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### Sacrifice of Praise

There's a sacrifice to render  
That our Father will receive:  
Praise and thanks from hearts so tender  
Who His promises believe.

For His blessings are so many:  
He is good to one and all,  
And His favor is to any  
Who will heed His loving call.

Selfish murmuring, complaining  
From our tongues we should deny,  
For there is no profit gaining  
In their vain and useless cry.

Filthy talking, foolish jestings  
Aren't becoming unto saints,  
But in all our tri'ls and testings  
Rather offerings of thanks.

God will hear the thankful spirit;  
He will see that grateful heart,  
And His blessed love will cheer it  
And will all His grace impart.

Let's be joyful in temptation,  
Knowing we are being tried,  
And in all our tribulation  
In His presence we can hide.

So rejoice when things are pressing,  
And be still, for He is God;  
He will grant His richest blessing  
While this darkened earth we trod.

Offer thanks to Him unceasing;  
Let the fruit of our lips be  
Glory to His name well pleasing,  
From all doubt and sorrow free.

Get your soul in tune with praising,  
For the saints above rejoice  
And forever thanks are raising  
To the God who is their choice.

—Leslie C. Busbee

### Hitting The High Note

*Dedicated to Bros. Lawrence Pruitt, Bro. Murphy Allen, and Sis. Mary Lounds; saints who, like David have learned to hit the high note.*

1 Samuel 30:6, says, "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

What a marked contrast in the manner David reacted to great distress and his "mighty, lion-faced" elite warriors!

But more, much more, occurred than a mere super heroic, self-motivated feat by David; if so, he no doubt wouldn't have been the only one encouraged.

Upon returning home after a foray during the Saulean Apostasy, David and his men found their wives and children kidnapped; their homes burned. "Mighty men of valour," men who individually routinely decapitated hundreds of Philistines, wept unashamedly like babies. They literally emptied their tear ducts. The situation looked bad.

That day the Lord unveiled in the atmosphere of consummate grief, ruin, and tear-stained countenances, the height of spiritual manhood. David's faith, enlarged by a long series of distresses and reversals, came to "see" best when darkest. It was a spiritual graduation day for David. That day he graduated head and shoulders above his peers; the top of his class.

David was now thirty years of age. Still a "youngster," he had a lot of experience. For years he was drilled and skilled under an awesome yoke that he bore in his youth. The wide spectrum of hardships that he had mastered while living as a hunted renegade fortified him well for this moment. Because of his extensive training under the hand of God, he received a blessing from the present situation which many of his followers missed. David's unflinching attitude of thankfulness turned every trouble into a sanctified victory. He knew the "ways of God," you see, because he had come through so many previous trials with victory.

He was crowned King of Judah not long after being "able to keep his head when all about him was

losing theirs and blaming it on him." What a fitting way to come into a kingship! This was the culmination of years of a relentless, rigorous process. Surely the Lord has finally "seen the travail of the soul and was satisfied."

Distress was one of the many emotions David was well acquainted with. One has but to read the Psalms to be gripped with David's fervent pleas not to be consumed. The direction of God, however, made him what he was. In Psalms 4:1, he testified, "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress." Mysteriously, the sorrows of life widened his capacity for faith, joy, peace, and love. His deliverance came through the tightening of the very chain that had threatened to extinguish him. His was an internal, spiritual escape into the very bosom of God: "a large wealthy place."

That day, David indeed showed himself a man. But not until he "walked into the very midst of trouble did the Lord revive him." (Psa. 138:7) And now as he fixed his will to praise the Lord regardless, his faith brought the Lord's presence nearer and nearer until great joy mingled with the pain. This is the mountain-top experience.

Throughout David's ordeals, the Lord had sat patiently over his progress as a master composer. He arranged the melodious sounds the brave praises made during David's "believing to see the goodness. . . ." (Psa. 27:13). For years the Lord arranged these sounds into a dynamic symphony. David's usage of the word "selah," or pause, is that musical note too high to be heard by human ears. Whenever the Lord permitted things to get really difficult, He was simply orchestrating to the rising crescendo; strengthening the spiritual voice of David to hit the high note.

These processes working mightily in David caused a miracle. Suffering became second nature to him; a way of life. He thrived on it. This way of life produced the fuel and wherewithal of David's unparalleled literary genius. Like the Saviour, born of David's lineage, he was a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." But because of this grief, he was a man of rare joy and peace. The contemporary poet, with the same spirit of faith, continues: "The serfdom of love to so sweeten the rod that its touch maketh rivers of honey to flow."

Now whenever distress reached the upper limits, David's soul was very sensitive to the Lord's deaf touch on his heart strings. David had become a finely-honed mechanism, a superbly timed musical instrument in the hands of the Maestro. When the hardest blows fell, the sweetest music flowed. Like the piano which requires approximately eleven tons of pressure to tune, much pressure on the soul is needed to produce an experience like David's.

"The mark of rank in nature  
Is the capacity for pain,  
And the anguish of the singer  
Makes the sweetest of the strain."

What a high calling! What a blessed state! Man (David) had been exalted to bless and thrill the soul of God with music that the angels cannot make. This is divine friendship. While such an experience may seem very far above us, it is the Lord's desire and goal to bring every son into such a kingship. Like David, with whom the Lord worked patiently, we, too, can scale those spiritual heights. We're born into this kingship by the new birth. But time and pressure are needed to squeeze out the full richness of the deeper spiritual realities. In this state we can sing on the mountain and in the vale; confident in God's preparation. When the situation gets truly hot, after the flesh shudders and the smoke clears, the Master simply touches the major key and joy bells ring amid the tears and pain! Selah. —Bro. Terry A. Dawson

## The Brethren

In Psa. 133, we read, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

It is a precious thing to be one of the brethren and to have the fellowship of the brethren; to be able to be with the brethren and to worship with them, and have that great fellowship. It is wonderful! True brotherhood is a marvelous thing.

When the apostle Paul was on his journey to Rome, he stopped at a certain place, found the brethren, thanked God, and took courage. Many times just to see the face of our brethren, get a telephone call or letter of encouragement, or just to hear about them gives us great courage.

I remember when some years ago I was on a trip and was changing buses in a certain town, I was walking down the street and a car stopped and backed to the curb. It was a carload of saints! This was a strange town and I didn't know anyone there. I felt somewhat like Bro. Paul; I thanked God and took courage. Those dear saints were going to the same place I was, so they invited me to go along in the car with them. How glad and how pleasant it was to be with those dear saints on that trip!

There is also another side of this picture to present. It costs something to be a brother, and to have the brotherhood and the fellowship of one another. The enemy is doing all he can to destroy the fellowship of the brotherhood. For example, in Gen. 13, we find that Abraham and Lot were dwelling together and their herds became great. There arose some strife between their herdsmen as to their grazing grounds. But when Abraham heard of it, he did something about it immediately, saying, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? . . . if

thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go the left." Abraham made a great sacrifice to be able to keep the brotherhood. We, too, will have to do some sacrificing to keep the brotherhood and to keep the confidence of one another.

The Lord at no time wants us to tolerate sin in anyone, but we, as brethren, are made up of different dispositions and have different personalities. Some are slow, some are fast, some have great zeal, and some do not have much zeal. There are some things we are going to have to cooperate with, and some things we are going to have to bear with in one another.

Sometimes the cost of being a brother is taking the humble side of things, or looking over our brother's mistakes and faults many times. It takes some patience to be a brother and to maintain the brotherhood. Maybe our brother has been reared under a different environment than we have; maybe he has lived in the city and we've lived in the country (which is quite a difference). If we are not careful, just because he has some ideas of the city life, and we of the country, we may criticize him or lose confidence, or it could be vice versa. Maybe we think he should be like us, but it doesn't work that way. If we live in the country, we usually live as country people do, and if we live in the city we live as city people do, more than likely. So, we must bear one with the other. In personalities, some talk a lot and some not so much, each having different ways of expressing himself. These are some of the things we must learn to cope with in life, and to bear with one another. Again it says, "**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**" It is so pleasant and the atmosphere is so great that we don't want to lose this fellowship or break this precious brotherhood. We are going to have to sacrifice and pay the price in order to keep this brotherhood.

