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When Satan Fills The Heart

When Satan fills the heart of man
And rules his mind and soul,
He always does the best he can
To make him miss the goal.

Of joy, and peace and happiness
And all that is good and true;
And makes him think some way is right
That will not take him through.

He filled the heart of Cain with hate,
With envy, grudge and strife,
Till he reached forth with murderous hand
And took his brother's life.

He filled the heart of old king Saul
With self-esteem and pride;
Then disobedience caused his fall;
By the Lord he was denied.

Judas Iscariot's heart was filled
With Satan, greed and graft;
So he betrayed the Son of Man
For just a little chaff.

Old Satan filled the hearts of both
Ananias and Sapphira;
Who fell and died at Peter's feet
Because they both were liars.

When Mother Eve turned down God's Word
And received the devil's lie
Then Adam joined in the affair
And so all men must die.

When Satan fills the heart of man
His master he will be;
His path will lead to dark despair,
And eternal misery.

—Ulysses Phillips

An Answer To Atheism

I was born of Christian parents. My mother died when I was only seven years old, and it was necessary to send me to an orphanage. Though recommended to my father as being a Christian home it was anything but Christian. Five years of incarceration in that home was more than enough to turn me against religion. I got started wrong and I became a God-hater instead of a God-lover. I embraced atheism in its entirety. I was convinced that God was a myth and that Christ was not necessary. I regarded the Bible as a Jewish "scrap-book" filled with absurd legends. To this day I believe my bitter experiences as a boy turned me toward atheism.

Determined to acquire an education I devoted many hours to studying and reading in public libraries. I was particularly interested in anti-religious addresses, and I read all the standard free-thought literature: Paine, Ingersoll, Voltaire, and others. Joining hands with other infidels, I soon became an active worker for the cause. While yet in my early teens I started delivering lectures against religion. This I did in a most blasphemous fashion. I referred to my general activities as "pulling Jehovah's whiskers" and I used other terrible blasphemous expressions which I now shudder to even think of, and hesitate to repeat. My tongue was tipped with acid when I spoke; my friends called me the "champion blasphemer."

I traveled over the country, lectured and debated in many of the large cities, distributed thousands of copies of infidel books and pamphlets, and waged a tireless warfare against Christianity. In Chicago I met a man who was to become my colleague and inseparable partner in atheism. A more zealous, blasphemous, hard-working team of atheists could not be found anywhere. In many parts of America we established infidel and free-thought societies. We founded the Godless Age Publishing Company, and printed and distributed thousands of copies of booklets and folders, as well as the official organ of the American branch of the International League of the Militant Godless, a monthly magazine known as The Godless World. Charles was the owner and editor of this

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magazine, while I was the associate editor and director of publication.

One day a great tragedy entered into the life of my friend Charles. The loss of his wife left him heartbroken and disconsolate. He soon lost all interest in our work and became subject to extreme melancholy. He started to wander aimlessly about the country in a vain attempt to find relief. He eventually reached the place where he thought of suicide as the only way out of his troubles. On three different occasions I intervened in the nick of time to prevent him from taking his own life; twice I found poison in his possession, and another time I found him unconscious from poison fumes in the garage. He had closed the garage doors and let the engine run, while he sat in the car awaiting certain death.

I decided to leave the city for a visit with my family in Oregon. I remained only a few days, fearing that I would find my friend Charles dead when I returned. And he had expected to be dead; so much in fact, that he had left instructions for me to dispose of his remains with a typical atheist funeral. He had instructed me to personally conduct his funeral and to permit no minister of the gospel, under any circumstances, to say anything over his body, or, he wrote, "I will get up and call him a liar." But when I returned Charles was far from dead. In fact, he was very much alive! Wonder of wonders, he had actually found God!

The evening of my return to the city I had conducted a street-corner meeting at the intersection of 10th and Broadway. Before a crowd of several hundred persons I launched into a blasphemous attack on religion, much to the delight of my godless listeners. But one of my listeners was not delighted. That was my friend Charles, who had spent most of the day searching for me after learning that I had returned to the city that morning. At the close of my address I went over to where Charles stood with his back to a store window, and I asked him how he liked my talk—expecting the usual reply.

I was surprised when he informed me that he didn't like it. He seemed to be steeling himself to say something very important and serious. And very shortly he let it out. I'll never forget the feeling of utter surprise and shock that came over me, when my friend told me that we were both wrong in our beliefs, that there was a God after all!

"Ralph," he said, "I know you won't be able to understand, but I have found God all over again; found Him just as I knew Him in my boyhood days!" No, I didn't understand. How could I understand; I had been steeped in unbelief from boyhood and had never known the heavenly Father. Mine wasn't a case of being a backslider. I had never had any knowledge of God in the first place. To say that I was thunderstruck at Charles' statement is putting it mild! I was left speechless. Such a thing was unthinkable. So I decided to humour him. If he insisted on being "saved", then I would let him be saved. I patted him on the shoulder and said, "Of course you're saved." But he knew that I didn't mean it and told me as much.

The days passed. I heard from the lips of my friend the old but ever new story of Jesus the Christ. I had never heard it in just that way before. It wasn't as though I was hearing a prepared sermon dealing

with what God can do, but I was hearing a man testify to what God had done! How wonderful it is to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation through individual witnessing! Charles exhorted me day and night. I often remark that he preached the longest sermon I ever heard. It lasted day and night for about ten days. I can thank God to this hour for his persistence. One day he succeeded in talking me into kneeling with him in prayer. I wasn't the least bit interested in his prayer. While he prayed for my soul I gazed at the wallpaper, bored to distraction.

A few days later Charles invited me to go to church. Of course I didn't want to go, but I finally consented, after much coaxing. I felt rather out of place in that house of God, and especially so when I saw a young man there who was the leader of a group of gospel workers who conducted street meetings on the same corner where I conducted my atheistic meetings. On several occasions I had so incited the fury of the street mob against him and his co-workers that they were driven from the street. But he always returned, sooner or later, wearing the same smile and displaying the same courage that I so secretly admired. He was an 18-carat Christian and had no desire to seek revenge; he was seeking souls for Christ.

As I stood there in that church hoping that this young man would not see me, he suddenly looked straight at me, and his eyes grew wide with surprise. Rushing down the aisle, he came toward me. Fearing for my safety, I looked around for some way out of the building. He grabbed me by the hand and told me how happy he was to see me. Several shook hands with me, some rather timidly. But not a person was the least bit offensive. For the first time in my life I was looking at people who lived up to the "love thine enemies" creed. At least it was my first contact with them, so far as I knew.

I can't recall the sermon that night; but I was beginning to suffer from an old-fashioned case of conviction of sin. And when conviction seizes upon the heart of the unsaved there is no peace or rest for that person until he seeks the face of God. I didn't sleep well. I was beginning to doubt my unbeliefs. It seemed that the very foundations of my atheism slowly crumbled and fell at my feet. A feeling of remorse was clutching at my heart. I could hear my old father reprimanding me for my infidelity.

My desire to know the truth eventually triumphed. One evening I went to church with Charles, and when the invitation was given, I went forward to the altar, dropped to my knees and tried to pray, but it seemed that unseen hands clutched at my throat. I could literally feel the pressure on my throat. The words that I tried to form were cut off before they passed my lips. At a late hour, almost midnight, I had still uttered not a word and I decided to go home, fearing that I was keeping others there who wanted to leave. So I went.

