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My Roots and Lineage

I'm not a Jew by outward kin,
 Nor was I born of Israel;
 My lineage is not linked back then
 By earthly birth what man can tell.
 My fam'ly record does not show —
 My roots afar I cannot trace;
 I may be Russian, I don't know,
 Or Greek, perhaps some other race.
 I may not know my fam'ly tree
 Nor what my flesh consisteth of;
 I cannot trace my history:
 I know I'm born from up above!
 For I am of the Heav'nly line,
 And Jesus is my elder Brother;
 Our gracious Father's love is mine:
 The Church of God, my precious Mother!
 By grace I am a special kind —
 In fleshly ties it is not known:
 On earth you do not look to find
 What only comes from Heaven's throne.
 I am a spir'itual Israelite
 Through faith that dwelt in Abraham:
 His blessings in the truth and right
 Comes down to us through Christ, the Lamb.
 Oh, praise the Lord! His wond'rous grace
 Has made me now a happy part
 Of such a stronger, lasting race
 With all the blood-washed, pure in heart!
 My name is entered and enrolled
 In heaven's holy Book of life;
 An inward Jew, in Jesus' fold,
 I am set free from earthly strife.
 No hope or longing have I here
 The old Jerusalem to see,
 For in the Church of God so clear
 Forevermore my home shall be!

—Leslie Busbee

Look To Jesus

"Not by measuring the waves can you prevail; not by gauging the wind will you grow strong; to scan the danger may be to fall before it; to pause at the difficulties is to have them break above your head."

—Streams In The Desert

There may be times in our lives when situations beyond our control are to us as fierce waves, capable of destroying our souls. There is no solid footing; each billow seems to push us backward. We watch in fear for the next surge, calculating its strength that we may put up our defense. O soul, "not by measuring the waves can you prevail."

In our yielding to God and exchanging our ways for His, we may come face to face with a command of our Lord that frightens us. We may step back and look it over, deciding, in our human weakness, that it is too dangerous. Our hopes and ambitions, our habits of comfort, even our thoughts and attitudes may be called on for sacrifice. To obey, at this point, could change our very way of life. Dear souls, "to scan the danger may be to fall before it."

Lord help us! Have we forgotten who can still the storm? Have we forgotten who said, "Follow me"? Have we forgotten who holds all our tomorrows? Have we forgotten that He is never too late, will never lead us astray and that He holds the key to every locked door — every impossible situation? "Behold, I am the Lord . . . is there anything too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27.

If we gauge the wind and measure the waves, we are sure to freeze in fear and be consumed in hopelessness. Let us be encouraged to let our **unreserved trust** look above the visible and soar to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

—Cynthia Meek

The Practical Side of Religion

The sun was slowly sinking toward the western horizon while I wended my way up the rugged hillside. As I ascended the winding path ever higher and higher, my horizon broadened. When at length I reached the summit and turned to gaze back over the valley, the city lay spread out like a great picture at my feet. The winding river, with a steamer slowly moving along on its bosom, shimmered in the evening sunlight. The sounds from the city were softened and blended until they rose to me like the musical strain of far-away melodies. The low-hanging sun glorified the drifting clouds with the hues of the autumn mountain-side. Crimson and orange and gold, they burned in that western expanse. I gazed upon the scene, and its influence seemed to exalt and enrapture my spirit. There stole into my being a sense of rest and peace and joy that lifted me out of the monotony of ordinary things. I sat there and drank in the beauties of the scene until the sun sank out of sight behind the hills and the stars began to twinkle overhead. The lights flashed out in the city beneath. The quiet hush of the evening seemed to settle down over me, and it seemed good to be alive and to be there.

The mountain-top is a delightful place. There the soul reaches heights and depths such as it reaches at no other time. Preachers love to preach and poets love to sing of the mountain-top of life. How delightful are these times in our spiritual life, and how naturally we long for these seasons! How often they are pictured up till one would suppose that they are the principal things in the Christian life! Some people have fancied that when they became Christians the mountain-top experience would be their constant portion. They may have been led to expect this from hearing preaching that exalted the emotional side of religion. It may be that when they were converted their new-born joys seemed to be unending. They thought that this exaltation of spirit was the normal state of a Christian. They gloried in it as the days passed by. The time came, however, when this emotional glow subsided. As the barometer of their feelings fell, they began to question themselves thus: "What is the matter with me? Have I done something wrong? Am I mistaken in thinking that I was saved?" Thus, their faith fell with their emotions. After awhile their emotions rose again, and their faith rose with their emotions. Now they knew that they were all right.

There are times when we seem to draw near to God in prayer, when the sight and sound of the world is shut out. An inexpressible sweetness and joy and satisfaction come into the

heart. How near God seems! How calm and precious is the hour! How our spirits drink in of the water of life! How we seem to talk face to face with our Lord, and how the curtain seems drawn back till our eyes behold the secrets of the Eternal! We give ourselves over to the supreme enjoyment of the hour. But alas! in a short time we find ourselves no longer on the mountain, but out in the broad plain of life, and how tame and monotonous is that plain when we think of the mountain!

In this the natural and the spiritual are alike. What would you think of the man who would build a store upon the mountain-top, apart from the throng of purchasers whose business he desired? Would you think that wisdom was displayed? Do businessmen do this way? No, they seek the busy street that is trodden by a multitude, where flows the constant stream of traffic; and there, amid the noise and dust and hurry, they ply their trade with little thought of the mountain-top.

The mountain-top is a very good place to which to make an excursion now and then. It is the place to spend our holidays, but it is not the place for the real accomplishments of life. When we wish to make a living, we must leave the mountain-top with its far-flung panorama of beauty. We must roll up our sleeves and take up the rugged toil and, mid sweat and grime and noise and discord, produce the real results that feed and clothe and shelter us. The real accomplishments of life are not on the mountain-top, but in the monotonous, soul-trying daily grind of business. If you imagine that you are to live in the idealism of a mountain-top experience, you will find yourself coming short of it most of the time. You will be continually lamenting over your failure to make your experience measure to your ideal. So long as you are reaching toward this ideal and are conscious of your failure to reach it, your attention will be absorbed by this, and you will be of little use to God. The sooner you come down to the place where you stop condemning yourself because your emotions are not always joyous or because you can not always pray with that full outpouring of soul, the better it will be for you. You will never become a practical Christian till you learn that the Christian life, like the natural life, is largely made up of a monotonous round of duties.