Another aspect we want to look at and consider is that some of the brethren are pastors, some teachers, some evangelists, some are prophets, and some are helps. This we must consider. It is natural that when one has the gift of an evangelist, his mind thinks along that line, and if one has the gift of prophecy, his mind runs in that kind of channel. So these are also some things we may have to bear with. Maybe the one who has the gift of prophecy doesn't sound so interesting to us because we may have the gift of an evangelist or a pastor. But all of these gifts are placed in the body of Christ to be a help and of profit to the Church. In these things we must bear one with the other. If we aren't careful, we may pass a little criticism on the brethren who don't do just like we do, or go to the same places we do, or who don't have the same burden we do. Everyone must abide in his own calling, and we must wait on our ministry, and do what God bids us to do. It is essential that we bear with one another along these lines, too.

It may be that we feel led to go to yonder place

and hold a series of meetings. Naturally, it would be good to have the brethren go along with us, but maybe they don't have a burden along that line at all. It may be that their burden is to go somewhere else, or maybe they are burdened for their congregation or for some other responsibilities. If we are not careful we may feel a bit bad at our brother because he doesn't want to go with us. But if it is not his burden, we must take up our own cross and follow the Lord, and let our brother do likewise.

We need to respect each other's gifts in the body of Christ. As long as a brother lives a true and faithful life, we are going to have to look over his faults, failures, and mistakes. Sometimes we make mistakes ourselves. Of course when we make mistakes we must be willing to acknowledge that we've made a mistake or failed. That doesn't necessarily mean that we have lost out with God because we made a mistake in something.

Many times the brethren misunderstand each other. We should really consider this. If our brother does something that we don't understand which tries to mar our confidence a little, it is then our duty to go to him and find out what he meant by what he did. Many times a little difference can be cleared up easily. On the other hand however, it is so sad to see brethren misunderstand each other and just let it go on and criticize each other, until in time it becomes a mountain. So, dear ones, when you see a brother or think he has done something that would make you wonder about him or mar your confidence in him, be quick to go to him, talk and reason over the matter with him. The problem can be cleared up.

Many years ago a certain brother and I had a misunderstanding. I told my wife that it would not be long until I would be hearing from him. Sure enough, I did hear from him in a short time, saying that he wanted to see me. And I was wanting to see him, too! We met together and I humbled myself and he humbled himself; we got everything cleared and no confidence was lost. All was restored and still holds good today.

Another thing to watch is jealousy. It will try to come between brethren. Maybe one will feel that another is being used of God more than he, and the enemy is right there to present thoughts of jealousy to him. The Scripture says that jealousy is as cruel as the grave. We need to fight that thing and refuse to accept it. Jealousy is one thing that I have fought as though it were a rattlesnake, and I have refused to let it get control of me. We can do something about it. If God is using a brother and the enemy tries to slip jealousy in, just go tell the brother how much you appreciate him. That will head the enemy off right away.

Dear ones, let us do all within our power to live peaceably with all men. Many times it lies within our power to do something about it. If something arises, don't let it go on and on until it causes bitter feelings; just do something about it immediately. May the dear Lord bless these thoughts and make them a blessing to your souls. Amen. —Murphy Allen

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## EDITORIALS

**Greetings to our readers:** For years Lawrence and I have worked together at the Lord's Print Shop and enjoyed it, although at times the burdens were heavy. The Lord has always been faithful to work and supply the needs and we are so thankful.

Now since the Lord has taken Lawrence home, a big responsibility rests upon me, but by the help of the Lord I mean to pick up the torch and carry on. I need much wisdom and help from the Lord so please remember me and all the Print Shop family in prayer.

Also I want to thank each one who remembered us in prayer the number of years Lawrence was afflicted and especially these last few months when he was not able to come to the Print Shop any longer. Your prayers, cards, telegrams, offerings, and visits meant so much to us, and Lawrence appreciated all the kind deeds, etc., shown to him. May God bless all of you.

—Maybelle Pruitt

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**The passing of Uncle Lawrence** has been a loss for many who knew him. With his death comes the realization that many years of experience gathered in the work of the Lord have slipped away. However, it is a comfort to know that we are acquainted with the One whom he served and that we can draw from the same source that he drew from.

Another faithful servant of God has passed into eternity since the last *Faith and Victory* paper was published. The news of Bro. Merrill Williamson's death on Oct. 16, 1982, came as a shock to many. Bro. Merrill was the pastor at Jena, Louisiana, for several years. In the fall of 1943, Bro. Merrill felt called of God to work for a time here at the Lord's Print Shop. Our sympathy and condolences are extended to his wife, Violet, and his son, Don, as well as other relatives.

Sis. Mary Lounds of Oklahoma City entered eternal rest on Oct. 8, 1982, after a long battle of affliction. She was a true saint of God and a sweet and patient sufferer. Her faithful life touched many hearts. May the God of all comfort sustain those of her family.

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**Sis. Maude Britt**, who has been a faithful saint of God in the Guthrie congregation for many years, is passing through quite a trial of affliction. I know that she would appreciate your earnest prayers and also cards and letters of encouragement and cheer. Address all correspondence to: Sis. Maude Britt, c/o Ted Bock, 8997 W. 61st. So., Tulsa, Ok. 74131.

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A shipment of 10,000 pounds of printing paper at a cost of nearly \$5,000.00 is expected to arrive here at the print shop any time. It has been several months since our last order for paper, so we were not surprised to receive a price increase. Though the expenses for publishing the gospel are high, our Lord is faithful to supply according to the need. We truly appreciate and pray the Lord to richly bless each one that faithfully supports this gospel publishing work.

It was a real shock to Sis. Maybelle Pruitt when she received word on Oct. 12, of the sudden passing of her brother, Clarence Miles, of California. Sis. Maybelle and her sister, Maude Hornbeck, flew to California on October 14, for his funeral, and returned to Guthrie on October 21. May our heavenly Father comfort and sustain the family in their bereavement.

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Many papers and magazines that cross the country are published under the title of the "Church of God." Some who receive them become confused and associate the different publications as originating from the same source. All material printed at "Faith Publishing House" bears the address of P.O. Box 518, or 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Ok. 73044.

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In stock and available for the price of \$1.50 each, are 1983 wall calendars. Each calendar measures 7 1/4 by 13 1/2 inches and includes a colorful nature scene for every month. Remember to include 85¢ for postage and handling.

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This printing work depends upon those who carry a burden to spread the gospel. We could print a great amount of literature, but without workers willing to seek out hungry souls to share it with, our efforts would be in vain. There are several hundred different tracts in stock here at the office, which are available for distribution. Tracts may be sent to any address in the U.S. for the amount of \$3.00 per pound. Let us be up and about our Father's business with an earnest zeal that will reach souls. The following are excerpts from the letters of some who received gospel literature:

"Dear Sirs: I work as a waitress in a motel, and as a tip one day, I received a story called *The Last Cool Drink*. At the end it said, I could send for a sample of different gospel tracts, and a paper, *Faith and Victory*. Could you send me these please? Thank You."—Iowa

"Dear Brother in Christ: I found a *Faith and Victory* paper and was so happy to get it. Can you please remember me in prayer? . . . Please send the paper to a dear friend and to me."—Pa.

—Wayne Murphey

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#### THE ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUR FAITH

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1. How can I believe in that which I cannot see? They came to Jesus and said, "Show us a miracle and then will we believe." Why is it hard to have a stabilized faith? Perhaps we are putting our trust in the wrong things. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Psalms 118:8. Where are the men who said: "We will be like gods"? They are gone—forgotten. Nations rise and fall, but the Church that Jesus built will never fall nor fail. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18. So are we who put our trust in God. "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever." Ps. 125:1.