It seems that God spoke to two of the men who had been kneeling with me at the altar. They walked out with me, and together with Brother Charles, we went to our rooms. At their suggestion we four knelt on the floor and for nearly two hours those three men prayed earnestly for my soul, asking God to reveal Himself to my heart.

As the hour approached two a.m. I had a terrifying vision of myself standing before the judgment

throne of God. Some will argue that my vision was purely imaginary; but to me it was real. I realized the awfulness of my position and my immediate need for "outside" help. I could see myself standing there before God, my friends pleading my case for me, but myself uttering not a word in my own behalf. I suddenly had a great desire to speak for myself, and it was then that I commenced to pray, for the first time in my life. I needed no human help.

From the depths of my being I talked to God that night. And my prayers did not go unheeded! The first prayer I had ever uttered brought about the most wonderful experience I had ever had. That night I was gloriously saved! My doubts and fears fled like the wind, and from that hour to the present I have never wondered for one instant about my salvation.

My conversion took place in the headquarters of the godless movement. I was literally a "brand plucked from the burning." The experience of Charles and myself was the most astounding thing that ever happened in the atheistic movement of the Pacific Coast. Today, I am combating atheism in every way possible, and trying by all means to win the lost to the Saviour.

—R. E. U.

What Some Men Have Said About Morality . . .



"Piety and morality are but the same spirit differently manifest. Piety is religion with its face toward God; morality is religion with its face toward the world."

—Tyron Edwards

"Morality, taken apart from religion, is but another name for decency in sin. It is just that negative species of virtue which consists in not doing what is scandalously depraved and wicked. But there is no heart of holy principle in it, any more than there is in the grosser sin."

—Horace Bushnell

"Religion without morality is a superstition and a curse, and morality without religion is impossible. The only salvation for man is in the union of the two as Christianity unites them."

—Mark Hopkins

"The only morality that is clear in its source, pure in its precepts, and efficacious in its influence, is the morality of the gospel. All else, at last, is but idolatry—the worship of something of man's own creation, and that, imperfect and feeble like himself, and wholly insufficient to give him support and strength."

—John Sergeant

"Atheistic morality is not impossible, but it will never answer our purpose. The morality that holds the great masses of sinewy people together must be very firmly rooted in an honest, downright personal faith and fear."

—R. D. Hitchcock

"To give a man a full knowledge of true morality, I would send him to no other book than the New Testament."

—Locke

"The morality of an action depends upon the motive from which we act. If I fling half a crown to a beggar with intention to break his head, and he picks it up and buys victuals with it, the physical effect is good; but with respect to me, the action is very wrong."

—Johnson

"I restrict myself within bounds in saying, that, so far as I have observed in this life, ten men have

failed from defect in morals where one has failed from defect in intellect."

—Horace Mann

"Nothing immoral is ever permanently popular. There does not exist in the literature of the world a single popular book that is immoral, two centuries after it is produced; for in the heart of nations the false does not live so long, and the truth is ethical to the end of time."

—Bulwer

"Heat water to the highest degree, you cannot make wine of it; it is water still; so, let morality be raised to the highest, it is nature still; it is old Adam put in a better dress."

—T. Watson

"We deny the doctrine of the ancient Epicureans, that pleasure is the supreme good; of Hobbes, that moral rules are only the work of men's mutual fear; of Paley, that what is expedient is right, and that there is no difference among pleasures except their intensity and duration; and of Bentham, that the rules of human action are to be obtained by counting up the pleasures which actions produce. And we maintain with Plato, that reason has a natural and rightful authority over desire and affection; with Butler, that there is a difference of kind in our principles of action; and with the general voice of mankind, that we must do what is right at whatever cost of pain and loss. What we ought to do, that we should do, and that we must do, though it bring pain and loss. And why? Because it is right."

—W. Whewell

"There are many that say, 'Give us the morality of the New Testament; never mind about the theology.' Aye, but you cannot get the morality without the theology, unless you like to have rootless flowers and lamps without oil. And if you want to live as Paul enjoins, you will have to believe as Paul preaches."

—D. J. Burrell

How Faith Works

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6. Faith works by love. When love is out, faith refuses to work. Faith will not dwell with malice or hatred. He will not work in their presence. Only those who are willing to dismiss every element foreign to love can enjoy the workings of faith. Love is the motor power, the mainspring, that operates faith. "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Unity promotes faith; discord destroys it. The promise reads, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:19. Agreement is not discord, and those who are divided and out of harmony with one another cannot exercise faith nor claim the promises of God. On the day of Pentecost, when the faith of the disciples prevailed and God sent the Holy Spirit as a rushing mighty wind, "they were all of one accord in one place."

Acknowledging the good things that the Lord has done for us is also a means of increasing our faith. Then, be diligent in testifying to the goodness of God, "that the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." Philemon 6.

—D. O. Teasley

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Editorials

We send greetings to all of our readers. Another month has come and gone, as has the 51st annual Oklahoma State Camp Meeting here at Guthrie. The meeting was well attended, especially on the first weekend, and several sought help at an altar of prayer.

As time passes, we are reminded of the words of the song, "Onward moves the great eternal . . ." When God created the world, He set time in motion and it pursues its constant course unchanged by men or events. The important question is, Where do our lives and our deeds fit into this vast movement of time?

There are innumerable evils in the world today and many people affected by those evils who are needing help. Perhaps we cannot greatly alter this corruption, but can we not make an attempt? Ezekiel, in prophesying of Mount Zion, said, "I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing." Ezekiel 34:26. I believe that "the places round about" the people of God are those individuals who come in contact with His saints. Let us fulfill this prophecy and share the blessings of the knowledge of God with others.

There are many who, rather than proving a blessing to society, are groping with the dilemma of simply facing it. We should not allow the pressures of life to keep us on the defensive, but we need to rise above them and show the world the way of righteousness and victory.

In the onward movement of the great eternal, where do we fit into the Church? Have you found a place to quietly and faithfully be active for God, or are you constantly instigating a collision course with your brother? To be a pillar in the Church means to maintain a relationship with God in which one's spiritual life is always on an even keel. It means that people can depend on you to be the same earnest Christian day by day.

As time moves towards eternity, how do I fit into my family? Do they have the confidence in my spiritual experience that I profess to others? How glad we will be on that great Judgment Day if we have been a help in our journey to those who are the closest to us. Let us take the time to make the lives of our children, our companion and our parents enjoyable and blessed. One weary mother exclaimed, "Where does the time go!" "Why, Mother," her small daughter replied, "the time goes into all the things you do." We shouldn't feel that time is wasted if we have spent it in making others happy, and making life run smoothly, no matter how trivial it may seem.

The ultimate question is, Where do I personally fit into the passing of time? Our lives should illustrate the peace that passes understanding. If our thoughts are pure and holy it will not take much to make us happy. God has created all nature for our benefit and has ordained the companionships that we need to feel that our life is complete.

Arnold Bennett once said, "The supply of time is a daily miracle . . . You wake up in the morning, and lo! your purse is magically filled with twenty-four hours of unmanufactured tissue of the universe of life. It is yours! the most precious of your possessions." Another quote well worth remembering is by Henry

Thoreau, "You cannot kill time without injuring eternity."

May God give us the wisdom to know how to live life to the fullest in society, in the Church, in the family and in our personal lives. "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalm 90:12

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We have mailed the *Beautiful Way* papers for the 3rd quarter. This is the first issue after the paper has been expanded and revised, with Sis. Charlotte Huskey as editor. I believe that all the subscribers will appreciate the work that has been done on it. If you are interested in using the *Beautiful Way* papers in your Sunday School and do not already receive them, send your order to Faith Publishing House, P.O. Box 518, Guthrie, OK, 73044. The price is \$4.00 per year (52 papers) or \$1.00 for three months per subscription, which includes junior and primary sections.

