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### "My Lord and I"



(Sung under the rocks and in the caves of France during  
the fierce persecution of the Huguenots, 300 years ago.)

I have a Friend so precious,  
So very dear to me  
He loves me with such tender love,  
He loves so faithfully.  
I could not live apart from Him;  
I love to feel Him nigh,  
And so we dwell together—  
My Lord and I.

Sometimes I'm faint and weary;  
He knows that I am weak,  
And as He bids me lean on Him,  
His help I'll gladly seek.  
He leads me in the paths of light,  
Beneath a sunny sky,  
And so we walk together—  
My Lord and I.

He knows how much I love Him;  
He knows I love Him well,  
But with what love He loved me,  
My tongue can never tell.  
It is an everlasting love,  
In over-rich supply,  
And so we love each other—  
My Lord and I.

I tell Him all my sorrows,  
I tell Him all my joys,  
I tell Him all that pleases me,  
I tell Him what annoys.  
He tells me what I ought to do,  
He tells me what to try,  
And so we talk together—  
My Lord and I.  
He knows how I am longing  
Some weary soul to win.  
And so He bids me go and speak  
A loving word for Him.  
He bids me tell His wondrous love,  
And why He came to die,  
And so we work together—  
My Lord and I.

I have His yoke upon me,  
And easy 'tis to bear.  
In the burden which He carries  
I gladly take a share.  
For then it is my happiness  
To have Him always nigh;  
We bear the yoke together—  
My Lord and I.

Attend National Campmeeting, July 17 to July 26, Neosho (Monark Springs), MO.

## Belief — Unbelief

In the prayer that Christ prayed at the tomb of Lazarus, something of importance to us was said. "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always . . ." John 11:41, 42. This prayer revealed a definite confidence which Christ had in His Father. The words, "I knew that thou hearest me always" especially reveal this. The secret to this constant faith is found in the nature of Christ's life. The nature of Christ's life is found in His sacrificial life, His self-denial, His submission to God, His purity and His obedience. This kind of life produced the faith and the miracle that followed.

"Christ liveth in me," said the apostle Paul in Galatians 2:20. Because Christ is our life and our example, it must then follow that we will get the same faith. "I knew that thou hearest me." In other words, the life of Christ in us produces the same fruit of faith. The reason why many never reach this place of confidence is because they do not pay the price to follow Jesus. The nature of His life and death must be in us. Song number 202 in the *Evening Light Songs* states that He gives me even His faith, His life and His love. Observe also that faith is a fruit of the Spirit of God. (Galatians 5:22).

The Spirit of God will only lead a saint of God into the life of Christ. All of the fruits of the Spirit were fruits that Jesus had. Jesus was given the Spirit without measure. The Spirit in His life not only produced the fruits of the Spirit, but also through the eternal Spirit He "offered himself without spot to God" Hebrews 9:14. The Spirit of God is never going to lead you where He did not lead Christ. In I John 5:8, it says that the Spirit and the blood agree. We are to live under the blood of Christ every moment. If we find ourselves moving outside of the leadership of the Spirit, we lose the power of the blood to keep us. You see, the blood and the Spirit agree in one.

In I John, chapter three, we have a whole chapter devoted to the sacrificial love of God. A pivotal thought in the chapter is the identity of the dying love of Christ and the love we have for the brethren. Because He laid down His life for us, we ought to lay down our life for the brethren. In other words, our mode of love is the measure of His love. This love is truly manifested in deed and in truth. It produces a life of obedience to the will of God.

Then as Jesus assured His heart before God in constant confidence, in the same Spirit of His life so can we. I John 3:21, 22 says, "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we con-

fidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." This unwavering confidence only comes in the obedience of Jesus' life.

If perfect obedience is our avenue to faith, then disobedience and rebellion is the reason for unbelief. An obedient heart simply trusts God. A disobedient heart not only does not but cannot lift its heart in perfect trust to a holy God who frowns on all disobedience. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. You see, God places a condition on His promises. Abide in Christ.

Our approach to God is always through faith. We "must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6. The children of Israel according to Hebrews 3:9-19 did not enter into rest because of unbelief. The source of their unbelief is given. They erred in their heart. They were hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. They did not know God's ways, and their evil heart of unbelief caused them to depart from God. Unbelief is evil and the cause of separation from God.

In Numbers 11:4, the Scripture says the mixed multitude with Israel fell a lusting and the people started murmuring again. The lust was for things which pertained to their bondage in Egypt. Egypt is a type of sin and the world. Sin in the heart caused them to depart from the living God. They never knew His ways. Hence, they never reached Canaan land.

These things were written for our admonition and example. Anything retained in the heart contrary to the will of God and the life of Christ will hinder faith. Positive thinking is not faith. It is the product of man. However, God instills faith as we live an obedient life. He inspires it. Some people have foolish faith. This faith is not the product of a godly life, but quite the contrary. It is a product of one who attempts to dare God and trust without perfect obedience.

If we have the life which came from the seed that fell into the ground and died two thousand years ago, we will be able to have the confidence of Jesus. The life of Christ is contrary to the age we are living in with its lust for material things, comfort, ambition, pride, power and etc. Few there be in the midst of these surroundings who really enter into the humility of Christ's life. We are not of this world even as He was not of this world. There is a rest of faith in Jesus. Fellowship with the world will preclude us from entering in. To those who have entered into the sanctified life, there is a remarkable increase in faith as they cast them-

selves recklessly out into the will of God. Let me conclude with a portion of song which brings out this truth, "And now I have flung myself recklessly out, like a chip on the stream of the Infinite Will. I pass the rough rocks with a smile and a shout, and I just let my God His dear purpose fulfill. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! my soul is now free! . . ." Amen.