—Elias McCart

## In Fond Memory of Brother Pruitt

One by one, God gathers home,  
The saints in all the ages.  
The battle o'er they reach that shore  
Whose names are on the pages  
Of life's great Book that God still keeps  
And records up in heaven;  
Who've kept the faith, and won the prize,  
Whose life has been a leaven.

Our dear beloved Brother Saint  
Fought hard the battle through  
He carried high his Father's pledge:  
"To all the Word be true."  
He loved the truth, and lived for truth  
And spread it through the pages;  
What he has done for God's dear Son  
Will live throughout the ages.

Some people all around the world  
Have found the blessed Light;  
By reading of truth they found  
The Word still shining bright.  
This Evening Light still shining bright  
Will lead the soul to heaven;  
'Twas his desire to spread this truth  
That through the saints was given.

Long hours were spent and years went by  
In getting out the paper  
That fed men's souls, and moved men's hearts  
To not with Satan caper.  
His pen is still, his work is done;  
He gives it to another,  
To carry on this Word of truth,  
And lift the fallen brother.

The Line-o-type machine is still,  
The letter-press is quiet;  
They served their day to print the Word  
From God: a precious diet,  
Of things the early saints had proved  
Their souls enriched and strengthened;  
Filled every page; gave power to live;  
That life here might be lengthened.

We'll miss our Brother Pruitt much,  
And all the life he shared with us;  
His strength of character and will;  
His heart so fully gracious.  
'Twill ever be for us a light  
To help us down life's pathway,  
Until we meet on heaven's shore  
In that eternal day.

Stand forth, strong Pilgrim Saints, and fight  
The battle to the portals,  
Hold true to God, though we be called  
To suffer with the mortals.  
And we will wear the crown of life  
Christ promised to believers  
Who shun the world with all its lures  
And all of its deceivers.

—Bro. George Hammond

## In Memorial

**Lawrence D. Pruitt** was born November 15, 1911 to Fred and Mary Pruitt in St. Vrain, New Mexico, and departed this life to be with the Lord on October 4, 1982 at his home in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

In the year 1918 he moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma with his parents. He was saved at the age of 16. He attended school and graduated with the class of 1929. In 1930 he attended Botts Business College in Guthrie.

He was united in marriage to Maybelle Miles on November 18, 1933 in Neosho, Missouri. To this union two sons were born: Byron Leon and Harvey Miles.

After 25 years working at the Co-Operative Printing Co., he quit to help his father, Fred Pruitt, in the Faith Publishing House, where he worked faithfully even after his father's passing in 1963. He was dedicated to the work and was happy in the printing ministry. He became afflicted but still worked until his health forced him to remain at home, but he still had the burden for the Lord's printing work.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He faithfully trusted God and passed away with victory.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Marie Miles.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Maybelle, of the home; two sons, Byron of Loranger, La., and Harvey of Guthrie, Okla., three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Andrew of Veneta, Or., and Frank of Phoenix, Ar.; two sisters, Mary Embly of El Cajon, Ca., and Frances Murphey of Guthrie, Okla.; and many other relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, October 7, in the saints' chapel, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Bro. Leslie Busbee officiated, assisted by Bro. Clifford Wilson and Bro. Richard Madden. Burial was in Summit View Cemetery.

### Note of Thanks

We, the family of Lawrence Pruitt, are thankful to each one who has been so thoughtful of us during our sorrow. The many cards, letters, words of comfort and encouragement, and love offerings have been almost more than we could take in, but we appreciate each one and pray that the Lord will bless and reward each one abundantly. It is not possible to answer each card and letter but we want you to know all has been a blessing and we appreciate all of them.

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### Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
All's so happy, all's so bright!  
There's perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the Valley of the Shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idle stand;  
Do your work while life remaineth—  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!  
Oh, the joy to see you come!

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**Carl Calvin Caesar**, son of Alvin and Nancy Caesar, was born April 12, 1902, in Gratiot County, Michigan. He passed peacefully from this life at the home of his son on September 8, 1982, at the age of 80 years. He was a World War I veteran, and a retired farmer.

Survivors include: three daughters: Norma Romanczuk of Ionia, Mich., Joyce Snell of Wheeler, Mich., Catherine Burns of Hubbardston, Mich.; six sons: Donald of Prescott, Mich., Michael of Lansing, Mich., Calvin, Daniel, James, and Gary, all of St. Johns, Mich.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Curtis Williams.

[Brother Caesar corresponded with Bro. Lawrence Pruitt for a number of years, and was a faithful supporter of this gospel publishing work. —Editor]

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**Milford H. Elliott**, aged 58, was born in Boone County, Kentucky. He had been a resident of the Dayton area for the past forty years. He passed away on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 1982.

Brother Millie, as he was called, loved the Lord, and testified of a personal experience of salvation. His testimony in church service on Sunday morning before his sudden passing that afternoon, told of his heartfelt experience with God. He attended services at the Dayton chapel and his presence will be missed by all.

He is survived by six sisters: Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) McCoy of Medway, Ohio; Mrs. Marguerite Meese and Mrs. Edna Lagemann, both of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Virginia Hudson of Florence, Kentucky; and Mrs.

Edith Hudson of Port Charlotte, Florida; one brother: Wilford Elliott of Walton, Kentucky; a number of nieces and nephews; also many saints and friends.

Services were conducted by Bro. Donald Sharp and Bro. Mart Samons.

Clarence L. Miles was born August 6, 1899, to W. I. and Lycenia Miles in Texas. He departed this life October 12, 1982, at the age of 83 years.

In 1918 he was married to Mary Pearl Seddon. To this union three children were born.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Pearl, of the home at Oceanside, Calif.; one son, Delbert, of Oceanside, Calif.; one daughter, Gwendolyn Minkler, of Bellingham, Wash.; three sisters; five brothers; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. One little daughter preceded him in death.

He was laid to rest at Fairlawn Cemetery in Burbank, Calif.

#### NOTE OF THANKS

Mo.—Dear saints: I want to thank all who helped to lighten our grief in any way with cards, prayers, love offerings; the Neosho, Mo. congregation for the nice noon-day and evening meals so well prepared and nicely served; Bro. Charles Smith for his fitting message; and the Sorrell quartet who sang at the funeral of our husband, father, and grandfather, Eldon Rhodes, on June 10, 1982. One sister of Eldon's said she "had never attended a funeral where they sang at the grave, but it was so soothing. And his sermon was longer than usual but I could have listened to more." Saints, pray much for her. Eldon carried a heavy burden to see her draw closer to the Lord. He loved all of his family and prayed much for them to be ready to meet the Lord in peace.

I would not forget to thank my sisters and family who helped so faithfully in taking care of Eldon during his last illness; they are Lucille and Albert Halter, and Loraine Pollock and daughters. We went to a family reunion and Eldon never returned to his earthly home. It's so hard for me.

The Lord has been so good to me in the suffering I am going through. I still need much prayer.

Eldon left a good strong testimony that he was ready. Once he said, "It's so good to be clear before the Lord" and other such statements which leave no doubt of his presence with the Lord.

—Alice Rhodes and family

## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### SACRAMENTO FIVE-DAY REVIVAL REPORT

Greetings dear saints of God! I report victory in my soul. I am thanking the Lord for a spirit-filled five-day revival. The presence of the Lord was truly manifested. Every message was anointed and received with love. During the singspiration which was held on a Saturday night, the power of the Lord

had complete control and He sent His power down. Praise His name!

We thank all the saints and friends that helped to make this meeting a success with prayers, presence, and financial support. May the Lord bless you.

