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An Ode To My Mother



It is to you, so kind and true,
I write these words of gratitude;
For all the things you've done for me
In motherly sincerity.

When I was young, so young indeed,
And knew not of my daily need,
You took me in your arms of care,
And all my pains were yours to share.

Each day you watched my little feet,
And prayed that God my steps should keep,
Lest I should wander far away
Into the paths that led astray.

And as in years I older grew,
You taught me of the Saviour true,
And of His love for all mankind—
His wond'rous grace and love divine.

Yes, you would stop some daily toil,
Lest Satan should your purpose foil,
And bid me cease my childish play,
And sing with you, and read, and pray.

And then my heart I gave to God;
He washed me with His cleansing blood.
'Tis wonderful indeed to know,
That Christ did make me white as snow.

And now by grace divine, 'tis true,
That Christ your Saviour is mine, too,
And I shall labor, watch, and pray,
Pressing up the heav'nly way.

And when my life on earth is through,
I'll dwell with Him along with you.
Such glory we'll together share
With Christ and all the angels there.

—Olive A. (Phillips) Davenport

How to Know God's Will

To those who are desirous of doing right in all things, the question often comes, "How may I know God's will?" Were we left to our own understanding, we should certainly make many sad failures in this world and plunge our souls into eternal despair; for there are many pitfalls to ensnare our feet and many side-tracks to lead them astray.

Man is disposed to accept what he thinks is right and to depend upon his own understanding, not keeping in mind the fact that there is a subtle power ever seeking to detract the mind from that which is right. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12. It is therefore altogether unsafe for us to depend upon our own judgment to know the right; there must be some higher source for guidance than this.

It is God's pleasure to guide his people. In looking over the past we see that He never left any one ignorant of His will who trusted in Him. From the morning of creation He has communicated His will to man, and always in such a manner as to make mistakes unnecessary. In the days of Edenic glory there was the plain decree of God concerning His will and good pleasure, and down to the patriarchs and prophets and until the time He made Himself manifest in His dear Son, God's will was made known to man.

When we come to the gospel age, we are shown more plainly than ever that we need not be ignorant of His will; for "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." Hebrews 1:1, 2. Now that we have His precious words recorded in the gospel, we are truly a

avored people and are as sure of heaven as if we were already there, if we but give heed to our Guide-Book.

The Infallible Guide

There is no condition of life and no subject that confronts us, in which God is not interested. He has left us some means of knowing His will in each instance. From the time when a person is born into this world until the time when he passes out, there is something in the will of God for him. If the parents get the knowledge of this will and walk accordingly, that child will have important advantages. If, after the child reaches the age of understanding and of individual responsibility, he carefully follows the revealed will of God, he will most certainly enjoy a happy, successful life through this wicked world.

But if a poor soul has gone astray, he need not despair. God has a way for him. It is not the will of God "that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Pet. 3:9. Every one who seeks after God and His will finds them, for He has not placed His will in such an obscure place that only a few can find it. He has given His plain Word and has authorized His ministry to herald it to the ends of the earth, so that all men may hear and understand. The poor sinner is shown God's will, which is the way out of sin into the blessed new birth. As he walks with God in this new life, he soon learns that there is more to be obtained in this will; and as he keeps in obedience, there comes to his understanding one revelation after another of the precious will of God. The Bible is full of wholesome instructions on spiritual, moral, and social subjects; and happy is that man and happy is that people who have learned to know and to do the will of God thus revealed.

We Must Not be Ignorant of God's Will

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Eph. 5:17. Again, the apostle Paul prayed incessantly for the brethren that they might be filled with the knowledge of God's will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Col. 1:9). The church at Rome (Rom. 12:1, 2) was exhorted to prove the will of God by a perfect consecration, which is the only safe way of always determining the will of God.

We Must Not Rely Upon Our Own Understanding

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5, 6. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of

thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psa. 37:4, 5. It is only as our own will and every desire is submitted to God that we can obtain the perfect knowledge of His will. Any self-interest will blind our understanding.

It is not within the power of the wisdom of man to grasp the mind and will of God without the aid of the Holy Spirit; and as certain as one shadow of our desire remains in the heart, there will be a shadow upon our comprehension of God's will. This is one reason why there are so many different beliefs and doctrines in the world. If all men were determined, as the apostle was, to know nothing among men save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, there would be no divisions or creeds of men, but all would be of one mind, and all would have the same judgment. It is the perverted judgments of men that make the confusion. Men of human wisdom and knowledge rely upon their own understanding and fail to get the understanding of God, who has made foolish the wisdom of men and who counts the understanding as a thing of naught.

When every desire is yielded to God, the Holy Spirit brings to our understanding the perfect knowledge of His will, so that we are enabled to rejoice in Him with a clear vision. Every way-mark that Heaven has given stands out clear and plain. All doubts and fears as to the way are gone, because our unfailing Guide is with us and constantly keeps us assured of the way. He, the Spirit of truth, is promised to guide us into all truth, and this is the safeguard from all error. This is one reason why it is so necessary that we get into, and keep in, the state of perfect consecration. The Holy Spirit, the Guide, cannot abide in the heart that is not consecrated, and therefore such an individual has trouble about guidance because of his own will, which unconsciously, at times, gets in the way and in some instances blinds his understanding.

The only course whereby we can have our own way is to give our will completely over to the will of God. Our way must be committed to the Lord, and then He can direct our paths. This is certain to prove true in every case. All the saints of all ages have proved it, and, with David, we can say that when our desires are fully yielded to God He will undertake for us and do for us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Eph. 3:20. How good God is that He has not left us in this dark world without the plain revelation of His will, which assures us of our safety in this world and our eternal happiness in the world to come! This is all in His precious Word, the Book of truth, which is re-

vealed to our hearts and understanding by the Spirit of truth. He takes His abode in the consecrated heart and guides it into all truth that enlightens and brightens the pathway from earth to glory.