—Keith Fuller

### **"Be Ye Therefore Perfect"**

When we first consider this thought, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father, which is in heaven is perfect", Matt. 5:48, we immediately think this is impossible. But here is a Scripture that says we are to be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect! So it must be possible, even though we hear people say "no man is perfect." But is this Scriptural? We should look to God's Word and not man's word.

In II Chron. 16:9 we read, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." "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. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil," Prov. 3:5-7. "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee: but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever," I Chronicles 28:9.

So we see it is in the eyes of the Lord that we can be perfect through the condition of the perfect heart towards him. As Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind", Matt. 22:37. If we do this, we have the Lord before us continually, guiding and directing us through the Holy Spirit in everything we do. He will even direct our thoughts, if our hearts are perfect towards Him.

Those who say, "no one is perfect", should note Gen. 6:9, "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." I Kings 15:14, ". . . nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days." Job 1:8, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" These were perfect men in their day, so it must be possible.

There may be times that we offend others unwittingly, but God knows that in our hearts there was no ill intent. As soon as we are aware of this offence we should immediately try to make reconciliation. If we are slack in making the reconciliation, it may become a sin to us because we are not acting in obedience to God's will. The reason the other person may have been offended is because perhaps their heart was not perfect before the Lord, and Satan will use every device to make us feel wronged and cause dissension at every opportunity. If he looks long enough, man can probably find what he considers a fault in us. But what one man considers a fault or imperfection, another may consider a virtue. This is the fallibility of man's thinking. What God sees in our hearts is that with which we should be concerned. "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts," Prov. 21:2.

—Joyce Hall

### **What Some Men Have Said About Anger**

"Anger begins in folly, and ends in repentance." —Pythagoras (Greek philosopher)

"He that would be angry and sin not, must not be angry with anything but sin."

—Thomas Secker

"A man . . . makes his inferiors his superiors by heat." —R. W. Emerson

"There is not in nature a thing that makes man so deformed, so beastly, as doth intemperate anger." —John Webster

"To be angry about trifles is mean and childish; to rage and be furious is brutish; and to maintain perpetual wrath is akin to the practice and temper of devils; but to prevent and suppress rising resentment is wise and glorious, is manly and divine." —Isaac Watts

"Men often make up in wrath what they want in reason." —William Alger

"When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry." —Thomas Halburton

"He who can suppress a moment's anger may prevent a day of sorrow."

—Tryon Edwards

"The intoxication of anger, like that of the grape, shows us to others, but hides us from ourselves. We injure our own cause in the opinion of the world when we too passionately defend it." —Caleb Colton

"Violence in the voice is often only the death rattle of reason in the throat."

—John Boyes

"When passion is on the throne reason is out of doors." —Matthew Henry

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## EDITORIALS

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We send this July issue out with thankfulness in our hearts for God's continued blessings upon us.

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

The Lord willing, Aunt Maybelle Pruitt and others, will operate the bookstore on the Monark Springs campground during the July meeting. Many books and tracts will be in stock there. Those who purchase literature there will be saved the expense of postage and handling. The bookstore will be open between services.

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On July 24 we received our shipment of *Evening Light* Songbooks from the bookbinders. We will soon have all the hold orders for the songbook mailed out. We thank you for your patience during the delay.

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The Cottonwood Creek which flows through Guthrie, and every so often floods, did so again on May 28. Though it came close, the flood water did not get into the Print Shop building, for which we are certainly grateful. The house which Bro. Bob and Sis. Leah Wilson were living in was flooded approximately 4 inches on the inside. The Church of God Chapel, 6th and West Warner, received 31 inches of water in it. The dining hall, located on the same property, was inundated with 43 inches of water. Needless to say, it required a lot of work to clean up and repair in preparation for the Oklahoma State Camp Meeting which began 14 days later.



View of the floodwaters in front of the Print Shop.



Looking across the street from the Print Shop.

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May the Lord help each one to have the love, concern and knowledge to know how to take not only our brother, but the sinner, by the hand and not the throat. —Wayne Murphey

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### At Press Time

Word has been received of the passing of Bro. Paul Cole of Neosho, MO. Bro. Paul suffered a heart attack and passed away in the early morning hours of June 25. He left a good testimony. He will be missed by many and especially his wife, Sis. Carol and their children. We offer our heart-felt sympathy to them. If you would like to send your condolences to the family, address your correspondence to: Sis. Carol Cole, Rt. 7, Box 327, Neosho, MO 64850.

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For the national campmeeting,  
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### Prayer Requests

VA—Because of a fall Nannie Connell has a sprained arm and needs prayer.

VA—Sis. Lillian Bohannon needs prayer.

OK—Sis. Eva Penner hurt her left leg; she desires prayer.

NY—Pray for Sis. Mae E. Smith's complete healing.

CA—Pray with me about some unspoken requests.

—Loretta Harmon

IN—Please remember Olga Bokrandt in prayer. Her eyes are bad; also has high blood pressure. Pray for her family.

OK—Lenard Marler desires prayer for the cancer on his head.

LA—Mrs. Lou Little fell and hurt herself. Please pray for her.

TX—"Remember my husband, he is sick; also my daughter-in-law who has cancer."

—Sis. Louise Strickland

AL—"I have two very urgent requests for prayer."

—Leora Frink

CA—Pray earnestly for Sis. Thomasene Pierro. She has several serious afflictions and desires healing to rear her two young sons; also for encouragement.

MO—Pray for the healing of Eathel Hill.

LA—"I still need prayer but thank God for how He has helped me. Pray for my daughter and her son who need healing."

—Beulah Johnson

CA—Please remember Sis. R. L. Reavis in prayer. At times she has severe chest pains; also some digestive problems.

