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The Gift of Memory

To each of us a gift is giv'n
 That we should never fail to use:
 The gift of mem'ry, blest of heav'n,
 To be employed as we shall choose.

What we are doing here today
 Will be the tidings of the past
 To be rehearsed along the way,
 Embedded in our mem'ry fast.

Oh, let us fill our moments' space
 With worthy blessings to recall:
 A voice, sweet words, a smiling face,
 And love's sublimity in all.

In youth's bright opportunity
 Make scenes of noble service giv'n:
 The hour of prayer, God's truth to see,
 The Spirit's filling sent from heav'n.

Upon the canvas of life's scroll
 May strife and turmoil ne'er be seen
 To bring regret upon your soul
 And sorrow's piercing sore and keen.

Forget the errors of the past
 And let Christ's blood atone for all;
 Press forward, let your lot be cast
 With all who hear that holy call.

Rejoice and sing and happy be,
 Oh, spread good cheer to all around;
 Live for the Lord so glad and free
 With all who know the joyful sound.

We know there will be times of stress,
 And sad, despairing, heart-wrung days,
 But we can make them less and less
 If we will live a life of praise.

So let us fill what now remains
 With faith and love for God and man,
 Thus looking back, there'll be no pains
 But blessed mem'ries through life's span.

—Leslie C. Busbee

"Couple Heaven With It"

Several years ago, one hot summer day, on the old road leading from Rochdale to Bury, near the Oaken Road, a tall, thin old man had just laid down a heavy burden on a low stone wall at the road side. His burden was a large skip, full of coarse cotton "cops," which he was fetching from Spodden Mill. As I neared the man, he was wiping the sweat from his bald head and face with a coarse cotton rag he had taken out of his pocket. Many times had I held the most delightful conversation with this old Christian; having had much forgiven, he loved much. Till nearly sixty he had lived without God and without hope; when the change came, it was a change indeed; God's providence, grace, and goodness were his daily themes. He joined the Church at Bamford, and, fine weather or foul, James was found in his pew. The moment I saw him, I determined to put his faith to the test.

"Well, how are you today, James?" I inquired.

"Very well, John, I am happy to say; how are you?"

Just then a very costly carriage, drawn by two valuable horses, was passing. The only occupant of the carriage was a stout, red-faced gentleman; with arms folded, he was leaning back at his ease.

"Do you know that gorgeous equipage, and the fat gentleman?" I inquired.

"Yes, and so do you," was James's answer.

"Well, and what do you think of the Providence of which you sometimes speak? You see yonder man; you know he is an ungodly man, yet he spreadeth himself like a green bay tree, his eyes stand out with fatness, he is not plagued as other men; while you, believing that all the silver and the gold is the Lord's, serving Him, and trusting in His providence, are toiling and

sweating in your old age for about seven shillings a week, getting little more than bread and water. How can you reconcile this with a just Providence?"

James looked at me with amazement, and, with the greatest earnestness, replied, "Are you trying me, John? are you trying me? Couple heaven with it; couple heaven with it, and then."

Never shall I forget the old man's answer. Amidst the many sorrows through which I have had to pass from that moment to this, "Couple heaven with it," has sweetened many a bitter cup.

Passing his house about three months after seeing him resting his burden on Bury Road, I, as usual, called to see him. Strangers were there; and on inquiring what had become of old James, the answer was, "He is dead, sir, and buried in Bamford Chapel-yard." In that burying-ground lay my own parents. I went to visit this, to me, interesting locality. On the grave of James the stone was laid, and, in letters newly engraved, I read, "Here resteth the body of James Lord, aged seventy-three." As I stood over the grave, the hot summer day, the heavy burden, the sweating old Christian, the rolling carriage, and fat squire (since dead) all came fresh to memory; and from that grave the voice again sounded, "Couple heaven with it!"

"The sufferings of this *present time* are not worthy to be compared with the *glory that shall be revealed in us.*"

—Taken from "Ashworth's Strange Tales".

The Wisdom of God



The text of Scripture I would like us to consider is found in I Cor. 1:17-31. Here we have the apostle Paul speaking of the wisdom of man versus the seeming foolishness of the crucifixion of Jesus, or, The Wisdom of God. Paul says, "for the preaching of the cross is to them that perisheth foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." That is quite a contrast. He continues, "for it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." God has set in nature certain rules and laws, and one of these is the law of wisdom. In any particular situation there is always a best or wisest way to take or decision to make. But as in all other laws of nature, God is able to and does intervene with nature that His purpose may be fulfilled. God's wisdom is different than ours. It is of critical importance that we be wholly sanctified so that God can use us as He will. It is necessary for us to be filled continually with the

Holy Spirit so that we do not interfere with His purpose by what self would think or desire. We know, according to verse 20 that God has made foolish the wisdom of this world. Oh, that we as saints in light would always fulfill the Scriptural description of the wisdom of God. James 3:17—"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure [not tainted with self], then peaceable [it does not try to prove itself by being pushy], gentle [not harsh] and easy to be entreated [not full of debate], full of mercy [doesn't cut people off] and good fruits [the fruits of the spirit—Gal. 5:22-24], without partiality [doesn't favor any side], and without hypocrisy [it is open and honest before all men and there is no ulterior motive]."

Paul is saying that the Greeks sought after wisdom, but it was not the wisdom of God. They sought by various means of logic, mathematics, science, religion, etc., to be wise in an earthly way. The Greeks were renowned throughout the ancient world for their famous teachers and they have influenced the thoughts of this world greatly, even up to today. If they had put as much effort into seeking God as they did into "thinking", they would have been famous for their godly lives, rather than philosophy. The people of the world are like this today; ever seeking but never coming to a knowledge of the truth.

Paul also mentions the Jews requiring a sign. It is a well known fact that the Jewish people were expecting the Messiah to come as a mighty conqueror over the Romans and to deliver them and set up a glorious kingdom on earth. They wanted to see and have a literal king. When Jesus came, meek and lowly, entering Jerusalem upon an ass, rather than upon a magnificent horse, they refused to believe. They had built up in their minds a certain idea and were not willing to lay that down and accept something they could not see. How like the church world today! They prefer to look forward to a literal kingdom which will never come. Consequently, they can not see the Kingdom of God upon the earth today. The Kingdom/Church of God is a spiritual institution and can only be known and understood as revealed unto man through the Holy Spirit.

Paul was preaching Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. But unto them which are saved, he could preach Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. Only the saints could understand and not be hindered by their own preconceived notions and ideas. They were willing to lay all those down. The wise men of this world were so lifted up in their own ideas, they could

not humble down to accept the simple gospel. Jewish teachers, great Greek philosophers, mighty men whose names have come down through the centuries; Plato, Socrates, Alexander the Great, Kings of the ancient world,—they were not able to understand. But the saints could spiritually discern the almighty God; the eternal Creator of the universe, Creator of the earth and Creator of man. Oh, poor pitiful man, to try and match his wisdom against God's. "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." I Corinthians 1:25.