How to Know God's Will in Circumstances

In this world we are environed with circumstances, and it is impossible to escape them. They appeal to us constantly on the right hand and on the left, influencing, to a greater or less degree, perhaps our every act. To the poor soul who has not found the happy secret of divine guidance, this is a world of disappointments and perplexities; for no sooner has he met one circumstance and become adjusted to it, than another arises and breaks into his plans and changes his affairs, sometimes seriously. But to the consecrated soul there is no need of any great perplexity or disappointment. There are, however, instances in every life in which there may be a temporary perplexity; for God may see fit to let come upon us some severe trial which for the time may seem beyond our power to overcome, and the troubled heart may give expression of anxiety and disappointment. But this condition is of short duration, and a heart that has learned the secret of perfect resignation and how to apply it at all times, will manifest the disappointment little outwardly, for that soul learns

How to Spell Disappointment.

If we change the first letter in the word to "H" we have "His appointment," or one of the providences of God; and though our humanity may sometimes shrink from the suffering and our human reasonings may plead for some different course of treatment, everything is soon brought into line with perfect resignation, and we can look up to God by faith and say, "We know that all things work together for good; for we know that we love God and are called according to His purpose, and that every circumstance which comes upon us is guided and overruled by His loving Father hand." This is essentially true in the life of every fully consecrated person. Humanly speaking, we are creatures of circumstances, and the soul that knows not God knows no higher decree than his own fate. Even though God in mercy rules over all in the destiny of events, yet poor unregenerate man does not comprehend this; but to the one who sees and knows God, every circumstance is turned to a blessing, and it is our privilege to know God's will in them all.

All through the records of God's dealings with His people in the ages past, we see the paths of divine guidance. Space forbids us to

trace the steps of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, through the many instances in which God's hand led them and overruled the circumstances of their lives. In the journeyings of Israel these chosen people were borne as on eagles' wings and guided day and night by the pillar of cloud and fire. None of the prophets or our fathers who trusted in God were ever confounded or put to shame in the times when earthly circumstances hedged them about like walls and covered them as with clouds. In every instance, as they turned their eyes heavenward and away from the surrounding difficulties, circumstances were overruled for their good. Truly, we have the same blessed privilege in this gospel day—to have the hand of God upon us to guide our feet from earth to glory. He has promised this, and we know He is faithful. He is just as faithful to make His will known to us in circumstances pertaining to the details of each individual life as He has been in giving us His Word for a lamp to our feet and a light to our path in spiritual things.

God Has Given Us An Understanding

But this is not our understanding; it is that which He imparts to us by His Spirit according to His Word. We dare not depend upon our own human judgment, understanding, or knowledge; but that which He imparts to us we must cherish and honor as a sacred treasure. In the trying circumstances we may, through this divine understanding, be able to know the will of God concerning us; but let us remember that we dare not depend upon knowledge and understanding independently of God's Word and Spirit, neither can we expect God to reveal His will to us at all times independently of the understanding and knowledge that He may have previously given us. The two must go together; that is, if in the past we have obtained the knowledge of God's will in certain circumstances, we can never safely lose sight of what God has given us and expect Him to reveal His will to us now independently of what we already know.

In many instances where the circumstances are such that there is nothing plain in the Word that bears directly upon them, we may have already obtained knowledge and understanding how to do in such cases. We may remember times when we could see no way out, but when, by much prayer and waiting upon God, even though nothing plain seemed to come to us through the Word, the Spirit brought some part of the Word that we had not thought of and with it a keen conviction to accept this as the will of God in the case. Now, with this past

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EDITORIALS

We bring this May *Faith and Victory* issue your way still enjoying the bountiful grace of God. We are living in a time when the economy of our nation is somewhat suppressed, but it is an undisputable reality that the economy of God's grace flourishes. There is no need to lack in our lives the peace and joy that God gives. To continually enjoy financial prosperity, there are certain guidelines to be observed. It is possible to be rich one moment and a very short time later be poor. This can be true in the Christian life. Peace and joy can be your mainstay one moment and the devil can cheat you out of it the next. The exhortation of Paul found in Col. 4:2 is good advice in staying right toward God. "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

In the natural world, the most valuable things of life and existence are the most common. Air is one of the most critical ingredients to our existence and we find that the very heavens themselves are full of it. Water is a vital resource and for the most part the earth is well supplied. When the soil to grow things in becomes a premium, the population will have to adjust to it, but the earth itself is composed of soil. God has ordained in His great wisdom the very thing that is critical to sustaining our spiritual life of joy and peace to be something that anyone can possess. This is prayer. Through prayer we enter into the inheritance of God's riches, and it is through continuing prayer that we keep them. Anyone can pray. The mute, the eloquent, the unlearned, the wise, the old and the young can all pray in an acceptable manner that God understands. This throws wide the doors of salvation and offers an abundant entrance into heaven to all who will pray.

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We have recently reprinted our booklist and updated our prices. To receive a current booklist free of charge, simply write and ask for one. Beginning on page five of this issue is a partial listing of the books in stock.

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We send condolences to Bro. Alfred Peterson and his family of Granby, MO, on the death of Sis. Beulah Peterson. Sis. Peterson filled a place which will be sorely missed. For those who wish to send sympathy cards, the address is: Alfred Peterson, P. O. Box 323, Granby, MO 74844.

—Wayne Murphey

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In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart.—Bunyan

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We will be celebrating James and Orpha Mapes 50th Wedding Anniversary in June, 1987. This letter is to request any "memories, incidents or special happenings" you may have or know concerning Mom and Dad. We would like to compile a booklet which will be available for all at the celebration.

—Nancy L. (Mapes) Haertel
336 S.W. River Drive
Dallas, OR 97338

Prayer Requests

MO—"I desire your prayers, I have cancer."

—Sis. Mattie Baney

SC—"Remember me in prayer, also Bro. Platt's granddaughter and others."

—Sis. Lurene Scott

CA—Lois Underwood desires prayer for some urgent requests.

KS—"Please remember me in your prayers. I have arthritis and other ailments."

—C. M. Waller

LA—Sis. Beulah Johnson needs prayer for her sorely afflicted body.

MS—Sis. Flora Pugh desires prayer for healing.

CA—Sis. Helen Carson desires prayer for her body, also for urgent requests and unsaved loved ones.

OK—"Please pray for my healing and unsaved loved ones." —Sarah I. Perkins

MT—Bro. August Elhard still needs prayer for the healing of the sores on his legs.

ID—Sis. Wilma Harris needs complete healing of a difficult breathing problem.

CA—"Pray for me, I am having trouble with my eyes."