MS—"I have arthritis and suffer so much; also I hurt myself and have other ailments. Pray for me."

—Novella Pugh

Nigeria—"I need prayer for my healing of a physical need."

—Patride Ogoro

It is a wonderful privilege to trust God and we desire all who will, to be agreed in prayer for all of these requests. We receive many requests so those that are not mentioned here, God knows about them. Please include my brother, Claude Miles in your prayers. He is very ill.

—Maybelle Pruitt

## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### Camp Meeting Dates for 1987

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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### NATIONAL CAMP MEETING MONARK SPRINGS, MISSOURI

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, July 17-26, 1987. We look forward to another camp meeting and invite all to come. Please pray for the meeting. Our sole purpose is to worship the Lord in spirit and truth. The result of spiritual worship is strengthening of the saints and a reaching out to the lost with the gospel message. Do pray for the salvation of souls in this meeting!

The Monark Springs Campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri. It is one mile east and  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of the intersection of highway 86 and highway 71 Alternate.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may take a taxi to the campground or telephone 472-6427 (Granby, MO) for free transportation.

All expenses of the meeting are met by freewill offerings. No one should stay away because of lack of finances. God will supply as needs arise. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space, tents and trailer spots are available on the campground on a first-come-first-served basis.

Sister Deloris Bradley is responsible for tent orders and dormitory space. Requests for accommodations should be addressed to her at Rt. 1, Box 28, Bartlett, KS 67332, Phone (316) 226 3390.

We welcome you to another camp meeting at Monark Springs.

—Bro. Jim Wall, Business Manager,  
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On the Monark Springs campground  
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Lovers of the truth are found,  
Doctrine that is pure and sound.

Saints of God in modest dress,  
Unconformed to worldliness,  
Meet, God's holy name to bless,  
As He wills, in holiness.

On this sacred ground they meet,  
In God's love embrace and greet;  
Fellowship both pure and sweet  
Flows from heart to heart replete.

Shouts of glory rend the air,  
Heav'nly anthems rich and rare,  
Purity seems ev'rywhere;  
'Tis like heaven to be there.

Saints come in from far and near,  
How it fills our hearts with cheer  
Just to see their faces dear,  
When camp meeting time is here.

Father has His table spread,  
Breaks to us the living bread;  
Those who serve are Spirit-led,  
All who're hungry will be fed.

'Tis a pure delight to share  
Testimony, song, and prayer;  
We have joy beyond compare,  
For we feel God's presence there.

What a blessing just to be  
Part of God's great family,  
Where there's peace and harmony,  
And love flows so warm and free.

When the season rolls around  
'Tis so precious to be found  
With the saints all vict'ry-crowned,  
On the Monark Springs campground.

—Harlan Sorrell

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**MISSOURI STATE CAMP MEETING**

The Missouri State Camp Meeting held at Myrtle, Mo., will begin, Lord willing, on Monday, July 27, and continue through the following Sunday, August 2, 1987.

We extend a warm welcome to all to come and worship with us. Come praying that the Lord will give us a Holy Spirit filled meeting that will meet the needs of every soul present. We realize that such a meeting cannot be worked up but must be prayed down. We want sinners to be saved, believers sanctified, the sick healed and the saints edified. We are trusting the Lord to send ministers of His choosing to labor in this meeting.

The Myrtle meeting begins on the day after the Monark Springs National Camp Meeting ends, making it convenient for those who wish to drive on over to Myrtle from Monark Springs, a distance of about 200 miles. The campground phone number is (417) 938 4682.

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

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**BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA CAMP MEETING**

The Bakersfield Camp Meeting will be held, Lord willing, Aug. 7-16. Everyone is welcome to come and attend these services. The saints are urged to come and hold up the banner of salvation through Jesus Christ the only hope of mankind. We will sincerely appreciate your support, your presence and your prayers that the anointing of the Holy Spirit will rest upon these services, and that the Lord will send the ministers of His choosing to minister to and be ministered unto.

Meals and lodging accommodations for all will be provided. Parking space for campers, motorhomes, etc., is available on the grounds.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Mays, 421 S. Brown St., Bakersfield, CA 93307, (805) 325 2730, or Bro. Archibale Sherman, 3400 Rayburn Way, Bakersfield, CA 93306, (805) 871 1636. The church address is: 1802 Virginia Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93307. Phone (805) 395 9314 or (805) 395 1554.

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**TENT MEETING AT WYANDOTTE, OKLAHOMA**

The Lord willing, and conditions permitting, there will be a revival tent meeting, August 17-23, 1987, two miles east of Wyandotte, OK, on highway US 60 and state highway 10 junction at the Grove turnoff at Weldon's Store. Bro. Egbert Allen, and Bro. James Bruner plan to be in the meeting, and are expecting other ministers to be free to help also in the meeting. There will be plenty of trailer space at the home of Sister Doris Bowers which is nearby. For further information write Bro. Egbert Allen, Rt. 2, Box 382, Norwood, MO 65717. Phone (417) 746 4250, or write or call Sister Doris Bowers, Rt. 2, Box 14, Wyandotte, OK 74370. Phone (918) 678 2603.

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**CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING**

The California State Camp Meeting will convene, Lord willing, August 28 through September 6, 1987. The campgrounds are located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA. Phone: (818) 899 9021.

Accommodations will be provided for all who attend. The expense of the meeting will be met by freewill offerings.

For further information, contact Brother Robert Sherman, Phone (818) 896 7593 or Brother James Pierro, Phone (818) 896 5331 or Brother James Kutra, Phone (714) 626 4267.

Come praying for souls.—Bro. James Kutra

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#### BOLEY, OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the camp meeting of the Church of God will convene August 23 through August 30, 1987, in Boley, Oklahoma.

We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost filled ministers and workers of His own choice to work in the meeting.