Continue to pray for this work here in Sacramento, for it is a new work and needs much prayer for divine guidance. —Sis. Rose (Eddens) Randle

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### REVIVAL REPORT FROM HOLLY HILL, S.C.

We do greatly thank you all for praying for us in this revival in Holly Hill, S.C. We had a good time in the Lord; the saints were helped and sinners came for deliverance. I believe they got the help they needed. Twelve came to the altar: approximately four souls were seeking salvation and the others were seeking help from the Lord in various areas of their lives.

God really blessed His Word that was sent through the following ministers: Bro. Egbert Allen, Bro. Carl Shaffer, and Bro. Curtis Williams. They preached deliverance from sin and the Word was preached in its purity.

We want to thank every one that came to the meeting and for the support of prayers and finances. We had some from other churches; all in all we had a very good attendance.

May God continue to bless all the saints everywhere. —Utson Platt

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### REVIVAL REPORT FROM DAYTON, OHIO

The Lord burdened Bro. Mart Samons to hold a revival meeting at our chapel in Dayton, Sept. 21—29. The messages were richly anointed; souls were saved, edified, and lifted up. We do appreciate how the Lord blessed in this meeting. A touching baptismal service was held on Sunday afternoon, October 3. Other souls are stirred, so do remember the work here in your prayers.

—Bro. and Sis. Donald Sharp

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### REVIVAL MEETING IN OKLA. CITY

There will be a revival meeting of the Crutch Church of God starting Sunday, Nov. 7 through Nov. 14. Meeting will be nightly at 7:30 p.m. with three services on the last Sunday. There will be only two services the first Sunday, but dinner will be served then as well as on the second Sunday.

Bro. Curtis Williams will be with us in this revival. Come praying that the Lord will strengthen the saints and convict the sinners.

The church is located at 5900 N.E. 23rd Street. For more information call Bro. Ed Wilson at (405) 769-3670.

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"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6:8



**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY WORK**

Dear saints scattered abroad: We greet you in the love of Jesus our blessed Redeemer and keeper. This is the most precious life to live, and the only way of peace and happiness. Surely we have found an everlasting store of grace and comfort.

We were privileged to attend the tent meetings in Delaware, Okla., also in Webb City, Mo. We heard some good sound preaching exposing sin. Our hearts were made to rejoice as we heard the word of truth brought forth.

We have been happy also to see the tents in greater use this summer. We have a great field of labor for lost souls; may the Lord help us to get a greater vision of our duty in reaching the lost. We pray the Lord will help us in our own localities to put forth in each area for all that need to hear of the great plan of salvation, which will free the people from sin.

We wish to thank everyone who has been faithful to support the tent evangelistic work through the National Missionary Fund. We are thankful that help was sent for each effort. The reports have been good of each meeting and it rejoices our hearts. We are praying for the one that will begin in the Loranger area. Trust that the Lord will cause people to come to hear the Word. May the Lord bless all who bowed at the altar of prayer and gave their hearts to live for Him; who gave His all for our souls.

May the Lord bless the work at the Lord's Print Shop. Keep your hearts always abounding in the love of Christ.

Yours for truth, —Bro. and Sis. Ralph Beisly  
407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kans. 67337.

[Any donation for the National Missionary Tent Fund should be sent directly to the treasurer, Bro. Ralph Beisly, at the above named address. May the Lord bless each of you in your sacrifices for Him.]

—Editor]

**WANTED—OLD GOSPEL TRUMPET BOOKS**

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14. Golden Jubilee Book
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Peebles, Ohio 45660.

**Prayer Requests**

Colo.—“Sis. Tombleson and Sis. Young need your prayers. Sis. Tombleson had three disjointed ribs, but got them back in place. She's not well.”

—Addie McEndree

Tex.—“A young couple that we have known for years has separated and the wife is filing for a divorce. They have two little girls. Please pray that the wife will go back to her husband and that God will comfort the man as he is very distressed and in great grief.”

—Louise Strickland

Ky.—“Sis. Betty Friesen from Canada has arthritis real bad. She has to sit on a couch in one position all the time day and night. She never complains, although she suffers much. She told me that although her condition seems to worsen, her faith seems to be getting stronger.”

—Sis. Burnice Williams

Fla.—“I have diabetes and arthritis so bad at times that I can hardly get around. My feet, hand, wrist, and shoulders are almost unbearable at times. Please remember me in prayer.”

—Flora Knight

Okla.—Sis. Anecia Wall has been sorely afflicted recently. She and her family are earnestly looking to the Lord and desire the prayers of the saints.

Kans.—Bro Lewis Williams would appreciate the prayers of the saints regarding his failing eyesight and some other health problems.

Continue to remember Bro. Murphy Allen, Sis. Eva Lou Gaines, Sis. Evelyn McCoy, Sis. Maude Britt, and others that are still in need of a divine touch from the Lord.

The Lord, through His infinite wisdom, has seen fit recently to take several of His saints Home. This is not defeat, but rather complete, total, entire, and perfect victory. The life of a true Christian is continual submission to the perfect will of God. Oh, what a wonderful privilege to trust and submit our all into the hands of God Almighty. Perfect faith and trust in God brings submission; and submission brings rest. How sweet is that rest!—Randall Flynn

**FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS****NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT**

Nigeria, W. Africa (Sept. 28)—Dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus. There is mighty power in this Name; His power alone can sanctify and keep us pure within. Amen.

Thank you for your letter by Bro. George Hammond dated August 2, 1982. Although you can no longer write us direct, nor attend office for the usual execution of the apportioned duties as director and instructor, you are still on call for consultation by the working staff of the Lord's Print Shop which happily will result in their utter acquirement of the printing skill and administrative competence. What else can we do but appreciate the ardor of that love of Christ which does refrain you to serve your Master and brethren sacrificially.



The gospel bell over here is ringing loudly. With rapidity of judgment, strength of will, clearness of vision, we are giving up everything to make Christ's call of us meaningful and fixed on the hallmark of grace. Thank God for the overcoming power to subdue our enemies far and near. The Church is the body of Christ, and any service rendered to, or suffering inflicted on it, is reckoned as done to its Head to Whom belongeth vengeance. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Bro. Alphonsus Okwosha, assigned the duty of visiting pastor to Abakaliki congregation in Anambra State, is back at Kwale with good news of preparedness of that congregation to accept the entire truth of the Bible. The Lord sparing life, we shall move there in good number on December 20, 1982, for full-scale evangelism of more than a week's duration. All should count it a defeat to stand still or remain static. Let's be practical saints of large ascending ambition to go on to perfection in our committed responsibility to seek the lost as commanded and commissioned.

Yours devotedly, —Titus U. E. Enu  
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#### MISSION REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

San Jose City, Philippines (Sept. 13)—My dear Brother Hammond: Greetings of love, peace, and joy in the loveliest name of Jesus. His love is so wonderful; He suffered an awful death for poor lost sinners. We love Him and hope to see Him soon when He comes and takes us home to that beautiful place that He has prepared for us.

I received your very kind letter with the enclosures. Thank you so much again, dear Brother, for your unfailing love for us and for the mission work in the Philippines. I'm happy to report to you that your many sacrifices for the mission work is now bringing a plentiful harvest for the kingdom of God. Yesterday morning at worship service, the altar was filled with many young people confessing their sins to God with tears flowing from their eyes. While I was praying for them, I heard two or three young ladies crying bitterly, asking the Lord to forgive them. The young people have a Bible Study class every Saturday night. Many young people from different sects in the city are coming. Their eyes are being opened to see the truth. How I wish you could see and help these young people who are so interested in the answers to their questions regarding salvation. Many of these young people are now coming to attend our Sunday worship.

The brothers in Caridad are busy preparing the materials for their church building. They hope to build it this month. The saints in the city promised to help them, and Sister Domingo is receiving the donations of the saints. I'm so happy for the cooperation of the saints, bearing one another's burdens. The brothers in Puncan said that they will try their best to help, also.