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Sis. Patricia Bell and others have expressed a desire to have a songbook for children. We have started the process of obtaining copyright permission to use appropriate songs for this purpose. There are several songs which we do not have the music to. Perhaps you do and could furnish us with a copy. We would greatly appreciate it. The songs are: "He's Still Working On Me", "How Did Moses Cross the Red Sea", "You'll Always Be Happy If You Walk With the Lord", "I Was Born To Serve the Lord", "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy", "The B-I-B-L-E", "The March of the Infantry", "This Is the Day Which the Lord Has Made", "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God", "Rejoice", "A-B-C" and "You Are Old Enough".

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We have placed an order for 7,500 pounds of printing paper. The price of the paper has gone up approximately 5½ cents per pound. This will amount to quite an expense, and one for which we are trusting the Lord to supply.

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As has been our custom in past years, the *Faith and Victory* paper will not be published for the month of August. The omission of one issue will relieve the workload somewhat and allow the workers here some time off. As there is a continual request for literature, the Print Shop will remain open throughout the summer months, with orders received, being filled and correspondence answered.

The Lord willing, Aunt Maybelle Pruitt, along with the help of others, will operate the bookstore on

the Monark Springs campground during the July meeting. Many books and tracts will be stocked there. Those who buy there will be saved the expense of postage and handling. The bookstore will be open between services.

At the annual board of trustee's meeting on June 4, the proposition of building a new bookstore on the Monark grounds was discussed. It was decided to actively pursue this project as the Lord supplies the means.

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Bro. Bobby Wilson, a young brother from Enid, OK, has expressed a desire to help in the work here at the Print Shop. Consequently, on June 10, after the Guthrie Camp Meeting, he became a part of the Print Shop family and has fitted in very well. Those who are working here at the present time are; Aunt Maybelle Pruitt, Bob Sallee, Bunnie Craddock, Linda Craddock, Wanda Luehring, Charlotte Huskey, Bobby Wilson, Maude Hornbeck and myself. We appreciate the sacrifice of each one of these workers.

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I am only one, but I am one.
I can't do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, that I ought to do,
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God I shall do.
—Edward Hale

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Evangelizing is the central activity of the Church — its real mission. Whenever the Church ceases to evangelize, it ceases its most important work and fails in its mission, its real work. Evangelizing is the activity in which all should engage, some more than others, but all according to their capacity and opportunity.
—A. F. Baldrige

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Ones: We want to take this means to thank all the saints in Guthrie, and those elsewhere, who remembered Max in their prayers when he was so sick while at Guthrie. We also want to thank all for the pretty cards and the letters wishing him well.

God bless each and every one of you and please know how much it all is appreciated.

Max is slow in gaining strength, but he is gaining. God has been so good and we thank Him. He has also blessed me with strength to care for Max and I am so thankful.

With much love and prayers,

—Sister Lula Williamson

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I wish to thank everyone that stood by my parents, Bro. and Sis. Max Williamson, during his severe sick spell while visiting in our home. I especially wish to thank Bro. Leslie Busbee for his immediate response when we called on him twice. I want to thank Aunt Hattie Dean for the meal she and Juanita so generously supplied when we were so disturbed, and Cousin LaVern Manuel for being so attentive.

We appreciate all the prayers that went up in Daddy's behalf at the camp meeting and all the saints that came to pray for Daddy and to give support to Mother; but most of all, we appreciate the fact that God saw fit to spare him for a while longer. We thank God for allowing us to get him back home to Baton Rouge without any additional problems. Thanks to the Faith Publishing House who supplied the van as a means of transportation.

God bless each one who gave so generously of their time and means to help out.

Sincerely, —Maxine Williamson Pruitt

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TRAILER FOR RENT OR SALE

A desire has been expressed to either rent or sell the trailer that is on the Church of God grounds at Sapulpa, OK. They will either rent the trailer where it is to a desirable couple or else sell it to be moved. If you are interested contact Bro. Richard Madden whose phone number is (918) 466-8202, or Bro. Larry Doolittle at (405) 376-4915.

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Camp Meeting Dates for 1985

General Southern at Loranger, LA —

June 28-July 7.

Fresno, CA — July 5-14.

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO —
July 19-28.

Missouri State at Myrtle, MO — July 29-Aug. 4.

Bakersfield, CA — Aug. 2-11.

Durham, N.C. — Aug. 11-18.

Boley, OK — Aug. 18-25.

California State at Pacoima, CA —

Aug. 23-Sept. 1.

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To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge. To do the will of God is the greatest achievement.

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MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

FRESNO, CA. SPRING MEETING REPORT

Our spring meeting was richly blessed and anointed of God. We so appreciated all the prayers and support received in behalf of the meeting, from the pulpit to the kitchen.

There was some altar work, and we believe all who attended were blessed, for God says in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it."

Our desire is to please God, and prove a blessing to all mankind, thus furthering the work of the Lord.

We covet your continued prayers for our camp meeting.

—Lavern Moles

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NATIONAL CAMP MEETING

AT MONARK SPRINGS, MISSOURI

The forty-eighth National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, July 19-28, 1985. We offer you a sincere invitation to come.

The Monark Springs Campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the Highway 86 and Highway 71 Alternate intersection.

Those coming by bus or train may come to Neosho and take a taxi to the campground or call 472-6427 (Granby, MO) for local transportation.

The Camp Meeting is conducted on a free-will offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campground. All are welcome. We are confident that God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space, tents, and trailer spots are available on the campground on a first-come-first-served basis. Trailer spots include electricity, water, and sewer hookups. Motels are available nearby, but reservations should be made in advance.

All correspondence about tent orders or dormitory space should be addressed to Sister Delores Bradley, Route 1, Box 28, Bartlett, KS, 67332. Phone (316) 226-3390. She will be co-ordinating all requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

If you have any questions about the meeting or arrangements I will be glad to try to answer them.

Please come with a burden for the meeting and earnestly pray for its success.

—Bro. Jim Wall (Business Manager)

5817 E. 64th St., Tulsa, OK 74136

Phone (918) 494-9564.

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MISSOURI STATE CAMP MEETING

The Missouri State Camp Meeting held at Myrtle, Mo., will begin on Monday, July 29, and continue through the following Sunday, Aug. 4, 1985, Lord willing. We are praying the Lord to give us a wonderful meeting this year by paying us a special visitation by His Spirit. We want the Word of God to have free course through the vessels of His choosing under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit. We want the power and glory of God to descend upon

this meeting in such a way that sinners will be saved, believers will be sanctified wholly, and those having physical infirmities will be healed; also that souls in sectism will see the beauties of the Church and be brought home to Zion. Come praying and with a burden to see the work of God go forward in this place. The Myrtle meeting begins on the day after the Monark Springs National Camp Meeting ends. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come on over to Myrtle, which is about 200 miles east of Monark Springs. Anyone coming by bus to Thayer, Mo., (the nearest station), may call the Church of God campground at Myrtle, Mo., phone (417) 938-4682, and arrangements will be made to bring you to the campground.

For further information, contact the undersigned at Rt. 1, Box 118-A, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, phone (417) 938-4336.