God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise: and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, and base things, and things which are despised by this world, these things God has chosen. Are we willing to be nothing in the eyes of the people, that no flesh should glory in God's presence? None will be able to say how great they are because God does not often use earthly wise men, literal rich men, strong men or powerful men, because He, the almighty God, declares, "My glory will I give unto no other." Isaiah 42:8.

Dear ones, if we glory, let us not glory in ourselves, how smart, wise, rich, eloquent, beautiful, talented or saintly we are, but let us, as becometh true saints of God, glory in the Lord. Amen. II Cor. 4:1-7. —Elizabeth Redington

What We Believe

What we believe is certainly important, especially for those in the age of accountability. This includes the whole human race, even those who have no other law but conscience.

Seeing the confusion that exists in our world today, especially of our religious world, it can mean a difference of eternal life or eternal death. Peter makes the statement, "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9. When we read the words of Jesus, saying, "Take heed that no man deceive you," the importance of what we believe should be clear to us. Believing means living out our faith.

The New Testament is clear and plain as to what we should believe. The problem of mankind is that not all believe the same thing. This is not God's fault. God made man a free moral agent. Consequently all are subjected to influence, either that of the world or God. Many will be lost who are sincere in their beliefs. Many will fall short of heaven for having trusted in wrong teachings, or even wrong persons. Jesus says,

"... And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matthew 15:14.

We can be sure of heaven if we meet the conditions of God's Holy Word. The merit of the shed blood of the innocent Lamb of God is sufficient for the salvation of all of mankind. We fail to see how anyone can be saved who believes that Jesus was just human and a good teacher. The Bible teaches that Jesus was God in human flesh. The apostles were witnesses to the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Both spiritual and bodily resurrection of mankind from death is related to this truth: A person may believe ever so strongly in his or her own human goodness and be lost.

Although there are some rather obscure passages of Scripture, yet the majority give us plain, simple and direct teachings; there can be no doubt about their meaning. Such a Scripture is the one about *spiritual unity* as spoken by the apostle Paul, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Jesus prays, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they all may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Eph. 4:5.

If we could realize how important the Church is to God, it would mean more to us. A careful reading of the Scriptures will assure you that there is only one. It makes up the Body of Christ and only those who are saved are in that BODY which is contrary to the teaching of sectism who include unbelievers in their organizations. Only God can place one in His Body, the Church, which is exclusive of all earthly organizations.

Now sects and cults claim that their way is the right way to be saved. It is obvious that human opinion disagrees with the Divine. The joining of earthly institutions in no way brings about God's purpose in saving man from his sins. Ignorance of the truth, and man's fleshly mind, causes the human spirit to think he is right, when he or she is wrong.

Jesus teaches a purging which in the Scriptures is called sanctification. It is done by an act of the Holy Spirit: Since the Bible teaches this, we must all stand and give an account of ourselves before the judgment seat of Christ. Let this be an invitation to examine our faith in the light of the truth of God's Word. Jesus is coming only for His own and to take vengeance on those who have not obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can make your calling and election sure by obeying all of God's Holy Word.

—Dan J. Kroker

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EDITORIALS

We trust that this issue of the *Faith and Victory* finds you encouraged and victorious in the Lord. There is much in the world today to discourage and oppress the Christian, but I am glad that we can possess a peace and joy which no man can take from us.

The devil did all within his power to cast down Christ but we find that Jesus overcame each trial. Many times the devil works to cloud our view of the goal which awaits us at the end of life. In order to do this, he must deceive the elect into accepting something other than a full and free salvation. This is the tactic that the devil used when Christ was led up into the wilderness to be tempted. In an attempt to deceive Christ into casting himself from a pinnacle of the temple, Satan quoted divine Scripture. Accepting this argument from the Scriptures would have put Christ into bondage to the devil. It is recorded that Christ overcame this temptation by saying, "It is written again . . ." Matthew 4:7. Jesus could not refute the Scripture that Satan quoted, and yet such was His understanding that He knew the Scripture was not applied to Him in the same context in which it was given. There is Scripture for every problem we meet and yet we must possess Holy Spirit wisdom to divide the word of truth. (II Timothy 2:15).

The fact that Satan quoted Scripture to Christ lets us know that he does not require us to surrender our profession of religion. He is satisfied to disturb the peace that comes from God's grace reigning in our lives. He simply wants to rob us of the sweetness of the Spirit of God. In fact, in many cases he would just as soon we think that we are going to heaven, while he craftily steals away our love for God and our fellow man.

I am grateful that the Christian life is one of joy and peace. We do not have to fear Satan if we will keep honest before God. He is faithful to guide us around the pitfalls in life. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:57.

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During the last part of September and first of October, Guthrie and surrounding areas experienced flooding due to the excessive amount of rainfall that we received. Twice the waters rose into the Church of God chapel and dining hall. This created a lot of work for the Guthrie congregation as they prepared for the high waters and in cleaning up in its wake.

Both times the water rose, it reached the front yard of Bro. Bob Sallee's house, which is situated next to the Print Shop. We are very

thankful that the Printshop and the homes of the workers were spared any damage.

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The article, "The Dangers in the Public Schools", by Bro. Keith Fuller, which was printed in the October *Faith and Victory*, is now in tract form. To obtain a free copy, send your request with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Quantities may be purchased at: 15 for 85¢ or 100 for \$3.80.

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We congratulate Bro. Bob Wilson, a co-worker here at the Print Shop, and his wife, Sis. Leah (Huskey), upon the birth of their daughter, Adina Renee. Adina was born Oct. 26, weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and is doing well.

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November 27 is the day that has been set aside as a national day of Thanksgiving. Many will observe this holiday and yet I wonder how many will attribute their blessings to God. In this largely humanistic society there are some who say that our forefathers were atheists, in an attempt to discredit our religious heritage. Here, in part, is what George Washington said in the first Thanksgiving proclamation, "We unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or in private station, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations, and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue; and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows best. Amen." It is to fly in the face of fact to say that God is not the central spirit of Thanksgiving. May we observe it as such.

—Wayne Murphey

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MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

WATER VALLEY AND COFFEEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

MEETING REPORT

The saints of Water Valley and Coffeeville, Miss., praise the Lord for His faithfulness to us. He really answered our prayer and gave us a wonderful meeting.

We appreciate each minister who came and labored with us: Bro. Keith Fuller, from Akron,

Ohio, Bro. Robert McIntire, from Goulds, Florida, Bro. Herchell Hargrave, and family from Goulds, Florida, and our local ministers, Sis. LaDolia Fuller, Bro. Louis Kimble and Bro. Salvator Didio and saints from New Orleans, Louisiana.

