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### Shall Jesus Die In Vain For Thee?

Behold the Savior on the cross  
In agony and pain;  
It was for thee He suffered loss,  
But did He die in vain?

No man hath yet His love removed,  
But yet they pass it by;  
Nor that He lives have they disproved,  
But yet in sin they die.

He paid the price, the awful price  
Upon the cruel tree;  
A suffering, bleeding sacrifice  
For thee, dear soul, for thee.

O sinner, burdened down with guilt  
And suffering conscience sting;  
Now let His love thy cold heart melt,  
Behold what He will bring.

This Jesus is not far away,  
Nor is He in the tomb;  
He's knocking at thy heart today—  
Oh, will you make Him room?

If you will now unlock the door,  
This Jesus will come in;  
Yea, He will purge and sweep the floor,  
And take away thy sin.

A wond'rous gift of marv'lous love  
Is offered now to you;  
The angels watch thee from above  
To see what thou wilt do.

Shall Jesus die in vain for thee?  
Oh, stop and count the cost!  
Oh, why not let Him set you free,  
Why let thy soul be lost?

He suffered pain and agony  
To save from hell's domain;  
Yet, sinner, will you let it be  
For thee He died in vain?

—Harlan Sorrell

### Emotionalism

"The tendency to be emotional or to show emotion quickly and easily, an appeal to sway an audience to some belief: emotionalist: a person who uses or relies on emotions or emotional effects: or feeling." (Webster's Dictionary).

When it comes to something as important and as valuable as our soul, it is not safe to rely on emotions or feelings. Emotion means feeling physical excitement. I would like to say here that feeling has very little to do with our salvation. There are times of good feeling and rejoicing, but that is not salvation. It is only the results of having a deep settled peace down deep in our souls.

The devil works through our emotions. False prophets work on the emotions of the people. They get people all worked up; they jump, shout, clap their hands, and the people go home feeling good—with less money and no help to their souls.

I remember one night in camp meeting some years ago, we had a big emotional meeting, and about forty went to the altar. The next day there was a baptizing service, and only four wanted to be baptized.

Some folks rely on emotions to the extent that when they don't feel some physical excitement they feel like they are not saved any more. Some think that if someone is not outwardly emotional they are not saved, or they are not what they ought to be. I know a lot of saints that I have never seen shout or make any great outward emotional display, but they are just as solid as a rock. You can depend on them; they are faithful when there is something to do. When there is a sacrifice to be made, they are always there. At the same time the one who was jumping so high is the one who has gotten their feelings hurt and are off somewhere feeling sorry for themselves, or have become discouraged, or may have completely given up.

Some years ago there was a fellow who made the rounds of the camp meetings. He could jump about as high as anyone I have ever seen, but when the camp meetings were over he left and we haven't seen him since. It reminds me of when I was a boy growing up

on a farm. We had a young horse that we never could break to work right. You could hook it to a plow and it was so emotional that it would run about twenty feet and stop. Then when you got it started again it might just run side ways and break down a lot of corn. At the end of the day you were just worn out and had not accomplished very much. Then we had an old mule that was really slow. You could hook it up to the plow and it would go all day long. It might look like you weren't doing very much, but when the day was over you had accomplished much more.

Emotionalism can be dangerous. I think back during the war of how some leader would get all excited and all worked up. He would charge right into the enemy and not only lose his own life, but cause many good soldiers to fall by the wayside. The Bible says to "ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." Prov. 4:26. Peter seemed to be an emotional man. He told Christ that he would follow Him even unto death, but when the test came, he could not carry it out. Another time his emotions got the best of him and he cut off a man's ear, but Jesus reproved him for it.

Yes, it is good to have good feelings, be able to shout, and have great ambitions; however you cannot live on them. Some days you will feel like the bottom has dropped out. The devil says, "Now you have lost it all. If you were saved you wouldn't feel this way. You know the preacher said you should be shouting for joy." Then you may think, "I guess I'm just not saved any more." That doesn't mean anything unless you have committed sin or done something to grieve the Spirit. In place of feeling, check the fruit you are bearing: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. The fruit is what tells us what we really are. It is not what we feel like.

I like to see someone get tired of sin and the ways of the world, bow before the Lord and make a covenant with Him, then be like the old mule—just go at it day by day. The wise man said that "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill." Let us run this race with patience looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith. An old saying is that, "still water runs deep." Don't try to live on feelings, but live by faith.

We love the truth and all the dear saints.

—Bro. Mart Samons

### **"Except It Be For Fornication"**

This phrase found in Matt. 19:9, has been the source of much dispute in the religious world. Most denominations teach that it allows the innocent party to divorce an unclean companion and marry another. This is not the right interpretation, and I am glad the saints teach against double marriages.

Some time ago in reading this chapter, my attention was called to verse 3: "The Pharisees also came

unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" In what way was this a temptation? *Smith's Bible Dictionary* under the article "Divorce" tells us there were two different views concerning this question: Rabbi Shammai teaching that divorce was limited to moral delinquency in the woman, while the school of Rabbi Hillel taught it was allowed for trifling causes, e. g. if the wife burnt the food she was cooking for her husband. Now we see how Jesus was tempted. Whichever side of the question Jesus took, He would lose the favor of the other group. The question was not what was to be taught under the church Jesus was to build, but what did the divorce law Moses had given, which law was still in effect, really taught. We find that law in Deut. 24:1-4:

"When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife; her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord: . . ."

This law, the law of Moses, was abolished, or fulfilled, when Jesus died on the cross, and we find no provision for divorce and remarriage under the law of grace.

Paul gives us Christ's law in 1 Cor. 7:10: "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: but and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife."

Again Paul, in Rom. 7:2, 3, says, "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

Therefore, in the New Testament dispensation under the law of Christ, only one marriage is allowed as long as both companions remain alive.

—C. C. Carver

"Bread is of value to the physical man, and is a staple food. When it is properly prepared, it contains many nutrients and substances that are wholesome. Adversity can serve the same purpose in our spiritual lives. It can become a valuable asset to us. Burdens and adversity can help us mature and become established."

—Wayne Murphey

### THE SWEET WHISPER

I have been in the Valley of Weeping,  
I've been in the Plains of Despair,  
Then I heard Jesus whisper,  
"Take it all to God in prayer."

There have been days of loneliness,  
Long nights with no one to care,  
Then comes the soft whisper,  
"Take everything to God in prayer."

When doubts and fears assail us,  
We feel we are on the brink of despair,  
"Listen," we will hear the low whisper,  
"Take it all to your Lord in prayer."

There is never a day so sunny,  
But a little cloud appears.  
Then we can hear the sweet whisper,  
"Take it all to God in prayer."

When storm clouds surround us,  
It seems even God doesn't care.  
Heart be still! Listen for the whisper,  
"Take it all to God in prayer."

God is ever watching over us,  
With His tender, loving care.  
Be calm, listen for the sweet whisper,  
"Take it all to God in prayer."

God wants to share all our sorrows,  
He wants us to bring Him every care.  
That is why the gentle whisper,  
"Take it all to God in prayer."