WV—Still remember Sis. Avis Tinsley who has a labored breathing.

Norma Tiller desires prayer for infected teeth.

LA—Bro. Nathan Carver needs prayer for healing. He is trusting God for his complete deliverance of a serious affliction.

MI—Please pray for Sis. Olive Gettersson who is having problems with her eyes.

Bro. B. Ben Taylor of Nigeria needs a special touch of healing, he is not well at all.

We do not want to only pray for the physical healing of the different ones but for their souls too, who are not living for the Lord now. I am thinking of a lady who has Rocky Mountain tick fever, and we surely want to see her saved and healed. We are really concerned in the salvation of souls as well as in the healing of bodies.

—Sis. Maybelle Pruitt

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

Camp Meeting Dates for 1987

Tulsa, OK — June 7-14

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK —
June 12-21

Green Bank, WV — June 12-21

Jefferson, OR — June 12-21

Oakland, CA — June 19-28

Chilliwack, B.C., Canada — June 22-28

General Southern at Loranger, LA —
June 26-July 5

Fresno, CA — July 3-12

Akron, OH — July 3-12

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO
July 17-26

Missouri State at Myrtle, MO —
July 27-August 2

Bakersfield, CA — August 7-16

Duncannon, PA — August 9-16
 Durham, NC — August 9-16
 Chehalis, WA — August 16-23
 Boley, OK — August 23-30
 California State at Pacoima, CA —
 August 28-September 6

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TULSA, OK CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting for the Tulsa congregation will begin, Lord willing, June 7 and run through the 14th.

There will be two services through the week and three services on Sundays.

We are praying that God will bless this meeting to the good of souls, minds and bodies. Come praying every one; saints praying that God will have His way and sinners praying that God will save them.

For further information call the pastor, Sis. Eva Hardman, phone (918) 583 2929 or Bro. Charles Lowe (918) 584 6838, church phone and address, (918) 584 8438, 1102 E. Pine Pl., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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GREEN BANK, WV CAMPMEETING

Campmeeting at Green Bank, WV, will begin on June 12th and go through the 21st. The first service will be at 7:30 p.m. on the 12th. There will be two services each day; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Meals will be served. All will be cared for who come.

Green Bank is located 50 miles south of Elkins, WV and 57 miles north of White Sulphur Springs, WV, on Route 92.

This is a special outreach for the people who live in this area. All are welcome to come and receive a blessing and help us in this effort. Bring a coat as the nights are cool. If you come in at night, watch for the deer. The Lord has been faithful to meet us in years past and give us wonderful meetings. We are expecting a special outpouring of His Spirit this year. Come and join us.

For more information, contact Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons, P.O. Box 127, Green Bank, WV 24944, phone (304) 456 4469; church phone (304) 456 4069.

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1987 GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

The General Southern Campmeeting will begin, Lord willing, Friday night, June 26, continuing through July 5. Come praying.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. 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.

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Tent Notice

KS—Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the love of Jesus, our precious Redeemer. We thank Him for His longsuffering with us. Since we yielded to Him, there has not been any longing for the world or its pleasures. Thank the Lord.

We have been concerned about the missionary tent work. The Lord made this request, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2. The missionary work must go on. We are thankful that the saints in Dallas, TX are planning a tent meeting the latter part of June. There are quite a lot of requirements and expenses involved. We had to get a Fire Proof Certificate to go with the tent. The funds are low, so if you desire to have a part in helping to reach the lost, it will be appreciated. We are praying the Lord to open doors for this summer's tent meetings.

May the Lord bless all who have been faithful in times past. Pray for us as we endeavor to do what we can for Him who gave His all for us.

Sincerely yours for truth,

—Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly
 407 Eldridge St.
 Coffeyville, KS 67337

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From the Mailbox . . .

CA—Dear Workers at Faith Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' name. Just a little note to let you know that we are both saved and living for the Lord. It truly is an honor to serve Him in this dark and sinful world. We trust that all of you at the Print Shop are well both in soul and body.

Yours in Christ's name,

—Hubert and Elizabeth Corteway

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TX—Dear Bro. Wayne: I do hope the Lord is blessing you there. The Lord is truly good to us. I thank Him for His love and care. He is still

saving and healing. I thank the Lord that He is a never-changing God.

You still remember us in prayer. You are often in our prayers.

Love and prayers, —Clarence Campbell

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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings in the name of our precious Saviour, the Lord Jesus. It is a joy for me to have fellowship with God's chosen people, the ones that forward the truth to those that are in need of it. Greetings to every one that is willing to work in the vineyard for the Lord. I like the Scripture, II Cor. 8:12. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." Then too, God says, "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land." May the dear Lord ever bless you all in His work.

Very truly yours, —Bro. Frank Knight

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OK—Dear Brother Wayne, Sister Maybelle and Saints in Jesus: Greetings of love in Jesus' name.

I want to thank and praise God for hearing and answering prayer. A few days before the April *Faith and Victory* came, I was in earnest prayer. I was led to ask God to help us get the Word to the lost of earth. "Lord, how can we do it? We are so few, old and feeble. We are using your methods, yet, it seems so slow and time is so short. Lord, you have unlimited power and gifts and have done many spectacular works to shock the world, please let me ask Thee to perform one great work that will startle the whole world and arouse them to see and know the signs of the times. Congregations and individuals collectively are slumbering and the oil has run out of their lamps. Please God, for Jesus' sake, in His holy name perform one of your spectacular works and bring the world to a shocking realization it is You working in behalf of the Church and a lost world." I did not know how but believed God would move. In a few days the *Faith and Victory* paper came and God let me have sight enough to read the front page and see what He has done to startle the churches and the whole world. Oh, what a miracle!

Caiaphas' letter to the Sanhedrin tells us so much of his spiritual state. Will it not bring fear on the churches and world? He was afraid to step out for fear Jesus would appear to him and he would drop dead. He could not eat or sleep. His heart was tortured with his sins, doubtless grieved for putting the holy Son of God to death. He pleaded for mercy for himself and the Jews also. May his letter perform the work of con-

viction for sin, which we have been asking God to send on every living soul on earth.

I have earnestly sought God in early dawn for physical healing that I may complete all the labour God has entrusted to me, so I can meet Jesus with joy and confidence.