We are so inspired and thankful to the Lord for how He blessed the final service. We were unable to get the place that service was held at the beginning, but the Lord's work was finished with the final service being held in Bro. Lessie Brown's back yard. The Lord used Bro. Herchell Hargrave to bring the final message. A number of young people sought God for spiritual help. Altar work lasted about an hour and a half. We praise God's holy name and give thanks to every one that contributed to make this meeting possible.

—Sandra Polk

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WICHITA, KANSAS MEETING REPORT

We thank the Lord for His continued faithfulness. He truly blessed in our meeting and we feel much good was accomplished. The Word was clear and came forth with power and authority. The Lord provided ministers for the whole meeting and we were so grateful for that.

The singing was anointed and a blessing to all.

We are thankful to report that some souls were saved during the meeting and we so hope they will press on and get rooted and grounded and real established so they will be able to keep saved and enjoy the journey from earth to glory. Truly the Lord is so good and may we live worthy of His goodness to us.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

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LORANGER, LOUISIANA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly Meeting on the General Southern campgrounds near Loranger, La., will be held, Lord willing, November 23-30. We desire the Spirit of God to prevail. You are invited to come.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brethren. Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings. From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one half miles east on Hwy. 40.

For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy 40).

For more information, call Sis. LaVern Manuel, (504) 878-6176 or Bro. Bob Forbes, (504) 748-4957. The chapel phone is: (504) 878-2788.

GOULDS, FLORIDA REVIVAL

Dear Saints and Friends: It has been announced, Lord willing, a Revival Meeting will be held at the Church of God Chapel in Goulds, Florida. It will begin on Nov. 23 and continue through Nov. 30. There will be services nightly at 7:30 with daily services to be announced. We are praying that the Lord will send ministers and workers of His own choosing. For further information, contact Bro. H. H. Hargrave, (305) 258-4102, or (305) 251-3873.

—Sis. Geraldine McPhail

Prayer Requests

CA—Pray for Wilma Anderson who is very weak at this time.

LA—"I desire prayer for my body."

—Effie Miller

CA—"Please pray for me."—Helen Carson

OK—Sis. Pansy Stephens needs prayer.

FL—Rosie Walker is in need of prayer.

LA—Sis. Beulah Johnson needs healing, urgent needs.

TX—"Please pray for my eyes and my back, I am suffering so much."

—Sis. Louise Strickland

CA—"I still have some urgent requests for me and my family. Pray for us—only God can work things out."

—Doris Pihaylic

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

India—There is no electricity in many villages in South India. Hence we need a generator for light and sound to conduct meetings in those villages. Four hundred dollars is needed to buy a generator which will be a great help for our evangelism work. Please pray and support.

The saints in Tamil Nadu State are not able to read our *Evening Light* monthly paper as their language is Tamil. We desire to print our monthly paper in Tamil language also for them to read. Please pray and support for this project also.

—John Varghese

From the Mailbox . . .

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne, Workers, and Saints: Please forgive this late report, and to some brothers and sisters please bear with me. I don't want you to feel that I don't enjoy your letters; I do, but I haven't responded because I simply don't have money for stamps. What many may not realize is, my pay has only been seven dollars per month. Plus, in prison, it is against the law for me to participate in business, whether it is in here or out there. I pray everyone will

understand. I love you all and have been very reluctant to mention this reality. However, I do not want anyone to think I do not want to write them. Some, occasionally, have sent me stamps, but the rules here forbid even that. For some reason the authorities want us to have to buy the stamps in here. I have never understood why.

I hope my efforts to explain this are not offensive. Please help me pray about this.

Bro. Bushee, Bro. Huskey, and others have been with us again. Some of us made and distributed posters informing the population of their arrival. I'm glad to report that several came out, even some "new" faces that I'd never seen myself. Praise God! Let's pray for the saints that sacrifice for such beggarly people as we in prison. We know what we are, and yet some of us have a KING residing with us!

I love this way, for regardless of what comes our way we have Jesus to comfort, guide and direct us. What more could we ask for? Oh, praise His holy name!

Yours in Him, —Brother Elbert Johnson

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WV—Dear Ones at the Print Shop and dear Saints scattered abroad: We would like to send greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. It has been quite awhile since we have written to the paper. I would like to say we still appreciate the paper and what it stands for, also the dear ones who are giving of their time and talents to keep the publishing work going on.

I would like to say that I thank God for salvation and for knowing the truth. I'm so thankful that when I got saved I got a real experience in my soul. I can say I am saved, sanctified and satisfied. God has revealed the beautiful Church of God to me and I have never lost my vision of it. After 29 years she still looks the same, and I am still enjoying it.

The Church is going through some fiery trials right now. It seems they have been especially hot for the last few years, but I believe it is from the Lord. The Lord made me to know that He is doing some purging among the people. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away", John 15:2. I have been praying the Lord would purge me, I want to bring forth more fruit. I have also been praying that the Lord would purge everything out of the congregations that would hinder the working of His Spirit. The sad thing is that many times people who do not bear fruit are turned over to some kind of strange spirit, sometimes to believe a lie and be doomed.

I would also like to remind the saints of the time we are living in. The Bible says that in the

last days perilous times shall come. Surely we are in the last hours of the last days. They say that right at the closing of day, when it is just dusk, it is the most dangerous time to be on the highway. There are more wrecks at that time than any other time. I feel like that is about the time of day we are living in. It is a time in which we need to be very careful. There are many pitfalls along the way. It is not a time to look to the right nor to the left, or to get our eyes off of the Crown that is at the end of the way. Let all our ways be established. We must ponder the path of our feet. "Keep steady as we go."

In Acts the fifth chapter it is recorded about someone who rose up boasting himself to be somebody. About four hundred joined themselves to him and they were all slain and those who obeyed him were scattered and brought to naught. Another fellow drew away much people after him. He also perished. If something be of God you cannot overthrow it. This good old sound down-to-earth truth has stood every attack of the devil. It is not affected by fly-by-night things that come along. Every once in awhile something new comes along, but I have noticed that it soon blows over and the dear old saints will still be standing. I want to be in that number.

I know that I am late in doing it, but I would like to thank all those who prayed for our camp meeting this past summer. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Some folks who got saved are still keeping encouraged. Since then the Lord has added two more families to the congregation and we have a number of people who visit our congregation most every Sunday. The Lord is still blessing the work here. Our school is going along real well.

I was so thankful how the Lord blessed in the Monark meeting this year. The Lord knows how to take care of His work if we will all stay out of His way. Pray for me. I don't feel I have too much farther to go. I've come too far to turn back now.