We extend a warm welcome to all nations. "Come now, and let us reason together." Isaiah 1:18. Come praying the Lord will send a Holy Spirit meeting, and there will be a harvesting of souls. On Saturday afternoon we plan a street meeting and would appreciate the young saints to help in this meeting in passing out tracts, etc.

There will be two services daily, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sundays will be all-day service. We will be looking forward to seeing you in Boley.

For more information, contact Sis. Anna May Thompson, Rt. 1, Box 71A, Boley, OK 74829. Phone (918) 667 3648.

Prayerfully submitted,

—Katherine Williams, 905 N.E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73104. Phone (405) 235 2270.

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#### NOWATA, OKLAHOMA REVIVAL

The Church of God at Nowata, Oklahoma, is planning on having a revival meeting starting September 11, 1987. It will continue as the Lord leads. Bro. Danny Layne will be the evangelist.

For further information, contact Brother Clarence Fry at (918) 273 3890.

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#### WICHITA, KANSAS FALL MEETING NOTICE

Lord willing, Wichita plans to have their fall meeting starting Sunday, September 20th through Sunday the 27th. We are looking to the Lord to lead in every way. The chapel is located at 1701 No. Ash Street.

For further information you may contact Bro. Keith Marsh, 501 Topaz, Wichita, KS 67209. Phone: (316) 722 8114.

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Every mistake is a step toward success, because every detection of what is false or erroneous helps us to find what is true.

R. L. Berry

#### From the Mailbox . . .

WV—Dear Sister Maybelle: Please renew my subscription for a year and use the rest where it is needed. I do not want to miss a single copy. I enjoy reading them. It is like hearing from all my family. God bless you all.

Love and prayers, —Gertrude Smith

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KS—Dear Ones at the press: In Jesus' name I write this. I am saved and living to what I know of His Word. I never tire of reading His Word. My desire is to go on until the end with my Lord and Savior.

I would like to request prayer for my mother-in-law in Ohio who has just had surgery for cancer. She reads the *Faith and Victory*. I have family who are unsaved. Do remember them.

May I always be found in His will, a faithful servant of His.

—Sister Martha East

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AR—Dear Saints of God everywhere: Greetings of love in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We praise God for saving, guiding and keeping us through the power of His blood, and for His comforting Holy Spirit.

In the process of home schooling our daughter, we recently came across an up-to-date resource and suppliers guide for private and home education. The book has almost 350 pages with 20 pages of suppliers' addresses and phone numbers. The author has brought together under one cover almost every product and resource available, with a description and brief review of each, for home, private or supplemental education. We are finding it helpful in locating materials, curriculum and books for our home school. We thought others might benefit likewise. *The Big Book of Home Learning*, by Mary Pride, 1986, is published by Crossway Books, a division of Good News Publishers, Westchester, Illinois, 60153. It is available at some bookstores and retails for \$17.50.

With Christian love,

—Bob and Lisa Huskey

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WA—To the Saints of the most high God: Greetings in Jesus' name. It is with love and much thanksgiving for the blessings of God and the help of the saints that we send forth this letter.

It is also with much prayer to God, that this letter is sent forth, and that when it is read by those of His children, the Lord may place a burden upon the hearts of some of His dear saints to relocate to the Seattle area to help in the gospel work here. There is a great need for

some consecrated workers that are able to carry a burden for souls, and also be able, by the grace of God, to bear those hardships they may meet with in a new area and a new work. Satan, the enemy of all souls, has fought hard against us in many ways since we have been here, but the Lord has been our shield and our strong high tower. We have conquered the foe in every battle.

Since we have been in Seattle, the Lord has blessed that the gospel seed has been scattered and many souls have been privileged to either hear the truth preached or to read it through literature that has been handed out to them. Also, services have been held at one of the missions.

While writing this letter our thoughts were directed to the sixth chapter of Isaiah. After the Lord had cleansed Isaiah and fitted him for His service, the Lord spoke to him, in the eighth verse. Isaiah said, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I; send me."

If anyone would like to contact us, our address is: 6520 Rainier Ave. So., Seattle, WA, 98118. Phone, (206) 725 6790.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. Charles E. Taylor

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TX—My beloved Brethren: In the name of God, who is all-powerful, I write this letter to salute you and trust that the Lord Jesus Christ is with you.

I am having some pain in my head and my feet because of a fall I had. I was much worse but the Lord Jesus Christ relieved me. I have some problems and ask that you make special prayer for me. Also pray for my brothers Elios and Daniel, my sister Raquel and my family.

Brethren, may God bless each one and give my greetings to all the brethren in general that are in Christ Jesus.

—Magdalene L. Cerna

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### Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

LA—Dear Sis. Maybelle and Saints: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious, holy name. We truly thank and praise God for His wonderful healing to us. Clyde's back is so much better. He is rather tottery and we are trusting God to heal him of that.

I had been having heart trouble and couldn't lie down to rest or sleep. I slept in a recliner chair, but didn't recline as my heart beat so hard. We didn't have help to help me all the time, and Clyde's back was so bad, so a nursing home was suggested. Clyde called the boys and

they and Donald's daughter came and made plans to put us in a nursing home. I suggested the Golden Rule Home. We were taken there, and by faith in God and holding to His promise, God healed me of the heart trouble.

Before, using the walker, I couldn't walk across our living room without my heart beating so hard it was hard to breathe. When God healed me I could go to bed and sleep. The dear Lord helped me to get up and walk without help or the walker. Clyde had said when I got so I could walk alone we would come back home. We truly thank and praise God for all He has done for us. "To God be the glory." We thank all who prayed for us. We are thankful to be home again.