—Harlan Sorrell

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WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI TENT MEETING

The Saints at Coffeerville and Water Valley will have a tent meeting Lord willing, August 2-11. Everyone is invited to come and help in the outreach for souls. The location of the tent is; coming from I-55 South, take the Coffeerville exit. When you take the Coffeerville exit, that highway number is Highway 7. Highway 7 will take you into Water Valley. When you get to Water Valley, come to the third red light, take a right at the red light. The name of the street is Martin, come all the way on Martin Street until you see the tent. If you are coming I-55 North take the Oxford exit, which is Highway 6. Stay on Highway 6 until you see the Water Valley exit. When you exit off Highway 6 you will be on Highway 315. Highway 315 will take you into Water Valley. When you get to Water Valley there will be a four-way stop. Take a right turn, come 2 red lights and take a left turn. The name of the street is Martin Street. Keep on Martin Street until you see the tent.

For more information, contact Bro. Roy Brown, (601)473-3782, or Bro. Lessie Brown, (601) 675-2718.

—Frances Reed

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BOLEY, OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

Lord willing the Church of God Camp Meeting at Boley, OK, will convene August 18-25, 1985.

We extend a very warm welcome to all to attend this meeting. Come praying the Lord will give us a Holy Spirit filled meeting and a harvesting of souls.

There will be two services a day, 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be three services on Sundays.

We are looking to the Lord to send ministers and workers of His own choice.

For further information, contact Sis. Ora Spears, Route 1, Boley, Okla. 74825. Phone (918) 667-3376, or Sis. Katherine Williams, 905 N.E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104. Phone (405) 235-2270.

—Katherine Williams

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HOLLY HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA MEETING

Lord willing there will be a meeting at Holly Hill, SC, beginning Sept. 8th until the 14th. We are looking for ministers of God's choosing. All that come are

welcome. Come praying with a burden for souls because Holly Hill needs an awakening.

—Utson Platt

Prayer Requests

OH—"Please pray for me."—Willie Gibson, Sr.

AL—"Please continue to pray for my son. Also pray for my strength and guidance."—Leora Frink

TX—"Please pray for my little ten-year-old granddaughter. I need prayer too." —Louise Strickland

ON, Canada—"Please pray that our farm will sell for a reasonable price." —Joan Frederick

WA—Remember Sis. Martha Fischer. She needs a definite touch of healing.

KY—"Pray for my healing." —Nancy Miller

MS—"We have need of special prayer that God will undertake in a great problem."—Mrs. Noel Napp

AR—"Pray for all my family, me and an urgent request." —Vera Dotson

AL—Sis. Frances Everhart needs a special healing touch.

LA—"Remember my wife, she needs healing of Parkinson's disease." —Ernie Kroker

MS—Dorothy Bridges requests prayer for Mrs. Pauline Horn and a brother-in-law.

AR—"Please pray for my husband and me."

—Pearl Steele

IN—Sis. Dessie Wilson of Paoli, Ind. desires prayer for her unsaved family. On April 20th a grandson was killed and his wife injured in a truck accident. The family is taking it hard. Pray the Lord will help them.

—Sis. Maybelle Pruitt

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FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From Ghana . . .

May 28—Dear Sis. Maybelle, Bro. Wayne, workers at the Print Shop, and all other saints scattered abroad: Greetings of Christian love to everyone.

Once again we come your way by the printed page with news from Ghana. We have been back on the field now for better than two months. Many trips have been made to Accra on behalf of the registration of the church. We can at last report the church registered as of April 30, 1985. This is surely a work of God for churches are not being registered here. Duku Agyemang, an uncle to Jim Akwasi, has given much time to the church registration, and we are indeed grateful to him for the good work he has done on behalf of the establishing of the church here.

Since we are free to operate every place in Ghana now, we are planning a series of street meetings in the surrounding villages. We will be using the loud speaker system that we were able to purchase with some of the offerings given when I was home at Christmas time.

We are also able to have a church bank account at the Commercial Bank of Ghana in Kumasi. This bank deals with the Foreign Exchange and is better located for our work in Ghana.

I don't know yet how much time I am going to get here. The ministers have signed a letter requesting I be permitted to stay on. The Head Master of the Secondary School gave me a nice letter requesting I get to stay on and another titled man here in the

village gave me two sheets of letterhead paper signed and with his seal, and said just "say what you want." I am very happy for the confidence that people are having in me and for the progress of the truth reaching hearts in Ghana.

I am confident of extended time here and as soon as I can find a place in Kumasi to live, I will be residing there. The bank, the post office, city water, electricity and a better food supply is waiting for me there. As soon as I can get a post office box number I will let everyone know.

Pray for the work here and for me that God make me little enough and big enough for the work cut out for me—

Your missionary to Ghana,—Sis. Dorothy Keiser

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From Rivers State, Nigeria . . .

June 3—Dear Sis. Maybelle: Greetings to you, Bro. Murphey and other saints at the Shop in Jesus name our Comfort: We feel indebted to Him for His precious gift of salvation.

I was sorry to hear of the passing away of your relation as published in the May issue. Glory be to God who has allowed all these trials to come your way so you can be refined more than gold. May the Lord give you the heart to bear them all.

I hope Bro. Hammond is now in the Philippines. I hope to contact Sis. Keiser in Ghana soon. The rain has started falling more seriously here, but we are still trying our little best.

I am praying always for God to bless your effort for the benefit of souls.

Yours in the Vine, —F. Naths-Igbanibo.

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From Bendel State, Nigeria . . .

May 23—Dear Sis. Pruitt and the Saints of God: Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus—the great refiner. Praise Him forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. (Ps. 107:2). Having had our load of sin taken away by the Lamb of God, others in the chains of the wicked one should be shown the way out. Viewing evangelism as a medium of interpreting this dream more quickly and surely to all who are held in the combined kingdom of sin and darkness, five buses were chartered which conveyed members of the five congregations within the Kwale area to Ezionum to tell the hungry beggars where to get bread. To the man out of whom Jesus had cast a legion of demons and who wished to remain at his Deliverer's side all the time, Jesus commanded "Go home to thy friends, and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee." We never can know what far-reaching results may issue from our willingness to tell a soul about Christ's redeeming love and grace. The saved of the occasion at Ezionum rejoiced for finding Christ as the true answer to their problem and need. They are being fed with spiritual food weekly.

Camp meeting period of the Church of God for the year 1985, is once again in progress in the U.S., with moving from one location to another. What no one can gainsay is the exhibition of the beautiful friendship between the old and the younger people which is commonly helpful to both, and in which each can be

the real complement of the other. Each by his abundance can supply the other's want. I strongly believe that no one is without some quality by the due application of which others might gain more access to the truth. We are praying for the meetings to close with victory over Sin and Satan. AMEN.

Yours devotedly,

—Titus U.E. Enu

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From the Philippines . . .

May 28—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Peace, hope and mercy from God our Father and the Lord Jesus. I am thankful that we can greet you once again in Jesus' precious name. Praise His name. He is forever good to us . . .

The building here [San Jose] is coming along good. We have all the blocks up and we have two more of the pilasters to pour, hopefully this afternoon. If we get the pilasters poured today we will be able to start on the roof tomorrow.

We are going over to a barrio this afternoon for Bible study. There is a young man from Caradad who got saved and baptized Sunday. Another man, Antonio, was always asking all sorts of foolish questions and not getting down to business with the Lord. Last Saturday his wife got violently ill with a headache and she became very weak. They rushed her to the hospital and we went over and prayed for her. Sunday we went back to Caradad for services, and just as the service was ending she walked in. She had ridden the five miles in a tricycle when she left the hospital. Her husband testified and said, he told the Lord when they thought she was going to die, he would consecrate his whole life to Him if He would spare her, and Praise the Lord, he did.

