forgiven;
Need not walk the narrow way.

God will never make you serve Him,
Never force you to be saved,
You can go to judgment Christless,
Though your path with prayer is paved.

You can keep right on sinning,
Turn your back on what is right,
Push headlong into perdition,
And an endless awful night.

There's no power on earth or heaven
That can check your downward way,
Unless Jesus' blood is sprinkled,
And your sins are washed away.

—Author Unknown, Sel. by Mary Worley

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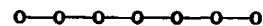
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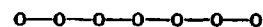


THE TIME OF CAMPMEETINGS has come in which special efforts will be made in many states to reach the unsaved with the good news of salvation from sin through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. The Oklahoma State Campmeeting here at Guthrie, Okla., is the next on the schedule, which will be in session, Lord willing, from May 27 to June 5. (See further announcement on another page.) A large attendance is expected from several states. The saints are urged to come praying for a soul-saving meeting here and at all the campmeetings and tent meetings throughout the summer. Now on behalf of the local congregation and the pastor, Bro. Leslie Busbee, we give you a hearty invitation to come and worship the Lord together in the beauty of holiness at this 43rd annual campmeeting on these grounds.



"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth . . ."

In Rev. 12:12 we read the solemn warning of the grief, sorrow and misery that would come upon the inhabitants of this earth because the devil had come down in great wrath to deceive and destroy God's people who oppose paganism and all the false religions. The scripture reads, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Surely, in these last days the devil is "loosed a little season" (Rev. 20:3), and "because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" he is working day and night to deceive and destroy the very elect if possible. Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. Since his doom is sealed and his days are numbered, he has sent forth in his fury a multitude of deceptive spirits of devils, working miracles, to deceive the whole human race. This is an age of deception and more false doctrines are arising on every hand to deceive the unwary soul. It is astonishing and shocking to know of the many false teachings that are propagated even under the name "Church of God." These heresies are a shame and disgrace to that holy and sacred name. The only safe place for a soul is to be hid away with Christ in God, to abide within the impregnable walls of salvation. Thank God for the truth that Jesus proclaimed: "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. Dear reader, are you anchored on the Solid Rock Christ Jesus where the fierce winds of false doctrines cannot move you to the right or to the left? To those who hear and do God's Word, the promise is: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20.



Bro. Mart Samons, a minister of West Virginia, held a revival meeting at the 23rd Street chapel in Oklahoma City from March 27 to April 3. Souls were saved and baptized. Then he held a profitable meet-

ing in Springfield, Mo., followed by a revival meeting at Nowata, Okla., which he began on April 12.

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The mission work in the Philippine Islands is moving forward. Bro. Ben Granil, native pastor at Maddela, is making some improvements and repairs on their mission chapel. Bro. Florencio Granil, the pastor at Cauayan, writes that they plan to have a campmeeting there from June 6 to 12, 1977. They desire the prayers of the Church for the success of these special services, and that every temporal and spiritual need will be supplied. Also, they are trusting the Lord to supply them a vehicle for transportation in taking the gospel to new areas. Brother Florencio Granil expressed that they needed Ilocano language hymnals very badly. He has already translated 100 Church of God songs into their language, and Lord willing, we will print this song book for them at the Lord's Printshop.

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Good reports have come from the annual spring meeting which was held at the Church of God chapel, corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets, in Los Angeles, California, from April 1st to 10th.

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Thank the Lord for permitting this writer and his wife Maybelle to get away for a short 12-day trip (April 4-15) to California where we visited relatives and saints. Enroute by auto with our Brother Willie and Sister Frances Murphey, we visited our brother Frank (a twin to Frances) and his wife in Phoenix, Ariz. Frank is now recovering from open-heart surgery. The Murpheys left us in southern California, and they drove on to Jefferson, Oregon, where Bro. Willie held a week's meeting beginning on Easter Sunday. They returned safely to Guthrie on April 20.

It was a great pleasure to be with our loved ones again, as well as to see more of God's wonderful handiwork in making the valleys, mountains, and the vast wide-open spaces. We exclaim with the poet, "How Great Thou Art!" Refreshed by the change of activity, we have returned to the office work with a resolve to do all we can to get out more gospel literature to this perishing world while the Lord still gives us time and strength. Though still in the furnace of affliction, this writer has his faith and hope anchored in God's promises. His time and way is always best. Continue to pray that our faith will not fail, for faith is the victory.

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More than twenty-two years have passed since the Lord summoned this writer's dear mother to her Home above, but he still fondly cherishes her memory and humbly acknowledges that it is through the grace of God, and the prayers and godly example of my parents that I am what I am today. With the poet I pray:

"God, hallow the holy impress
Of the days that used to be,
And keep me a pilgrim forever
To the shrine at Mother's knee!" —L.D.P.

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Obituaries

Sister Grace G. Koehler departed this life to be with the Lord on April 3, 1977, near Farmland, Ind., following an illness of four months, at the age of 82 years.

Sister Koehler was saved and embraced the truth of the Church of God many years ago. She was well known by many in the church years ago when she was a caretaker on the National campground at Neosho, Mo.

She is survived by three daughters, one son, three sisters, 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Culberson-Reynard Funeral Home, Modoc, Ind., with Bob Tinsman officiating. Interment was in the Poplar Run Cemetery, near Unionport, Ind.

Mattie Mae Davis was born in Oklahoma, March 22, 1897, and went to be with the Lord from Salem, Oregon, on February 15, 1977, at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 23 days.

She was married in Oklahoma to Harry Davis and they walked life's way together, sharing all its changing fortunes, for more than 60 years. Her husband preceded her in death on October 19, 1976. She was the mother of seven children, two of whom preceded her in death.

She and her husband were both saved and embraced the truth as taught by the Church of God in the early

years of their married life and held to that truth the remainder of their lives. Sister Davis' last testimony was that she was at peace with God and as far as she knew there was not one thing between her and the Lord. That testimony comes to the front now and is very comforting. She was a member of the Church of God congregation of Jefferson, Oregon.

She is survived by two sons: Alvis F. Davis of Salem, Oregon, and Harry W. Davis of Lake Oswego, Oregon; three daughters, Mrs. Essie Fox, Mrs. Lois Shamberger, both of Salem, Oregon, and Mrs. Mildred Mathews of Winona, Mississippi; two sisters, Mae Lehman and Feeby Estep, both of Seminole, Oklahoma; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ostis B. Wilson in the Restlawn Chapel with interment in Restlawn Memory Gardens of Salem, Oregon.

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Sister Juanita Watson was born in Akron, Ohio, March 16, 1932, to John J. and Hassie Young. She answered the summons from God on April 15, 1977 at the age of 45 years.

As a teen-ager, she moved with her family to Topeka, Kansas, and in later years to Wichita. She was married to John L. Watson on April 20, 1949. To this union was born one child, Miracle Anita. Sister Watson loved and cared for many children during her lifetime, and was therefore the mother of many.