The elderly sister who died was the one who was sick with stomach pain that you anointed with oil

and we prayed for. She got well and was so happy because she became very strong and healthy. She was able to sell salted fish in the market to support her family for two years. Her passing away was instant.

We are still praying and longing for your precious help for us to build a church building in San Jose. We thank you and pray for you.

Your brother, —M. S. Tangunan

[Bro. George Hammond feels impressed that a fund be started to help Bro. Tangunan in the expense of building a chapel in San Jose City. If anyone desires to contribute to this building project, they should specify that their contribution is for the building project in the Philippines. —Editor]

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#### SPANISH LITERATURE PROGRESS

Dear ones: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I take this means to thank each and every one who had a part in paying for the Olivetti 221 (Electronic Typewriter) for the furtherance of the Spanish printing work. I am so thankful for it as it allows me to get so much more material set per month. This helps me because I need to be in Okla. City for the sake of my aged mother (almost 93 years old). I truly thank the Lord, and pray that He will bless each one abundantly.

I surely want to be faithful in that which the Lord has given me to do and run this Christian race by His grace to the end.

Pray for me as I labor for Him.

May the Lord also bless each one who has given of their time or means for the furtherance of this printing work which is reaching out now to most of the Spanish-speaking countries.

Yours for winning souls to Christ,

—Sis. Opal Kelly

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#### REPORT FROM PRINCE GEORGE, B. C., CANADA

Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. God is blessing our souls as we labor for Him. We have just had special evangelistic services with Bro. Merrill Smith and Sis. Hazel Clark. The Spirit was faithful to anoint the Word for each service. Some souls were saved and others received spiritual help.

We have an opportunity to purchase the First Church buildings which include cooking facilities, five sleeping rooms, showers, and washrooms; they are in good condition throughout. The tax assessed value is \$114,000. We made an offer of \$80,000. This was met with a counter offer from them for \$85,000, but settled for \$82,000, which includes pulpit, pews, kitchen supplies, etc. With the encouragement of several saints, we signed an agreement, by faith, to purchase.

We had previously put a request in the *Faith and Victory* paper for help to build a chapel on a two acre parcel of ground out of town. We received \$650 in the

mail which was used to help in putting in a septic and drain field as is required here. This was done at a cost of \$2000; the local saints paid the remainder. This ground is to be sold now, and should sell for \$25,000. We feel the Lord delayed this project so we could purchase the Central Place.

Please enter into this burden with us and pray and help as the Lord may direct. We are counting on the Lord to supply.

In Christian service, —Sis. Daisy Rabel  
R. R. 7 Site 24 Comp. 35, Prince George, B. C. V2N-2J5

## From the Mailbox . . .

Colo.—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus. He is so good to me.

My cough is better and the soreness is better in my body. I guess I have some arthritis in my bones, but I am trusting Jesus for it all.

I am so thankful that the Print Shop is being kept open and others are taking over the work. The *Faith and Victory* paper is a blessing to me; the writings are so good. I'm sorry that so many of God's children are so afflicted and suffering.

I wish we had a Church of God here like the saints, but all I have is the Bible, the good lessons, and tapes. I'm so thankful for them all. . . .

Love, Sis. Addie McEndree

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Mich.—Dear Sister Grace: Greetings in the sweet and dear name of Jesus to all of you dear ones in His precious work. We pray all is going well for all of you.

Thank you for your good letter and tracts. May God bless you. Yes, the good Lord will take care of us; He has never failed us. Praise His blessed name!

Please remember us in prayer; my mother and father need a healing touch. My father's mind is not good and he doesn't feel well in body. The Lord is so good to us; He blesses us richly day by day! Pray for my faith to be stronger.

May the good Lord bless each and every one of you richly in body and soul is our prayer.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Gettersson

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Randall: Greetings in the name of Him who made it possible for our salvation and brought immortality to light through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We were saddened by the passing of Sis. Geneva Ray and our dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt. We know that our loss here is heaven's gain. They will surely be missed. They have left us an example of faithfulness that will never be forgotten.

We are encouraged in the Lord and trust that you are the same. We pray much for and appreciate the work there at the printing office. The responsibility is great, but we are praying that God will more than watch it with His grace.

The congregation here in Dayton is in much need of relocating with a larger chapel. The congregation is growing in size and the chapel is much too small to

accommodate everyone. The Lord is blessing the work here in Dayton, and wants to save more.

We have started a building fund with \$1,500. If anyone feels led to help donate to this building fund, you may send your offering to Sis. Della Gutwein, 4008 Gardenview Dr., Dayton, Ohio. 45431

Keep encouraged and pray for us.

—Bro. and Sis. Donald Sharp

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Tex.—Dear Sister Grace: I was so happy to get your sweet and encouraging letter. I pray that God will bless you always as you labor in His work. I feel that you will always be a blessing to others. God needs more young people like you. It seems there are such a few who will give up the things in this world to work and be a witness for God.

God has blessed me in so many ways. I love God so much and the desire of my heart is to always be found in the center of His will. . . .

I pray that God will supply all the needs there and will always bless you in a very special way. Use this offering where you need it most.

Christian Love, —Sis. Louise Strickland

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Okla.—Dear saints: While I was sitting and thinking of the saints who have died with cancer, a portion of Scripture came to my mind, "These all died in faith." Then I asked the Lord to help me find the Scripture and my eyes fell on it. I thank the Lord for that, and this is what it says: "These all died in faith, not having the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth."

This is called consecration to the death line. May the Lord help us all to have faith like those dear saints.

—Christine Jordan

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La.—Dear Publishing House workers: The Lord bless each of you with grace, courage, faith, and the love of God that never fails, so you can continue to carry on this great work of faithfully publishing the gospel, that Bro. Fred Pruitt, then Sister Marie Miles and Bro. Lawrence all so faithfully carried on for many years. They have all gone to their great rewards of the Lord who promised that He was not forgetful of our works and labors of love (Heb. 6:10). You, too, can someday receive a reward of the faithful, as faithfulness is greatly rewarded. Life is so short and uncertain. We will each reap what we have sown. "Lord, help us sow righteous seed for the great reaping day which is coming to everyone."

Thank God for sufficient grace to be victorious in this great warfare against all sin in every form, and a vision to ever live with eternal values before us day by day; overcoming and conquering with the joy of the Lord which is our strength in our souls, and peace, and contentment the world cannot give. Thank God, they can neither take it away! Let us, by the Lord's strength and power, ever live on the winning side with Jesus.

—LaVern Manuel

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Okla.—Dear saints: I would like to say that on a Sunday night not long ago, the Lord in His mercy saved me! Praise the Lord; I am saved today! I can honestly say that by the blood of Jesus, I am washed clean as snow.

And as I begged the Lord's mercy and forgiveness, I beg yours. The saints are the most beautiful people, and the Lord is indeed with them. So many of you have been praying for my family and me. I hope you will continue to pray for my family. I need your prayers also to continue to live for Him. I want nothing more than to live for Him the rest of my life. I want to teach my little girls the things of the Lord, by the grace of God.

Your sister in Christ, —Kathy Johnson

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Mo.—Dear ones at the Print Shop: I was saddened to hear of Bro. Lawrence's passing, but I know he's gone to a better place. I never met him in person, only through the mail. I know he was a dedicated man of God. May God bless each one of you there at the Print Shop. You are doing a good work.

I would like to say that I am on the Lord's side; He has been good to me. I owe Him my everything. He has brought me through my afflictions. I desire your prayers that I will stay on the straight and narrow path.

I am enclosing \$1.00 for a subscription to the *Faith and Victory* paper. I enjoy reading it and look forward to it every month.

Love and prayers, —Lyle Mansfield

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Kans.—Dear readers of the *Faith and Victory*: We enjoyed so much hearing from the ones who enjoyed the camp meetings and gave such good reports from them. We would so much loved to have attended.