Then, dear child, take courage!  
Let Him all your heartache share.  
There is always the sweet whisper,  
"Take it to the Lord in prayer."

—Mrs. Elmer Esterline

### URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

I received a letter in the mail recently from Sis. Agathe Friesen who lives in Canada. The urgency of the letter stirred me deeply. I submit it to the saints at large with a prayer that we all, as the body of Christ, be stirred and raise our voices as one to the Lord for the deliverance of Sis. Betty Friesen.

I could not ignore the appeal for prayer—saints, let us pray earnestly for the deliverance, not only of Sis. Betty, but **all** those who are suffering. The number of names is numerous.

1 Cor. 12:26, 27, says, "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." I realize this is a well-known Scripture, but, oh, let us stir up our hearts of compassion, and be moved, as Jesus was, to pray for the sick and afflicted. Let us as the body of Christ pray for the parts of the body that are in need of prayer. Let's pray for them as we'd like them to pray for us should we be in the same situation.

—Grace Lassche

Canada—Dearest Sis. Grace: Greetings to you in the name of "the King of kings and Lord of lords!" Praise the Lord! "But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the **victory** through our Lord, Jesus Christ" and "always causeth us to **triumph** in Christ." The devil tries to tell us we're losers, but, praise God! "I'm on the **winning side**" today! The enemy has and is trying every tactic to cast me down, discourage, and overcome me, but by the help and grace of God, I'm not only keeping my "head above water" so to speak, but I'm "*walking on the water!*" Praise the Lord! Yes, sometimes my feelings get low, but "we walk by FAITH, not by sight," or feelings. David said in Psalm 69:1, 2, "Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me." But, what a comforting Scripture we read in Isaiah 43:2: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, **they shall not overflow thee.**" Oh, it is when we do not understand that we must "trust in the faithfulness and love of God!" Help me, God, to "*stand fast in the Lord!*"

I know God is righteous and His tender mercies are true. I know that He loves me and that He loves Betty, even though she is in such a pitiful physical condition. Oh! If you could only see her feet and legs! At times I can hardly bear it! But I know that God **loves her**, even still. Sometimes grief, sorrow, fear, and doubt threaten to overwhelm my soul and sink my ship, but it's then that there's only one thing left to do: resolutely and with determination lift up my shield of faith and make the enemy flee.

Please pray for us; we need the Lord desperately that we give not up when the battle rages at the fiercest. When I think of the martyrs who "accepted not deliverance," and Jesus who "endured such contradiction of sinners against himself," and of dear ones such as Brother Murphy Allen who in our day is such a wonderful "example of suffering affliction," my "courage rises with danger." No, we must never look upon our condition or situation, but up to Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith."

Perhaps you've heard that by the help of the Lord, we are undertaking to move to British Columbia, Canada. Oh! **Please pray much!** We need the Lord to help us mightily with Betty on the trip! How the enemy has tried to make me fear this move! But, oh! The Lord has given me so many Scriptures and songs, telling me *not to fear or be afraid!* Oh, if the Lord tells me not to fear, then I will *not* fear! He will help us out, stand by us, uphold, and support us. Thank the Lord! God will answer our earnest prayers, I know.

I will close for now. Please do remember us in prayer and request also that others there in Guthrie pray for us. Without the Lord we can never make it. If we ever needed God's help, it is NOW.

Yours sister,

—Agathe Friesen

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## Editorials



**"Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good."** Eccl. 9:18. In the light of the phrase, "one sinner destroyeth much good," we are led to believe that the same problems that trouble the human race today existed in ancient times. One evil man can blight the world, his country, his community, and his family.

Adolf Hitler is one whose name and wretched influence will never be forgotten. Through his evil design, millions of lives were lost, families severed, the innocent slain, and precious souls hurled out into eternity.

Another individual who has served as a detriment to society is Madeline Murray O'Hare. This woman led the fight to take prayer out of schools. This action opened the door for the advent of Humanism into public education.

In 1 John 2:16, we read, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." This verse speaks of the pride of life. Pride is a way of life, not a sin that one occasionally falls into. It is a lifestyle. Many have adopted an ungodly lifestyle and are scarcely aware of it, because society, in general, accepts it. Those who begin a godless trend are considered bold, brazen, and shameless, but over a period of time, as the influence of ungodliness spreads and others participate, society accepts such behavior. It becomes a common lifestyle. Every evil trend originates in the heart of one who has the will to contaminate others with his unrighteousness.

In present day society, a vocal minority of evil doers are encouraging others to "come out of the closet" and fight for their rights. Such a movement is the beginning of a trend toward the return of Sodom and Gomorrah.

I believe that there is much truth to the saying that, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Parenthood is one of the most powerful avenues through which we influence future generations. Those who fail to live a godly life before their children and neglect to instill in them the fear of God, will share the awful responsibility for the loss of countless souls.

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We have in stock a 24-page booklet entitled, "The Ten Virgins." It contains a series of three sermons by Bro. Ostis Wilson. Sister Linda Mitchell of Jena, La., expressed a desire to see these messages made available to others, so she transcribed them from tape into manuscript form and sent them to us, stating her willingness to sponsor the book.

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Just as one sinner destroyeth much good, so one righteous man may be the means of establishing godliness and hindering the expansion of evil. Christ influenced the world far more than Hitler, O'Hare, and many others combined. Let us stand up and be counted as one of His followers, for we are the medium through which the forces of sin can be counteracted. Let us accept the challenge to preserve godliness in our home, in our community, in our nation, and in our lives in general. —Wayne Murphey

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**Greetings once again** in the name of our Lord, Savior, and King, Jesus Christ. Surely He is our all and in all.

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During this week of March 20, Bro. Mart Samons has been with the congregation here at Guthrie in a revival. The Word has been going forth under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. There has been some altar work, and we are desiring to see more souls brought into the fold. Surely, those who have sat under the sound of the gospel will be without excuse in the day of judgment.

Bro. Samons just closed a revival meeting at the Oak Grove Church of God near Loranger, La., which was held during the week of March 13. May the preached Word bring forth much fruit in the kingdom of God.

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We would like to remind our readers that available through this office are Sunday School lessons printed quarterly. *The Beautiful Way* Sunday School papers for children are written and edited by Sis. Sandra Whitson. They are printed in two sections—one for juniors and one for primaries. They are issued quarterly at the rate of \$1.40 per year (52 papers each of junior and primary sections). The *Bible Lessons* for adults and young people, written and edited by Bro. Leslie Busbee and other co-workers, is issued quarterly at the rate of \$2.00 per year. Your order must be in this office by the first of the month preceding the quarter issued.

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In these last days of time with wickedness and evil abounding, it is of vital importance that we, the saints of God, hold the banner of holiness high. It is

so sad to see the freedoms and Godly principles of honesty, etc., upon which this nation was founded, being slowly but surely eroded away by the legislation of new laws, etc. However, God is still on His throne, and the things that are happening are only what He permits to be. We must be faithful to hold up a standard for the people—and that standard is the Bible, the Word of God. "Through it all I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God; . . . through it all I've learned to depend upon His Word." This is the only sure thing we can depend on—it never changes and it will never fail. Praise God!