Much Christian love to all the dear saints.
Your fellow servant, —Bro. M. Samons

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MS—Dear Saints: Greetings to all of you in the precious name of Jesus, for by His blood we are washed as white as snow!

My heart witnesses with what Bro. Keith Fuller said in his speech published in the October issue of the *Faith and Victory*.

I remember well my experiences in the public school last year, after I was saved. Some mornings as I was getting ready to go to school I would just cry and could not stop. Oh, how I

hated going out into so much sin and corruption. Some days I would not even go. I would stay at home and spend the day fasting and praying before I would go to school the next day. Some days when I would come home from school, I would feel so bad, as if I had done something wrong.

There was a teacher there at school whose husband was a sectarian preacher. Some days we would go in her class, and if she did not have something for us to do, she would talk about sex and ask such questions as to what would we do on a date and other such ungodly questions.

There was another teacher there who said that Jesus said, "No one can live free from sin." I told him that we could. He said we couldn't. I told him to show it to me in the Bible. He said alright, but he never showed it to me.

I had many of my trials, tribulations and temptations there, in the public school; but through it all the Lord, and the Lord only, kept me holy and free from sin. I have learned, from experience, that if we will just be willing to live for the Lord and take the first step, God will help us to do the rest.

Starting this school year, the Lord took me out of public school; and I surely thank the Lord for it. Now I am taught at home and things are much better. I am going to pray for other saints' children who are saved and attend public school, because it is quite a battle out there and they cannot make it alone. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Jennifer Pomerlee

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

AL—Dear Ones: I trust every one at the Print Shop is well in body and that God is supplying every need, both for the work and in the homes.

I thank the Lord for a recent touch from Him that healed an uneasiness in my throat and a continual cough which I had for several weeks. Praise His name!

Christian love, —Leora Frink

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MO—Dear Saints everywhere: Greetings to all in the name of Jesus. I am so thankful for the privilege of living for God. He is so precious to us.

I would like to tell of His goodness to us following the car accident we were in on August 29. As many of you know, my husband, Vada, was seriously injured. I would like to take the opportunity now of thanking all the dear saints for their many prayers, phone calls, get-well

cards and offerings. Also for the different ones who came to visit us. It was such a comfort to us to know the concern of others and the prayers that were so effective. We felt the effect of them many times.

The night the accident happened, we were coming home from a tent meeting near Wyandotte, OK. Our daughter and husband, Carol Jean and Paul Cole, came along and saw the wreck. It meant a lot to have them with us. The injured were taken by ambulance to the Neosho Hospital. To our sorrow, Sis. Mary Rogers and Sis. Eva Sell were soon gone to their reward.

The doctor took x-rays of my husband. He had a fractured hip, four fractured ribs and the pelvic bone broken in two places. Besides those, his right leg and hip were jammed up two inches. The doctor asked Carol Jean if her father's right leg was normally two inches shorter than the other. She told him it wasn't, so he knew they were not able to take care of it at Neosho. He said he would have to send him to St. John's Hospital in Joplin and have that leg put in traction for ten days or two weeks to pull it down. They took his blood pressure several times. His blood pressure was so low, they were afraid he would slip away like his sister Mary did. Vada said he wanted to come home, but looking at it from a doctor's viewpoint it looked impossible. The doctor insisted he be taken to Joplin, so they put him in an ambulance and took him. After he got there he told the doctor he wanted to come home; he wanted to trust the Lord all the way through. They let them put him back in the ambulance and bring him home. By that time a lot of phone calls had gone out to the saints in different places for prayer. Some came that night to be with us. Oh, what a help and comfort it was! The Lord did a wonderful thing for him that night too. His leg and hip went back into place. How we thanked Him for that! Vada was still in serious condition. Those first few days and nights were hard for him, but many times when he would be suffering real badly, we would call some of the ministers to agree in prayer. In a few moments he would get relief and sometimes go off to sleep. The Lord was so precious to us through it all. Our children were all here and some of the grandchildren. The local saints did what they could to help, and brought in food.

After those first few days, when he began to improve, it seemed slow to us, as he had to lie flat on his back for five weeks. After that he could raise himself up in bed. Now after six weeks, he can get up with his walker and walk a little.

We are so thankful for all the Lord has done. He has kept our hearts encouraged. It has been wonderful how He kept Vada in good spirits most of the time. Once in a while things would look dark to him, but he would start praying and the Lord would comfort him. We are expecting complete healing.

Continue to hold us up in prayer.

Your sister in Christ, —Carrie McMillian

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AL—Dear Brothers and Sisters: Thanks so much for your paper. It is a blessing to me. You all tell the Truth. I would like to give my testimony. God saved me many years ago. I was young but I got an experience in which God was real. He has healed me twice and does many things I cannot even tell. I have been a widow for 19 years as of this last May. God has wonderfully blessed me and my son.

I want prayer for Mike (my son). He is out of fellowship with the Lord. Please take him to the Lord in prayer. I also have a special prayer request.

God has just been wonderful to us. Praise His name. I know in whom I believe.

Pray for us.

In Jesus' name, —Mrs. Jeanette Madney

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IN—Dear Saints: I have never written to the paper, but I do enjoy it so much. The Lord has been so good to us. He has proven His promises are true many times. He has healed our children when we called on Him for little things and when it looked very serious. We should not be afraid to trust Him. He is the answer to all our problems. Nothing is too great or too small.

We were holding some requests before the Lord this summer. I had laid them before the Lord and was waiting for Him to work. We were wanting a house in the country as we felt living in town was not good for the boys or for us. Also I didn't want to send the boys back to public school. It looked like time was running out. Two weeks before school was to start, we were able to buy a house in the country that we could afford. There was a Christian school in the area that needed a monitor, so we were able to move to the country and put the boys in a Christian school by my being monitor. It is a new experience for me, but I'm learning to adjust. I just have to lean on Jesus more and more. I know it was the Lord who worked all of this out and we praise Him for it.

One evening things had not gone well at the school. I was tired and very discouraged. I began telling the Lord all about it. The sad part

was I let things make me physically ill before I began taking it to prayer. The next day was much better and that evening I felt so much better in my body. I thank the Lord for His help and for the lesson I learned through this.

We love and appreciate all the saints. Do pray for us. —Sis. Kay Anderson

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CA—Dear Sister Maybelle, Bro. Murphey and all the Workers at the Print Shop, and to all the Saints everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me yet saved, sanctified and satisfied with the dealings of the Lord. It has been some time since I gave my testimony, so here it is. I thank the Lord for a long life of blessings. On Oct. 23, 1986, I will have been blessed for 88 years. So pray that I will be worthy of His goodness to me and be found in His will at all times. God bless and keep all of us in His loving care.

—Sis. Flora B. Davis

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PA—Dear Saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory*. It is a real joy and is encouragement to us.