Yours in Jesus, —Sister Ada Scanlon

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OH—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: I pray that each of you are in good health and able to keep up the work there. May God bless you in each thing that comes your way.

I have loved ones that are unsaved and ask you to pray for them. I also have several loved ones that are sick. Pray for them that God would heal their bodies. God knows all about them, so I will not try to name each one.

My father, Frank Dunaway, passed away Oct. 19, 1986, at the age of 93. Our loss was heaven's gain. His mind was so good for a man his age. We can thank God for keeping him so long for us. God is so good to us.

We know the young may die and the old must. The only thing is to be ready when the time comes. So many in this day and time are not ready to die.

May God bless you is my prayer.

Sincerely, —Mr. & Mrs. Chester Dunaway

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NC—Dear Saints: At this time of writing we are still determined to be all and all for God. We are at present pressing through the "tribulation fires." Yet we realize the Scriptures teach us that the refining pot is for silver and the furnace is for gold. If we would be gold we must have the fire to try us and remove the dross. It is possible to go out in the work of God unprepared, uninspired and unyielded. I am convinced that those who do go out as such, have missed or overridden some very valuable lessons in the furnace. Even though our profession may be "Holiness unto the Lord," still we all from time to time need the fire to purge out and remove things that are unknown to us.

I appreciate God's corrective ways of dealing with His people. I'm grateful for the fire in Zion and the furnace which is in Jerusalem! I know that to each of us there is coming a day, a time and a season when we must be tried by fire. Yes, the day will manifest itself, and certain things in us will be revealed, "yet so as by fire." Thank God, the fire not only purges out every root of bitterness and fruits of the self life, but as well, readies and inspires us for deeper, intense

service. Oh, may God help us each and every one not to miss what the fire can do in our experience. To miss the "fire of purging" means to miss the perfection of holiness.

Pray for me that I will not miss one precious lesson in the "seven times hotter," heated furnace, amen.

—Sis. Ivy Lennon

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KS—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are reminded of His great and wonderful sacrifice for our souls as Easter nears once more. As one song says, "Had it not been for a man called Jesus, then forever my soul would be lost." I truly thank God that His shed blood was not in vain for me and I do mean to make heaven whatever the cost be. I truly believe that "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

I am glad that Jesus' love for us was so great that He willingly gave Himself a ransom for us. I am so glad that His love is so great that He still intercedes for us because man truly must try God's patience and mercy. We are often hard of learning and it truly takes time to get us where God wants us to be. I can truly say, "Thank God for the blood." I am glad that I can say I love God today and mean by His grace and love to follow Him all the way. He surely is able to take us through if we are willing to go through.

—Sis. Shirley Knight

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

KS—Dear Saints: I would like to thank the Lord for being saved and encouraged to live for Him. A few months back, I had an affliction on my body which I asked the Lord to heal. I promised Him I would write in a testimony when healed.

The Lord has definitely worked in my behalf for which I am truly thankful. The affliction is not completely gone, but is going.

Please continue to remember me in your prayers, both spiritually and physically.

—Gertrude Lounds

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OH—Dear Saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I thank the Lord for salvation and being much encouraged today to go on until the crown is won.

I would like to tell how the Lord delivered me of an affliction I had on my body. Because of my job, we have to have a check-up every six months. I had high blood pressure and a knot was on my neck. The doctors wanted me to go

to a specialist, but I didn't go. Two months later the doctors wanted me to take another x-ray. They said I had a blockage and I might be in for real trouble. It could cause me to have a stroke.

I was praying and I requested prayer from the saints . . . Two days before I was to go for the test again, the Lord touched my body and I felt so good. It really blessed my soul.

When I went back they couldn't find a blockage or anything. Praise the Lord, I know He is a deliverer. I thank the Saints for their prayers. Our pastor, Brother Bruner and Sister Bruner, are always here ready to pray or be a blessing to us day or night. Thank the Lord for all He has done for me. Pray much for me and the Saints here in Sandusky.

Christian love, —Sis. Thelma Philon

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OK—Greetings in Jesus' name: Although I am an invalid, in the night the Lord talks to me. Last night it was, "Count your MANY blessings, name them one by one." The Lord is so precious. I want the saints to know the Lord has blessed me in many, many ways. He gives us eyes to see, mouths to talk, food to eat and a roof over our head.

I was in a nursing home three months, and the Lord gave me things to say and songs to sing to the nurses. I'm like Moses, I have a stammering tongue, but I am willing to tell the people what God has done for me.

I'm home once again, I can't walk, but I don't hurt hardly ever. That is such a great blessing. I couldn't read for a while, but I read two chapters in my Bible this morning. I had prayed so much for that. I should have read more while my eyes were better. I'm not asking the Lord to heal me if He sees He can get more good out of me like this. I can go outside sometimes in the sunshine, watch nature and birds. That is such a blessing. I have a dear husband who waits on me and a dear sister who comes in every morning to care for my personal needs.

Those of you that are well, you will come to a crossroad sometime, too. Be where you can pray to God for help! I can't get out and go, but I can pray for my family and the sick. I want to be a peacemaker. I would like to hear more of the Bible read to me. Oh, if I could write, I could go on and on. Remember us when you pray, please.

—Sister Grace Roberts

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OK—Dear Saints: I am rejoicing this morning and want to tell how precious and longsuffering Jesus is. I want to tell of the years He worked with me and of His love to this piece of clay

that is nothing, and could never be anything without Him.

I was raised by parents that knew the truth but quit going to church when I was very small. I got married at 15 years of age and moved to California. Shortly after I was there, an earthquake woke me in the night. I thought it was the end of time, and oh, how it scared me. The Lord started working with me and I thought, "Lord, I can't live saved with a Catholic husband." I would lose him and I was already scared in that big city. I didn't think I could take care of myself. I pushed the Lord away for a few years.

When my daughter was growing up, the Lord started dealing with me again. I thought, "No, Lord, I can't dress my daughter strict like I had to dress when I was growing up." I wasn't around any saints' children when I was small and was made fun of by the other children all through school. I had very unhappy school years. I didn't want to put my daughter through that. I want to say here, I am reaping for that now, and I think it is very important, if at all possible, to have the saints' children in the saints' school. Anyway, I thought, "Not now, Lord, maybe when my daughter is grown up." The Lord left me again.