We want to thank all for remembering us in prayer. We again have received blessings of God's healing power to our bodies and spiritual strength to continue in the way to love God and accept His dealing with us. Continue to hold us up to the throne of grace until we get Home.

We read of the different requests, and our heart goes out to you. Stay close to your Shepherd; He knows the way and will bring you through.

May this small offering be multiplied until your needs and wants will all be cared for with abundance.

Our love to all, —Lavina Martens

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Ga.—Dear saints of God: I do hope all are up and well, doing the Lord's will. I just thought that these words might encourage you saints, as we do need daily to press on for eternity. Thanks very much for the *Faith and Victory* paper that you have been sending me, and I do pray and fast often for all the saints of God that we may all be of one accord to lift higher Jesus' name.

As the Lord provides, I will be sending spiritual gifts, so remember me in your prayers day by day, and you all take care. . . .

Much Christian love, —John S. Durham

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Okla.—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. He has been so good to me.

We were saddened this morning on hearing of Sis. Maybelle's oldest brother's passing. So many are leaving this old sinful world. I surely want to be ready when He calls for me. Also Bro. Merrill Williamson—another one of our ministers was called home. We must keep courage; the Lord knows what is best. Surely the coming of the Lord is near.

I want to thank each of you in the Print Shop for the good *Faith and Victory* paper. You are doing such a good job keeping the gospel coming out clean and pure. Also, Sis. Sandra is doing an excellent job with the *Beautiful Way* paper. I'm so thankful the Lord chooses the right vessel to fill a vacancy—yet, no one can really fill Sis. Marie's and Bro. Lawrence's places. We miss them so much. May the good Lord richly bless each one of you and give you good health to carry on.

The Lord has blessed me with some unexpected means for which I feel led to give to the printing work as you see the need.

Pray for us as we do for you.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Edith Wall

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Ohio—Dear saints: We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lord for His blessings to us. We appreciate all He has done.

We are thankful to the Lord for how He has blessed us with a wonderful meeting. Bro. and Sis. Samons came and held several nights meeting here in Dayton. You could just feel the presence of the Lord during the meeting. We had more altar work than we have had for some time.

We desire to grow spiritually and to measure up in any way that the Lord would have us to.

We would like to tell how the Lord has undertaken for our children during their sickness. They started out by coughing. We didn't really think it was anything serious—we thought it was just a common cold. We were taking them to services. As time went on, their coughs grew worse and they had some pretty serious coughing spells. We started keeping them home until we talked to our pastor's wife and Sis. Samons; they felt like it was all right to bring them back to services. We trust the saints will pray with us that the Lord will stop the spreading of this sickness, because it can be really serious.

Jason will soon be 4 years old and he seemed to get through the bad stages pretty well. He knew how to bring up what seemed to try and choke him, so his coughing didn't get quite as hard.

Our daughter, Janna, is 20 months old and had such a severe case of this. When she would start coughing, we would try to get to her as quickly as possible, but she would get strangled, turn blue, and

pass out on us. It seemed like it took both of us to work with Janna to get her to come out of these spells, therefore we didn't have time to call anyone for special prayer. We had to call on the Lord ourselves. When Janna was born, the Lord blessed with such a speedy delivery and while we were still at the hospital it seemed like the devil would paint such dark pictures. He would tell me that we wouldn't have Janna with us long and that was why I was permitted with such a speedy delivery.

One day when Kenny was at work, I was at home alone and Janna went into one of these coughing spells. It started in her bedroom. She just seemed to quit breathing. I got her out of the bed and was working with her on the floor. She was blue in the face. Trying to pray, I ran to the living room, still working with her, and she was just limp in my arms. I knew it was going to take the Lord to help her to be revived. At this time the devil stepped in and started painting his black pictures. He brought back the thought that was presented to me at the hospital when she was born. I took her to the bathroom and was holding her up in the bathtub. At this time I asked God to please help her. What had lodged in her throat and kept her from breathing just came up like it was under pressure. She then came right out of the bad spell. The devil was rebuked right there. Thank God for what He did!

When you are alone, you have to depend fully on the Lord. I couldn't take time to call anyone but Him. She had other choking spells after this one, but they got so they weren't quite as bad.

When our children have been sick, we have trusted the Lord. He has never failed us. We appreciate His faithfulness to us.

Also, we want to thank the saints for their prayers and their love shown to us. Some from out of state sent cards or wrote and we didn't even know that they knew our children were sick.

Pray for us that we will please the Lord with our lives.

Christian love, —Kenny and Mary Abbott  
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Va.—Dear saints: I send greetings of love in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour. I trust this finds all encouraged to press the battle on to that final victory. Matt. 10:22, tells us that we'll have to **endure to the end** to be saved. Let us **press toward the mark**; there is a crown of righteousness laid up for us. (Phil. 3:13, 14, 2 Tim. 4:7,8.)

On April 14, while planting grass seed in my backyard, I twisted my foot and broke my ankle. It seemed to take a long time to heal. Over five months had passed and it was still swelling and I limped; I could wear only a flat sandal. I was anointed and prayed for. A short time later I felt impressed to try on a pair of my high-heeled shoes (my ankle had been so weak I had to wear flat shoes). Thank the dear Lord, when I put those shoes on, my ankle was strong enough to walk in them! I put them on and went shopping. Ever since that day, I have been

improving rapidly. There is only a trace of swelling and I can go up and down steps without holding on to a railing. Isn't the Lord wonderful? Praise His holy name! Some folks asked me how I broke my ankle. I told them that the Lord ordered it as He saw what I needed. It's been good for me—a time of learning. "It was good for me that I have been afflicted; that I may learn thy statutes." Psalms 119:71.

A wart appeared on my nose. My husband had some warts on his arm, and he went to the doctor to have them removed. He asked me if I was going to have the doctor remove mine. I told him, "No." I knew the Lord would heal me if I'd only believe. Thank the Lord the wart is gone; my Physician has removed it. Praise His holy name!

Time would not permit me to tell all the Lord has done. I could never praise Him enough for His goodness and mercy. Looking back over the past nine years, I marvel at all the Lord has done. He has brought me from heartache to gladness; flowers have replaced the bruises. "Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips." Psalms 21:2. I'm holding on for my dear companion's salvation. I'm believing to see it. Please pray much for him. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16b.

Please hold me up in prayer. I love the Lord, and desire to please Him above all else in life and to finish my course with victory. I love and appreciate all of God's dear children.

Your sister in Christ, —Nancy Wagoner  
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Calif.—Dear saints everywhere: As I'm writing this, my heart praises God for all He's done for me! He dug me from a terrible pit and placed me in heavenly places! Praise His **mighty Name**! I lived in deep sin for 25 years and have been saved for 2 years now. Before I got saved my life represented the lifestyle of Sodom and Gomorrah. I fell into many things that really had a hold on me. . . . I drank heavily for pleasure and effect and found I could stop or start whenever I chose, which made me feel like I was really in control of myself. Before my husband and I got married. . . we did all the things the world teaches: we partied, drank liquor, danced, and went to movie theaters and nightclubs. My husband was involved as lead guitarist for a local rock and roll group and I was lead singer. We saw much sin and filth amidst the concerts and gatherings. And all the while we made excuses for our sin.

I was reared in the First Church of God. I knew about God, heaven, hell, and sin, but nobody ever preached that God demands us to live without sin! I always thought that we just did the best we could; love God, ask forgiveness if we sinned, and we were okay. . . . I lived for my pleasure during the week and when Sunday came, I sat through the sermons which were dry and lifeless, and impatiently waited to leave so I could go home or out to eat. I'm even more ashamed to say that besides me, most of the people there (if not all) were thinking the same thing!