—Randall Flynn

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## Camp Meeting Dates for 1983

Following are the Church of God camp meeting dates for 1983, and a more complete announcement of each meeting will be printed in later issues:

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#### THAT LONG SOUGHT WISH

That long sought wish; Oh, how I prayed;  
I thought it not divinely willed.  
And then the joyous tear-stained smile,  
Of faith triumphant, hope fulfilled.

—Edward M. Brandt

## In Memorial

Elizabeth Leona Glass was born to John and Lucy Mae Glass on July 15, 1908, in Fremont, Mo. She departed this life Oct. 8, 1982, at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla., after a sudden illness.

She embraced the truth of the Church of God at an early age. Shortly afterward, she moved to Neosho, Mo., and lived there until two years ago when she moved to Shawnee. She had been in failing health for quite a while, but her trust was in the Lord.

Surviving are two sisters: Ellen Wilson, and Lily Glass, both of Shawnee, Okla.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. T. V. Mc Millian, assisted by Sis. Ruth Murphey at the Clark's Chapel of Memories, Neosho, Mo., and her body was laid to rest at the Gibson's Cemetery.

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Bro. Martin Luther Reed was born to William and Laura Reed in Monticello, Arkansas. He departed this life on February 12, 1983, in Tulsa, Okla.

Bro. Reed was born into the Church of God in 1939, and remained a devout and faithful member until his death.

At an early age, he migrated to Guthrie, Okla., where he met and married Onnie Lee Harding. To this union twelve children were born; his wife and five children preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory three daughters; Francine, Barbara, and Doris, all of Tulsa, Okla.; four sons, Noah of Los Angeles, Calif., Paul, Milton, and Wilbert, all of Tulsa; one sister, Lottie Buchanan; fifty-four grandchildren, sixty-seven great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren and others at the Church of God chapel in Tulsa, Ok., and burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Aneita Jean (Wilkins) Corteway, daughter of Leo and Eva Wilkins, was born Sept. 19, 1922, in Ionia, Mich. She passed away, following a lengthy illness, March 19, 1983, at her home in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the age of 60 years and 6 months.

She was with the Church of God most of her life, and in her illness chose to trust the Lord and died with victory.

She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted husband, Hubert; four sons, Marvin and Jerry of Okla. City, Okla., David of Darr, Mich., and Mark of Portage, Mich.; one daughter, Sharon Huskey of Grandville, Mich.; eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandson; also her father Leo Wilkins, and one brother, Ralph, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Eva Wilkins, and one daughter, Deborah Ann.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Ed Wilson and Archie Souder at Crutch Church of God, Okla. City, Okla. Burial was at Sunny Lane Cemetery.

### Note of Appreciation

We, the family of Sis. Aneita Corteway, wish to thank each one for their expressions of love and kindness shown during her long illness and at the time of her passing; also for the cards, flowers, offerings, and food at the time it was most needed. May the Lord reward you with His richest blessings.

—The Corteway family

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## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### MEETING REPORT FROM CHILLIWACK, CANADA

Dearest brethren scattered afar: Greetings in our Savior's name. All praise and glory go to the sweet Lamb of God who died so that we might be able to walk upon this highway of holiness, and, if faithful until the end, obtain a glorious crown and mansion in that heavenly home.

For about two months, the saints here in Chilliwack fasted and prayed asking God to burden a minister to come and hold some special meetings. God was faithful and Bro. Tommy Melot was burdened by the Holy Spirit. . . . During that meeting three souls took their stand for truth. There were other souls that came out and heard the anointed preaching of God's Word, but they did not yield to the pleading of the Holy Spirit. There were many who needed to hear what was preached, but the enemy fought them and they stayed away.

. . . The next morning we were led to the Seattle, Washington Airport. We went, knowing that we were being led by the Holy Spirit. We all stood upon an inside balcony overlooking a large area and began to sing the precious songs of Zion. Many people stopped and listened and a sister was drawn to us by the Holy Spirit. She came and sang awhile. After a few songs she began to weep and tell us how God had surely led us there to encourage her.

Please pray for us all up here.

—Sis. Elizabeth Whittall

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### SPRING REVIVAL AT BOLEY, OKLA.

Lord willing, the Boley, Okla. Spring Revival will convene on Tuesday, April 26, and continue through May 1, 1983. Services will be at 7:30 p. m., each night, and all-day services on Sunday, May 1st.

We extend a warm welcome to the people of all nations. Come and worship with us in the "Beauty of Holiness." We're looking to God to send ministers and workers of His choosing. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isa. 1:18.

For further information you may contact Sis. Ora Spears at Rt. 1, Boley, Ok. 74829, phone area code 918-667-3396, or Sis. Katherine Williams at 905 N. E.

15th, Okla. City, Ok. 73104, phone area code 405-235-2278.

—Sis. Katherine Williams

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#### SPRING MEETING AT WICHITA, KANS.

The Wichita Spring Meeting has been set for April 15-24, 1983, Lord willing. We are looking to God to bless in an abundant way by saving and sanctifying souls, healing bodies, and encouraging the saints. We are such needy creatures and always need something from God, and He has promised to supply. We desire the prayers of all who have a burden for the meeting. We are seeking the Lord to send whoever he chooses to bring the messages He has for this place.

—Shirley Knight

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#### ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE AT THE GOLDEN RULE HOME

The 20th anniversary of the opening of the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla., will be observed April 10, Lord willing. The general order of service will be as in past years with morning worship service at the Church of God chapel beginning with Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Dinner will be served at the Golden Rule Home, followed by an afternoon service at the Home at 2:00 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to come and be with us.

Also, Bro. Leslie Busbee is scheduled to hold a revival beginning Sunday night, April 10. We hope that some of you will be able to attend this meeting.

For more information, write us at Rt. 6 Box 10, Shawnee, Ok. 74801, or phone area code 405-273-7106 or 275-6686.

With love and prayers, —Sis. Janyce Porter

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#### SPECIAL SERVICES AT MYRTLE, MO.

Special services are scheduled at Myrtle, Mo., for the weekend of May 7-8, 1983, Lord willing. There will be singing on Saturday night, May 7, followed by all-day services on Sunday. Come praying for a special out-pouring of the Spirit of the Lord upon the services, and with a burden for souls. A cordial invitation is extended to all!

—Harlan Sorrell

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#### WEEKEND MEETING AT HOFFMAN, OKLA.

The Church of God at Hoffman, Okla., plan, Lord willing, to have a singing service on Saturday night, May 7, 1983, and all-day services on Sunday, May 8. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Woodrow Warren at 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447, or phone area code 918-756-6425.

—Lorene Payne

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Don't be satisfied with what you are or what you know; you're losing ground when you fail to grow.