Later I was divorced and moved back to Missouri and my daughter got married. The Lord came to me again. I let the Lord know if I lived by some of the saints, maybe I would live for Him. After a while He moved me next door to Sis. Ruth Murphey. Then the Lord came to me again. I said I couldn't live saved because pant uniforms were required where I worked and that was the only kind of work I knew. So the Lord left me again. Then I got arthritis so bad that I had to quit work. I was put on Social Security disability so I didn't have to work out.

In the meantime, I had been with a fellow for the last ten years. He made up for all my unhappy past. He was so good to me, and oh, I loved him so very much, I was so very happy. The Lord came to me again. He reminded me of the last 40 years. My daughter was grown, I didn't have to work out, I lived next door to a saint and now was the time to give my life to Him. I thought, "Oh, Lord, how can I give up this man that I love so much?" What a terrible feeling went over me. I knew the Lord would never work with me again, so I told the Lord if He would help me, I would give up this man for Him.

I got saved and the devil started fighting me. He didn't want to give me up. This went on for about three years, but I knew I wasn't going to let go no matter how miserable I was. Then

the Lord came to me again and blessed me. He gave me victory. Thank God, He sanctified me and has given me joy and happiness like I never knew of before in all my life. It is so precious to live for the Lord. I can't keep back the tears from flowing when I think of how He stayed with me and took care of me all those years. Oh, how He loved me to do that. I am much ashamed of my past, but He has forgiven me for all. This is written to lift up my Savior.

I want to thank all the Saints that were praying for me those three years. I want to report I have victory and want nothing more in this world than to please my Lord. Oh, how I do love Him and feel so unworthy of His love. "If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him, I could not enough my blessed Lord adore." Pray for me that I will know His will for me in all things. I want to always say, "Yes, Lord, whatever is your will."

Love and prayers,

—Sis. Vi Gibson

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OK—Dear Saints: My life has been turned around due to the Lord giving me salvation. I want to write and show my thankfulness and gratitude towards God and for the unity that the congregation here [Guthrie] has given me. I feel so much more alive than I did before I was saved.

I would like to tell the young people that are not saved and are thinking of stepping out into this old world, that you are going to have a long, nowhere life. I have been there. I used to go to parties and stay out all night with my friends. The ones I called my friends, really weren't my friends. They would use me, steal from me and yet I kept hanging around because I thought it was "cool". I found out that they weren't around when I needed them. Do you know who was around when I needed them? It was the Saints.

I would like you to pray for me, my wife Ruth, her family and my family. I want to make heaven my home. "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." Matthew 18:11.

—Tracy D. Pruitt

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FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

HONDURAS MISSIONARY REPORT

Dear Saints at the Print Shop and abroad: On March 25th, a company of gospel workers departed by plane for Roatan Island, Honduras. The company consisted of Bro. Bernardo Sanders, Bro. Herschel Hargrave, Bro. Louis Kimble and Bro. Keith Fuller. Departure time was 1 P.M. and arrival time was 6 P.M. The gospel compa-

ny was met at Coxen Hole, Roatan, by Sis. Liurie Sanders.

From the airport we took a taxi to Sister Estelle Dilbert's home, where we were met by a company of saints and friends. Here we had a profitable time of Bible study, singing and sharing. On the morning of the 25th, we took a taxi to the town of Politilibite, the home of Sister Sanders.

From Politilibite, we conducted services from Thursday through Saturday in the town of Punta Gorda. In this town, three services were held in a small chapel. Services were well attended by the townspeople and conviction rested heavily in the altar services. There was some altar work.

The third service was a very interesting service for it involved the marriage of an elderly couple. He is 75 and she is 73. Previously, they had expressed a desire to seal their nuptial vows with a preacher officiating. Bro. H. Hargrave conducted the service and it affected the town very pleasantly.

On our last day at Politilibite, Sunday school was conducted with several children in attendance. Following this service, a baptismal service was conducted in the ocean nearby. Several townspeople observed this service.

On Sunday evening, our company went to Coxen Hole where we were in service with Bro. Christman and congregation. A very inspiring message ensued and all in attendance were blessed of the Lord.

On Monday morning we bade the saints at Coxen Hole good-bye and headed by plane for Tela, Honduras, on the mainland. We arrived in LaCeiba where we took a three-hour bus ride to Tela. In Tela, we arrived at the home of Sis. Elsie Costli. That evening, Bro. Hargrave conducted a very profitable Bible study in an assembly where the congregation consisted of a significant group of young people. This service closed out with some very inspiring singing. So enjoyable was our association together until the singing prolonged our service. In fact, we were followed home by some of the young people who desired to tape and learn some of the songs.

On Tuesday, March 31, we took our final bus ride to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, in anticipation of our plane ride back to the United States. On Wednesday, April 1, Bro. Herschel Hargrave returned to Miami, Bro. Louis Kimble and Bro. Keith Fuller returned to New Orleans, and Sis. Sanders returned to Roatan Island.

In review, the Honduras field holds great potential to be a blessing for souls. Contact has been made with brethren who love the truth and desire to see it promulgated in a spirit of unity

and co-laboring together. However, one very great hindrance in the work is transportation. Transportation is expensive as you move from place to place. A truck would be ideal in this respect and presently the need for this truck is great. Please continue to pray with us for all the needs of the Honduras work. We do want to thank all the saints that are sending money toward the purchase of this truck.

Yours in His service,—Bro. Keith A. Fuller
244 Storer Avenue
Akron, Ohio 44320

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From Bendel State, Nigeria . . .

Apr. 6—Dear Sis. Maybelle Pruitt and All the saved: Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus, who is still calling and sending forth labourers into the Vineyard. Praise Him forever!

Thank you for your letter dated February 28, 1987. We deem it a favour and are grateful to hear from the saints regularly.

We are in His service actively and dependably, not with eyeservice as men pleasers, but as servants of Christ doing the will of God from our heart. It is seen that the higher the calling, the harder the discipline fitting one for divine operation. We are glad to intimate, that with the display of vehemence and intensity through going forth in His name, a good many vines growing over the outside wall of the vineyard are being discovered and shown the way to Zion. Praise the Lord.