With love and prayers,

—Clyde and Thelma Lea

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CA—Dear Sister Maybelle, all the workers at the Faith Publishing House and to all the Saints abroad: Greetings to all in the dear, precious name of the Lord. Today finds me yet saved, sanctified, satisfied and encouraged to go a little farther and do a little more for Jesus. Praise His holy name. This could be my last and final testimony so I want all of you to know that I am ready and waiting to go home whenever He calls me. I am 88 years old and quite weak.

I never feel that I am alone. The Lord is my comfort by day, my song in the night. What more can I want?

If I never see any of you again, please meet me in heaven.

Love,

—Sis. Flora B. Davis

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MO—Greetings of love to all you Saints at the Print Shop and everywhere else: I greet you all in the sweet name of Jesus.

I look forward to my *Faith and Victory* paper. I am isolated and I get food from the paper. Thank the Lord.

God is real. He has been so good to me. My husband passed away in 1984 and in 1986 I lost my youngest son. Yes, all this has really been hard, but God has been right with me and given me strength.

Let us all stay encouraged and keep the whole armor of God on to fight the wiles of the devil. I want to serve the Lord no matter the price. He trod the road ahead of us and He knows. Pray for me and my family, please.

Love and prayers, —Sis Hettie Clements

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It is only the man who is a living witness in daily life of God and truth that is safe to follow.

## FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From Bendel State, Nigeria . . .

June 10—Dear Sis. Maybelle and the saved: Greetings in the glorious name of Jesus, the most perfect being who ever walked the earth, who in His matchless love brought us into fellowship with Himself. We are a happy lot of people. Amen.

Thank you for your letter dated May 7, 1987. We appreciate the devotion to duty of the workers at the Lord's Print Shop in getting the truth of the Church of God transmitted through the gospel literature (*Faith and Victory*) to the nations of the world. Time is passing so swiftly and someday it will be no more. Let us be in haste to do the little we can for souls before the age is brought to a close.

A combined service was held in Kwale on May 17, 1987, in which six congregations participated, namely: Kwale, Umuachi-Afor, Obetim-Uno, Okpai, Ubah and Agidigbo.

The planting of crops in our farms of this year has ended. We take God at His Word. We rest upon His promise of blessing us with a great harvest this year. Harvest falls due in November and it will surely be abundant and nice.

Crimes are on the increase in Nigeria. Thieves came by night on April 18th, jacked up this writer's car and made away with the tires, which included the rims and tubes. It can be rough at times, but we can always trust God to take care of everything.

I am wishing the on-going camp meetings in the U.S. to close with victory.

Yours in His service, —Titus U. E. Enu

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From Rivers State, Nigeria . . .

Apr. 26—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you and all the saints with you over there, in the precious and most wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter full of faith and encouragement, dated the first of April, 1987. Thanks a lot.

I continue to give thanks to God in particular and to you for the prayers you have been offering on my behalf. I would not have you ignorant of what your prayers have been doing for me. The prayers you offer for me continue to build me stronger. So you should not cease in your daily prayers for me.

We are still praying for all of you in the Faith Publishing House, and remembering you in everything we do. Pray for us too. Thanks.

Yours in Him, —Ben B. Taylor

From India . . .

May 28—Our dearly beloved elder Sister Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey and other dear ones at Guthrie and everywhere in America: Greetings of Christian love to you dear ones again in the glorious name of Jesus.

The congregations in the south and north regions of Kerala, in Tamil Nadu, etc., are going on fine. The needs of the newly opened stations are many. Trichy is the new station opened for our work in Tamil Nadu State. Special care and attention is needed for the expansion of the work there. The building rent and support of the pastor's family are the essential needs there now.

May God bless the camp meetings going on there now. May, June, July and August is the season of spiritual feast in America. May God bless many souls during this period.

We are getting a little bit of rain now, but waiting for heavy rain soon. Our van is getting old and it needs some repair in the work shop. It is the only vehicle for the whole church and so we need to get it repaired soon. May God send help for the repairing expense.

In Kerala State all the schools and colleges reopen on June 1st. Special prayer is needed for the education of our boys and girls.

With love and prayers, —John Varghese

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From the Philippines . . .

May 25—Dear Sister Pruitt and all dear ones in the Faith Publishing family: Warm greetings of love to everyone of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We received your letter with much joy. Thank you so much for your unending love for us.

We were so glad that we were able to buy gasoline for our evangelistic campaign. We have just closed our revival meetings in San Juan and in Palistina. We are planning to start a revival meeting in Puncan, also.

We must be busy in giving attention to the newborn babes in Christ. They are still very weak to stand against the temptations of the world. I thank God for the revival meeting in Palestina. Two young men were restored to the faith and one was baptized. These two boys are brothers in the flesh. They were one time known in the community as trouble makers and drug addicts, but when they learned about God's love on Calvary they submitted themselves to the Lord and were born anew. They became active in serving the Lord. Their lives became a testimony to other young people in the community. Both their parents who were drunkards persecuted them so much because of their faith

until the time came that they were not able to endure, so they went back into sin for several months. They went deeper into sin than ever and seemed it was impossible for them to be saved again. Because of much prayer and encouragement to them, they were restored to the family of God. My heart was overflowing with joy to see precious souls being saved. They are so precious because they were purchased with the lifeblood of Christ.

Again I say thank you for your love for us. Please continue to pray for us as we do for you.

In Christian love, —Matias S. Tanguan

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From Mexico . . .

June 4—Dear Saints: I give thanks to God for the privilege of being able to salute those in the communion of the Holy Spirit and the precious love of Christ who redeemed us and made us one. How precious it is. This is my wish and prayer that you are well in health and that you are rejoicing in the rich blessing of the Lord.