Oh, saints, let me tell you of the delivering power of God. I got saved, and I told my fiance he'd have to get saved, or I'd have to leave him. I had to wait about 6 months for him, but thank God, he got saved! We were married (by a sectarian preacher) and lived to all the truth that we knew (which was little). As time went on, the Lord told us to throw out our television. My husband took a hammer to it, and had a grand time while doing it. God told my husband to stop smoking cigarettes, so he did! Then God told me to take the make-up and jewelry off. I took the jewelry off, but the make-up wouldn't budge.

Bro. Tommy Melot came for a revival at Ontario Church of God and I went to the altar about my make-up. I gave it up with a grudging heart. Oh, the devil had found a hold on me. He used the vanity in me and took away my victory. I began wearing make-up again; I bought all new stuff. A couple of days later, God said to take the junk and throw it away. I threw it away and covered it with smelly trash so I wouldn't pick it out again. Do you know, that night I dug into that trash and took my make-up out again? I washed it off and put it in my purse, but I didn't get a chance to wear it again because God had had enough with me! The burden and fear of a guilty heart made me throw it out for the last time! I saw my soul on the road to hell. I fell on my knees and prayed: "Oh, God, if this make-up is going to send me to hell and keep me loving this dirty world, I don't want it. Help me to walk in the truth!" Oh, saints, I can't tell you the joy and peace that flooded my soul as days went by and I had that scrubbed, clean look. The Lord said, "Yes" to my soul and I knew I was pleasing in His sight! This only happened about 3 months or less ago! Praise God for victory! I don't have any desire to wear make-up, jewelry, fancy clothes, or fancy hairstyles anymore. **It feels good to be clean and peculiar!**

I must say that a year ago I thought I had been sanctified. But I know now that I didn't get sanctified till I gave up "self." I know the saints have been praying for me and I love all of you.

I'm sorry that I've taken up so much room in the paper, but God told me to write that others might be helped and God glorified! My desire is to make heaven my home and take others with me. Pray for me to **finish** my course! Bro. Danny Layne is a blessing and strength to me and all those in Ontario, California Church of God who are seeking after truth. Some are still in Babylon.

Pray for us that we will hold the truth high and make no compromise. —Sis. Crystal Strey

Those who are always contented and happy are a most gracious contribution from God to a discontented world.

The Christian has the blessed privilege of proving to a covetous, discontented world that man can by the grace of God be contented under the most adverse circumstances.

—C. E. Orr

## HOME



## LIFE

### On Keeping the Home Undefined

Today it became necessary for me to call at a music house to pick up a box in which to crate and ship an organ to my daughter in Florida. While waiting for help to remove an organ from the box that I was to have, I met and became slightly acquainted with a young sales lady of the establishment who, when learning that I was in my eighties, showed some surprise and remarked that she hoped that she could reach such a ripe old age and appear as alert and spry as I. I suggested that I thought that was possible if she would but follow a few simple rules: first, I said to leave smoking alone. She confessed that she didn't smoke. Second, leave liquor alone. This, she confessed, she had no part in either. I then suggested that she leave the boys alone. At this, she dropped her head in mirth and when she lifted it, she remarked, "I think I fell down there a little for I am married with a husband and have four children and I love each one of them very dearly."

This last remark struck a chord of appreciation within me for I, too, have had six children and know what it means to love and labor for one's family. This young mother inspired me because she was fulfilling an order enjoined upon young women in the Scriptures, and in the discharge of which there is no greater honor. Says the great apostle, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands. . . ." (Titus 2:3, 4, 5.)

Sadly enough, and unhappily, the above Christian advice and moral precepts are not the rule in our corrupt society today. Human nature is so perverted in this age that by many, child-bearing is not only undesired, but thwarted in every way possible. We wonder, just how abnormal can the human race become and still survive? There is a fundamental law in nature that dictates that created life seek its perpetuation, and the principle of reproduction has stamped itself upon every living thing. When a brute mother destroys her young, we immediately know that she is suffering an abnormal condition and we try to remedy that condition to safeguard her progeny from extinction. But how do we account for a sane human mother destroying her innocent babe?

This age seems to recognize but one God—the monster LUST. His ways are devious and ruinous to the last degree. In his wake are heart-broken mothers

and fathers, wives and husbands, confused and neglected children. Relatives and associates on both sides are disappointed, unhappy, and heartsick as they watch the break-up and destruction of what once was a normal home. Only one bears a smile upon his countenance and that is the devil himself. He is the only winner in every immoral situation. Young married couples should, to govern the sanctity of their homes and to maintain their own personal sanity, avoid, as one would a very dangerous plague, any intrusion of familiarity from the opposite sex—even to the point of shunning every unnecessary or intimate conversation or approach. Just as great oaks from little acorns grow, big trouble often accrues from seemingly insignificant beginnings. It is so very important that married couples bear in mind (religiously and constantly), that in every questionable act of immoral compromise, the devil is the only winner. Should you observe these simple rules of conduct, you may add years of happiness to your life.

And, one other word of advice: "Pray without ceasing."  
—Earl Langley

## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** In the book of Acts when they baptized, they simply stated: "In the Name of Jesus" and in some cases no name at all is mentioned but just merely states that they were baptized. Now why did Jesus say plainly "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" and then in the Acts it is not specified that way and no explanation given? Do you think that in the actual baptizing ceremony they used the name of Jesus only?

**Answer:** No, I do not believe that the men who administered the ordinance of baptism in the Acts used the name of Jesus only in their ceremony for the following reason. In Matt. 28:19, Jesus Himself gave the commission to His apostles in these words: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." When Jesus says anything, that seals it forever as a positive truth. This was the last thing He said to them before ascending to heaven. About ten days later the New Testament Church was born and set in operation on the Day of Pentecost and numbers were being converted through the preaching of the gospel, and were baptized. The history of that first church began about ten days after Jesus issued this command and the approximately 3000 souls who were born again and became the first converts and members of the Jerusalem Church were commanded by the apostle Peter, who was one of those who received the commission direct from the mouth of Jesus Himself, in Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ. . . ."

It seems to me an incredible thing to suppose that within this short time this apostle who

remembered the command of Jesus to baptize believers of the gospel would have forgotten how He said to do it. So it is to be assumed that all who participated in that baptismal service included the "Father, Son and Holy Ghost" in their ceremony. Again this same apostle, Peter, in Acts 10:48, commanded the household of Cornelius the centurion, ". . . to be baptized in the name of the Lord." Note that in Acts 2:38, he said, "in the name of Jesus Christ" and in Acts 10:48, he said, "in the name of the Lord." Then again, in Acts 19:5, referring to the disciples that Paul found at Ephesus on one of his missionary journeys, "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." It seems evident to me that the terms used in the above three scriptural references: "In the name of Jesus Christ, in the name of the Lord, and in the name of the Lord Jesus," could not be a part of any commonly accepted baptismal ceremony as there is no uniformity in them. The question then, would naturally arise, "Which one is correct?" Then in Acts 8:12 and 8:38, it merely states that the people were baptized with no name mentioned.

Now there is a reason for this. The sender of this question stated that he had been giving out the answer that these "name terms" were to emphasize Jesus in contradistinction to John the Baptist who had been baptizing people before Jesus came on the scene. This is exactly right as I see it. John the Baptist baptized with water unto repentance (Matt. 3:11) and Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized of John Himself (Mat. 3:13-17). John was the forerunner of Jesus Christ to prepare the way for him. But now John has passed off the stage of action and Jesus has ushered in the gospel day and He is the principal one and all the work of God is being carried on in His Name.

This is made clear in a careful reading of Acts 19:1-6. In this case Paul has encountered twelve disciples at Ephesus and as he talked with them they told him that they had been baptized unto John's baptism (verse 3). Then Paul explained to them that they should believe on Him which should come after John; that is, on Christ Jesus (verse 5); that is, in the name of Jesus instead of in the name of Paul.