Join us in prayer to grow more in faith and rise above the fetters of formalism, to a liberty of living truth. The Church must be free from the Laodicean spirit.

Yours to make Christ known,
—Titus U. E. Enu

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From India . . .

Mar. 26—Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: Loving and holy greetings to you all in and through the precious name of our dear Lord and Saviour of the world. We had very good meetings from March 5th to 8th. Brothers from Kerala attended those meetings. Some gave their testimony and some brothers preached the Word of God. Many souls came to the Lord. Some sisters and one brother took water baptism. The meetings ended with many blessings. The brothers who came from Kerala are loving people. We are very thankful to them. They showed their desire to come once more to evangelize these parts. The dear Lord bless them.

—Bro. John Rao

Mar. 27—Our dearly beloved elder sister Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey and the dear brothers and sisters at Guthrie and scattered abroad: Greetings to you all again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God we are all doing fine with the Lord's work. As I was sick, I could not go over to Andhra State to visit Bro. Subhushana Rao, but a few of my co-workers (about 7) went over there instead of me and conducted meetings there. They came back with good reports. May God bless the work there.

We still pray for rain which is the main source of water in the wells to drink and in the fields for irrigation.

With love and prayers, yours in Him,
—John Varghese

In Memorial

Orvil (LEE) Gaines, the youngest child of Helen and Orville Gaines, was born June 23, 1946, Bakersfield, CA, and departed this life Saturday, March 7, 1987, Oakland, CA.

Lee lived in Bakersfield for many years. In 1956 his mother passed away, leaving him to be raised by his loving grandparents, Bro. and Sis. J. K. Blackwell, who cared for him as though he was their own.

In later years he moved to Oakland, CA to join his sisters, Erline and Barbara, to continue a very close and loving relationship that flourished throughout his life. While residing in Oakland he met and later married Ms. Brends Tipton.

Last year in Stockton, CA., Lee felt the need of seeking the Lord at an altar of prayer, and was saved. He took his stand with the saints. Lee remained faithful to the end, which came shortly afterward. He attended the Church of God in Oakland, CA., where Sis. Velma Smith is the pastor. He was so happy, testifying to friends and saints of his new stand. On Saturday March 7, Lee quickly and quietly slipped away to be with the Lord. He was 41 years old.

Lee will be missed by his family and many saints and friends. His mother, father and grandparents preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife Brends Gaines of the home; two step-children, Michael Buford, Reseda, CA and Shelly of Oakland, CA; one grandson, Malcolm of Oakland, CA; one brother, John L. Gaines, San Jose, CA; two sisters, Erline Edwards, Oakland, CA, Barbara Willis, Berkeley, CA; six aunts, Maryetta Pierro, Stock-

ton, CA, Henrietta Francisco, Hazel Davis, Bernice Jackson and Janice Herring, all of Bakersfield, CA, Queen Esther Mason, San Pablo, CA; two uncles, Grant Blackwell, Stockton, CA, Leonard Gaines, Oakland, CA; several nieces, nephews, many cousins and other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Oakland chapel, conducted by Bro. Ronnie Hattley, assisted by Bro. Robert C. Mays and others. He was laid to rest at Mt. View Cemetery, Oakland, CA, to await the general resurrection.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The family of Orvil Lee Gaines wishes to thank each and every one for the love and kindness shown to them during their bereavement.

Your generous support in so many ways has meant so much to us. Without your loving concern, prayers and help from the Lord, our loss would have seemed unbearable. Thanks be to God for the comfort He has given.

A special thanks to the Oakland congregation for your untiring and loving concern shown to Orvil Lee. Your many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness has meant so much to us. May the Lord richly bless each and every one for your faithfulness.

Keep remembering us in your prayers that the Lord will continue to sustain and console our hearts. "God bless you."

—John, Erline, and Barbara Gaines and
The Blackwell Families

Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Will you please discuss the subject of sanctification?

Answer: The questioner in this case has asked for a discussion on Repentance, Justification and Sanctification. This is a good comprehensive question covering the three major steps of our salvation. The first step in salvation is a genuine repentance for sins committed. When this is thorough, complete and genuine, then God injects a faith into the penitent, broken heart to believe in Jesus Christ and His blood atonement for his forgiveness, salvation and the washing away of his sins. Then God, for Christ's sake, justifies the repentant sinner (absolves him from guilt of his committed sins) and counts him innocent in His sight because of his faith in what Christ did.

The forgiving of sins committed is not the sum total of the solution of the sin problem. There is another type of sin we did not commit that every person has, which cannot be repented of because we did not commit it and are in no way responsible for it. It is a genealogical thing. It is transmitted from generation to generation from Adam clear on down through the generations of human kind until now. Sin brought about a change in man's moral nature. In God's moral likeness and image as he was created, he was possessed of "righteousness and true holiness" (Col. 3:10 and Eph. 4:24). Now, instead of this "righteousness and true holiness" he becomes depraved and corrupt in his moral nature (Eph. 4:22, 25-31). The fact that the moral likeness and image of God was effaced from the human soul by this means, is evidenced by the fact that when we obtain the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ we are said to be RENEWED in that image (Col. 3:10). In other words, it is a restoration to the image of God—hence we conclude it had been lost. As a result of this the moral nature of all mankind was affected in this way and became depraved and corrupt. Sin has become universal as a result of the sin of this first pair. (Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Romans 11:32; Galatians 3:22).

The Scriptures conclude something about sin to be hereditary, a depravity of nature to be handed down through the generations of mankind from the original parent. Genesis 5:3 says that Adam begat a son in his own likeness after his image. His moral likeness and image was now depraved and corrupt and he could only transmit what he had. For a thing to be hereditary it must be inherent in a child at birth and not something acquired later on in life. Hence this depravity of nature must be in the infant child at birth. Thus we see that the infant child just born is already one step below the plane on which God created man in His own likeness after His image. However, we must not confuse this hereditary sin, or seed of sin, or principle of sin with sin acquired or committed—one's actual transgressions for which he repents when seeking salvation. Some find the idea of our inheriting a seed of sin objectionable on the grounds that they cannot conceive of an infant child just born into the world being a guilty sinner. That is exactly right, but just what these people are doing is confusing sin inherited with sin acquired or committed.