We wanted to thank all the dear saints who traveled so far for our tent meeting held here in Duncannon. It was a real blessing to our little congregation. We really appreciate the saints. Pray for us that the work here may grow. We had a wonderful meeting and several souls found help at the altar.

God has blessed me very much. I was out of work for nearly three months and prayed that I could find a job as soon as the tent meeting was over. The Lord had healed my back right before the meeting started. I injured my back again helping to put the tent up. I asked for prayer and the Lord healed my back again. He is a wonderful God.

I knew that God would get me a job. The day after the tent meeting was over I went back to work. Praise His name.

May the Lord bless you all at the Print Shop. —Bro. Stanley Huss

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KS—Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the love of Jesus our precious Redeemer. We want to help everyone to serve Him and make it to heaven. We love Him and want to prove it by our deeds and actions.

Bro. Delbert Flynn has asked me several times if I would write a thank you note to all who prayed, sent cards, offerings and phone calls during the illness and now the death of his

wife, Malinda. It all meant so much to her and him both during her illness. When I was with them we just couldn't find the time to thank each one, and then when I was home I'd find myself so busy to get my canning and home duties done.

I want to say we appreciate Delbert in his care for Malinda. He quit a good paying job and was faithfully by her. They trusted the Lord to provide for their needs and we appreciate so much how the saints and loved ones responded to the need.

The Lord was precious to her. She was a real example in suffering. One exhortation she gave was for all to take time to sit at Jesus' feet to learn of Him and not to be too busy with the cares of this life. Many times in the wee hours of the night when she couldn't rest she would sit at His feet. One night the Lord spoke to her that Mary had chosen that good part. She was an inspiration to all of us and we must say she has won the greatest victory.

May the Lord bless each one who helped to care for her, also brought food. Do remember Delbert that God will comfort and sustain him and especially touch his afflicted body.

Yours for the Truth, —Sis. Inez Beisly

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CA—Dear Saints: This morning my soul doth magnify the Lord for His goodness. He is worthy to be praised. We want to thank the Lord for what He did for Tiara, our little girl, in April when she was 17 months old.

One Sunday while at dinner, she suffered a fall from a chair, of such magnitude that she partially severed her tongue, cut her lip, knocked two upper teeth out of line, and back up into the gums, thus damaging the gums.

As the blood began flowing out of her mouth, the saints gathered around to assist and to call upon the Lord. Some began to wash her mouth out. She was offered a popsicle to control the bleeding but she refused it. We began again to call on the Lord our Refuge and very present help, to stop the bleeding and to calm the baby. Before we could run to the kitchen for ice, the bleeding had stopped and the baby was quiet. Glory to God!

It was our first occasion to see a portion of tongue cut apart and hanging. One of the brethren said "It'll come back together . . ." It inspired our faith to watch it happen. By morning her face was swollen and the tongue was two or three times its size and an unpleasant sight, but the bottom side had already come together. Satan whispered that it was going to get infected and grow back crooked. The Spirit of the Lord

lifted up the standard and said—"Not so!" "If I could restore the severed ear of the high priests' servant, half a tongue is nothing for me!"

A couple hours after the fall she was walking around and playing with toys. In less than 24 hours she was able to take nourishment and Wednesday night we went to prayer meeting with her tongue straight and back together—"Healed by the Great Physician." What a Mighty God we serve.

Her teeth and gums are fine now, and there is just a faint line on her tongue to remind us of the Lord's goodness.

Although, on the night of the fall she could not eat, drink or talk, I saw her standing knocking on the wall and heard her start to sing "Jesus Knocks". It touched and challenged me that if she could sing unto the Lord in her condition, may those of us with well mouths and whole tongues be found singing His praises.

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men." Ps. 107:8.

Gratefully, —Hayward and Tina Cox

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

FROM MEXICO . . .

My dear Sis. Maybelle Pruitt: We salute you in the holy and precious name of our Redeemer, "who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14. I hope that this finds you well and with much joy, serving the Lord. This is my wish and prayer for you.

Esteemed Saints, I write these words with much love for all of you. Also I am giving thanks to God for His great blessings that He has given in the work of God and in our lives, as we have been able to feel the presence of God in our hearts and in the ministry. We are having beautiful meetings here, thanks to God.

I thank the Lord that He permitted me to go to the campmeeting at Pacoima, CA. It was really a great blessing for me. I learned much from what the Lord had for me. Truly there was a spiritual quaking, or shaking and the Glory of the Lord was manifested in all. Thanks to God for this, and glory to the Lord because He lives and reigns forever in our hearts, and one day we will be with Him forever. Oh, Hallelujah! What a great day and marvelous to be with our Master where "God will wipe away every tear. Revelation 21:3-8.

We are happy that we are now reigning with Christ by faith but someday it will be mani-

festated. I Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." I have much joy that He had love and patience with me and more than everything I give thanks for the Spirit of God that lives in us.

Yours in the Lord,

—Mayarino Escobar and family

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From India . . .

Sept. 20—Our dearly beloved elder sister Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey and other dear ones in the Print Shop and everywhere in America: Greetings to you all again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, the consolation of the children of God. Thank you very much for your kind letter dated Sept. 8 and the enclosures were noted with much appreciation. May God bless each donor for the needs of the church in South India.

Last week was the national festival week in Kerala State and we conducted meetings in many villages and streets in the north and south of Kerala State. We are satisfied with the good results of those meetings. It is decided to conduct another revival meeting at Nadukkunnu on the second week of October.

The Holy Spirit makes a man willing to go to mission fields, against his convenience. Philip left the revival in Samaria to go to the desert way. David Brainerd said, "I care not where or how I live or what hardships I go through, so that I can gain souls for Christ." Dr. Lyman Beecher when dying said to a minister standing by his couch: "The greatest of all things is not theology, it is not controversy, it is to save souls." May we know the real worth of a soul that we forget all the idle fights, and go united as one man to lead souls to Christ.

Let us exchange our prayers everyday.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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From Honduras . . .

Oct. 10—Dear Sis. Pruitt and Saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the only name given whereby man can be saved and make heaven his home.

I'm writing to let you hear from us, and how the work is coming along in Honduras, Central

America. It rejoices my soul and heart to report that the Lord is saving souls and they are pressing the battle on, Glory to God!

As time draws us nearer to our eternal home (Heaven) we are in a constant battle against the enemy of our souls who seeks to destroy us. We appreciate the prayers and the support of the saints and the support that has been given to us while laboring here in this country, which is my home. I am getting many calls for help and I am not able to respond to all of them because we have no transportation and it is very expensive to hire a car to travel to the different villages here on Roatan Isle. It is a real burden on my heart knowing that these dear people are calling me for help and I can't get to them because of not having transportation. We have started a fund in Louisiana for the purchase of a truck. We have checked on the purchase of a small one, but there is not enough in the funds (Missionary) to make the purchase or even a good down payment.