There is little of glamor or brilliancy in labor or ordinary things. That is reserved for the special things in life. It is true that there is joy in the toil and in the hardness, yea, even in the bitterness, if there is a consciousness of duty well done. It is the daily grind that tests the faithfulness. God wants people who will be true in the daily toil of life, who will do well the

little, uninteresting things. He wants practical Christians, people who are willing to do the work even if it means weariness, even if it means little of emotion, even if it means sacrifice.

If you lived on the mountain-top always, the scene would soon lose its beauty, and you would soon forget its loveliness. When, after the days of toil, after the months of the prosaic, you lay aside your tools and turn from your labors, it is then that you can go out and enjoy the beauties of nature. It is then that you can enter into her moods and be her comrade. You can enjoy her then and be refreshed by her as you could not be without those weary days of toil. Many people are willing to enjoy, but they shun the work. In natural things we call such persons lazy.

Idealism has its place in life, but it must not close our eyes to the practical side of life. Enjoy what of the mountain-top God may give to you, but do not count this the ordinary, usual thing of Christian life. Learn to enjoy the toil. Learn to find the sweetness that is in it. Learn to find the beauty in the common things of life, for some of the most common things are among the most beautiful when our eyes are taught to see their beauty. The Christian life is preeminently a life of service. That is its highest and broadest purpose. To try to be a Christian merely for the joy that is to be found in it is often to render ourselves miserable. To seek happiness for ourselves as the chief end of life is a very unworthy purpose, and is one that can but end in disappointment.

See that you do your part in life in the everyday things, and God will permit you to live on the mountain as He sees best. Appreciate the mountain experiences when they come, but do not let them make you despise the common things.

—Taken from *Heart Talks* by C. W. Naylor

How Are We Using The Talents Given Us?

Hear what Jesus says: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:21. The key words are: "he that doeth the will of my Father." "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" Luke 6:46. To know the will of our Father in heaven we have to heed what Jesus says. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his servants, and delivered unto them his goods." Not their own goods, but His. "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to

another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey." Not any one of them were given any more or any less than he was capable of using or caring for. He gave them the duty and responsibility to use that which had been committed to them. "Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of these servants cometh and reckoneth with them." Matthew 25:14-19. They were called to the final judgment. Verses 20 through 23 of Matthew 25 tell how the servants who had made gains for their lord were praised and promised reward. It seems their purpose was an unselfish desire to get gain for their lord. Verses 24 through 30 tells how and why the unprofitable servant was called "wicked and slothful" and his reward, and the reward of all servants like him, is given in verse 30: "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

What is required of us to enable us to make gain for our Lord? Hear the words of Jesus. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24. Again, Jesus said, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5. Again, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. Old things, things of the flesh, must surely die before there can be a new birth. Paul wrote, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Corinthians 15:50. If we truly believe that without Him we can do nothing, then we can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. Then by the grace of God, which is given us of Jesus Christ, using "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," (Eph. 6:17), and being surrendered to the guidance of the Holy Ghost we can get great gain for our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. Praise His holy name. Amen.

—Doris Busch

We will never have things our own way very long, only as we are fully consecrated to the will of God. Then, everything will be all right for it all comes our way; because our way is God's way and God's way is ours.

—Selected

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EDITORIALS

We count it a privilege to be able to share the gospel of Christ with you through another issue of the *Faith and Victory*. We did not print an August paper, but books and tracts have been printed, processed and mailed during the months of July and August.

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We wish to thank all who gave offerings and purchased literature at the bookstore during the Monark Springs, MO National Camp Meeting. Your patronage is an encouragement to us to do all we can to serve the saints more effectively in the publishing work.

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Although we were unable to attend more than a few of the services at Monark Springs, we have heard good reports of the meeting, some of which are printed in this issue.

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It was an encouragement to the saints to have Bro. John Varghese from India here this summer. Bro. Varghese was able to attend several of the camp meetings beginning with the one here in Guthrie. His messages were uplifting and information concerning the work and conditions in India helped to inspire a missionary spirit.

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The *Path of Life* Christian School here in Guthrie has begun its 11th year of operation. The enrollment is up and a dedicated staff has worked hard to get things off to a good start. Let us support all of the Church schools in whatever way God may lay it on our hearts to do so.

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On August 16, there was a grass fire south of Guthrie which had the potential to cause extensive damage. The fire was detected by the saints in time for some of the brethren to be at the Church property on which the school is located and to fight the fire as it reached the grounds. The grass on approximately half of the east side of the property was burned. We are grateful for God's protection and that the school building escaped any damage.

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We regret that we could not produce a better quality picture in the *Window To The Past* column, but the original did not give us much to work with. I am sure that just the names will have a meaning to many of our readers.

Because of the recent postal increase, the cost of foreign mail took a drastic leap. In some cases it almost doubled. We have been sending a number of *Faith and Victory* papers to foreign countries free of charge. We are glad to do this if we know that the papers are reaching their destination and that the recipients value them. In the near future we plan to reduce our foreign files, so those who wish to continue receiving the paper should write and let us know of your desire to remain on the list. This applies only to those who do not pay for their paper and do not live in the United States, Canada or Mexico.

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A film which recently made news headlines is entitled *The Last Temptation of Christ*. According to excerpts this is another production that aligns with the humanistic thinking that pervades our society. In this film Christ is portrayed as an unstable person in His mission on earth. It depicts Him as a confessed sinner and grossly misrepresents Him as a participant in unholy acts.