Well, brethren, I have much to tell you of the marvelous things which the Lord has done here in the work of God in Mexico. Most important in the month of April the Lord greatly manifested Himself in a campmeeting we had. One night many people came to the service. We had some souls which came to the altar for help and salvation. God also showed Himself to my boy of four years. He came to me crying and said, "Papa, I want you to pray for me. I want to go to heaven." You cannot know how broken my heart was and the happiness I received.

Esteemed brothers, we appreciate very much your prayers and love for the work in Mexico. Above all, for all those who were able to give offerings for the construction of the church building. Only 20 days before the camp meeting we had no roof on the building and lacked several layers of blocks. When the camp meeting started we had the roof and everything that was necessary to start the meeting. Sure, we had to work a little extra but all of it was for the honor and glory of God.

We are having services as usual, and all the brethren are very encouraged. Please pray for the work in Mexico and especially for us.

Yours in the Lord,

—Mayarino Escobar and family

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From Ghana . . .

June 6—Dear Bro. Murphey and Sis. Pruitt: It is a pleasure for us to know we are workers together with Christ. We send you news here from Ghana.

We have just completed a three-day prayer and fasting meeting. It was to petition the Lord to save the lost and backsliding souls, and to renew our relationship in the Lord. In the end there was many nice testimonies, even some from those outside the church.

We are going to have a crusade in one of our nearby villages called Saneso. It will be for three days beginning next Friday.

The Wenchi Church is growing greatly. They are very much in earnest. They have no church building but have acquired a school building. They pay two hundred cedis every month for using the school classroom.

We need fulltime workers who would dedicate their whole time with the Techiman people. Akomadan is about 15 miles from Techiman. None of us have the means of transportation. For this reason there are no constant or regular visits.

Pray for us.

Yours in the vineyard of Christ,

—Peter Duah and Williams Kusi

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From Honduras . . .

June 17—Sis. Pruitt and Bro. Murphey, the Saints at the Print Shop and abroad: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the only name given under heaven whereby man can be saved. I left all the saints in Honduras doing fine and pressing upward. Everyone sends their love and requests your prayers. I arrived at the New Orleans, LA, airport May 8th, 1987, and my plans are, if the Lord wills, to attend some of the meetings this year and share some of the highlights of the work.

We are still praying about transportation which is needed so very badly to reach the souls that are calling for help. It is very difficult to make the stops (some of which I can't make) without transportation. So please pray with us that the Lord will supply the means for the great need.

It has been requested by the different saints that are supporting the work in Honduras, C.A., to know the cost and balance of the truck for the work there in Honduras, C.A. The cost of a used truck (Toyota) is \$7,000.00 and the cost of shipping and receiving it into the country is another \$3,000.00. The total cost is \$10,000.00. We have at the present time \$2,471.64, which leaves a balance of \$7,528.36 toward purchasing and shipping the truck, as it is cheaper to purchase here in the states than in Honduras, C.A.

We thank all of you very much who are supporting the gospel work there in helping us to purchase a truck. May God bless you richly

and supply your needs. Contributions for the Honduras work should be sent to Bro. Louis Kimble, P.O. Box 73835, Metairie, LA 70033.

We also thank the Lord for answering prayer concerning my husband. The Lord has saved him. Praise God! He has been saved now about three years and we thank the Lord for His mercy. I am planning to return to Honduras on August 9, 1987. Please continue to pray for us.

Yours for the missionary work,

—Sis. Liurie Sanders

## *In Memorial*

**Sister Geraldine McPhail** was born June 3, 1949 to Mary Hudson Walker and Richard Walker, Sr., in Wrightsville, Georgia.

"Gerri" as she was affectionately called, was united in marriage to Alfred Henry McPhail on February 2, 1969. To this union Glenda Lynette McPhail was born.

Sis. Gerri gave her life to Christ and was spiritually born into the Church of God, where she served faithfully and joyfully.

On April 24, 1987 the Lord visited Sis. Gerri and miraculously healed her of a longtime affliction. Sis. Gerri rejoiced and rejoiced.

On June 5, 1987, the angel of the Lord visited Sis. Gerri, this time to say, "Come ye, blessed of my Father." Come rest.

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Ephesians 1:13.

She leaves her husband, Alfred McPhail, daughter, Glenda, mother Mary Walker, father, Richard Walker, grandmothers, Peacola Hudson and Marie Walker, father and mother-in-law, Viola and Alfred McPhail, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Bro. Herchell Hargrave conducted the funeral services assisted by Bro. Norman Simpson.

### IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE MCPHAIL

He showed me the truth is what she would say,

He showed me how to live holy each and every day.

She was a good person even as a child

Seemed like most of the time she wore a smile.

The Lord really blessed her in 1977,

He revealed the truth of His church which came down from heaven.

She started then to live a life that was sin free,

And when the Lord exposed a need, at the altar she would be.

In the few months before going home, her testimony was fiery and real,

She praised the Lord for His power to save, keep and heal.

The Lord healed her from an affliction she had suffered for six years,

The joy and thanksgiving just flowed with the tears.

The last night she was in meeting she was as happy as could be,

Her daughter was finishing the saint's school, she was happy you could see.

This her last prayer meeting she sang above them all, "Jesus has been so good to me" was the song that she called.

She was faithful to her calling, her election she made sure.

We believe her trust and faith in Jesus was steadfast and secure.

—Sis. Audrey McPhail

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**John E. Taylor** was born Dec. 16, 1905, in Meridian, Mississippi, to Isabela and Willie Taylor. He departed this life on Jan. 28, 1987.

At six months old he moved with his parents to Hennessey, Okla. where he spent his early childhood and young adulthood.

He attended elementary and high school at Dunbar west of Hennessey, and college at Langston University in Langston, Okla., where he graduated with a Degree in Agriculture. It was during this time, he met Emma Cathryn Grimes, to whom he was wed on May 29, 1932, in Independence, Okla. This was a union that spanned more than half a century.