—Sel. by Effie Miller

#### CASSETTE TAPES OF SONGS AVAILABLE

Dear readers of the *Faith and Victory*: I would like to inform you that we now have eight tapes available of recorded songs from the *Evening Light Songs* hymnal. Most of these songs are recorded by the Sorrell quartet. The songs are recorded as follows:

Tape #1 Song nos. 1-18

Tape #2 Song nos. 19-36

Tape #3 Song nos. 37-54

Tape #4 Song nos. 55-72

Tape #5 Song nos. 73-91

Tape #6 Song nos. 92-109

Tape #7 Song nos. 110-127

Tape #8 Song nos. 128-146

Other tapes available are listed as follows:

Three tapes of recorded songs from *Echoes From Glory*, a songbook published by the Gospel Trumpet Co. in 1893. These are songs of rich spiritual merit which are presently out of print.

Two tapes of recorded songs from *Salvation Echoes*, a songbook printed by the Gospel Trumpet Co. in 1900. These songs are also now out of print.

Also available are three tapes of song themes as follows: Songs for Easter; The Love of Jesus; and Songs of Comfort and Encouragement.

The tapes are good quality, 60-minute cassettes, and are recorded in stereo. We are offering all tapes at the present time for \$1.25 each plus \$1.00 for postage and handling per order or per package to be mailed. Please order tapes by title and/or number. Address all orders to: *Songs of the Evening Light*, c/o Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1 Box 272, Myrtle, Mo. 65778. Make checks payable to the undersigned.

Dear saints, the Lord has blessed us with such a rich heritage of spiritual songs! My burden and desire is that these precious *Evening Light* songs will go forth to all the world and will help to bring many leaping and shouting home to Zion to rejoice with the saints in light in the wonderful truth of this beautiful "evening" of time. If any profit is realized from the sale of these tapes, I intend to use it for this purpose.

Yours for the songs of Zion, —Harlan Sorrell

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#### FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

##### REPORT OF MISSION WORK IN INDIA

S. India—Dear workers at the Print Shop, dear saints at Guthrie, and abroad: Greetings of deep love, precious faith, and blessed and glorious hope in the name of Jesus Christ who shall appear again without sin unto them that look for him (Heb. 9:28).

Thank you very much for your kind letter, and the enclosures were noted with much appreciation and gratitude. Conventions at different places are scheduled to begin the last week of March and the first week of April. We also plan to have a 3-day meeting at Karikkom during the last week of April. We request the prayers of the saints for the blessings of these meetings.



Hospital visiting, tract distributions, open-air meetings, publishing of the monthly paper *Evening Light* are going on fine without any hindrances, and are producing much results. There is a little progress in the chapel buildings at Athani and Chelekudy. We do remember our work at Nigeria, Canada, Germany, Philippines, Mexico, Ghana, and everywhere in the world. May the truths of the Church of God expand to every nook and corner before our Lord comes back again.

Our Kerala State is almost dry due to the scarcity of rain. We did not get rain for the last four months and as a result we have a very poor rice harvest this year. Most of the fields and farms are dried, and there is no water in the well to drink. People run for water here and there, and in some places go to distant places for water. May God save us from a famine. The prices of rice and other food materials have already increased considerably. . . .

Let us see through the eyes of prayer always.  
Yours in Him, —John Varghese

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#### MISSION REPORT FROM NIGERIA

Dear Bro. Hammond, and the saints of God: Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus—the Lamb of God. The humility of the Lord Jesus in becoming our Lamb was necessary that on the cross He might become our substitute, our scapegoat, carrying our sins in His own body on the tree so there might be forgiveness for our sins and cleansing from all their stains when we repent of them.

Thank you for your letter dated Feb. 8, 1983. Its contents, with particular reference to the successful trip of Sis. Kaiser to Ghana, were noted. Ghana is a "stone's throw" from Nigeria.

The Lord is in the midst of refining His Church. The broken ones are walking the highway. Only the broken ones can enter the highway. We request prayer for our hearts to remain bowed in surrender to God's will.

Evangelistic meetings are progressing encouragingly. The spirit of evangelism appears planted in nearly all the saints this way. The students in the High Schools who are of Zion deem it a binding duty to utilize their holiday periods for mobile evangelism. To God be the glory for this soul-winning determination ushered in through obedience to His great commission, "Go ye into all the world . . ."

It is proved that the Lord is surely blessing our farm project with great yield. Harvest of the main crop, cassava, will begin in April. From cassava can be extracted the following food items: garri, tapioca, starch, foo-foo, etc. We pray and trust that through the farm project embarked upon that the Lord will provide enough financial means for His work in Africa. In Him we trust.

This writer, his wife, and twenty-four others are leaving Kwale today, Feb. 25, by chartered bus for Umuolu, a riverine community, for three days of

evangelistic meetings. Our chief concern is recovery of the lost souls.

Yours in Him,

—Titus U. E. Enu

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#### PHILIPPINES MISSION REPORT

Philippines (Feb. 21)—Our dear Bro. Hammond: Greetings of praise in the precious name of Jesus. We received your very kind letter with your enclosures. Thank you so much dear brother. . . .

We are so happy to report to you that the Church of God in the Philippines is growing spiritually although not so much in numbers. . . . I feel God is working in His Church in the Philippines. He slashed those hypocrites, but strengthened and purified the faithful ones. Jose Balmediano left the faith and is serving the devil. He was tempted by his family and folks to consent to them to go to a quack doctor and offered peace offerings to the devils. . . . We have done our best to advise and encourage him, but he does not want to repent, so we have withdrawn our fellowship from him. Some who cannot meet the standard have left the church also. In spite of all these trials, I'm rejoicing much because the dear saints who are faithful are becoming more conscious to the things that are abominable to God, while those hypocrites have shown their true colors and gone with the current of the world.

The bride of Christ is pure and holy, unspotted, without blemish or wrinkle, saved from all kinds of evil and sin. We must become strong to lift up the standard or else our labors will end in vain. . . .

Greetings to all the dearest workers at the Print Shop and to all the saints of God abroad. Greetings from all the saints in the Philippines.

With much love, —M. S. Tanguan and family

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#### REPORT OF WORK IN GHANA

Okla.—Dear workers at the Print Shop, and saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

I have had one written communication from Bro. Jim Akwasi in Ghana since I returned home on Jan. 25th. That was one month later, with the promise he would be writing again soon. He said they watched my plane take off from Accra with many prayers for my safe return home. They arrived back in the village two days later, and he reported 110 people present on the first Sunday of the meeting of the Church of God. This was good news and we do thank God.

Ghana is experiencing some internal problems. There was a real shortage of food when I was there. Just a few days after my return to the U. S., over one million Ghanaeans were returned to Ghana from a neighboring state, with only the clothing they were wearing. This, no doubt, is affecting some or all of the dear ones I left there. Please pray for them, that they stay faithful to God. This would seem a hard situation for new-born babes to face, but God knows all about the situation, and He is able to keep them through it all. Pray that mail will not be tied up, but

that someone over here will be able to hear from them soon.