We ask the saints to rally to this great need in helping to purchase a truck for the work of the Lord in Honduras. At the present the missionary fund is still set up in New Orleans with Bro. Louis Kimble whose address has been changed. The new address is: Bro. Louis Kimble, 2712 Phoenix St., Kenner, LA 70062. Phone (504) 467-9039.

Saints, we really would appreciate all prayers and support in this great need. May God bless all the saints and may there be a greater burden for the work here in Honduras, Central America.

Your sister and co-worker in Christ,

—Liurie Sanders

Ponto Gordo, Roatan, Honduras, C.A.

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From Lagos, Nigeria . . .

Oct. 3—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings of love to you and all the Workers at the Lord's Print Shop, in Jesus' mighty name who alone can bring those souls to light and peace who acknowledge their guilty condition.

As long as life lasts, the true children of Zion must be clad with the uniform of righteousness which the Lord Jesus provided, which also makes their work sweet. Jesus commanded us to occupy till He comes and this is our supreme aim as we wait patiently for His promised coming. Oh, sons of Zion, let us press the battle to the gate for time is declining swiftly. Now is the time to go through the enemy's (Satan) territory. The Lord is soon to appear. May we all keep on trusting, watching and praying.

Pray for the Church of God in Nigeria and

the camp meeting which comes up in November at Kwale, Bendel State. May God's continued blessings and guidance be upon you and all the saints everywhere in the world. "Amen."

Yours in Zion, —Bro. Emmanuel Dokubo

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In Memorial

Billy Charles Moland, the son of Willie "Bill" and Rosie Lee Moland, was born September 5, 1938, Bakersfield, Ca., and departed this life September 19, 1986, Oakland, Ca., at the age of 48 years and 14 days.

Billy was reared in Bakersfield, Ca. where he attended the local schools and went with his parents to the Church of God where the late Bro. I. C. Chandler was the pastor.

Later in life, as a young man, Billy remembered his parent's and the pastor's teachings. He went to the altar of prayer, confessed his sins, and was saved for awhile.

In 1982, at Oakland, Ca., he was united in marriage to Marilyn Patterson.

Billy, still remembering his former teachings, attended the Oakland Campmeeting this year in June, where he was wonderfully saved again. He praised the Lord for saving him just a few hours before his passing. "Praise God for His mercy."

He leaves: his wife, Marilyn Moland, of the home; four children, two step-children, five grandchildren, five brothers and seven sisters. Also many nieces and nephews, uncle and aunts and other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in Oakland, Ca., conducted by Brother Ronnie Hattley, assisted by Bro. Robert Mays and Bro. Phillip Matthews.

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William (Bill) H. Jackson of El Reno, Oklahoma was born at Clenerton, Arkansas on March 11, 1921, and went to be with the Lord September 25, 1986.

He married Grace Maxine Hurst, Sept. 4, 1947. He is survived by his wife Grace; one son, Charles Jackson, Joplin, Mo.; two daughters, Sheila Ray, Webb City, Mo., and Cindy Vaught, El Reno, Okla., and three grandchildren.

He attended the Church of God in Webb City, Mo., for over 16 years, Neosho, Mo., for about 3 years and Oklahoma City the last 7 years.

His funeral was in Joplin, Mo., with Bro. Ed Wilson officiating. Burial was at Fullerton Cemetery, Southeast of Carthage, Missouri.

THANK YOU

The family of Bro. William (Bill) H. Jackson, wants to say thank you to each one for their thoughts, prayers, flowers, food, cards and kindness during our time of sorrow.

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Henry Charles Gibson was born October 24, 1927, in Springfield, Missouri to Ezra and Edna Gibson. He passed from this life September 27, 1986 at his home in Guthrie, Oklahoma, at the age of 58 years, 11 months and 3 days.

As a young boy at the age of about 13, Henry sought God for salvation, and accepted by faith Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. He sincerely endeavored to follow Christ in his life and conversation, in his home, and in his work for the rest of his days.

October 24, 1948 was a special day in his life. In a unique triple marriage ceremony, three couples were united in holy matrimony. His sister, Dorothy was united to Gene Porter, his cousin Vera was united to Harry Gellenbeck, and Henry was united to Barbara Surber. To this union five children, (three daughters and two sons) were born.

Brother Henry was an active member of the Church of God. He was very interested in seeing the truth go forth as it should, and greatly enjoyed the service of the Master.

He is survived by his children; Two sons, John Richard Gibson, of Guthrie, Douglas Charles Gibson, of the home; three daughters, Marilyn Marie Gibson, of Springfield, Missouri, Beverly Ann Gibson, of Fresno, California, and Martha Louise Rapoza, of Reno, Nevada; one brother, Larry Gibson, of Springfield, Missouri; one sister, Dorothy Porter, of Guthrie, and one grandchild, Christopher Allen Rapoza, besides a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Guthrie, Oklahoma by Bros. Leslie Busbee and Charles Smith. Interment was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

—Leslie C. Busbee

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Malinda (Penner) Flynn, daughter of Abe and Eva Penner, was born Dec. 6, 1932, near Fairview, Oklahoma. She departed this life on Sept. 30, 1986, at the age of 53 years, 9 months and 24 days.

At an early age Malinda accepted the Lord as her Saviour, keeper and healer. She experienced a number of wonderful healings through prayer. The steadfastness and patience she manifested during her last illness was remarkable.

Her sacrificial labor of love where she worked at the Golden Rule Home for 18 years will be

long remembered. She was a kind and caring daughter and sister; and was a very considerate, devoted wife. She loved people of all ages and especially enjoyed her nieces and nephews. During her last illness she would often show a concern for others and deny herself in order to help someone else. She will be greatly missed by those who share these fond memories.

In 1981 she was married to Delbert Flynn. She is survived by her parents, Abe and Eva Penner of Fairview; her husband, Delbert; four step-children, Dwayne Flynn and Phyllis Flynn of Sapulpa, Lawanda Brannon, Glenpool and Cynthia Barham of Tulsa; two step-grandchildren; three brothers, Ruben Penner, Eureka, Kansas, Ernest Penner, Lahoma, Oklahoma, Ervin Penner, El Reno, Oklahoma; seven sisters, Rosa Harp, Enid, Oklahoma, Penny Penner, Esther Thomas, Ida Hubbard of Oklahoma City, Margaretha Mondragon, San Francisco, California, Sue Penner, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Elizabeth Goodrich, Bellevue, Washington, plus a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Church of God chapel, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on October 2, 1986. The officiating ministers were Bro. Richard Madden and Bro. Charles Smith. Interment was in the Oak Grove Church of God Cemetery, Loranger, Louisiana, on Oct. 4, 1986.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for all the prayers, food, visits, offerings, cards, letters and labors of love rendered during the illness and death of our dear loved one, Malinda (Penner) Flynn. May God reward each one.