She embraced the truth in her youth and was faithful at her parting. Of her life it can truly be said, "She hath done what she could," laboring in the work of God. Her mother and a sister preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn: her husband, John L., and daughter, Miracle, of the home; her father, John J. Young of Topeka, Ks.; two brothers; Joe Young of Denver, Colo., and John Young Jr., of Topeka, Kan., two sisters, Rose Young of Wichita, Kan., and Loretta Evans of Topeka, Kan. She also leaves to mourn a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. Herman Kelly, Bro. Woodrow Warren and Sis. Katherine Williams. Scripture texts: Rev. 20:6 and John 5:24-28.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Memorial services for Alice A. Lockhart, 66 years of age, were held in California on March 19, 1977. She was the beloved mother of William Kenneth and Richard G. Lockhart, Alice M. Montalbano, and Margarite Grover. She is also survived by one brother, Robert F. Smillie of San Diego, California, and five grandchildren.

In memory of my dear friend, Alice A. Lockhart, I would like to say that I had known her since she was 12 years of age. At that time she was miraculously and instantly healed of ruptured appendix through the prayers of Brother and Sister George E. Harmon in Glendale, California. Shortly afterwards, she gave her testimony of her healing in the Los Angeles, California chapel. Her grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Lenderer, were among the first saints in the Los Angeles congregation.

A friend,

—Vera Forbes

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Campmeeting Dates for 1977

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1977, and more complete announcements of each will be made in later issues:—

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Oklahoma—May 27 to June 5.

Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 3 to 12.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 10 to 19.

Tulsa, Oklahoma—June 10 to 19.

Green Bank, W. Virginia—June 10 to 19.

Hammond, Louisiana—June 25 to July 3.

Oakland, California—June 24 to July 3.

Ojos Negros, Baja C., Mexico—June 27 to July 3.

Akron, Ohio—July 1 to 10.

Muncie, Indiana—July 8 to 17.

Fresno, California—July 8 to 17.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.—July 22 to 31.

Myrtle, Missouri—Aug. 3 to 10.

Bakersfield, California—Aug. 5 to 14.

Blackford, Kentucky—August 12 to 17.

Boley, Oklahoma—Aug. 19 to 28.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 26 to September 4.

OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING AT GUTHRIE, OK.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, May 27 to June 5, 1977, at the chapel located on the corner of Sixth and West Warner Streets, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this 43rd annual campmeeting on these grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting, the salvation of souls, sanctification of believers, and the divine healing of bodies.

Contributions should be sent directly to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Rt. 2, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044. For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Leslie Busbee, 1014 West Mansur, Guthrie, Okla., 73044, phone 405-282-2421. The phone number at the chapel is 282-5499. Come and hear the old-time reformation truth, and let us worship the Lord together in the unity of the Spirit and be brought to the unity of the faith of the New Testament.

—L. D. Pruitt

CAMPMEETING AT HOLLY HILL, S.C.

The annual Church of God campmeeting at Holly Hill, South Carolina, will be held, Lord willing, from June 3 to 12, 1977. Everyone is welcome to come. We are praying the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing and burden the saints to help in every way for the success of the meeting. May the Lord save and sanctify many souls.

The chapel building is designated, White Oak Church of God. From downtown Holly Hill, take Highway 176 west to Highway 310. Turn right approximately 1½ miles to Church of God sign, then turn right two miles. If needed, phone Hutson Crummie, 803-496-5231, or O'Neal Pratt, phone 803-496-5176.

—Bro. Hutson Crummie
Rt. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059

WEST VIRGINIA CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Green Bank, West Virginia, will be held, Lord willing, from June 10th through the 19th. The tent will be located near Green Bank. There will be two services each day. Meals will be served, and all who come will be cared for. The Lord blessed us with a glorious meeting here last year. People from fourteen states were present. We want to extend a hearty welcome to all to come to West Virginia, especially all lovers of the truth from the East. Bring a coat, as the nights are cool. If you can't come, pray for the meeting.

Green Bank is located fifty miles south of Elkins, and fifty-seven miles north of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Route 92. For more information, contact Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons, P.O. Box 127, Green Bank, W. Va. 24922, phone 304-456-4469.

OREGON STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oregon State Campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) will convene in Jefferson, Oregon, on June 10, and continue through June 19, Lord willing. Those who come by bus from either north or south should come to Albany, Oregon, 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 work in the meeting are supplied by the same means. We urge all saints and lovers of the truth throughout the Northwest to attend this meeting as it is the only campmeeting of the Evening Light Saints in this area. There are cabins and a dormitory available on the campground and also a limited number of places available in the saints' homes. All who come will be cared for.

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

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the campmeeting on Friday, June 10, and on through the meeting, Lord willing. Yours and His in the Master's service.

—Ostis B. and Evelyn Wilson
6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321

TULSA, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

The Church of God campmeeting on the corner of Norfolk and Pine Place in Tulsa, Okla., will be held June

10 to 19, 1977, Lord willing. Everyone is cordially invited to these services, and all who come will be cared for. All who can, please bring bed linens and pillows. Pray much for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon this meeting.

For additional information, contact the pastor, Bro. M. D. Gaines, 2932 N. Lewis, Tulsa, Okla., 74110, phone (918) 425-8946, or Bro. Charles Lowe, 1823 N. Main, phone 584-6838.

—Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

CAMPMEETING AT MUNCIE, INDIANA

Another campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light) will be held, Lord willing, from July 8 to 17, 1977, on the Central Friends Campground located six miles southeast of Muncie, Indiana. 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 meeting, especially those in the Northeast. The Lord blessed there in a special way last summer, and we are expecting a greater outpouring of grace and truth in the coming meeting.

Bro. Egbert Allen of Norwood, Mo., and Bro. Orie Young of Sapulpa, Okla., carry a special burden for this meeting, and they request earnest prayers and the co-operation of the saints for this effort that it may redound to the glory of God in the salvation of souls and the unification of God's scattered sheep in one fold under one Shepherd.

Bro. Young has accepted the responsibility to receive donations of food and other provisions at his Sapulpa home from Oklahoma and surrounding area and to deliver it to the Muncie campground. Please send or take your donation of food, etc., to Bro. Orie Young, 12 South Walnut, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066, phone (918) 224-1600.

This five-acre campground, well equipped with tabernacle, dining hall and dormitories, has been rented at considerable expense. All phases of this campmeeting will be supported entirely by free-will contributions. Please send your free-will offerings and requests 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. Watch for further information about this meeting in later issues.