Inherited sin is never productive of guilt. Even though the infant child possesses within him the germ or seed of sin from his first parent, Adam, he remains in a state of perfect innocence before God until he reaches an age of accounta-

bility to know right from wrong and by an act of his own free will does the wrong thing. This is confirmed by a Scripture in James 4:17, "Therefore to him that KNOWETH to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." But he had to KNOW it before it became sin to him. Further in John 3:19, Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." NOTE: the condemnation and guilt came when the light (knowledge of right and wrong) came to them and they rejected the right and chose to continue in the wrong. When the child comes to the age of accountability before God and falls into willful disobedience to God's law and becomes guilty of sin and a partaker of the sinful life, this is more than just the nature or principle, which in itself is not productive of guilt, but is the fruit of that nature or the projection of it into a way of life of actual sins committed which brings guilt and condemnation upon the soul. This, then, takes him a second step lower than the plane on which man was created.

God devised a plan of salvation by which man is restored back to the Edenic state in which man was created in the likeness and image of God and which was lost when sin entered into this world by the willful choice of our foreparents and by this they apostatized from God (Gen. 3:1, etc.). And not only so, but this sin brought about a change in man's moral nature and it became depraved and corrupt instead of the righteousness and true holiness he had possessed before. Further, this morally depraved nature was transmitted to all generations of the human race (Gen. 5:3; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12).

Now, it must be evident unto all that there are just as many steps going up the stairs as there were coming down. Since man has fallen two distinct steps below his created state, it would surely be evident that there would be two separate, distinct steps in his getting back to the original state in the likeness and image of God. Indeed there are two parts to our salvation; two separate and distinct works of grace—justification and sanctification. Justification is the first step up and is the forgiveness and absolving from guilt of all of our actual sins which we have committed when we properly repent of them and put our faith in the merits of the all-atoning blood of Jesus Christ for salvation. But it does not deal with that inherent depravity. Neither could it, because we could not repent of it inasmuch as we were in no way responsible for it. Neither is it possible to recognize it so long as our conscience is crowded with guilt and condemnation for unforgiven sins. But after we

are justified and absolved from guilt and are at peace with God and our burden of sin gone, it is then in our efforts to live a holy life according to New Testament standards that we become aware of the conflict going on within us.

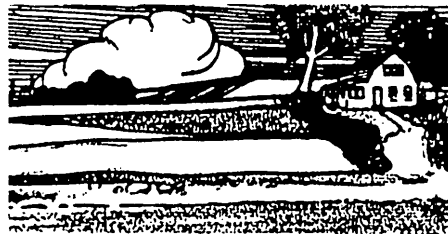
The sanctifying work and grace of God is ordained in God's plan of salvation to meet this need and purge out that old depravity of nature and purify the heart and affections and fill us with the Holy Spirit as an indwelling, abiding comforter and empowering us to meet all our problems of life and overcome them and enabling us to live a victorious, triumphant holy life according to New Testament standards. Then it must be evident unto all that one's salvation is not complete without this second grace. Some have lost out entirely with God because they did not press on into this experience when they became conscious of its need. When one becomes conscious of a real conflict within as they endeavor to live a holy life pleasing to God, then they are face to face with a decision in their Christian experience; either go on and die out to the self life and consecrate his life to God for divine service and sacred use and lay himself on the altar of sacrifice or service, or draw back unto perdition (Heb. 10:39). It is either go on or go back; we cannot remain the same from that point.

Hebrews 10:14 says, "He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified." We see here that sanctification is the completion of our salvation. Hence; we can never say we are complete without this experience. In Acts 15:8, 9, we find that God gave the Gentiles the Holy Spirit even as He had given Him to the Jews on Pentecost and PURIFIED their hearts by faith. Justification delivers from the power of sin and cleans up and purifies the outward life, but it takes a definite inner working of the Holy Spirit in the heart to purify the heart from its inherent depravity. This is what sanctification is: a genuine, thorough cleansing of the heart by the Holy Spirit and then taking up His abode in the heart thus cleansed.

One is justified through repentance. One is sanctified through consecration and faith. They are different works obtained by different means and having different objectives. In Romans 12:1 we are instructed to present our bodies (our lives) a living sacrifice to God (entire consecration) and verse 2 says, that we might prove what is that good, acceptable, perfect will of God. And I Thess. 4:3 says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." In Romans 15:16 we read "That the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Here again we see that sanctification is

a work of the Holy Spirit and that there is an "OFFERING UP" (consecration) connected with it on our part.

HOME LIFE



To have a happy home is not an impossibility. Because they are few is not proof that there are none. Dotted here and there over this great wide world is a happy home. These are the sacred refuges of life; these are the bright oases in the desert waste; these are the fertile spots where the flowers bloom, birds sing, and the sun always shines.

It is not flaming chandeliers, rich draperies, oriental rugs, over-stuffed furniture, gilded halls and granite stairs that make a home happy. It is all told in one word and that word is LOVE. Where love is, there is happiness. Poverty can not drive happiness from the home where love sways her gentle scepter over the hearts of all that are in the home.

Our homes are like instruments of music. The grace of God will tune all the hearts into a beautiful harmony. Just one discordant heart jars through the whole home and breaks up the sweet harmony and happiness. Where every member is tuned in with God and with each other, there you will find more of heaven than can be found anywhere on earth. The grace and love of God is needed and must be had to have a cheerful, happy home, and all that is noble, manly and purest in us is also needed. There will be many things that must be resisted. There are many little duties, attentions, and considerations that must be faithfully given. That home can not be happy where there is a stern, rigid hand holding all in its grip. There must be freedom, liberty, not to sin, but to the bouyancy of happy, innocent spirits. No unhallowed thing must be allowed in the home, but there is a certain merriment, and innocent cheerfulness that is not unhallowed. The little girls play good-naturedly with their dolls and never unhal-low a home. Music of the right sort sheds a benign influence over the soul, and cheers and brightens the home. Let innocence be free, but keep sin out. When sin comes in, God goes out. One of the evils that often come into homes is

that of disrespect, lack of esteem and courtesy. The gruff "yes" or "no" of the members one to another, in answer to inquiries, leads to unpleasant consequences and chills the atmosphere of the home. The tone in which words are spoken and the manner in which acts are done has much to do with the happiness of the home. When a child calls upon the parent to give some instruction, or to give a little aid in some way, the aid can be given in such a cold, indifferent way, which says, "Now that is done and please don't trouble me again soon." You make a sad mistake if you think the little acts of affection, the words of gentleness, the smiles and little courtesies are to be given only when company comes into the home. Resist all cold, careless, indifferent, unthoughtful feelings and let interest, courtesy, kindness, attention, esteem, consideration, self-denial and love reign supreme.