Humanistic thinking is not new to our age. The devil used such reasoning to influence Eve in the garden of Eden. His argument was, "God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" Genesis 3:5. With the devil working through the carnal nature, man has always aspired to be a god unto himself. The *Humanist Manifesto* drawn up in 1933 states, "Though we consider the religious forms and ideas of our fathers no longer adequate, the quest for the good life is still the central task for mankind. Man is at last becoming aware that he alone is responsible for the realization of his dreams, that he has within himself the power for its achievement. He must set intelligence and will to the task." There is one distressing fact that stands in the way of those who subscribe to this theory. The purity and holiness of the life of Christ stands in judgment against the lifestyle that this theology promotes. Therefore, in an effort to sooth their conscience, an attack is made upon the life of Christ. They attempt to lower Him to their plane of sinful living. However, one cannot purge his conscience with untruths any more effectively than he can cleanse a floor with dirty water. It takes the blood of Jesus, which they are rejecting.

While the *Last Temptation of Christ* is not represented as an authentic history of the life of Jesus, the devil would like nothing better than to use it as a tool to sow doubt in the minds of many. And doubt can be a strong persuader when a person is in the midst of temptation.

Satan used this very ploy on Christ. "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" Matthew 4:3. Christ knew Himself to be the Son of God. Just before He was led up into the wilderness to be tempted He was baptized by John the Baptist and a voice from heaven was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" Matthew 3:17. The devil disputed the facts and taunted with doubt, but Christ's certainty and God's divine assurance had prepared Him to overcome this temptation.

How can the younger generation believe that adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like (Galatians 5:19-21) are wrong if in their minds Christ may have had tendencies to such? How can we expect people to overcome temptation if there is doubt in their minds concerning the Christ whom they are instructed to follow?

It is our duty to influence others against such influences by lifting up a holy Christ through our daily living and through the preached Word. Christ said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" John 12:32.

—Wayne Murphey

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Also available are two tapes of singing from the Monark meeting, July 1987, titled "Songs of Victory." Due to problems I was having with my tape copier, I did not advertise these tapes last year.

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Due to uncontrollable circumstances there have been some tapes sold from the Guthrie, OK and Monark Springs, MO camp meetings of which the recording quality was not what might be expected. If you have one of these, or if in any other way you are not satisfied, you may send them back for an exchange. Address all correspondence to: Sis. Doris Halladay, 1406 S. Pine, Guthrie, OK 73044.

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IN—"I need special prayer for healing."

—Sis. Nova Lewis

IN—"Please pray for my eyes and for some unsaved loved ones."

—Mattie C. Black

MS—"I would appreciate you requesting prayer for my brother Warner and me; also for our unsaved loved ones."

—Dorothy Bridges

Nigeria—"Please help me pray for my son, Samuel; he needs a change of heart."

—T. I. Ekpe

La—Bro. Don Williamson has had a heart condition for some time, but for the last month or so he has been suffering severely from it. He would be very grateful for every prayer prayed on his behalf.

OK—Sis. Opal Kelly has been going through a prolonged battle with back problems. In the past she had helped with the care of Sis. Myrtle Souders, but she has not been in a condition

to do so for several weeks. I am sure that Sis. Kelly, Sis. Souders, and Bro. Souders would appreciate you praying for them when you think of them.

NC—"I have been healed many times and I need healing now; I am believing."

—Bunice Hope

TN—Elnore Clayton is not well in body and desires prayer.

Nigeria—"Pray for all of us and our country."

—D. I. O. Adoga

The devil is really working in that country as he is everywhere. They need special prayer.

—Maybelle Pruitt

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES**THE CHURCH OF GOD CAMP MEETING REPORT, TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

The Lord really blessed in sending ministers and workers of His own choosing, of which we are thankful. Souls were saved, both young and old, some were sanctified and the saints were greatly encouraged.

Pray that the Lord will keep these precious souls saved and going on to deeper depths in the Lord.

Your sister in the Lord,

—Eva Hardman

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GUTHRIE, OK REVIVAL REPORT

The saints at Guthrie, Oklahoma are very thankful to the Lord for His blessings to us here in sending us a short revival meeting with Bros. H. H. Hargrave and Louis Kimble which began Sunday morning, the 24th of July (the last Sunday of the Monark meeting), and went through Wednesday night, the 27th. I have said that I believed that we sometimes hold too short of revival meetings, closing the meetings about the time the Lord is just beginning to be able to work, but this little short meeting was one revival that was full of conviction almost from the very first service. It just seemed that it was a carry-over from the Monark camp meeting, as several of the congregation had been to the meeting where the Lord had been working, and in this meeting the Lord was able to complete His dealings. And for those who were not able to go to the camp meeting, this meeting was a taste of camp meeting for them. All in all much good was accomplished and our souls were richly blessed to see the Lord pour such a blessing upon us here.

Also, we have moved back into our own home in Oklahoma City since Bro. Leslie

Busbee's house in Guthrie sold. We still have our old address and phone number, which is as follows: P.O. Box 21343, Oklahoma City, OK 73156, phone, (405) 771-4522.

—Bro. Carl Shaffer

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MISSOURI STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The first Missouri State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, on Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, 1988, and continue through Sunday night, Oct. 2, 1988, at the Church of God chapel and campground, Myrtle, MO. There will be three general services daily at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come. Come praying much for the success of the meeting and the salvation of souls. The expenses of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings. Meals and accomodations will be provided for all who come. We advise that all come prepared for cool nights. We usually receive the first seasonal frost around this date. In the event that the weather is too cool to hold the night services under the tabernacle, they will be held in the chapel. We look forward to a special time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and hope to see you here.

—Harlan Sorrell

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SHELL LAKE, WI GOSPEL MEETING

It has been planned to have gospel services at Shell Lake, WI, from Oct. 5-9. There will be evening services at 7:30 and on Sunday, Oct. 9, there will be three services. For more information contact Bro. Duane LaVeau, Rt. 1, Box 102, Shell Lake, WI 54871. Phone: (715) 468-2798.

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WICHITA, KS FALL MEETING NOTICE

Lord willing, the Wichita fall meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 18-25. We are looking to God to lead in every way and burden and send the ministers of His choice. We pray the devil will stand rebuked and we will have full victory in every way.

For needed information you may contact: Bro. Keith Marsh, 501 Topaz, Wichita, KS 67209, phone, (316) 722-8114, or Bro. Charles Taylor, phone, (316) 267-5197.