—Abe and Eva Penner and family

—Delbert M. Flynn and family

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IN MEMORIAM TO MALINDA

She has joined her heavenly family,
On that bright land over there;
Where there's never more a sorrow,
Nor a tear drop, or a care—

We wouldn't call her back,
Though we will miss her sore,
But we expect to join her when
Our life on earth is o'er.

—by Grace Jones

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Death did not first strike Adam, the first sinful man, nor Cain, the first hypocrite, but Abel, the innocent and righteous.—The first soul that met death; the first soul parted from earth went to heaven.—Death argues not displeasure, because he whom God loved best dies first, and the murderer is punished with living. —Hall

Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Please explain I Peter 4:12 which reads, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." Also I Peter 1:6, which says, "... wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations." Please explain in detail about "strange things happened unto you"; what all this implies; and "season"—how long a time the Bible means when it said "for a season".

Answer: These two texts are closely linked together and are component parts of the general teachings in the Scriptures on the doctrine of God's corrections, chastisements, and preparation of His children for heaven and also for living their lives more to His glory. Trials are a normal part of a Christian life and we should not think them strange when they come. The devil would like to get us to consider them this way. If he can succeed in this, he has gained a great advantage. He would like to have us think that no one else ever had a trial like we are having. That kind of thinking is very devastating to the person who accepts it and produces a self-pity, self-sympathizing attitude which is one of the most destructive things to faith and the spiritual experience. I admonish this questioner and everyone else who reads this to resist these kinds of thoughts with all the power God gives you. And if that is not sufficient, humble your heart and earnestly pray that God will add to your faith and increase His power in your soul to be able to resist that kind of thinking until it flees from you. This is one of the most important places where the Christian must fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life.

I Cor. 10:13 says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man". Then you can be sure that whatever kind of trial or temptation you are having, there are others having that same kind of trial (perhaps many) and there are, no doubt, people living around you who have already overcome that same kind of thing who could be a help to you if you would confide in them. I Peter 5:9 says, "Whom [the devil—vs. 8] resist steadfast in the faith, KNOWING THAT THE SAME AFFLICTIONS ARE ACCOMPLISHED IN YOUR BRETHREN that are in the world."

Every trial or temptation that our Heavenly Father permits to come to us has its special

purpose and is a part of God's purging, purifying process in our lives. We may think we are pretty good folks and doing quite well in our Christian lives, but God looks down in the depth of our hearts and sees something there that would not fit in heaven and He could not take us to heaven with, so He goes to work to purge that out of us because He wants us in heaven and the trials that come to us is His process of doing this.

A few select texts from God's Word will confirm all that has been said. Job 23:10, "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Psalms 66:10, "For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried." Isaiah 48:10, "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." Malachi 3:3, "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." I Peter 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Now I would like to add this comment in regard to Malachi 3:3—purging and purifying the SONS OF LEVI. Levi was the head of the Levitical Priesthood in ancient, literal Israel. Only those who were of the tribe of Levi were permitted to administer about the holy things and offer sacrifices and they had to go through a process of ceremonial cleansing before they were eligible. The text in Malachi 3:3 is actually a prophecy of Christ and His work and the effects of His gospel and therefore could have no possible reference to the literal sons of Levi. But Israel after the flesh was a type of Israel after the spirit—the New Testament church (spiritual Israel) in this dispensation. And the sons of Levi (the priesthood of ancient Israel) were a type of the spiritual priesthood (us) in this dispensation. Salvation through faith in Christ makes every redeemed soul a priest unto God—Rev. 1:6 and 5:10 and I Peter 2:9. Therefore this purging and purifying of Malachi 3:3 is going on in US by the Word of God (the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God) and the operation of the Spirit of God in our hearts and lives.

This brings us to consideration of the second verse in this question (I Peter 1:6) "... for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptation." The key words in this text are the words "IF NEED BE". This is very important in understanding this question and the whole scope of God's dealings with us to

purge and purify us and prepare us for heaven. Let us realize that God knows us better than we know ourselves and knows things about us that we never knew we had on hands. Psalms 19:12 says, "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults." We are certainly not so constituted as to be able to see ourselves as God sees us until He reveals ourselves to us. And He usually does this by shaping up certain circumstances in our lives and sending some special, peculiar kind of trial to us which will touch the thing He wants to purge out of our lives and bring it out and make it manifest itself.

The reason for this is that our will and consent is involved in all of God's dealings with our souls and our wills cannot possibly act in regard to things we have not seen or do not know about. Hence the text says, "IF NEED BE." It is God who determines when we need a trial and what kind of a trial we need to deal with some thing in our lives which He sees and maybe we don't.

The season referred to here in this text does not refer to any specified period of time such as a day, a week, a month or a year but just whatever time is necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trial. If we will just humbly, quickly and whole-heartedly submit to God and give Him the full consent of our will for Him to work in us as He sees fit to purge out of us the thing that has surfaced and manifested itself, we can shorten the duration of the trial. Failure to do this will prolong the duration of the trial. So the very best thing any of us can possibly do when a trial or test hits us is to quickly submit ourselves to God without any reservation and give Him a free hand in working His works in us. However, in a more extended sense the "season" here might refer to our entire lives because the working out of our own salvation is surely a lifetime job.

What Will You Give?

Ever since Eve rebelled against the order of God and plunged mankind into sin, God has required and accepted sacrifices given freely from man. God no longer requires the offering of animals for these sacrifices, but was well pleased with Jesus' sinless body offered once for all time. However, compelled by the Eternal Spirit of Love, we still offer freely the fruit of our lips to plead and make petitions daily through Jesus to God. "Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth." Psalm 119:108a. Holy oblations from the freedom of our moral agency are always acceptable to God.

This letter is a call for a unified sacrificial offering of prayer and fasting for the afflicted members of the body of Jesus. As our human body is a marvelous network of different parts, yet is maneuvered by one head, so we are different members of Christ's body, and He is the Head over us all. The fact that the body's different members are all joined in just one body speaks of unity. In I Peter 2:5, the body is referred to as "a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

God has always used human instruments motivated by the Holy Spirit to achieve His designs and plans. The only way the world sees Jesus is to see His people, which is to see His "body." We must present the world a credible picture. Jesus is still true—"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself," II Timothy 2:13. As His body in this world, we must unify our efforts that we lose not credibility for Him. The Father is depending on us. Would it be right if we sit back and let the healing that is needed by those that are sick go unclaimed? NO! We must be valiant in fight. Important wars are seldom won by a few soldiers. This body is large enough to withstand the heat and be more than a conqueror through Jesus and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Let every able-spirited soldier be inspired to engage his "weapons that are not carnal, but mighty through God" in warfare against the enemy. Some of God's children are suffering and desiring healing. Must they fight alone? "The members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it." I Cor. 12:25, 26. Prayer and fasting are tools that we can use against the devil and the hosts of evil. Some times when people are severely afflicted and in need of help, they cannot always pray enough for themselves because they are not able to, or are not strong enough physically or mentally. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:1. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. We believe by fasting and prayer we can achieve results. "Ask, and ye shall receive."