Yours for souls all over the world,

—Sis. Dorothy Keiser

[At press time: Sis. Dorothy Keiser has informed us that she received a letter from Bro. Jim Akwasi on March 28. The letter gave a good spiritual report of much interest among the people and a number of new converts; however, it also brought the sad news of a disaster in that area. A fire had been raging out of control and had burned over 100,000 acres of land, consuming all farms along with their staple crops, and some have lost their personal belongings, etc. Bro. Jim stated that some people have been burned while trying to protect their farms, but there had not been any loss of life. The country has been in a drought since Sept., 1982. Food items were very scarce when Sis. Keiser was over there; now with their crops destroyed by fire it seems that starvation will be prevalent. Sis. Keiser is investigating the possibility of sending food to them. Let's pray much for these dear people. If anyone desires to donate to this cause, or if you desire more information, you may contact Sis. Dorothy Keiser at Rt. 6 Box 8 B, Shawnee, Ok. 74801.

—Editor]

## Prayer Requests

Ohio—"I have been going through a battle of affliction, but God has helped me so very much and I am a lot better. I'm still looking to God for complete victory and desire your prayers." —Bro. Earl Sharp

Illinois—"I am requesting prayer for both my daughter and me. . . . Please pray that our communication will be reestablished." —Elijah Randles

Colo.—"I still have pain, but I am holding on to the Lord. Please pray for me." —Lillie Roberson

Calif.—Sis. Nelda Sorrell has not been well in recent months. Pray the Lord will come to her rescue and grant the healing she stands in need of.

Ore.—Bro. Ostis and Sis. Evelyn are still much in need of prayer; also Sis. Anneta Williamson has been having some gall bladder trouble and needs prayer.

Colo.—Sis. Addie McEndree desires prayer for complete healing. She also requests prayer for Sis. Young and Sis. Tomblason.

Okla.—Sis. Floy Woolery has not been well for several months. She desires prayer for complete healing.

Mo.—Sis. Goldie Knapp is not well and is requesting the saints' prayers.

There were several other requests received that we have not listed, but the Lord knows just what the needs are and is well able to supply. Let's continue to hold Bro. Murphy Allen and Sis. Eva Lou Gaines before the throne of grace. They both are sorely afflicted and need much prayer.

Let us ever look "unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of

God." Heb. 12:2. Our faith and trust are in One who has triumphed over sin, death, and the grave, and is set down for ever at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. Praise God for the victory that we have through Jesus Christ!

—Randall Flynn

## From the Mail Box. . .

Calif.—Dear Bro. Randall: Greetings in Jesus' name! I am praising God for victory in my soul today. We serve a mighty God—one who is always near and has promised to never leave us. Oh! what could we do without Him?

May God ever bless you dear ones who are faithfully getting the Word out to a lost world. . . . The end is very near, so we ought to be getting the gospel to all nations. May God help us all to get a burden to carry the Word to foreign nations. . . .

—Bro. and Sis. H. P. Huskey

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Mo.—Greetings to all of you and saints everywhere: We are still traveling on for Jesus and the way grows sweeter. We love Him so much; He has been so good to us. We see His love about and around us every day.

We have been having such beautiful weather, and we surely thank Him for the mild winter we have had. It has been a real blessing.

May the Lord bless you each one there and all the saints everywhere is our prayer.

—Zella Dollins

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La.—Dear Sis. Maybelle and Sis. Grace: We greet all of you dear ones in the precious name of Jesus. He is precious to them that believe. The dear Lord is so good to us; He hears and answers prayer many times, and we do appreciate His great love and mercy.

We also appreciate you dear ones that work so faithfully to put out the *Faith and Victory* paper, tracts, and books. We are thankful for the good, pure literature that feeds our soul. We are very careful to eat good, nourishing food for our bodies; we do not want something that has poison in it. That's the way with our soul food. We don't want something that may look good but has poison in it; for if we feed on such very much, it will bring death to our souls. How careful we ought to be of what we listen to and what we feed on. I don't listen to any of these false preachers on the radio. Most of them are just out for the money. They preach some truth, I suppose, but there is also some poison mixed with it that would damage our souls.

I love the truth; the Bible is truth. Anything outside the Bible is false. We do pray for the Lord's work everywhere. God is able to help us to know truth from error if we read His Word and pray to Him. He will never lead us into error.

May God bless each one is our prayer.

With Christian love,

—Sis. Effie Miller

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Canada—Dear saints in the Lord's Print Shop, and abroad: We send greetings of love to all of you in Jesus' dear name. We are so thankful that by the grace of God we can report victory in our souls.

The dear Lord has done so many good things for us in the past, and we believe He will do the same for us in time to come. We want His good will to be accomplished in our lives. We find this way precious, even though the trials and tests are always there. It is His presence abiding with us that makes everything sweet. We are never sorry that we started to live for the Lord Jesus Christ in this present world. It is our desire to stand for the truth and nothing else than the whole truth.

Some think we are a narrow-minded people, but we wouldn't want to be traveling on the broad way that leads to destruction. We love the narrow way. It is so good to travel on; we are so free, so very free. Oh, that many more souls would be on it and take the cross daily and follow Jesus our Lord. Words can't express the joys that are found there. It is well worth denying ourselves and following Jesus all the way.

We love the saints of God and appreciate their interest and prayers so much. We are all one in the body of Christ (the Church), and need each other just as the members of our physical body need each other.

Pray for us here that we will ever be faithful to Him who has loved us first. May the good Lord bless all of you and keep you working for Him.

In Jesus' love, —Bro. and Sis. George Schroeder  
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Okla.—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I want to write our testimony of how the Lord spared our lives when we were involved in an auto accident. We also want to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, love offerings, and all the many prayers that went up for us. We pray that the Lord will bless every person that was so kind to us.

On October 30, 1982, about 2:55 a. m., we were driving home from my husband's parents', and were struck at an intersection. We had been with my husband's mother who was very sick. I saw the other car just before it hit us, but I didn't have time to say anything. My husband, myself, and our oldest daughter, Tammy (nine years old at the time), were knocked unconscious instantly. It was approximately 20 to 30 minutes before the ambulance arrived. When I first regained consciousness a paramedic was talking to me asking my name. I am amazed at how calm the Lord kept me. I asked him how Jerry and the girls were. I couldn't see very well until I was in the emergency room at the hospital. I listened to hear signs of life from my little girls and Jerry. Jerry was groaning in agony, and our youngest daughter (four years old at the time) was crying so pitifully. Oh! how I needed the Lord to lean on! I could not hear a sound from Tammy, and this scared me. Our seven-year-old daughter, Jody, was talking and answering questions, so I

knew she was all right. Thank God for sparing Jody from being hurt. She prayed for us the half hour before anyone got there. When I regained consciousness I could hear Jody praying, "Jesus, please don't let Mommy and Daddy die."

The paramedics told me that I had hit the main artery close to my temple area, and I could feel myself bleeding badly. They told me that they were worried about me because they couldn't get the bleeding to stop. I also had four ribs broken next to my spine. I prayed to the Lord that He would let me live to raise my children. It was 4:00 a. m., before they got us to the hospital and I was still bleeding from the gash in my temple. It was a deep gash and required twenty stitches on the inside and twenty on the outside. The doctor told me he was amazed that I was alive, and that it almost hit my skull. Oh, how I praise the Lord for sparing my life!