On the day they were wed, John and Emma moved to Dover where they stayed together for 54 years.

John was a loyal and caring member of his community. He taught agriculture at Booker T. Washington High School for 20 years, during and after which time he farmed until his retirement.

He was a member of the Church of God in Dover, Okla. He loved the fellowship and worship of church services and camp meetings. His favorite song was 'I Ought to Love My Savior'.

John leaves to mourn his departure his devoted wife Emma, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Beverly Khan of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Mrs. Joyce Bryant of Dover, Okla.; two foster children, Gwen and Wille Thompson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Willa Grigg of Lancaster, California and Mrs. Lavern Cotton of Chicago, Illinois; four grandchildren, six foster grandchildren, two nieces, two nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was faithful to the Lord until the end and will be missed by all who loved him.

### Question and Answer Column

by  
Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** I would like for you to explain Matthew 16:19.

**Answer:** Matthew 16:19 reads thus: "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." From verse 15 through verse 19 is recorded a personal conversation between Peter and Jesus. It was not necessarily intended to be that way. Jesus had asked the entire company of His apostles, "... whom say ye that I am?" Peter was quicker in answering than were the others and consequently Jesus directed His remarks to him personally. But actually His remarks would apply to all of the company as well as Peter because He had directed His question to the entire company. His remarks did apply to all of them and not to them only but also to their successors clear on down through the generations of mankind even unto us and beyond us if time continues and other generations follow us. This will be clearly evident from other Scriptures which we will pick up as we go along. Therefore we can safely conclude with certainty that this text does not teach what some try to make it teach; that is that Peter is to be considered the head of the Church and as having personal and exclusive rights to the keys of the kingdom. The remarks made here by Jesus applies to all of them, even though they are directed to Peter, but only because he was the first to speak up in response to Jesus' question.

Then we must endeavor first of all to establish what the keys of the kingdom are. A key is something that opens up or unlocks and provides an entrance or access to a building, house, or situation. In the fourth chapter of Zechariah is recorded a vision that the prophet Zechariah had and the principal objects of it were a golden candlestick and two olive trees; one on either side of the candlestick. First we will consider the candlestick and what it represented. In the first chapter of Revelation is recorded a vision that John had of Jesus Christ as the high priest of God in the Church or kingdom of God (verses 10 through 20). In verse 12 he saw seven golden candlesticks. And in verse 13 he saw one like

unto the Son of man (Jesus). In verse 20 Jesus explained that the seven golden candlesticks were the seven churches (named in verse 11). Then it is clear that a candlestick was used to represent a church. In Revelation, chapter one, seven candlesticks were used to represent the seven churches of Asia to which the book of Revelation was sent. Then we conclude that the single candlestick in Zech. 4:2 represented the one entire universal Church of God or Kingdom of God. In Zech. 4:6 these two olive trees are declared to be the Word of the Lord, saying, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Then it is clear that the two olive trees represent the Word of God and the Spirit of God. Again these two olive trees are further identified in Zech. 4:14 where it is said "These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." In Rev. 11:3, 4 it is said, "and I will give power unto my TWO WITNESSES, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth." The emphasis here is on the two witnesses.

Now let us see what are the two principal witnesses of God in the earth. Romans 8:16 says "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit . . ." Hebrews 10:15 says, "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: . . ." These texts establish the fact that the Holy Spirit is one of God's principal witnesses in the earth. In St. John 5:39 Jesus said, "Search the scriptures . . . they are they which testify of me." Also Luke 24:27 says, "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." There are other Scriptures confirming both the Spirit and the Word to be God's two witnesses. But in Revelation 11:3, 4 it refers to the two witnesses being the two olive trees standing before the God of the earth which refers us right back to Zech. 4:3 and verse 14 says, "These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." And verse 6 declares them to be the Word of God by the Spirit of God. But verse 12 presents the two olive trees (Word and Spirit) through two golden pipes emptying the golden oil out of themselves into the candlestick. Thus we see that the Word and Spirit of God are the two agents of God to pour their essence, grace, power and strength into the church to make it the light of the world, a city set on a hill which cannot be hid; an all-conquering, all-triumphant, all-victorious, all-glorious entity in the world. It is these two agents that open the door and provide a means

of access into the kingdom of God (salvation). These also provide the necessary ingredients to sustain and maintain the soul in the kingdom of God after it has been guided into salvation. Then it is clear that these two agents (God's Word and God's Spirit) are the keys of the kingdom of God. This is what Jesus promised to Peter and to all the other apostles when He charged them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).

But He did not send them forth half-equipped. He gave them the WORD and commanded them to preach it just as He had given it to them (Mark 16:15, Matt. 28:19, 20, II Tim. 4:2). But He told them to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Again in Acts 1:4 Jesus told these men to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father and in verse 5 He declares this to be the Holy Ghost. The Word alone was not sufficient. They must be filled with the Holy Spirit to give anointing, power and conviction to the Word. In Zechariah's vision (Zech. 4:6) the two olive trees were declared to be the WORD by the SPIRIT. These two agents govern and control and direct all the operation and activities of the Church of God. I know of no record anywhere in the Bible where God ever gave anything more than the Word and Spirit of God to any minister to carry on His work, and He certainly has never given any God-called minister less. But He gave to Peter, to all the apostles, to their successors, to every God-called minister throughout the generations of mankind, and every God-called minister living in the world today has been given these two keys to the kingdom of God (God's Word and God's Spirit) and sent forth to do their job. In I Peter 1:12 Peter referred to "them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." This is the way God's work has always been carried on; God's Word by His Spirit; and by these the kingdom of heaven has always been opened to men who would obey it and closed to men who would not obey it.