—Lawrence Pruitt, Editor

URGENT NEEDS ON NATIONAL CAMPGROUND

The buildings on the National campground at Neosho, Mo., were damaged by a wind storm in March. A tree fell and cut a two foot swath almost to the floor of the house trailer, which is located by the dining hall. It also stripped the wires from the main electric pole, which wires serve the buildings, etc. The tree also fell on Sis. Ruth Murphey's cabin and did some damage to it. There was shingle damage done to the tabernacle and restrooms.

Needless to say, there is a lot of work to be done on the campground before the coming National campmeeting in July. I am sure that every one who goes there does enjoy serving the Lord with the saints, but you must remember that for the grounds and the services to be as they are when you arrive, there has been much hard, hard work behind it by many folks. Are you sharing in that work? If so, you are also going to share in the blessings

and rewards awaiting those who will stand before God in that last day.

First, do pray, then be willing to work and give to this great cause. Everyone can do something. How sad it would be if a soul would be lost because you did not do your part. Let us think seriously about the needs there on the grounds. The ultimate end is the salvation of souls.

Bro. Dale Doolittle, the caretaker, informs me that the trailer can be fixed, as there doesn't seem to be any frame damage. He says they need some good electrical advice about changing the main electric pole and running the wires from another angle to the grounds, which would make it more efficient. Some of the undamaged wires can be used for this, and the electric company will cooperate with them on this project. There is a need for junction boxes, etc. He also informed me that the long siege of cold weather this winter was very harsh and hard on the water pipes and there is much repair work to be done on them.

It was easy to sit in the business meeting last summer and agree that we need an addition to the tabernacle, but there has not been any money sent in to finance this project. How sad! All in attendance should be under the tabernacle to really get the good out of the service, and as you know, that has not been possible. Souls are being hindered because they cannot all obtain seats under the tabernacle. What are we going to do to help souls? Remember, we all have a part in this great work of getting the gospel to souls. That is the reason for these meetings.

Work days will be May 21st and June 18th for the men folks who can give some manual labor. Then the general work day for cleaning, etc., and for the sisters to come and help, will be July 4th. Possibly this will be announced again in a later issue.

Also, remember that when you can or freeze vegetables, fruits, etc., that you need to put up extra for use at the campmeeting since all of us know how high the price of food is. It might help if you would let the secretary know what you are canning for the meeting and they will know better how to buy food. Also, if you have last year's food left, it can be used at the campmeeting.

For further information, contact Bro. and Sis. Dale Doolittle, Rt. 5, Box 61, Neosho, Mo. 64850, phone 417-472-6427. Send contributions to the treasurer, Bro. Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97th West Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74107.

—Sis. Marie Miles

(Written by request of Bro. & Sis. Dale Doolittle, caretakers.)

SONG RECORD BY LOFTIS SISTERS

A long play album record of 13 songs by the Loftis sisters of Prattville, Ark., may be obtained by sending \$5.50 directly to Lynn Carver, 836 Drexel Drive, Shreveport, La. 71106. Any profits realized will be given to the Church of God. The saints will enjoy and receive a blessing by listening to their singing.

ATTEND SERVICES IN PATASKALA, OHIO

The Church of God is meeting at Bro. Rufus Perry's home for Bible study on the first and third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school on the first, third and fourth Sundays at 10:00 a.m., and worship services at 11:00

a.m. Location: 12500 Cable Road, Pataskala, Ohio, phone 927-7238.

Christians are the blood-washed redeemed children of God who are in the world but not of the world. The prophets who prophesied long before Christ was born tell us about the Kingdom of God and His Church.

Come out to worship the Lord and study His Word with us where you will receive a hearty Christian welcome.

—Bro. Rufus Perry

GOSPEL SINGING AT HOFFMAN, OKLA.

Lord willing, the Church of God at Hoffman, Okla., will have a gospel singing on Saturday night, May 21st, followed by all-day meeting on Sunday, May 22nd. Everyone is welcomed and urged to attend these services.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Woodrow Warren, 810 North Porter, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447, phone 756-6425.

SUMITON, ALABAMA, MEETING

There will be a week-end meeting, Lord willing, in Sumiton, Ala., May 27-29. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For further information, you may contact Brother Marshall Whitson, Rt. 1, Box 37, Sumiton, Ala. 35148, phone 648-2304, or Bro. Roy Herron, Rt. 2, Box 124, Warrior, Ala. 35180, phone 647-7869.

REPORT OF WICHITA, KAN., MEETING

The saints at Wichita, Kan., give thanks and praise to God for the blessed meeting He gave us. The Lord sent ministers who delivered His Word with love and authority, and it cut as the Lord purposed. Humility was very much in evidence, and many of the saints sought the Lord at the altar of prayer for more grace and deeper depths. It was real precious and a blessing to many in attendance.

We are sorry that another meeting has come and gone and the sinners have to say "we are not yet saved." It was very disappointing to the saints to see so few seeking for salvation, but we are encouraged to continue to plead their cases to God.

We appreciated each of the saints who came from out-of-town to help us in the battle. We are determined to continue to look to the hills from whence cometh our help.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

Reports From the Field

The Lord blessed us to attend the Oakland, Calif., meeting in January, 1977, also the Stockton, Calif., meeting in March. Both meetings were well attended, and Spirit-filled. The Lord surely worked. The Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and a number of souls wept their way to the cross and were saved. One soul in particular who had been away from the Lord for years came back to God and was gloriously saved. Praise the Lord!

We were also in the Wichita, Kansas, meeting in March which was anointed of the Lord. It was wonderful to see the saints of God as they humbled themselves and melted down, seeking God for deeper depths in Him, some

getting sanctified and other spiritual help. Our souls were fed and made to rejoice.

The spring meeting is now in session here in Okla. City. The Word of God is going forth with power under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and the attendance is good.

On Easter Sunday we went to Dallas, Texas, to be with the few saints there. Some saints went from Tulsa and from Oklahoma City. It was a precious service. The few of us studied the Sunday School Bible Lessons together on the subject of the crucifixion. It was very interesting and everyone got so much out of it. It was nearly noon when we closed the Sunday school and went into the worship service. The Lord's presence surely blessed our souls. The Word was precious, and also we heard a number of encouraging testimonies. Praise the Lord! We are thankful how the Lord is keeping His hand on the new work there. The saints have service each Sunday. The address of the chapel is 134 Hasting St., Irving, Texas 75060. (Irving is a suburb of Dallas.)

For further information, contact Bro. Richard Porter, 780B South Carroll St., Grapevine, Texas 76051, phone 817-488-0023, or Sis. Doris Hardman, 4450 Woodhollow Dr., Apt. 330, Dallas, Texas 75237, phone 214-330-6800.

—Katherine Williams

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A very profitable meeting was held in Springfield, Mo., from April 6 to 10, at the Church of God chapel. The Lord used Bro. Mart Samons in delivering the Word. Every service was anointed of the Lord and the Spirit of God ruled. Thirteen souls were at the altar seeking the Lord for various needs, and the saints were much edified.