My husband Jerry never woke up until he arrived at the hospital. His lower jaw was broken in two places, and was wired shut for seven weeks. He also had some broken ribs in his chest, a head concussion, and a severely damaged right ankle. Our car was struck towards the front on my husband's side. If it would have been hit a little farther back, Jerry would have been killed for sure, and possibly some of the rest of us. . . .

Tammy had a broken arm and fractured wrist, a head concussion, and severe cuts on her feet. Rhonda had a severe blow to her left eye and cheek. Her face was swollen so badly that it was hard to recognize her. We are so thankful that we are in as good health as we are, and that Jody was spared from being hurt. Jerry is the only one of us left now with any severe problem. His right ankle is still in need of prayer; we're looking to the Lord to heal it completely. The Lord has brought us this far and He will not forsake us now.

I think of the song: "What Satan tried his worst to do, my Lord was by my side I knew. He answered prayer and took me through, He will not fail me now!" Praise the Lord! This is the Scripture the Lord gave me for our family: "O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. O Lord, thou hast brought my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive . . ." Psalms 30:2, 3.

Pray for us, —Jerry and Marsha Corteway,  
Tammy, Jody, and Rhonda  
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Ore.—Dear saints at Faith Publishing House and all who read the *Faith and Victory*: The Lord has laid it on my heart to share a recent, blessed experience of the love of God and His answer to prayer. All praise, honor, and glory to God our Father, and to our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose Name all things are possible.

Although I had come to know the Lord in my teens, the cares and pleasures of this world slowly and surely caused me to lose my salvation, and it was so gradual that I didn't realize it for a long time. I thank our merciful God that He didn't give up on me, and about four years ago caused me to realize my lost condition. I then made the decision to seek His

forgiveness and to live for Him the rest of my life. I had to make some restitutions and ask forgiveness from several people, but I was determined that **nothing** was going to deprive me of a clear title, and I thank Him for helping me make right all He showed me that needed to be straightened out.

In the late 1930's, I sprained my right ankle so badly that I was on crutches for a couple of weeks or so. Since then it seemed that ankle was weak and very easily sprained. Then in 1948, while commercial fishing in Alaska, I turned that ankle so severely that a bone must have been broken, for a small knot came just below the ankle bone that never went away. I have been on crutches three or four times since 1948 because of a sprain in that same ankle. A few weeks ago, on a Friday evening, I turned that ankle again and suffered more severe pain than I ever had before. Of course I immediately asked the Lord for help and my wife prayed for me, too. We put an ice pack on it for twenty minutes or so, then wrapped it tightly with an elastic bandage. The pain by then had let up some, but did not go away; however, the Lord gave me a good night's rest. I work as a security guard at a plywood mill and was scheduled to work an eight-hour shift the next day. We told the Lord we were going to trust Him for healing and did not call my supervisor to have someone take my place. Although it was painful to walk the next morning, I knew the Lord could heal me completely, and believed that He would, so I went on to work as usual. With quite a bit of pain I began my rounds, and as I walked through the deserted mill I sang songs of praise to God. Before completing the first round the pain was gone, and by the end of my shift I had walked about twelve miles and climbed more than 500 steps. Bless the name of Jesus, there has been no pain or trouble since!

I had told the Lord before this experience that if I could serve Him better by enduring pain and affliction, or if some soul could be saved through my suffering, my greatest desire is to do His will. I know that His promise that His grace is sufficient for me is true and will never fail. Please pray for me that I may be in His will always, and that my life will be as a shining light to all around me so they may see Jesus Christ in me and be drawn to Him.

Yours in Christ, —William R. Busch  
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Okla.—Dear saints, friends, and loved ones scattered abroad: Greetings! This finds me still pressing on in this strait and narrow way. It's a pleasure to know God's will and do it. Truly, we are living in perilous times; it behooves us each one to live a finished life every hour.

The dear Lord has been and is so good to me. It just makes me want to do more for Him. There is so much to do and so few consecrated workers to do what needs to be done. I find no time to waste or idle away. I cannot go forth to take the gospel message as I once did which I so much loved and enjoyed to do; however, the Lord still gives me eyesight to write many messages of truth in letter and send forth in

every direction with an earnest prayer that each one will accomplish whereunto it has been sent. They can reach where I never can. Oh, if by these some souls may be saved it will be so wonderful. Let us ask ourselves the question, "What are we doing to be of help in rescuing precious souls for whom Christ died?" Are we doing what we can? My heart is burdened to reach all I can with the gospel truth.

I have not been able (on account of my eyes) to answer all the lovely letters, birthday, Christmas, and get-well cards, but I want you to know I have appreciated every one. I will write as the Lord gives me strength. . . . I am still in the furnace of affliction, but I just keep pressing and I just refuse to be discouraged. I know if God be for us, who can be against us? It is truly my desire to be an example on all lines. It will take a holy life if we make it safely in.

I truly need the prayers of God's dear children.  
In the Master's service,

—Sis. Evelyn (Gibson) McCoy

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Texas—Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I want to testify how the good Lord is still hearing and answering prayer to supply all my needs according to His riches in glory.

My water heater started leaking and I had to buy a new one and have it installed. It cost me \$250.00, and according to my figures I had enough in the bank to pay for it and have \$8 left. I wrote the check, but later I received my bank statement and it showed that I lacked \$18 of having enough to cover the check. I had some money here for groceries, so after making a deposit to cover the check, I had only \$5 left. I prayed and told the Lord I didn't have money to pay my bills and buy groceries. The Lord heard my prayer. I received a \$58 check to pay bills with today; my daughter sent me \$10; my granddaughter came and she left a ten dollar bill under her plate; and my neighbor bought some groceries for me. I am delighted and praising God for hearing and answering prayer.

Christian love, —Nellie Lovell

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Canada—Dear brothers and sisters abroad: Greetings to all of you from an ever-grateful ex-sinner! I gave my all to Jesus on Oct. 9, 1982. "Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me." Psa. 66:20. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psa. 103:1-5.

I am so grateful for the marvelous love of God's people. Two of the brethren found me in a drunken state, trying to get to somewhere; I didn't even know up from down, and was despairing. I didn't know where or how to find what I was looking for. I had a deep longing, but I didn't understand what I was

longing for. I am so thankful for a merciful God! He knew I was finally ready, after 36 years of faithlessness and so awful a sinner. I was an alcoholic for 30 years; I am now 49 years of age.

Praise God! He put me where the burdened brethren could find me. They gave me a lift home and asked if I'd come and attend a meeting that night. I agreed to go. They asked me not to take another drink, and I didn't; I had been drinking for days and nights. That evening at meeting, I cried out to my God and He heard and answered! All my sinful habits and practices were broken asunder, and a new life opened up for me. It thrilled my being over and over again that I have been found. I am His for the second time—once when a child, and now as a man. **Praise God! Redeemed!**

He is all-sufficient. What a joy to claim God's promises of new strength every day. Oh, the peace that passeth understanding, and joy the world can never give. I praise Him for His light that shines to show us the way. Whatever lot befalls us, we can trust His loving care and be confident, through joys and through trials, that He is there! Stay in the center of His will, dear saints.