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Never speak one word concerning the faults of others except after tender prayer for them and then only with a view of helping them. Common gossip is a symptom of an empty mind and a carrion-loving heart. It is very un-Christ-like.

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From the Mailbox . . .

WV—Dear Brother Wayne: Greetings in the name of Jesus and to the saints everywhere. We have the victory more than ever and are still pressing on. Here in our home we are enjoying our salvation and praising the Lord for it. It sure is wonderful to have heaven to look forward to. This old world doesn't know what it is missing. . . .

Your brother in Christ,

—Golden Arbogast

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CA—To all the workers at the Print Shop and the saints abroad: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. Today finds me yet saved, sanctified and encouraged to go a little farther and do a little more for Jesus. I can't write to all I wish to, for my strength won't permit it, so this is a letter to each of you.

All who do know the worth of prayer, pray for me. . . I will be 90 years old October 23, 1988.

May God bless and keep all of us in His loving care.

—Sis. Flora B. Davis

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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Praise the dear Lord for victory over all this sinful world through our Lord Jesus Christ. To the song, "If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him, I could not enough my blessed Lord adore," I say AMEN, AMEN!

I would like to request special prayer from all the saints for Holy Spirit guidance, that our conversation and our lives will be a testimony as God wills it, to some in this neighborhood which we have witnessed to. . . .

With Christian love,

—Bill and Doris Busch

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LA—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Greetings of love in the name of Jesus.

We are so thankful for God giving rain here at West Monroe. We got at least four inches of rain. We don't want to serve God for material things altogether, but because He saved us, showed us the kingdom and made us a part of it.

Pray for us to continue to the end. We will do the same for you all.

Your brother in the Church of God,

—N. P. Futch and family

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AR—Our dear friends Guthrie way: Greetings of love and friendship. Since the Monark Springs Camp Meeting I have wanted to get off a few lines to you. It was a precious camp meet-

ing. It seems I got more help this year than ever before. I felt my need of the help and God had it waiting for me. The five days and nights I was there was a source of spiritual strength to my soul.

I was pleased to hear of the good report of your Christian school there. That means so much. We truly need to invest time, talents and efforts toward the development of the spiritual welfare of the youth of our land. I admired the young people at Monark Springs. It seems so many are putting God first. This brings joy to my heart. They surely need our prayers.

I have some burdens on my heart; please help me pray about them. We don't want to see a losing battle.

We do appreciate the work at the Print Shop. May God bless you in abundance.

We desire your prayers,

—Sis. Lou Bray

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IL—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings again to you. We trust the Lord is blessing your efforts. . . . We still desire others to know our Lord and His truth and have the Word of God to read for themselves so that the Holy Spirit can teach them.

We desire your prayers that we will be and do what the Lord would have.

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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: I greet you and all at the Print Shop in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I hope all are well out your way. I am feeling fine in both soul and body. I am looking for Jesus to come any day. I want to be in that number to meet Him. I want to see Jesus for I love Him. He is the Rock of my salvation, Praise God.

Keep me and my loved ones on your prayer list and I will pray for you all.

Your Christian friend,

—Sister Eathel Hill

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CA—Dear Bro. Murphey and all the workers at the *Faith and Victory* Print Shop. Good morning to you dear ones this hot summer day. It is very dry and hot here as we haven't had any rain for several months.

I am glad to be saved and enjoying the blessings of salvation which includes a clear conscience and peace of soul.

Our dear Sister Amelia Smith who has been so faithful to order tracts, books and *Faith and Victory* papers, fell a few weeks ago and seems

to have a broken hip. She suffers but is very patient. Please pray for her.

While you are praying for others, please remember me too.

With Christian love and prayers,

—Sister Agnes Huskey

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WV—Bro. Murphey and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings to you. We haven't met any of you at the paper, but we enjoy all your efforts immensely. We have been saved for two years and were blessed with the truth from the start. Our other Brothers and Sisters in Greenbank, West Virginia are always a blessing to us as we battle the foe and endeavor to stay in the way. It is a comfort to know that others have trod the path before us.

Our recent camp meeting in Greenbank was so uplifting for us. The brotherhood of the saints is the strongest human bond we have ever been a part of. We look forward to meeting more of the saints as we plan our first National Camp Meeting trip this year.

As new converts we request the prayers of the saints that we might stay faithful to the truth that has blessed us, kept us and stirred us on to greater heights, even heaven.

With love in the truth of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

—Bro. and Sis. Michael Wheeler

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

MO— Dear Sister Maybelle, all the saints at the Print Shop and everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Oh, how I do thank Him for His great love, goodness and mercy to me. He has done so much for me!

It is a great blessing to have so many saints everywhere praying for you. I surely do thank each one for your prayers. I also appreciate the nice cards, letters and telephone calls I received.

The Lord has spared my foot and is healing my ulcers, and I give Him all the praise. I have rejoiced so many times this past eight months. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28. . . . God has helped me through all my pain each day and gave me peace and rest at night. Praise the Lord.

I'm patiently waiting for the Lord to take care of the last bit of trouble and I know He will.

I appreciate so much the prayers of the saints. I just pray the Lord will bless you each one.

My desire is to be faithful and very humble and please Him in all things. I still desire your prayers that I will ever be just what He wants me to be and do what He wants me to do.

God bless you each one.

Your sister in Christ, —Lena Bowman

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NC—Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus: We want to thank all the saints for carrying a burden for us concerning “mechanical harvesting.” They made the ruling Friday, June 17, and approved this type of harvesting to be continued. We do praise and thank the Lord for His goodness to us.

We trust everyone at the Print Shop is encouraged and pressing on for Jesus. We do appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper. It is encouraging to hear of God’s dealings with His people.

We have just returned from the Greenbank, WV Camp Meeting. The Lord gave us much instruction for a closer walk.

Yours in Christ, —Frankie Millis

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OH—Dear Saints: Greetings to all of you at the Print Shop and abroad.

I sure have appreciated the saint’s prayers. I knew they were praying for me last winter when I was so sick. I could hardly get up or walk through the house, I was so weak. At times I didn’t know if I would make it or not, but I just kept on holding onto God’s unchanging hand and He lifted me up.