We are at present in Shreveport, La., starting a meeting on April 13, and trusting the Lord to bless in the services. We are looking to the Lord to give us strength for His work.

Your fellow-laborers in God's work,

—Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen

Prayer Requests

Ill.—"I went to the doctor in January and I have a tumor that is malignant, but as the Lord has healed my husband and me many times before, I want to trust the Lord all the way for this. I want the saints to pray for my healing."

—H. Barton

S. Car.—"I enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* paper. It encourages me very much. . . . Bro. Lawrence, I ask you and the saints to pray for the healing of my body. I am not doing well."

—Eddie Driggers

La.—"Pray for me. I need a touch of healing to my body."

—Mrs. W. H. Cleland

Texas—"Pray for my eyes. I have pains in the back of my eyes when I do anything that is a little strain. I need to drive, etc., but my eyes hurt when I do."

—Carolyn Holland

Ohio—"Put my name on your prayer list . . . I am a widow and a shut-in and in very poor health."

—Mrs. Ruth Newman

Ill.—"Pray earnestly for my five-year-old grandson. They say he has lost so much weight this winter. It seems he gets well of one thing and then he gets sick again." [Sis. Pitts needs healing to her body also.]

—Sis. Truman Pitts

S. Car.—“Pray for my eyes . . . Remember Bro. Hudson Crummie in prayer as he is having a battle of afflictions with his back and neck . . . Remember our campmeeting in prayer.”
—Sis. L. Scott

Ky.—Saints, keep praying for Sis. Curtis Williams until complete victory comes for her. She is a little better, but not healed, yet her faith is strong in the Lord. We are expecting God to bring her out of this serious trouble.

Okla.—Still remember Sis. Evelyn McCoy for complete healing. She has an awful place on the back of her neck that gives her much pain and her heart bothers her. Also, continue to remember Lawrence Pruitt, my brother, as he is still holding on for healing. There is nothing too hard for our God to do. Bro. Clarence Brant needs healing of low blood sugar, and also Sis. Aquilla Benson needs healing. God is still healing His children, so we need to continue to pray with faith for each one. Sis. Maude Britt needs healing. There are many others we could mention, but pray for the whole household of faith, as their faith is being tested, but victory is theirs.

What a great privilege to trust the Lord! I visited a relative in the hospital a number of years ago, and he told me he had suffered more from the tests and experiments that were given to him by the doctors than from the disease. So, dear ones, we are glad that we can trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies.

When a person gets older it seems there are many different pains that touch a person's body; but how precious the Lord is to come to our rescue! The other morning I was working at my desk and all of a sudden my eyes began to get dim. One of my eyes was nearly blind. I kept calling on the Lord and then finally mentioned it to Maybelle, my sister-in-law, who was at her desk. She came and agreed with me in prayer. She looked at my eye, but couldn't see anything wrong. As we kept looking to the Lord, it began to clear up. I haven't had anymore trouble. Oh, how precious it is to trust the Lord and look to Him in every time of need. I never had anything like that to happen before.

Oh, the Lord is very good to us, and we do thank and praise Him for all that He does for all of His trusting children! Saints, be encouraged to keep your faith strong in the Lord. He will see you through.

—Sis. Marie Miles

REPORT OF EASTER MEETING IN MEXICO

We feel such an overwhelming happiness, joy, and gratefulness to our loving Saviour for how He heard and answered prayer for the Easter meeting here at Patzcuaro, Mexico. I know the saints here and in many places were praying for its success. The meeting from the first to the last was rich, soul-searching, and was well attended. The people from the village attended real good and from places nearby, besides Bro. and Sis. Mayarino Escobar and several of the saints from Ojos Negros, Bro. Tomas Mendoza from El Valle de Trinidad, Bro. and Sis. Robert Sherman from Pacoima, Calif., and some of the saints from there, and my sister, Alice Ewbank and her sons from Pomona, Calif. We had a real surprise on Wednesday. Bro. and Sis. James Huskey, three of their children and Sis. Roberta Hightower arrived from Guthrie, Okla. Rosa

Huskey helped teach the children's classes each day, which was a big help.

Several folks went to the altar for help, some for sanctification, and some to be saved. Among them was our youngest daughter, Luz. We are so happy with her. We feel that the Lord was dealing with lots of folks who didn't yield themselves to the Lord. But, at least, they were privileged to hear God's Word, and it is in their hands now. We need to continue to pray God's blessings upon the Word that all heard, to still convict, and give victory to dear souls. The enemy is working very hard to bring to naught all that is good and right, and to destroy the unity among God's people. I am very glad we can stand for right and have confidence that the right will prevail.

We want to thank you for the offering you sent from the saints. We really appreciate it. We had a lot of expenses for food, electricity, gas, wood, gasoline, and water. The Lord surely did bless and supplied every need.

Love,

—Sis. Edith (Cole) Lara

The following was written by Sister Charlotte Huskey of Guthrie who also attended the Easter meeting at Patzcuaro:

We were very thankful to see the brethren encouraged at Patzcuaro. They have stood true through many discouraging times when there were just a few, and now God is blessing with several new ones in the congregation.

At this point, I would like to relate one woman's experience of how God dealt with her. “I was taking care of my sister's child and he became deathly ill. In vain I tried to contact the parents. Through most of the night I watched over him, thinking at any moment life would be gone. What would I tell his mother? How could I explain, so she wouldn't blame me? Would she believe me? These and a hundred other questions whirled through my mind. In desperation I fell on my knees beside his bed and so pled like a child. ‘Oh, God,’ I prayed, ‘if you will just let him live until his parents see him again, I'll go to church, I'll live a better life.’ Just how long I stayed there praying, I do not know, but during this time I had laid my hands on the child. Thinking I felt movement, I looked down at him. He was conscious again and looking up at me. He lived until I contacted his parents. They came and spent a day and night with him. Then he died. God answered my prayer, and everything was well between my sister and me. I began attending service and taking my children. I was diligent for sometime, then I let things hinder and didn't attend like I should, so God sent another jolt my way. I was anxiously awaiting the arrival of my sister who was coming for a visit. She was coming by train and I was to pick her up in Mexicali. The day before she was to arrive, I heard on the news of the worst train disaster in history. I listened more carefully. Two passenger trains, almost loaded to capacity, had collided head-on while traveling at a high speed. Where? On the very route my sister would take. Would she be in the north-bound one? I tried to believe it impossible, but I knew it wasn't. I knew my sister was on that train. Again I prayed and made promises to God if He would spare my sister. We were informed it would be days and maybe weeks before passenger identification would be completed, but the survivors would be going on to their destination. As soon as possible I went to the train depot to await the arrival of

the few survivors. We waited all through the night. The next day a car from the disaster train came. My sister survived without a scratch. Now I am seeking to please God in every way."