## HOME LIFE

### Evening Prayer

"Our Father."

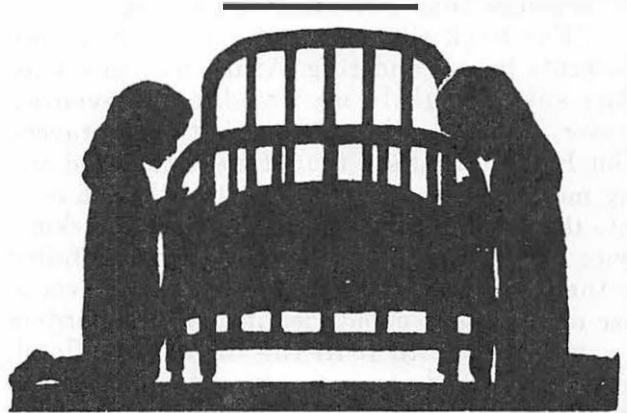
The mother's voice was low and tender, and solemn.

"Our Father."

On two sweet voices the tones were born upward. It was the innocence of reverent children that gave them utterance.

"Who art in heaven."

"Who art in heaven," repeated the children, one with her eyes bent meekly down, and the other looking upward, as if she would penetrate the heavens into which her heart was aspiring.



"Hallowed be thy name."

Lower fell the voice of the little ones. In a gentle murmur they said,—

"Hallowed be thy name."

"Thy kingdom come."

And the burden of the prayer was still taken by the children—

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," filled the chamber.

And the mother continued—

"Give us this day our daily bread."

"Our daily bread," lingered a moment on the air, as the mother's voice was hushed into silence.

"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever."

"Amen."

All these holy words were said piously and fervently by the little ones, as they knelt with clasped hands beside their mother. Then as their thoughts, uplifted on the wings of prayer to their heavenly Father, came back again and rested on their earthly parents, a warmer love came gushing from their hearts.

Pure kisses—tender kisses—the fond "good night." What a sweet agitation pervaded all their feelings. Then two dear heads were placed side by side on the snowy pillows, the mother's last good-night kiss given, and the shadowy curtains drawn.

What a pulseless stillness reigns without the chamber. Inwardly, the parent's ears are bent. They have given those innocent ones into the keeping of God's angels, and they can almost

hear the rustle of their garments as they gather around their sleeping babes. A sigh, deep and tremulous, breaks on the air. Quickly the mother turns to the father of her children, with a look of earnest inquiry upon her countenance. And he answers thus her silent questions:—

“Far back through many years have my thoughts been wandering. At my mother’s knee thus said I nightly my childhood’s evening prayer. It was that best and holiest of all prayers, ‘Our Father’, that she taught me. Childhood and my mother passed away. I went forth as a man into the world, strong, confident, and self-seeking. Once I came into great temptation. Had I fallen in that temptation, I should have fallen never to rise again. I was about yielding. All the barriers I could oppose to it in the in-rushing flood, seemed just ready to give way, when, as I sat in my room one evening, there came from an adjoining chamber, now first occupied for many weeks, the murmur of low voices. I listened. At first no articulate sound was heard, and yet something in the tones stirred my heart with new and strong emotions. At length there came to my ears, in the earnest, loving voice of a woman, the words,—

“ ‘Deliver us from evil.’ ”

“For an instant, it seemed to me as if that voice were that of my mother. Back with a sudden bound, through all the intervening years, went my thoughts, and a child again I was kneeling at my mother’s knee. Humbly and reverently I said over the words of the holy prayer she had taught me, heart and eye uplifted to heaven. The hour and power of darkness had passed. I was no longer standing in slippery places, with a flood of water ready to sweep me to destruction; but my feet were on a rock. My pious mother’s care had saved her son. In the holy words she had taught me in childhood was a living power to resist evil through all my after life. Ah! that unknown mother, as she taught her child to repeat this evening prayer, how little dreamed she that the holy words were to reach a stranger’s ears, and save him through the memory of his own childhood and his own mother. And yet it was so. What a power there is in God’s Word, as it flows into and rests in the minds of innocent childhood.”

Tears were in the eyes of the wife and mother, as she lifted her face and gazed with a subdued tenderness, upon the countenance of her husband. Her heart was too full for utterance. A little while she thus gazed, and then with a trembling joy, laid her hand upon his bosom. Angels were in the chamber where their dear ones slept, and they felt their holy presence. (Taken from *Choice Readings for the Home Circle*)



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“To every true disciple, whether young or old, rich or poor, learned or ignorant, be he on the sea or on the land, in his native country or ten thousand miles away, amongst friends or amongst enemies, Christ says, ‘Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.’ ” —S. Henn

“I am saved today, sanctified and kept sweetly in His love. His will is my delight and comfort. He has said He will never leave us nor forsake us, and why should He? We are His purchased possession.”

—Georgia V. Zinn

“When God conquers us and takes all the flint out of our nature, and we get deep visions into the Spirit of Jesus, we then see as never before the great rarity of gentleness of spirit in this dark and unheavenly world.

“There is a good deal of mere mental and logical sanctification nowadays, which is only a religious fiction. It consists of mentally putting one’s self on the altar, and then mentally saying the altar sanctifies the gift, and then logically concluding therefore one is sanctified, and such an one goes forth with a gay, flippant, theological prattle about the deep things of God.

“But the natural heartstrings have not been snapped, and the Adamic flint has not been ground to powder, and the bosom has not throbbed with the lonely, surging sighs of Gethsemane; and not having the real death marks of Calvary, there cannot be that soft, sweet, gentle, floating, victorious, overflowing, triumphant life that flows like a spring moving from an empty tomb.”

—G.D.W.