Yours in Christ,

—Raymon · Shaw



## Christian Instruction in Home Life

By George Hammond

(Continued from last issue)

### The Duties of the Husband

The husband is to be the head of the home in the honor and fear of God. "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment . . ." Gen. 18:19. He is not to live with a woman and raise children by her and then leave her and expect the welfare to take care of his children while he goes to consort with another woman. This is an abomination in the sight of God which both the man and woman will answer for when they stand before the Judge of this world. "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." 1 Tim. 5:8. Titus 2:6, says, "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded" or discreet; wise; prudent; cautious; not rash. Sober mindedness in young men is a rare qualification, but will keep him from excess of and immature decisions when he is establishing a home.

The husband is to regard his wife in honor and respect, care, and protect her as the weaker vessel. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." 1 Peter 3:7.

Husbands are to love their wives. "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh: but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church." Eph. 5:28, 29. ". . . husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." Eph. 5:25.

What does it mean to love the wife or the husband? The English word "love" does not express the real meaning of the Greek word for love, "agape," which is used throughout the New Testament. This is a new creation of the Christian faith. It is a concern or giving of love with the characteristics of 1 Cor. 13, which says, ". . . seeketh not her own." It is the perfect love God showed to us when He gave His Son for our redemption. It is a new dimension or degree of love that husbands should love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. If a husband or wife does not feel love for their partner any more, they are talking about affection that is lost because they have not been concerned for them by this love that comes only from God, and they are displeasing God and not obeying His Word.

### The Duties of the Wife

The wife's attitude and attention to the home life is certainly of greatest importance in establishing a good home. A woman can never expect to build a godly home without the God-ordained sanctity of marriage. The great need of a man or woman is to have someone to care for them or love them, and God has provided the only true way that this can be fulfilled. A woman who allows a man to take advantage of this need in her life is only allowing herself to be a power of Satan and thus will damn her soul. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's."

The wife's attitude and attention in the home probably has much more influence upon the children than the husband, as she spends much more time with them. "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation [behavior] of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation [behavior] coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Pet. 3:1-4.

Probably one of the greatest pitfalls in the family today is when the wife or mother of the home goes

out to work and has to leave the children with a baby sitter. This is a sad situation, especially when young children are involved and need the love and care of a mother. Many women are left today with small children and there is no father to help care or supply their needs. This brings a strong temptation to break their vows with God and one another, and enter into a double marriage. This is adultery in the sight of God (Matt. 19:9). It is better to please God and suffer loneliness than go to a devil's hell.

Wives should love their husbands (Titus 2:4). They should reverence them even as a Christian reverences God (Eph. 5:33). Submitting to one another in the family brings harmony as it does in the family of God. "Submitting yourselves to one another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing." Eph. 5:21-24.

(To Be Continued)

## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** In the light of such Scriptures as Rev. 20:11, 2 Peter 3:7-14, and Mark 13:31, please explain Psalms 104:5, which says, "Who [God] laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever."

**Answer:** First, let us get these Scriptures set forth. Rev. 20:11, says, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." I will not insert all of 2 Pet. 3:7-14, but just the verses that apply directly to this question. Verse 7 says, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." Verses 10-12, say, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" In Mark 13:31, Jesus said "Heaven and earth shall pass away . . ."

There is one established law for interpreting Scripture which is known as "The unanimity of faith." What that means is that any text on any given subject must be interpreted in harmony with every other text in the entire canon of Scripture on that same subject.

If we find any text on the subject which contradicts our interpretation of a given Scripture, we can be sure we have missed the mark somewhere. There is certainly no contradictions in the Scriptures when we understand them properly. 2 Tim. 2:13, says that God remaineth faithful and cannot deny Himself. And that is just exactly what He would be doing if He taught one thing in any part of the Scripture and a contradictory thing in some other part.

In this question we do have an apparent contradiction. Mark 13:31, says that "heaven and earth shall pass away," and Psalms 104:5, says the earth shall "not be removed for ever." Mark 13:31, is a direct statement of Jesus Himself; therefore, it cannot be gainsaid or tampered with. I therefore set upon it as an anchor text and that it establishes beyond all doubt that the earth will pass away. Then applying the fixed law of "Unanimity of faith" we will have to find grounds for making Psalms 104:5, harmonize with what Jesus said in Mark 13:31.

In *Cruden's Concordance*, at the top of his references on "for ever" he inserts this note: "Many believe that the words for ever or everlasting are not to be taken as synonymous with eternal, as being without end, but to be understood merely as meaning a very long time, to be left indeterminate. There seems to be a considerable amount of argument in favor of this in many cases, but it is not safe to conclude that it always should be so limited." Matthew Henry, in his commentary, comments at this place, "To the end of time." With us in general and from time immemorial, the term "for ever" has been used as applying to the duration of a thing or to its termination.

I will insert some Scripture where "for ever" is used which in no way possible could be interpreted as referring to eternal or without end.

In Gen. 43:9, Judah said to his father, Jacob, concerning his youngest brother, Benjamin, "I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame **for ever**." Again in Gen. 44:32, Judah said to his brother, Joseph, in regard to Benjamin again, "For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father **for ever**." In both of these texts referring to the same thing, it is clear beyond question that the term "for ever" could not possibly refer to eternal or without end because neither Judah nor his father would live that long or be bearing blame in eternity.

In Exodus 21:5, 6, it says, "And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him **for ever**." This would clearly refer to the remainder of his life and not eternally without end.

Lev. 25:23, says, "The land shall not be sold for ever . . ." Again "for ever" in this text would refer to the termination of a specified period because land is not bought and sold in eternity.

This could go on and on with this kind of Scripture, but it is not necessary. This is sufficient to establish the fact that the term "for ever" is used quite generally throughout the Old Testament Scriptures as referring to the duration or termination of any specified period of time, or a very long time.

But what about Psalms 104:5? It says the earth shall not be removed for ever. Well, when it runs head-on into our anchor text that the earth shall pass away (Jesus Himself said this in Mark 13:31), then we have to make Psalms 104:5, agree with what Jesus said because He is the supreme authority. But in view of the above texts and the general, common use of the term "for ever" in the Scriptures, this is not a very big problem. It will only be a problem to some folks who are hung up on some private interpretation to support some private doctrine. And all of these texts, and many more, give support to Matthew Henry's commentary at this place (Psa. 104:5) that "for ever" means "To the end of time."

### **"Pray Ye Therefore The Lord Of The Harvest. . ."**

Dear Saints everywhere: My burden today is for the effective work of our missionary effort in foreign lands. To follow the way of sectism in establishing the Church of God will bear little fruit for the Kingdom of God. Most countries have closed their doors to missionaries and are trying to remove most of those who have been there for a long time. So it is for us to get the truth established in the hearts of the people that they may be the missionaries in their own countries.