This should encourage us to pray more for the lost and watch God work on them.

There were several who sent prayer requests as follows:

Bro. and Sis. Raul Gonzalez have an urgent unspoken request.

Sis. Rodriguez asked special prayer for her son, who lives near, that he will show love toward them and come home for a visit.

Angela Hernandez also asked prayer for her son who left home Easter Sunday morning.

Bro. Pablo asked prayer that he will know the will of God.

Sis. Edith Lara sent several unspoken requests concerning the work of God in Baja, Mexico.

Bro. James and Sis. Charlotte Huskey and Bro. Jim Broker plan to spend ten days in southern Mexico and possibly in Honduras (Belize) beginning the 7th of May. Please pray that we will be used of God.

—Sister Charlotte Huskey

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (April 1)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ who was crucified for our offenses and raised again for our justification. All praise unto Him forever!

What shall we do? The demand of us to reach hungry souls with the gospel of salvation is increasing. It is unfortunate that the Church of God in Nigeria cannot at present afford to buy a car or bus equipped with loud-speakers to reach these souls with the soul-saving gospel of Christ. Only about \$8000.00 can purchase a fairly good car in Nigeria, including registration, license and insurance. I have dropped the idea of French cars which are too costly. We need to move with fast action. Oh God, help us! We have a firm faith in Him.

We are glad to announce that a decent building has been secured at Utagba-Ogbe, Kwale, to house comfortably all the brethren from the U.S.A. and elsewhere who are to come to Nigeria either on a visit or to reside permanently for the work of the Lord in Africa. We will have them quartered here until the missionary quarters being built solely by this writer at Abbi, Kwale, is brought to completion. Work on the building at Abbi has been resumed and is being supervised by Bro. Joseph Enebeli, a minister in Abbi congregation. It is also a matter of interest to write that Bro. Nse B. Umanah of Ikot Eken congregation in the Cross River State has offered his little building for a short occupation by the visiting brethren.

Let the prayers of the saints ascend to God for the ability to preach the gospel with a willingness to press up the highway of holiness.

Yours in Christ,

—Titus U. E. Enu, pastor

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (March 18)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, co-workers and saints scattered abroad: We send loving greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ who promised His children,

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18.

Thank you very much for both of your letters dated March 2 and 9, 1977, and the enclosures were noted with real heartfelt gratitude.

Our meetings at Thevalappuram and Avoor were very blessed and profitable beyond our expectations. Several souls were saved and the saints in those localities were encouraged and strengthened. As you know, we have chapels in these two places. Next week the saints will again assemble at Kalayapuram, where we built a new chapel, to participate in our monthly meeting there. Our wonder-working God helped us to start missions in three new Catholic centers in the northern part of Kerala. They are Kodakare, Chalakudy and Kodassery. Many Catholic homes were opened for us. At Chalakudy, a Catholic priest or clergyman got saved and baptized, which is a very unusual step, and it seems there is a revival among Catholics. Please pray very earnestly for these new mission stations. They need places in which to worship, and also cemeteries. I gave a small amount of money in advance to a landowner for a small plot at Chalakudy which can be used for the saints there. I trust God will supply all these temporal needs. The church belongs to God and He will supervise everything. I hope all the saints will remember all phases of God's work here in their daily prayers. I plan to visit Tamil Nadu, another state near Kerala, as I got a call from a Brother there.

Our prayers are for the well-being of all saints there. My wife has not gotten her passport yet, and if she does not get it in time, I shall come alone to the U.S.A. We will continue to pray about this matter. Anyway, I am eager to meet all of you once again. Our earnest prayers are for your complete healing and good health. Surely, God heals His children.

With love to all, yours in His service,

—John Varghese

REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, AND SPANISH LITERATURE PROGRESS

Dear Ones: Greetings of Christian love in Jesus' sweet name. I received a phone call from Bro. Mayarino Escobar, in Ojos Negros, Mexico, on Tuesday night (Apr. 19). He reported that several had gone with them to the campmeeting at Patzcuaro and had received good to their souls and that all are encouraged in the Lord. His trip to Chiapas, Mexico, which will take six to seven days of bus travel, will start, Lord willing, this coming Monday (Apr. 25) and he will be gone about a month. He desired much prayer in his behalf and in behalf of souls he will contact on this trip. He is originally from Chiapas, so will be preaching to some of his own people. He desires that they will come out and take their stand for the truth, and be separate from the world. He wanted lots of Spanish literature for the trip. As I had recently sent him a large shipment (250 of each tract and book on hand) for distribution in and around Ojos Negros, it seemed wise to send the new shipment to Chiapas to await his arrival. Sixty-six pounds of tracts and books are on their way to Chiapas. He also pleaded for the prayers of the saints in behalf of his wife and baby who will stay in Ojos Negros and keep the work going. Pray much for all of them. Pray for him on the bus trip as the Mexican drivers are very careless.

The Lord is blessing the printing work. Just this week, I received another box of literature that was printed for the Spanish work, in Odessa, Texas, where Sis. Anecia Dutton and her son, Tommie, have been helping to get the tracts and books out. Also, recently, I've been receiving new addresses to which to send at least a sample of Spanish tracts.

The tape ministry is also progressing, a few contacts having been made recently. Pray for me, that I will be faithful to the Lord in anything He calls me to do. I desire to make heaven my home.

Yours for souls in Mexico,

Bro. Mayarino and Sis. Panchita Escobar, Ap.
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FROM THE MAILBOX . . .

Ala.—Dear Sister Marie: The Easter season has been turned into a commercial event. I am afraid that most people have lost the true meaning. They appear to have forgotten that Christ's death, burial, and resurrection is our only hope of eternal life. How sad it will be at the judgment for those who have not accepted the gift of God's only begotten Son! He paid the price on the cross for their sins.

The cross has been decorated with Easter lilies and bows of ribbon and made into something pleasant to look at. But the cross on which our Saviour died was not beautiful. We know it was rough and crudely built. It was stained with His precious blood. The beauty of the cross lies in the fact that a way was made possible for sinful man to have access to God through the shed blood of Christ. Thank God for Easter and what it means to me!

We have had some bad tornadoes in our state, but not in this area. There were 27 people killed in a small town near Farmington, Ala. However, the last few days have been very nice. There have been so many disasters in the past few days that it makes a person wonder just how much more time any of us have on this earth. We have a crime wave here in our city. I believe there have been 22 murders since the first of the year, plus the robberies, rapes, holdups, etc. God has protected me and mine, and I really do praise Him for it.

—Frances Everhart

La.—Dear Sister Marie: Jesus is very precious to me. Oh, what would we do without our dear Lord and Saviour? I believe it is written that we would be of all people "most miserable." I'm thankful I am as well as I am, and for the added strength He gave me to be able to attend all the services Bro. Ostis Wilson held while here in Louisiana. We surely heard some precious truths. I do thank the Lord for His ministers that will preach the truth. Following are some of the many good thoughts he brought out:

"The church will be what the people in the church are. We need to all be filled with the Holy Ghost."

"Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but doesn't get you anywhere."

"Whatever you think, be it good or evil, you will be affected accordingly."

"The devil wants every soul, but God does, too."

"You will not rejoice every day, for trouble will come." Oh, I've surely found this to be true!

"Our life is like a hand's breadth, so it is wisdom to look ahead, for the older we get the more like ourselves we become."

"If you are not ready to meet God without another prayer, let us pray that prayer now." (He quoted that from what another minister, who is deceased, used to say.)

The preaching was soul-searching. I surely want to measure up to all I heard, to the very best I can understand.

I was very glad to get your nice letter. It surely was sad about the widow getting the news of her husband's death and to know he was almost home. We hear of car wrecks and people being killed within a few miles of home. It makes us think and know that we could almost be to our heavenly home, then lose out with the Lord. That is the saddest thing that could happen to anyone. Oh, we need to be prayed up and ready at all times, as we don't know when our time will end!

May the Lord bless you and all the laborers there in the Lord's Print Shop, is our prayer.

Pray for us, as we have a very urgent unspoken request. We want the Lord to work this out to His glory and our good.

We love you.

—Sis. Effie Miller

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie: I trust all are well and the Lord's work is progressing. Thanks for the tracts you sent. I do enjoy them and give them to someone else to read.

I do enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper and the truth it stands for. Oh, how sad to think of the poor souls that are misled by all this false doctrine we have today! How it must grieve the Spirit of God! Some have even known the truth at one time. My prayers are for God's work there and every dear soul that has a part in it. May God heal Brother Pruitt. We need precious souls like you folks to carry on God's work.

Remember me in your prayers. For two weeks I have hurt all over so much, but I am better, thank the dear Lord.

God's promises are true and I truly believe them. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." I Cor. 16:13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

—Sis. Nola Wells

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Mich.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in the holy and blessed name of Jesus, the One who died and rose again that we can live with Him forever. Bless His holy name! Our dear heavenly Father was thinking of all the lost souls when He sent His beloved Son to die on the cross. God's power forgives our sins through the shed blood of Christ on Calvary. Praise His blessed name forever! Easter reminds us of His great love to us and the whole world. It is wonderful to know our Jesus, who is our best Friend at all times. What would we do without such a Friend? No one loves us like Jesus.

We enjoyed your wonderful letter telling us about that widow who showed her love and it surely paid off. A soul was saved for the Lord and her reward will be great in heaven. Love does wonders, and can break a heart of stone.

May God bless each and everyone of you in His blessed work.

—Sis. Olive Gettersen and parents

Colo.—Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you. I am thankful this morning for the love of God. He has been very good to me and I praise His holy name! . . . —Mary Wollert

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Calif.—We want to share with you some of the blessings the Lord has showered upon us. It truly brought great joy to our hearts.

On the last day of the Stockton revival, the ministers (Sis. Velma Smith and Bro. E. J. Trotter) felt led to make arrangements for baptizing new converts and those who had not had an opportunity to be baptized before. The Lord wonderfully blessed the twenty-eight baptismal candidates. Oh, praise God for His wonderful saving power!

—Sis. Rose Randle

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Calif.—I do enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. It is a real source of encouragement to me. I look forward to its monthly visit. Number 226 in the *Evening Light Songs* book is my testimony.

—Sis. Seretha Atkinson

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Okla.—Greetings of heavenly love to all the dear saints: I want to thank the dear Lord for healing my body in recent months, proving once more that Jesus is still the same today, as He was yesterday and will be forever. His Word and His promises are unchangeable. Truly, they are my delight. For a number of years I had been sorely afflicted with leg ulcers, especially around my ankle bones. Hardly would one ulcer heal on one leg than another one would break out on the other, so that I could not walk many weeks at a time. Needless to say, my faith was severely tried and tested, but I knew, through it all, it was for my spiritual benefit. Wife and I, as well as other saints, prayed for my complete deliverance. Several times I was anointed and prayed for, but relief only seemed to be temporary. The last December Assembly Meeting in Guthrie was drawing near, and from all indications we would not be able to be there this time, since there was little or no visible improvement in my condition. Nevertheless, the Lord encouraged and inspired me to go, and by faith we drove to Guthrie. For five days we were privileged to feast on the good Word of God that was preached in its fullness, and to fellowship with the precious saints, who had come from far and near. On prayer and fast day, the Lord let me know that He was going to heal me that day. With new courage and faith in His promise, I went forward. The brethren anointed and prayed for me, and from that moment I was healed. Praise His holy name! Since that time I feel much stronger in body, though I had been very weak the previous years. It certainly pays to trust the Lord, and I want to be faithful to Him until He calls me Home.

In Christian love, —Henry Dornhofer

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Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad: We do trust each one is much encouraged to press the battle on. The devil has come down in great wrath because his time is short, but we are glad for the Scripture which says, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isa. 59:19. We must

be very determined, persistent, and be about our Father's business, also watching and praying!

We are much encouraged in the Lord, but we are battling under a great affliction. The place on Murphy's nose seems to be worse, and gives him quite a bit of discomfort. It seems the enemy is trying to bring back the pain in my leg again. The Lord healed it last year, and I had freedom from pain since then until the past week. We are endeavoring to not look at what we see or how we feel. We want to keep a firm, steady faith in our dear Lord. We feel like Gideon's army—wary, but still pursuing. We are endeavoring to move out in some of the work of the Lord this spring, but the devil has come against us in great wrath. We will only be able to go by the help and grace of God. We know God is greater than the enemy, and we are trusting Him to take care of everything. He has done many things for us. Praise His dear name!

Earnestly remember us in prayer, and let us each one look up, for our redemption draweth nigh.

—Bro. Murphy and Sis. Natalie Allen

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Okla.—Dear Sister Miles: Greetings in the blessed name of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who bled and died on the cruel cross for us that we may have a right to the tree of life. I thank Him for that, and I am striving very hard to live according to His Word, that when I come to the end of my journey I will have a home over in the Glory Land with Him. Over there we will never say good-bye. You pray for me at all times that I will be an overcomer in everything.

Pray for me, as I am not well in body.

—Sarah F. Brown

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Okla.—Greetings of love to God's faithful workers at the Lord's Print Shop and to all the dear saints and friends everywhere:

I do not have a recent healing to testify about; but I do have daily blessings from the wonderful Giver of all good and perfect gifts. I often awake with a song on my mind, so I sing it. Then the good Lord gives me others; and so my day begins. This morning as I awoke I was singing:

"It pays to serve Jesus, I speak from the heart;
He'll always be with us, if we do our part.
There's naught in this wide world that pleasure affords,
There's peace and contentment in serving the Lord."