It seemed I could not gain my strength back and we could not get anyone to come in and stay with me. My children were taking care of me, but my daughter was about to fall under the load. I went to her house for two months to make it easier on her. She started fixing me what I needed to eat and I started gaining my strength back.

I was able to go to the Green Bank, WV Camp Meeting. God made the way and I enjoyed the meeting. I am back home now and doing pretty good. I am able to drive my car again and go to the store and places where I need to go. I sure thank the Lord for that, but now I am having some trouble with my eyes.

Please pray for my dear brother. He is in pain nearly all the time. Pray he will look to God.

I have an unspoken request and I would like to know the will of God concerning it, also pray for my sister and her husband. He has cancer and he is not saved. I will close.

Much Christian love, —Sis. Essie Abbott

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From Nigeria . . .

June 8—Dear Sis. Pruitt, Bro. Murphey and saints in the Lord’s Print Shop: Greetings to you all in the wonderful name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is our light and hope now and in the world to come.

We thank you indeed for the gospel material which comes our way always through your unremitting efforts to save souls. We trust God will ever reward you richly.

We need your prayers for our country, Nigeria. The Scripture says, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn” Proverbs 29:2. This is very true in this country. Poor management, greed for money and lawlessness is the ruin of this society. As a result she is experiencing very high cost of living.

Let us unite in prayer for the work in this city that God may direct souls to the acknowledgement of this truth, which is the basis of salvation.

Let us pray for one another.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. Emmanuel Dokubo

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June 18—It is a pleasure to greet you in that precious name of our soon coming King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ. We wish to thank you for all the literature received from you and assure you that it is being well used all over our country.

Many souls are finding Christ as their Saviour in these last days that we are living in.

May God Almighty bless all of you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

—Sis. Janet Oyadiran

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July 4—Dear Sis. Maybelle Pruitt and the chosen ones: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus, the Chief among ten thousand, the Lily of the Valley and the Bright and Morning Star! Praise Him forever.

Thank you for your letter dated May 3, 1988. We appreciate wholehearted efforts of the workers at the Lord’s Publishing House through whom the gospel is still going out by the printed page in all directions by the blessing of God. Press on, for there is no discharge in this war until the final victory.

As divinely outlined we are proceeding. It is clear beyond contention as seen in our push, that none can wear the great diadem without passing through great tribulation. Saints are obediently taking the Lord’s instruction and fearlessly occupying. Heaven has record of our

operation. Those whom the Lord wants and wins, are those He is able to fashion into books to tell the story of His love and grace.

Pray with us for Holy Ghost unity. The Lord still has His own people and will forever work through them. We accept Him to carry out His will unhindered.

Yours devotedly, —Titus U. E. Enu

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From Zambia, Central Africa . . .

June 9—Dear Bro. Murphey: May grace and peace be multiplied to you from God our Father, and His Son Jesus Christ. . . .

Jesus Christ said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Followers of many false religions are advocating their false religions and their demoniac doctrines by means of material things, and many poor Africans are being swept into it. Pray for me. Pray for Africa to have protection from all these things. Here in Africa we have many schools, both lower and high, built by occults. Many young men are misled even from among the true children of God. Money will not bring any solution to this situation here in Africa. Material things will not solve these problems. We need to pray and fast.

Let us ask God to raise up more of His people. Let us ask God to anoint us to preach, teach and demonstrate His Word. Preaching and teaching God's Word without demonstrating it means nothing in Africa. It is wasting time. In Africa we need preaching and teaching of God's Word with a demonstration of God's power. How can you preach or teach someone who has been going without food for a week or two, and you tell them that God loves them? How can he understand? How can you preach to someone who has been rejected because he has been sick, and no one gives him what he needs and then you tell him that Jesus died for him? I have been found in such situations during our outreach, and I have been able to give them what I have according to Acts 3:1-10. May God give you the burden to pray for us here.

Continue with your work of publishing the *Faith and Victory* paper. It is a good paper to me and others. I was very much encouraged when I read in the February 1988 issue the article entitled, "Do Not Despair."

Yours in the battle with the enemy of the cross, —Joseph Chikoti

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From the Philippines . . .

July 18—Dear Sister Pruitt and Brother Murphey: Greetings of holy love in the name of

our Lord Jesus. I am so happy to read in the *Faith and Victory* about your active work in the Print Shop and reports of meetings in different states. That is a sign of the true Church moving forward. Thank God for the beautiful city of God, the beautiful bride of Christ without blemish, wrinkle or spot, purchased by the precious blood of the Son of God. Thank God for the courage and patience of the saints to fight the good fight of faith and take hold of eternal life. Satan is a defeated foe of the faithful. The true Church of God is triumphant and is moving forward with the banner of truth.

The gospel work in the Philippines is moving forward in spite of the strong opposition of Satan. Our congregations are having devotionals in the homes. They read some Bible verses, study together, sing hymns and pray, then they move to another home. They can have devotionals in 3 or 4 homes every night. This is to strengthen their spiritual life and awaken the spiritual condition in the community.

We have started a new congregation in a place they call "cultural minorities." These people live in remote places on the mountains. They have different ways of living and are less educated but they are humble and honest people. We are scheduled to go back and stay again about a week or 10 days with some brothers. Please pray for this work that we may harvest plenty of souls for eternal life.

Your co-servant of Jesus,

—Matias S. Tangunan

In Memoriam

Sheldon Orr Conrad, son of Ralph M. and Lena B. Conrad, grandson of Charles E. and Minnie Orr and James and Mary Conrad was born in Newberg, Oregon on September 2, 1916. He was called to meet the Lord on May 7, 1988.

Survivors include his wife, May E. Conrad, Portland, OR; daughters, Charlotte May Hintz of Auburn, WA, Susan Carol Conrad of Portland, OR; his mother, Lena Conrad, of Canby, OR; sisters, Pluma Dressler, Reta Hofer, Rhelda Stone and Virginia Moffenbier; and two granddaughters, Heidi and Lisel Hintz. His father, Ralph M. Conrad, and son, Ralph George, preceded him in death.