Will you give a day to pray and fast for the sick and afflicted? We feel led to proclaim the 19th of November as a national fast day. A true burden will bring results. Our God has a big loving heart and He is concerned about us. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2.

Brother Nathan Carver has been severely

afflicted for quite a few years and now he is going blind as a result of his longterm disease. Without doubt there are others in as critical a condition as he. Let us unite in prayer and fasting on November 19 to win this battle for healing.

In Christian concern,

—Galen and Lisa Kelly

HOME LIFE



Let's Help Our Children

There is a great burden on my heart that I wish to share with all parents. C. E. Orr said, "The man who fails to give us reproof when needed, but gives us approval instead or holds back deserving rebuke for fear of offending, is more cruel than he who withholds bread from us when we are hungry." There is a great responsibility on us as parents to our children. My burden is concerning the lack of discipline to our children. Are we really doing the best that we can, or are we lacking in our efforts?

As parents we need to discipline ourselves to discipline our children. It is not so hard to administer discipline while we're upset with a misdeed of a child, but what if for some reason the discipline cannot be administered until a later time; do we still administer the needed discipline or because we are no longer upset, or our feelings have mellowed, do we neglect to carry through the needed action? If we fail to

carry through, we have not been fair to the child. This causes the child to lose respect for the parents and will allow him to think he got by this time, so why not try again. Parents, if this is our condition we need more discipline in our own lives, so we can properly discipline our children.

It appears that the disciplining of our children is not taken as seriously as it should be. There is a need for improvement. The roudiness and loud voices need to be quieted. There is foolishness going on in places that are meant to be sacred. This cannot be pleasing to our Lord. If Jesus were on the earth today, how do you think He would react to children running and yelling in God's house? How is our respect to God's house? Do our children know they are to respect the house of God, or have we taken it for granted that they should know? We have the responsibility placed in our hands to teach our children reverence to God, His house, and His people.

Let us ask our heavenly Father to teach us how we must teach them. He has good steps and advice for us to follow: Proverbs 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Proverbs 29:15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Proverbs 29:17, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

Help us, oh Lord, to know how to raise our children to love and respect you. Teach us thy ways, so we can in turn teach our children. Show us how to discipline our children in a loving yet firm way. Help us to be steady in our teaching and discipline. We need your divine guidance and wisdom. Help us, oh Lord.

—Cilicia Frazier

The Evening Is Glorious

The evening is glorious, oh, hear the glad song
Of saints all-victorious o'er sin and the wrong.
They've risen in triumph to reign in this life,
Above sect confusion, all darkness and strife.
Tho' they have been scattered by sects and by creeds
Now home to Mount Zion their good Shepherd leads.
The light was not clear in the "dark, cloudy day,"
But pure "evening light" now reveals the true way.
How often we've heard that no man can be free,
That in this life sinners we only can be.
A voice speaks from heaven and says, "It's not true;
I died for to pardon and sanctify you."
"Great Babylon is fallen, how gross is her sin,
While teaching as gospel the doctrines of men.

Come out, my dear people, oh, walk in the light;
For only my Word and my Spirit are right."

"Tho' sectish traditions have held subtle sway,
My Spirit is burning the stubble and hay,
Refining the gold and removing the tin,
While judgement goes forth against every sin."

Now Zion, redeemed by God's judgement we see,
And all of her children are gloriously free.
The Church is restored to her glory pristine,
And all in her borders are holy and clean.

The songs of the captives who have returned home,
On Babel's dark mountains no longer to roam,
Are telling of freedom in Zion's fair height
Oh, glory to Jesus, "the evening is light."

The evening is glorious, all praise be to God!
We're sanctified wholly thro' faith in the blood.
The true light now shineth, the darkness is past,
Our sorrow and sighing is ended at last.

Tho' bound by the creed of some sect you may be,
Hark now captive Christian, your soul can be free.
There's freedom in Jesus, His Word is your guide—
Be filled with His Spirit and walk by His side.

Great blessings, my brother, are waiting for thee
When from all sect shackles at last you are free.
A fellowship glorious with God and His Son
Including His sanctified host—all of one.

The glory of heaven now streams from above
On God's holy remnant made perfect in love.
They're free in the Spirit, by Him they are led,
And give their allegiance to Jesus, their Head.

The evening is glorious, break forth into song,
Let melody carry the message along—
Of perfect salvation in Jesus alone,
Who is our foundation and chief Corner Stone.

The evening is glorious, oh, hail the great light,
Ye souls who abide yet in darkness of night
Accept the grand "evening light" message today,
To Zion return in this heavenly way.

—Harlan Sorrell

What Some Men Have Said About Flattery

"Of all wild beasts preserve me from a tyrant;
and of all tame, from a flatterer."

—Ben Jonson

"If we would not flatter ourselves, the flattery of others could not harm us."

—Francois Rochefoucauld

"Flattery is never so agreeable as to our blind side; commend a fool for his wit, or a knave for his honesty, and they will receive you into their bosom."

—Henry Fielding

"Imitation is the sincerest flattery."

—Nathaniel Cotton



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"I was in an auto accident on August 18. I am certain that my pelvis bone was cracked, because the pain was so severe right in the bone. I could not walk or turn in bed by myself. On Saturday I had someone to call the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting for prayer. On Sunday morning Brother Murphy Allen and Brother Curtis Williams came from the meeting to pray for me . . . They read a few Scriptures and then prayed for me. Before they prayed I knew that the Lord was going to heal me. As they were praying I felt the pain leave. I started praising the Lord and raised up in bed by myself, and sat on the side of the bed. I told them that the Lord had healed me . . ."

—Esther (Huskey) Hightower

"Did you ever stop to think what a task a man would have who would undertake to destroy the Bible? God has been so careful to guard it that He has woven it into every fibre and fabric of human history. The man who seeks to destroy the Bible must buy up or confiscate sixty million copies of the Book, printed in six hundred languages and dialects, and circulated throughout the world. Then after he has destroyed these millions of copies of the Bible, after he has laid waste the art galleries and libraries, and after he has silenced great music, has he destroyed the Bible? Indeed not, for God has provided many ways in which to reveal His teachings. The destroyer must go into the hearts of millions of saints who have found happiness, and contentment in that great Book."

—Howard Patrick