That afternoon we ate dinner at one of the sister's whose name is Ubaldo. Her son-in-law was there and we talked to him and counseled with him. He gave his heart to the Lord and we took him down and baptized him and another daughter of Sis. Ubaldo's who had been baptized before she was saved. She was so happy to be baptized again . . .

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—Bro. George Hammond

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From the Mailbox . . .

CA—Dear Saints: Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus. I am happy in the Lord knowing that I am saved from all sin, and trusting Him for grace to keep me faithful and obedient always.

I love the Church of God and this wonderful way of holiness. I desire to witness for Him at all times, I need more tracts. . .

Pray for me and my unsaved loved ones, also many others walking in darkness. I am praying always for the Lord's work there at the Print Shop. God bless you and supply all your needs.

Sincerely, in Christian love,—Sis. Ruth Donnelly

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CA—Dear friends: Just a few lines to express my appreciation of your inspiring publication,—and to request prayers for the dear gentleman who ordered it for me—Mr. Robert Longley of Cambria, CA. He told me that Guthrie is his home town—so perhaps

some of you remember him. Last month when I was there he reported that his right eye was bothering him, and his sight was almost gone! He smiled, and added, "Not bad for a 'young' man in the 5th month of his 93rd year"! He never complains, and is always ready and eager to help his fellow man. I know he will appreciate your prayers.

Thanking you, love and blessings,—Bea Darling

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CA—Dear Sister Maybelle: We greet you lovingly in the precious name of Jesus. We are so glad that through His name we can have peace in the time of trouble, heartache and pain. We are grateful that He told us in His Word that He would never leave us—What a consolation!

I have meant to write long before now. I have had your letter out and the envelope ready to mail it but I never got the letter ready to send. Today I am sitting with an 88 year old man who is very weak. He's not sick at all, but is elderly and can't get around very good. At the present he is sleeping and I thought I would take advantage of this splendid opportunity and write to you. This man I am caring for is rich and famous, but I fear for his soul. When I asked him if he was a Christian, was he saved, he answered No, he wasn't and he didn't want to be bothered about it. He didn't want to hear. I bothered him no more. He is an artist, and a dress and scenery designer for theaters and movies. Tomorrow is my last day here and I felt I just had to ask and see if there was any interest. I may never see him again so I didn't want to fail his eternity bound soul.

We were so happy and grateful for the victory that God gave Dwayne and Connie Sorrell. Everywhere we went the saints asked for prayer for them. It indeed was a divine miracle from God for His own people.

We still go to Mexico when we can. The week before the last one we went. We felt pretty sad for things we saw, and want to go back soon. One lady wrote to us asking us to come early and have service in their home. There still is interest and we want to be faithful to God and to them.

Before closing I would like to say with a thankful and grateful heart that we appreciate the offering. We appreciate it so very much and we humbly ask God to bless each and every one who so kindly gave, sharing their means with us. We trust that God will meet their every need as they have helped with our needs.

May God richly bless and keep you each hour of every day.

With Christian love, —Edith Lara

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NY—Dear Brother Murphey and dear saints of God: Greetings once again in the most precious Name! I realize that it's been some time since I have written, but old or young, life continues to make its demands and time always seems to be of the essence. Only, when you are old it becomes a little more to keep up, and time has slowed me down to a crawl. I trust everything is going well with you and all the dear ones at the shop. I haven't any misgivings that you are without problems, but I have every confidence that you are well acquainted with the source of help

in the hour of need, and I trust He keeps you encouraged.

Surely, though, this is a devil's world and it isn't his intention that any one of us shall leave it unscathed. Be that as it may, "Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship thy golden image which thou hast set up." For, we "have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" Heb. 6:18,19. So we will take courage for we serve a living God who is ever present with us to succor when in trouble.

I ask God's blessings upon each one.

In Christian love, —Brother Earl Langley

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OK—Dear Sis. Pruitt and workers of God: Greetings in Jesus' wonderful name. I am pleased to report victory, though I am still in prison.

I am so thankful for everyone's prayers, and especially appreciate Bro. Madden and the other saints that have faithfully visited me and held services at the McAlester State Prison these many years. May God bless you all!

I am temporarily assigned (though I hope it becomes permanent) to the Joseph Harp Correctional Center at Lexington, OK. Therefore, I was wondering if someone would feel the call to start coming here for services. It is so desperately needed, and sectism is ever willing to come and spread false teaching.

Won't someone come to tell the truth here?

Or in the alternative, or in addition to, perhaps some tapes of songs and messages could be sent.

At this time I would not be able to pay the expenses for these requests, but surely the Lord will bless everyone that will help spread the truth.

Should someone feel impressed to participate in this work, contact Chaplain O. T. Dixon to arrange to be with us in worship, or simply send the tapes to: Chaplain O. T. Dixon, J. H. C. C. Chapel, Box 548, Lexington, OK. 73051.

A note to him about me will help him know that I especially want to hear the tapes.

I pray earnestly that this work will be effectual for souls.

Yours in Him, —Bro. Elbert Johnson
Box 548-98893, Lexington, OK 73051

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CA—Dear Saints scattered abroad: I thank and praise the dear Lord this morning for His love, long-suffering, patience and for His dealings with me. It is important to me and means everything for Jesus to be holding on to me at a time when I need Him most. He has surely been good to our family.

God has many treasures laid up in heaven for us. When He opens the treasure chest He pours them upon us and places us in heavenly places. We can receive blessings right here on earth.

Pray for us and our children.

Christian love to all, —Lois Underwood

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IN—Dear Sis. Pruitt, Saints and loved ones at the Print Shop: I am sending my testimony. Thank you for writing back and for your letter of encouragement.

It finds me saved and living for the Lord. I desire the prayers of the Saints that I be filled with His Spirit at all times.

Yours in Christ,

—Olga Bokrandt

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LA—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: It is with joy and peace within my heart that I have found Jesus as my personal Saviour and a help in every time of need.

Being isolated from any true Saints of God, I do find it a great comfort to me to read the *Faith and Victory* paper.

It is so good to read of how the Lord blesses the Saints of God with the healing of their bodies, saving their souls, sanctifying their natures and supplying their every need.

We must be careful that we do not distort the truth, as He says that we shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free, (John 8:32), but the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine (II Timothy 4:3), "because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8. We have so many false prophets in this day and time.

Dear saints of God I would like for my companion to be remembered in your prayers for her healing. She has Parkinson's disease which deteriorates the mind. Thank you dear ones.

Yours for the service of God,—Bro. Ernie Kroker

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SC—Dear Sister Maybelle and all the dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in Christian love. May the dear Lord continue to bless you all as you are still doing a mighty good work. I love to read the *Faith and Victory* paper and to offer it to someone else. I gave my last two issues to two old friends from Georgia that came to visit me a few days ago. I haven't heard from them yet as to how they enjoyed it, but they seem to want the truth, so may God bless them.

We are workers for the dear Lord and need the prayers of all the dear saints. We are tried by the enemy and I covet your prayers for the work here. Christian love,

Utson Platt

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CA—Thanks to all the saints for all their prayers, thoughts, and love for me. I am yet saved, sanctified and encouraged to press on to glory. I am not sick but weak in body. I tire so easily and am very nervous at times, but believe if I use wisdom God will take care of me. Love to all of God's true and faithful children. As ever, your sister in Christ,

—Sis. Flora B. Davis

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

WA—Dear Saints: We want to testify to the faithfulness of God. We were in need of a home and we felt impressed by the Lord to ask for one. We did not have the means to buy it but we felt the promises of God were sure. We asked God in faith to provide the home that he saw fit and the means by which to purchase it.