Bro. Sheldon loved the Lord. He expressed a great concern for the work of God and had a sincere desire to do all he could in serving the Lord he loved so much. His faith was strong in God until the Lord received him.

Bro. Sheldon will be missed by all of us who loved and worshiped together.

Funeral services were conducted in Portland, Oregon by Charles Elwell and Homer Richey.

NOTE OF THANKS

Sheldon would have been so blessed to know how many cards and expressions of love that have come our way since the Lord called him home. The phone rang non-stop for many days. Knowing how much you loved and cared has made losing him a little more bearable.

We will just say "Thank You," and may the Lord bless you is our sincere prayer. We do thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Please pray for us, that we might be able to be worthy of the heaven he has gone to enjoy.

Sincerely, —May and Susan Conrad

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James T. Oglesby Sr. was born June 4, 1904 in Bowman, Georgia to Jolly and Victoria Oglesby.

James lived in Bowman, Georgia with his parents, sisters and brothers until 1919, when the family moved to Los Angeles, (Watts) California. He attended Los Angeles city schools for a short while. He also worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, and retired from Western Paper Company.

James united in marriage to Willa Mae Bell in 1924 and from this union was one son, James Oglesby, Jr.

James accepted Christ in May of 1981 under the leadership of Sister Hazel Clark. He was a member of the Church of God in Los Angeles. During the last months he had been unable to attend, so the saints never forgot him and brought him songs, Scriptures and prayers.

He was a very loving and giving husband, father and grandfather (Pappy). He was always there to give a hand. His mother and father, Victoria and Jolly, and three sisters, Susie, Addie and Sally, and three brothers, Will, Bell, and Fred, preceded him in death.

James leaves to mourn, his loving and caring wife, Willa Mae Oglesby; his son, James Oglesby, Jr. and his daughter-in-law, Barbara Oglesby; three grandchildren, Carol Caudle, Keith D. Oglesby and Janice E. Washington; three great-grandchildren, Kenneth Caudle, Sr., Alvin Washington and Kimberly Oglesby; and many nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on August 6, in Whittier, California. Interment was in the Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. Bro. Adriel Bowman officiated.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the cards, phone calls, and visits which I received from the family of God during my illness and convalescence. Most important of all were the prayers offered for me. Knowing that so many were interceding to the Great Physician in my behalf gave me assurance that He would not let me down. I request your continued prayers for strengthening of my soul and body. By God's help I will be able to attend the tent meeting here in Duncannon this year.

—Bill Huss

Question and Answer Column

by

Ostis B. Wilson

To The Reader: This is the third and possibly the last installment of the discussion regarding the ministry — the divine call, the diversity of divine call and gifts in the different phases of the ministry, their ordination, method of ordination, etc.

Answer: The first two articles had a loaded side toward pastors or overseers of flocks or congregations, their duties and work, their special gifts and their authority and position in the local congregation. But that is not the only classification in the Church of God ministry. There are various gifts and callings in the overall spectrum of the ministry and each classification of ministers have their particular place to fill and their own designated and outlined place to fill.

We read in Ephesians 4:11-13, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." We see here several classifications of ministry all of whose work and place in the ministry are necessary in bringing the members of the body of Christ into the unity of faith and bringing them to full maturity and development in Christ and in their Christian experience.

The "apostle" is defined as a "planter." Paul who was an apostle said of himself and his work in I Corinthians 3:6, "I have planted." As we follow the work and ministry of Paul we see that he was perpetually and constantly reach-

ing out into new virgin territory planting the truth and establishing new churches. He said of his work in Romans 15:20, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation." We conclude, then, that the work of an apostle is to go into new territory and plant the gospel and gain converts to the Christian faith and establish churches. We may think of apostles as applied to only the twelve apostles of Jesus. Truly they were a hand-picked special group selected by Jesus to be with Him during His ministry and death, resurrection and ascension; to plant the truth and establish the first Christian Church in Jerusalem. They were also to pilot it through its early stages and then after that in other outlying areas.

The second thing mentioned in Ephesians 4:11-13 is "prophets." This is another phase of God's ministry for the Church. We do not want to confuse the "prophet" in the New Testament Church nor endeavor to identify them with the "prophets" of Israel in Old Testament times. The New Testament prophet speaketh unto men to edification, exhortation and comfort (I Cor. 14:3). This identifies him as a proclaimer of the gospel truth the same as all other ministers of the New Testament Church. Yet there is a difference in his ministry and the other classifications of ministers. He is different from the apostle, pastor or teacher, etc. But he is a man whom God can use in special occasions and for special purposes wherever they are. Some times they foretell future events also as in the case of Agabus (Acts 11:27-30; 21:11).

The third classification in I Corinthians 4:11 is "evangelists." They are principally traveling ministers who go about to different established churches and sometimes where there are no churches. The main burden of their ministry is the saving of sinners and also to support the pastors and undergird them in their teaching and managing of their congregations.

The fourth classification is "pastors and teachers," which we have already considered extensively.

The important thing in this respect is for every one who is called of God to the ministry to abide in the same calling wherein he is called (I Corinthians 7:20). It has sometimes been very detrimental and troublesome when one called and qualified in one phase of the ministry crosses over the line of his ministry and tries to exercise himself in another phase of ministry for which he has not been called and qualified. This can upset a lot of things. This kind of thing happens more often in evangelists crossing over their line of ministry and endeavoring to take the place of the pastor in his preaching. An evan-

gelist can very well leave a pastor more problems and troubles than he had before he came if he does not behave himself wisely in the congregation. I would especially caution all evangelists not to dabble with problems in the congregation or counsel anyone involved in a problem with his pastor without bringing the pastor in on the counselling or you can very seriously deepen the problem and complicate matters more than they are.