Here is a thought that makes the point clear to me. In 2 Cor. 5:20, Paul declares that the ministers of God are ambassadors for Christ and that we beseech people in Christ's stead. We know that an ambassador is a government man sent by the government of one nation to another nation to represent their nation in all its dealings with the nation to which he is sent. He is commissioned with certain powers and authority to do business in the name of the government that sent him. It is a similar case here. Jesus is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and King of the saints in the kingdom of God. He sends forth His ministers as ambassadors to represent Him to the people of this world in preaching to them the gospel of the kingdom, baptizing believers, healing the sick, casting out devils, etc. This is all done

through the power and authority He gives and everything including baptism is done in His Name in the same sense that an ambassador sent by a nation to another nation does all his business in the name of the nation that commissioned and sent him; that is, under the authority of the commission given him by those who sent him. In this case the baptizing was all being done under the authority of the commission given them by Jesus Himself. Therefore it is said to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus but the proper terminology in the baptismal ceremony is forever the one that Jesus Himself gave: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

### Love Worketh No Ill In His Neighbor



David asks the following questions: "Who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" The answer is plainly stated, "He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." Psalms 15:1-3.

Many dear men and women who could have been used of God, and who could have been a blessing to the world have been blighted by the foul breath of evil speaking. Paul commands, "Speak evil of no man." Tit. 3:2a. Evil speaking is a cancer in the soul that must be burnt out with the Word and purged out with the blood, or it will destroy the soul forever.

Some dear souls have subconsciously drifted into fault-finding. They think they can see the motive behind the words and deeds of people, and discern every mistake made, but instead of going to the offender or to a person who can influence the offender for good, they go directly to the neighbors and tell them about it. This is a sad mistake and totally unscriptural. Let us be careful to not rudely inflict some of God's people and cause them to pass through some unnecessary trials. "Speak not evil one of another, brethren." James 4:11a.

"Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:31, 32. One kind word may open up a little wellspring of happiness in someone's heart.

May we let our tears of love, sympathy, and appreciation fall like refreshing dew upon the hearts of our dear brethren. They need them and will enjoy them. "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do towards you." 1 Thess. 3:12. One writer speaks of Alexander who had an ugly scar on his forehead received in battle thus: "When the artist painted his portrait, he sketched him leaning on his elbow, with his finger covering the scar on his forehead." There was his likeness with the scar

hidden, so let us learn to paint each other with the finger of love upon the scar of our brother.

When the absent brother is spoken of, some one may say that he is a dear good brother, another may add, "Yes, but the poor fellow unfortunately got into trouble some time ago. However, I hope he is clear now." The fact is convincingly demonstrated that one has failed to put the finger of love upon the scar. If he is saved, he is worthy of our implicit confidence, and we must not depreciate him. If we fail to take him in our confidence and seek to preserve his influence, he may become hopelessly fastened in the chains of gloom and discouragement. If we have been surmising, mistrusting, and speaking of the saints in a way to injure them, God knows it. He knows our acts and words, even our most secret motives. The secrecy of all deceptive arts, is not sufficient to veil one word or act from God, and He will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or evil. Eccl. 12:14. Then let us be careful not to say or do anything that would condemn us at the judgment bar of God. We must not take up a reproach against our brother, and lay judgment upon him when we do not know it to be so.

We are expressly told to have compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, and courteous. 1 Pet. 3:8. Let us prove to our brethren by our actions that we love them with pure hearts fervently. 1 Pet. 1:22. Praise God for the sacred tie that binds us together. Human language is inadequate to describe the love of God. Nothing is worth more, nothing is better, nothing is sweeter. So may we never let the devil, gold, or crowns of fame, bribe us to give it up. Above all things let us have fervent charity among ourselves. 1 Pet. 4:8.

"Charity suffereth long and is kind." 1 Cor. 13:4. Charity does not see the faults of others quicker than the good qualities. Some are so busy looking for defects and faults that they let many good traits pass them unnoticed. May we all take warning that the work of the Lord be not hindered. —W. P. Long

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### IN MEMORY OF BRO. LAWRENCE PRUITT

Gone? Yes, but only a step away  
Over to that happy land of bright eternal day.  
Forgotten? Never! His printed page went far and wide  
Giving Christ to all the world; a choice they must decide.

Reward? Ah yes, for many sheaves he laid at Father's feet,  
And someday all we faithful ones again with him will meet.

Never can I forget my brother I've known most of my life. The paper was a life line to me when isolated, and I passed this paper on in many strange places. His good works and labors will still harvest many souls.

—Grace Jones

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## The Rent Veil

"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent." Matt. 27: 50, 51.

I formerly thought that, as Jesus' death brought an end to the old Mosaic law, with God's presence in the Most Holy Place, that God moved out in such a hurry that He split the veil from top to bottom. But I learned better than that:

The tabernacle and the temple were blueprints of the Church. The tabernacle with its two veils represented the Mosaic dispensation, with its animal sacrifices bringing justification, but not bringing deliverance from the inherited nature we had received from Adam's fall; and since Christ's sacrifice was to bring that complete deliverance—deliverance from the inherited, marred nature, or Adamic sin, or inbred sin—entrance into that Most Holy Place was to be shown in the TYPE as it was to be realized in the ANTI-TYPE.

So when Christ (the anti-type) was rent on the cross, the veil (the type) was rent in the temple. Now the rent veil of the temple showed that entrance into the Most Holy Place was available to every man. The TYPE now illustrates the full, complete plan for man's redemption and sanctification.

"The priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: the Holy Ghost this signifying that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was standing." Heb. 9:6b-8. "Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a NEW and LIVING way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the VEIL, that is to say his FLESH; And having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." Heb. 10:18-23.

And, so, that rent veil in the TYPE until its destruction in A.D. 70 showed that all God's priests, not just the High Priest, have access to the complete redemption of our soul—two complete works of grace, justification and sanctification.

Heb. 13:12, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Thank God for the bloody rent veil, a blooded veil, torn flesh, cleansing us from the inherited nature received in the fall.—C. C. Carver

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1.

## The Everlasting Arms

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33:27. Although I have read these words many times, yet today they come to me with a force I never felt before. Though you have read them often they are worthy of your rereading and meditation.

These words are so full of encouragement. They mean *you*—underneath *you* are the everlasting arms. Do not try to hold yourself up; let go, and rest in the everlasting arms. Do not keep yourself in a tension; but let yourself relax and lie passive, trustful, and restful in the bosom of God.

Times will come when you feel so weak. Some giant trial has you in his unmerciful grasp; your strength seems to go from you; you are so helpless! Thank God for such experiences. He wants you to feel the support of the everlasting arms.

It may be that you were leaning a little on an "arm of flesh." Oh, how weak is such a support! There comes, sometimes, such trials, such sorrows (I know whereof I speak), that no arm of flesh can sustain. Down we would go and the cold billows of sorrow would roll over us, if we were not upheld by something stronger than the arm of flesh. The human arm is too frail; it can be broken: but there is an arm that is strong. Though the burdens and sorrows of every human soul were laid upon it, it would not bend nor break. That arm is underneath *you* if you but cast yourself into it. How sweet to rest there, and how safe!

*"Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on his gentle breast."*

We have stood by the bedside of the afflicted; we have seen those who had gone into the furnace of trial; we have seen those who were in deepest sorrow,—and have beheld the sustaining power of the everlasting arms.

Here comes a letter from one who is in great sorrow. One very dear to her is given up to die by the physicians: she feels the crushing weight of such a sorrow, but is consoled and comforted by the Bible; she feels underneath her the sustaining, everlasting arms.

We can taste the sweetness of sustaining grace only when we are brought to the realization of our own weakness. Those who are weak in themselves; who are not leaning on an arm of flesh; who feel their helplessness—it is those whom Jesus gathers in His arms and carries in His bosom. He is the tender Shepherd who cares for the lambs. With such a support as the everlasting arms you can not fail.

—C. E. Orr

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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16