Despite the tactics of the enemy, God prevailed. The Lord was faithful to our souls. He was faithful to encourage our hearts and he was faithful to fulfill His promises.

One Scripture that stayed so forcibly with us at that time was I Cor. 2:5—"... your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Then the Lord gave an explanation as to why that Scripture was so true; "... Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men." I Cor. 1:25. Thank the Lord!

We appreciate the blessings of God. We appreciate the great plan of salvation that makes all these blessings possible. When we yield our lives to the Lord, He obligates Himself to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Praise the Lord, He is not slack concerning His promises. Our desire is to prove faithful to the Lord and to grow closer in our walk with Him. The Lord is continually blessing our souls and we're very much encouraged to live for Him. We desire your prayers.

—Bro. and Sis. D. Johnson

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OK—Greetings to our precious ones at the Print Shop: I am sending my testimony of how the Mighty God of Heaven and earth has blessed this unworthy servant by sending me here to The Golden Rule Home.

On arrival, I was very ill and crying with pain. I was received graciously by the matron and other workers and assured that the God of Heaven was looking down. The nurses were very efficient and helpful. I soon found restful sleep, after prayer was offered.

During the day, I could hear earnest prayers from groups of worshippers for the many needs of patients, workers and the needy. Some have found the joy of salvation through the earnest teaching of the Bible Truths and prayers here in the home. The Lord has healed and helped in so many wonderful ways. Some have been able to return to their homes well in body and knowing the wonderful love of God in their souls.

The sun does shine in Oklahoma. During the time that I was ill, I enjoyed sitting in the outside chairs in the sun and seeing the abundance of lovely flowers that bloomed along the walks, also the good vegetables that were growing in the gardens.

This is a larger place than I thought it was. There are four groups of apartment houses, also the new part of the home is lovely to see. The ones who are able, love to attend the Church of God that is located not far from the home. How we enjoy earnest messages brought by the wonderful spirit of God! Attending these good services helps anyone. It is a joy to know our dear Brother Charles Smith and his lovely wife and family. With a bright smile he is always ready to help.

One patient told of a spirit talking to him and trying to get him to do unorthodox things. He thought that he had to obey this spirit. The Bible was quoted and counsel given until he wanted to be delivered from this awful thing of torment and fear. He received help in his body and soul. He now goes about happy and helping others. He attends the services, worshipping God and singing the beautiful hymns in love to the great God of Heaven.

When I came to The Golden Rule Home here in Shawnee my thoughts were to return to Louisiana to my home when I was well enough, but the Lord has given me much love for the precious ones here and I appreciate the sweet helpful spirit of some. The Lord has given me a burden for the lost and much time is spent in prayer.

Your Sister in Christ, —Carrie Lee Sheppard

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OH—On Monday June 26, 1957, God saved my soul, how wonderful! On July 2, 1957, I was baptized in a muddy river. On July 7, 1957, I was sanctified wholly at a tent meeting.

I was taught sanctification by a fine group of people from childhood. However, I came into much of it by God leading me. I had changed from childhood deciding it was all obtained at once.

At the tent meeting one of the evangelists gave the invitation, "Believers be sanctified." I felt I should go but didn't. After the service we all gathered around the altar to pray for the revival before dismissing. I knelt by a chair. In a little while one of the evangelists came to me. He said, "Sister, have you been sanctified?" I told him "no." He said, "You haven't been given the power you will be given if you are sanctified." He said that Paul writing to the Roman Christians stated, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1. He said, "whenever you came to God to be saved all you had to present to Him were sins, now present your body or life to Him for sanctification." He continued, "the Lord told me to come and talk to you." I listened, how glad I am that I did. They laid hands on me and prayed, I wept. Then we felt the work was done. I sat down in a chair and felt so peaceful. After awhile I walked outside the tent and realized the inward struggle was gone. I had felt something pulling at me inside soon after I was saved and baptized. I lived a clean life from the beginning. I didn't know that you could be free of that warring inside. Praise God. I was free. I felt the whole world should know about sanctification.

Paul stated in Romans 12:2—"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Notice in verse 2—"... the renewing of your mind. . .," the carnal mind is gone. He was writing to Christians. He called them brethren.

Read Ephesians 4:23,24—"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him." Col. 3:10. Our soul is restored to the image in which God created Adam or to the image of God. Jesus came partly for this, to free us from the sinful nature of which we are born. It is not guilt on the soul, just the marred image of Adam's fall. Our soul is in the exact image of God after sanctification.

We are still human. It does not make us perfect in knowledge, or does not exempt us from mistakes. We can live a holy life. It does not keep us from backsliding if we should choose to, but it lessens the

possibility. The desire for sin is gone. Who would want to backslide?

God led me to a meeting,
The light He showed to me;
He sanctified me wholly,
From carnality I'm free.

—Juanita Blankenship

In Memorial

Mina Catherine Taylor Schneider Our Lord called Mina Catherine Taylor Schneider from this life May 27, 1985, to rest from her labors. She was 78 years of age, born April 8, 1907.

She was the daughter of Hiram and Mary Catherine Taylor, the youngest of 14 children—7 boys and 7 girls.

Her parents were early day settlers, coming to Oklahoma from St. Joseph, Mo., in 1889. They lived on their homestead five and one half miles south of Guthrie until their passing. Mary and Hiram preceded her in death and seven brothers: Frank, Billy, Tom, Arthur, Jack, Jewell and Sam; five sisters, Ona Kiefert, Mamie Mahnke, Isabel Mahnke, Grace Mahnke, and Lizzie Phillips. One sister, Mattie Wells, of Oklahoma City is still living.

Mina's husband, Andrew Schneider, resides in Purcell, Oklahoma. She married Andrew in 1927. They were married 58 years. They had two sons, Raymond, who preceded her in death in 1935, and Vernon who resides in Jay, Oklahoma.

She had 4 grandchildren; Tony Eades, Mike Schneider, Sherry Tompkins, and Pattie Schneider; 2 great grandchildren, Shawna and Shawn, and many relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held May 29, at the Church of God chapel in Guthrie, OK. Bro. Willie Murphey and Bro. Leslie Busbee officiated. Burial was in the Taylor family cemetery near Guthrie.

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There is no Death



There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore:
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellowed fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize,
And feed the hungry moss they bear;
The forest leaves drink daily life,
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
And flowers may fade and pass away;
They only wait through wintry hours,
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away;
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate,
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones
Made glad these scenes of sin and strife,
Sings now an everlasting song,
Around the tree of life.

Where'er he sees a smile too bright,
Or heart too pure for taint and vice,
He bears it to that world of light,
To dwell in Paradise.

Born unto the undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
With joy we welcome them the same,—
Except their sin and pain.

And ever near us, through unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.

—Lord Lytton
—Selected

Question and Answer Column

by
Otis B. Wilson

Question: The Bible says no man shall see God and live. Yet Exodus 24:9-11 speaks of Moses, Aaron and his sons, and seventy elders of Israel seeing God and eating and drinking with Him. How could this be?