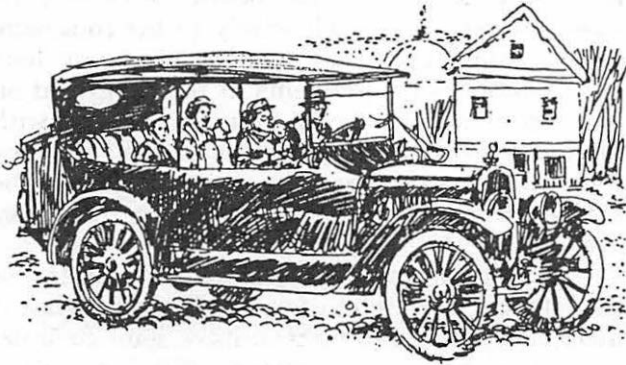
Now let us consider some the ordination of ministers, the method of ordination and what it means. I do understand it to have some definite, important meaning beyond a mere recognition of the call of God upon them. In Acts 13:2, 3 we read, "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." This was a sacred, solemn charge to them and they fasted and prayed before they did it, and even after the Holy Ghost had spoken to them. They wanted to be certain they were not mistaken. Ah, brethren, could we be a little admonished at this point and consider our ordination services as a more serious and solemn responsibility than we sometimes do. I feel deeply that I myself can.

I am sure that a token of recognition is a big support from the ministers with whom and among he is going to be working, but I feel the ordination service goes deeper than that and the laying on of hands by Holy Spirit filled men actually imports something to the one on whom their hands are laid. In I Timothy 4:14 we read, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery." Again in II Timothy 1:6 Paul said, "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." Paul confirms in these two texts that there was actually something imparted to them by the laying on of hands by Holy Spirit filled men. I feel we should teach this to our people and especially to the candidates for ordination and prepare them to expect to receive something special from God when the hands of Holy Ghost filled ministers are laid on them.

Believe in the worth of yourself. How valuable you are. You can be fashioned into the image of God. You have capacity for love and goodness. You can have closest companionship with God and inherit all that God has. You are of infinite value. Walk worthy of your worth.

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HOME LIFE



Authority In The Home

God has placed a sacred authority in the hands of the fathers and mothers of our homes. "If I do not punish you," said a mother to her little son, "God will not be pleased, for He has trusted you to me to make a real man out of you and mother must teach you or fail to obey the Lord herself." This is the true basis for home authority, *the command from God that parents should teach their children to obey and honor Him*. The explanation of this mother was not above the head of her little boy. It was in line with the lesson old Eli had to learn and it was to the little boy, Samuel, that God explained its necessity. The child himself could understand that God demanded authority and condemned the parent who failed to exercise it.

The principle of authority in the home was one of the fundamental understandings in the founding of the human race. Read Genesis 1:27, 28 and see the solemn placing of authority with the man and woman whom God first created. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

They were to be God's co-laborers in re-creation, in development and in control. By common instinct the human heart has verified this trust from God through all the centuries of its successive generations. There was never a time that we can learn when parents did not control and children obey. Even the animal world takes on the same great charge. Authority which carries with it control, limitations, dynamic for action and co-operation of individuals is the basis of any happy social order.

It is necessary for parents to agree on many things but nowhere is this agreement quite as vital or as far-reaching in its consequences as in

the principles adopted for rearing their young. Divided ideals in those overhead are apt to lead to no ideals in those beneath. "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" I Corinthians 14:8. Pathetic indeed it is to see children lose half the force of their convictions by the doubt raised when the ones who guide them are not agreed.

Undoubtedly it is intended that the father should voice the standards and govern the conduct of his own household. Paul's directions that the bishop must be "one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity" (I Timothy 3:4) was repeated immediately in the same chapter for the deacons also: "ruling their children and their own houses well." It was the general principle for ideal Christian manhood wherever his household was involved.

But get the manner in which a father is expected to govern his home in this beautiful analogy which Paul had earlier used, "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." I Thessalonians 2:10-12.

In the same chapter is given the tender training from a mother in exquisite analogy to the work Paul was trying to do with young Christians. We do not want to miss it here: "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us." I Thessalonians 2:7, 8.

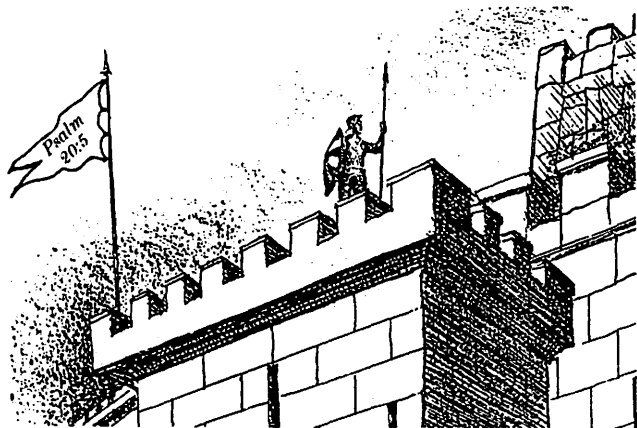
Neither parent can throw off the responsibility of this home training but when the first plan fails and the father does not make the standards what they ought to be there is still an opportunity for the mother in the home. Before her is the open Word of God. It can always be taken for the final authority and basis of agreement. A certain mother was crossed by an unbelieving husband and blocked by his example in the training she wished to give her children. Reverently and faithfully she went to the Word of God and made its teachings the monitor of conduct and convictions in the home. But even this had to be done with the finest tact and humility of spirit. A "thus saith the Lord" is not to be used as a bludgeon over the head of one differing in thought. The Word of God has to enter the heart along with the Spirit of God. Peter recognized such a situation as this woman

had and gave by inspiration the Christian principle involved: "Likewise ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear" I Peter 3:1, 2.

—Taken from *Building A Christian Home*
by Martha Leavell

The Watchman On The Wall

By Wayne Murphey



Part 2

Redeemed awoke the next morning with a troubled heart. He realized that something was wrong, but could not focus his mind on what it was. Then he recalled with clarity his late night visitor. He arose, dressed and went into the kitchen where he found his wife. One look at her troubled face told him that she too was disturbed.

Perhaps it would be well to properly introduce Redeemed's wife. Her name was Conscience. She had a very significant childhood, having been raised in the household of the Commander. Frequently in the evenings, she had the privilege of listening to the Commander as He expounded vital and eternal truths to those who stopped by to listen. Through these sessions she developed an admiration and love for the Commander and His family. She was able to absorb the knowledge that she would need to establish a sound and happy life.