Other songs that followed were "What a Friend," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Just For Today." As I went about my work, the words came to me: "If we do our part." I thought: What is "Our Part"? To answer that question several things came to my mind. First, we must be born again (John 3:3), redeemed from our sins by the blood of the Lamb, and have our names enrolled in the Lamb's Book of Life (in heaven). Then Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." Matt. 6:33. He also said, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding." Prov. 3:5. Also, "Praise ye the Lord!" We appreciate it when someone thanks us for something we have done. But do we give God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit all the praise for what they do for us, and which is due them? "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments." Psa. 112:1. Which

Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

commandments, we might ask? Matthew 5 came to my mind. You might say "Oh, yes, I have known those Beatitudes all my life!" Yes, I have, too. If we will just take a little time to read them again, and ask the Holy Spirit (whom Jesus said would guide us into all truth, John 16:13) to guide our minds into deeper depths of living for Jesus, He will help us to receive the blessings He mentions here.

Jesus said: "Blessed are the **poor in spirit.**" Let us ask ourselves the question: "How **poor** am I?" "Blessed are they that **mourn.**" Are our hearts ever troubled enough to mourn for ourselves and others? "Blessed are the **meek.**" How much have we inherited because of our meekness? "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Are we filled with righteousness, or is there a lack or need of more in our daily living? "Blessed are the merciful." Do we really feel sorry, and express our sympathy or try to help in some way, or do we say: "Well, he had it coming to him," or "if she had not done what she did she wouldn't be sick, or in that trouble"? "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." That takes close examination, does it not? Oh, I do want to see God, don't you? "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Were you ever a peacemaker? "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake." Does our decision for Christ cause any persecution? Maybe we have been ashamed to say, "I am a child of God," and don't do those things that bring persecution. Then Jesus added, "Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad." After a close examination with earnest prayer, how much are we rejoicing, and how glad are we, and **how great** will our reward be?

There are more of Jesus' Words in Matthew 5, but one special one comes to my mind: "Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

"He'll always be with us, if we do our part," as the song says. You pray for me, and I'll pray for you, that we do our part in this world of sin and sorrow. I am sure that we will find it brings rewards here, as well as a heavenly reward.

—Sis. Vera Forbes

WAKE UP, MAMMA!

Wake up, Mamma, wake up! Open your eyes and see what that child of yours is doing. Are you setting the right example before him that will bring him to the Lord? Wake up, Mamma wake up! Open your ears and hear what your child is saying. Is your conversation pure, clean, and pleasing to the Lord? Is he talking like you are talking? Do you know that your child's future destiny is greatly depending on your acts of interest in his present actions? Wake up, Mamma, wake up! Do you know it is in your power to lead your child to heaven or to carelessly let him sink into hell? You may have to shed a few tears sometimes, but it will bring you joy and gladness if you wake up and do your duty now.

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Prov. 13:24. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Prov. 19:18. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Prov. 23:13, 14. —Ulysses Phillips

Question: Where and what Scriptures are there to show that gambling is wrong? We know that it is wrong, but how can we pinpoint it out to others who do not see this?

Answer: I do not call to mind at this time any Scripture that actually spells it out in black and white that gambling is wrong, but I can give you some solid, scriptural principles to be guided by. In Romans 12:17 it says, ". . . Provide things honest in the sight of all men." II Cor. 8:21 says, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." I Pet. 2:12 says, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

Can anyone actually say that gambling in any of its aspects is an honest, upright business? Until this age of permissiveness, in which anything goes and there is hardly any such thing as sin any more in the eyes of many, it was considered immoral and those who engaged in it were considered as an undesirable class by the society in general. Spiritual people still consider it in the same light. State after state has legalized it, but in such cases it has been bitterly and strongly opposed, and one of the major arguments in its favor where it has been adopted has been the sizeable amount of revenue it would bring into the state's treasury through taxes. The fact that it has had to be legalized by legislatures and in some cases by the majority of the voters in the state at the polls, and also that in some states it still is not legal, should convince any right thinking person that it is not an upright, honest, moral business.

The writer of the question referred to the professed Christians doing these things (wagering and betting) and seeing no harm in it. I would refer these people to the Christian code of ethics which is to govern Christian living as set forth in Col. 3:17 which says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, . . ." and also I Cor. 10:31 which says, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **whatsoever** ye do, do all to the glory of God." Could anyone actually say, when they place a bet on a race, ball game, card game, bingo game, or roulette, that "I am doing this in the name of the Lord Jesus and for the glory of God"? Certainly not.

Let these people take a second look at I Pet. 2:12 and consider how far they think they would get in witnessing for Christ and talking to a person about Christ and salvation when that person knew they had been out there and engaging in such activities. It certainly is very clearly a thing for professed Christian people to avoid and not dabble with.

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Question: Please explain I John 3:9.

Answer: This text reads, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

The first part of this verse interposes little or no problem. Numerous Scriptures make it clear and plain that one who is born again (born of God) is delivered from

the power of sin and enabled through the power of God to live a holy life free from sin. Matt. 1:21 "... He shall save his people from their sins." Luke 1:73-75, "The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." Romans 6:14, "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are ... under grace." This makes it clear that the grace of God breaks the power and dominion of sin in the life of the person who receives it. Romans 6:17, 18, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin. ..." This text makes it clear that when one obeys from his heart the Word of God and complies with its terms and conditions, he is set free from sin.

But the second part of this verse is a source of much controversy. We cannot interpret this to mean that one who is born again, saved, born of God, cannot possibly commit sin or even return to a life of sin if he so chooses. This would do violence to numerous Scriptures which teach to the contrary. II Pet. 2:20, 21 says, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." II Peter 3:17 says, "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." In II Pet. chapter 1, beginning with verse 5, a number of Christian graces are catalogued which the Christian is diligently to add to his Christian life. Then verse 10 says, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." Verse 9 says, "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." These verses make it clear that only through diligent pursuit of the Christian life and cultivation of the Christian graces in one's life can he maintain his experience and that one who fails to do this will fall from his own steadfastness and forget the experience he had with God at one time.

We are to understand this part of the text as applying to a present, up-to-date, continuing experience and relationship with God "Because he IS [present tense] born of God." He has the seed of God (God's Word and Spirit) abiding in him and he cannot sin as long as he is in this state. It does not mean that he does not possess the power, right or privilege to commit sin, but sin is contrary and repulsive to his nature and to the principles of light and truth that are in his soul and he cannot do it for that reason. It is the same as we would say about a man of irreproachable character and integrity: "That man cannot lie, cannot steal, cannot commit any of many other enormities in the catalog of sin and unrighteousness." Not because he does not have the power and ability to do such things even as other men do, but it is so foreign to his character and life and the way we know him. Perhaps that thought is best stated in the words of Joseph to Potiphar's wife in Genesis 39:9, "How then can I do this great wickedness,

and sin against God?" He had the power to do that thing even as other men, but it was so obnoxious and repulsive to his pure character that he just could not do it, but fled from it.