—C. E. Orr

How to Know God's Will

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knowledge, we are already prepared to know the will of God in the present. Everything that comes to us will in this manner enable us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God.

Signs and Manifestations

Sometimes we may be impressed to ask God to give us some sign to make His will known to us, and we may be reminded that Gideon did so and obtained the desired effect. One might, for example, ask God to cause one's Bible to open at the proper place, and to direct one's eye or finger to a particular verse, and then accept the contents as a special revelation of the divine will under the circumstances. Some of God's people have testified that they have been guided in this way while in some deep perplexity. God is surely able so to guide us if He chooses, but the fact that this may have been the experience of some does not warrant our making it a practise. Gideon had his experience with the fleece when there was but dim light upon the Word of God, and that may have been about the only way whereby he could find out what was the will of God in the emergency. Today we are in the clear light of the Holy Spirit dispensation and have the illuminated pages of the Word.

It is not safe to take just one verse of the Bible for guidance at all times; for although the Spirit does often illuminate just one verse for our special benefit on some occasion, yet to make it a practise to ask for guidance in this particular way exposes us to the tricks of the

enemy. The Word of God must be taken as a whole, not in part. To isolate one or more verses from the rest is not safe. For example, some one feeling despondent may decide to seek guidance by taking the first verse in the Bible that he may see. Since he has no promise nor warrant that the book will fall open at the right place, there is danger of his eyes' lighting on the verse telling that Judas betrayed Jesus or that he went out and hanged himself. If this happens, the despondent soul, not feeling altogether satisfied, may try it again. This time his eyes may fall upon the text, "Go thou and do likewise"—advice which, if obeyed in this circumstance, would result in eternal ruin. The safe course to follow in a case of despondency is to make use of the knowledge already given that there are many appropriate texts for those in trial. These should be sought out, prayed over, meditated upon, and believed until the gloom is dispelled.

Truly, we can say with the dear old Psalmist, "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Psalm 73:24.

—J. W. Byers

How a Faithful Minister Should Preach

A minister who is loyal will preach the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. He will not crush, misrepresent, or expand the meaning of any text for favor, financial interest, or fear of displeasing the people.

Jesus, our example, fearlessly expounded the truth. In His preaching He cared for neither the frowns nor the smiles of any one. "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." The scribes delivered their messages like a schoolboy would recite his lesson, but Christ spoke to the people with the authority of a magistrate, yet at the same time His words were characterized by meekness and love. In Luke 4:32, we read that "they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power." There was weight in every word that He uttered, imparting divine revelations of truth to those who heard Him. At one time the rulers sent a body of officers to capture Christ, but they returned without Him, and said, "Never man spake like this man." They could "neither gainsay nor resist" His words, for never before had they heard a person speak with such wisdom and power, and with such convincing clearness.

He excelled Moses, and all the prophets, and in this age of progress and learning, his example

still stands out in bold relief against the modern methods of preaching.

Fellow workers, after whom will you pattern? Will you take for your only model the example of Jesus Christ?

—N. S. Duncan

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What Some Men Have Said About Preaching

"Send your audience away with a desire for, and an impulse toward spiritual improvement, or your preaching will be a failure."

—Edward Goulburn

"A strong and faithful pulpit is no mean [small] safeguard of a nation's life."

—John Hall

"It requires as much reflection and wisdom to know what is not to be put into a sermon, as what is."

—Richard Cecil

"A popular preacher once said of his pulpit efforts, 'I always roar when I have nothing to say.'"

—Martin Luther

"The preacher should be positive, but not dogmatic; tender, but not sentimental; scholarly, but not pedantic [formal]; simple but not commonplace; impassioned, but yet graceful. Believing with all his heart in the reality and deadly power of sin, in the peril of the ungodly, and in the gospel as the only adequate remedy for a ruined race, he should try to make his fellow-men believe the same; and by his tremendous earnestness, by the contagion of his own faith, he would succeed."

—Abraham Fuller

"The meanness [humbleness] of the earthen vessel which conveys to others the gospel treasure, takes nothing from the value of the treasure. A dying hand may sign a deed of gift of incalculable value. A shepherd's boy may point out the way to a philosopher. A beggar may be the bearer of an invaluable present."

—Richard Cecil

"I love a serious preacher, who speaks for my sake and not for his own; who seeks my salvation, and not his own vainglory. He best deserves to be heard who uses speech only to clothe his thoughts, and his thoughts only to promote truth and virtue. Nothing is more detestable than a professed declaimer, who retails his discourses as a quack does his medicine."

—Jean Massillon

"To love to preach is one thing; to love those to whom we preach, quite another."

—Richard Cecil

It makes all the difference in the world what kind of witnesses we are.

—Selected



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"There are many today who are sleeping, as it were, on the brink of eternal woe. The devil is causing many to look around and get their eyes off God. We cannot afford to let the things we see and hear affect us in our walk with God. Get your eyes on Jesus and keep them there. Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

—M. F. Williamson

"I want to thank all of the dear saints for the good testimonies that they have put in the *Faith and Victory* paper. I get it every month, and I do enjoy reading it. I know that God is real because we can see what He does for His children. Praise His dear name!"

—Utson Platt

"Dear Ones, we are ambassadors for Christ. We have what the people need. In Old Mexico there is a demand for the gospel—something that will satisfy the needs of the people. There is a demand for the free, plain, simple, soul-saving Word of God in all its fullness, given unselfishly in all its purity. Yes, we have what the people need. WILL WE SUPPLY IT?"

—Harland H. Smith

"I can't ever thank the dear Lord for all He did for us during our recent sickness. Our three children were sick with the mumps, chickenpox, and the three-day measles while my husband and I had the flu. But I took pneumonia with mine . . . But the Great Physician healed all of us."

—Nelva and Lincoln Stanley