Often as a boy, Redeemed and Conscience would play together and a fondness grew between the two. It seemed natural that they would be partners for life. Even as a child she was his guide and kept him on the right path. To his credit, he was usually very faithful to listen to her faintest wishes. So it was that she promised to remain with him and help him in good faith.

On this morning, Conscience again expressed her opinion to Redeemed that he should at least

talk over the night's episode with the Commander. He was almost of the persuasion to do so, but hesitated saying, "I must be sure of what I am doing. I would feel very low indeed if I should report it and there is nothing to it."

"That is true," responded Conscience, "but I cannot help but feel you would be right in doing so. You know that we should feel free to talk everything over with the Commander, and as I have promised to stand by you and help guide you aright, I felt obligated to express my feelings about the matter."

"Perhaps you are right," said Redeemed, "and I mean no offense to you, but the Commander has said that you are not infallible. However, I promise to give your suggestion some close consideration and it just may be that at the pre-watch meeting this morning I will have opportunity to privately mention it to the Commander." With that he gave his wife a kiss and started down the street with his heart lighter than before.

He soon fell into company with several other watchmen and as they wended their way through the streets, they passed the time discussing the various attributes of the Commander.

Passing the banks of the river that supplied the city its water, they discovered a fellow citizen struggling to free his ox, which was mired in the mud. Sweating and struggling, the fellow citizen vainly attempted to extricate the ox. Redeemed was touched by the situation, and turning to the others said, "Go on to the meeting and I will see what I can do to help our fellow brother. Although I will be late, I will come when I can." With these words he quickly set about the task before him. It was more difficult than he had realized, but with the combined effort of the two, the ox was finally standing on solid ground. The indebted expressed his thanks, but Redeemed reminded him that they were all unprofitable servants and he considered it his privilege to be able to help. "After all," he commented, "if the Commander had been here I am sure He would have done the same."

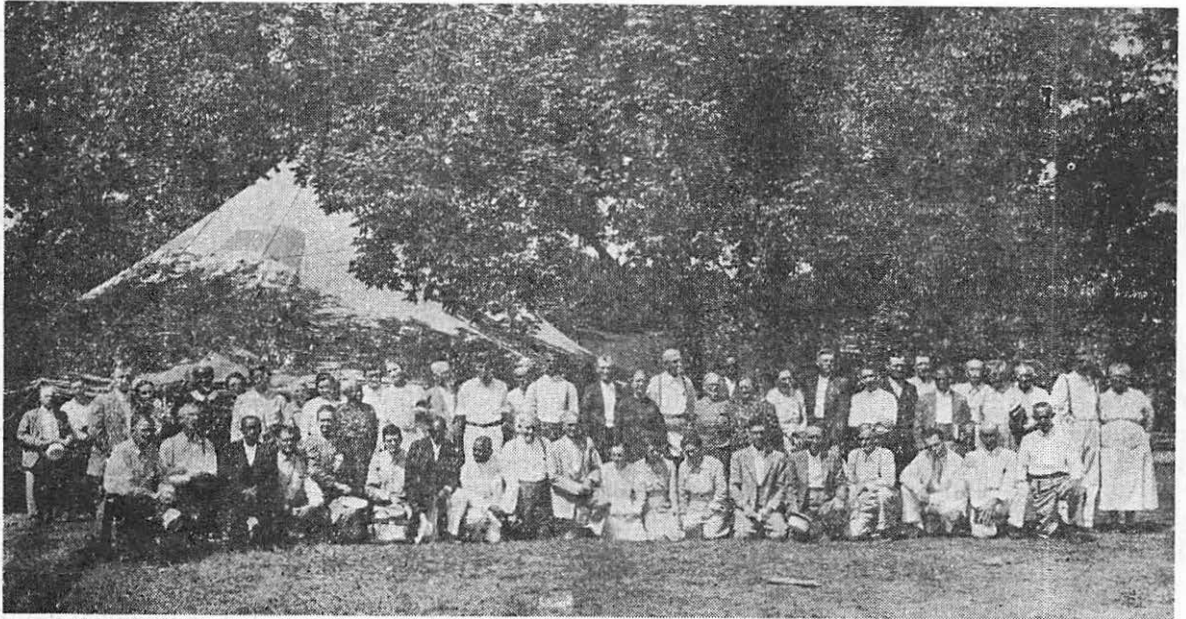
Redeemed observed the soiled state of his clothing and quickly turned toward home. By the time that he was clean and making his way back to the meeting place, he heard the tolling of the bell signifying the beginning of his watch. He continued toward the wall, climbed the ladder and took his post of duty. The watchman going off duty nodded cheerily to him, and called out a greeting.

Redeemed leaned against the wall, felt the warmth of the sun's rays and wondered what the day might hold.

(To be continued in next issue)



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**Ministers who attended the National Camp Meeting
at Monark Springs, Missouri in July 1938.**

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Brother Buller, not a minister, Brother Carter, not a minister, Brother Foster, Sister Ruth Murphey, Sister Robinson, Sister Gerrick, Sister Holden or Cage, Sister Harper, Sister Whipple, Sister Bell, Brother Davis, Sister Key, Brother Porter, Eathen Tilton, Brother Whipple, Brother Phillips, Brother Strong, Sister Strong, not a minister, Brother Harmon, Sister Harmon, Brother Jake Speers, Sister Porter, Sister Holdcraft, not a minister, Brother Holdcraft, Brother Earle Brown, Brother T. Z. Lawson, Brother Smith, Brother Burks, Brother Rapp, Brother Hicks, Brother Stonecypher, Brother Wilson, Sister Wilson.

SITTING DOWN, LEFT TO RIGHT: Brother Miles, Brother White, Brother Holden, Brother Tilton, Sister Tilton, Brother Key, Brother Crawley, Brother Walker, Brother Brown, Brother Bowers, Sister Bowers, Sister Feters, Sister Allen, Brother A. E. Harmon, Brother Fred Pruitt, Brother Sam Barton, Brother O. B. Wilson, Jr., Brother George Peek, Brother John Strech.