Also, it must be understood that he cannot purposely, knowingly do evil while the seed of God (the divine principle and truth) remains in him and he IS born of God; for as soon as he consents to the evil and turns from the light and truth, this seed of God departs from him and he has departed from the holy commandment and is no longer a child of God.

Responsibilities of Parents

Satan is trying to destroy the family life, and in many cases he is succeeding. A great responsibility will be placed upon couples who plan to become parents. I am the mother of five children, so I have had some experiences. Maybe I can be of a little help or encouragement.

You may live in a two-room house, or you may live in a mansion, but the home is not merely a building. It takes working together to have a home. The Bible teaches us that the man is the head of the wife. (Eph. 5:23). He is to work and bring home the money for the support of the family. (I Tim. 5:8). He should be strong, wise, and sober-minded. The Bible teaches women to stay home, "bear children, guide the house." (I Tim. 5:14). It teaches that she should bring her children up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." She should teach them to fear the Lord. She should love her family and let them know it by the way she lives before them and by the way she brings them up. It is good to tell children that you love them. Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. He knew before He asked, but He wanted to hear him say it.

The home should be happy, a refuge from the world, not just a house where people sleep, run in and out and hardly ever see one another or talk together. The home is where the family eats meals together, have family prayer and talk over their problems together. There are some things they all can do together, such as shopping, going on trips, and going to church together. Let them all help plan the trip, each having a voice, but as the father is the head of the home he should guide or make the final decisions.

The mother is at home with the children, and she should teach the children to be quiet, not loud and boisterous; to obey their parents and all who are in authority; to be kind and gentle to everyone, especially to the elder folk. She should teach them not to tear up or deface the house, to respect all property, private and public, and not to litter the yard or streets. She should teach them to be clean and polite. Mothers can take their children for short walks each day, pointing out things God has made. It is good to read some out of the Bible or Bible story book each day to them, also get other good books for them to read.

When parents correct their children they should not be mad at them, but be firm and kind and make them mind. Mothers should not pet or take up for their children when the father corrects them, nor should the father pet or take up for them when the mother whips or corrects. If the children know the parents stand together and are agreed, they will mind much better.

As the children grow into young men and women, parents should teach them that some day they will marry and have homes of their own, and make their own decisions. It is time to teach and instruct them the very best you can, so they may be prepared as much as possible to cope with the world and life itself. This is a wonderful privilege and responsibility that God has given to parents. Read Eph. 6:1-4 and Titus 2:2-5.

—Sis. Pearlene Whitson

MEMORIES OF MOTHER

Dear Mamma: It's been so long since you left us, ten years ago in April, and so much has happened. There have been times when burdens were very heavy and I would think, "If only I could cry on Mamma's shoulder, it would be such a comfort." But I know you are in heaven with Jesus, and that if I cry to Him, He will comfort me. I know that God was very good to you to take you out of all the suffering and heartache you had to go through. I'll be glad when I can join you. I know heaven will be just wonderful, but only if I stay true to the Lord can I see you there. When I get there, we won't have to talk of the things that happened here.

At times it seems that you are here because of the many things you taught me. They come to my mind very plainly. Do you remember when I came stealing to your bedside late in the night? I guess you thought all your children were asleep, but no, I was awake, thinking of my lost soul. I was only eight or nine years of age, but you instilled a fear of God in my soul, and what would happen if I did wrong. I don't remember what I had done, but I was crying and wanted Jesus to forgive me. You were a good mother. Some mothers would have quieted my fears and sent me back to bed, but you didn't—you got up to talk with and pray for me.

One time you went to school with me to be a comfort and encouragement when I had to straighten up a lie I had told the teacher.

I think of the many duties around the house you taught me, like washing the dishes, and making the bed very neatly. I didn't like it when you would make me wash the dishes over when I didn't get them clean or remake the bed when it was sloppy, but now I'm glad you loved me enough to care.

One time after you had whipped me so hard with a peach tree switch that it raised welts on my legs, I saw you in the house crying. I understand now that it hurt you to have to spank me, but I'm glad for every correction because it really was for my good. I've always loved you, Mamma, but as I look back and see how much you loved me, and all you sacrificed for me, it makes me love you so very much more. It has been over twenty years since you gave me those little twin, blue-eyed dolls for Christmas. I can see now what a sacrifice it was to buy two dolls for me, but even more was the many little twin dresses you took time to make. It seemed like there were a dozen or two anyway. How did you find the time with all the other duties of a growing family and four other children to sew for? I know now it was love that found the time in the wee hours of the night.

Oh, Mamma, it seems there are so many things to tell you! There are eight grandchildren now. Oh, how you would love them! They are so sweet, and two of them look

very much like you. Two of the boys have red hair, just the shade of red you always thought was so pretty.


Guess I'd better close now, but one more thing I want to tell you. I remember the many times you cried and prayed for your children to be saved. I've been keeping that prayer before the Lord, and I now include the grandchildren, too. I want all of them to join you in heaven some day. I hope to see you soon in heaven.

Thank you, Mother, for teaching me the Way.

Love,

—Dolly

The Grace of Giving

 "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." How few seem to understand the secret of gospel giving! We often hear people say, "I would be glad to give, but I am not able now, I have to save for coming expenses." If God is laying it upon your heart to give, according to the text quoted above, you will not lose anything by giving.

We cannot consistently make such excuses when we contemplate such Scripture as, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." Do we understand by this that God is going to let His obedient children suffer? No, but instead it will cause them to prosper. On the other hand, there is a withholding that tendeth to poverty. Solomon said, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

If you have not realized by giving, a rich increase, both spiritually and temporally, you are living beneath your privileges. Do you desire that your soul be in a flourishing condition, enjoying real fatness and watered with the dews of heaven? Then pay heed to the Word: "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Do you desire to be blessed in earthly goods? Here is the secret, "Give, and it shall be given you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over." Could you ask for more?

I fear that many are looking out for the comforts of this life more than getting the gospel to a lost and dying world. It is all right to have home comforts if we get them in their order; for they have an order according to the Word of God. It says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." But, alas, too many have this Scripture turned around, and are seeking first the comforts of life, saying, "After I get a good start, I will give to the cause." Let us not forget that we are only pilgrims in this world and that we need to redeem the time because the days are evil.

—By Minnie B. Tasker

The man who fails to give us reproof when needed, but gives us approval instead or holds back deserving rebuke for fear of offending, is more cruel than he who withholds bread from us when we are hungry.

—C. E. Orr.

He who will listen to any words of levity, jesting, foolishness, talebearing, tattling, and show no disapproval makes himself a partaker of the sin.

—C. E. Orr