God is in need of dedicated young men and women to take this truth and help teach those who accept it. It is not necessary to stay long periods of time but several months or whatever is necessary. These shorter visits can be done on a tourist visa and allowed for different periods of time. Can we have a burden in the Church at large to designate our missionary offerings or have special offerings for the purpose of paying the fare of someone here to go to these lands? The saints have always been liberal givers for the spreading of the gospel when they know what the need is. The air ticket to Africa is around \$1,600.00, and to India it is about the same; to the Philippines is about \$1100.00. Those of us who have gone have been able to pay our own way so far, but it is becoming more difficult and our bodies are not as able to withstand the strain as the younger saints.

This is not a plea to discontinue our regular giving as we are doing to the native churches until they get established in the truth and are able to support themselves. It is just as necessary to establish the churches in these countries the same as they

were established here in the same practices (in principle) and standards (in principle) in order that the native saints be established in the truth and teach it to others.

There is a new church started in Ghana who is needing someone to go and help them get established in the truth. Bro. Jim, who is the overseer there, reported that they had over 100 in their first meeting after Sis. Kaiser left. Sis. Kaiser is desirous of going back if no younger person is able to go. Also, there are two young churches in the Philippines that are desiring someone to visit them and teach them. Nigeria also has a number who are seeking help to get established.

Will your congregation take a bigger part of this world-wide outreach? I have not mentioned all the needs, such as Mexico, Central America, a number of West Indies Islands, Canada, Puerto Rico, and others. The Lord has brought a number of young men into the ministry in the last year and for this we praise God, but our burden today is that we all be stirred with compassion for the many souls who are dying in the clutches of Satan, and are waiting for deliverance for their souls. We cannot leave this burden to sectism for God has entrusted us with the truth as He chose the Israelites of old to learn of the true ways of God.

A little Negrito man who was chief of a tribe in the mountains of the Philippines came down from his tribe to where we had a meeting, and after the meeting he clasped my hand with both of his, and said, "Will you come up and teach us of that 'book'?" Can we, who have so many of the blessings of God, deny this desire of many people? Will you pray earnestly for these needs? Prov. 29:18, says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Not only those who do not know the Saviour will perish but we, too, will become lean in our souls if we neglect our part. The church that is mission-minded is a church on fire.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."  
Luke 10:2.

—Bro. George Hammond

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Are you able to say from the acquaintance you have made with God that He is a lovely Being? If not, let me affectionately entreat you to ask God to bring you to this, that you may admire His gentleness and His kindness, that you may be able to say how good He is, and what a delight it is to the heart of God to do good to His children.

Now the nearer we come to this in our inmost souls, the more ready we are to leave ourselves in His hands, satisfied with all His dealings with us. And when trial comes we shall say, "I will wait and see what God will do to me by it," assured He will do it. Thus we shall bear an honorable testimony before the world, and thus shall strengthen the hands of others.

—George Mueller

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## A Son Talks With His Father

"Father, you sent me on a mission for you and now that it is nearly completed, I want to tell you what I have accomplished in your name.

"I have proof, LIVING PROOF, that anyone with your Spirit in them can resist the evil influence of the devil. After 40 days of fasting in the wilderness, when I was hungry I refused to use my God-given power for my own benefit, for it is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.' I could have used this power to call attention to myself by leaping from the high pinnacle of the temple, but your Word is true, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.' Again I could have been deceived by Satan and fallen down and worshiped him for he had promised me the kingdoms of this world. I rebuked him, saying, 'Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.' I know that I have a kingdom but it is not of this world. I also know that kingdoms and nations of this world that forget God shall be cast into hell. But my kingdom is eternal.

"By using the power which thou hast given me, the eyes of the blind are opened, the deaf can hear, the dumb speak, the lame can walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the dead have been raised. I have taught righteousness to a lost and dying nation.

"Now, Father, my work is nearly finished, but there are some things I would like for you to do for me. I have taught your way to men, and many have believed and now walk in the Way. I would like for you to 'Keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are one.' I am not asking that you take them out of this world but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. 'They are not of this world even as I am not of this world.' By so doing they will remain free from evil while they are in this world. 'Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. And, for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

"There is another thing, Father, I would like you to do: Keep them in thy name, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me; that I may be in them as thou art in me. Then the world will know that thou hast sent me.

"Now as I hang on a cross between heaven and earth, I cry with a loud voice, 'IT IS FINISHED.' By so dying the Son of God proved to the world that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.' "

—Elias McCart

"In this day when prosperity and big money beckon with their alluring arms, God would have His people know the reality of prayer: 'Give us this day our daily bread.' "

—Leslie Busbee

When one member suffers all suffer with that member. Suffering with one causes you to do something about it whether in actions or laboring in prayer.

—Sis. Marie Miles

## Thankfulness

I have so much to be thankful for that I just want to stop a minute from my cares and truly thank the Lord. He has been so good to me; He has shown much love, mercy, and grace to me over the years. I thank Him for His daily care and watchful eyes over me day and night. I thank Him for watching over me and all His dear saints on the highways, as they travel many miles.

I thank Him for the air we breathe, and for the good cool water to drink when we are thirsty. I appreciate a good meal to eat when I'm hungry and a warm bed in which to lie down and rest when I am tired. I thank Him for the strength He gives me daily and for health He has given me over the years. I have been able to work in the garden, the yard, keep house, cook, sew, and write some for Him. He has given me a house to live in. He has supplied me with enough money to live and also to help support the work of the gospel. I thank God for the sunshine and the rain He sends to help purify the earth and make things grow. I thank God for friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

I surely want to praise Him today for saving my soul. I thank Him for the children and grandchildren He has given me. I praise Him for every soul He has ever saved and for His Church. I am thankful for the words of the Bible, which, with the Holy Spirit, is a road map to guide us to heaven. I praise the Lord today for the many times He has healed me. I thank Him today for sending or giving the sweet Holy Spirit to all His children who seek for it. It is such a comfort to know that He is with us at all times. Thank Him for the plan of salvation that whosoever will may be saved. I thank Him for the Home He has prepared for us when we leave this life to live with Him and all the redeemed forever. I could go on and on, but I guess this is enough now. The Bible says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalms 150:6. —Pearlene Whitson

## Mind the Little Things

Take care of the pennies and the dimes, and you will have the dollars. A pin scratch has caused the death of folks. If you begin to think a thing is too small to be given attention, you are entering a dangerous path. Little bricks build a great house, and little sins make a great sinner. You can put more love in doing little things than in great things. There is less danger of self being in doing the little things than in doing great things. By guarding against every little evil and fault, and faithfully doing every little good things possible, you can build up a beautiful holy life. Guard your thoughts and words. Lift up your soul to God many times a day. Keep the Lord set before your face. Spend your spare moments on your knees in a sweet little talk with Jesus.

—C. E. Orr

There is only one way to heaven—the Bible way.