Answer: There are two separate Scriptures referred to in this question. The first is in Exodus 33:18-23. In verse 18 Moses asked God to show him His glory. In verse 19 God said among other things that He would make all His goodness to pass before him, etc. In verse 20 He said, "Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me, and live." Then in verses 21-23, God explains to Moses that there is a place near Him that Moses can stand in and God will cover him with His hand while He passes by and then He will take away His hand and let Moses see His back parts but His face should not be seen. The second Scripture is Exodus 24:9-11 which says this: "Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink."

Please note in this last Scripture it does not say that they ate and drank with God as is stated in the question. God just plain does not permit that degree of intimacy and familiarity between Himself and human kind. At least in that time He did not, but in Christ He did. However, the words, "They saw God,

and did eat and drink" merely infers that they went on living and engaging in the ordinary pursuits of life which is represented to us by "eating and drinking".

Now when an apparent contradiction occurs in the Scriptures we must look for a common ground on which to harmonize them; else we would have God as mixed up as we are sometimes in our understanding. In Deut. 4:12, we read "And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice." And this is repeated in verse 15 which says, "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: . . ." So it seems a safe conclusion that what they saw in Exodus 24:9-11 was a very forceful manifestation of God and not a similitude of any physical form or image.

God has strongly manifested Himself many times among men but always in some sheathed manner in which His naked glory would not be revealed. That is what human kind could not endure. God permitted Moses to see His back parts and I do not know what that was or what it was like. However, He never allowed even Moses to see His face. It occurs to me that if one were to meet God face to face and behold His naked, unsheathed glory, it would be so dazzling and brilliant that he would be consumed by it. In Isaiah 63:9 we read, "In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them and carried them all the days of old." In this Scripture the personal pronouns "He" and "His" and "The angel of his presence" are all used interchangeably referring to God. In this case His presence was manifested in an angelic being—"The angel of His presence". This is one of His most common ways of manifesting Himself among men throughout the Old Testament Scriptures.

In Exodus 13:21 it says, "And the Lord went before them . . ." Then in Exodus 14:19 it says, "And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, . . ." In these two texts it is clear that "God" and the "Angel of God" are interchangeable terms and refer to God Himself. There are other similar texts in the Old Testament.

I will refer to one more—there are many. In Exodus 23:20-22 we read, "Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, . . . Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; . . . for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; . . ." The phrases in this passage such as "My name is in him", "Obey his voice" and "Do all that I speak" certainly indicate that God Himself was manifesting Himself in this angelic being and speaking through him.

In Exodus 34:29-35 it is related that when Moses came down from the Mount Sinai where he had been with God several days and received the tables of the covenant that the skin of his face shone and Aaron and all the children of Israel feared to come near to him until he put a veil over his face; then they came near to him and he spake to them. In all the references to this incident in the writings of Moses it specifies that there was a thick cloud covering the mountain when God came down upon it. Moses went up unto this mountain and communed with God and

came near to Him; but it is certain that he could only get a dim vision of God's glory through the thickness of that cloud. Yet he absorbed enough of it to cause the skin of his own face to shine. Aaron was one in the company in Exodus 24:9-11 whom it said "Saw God and did eat and drink". It would seem certain to me that if Aaron and the others mentioned in this text had actually seen the person of God and held intimate, familiar communion and fellowship with Him as indicated by "eating and drinking"; surely he would not have feared a dim reflection of that glory on Moses when he came down from the mount. Again in Exodus 40:34-38 we read that a cloud hovered over the tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filled it and Moses was not able to enter into the tent because of the glory of the Lord filling it.

In the face of all these Scriptural facts, I feel safe to conclude that what Moses, Aaron, and company saw in Exodus 24:9-11, where it is said that they saw God, was only a strong, definite manifestation of His presence there. Moses spells out plainly in Deut. 4:12. "... ye heard the voice of his words, but saw no similitude;" This is a positive statement and is conclusive.

God reflected His full glory in Jesus Christ; He is the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person (Hebrews 1:3), in Him all fulness dwelt (Col. 1:19), in Him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2:9). However, this was all veiled in human flesh and not the naked, unsheathed glory of God Himself.

HOME LIFE



Parent's Responsibility for Training

Today's society puts great emphasis on professionals. We have many professionals especially in the areas of law, medicine, education, ministry, sports and the arts. Many people are striving to be professional in their chosen vocation. Without a doubt this is improving society. However, with the improvements have come many insecurities, especially to parents. There are parents today who feel insecure about training their children, but our forefathers did this

and produced strong men who formed this great nation. It appears that some in our society desire parents to feel incapable, ignorant, and to leave these jobs for the professionals.

Let us look into the Word of God and see what it has to say about this duty.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We have heard this text quoted many times, and expounded in various ways. I will quote from Clark's Commentary, "The Hebrew of this clause is curious: 'Initiate the child at the opening (the mouth) of his path.' Chanac, which we translate train up or 'initiate'; signifies also 'dedicate'; and is often used for the consecrating of any thing, house, or person to the service of God. Dedicate, therefore, in the first instance, your child to God; and nurse, teach, and discipline him as God's child, whom He has entrusted to your care." Therefore, this text is instructing us in both nursing and training. At what better time than during a child's illness can one truly dedicate him to God's will, be it that the child should live or die. These moments can be potent boosters for you and the child's relationship with God.

If God chooses to leave you with the responsibility of training the child, both mother and father should begin while the child is very young, preferably in his first year. Examples of training within the child's first year are: gently placing your hand on the child's mouth when he should be quiet, or gently slapping hands and saying, "no, no" when they reach for a forbidden object. There are also other ways. An average child, by the end of his second year, understands and remembers most verbal commands. It is your duty to help him form the ability to control himself, thus becoming able to obey.

It is hard to over emphasize the importance of early training. According to scientific information, the brain at birth is one fourth its adult size, at 18 months one half, and at six years nine tenths its adult size. We can do little to control the physical growth of the brain, but we can help determine what goes into it. Don't waste those early years of your child's development. They are your golden opportunities!

According to a University of Chicago professor, who has analyzed the rate at which different human characteristics develop from birth to maturity, the first four years of your child's life are the greatest for intellectual development. "If they are misused or wasted, it is doubtful that the loss can be made good." He finds the early years loaded with possibilities. However, if these are not taken advantage of, succeeding periods of slow change offer slight opportunity for growth and development. For instance, some characteristics may develop more in a single year at one stage in a child's life than in five or ten years at another period. Most are pretty well established at age 20.

Small children are very sensitive to the desires of the adults who satisfy their need for care and nourishment. They will obey and please, if taught how. If they are allowed to go unrestricted, they become unresponsive and rebellious toward adults, making training almost impossible. I will illustrate this by telling about the ox. Children, of course, are not animals but the principle can be applied to them.

In the ancient days, a wise farmer began care-

fully training his ox when it was young. First, he placed a yoke upon the ox's neck and attached a heavy weight behind for the ox to pull. The farmer then forced the animal to pull by using a whip or long, sharp-pointed stick. The ox was taught to "Go", "Stop", "Turn right", and "Turn left". These movements plus the heavy weight from behind, caused the ox's neck to be tender, blistered and very sensitive. Because of his sensitive neck, the ox yielded easily to the farmers verbal commands. When the ox's training was completed, he would follow the farmer's verbal commands, although his neck had long since become hardened to the discomfort of the yoke.

Some inexperienced farmers made the drastic mistake of putting the yoke and weight on their ox and letting him become accustomed to it in an unrestricted manner. However, when he started the training sessions the ox's neck was calloused and therefore it would not yield to instructions. This animal even though yoked with another well trained ox, was virtually useless for plowing. Both animals would soon demonstrate a negative, independent spirit.

It is the same with children. They must be properly prepared for Christian living during the time they are tender and sensitive to God and the adult's commands. Teenagers who have had little restriction or Scriptural conditioning will simply be hardened as the ox and will go their own way. They and the parents will have bitter reaping because of these negative, independent spirits, due to the training opportunities lost while the child was young and tender.

Another Scripture in Deut. 6:6-13 says, "... these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." This implies that salvation must be the greatest business of our life.

Everyday activities should be centered around teaching the laws of God to one's children. "When thou liest down"; as you go to bed, or "when thou risest up" in the morning, speak with your children about God. These times of speaking to them should not be boring, they can be a time your children will look forward to. There are many times "when thou sittest in thine house" that teaching is in order. A formal sitting, such as family worship, has great influence on young children. With older ones your time of teaching must fit into their schedule and your words must be as the gentle rain. If an older teenager indicates to you that he is too busy or uninterested, don't force him to sit through a long speech. Many times it does more harm than good. Say a few tactful words and spend the time you hoped to spend with him, in prayer for him.

"When thou walkest by the way"; in Bible times people traveled from one place to another by walking, which took much time and gave an extra opportunity for teaching. Nevertheless, we should make use of opportunities as we ride by singing good songs, reading spiritual books, or counseling a child, if the needed counsel is of a nature that the child will not be embarrassed in the presence of other family members. You may turn a teaching session into a walk, or turn a walk into a teaching session. Help your child's

mind to be drawn toward God by explaining the uniqueness of each leaf, noting the beauty of nature, examining stones, insects, or whatever might interest your child. Remember that training years are few and will fly away with great speed.

"Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." The word "diligently" has a twofold meaning. The Hebrew word "shinnantan", from "shanan", meaning: whet, to sharpen by repeated grinding and friction. Hence some friction can be expected when we parents try polishing "our little diamonds in the rough." The word "whet" also means to make keen or eager; stimulate; as the smell of food whets one's appetite. Our goal as Christian parents is to stimulate our children's appetite for the things of God, not to force upon them a set of rules to obey. However, we do have rules that they must obey, for a child with controls is content. He is more relaxed, more self-confident, more secure, and less fearful. Also, a child needs some source of strength from without to draw from as he develops the ability to control himself through consistent training. In later years this will help him to overcome the flesh as he works at dying to self.

David tells us in Psalm 78:5-7, "For he . . . appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who shall arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." It is our duty to pass God's laws on to the next generation that they might do the same. —Charlotte Huskey

What is Christian Faith?

At the outset, I wish to borrow a statement from F. G. Smith, who was a man of letters, a humble, devoted Christian, Bible scholar and teacher who is now with Jesus. Brother Smith says that Christian faith is a "Belief in the historic truthfulness of the Scripture narratives, and the supernatural origin of its teachings." This leads me to a most comprehensive definition by Webster, viz., "The belief in the facts and truth of the Scriptures, with a practical love of them, especially, that confiding and affectionate belief in the person and work of Christ which affects the character and life and makes a man a true Christian." Christian faith, then, is, in fact, to have the maximum degree of faith in the supreme authority of God's Word—the Bible—in both the Old and New Testaments. Why? because there is no greater fund of knowledge anywhere else in the world, and no greater promise of hope for heaven and eternal life.

Jesus said, "Have faith in God." Mark 11:22. And again, "Search the scriptures; for . . . they are they which testify of me." John 5:39. This certainly leads to the fact that the Scriptures are the prime (the original) source pertaining to the promise, birth, ministry, life and mission of Jesus. Apart from the Scriptures, there can be no knowledge of the Christ. Though there are many, today, who take pride in disputing this claim, the fact remains, that aside from the Word of God, the Christ of the Bible remains an inscrutable phenomenon, and any otherwise claim to knowledge

can only be fictitious—a myth. Also, by this same token, it is only by a practical knowledge of Christ as Savior, together with an undaunted faith in His Word, that saving faith can be claimed. So, very truthfully, “This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name in heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”. Acts 4:11,12.

It takes obedience, the prime ingredient, to put reality into Christian faith. It takes obedience in humility and repentance to bring the sinner to the foot of the Cross, and it takes obedience to make the Christian “the light of the world”. Matt. 5:14. There can be no Christian faith without obedience, and for want of it faith is destroyed.

Now, just as Satan is “the prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2), so has he filled the air with his perversions to Christian faith. What could be more perverse than devil worship? Yet, unbelievably as it may seem, there are today in America, millions, yes literally millions, who are dabbling in Satan worship among the Satan formed cults of numerous varieties. In their assemblies and camps (covens) where the “black mass” is practiced, it is speculated by experts that (horrendous as the thought may be, and distressingly dreadful to write about) many of our missing children have been snatched away, tortured, murdered and cremated in their satanic, human sacrificial ceremonials. As repulsive and shocking as this is, how utterly naive of some to profess that “there is no sin”, and that you are on the negative side of the ledger for reporting and even thinking that such conditions exist. How readily we would wish to dismiss this terrifying evil that one shudders to relate. If only it weren't true! It behooves us to alert the public to the fullest extent of our ability. This form of religion, however, is not really deceptive; for it is, rather, a bold admission of devil worship, and most adult adherents have walked into it with eyes wide open. May God have mercy upon these utterly depraved souls! If ever it behooved Christians and all persons of credible and moral stature to heed these following words of Paul, it is now: “Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, . . .” Ephesians 6:11-13.

In conclusion: The Christian faith, unique in many ways, is the only religion that glories in the death of its founder. “For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ” Phil. 3:18.

—Earl Langley

“God wants us to be workers for Him. He wants us to live the life and speak the word of eternal life to others. Jesus is our example. He had a mission and did not turn from it. Our decision and determination needs to be strong and firm. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and so yielded to Him that we will have the power of God working strong in our lives.”



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“What is prayer? We mean real, true, acceptable prayer, such prayers as God will bottle up in heaven. For prayer to be acceptable to God it must arise to Him perfumed with the sweet odor of incense. When the Holy Spirit has kindled a fire on the altar of our soul, and then comes with the name of Jesus and lays on the fire, our prayer will be saturated through with sweet incense which will insure its preservation in God's bottles in heaven.” —C. E. Orr

“There has been and there is a need at the Monark Springs, Mo., Campmeeting for someone to take the young boys and girls from the ages of eight to twelve years old and have meeting with them each afternoon. Sister Sylvia Forbes has a burden for these boys and girls, and will be there, the Lord willing, to call them into a meeting each day during the afternoon service.”

“Committing sin will blot your name out of the book of life and it will not be found there when the roll is called up yonder. People who ignore the teaching of God's Word are committing sin, and people who commit presumptuous sins are spiritually dead while they live.”

—Fred Pruitt

“Last November our house trailer broke loose from the car, rolled over twice, then dropped into a deep ravine. The wind was blowing hard which caused the trailer to sway wildly. The rear right wheel of the car ran off the pavement onto a muddy shoulder several inches below the road surface, bursted a tire and stuck in the mud. We could still hear the trailer rolling and things crashing inside, but our first thoughts were praising God to be alive and unhurt.”

—Bro. and Sis. S. E. Abbott

“Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel like I should write you as I requested prayer some time ago. I am so happy and thankful I want to rejoice for what the dear Lord has done for me. He undertook for me in every way I asked Him to.”—Mrs. Iva Boling