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Carry Sunshine

Many people carry shadows
By the gloomy lives they live,
By their grouchy way of speaking,
And by what they do and give;
But there is a way of living
That is better far than this,
Blessing men with sunny brightness,
Helping them to joy and bliss.

Carry sunshine by your smiling,
By your gentleness and grace,
By the prayers you breathe for others
And the kindness of your face;
By the love your heart possesses,
By the sympathy you show,
By your patient way of dealing
With your friend or with your foe.

Carry sunshine to the needy,
To the sick and to the sad;
To the men and to the women
Who are good or who are bad;
Though sometimes 'twill cost you money,
Cost you effort, work and time;
Yet to be a sunshine toter
Is both noble and sublime.

You will ne'er regret it, neighbor,
As the years of life go by,
For it's this that makes you happy
While you live and when you die;
Then when you shall meet the Master
After you have run your race,
You will not be disappointed
When you see His smiling face.

—Walter E. Isenhour

Remember

The mind is a great tool for the devil to use. Once he can cause it to wander, he has the heart's door opened. May we have the mind of Christ!

"Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance." II Pet. 1:13. "This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you, in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:" II Peter 3:1.

It's sad to be where you can't remember. And how sad it would be not to remember the things of God! That alone refreshes and uplifts our hearts.

Let us notice further what we should remember. "Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth:" Ps. 105:5. In Deuteronomy 8:2-3, the children of Israel were told to remember the forty years in the wilderness and the way they were humbled so they could know where they stood; how they got hungry and were fed from manna from heaven. They were told to remember and not forget how they provoked the Lord God to wrath in the wilderness from the day they departed from Egypt till the place they rebelled against the Lord. (Deut. 9:7.)

I wonder if the Lord God is not crying out to us, "Remember and not forget all I've done for you on the road of life, the wonders and marvellous works I have done to humble and help you along." Are we any different than the children of Israel? Have we forgotten? Can we remember? Friends, let's stir up our minds. Christ went to Calvary and gave His all to save us. He has sent valleys to prove His love and grace. He has sent the mountains for us to enjoy His glory and victory. Have we forgotten?

When are we to remember? "Remember **now** thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Eccles. 12:1. We are to remember **now** our God. The best years to remember are in our youth while the mind is clear, clean and fresh. However, if we forgot Him then, let's not for another moment forget Him **now**.

In battles we should always remember this, "Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh and unto all Egypt;" Deut. 7:18. We should remember Lot's wife. Remember, she didn't go back but just looked back. There was something left in her heart for her to look back. This is a great warning to us that while in the battle, there is no going back or looking back. We must remember to go on.

There is victory in remembering. When the prodigal son came to himself, he went home and was received. Jonah 2:7, 10 says, "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, unto thine holy temple. And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land."

It is possible to remember, but fail to remember in time. "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented." Luke 16:25. How sad it is to remember too late and face God's judgments eternally. Many will remember their wasted lives in sin as they pay with their soul. Oh, precious friend, let's remember **now** our God! "The wicked **shall** be turned into hell, and **all** the nations that forget God." Ps. 9:17.

May God help our minds to stay in good working order for our souls' sake.

—Sis. Elaine Dunn



A Prayer of Welcome

(Written inside the doorway of a church in Sussex, England)

"O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

"They Shall Still Bring Forth Fruit In Old Age"

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In Psalm 92:12, 14 we read, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;" I have noted the palm trees growing in warm climates, some of them quite tall and slender with green leaves at the top. The trunks look dead, but at the top the large palm leaves plainly show that life-giving sap is still flowing upward towards heaven. Then the precious truth comes forth in verse 14, "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age."

Old age brings changes in a person's life. There are changes of different kinds as we approach nearer to the end of life's journey. We need to "Ever keep heaven in view" as the song writer says, and not forget that God still has a place for us to fill in a life of humble service to others. Psalm 90:12 reads, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." This verse makes us realize that our time is limited and we need to use it wisely, and not be wasteful of our time, strength and opportunities to serve God in the place He would have us serve.

At the present time in our nation, many provisions have been made to occupy the time and strength of the elderly, but God has provided in His kingdom a place for each of His elderly ones to fill. We need to seek God daily, first for the daily renewal of our "inward man" (II Cor. 4:16), then seek Him that we might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. (Col. 1:9, 11-12.)

Anna, a widow of eighty-four years, found a place of service to God in her old age in serving God with fastings and in prayer night and day in the temple. (Luke 2:36-38.) Dorcas found her place of service and was a woman "full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." After she died and Peter was called to come, all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the coats and garments she had made. (Acts 9:36-41.)

Changes had come in Naomi's life as she, with her husband and two sons, went and sojourned in the land of Moab during a famine. First her husband died, then both of her sons. She returned

again to Bethlehem with her daughter-in-law, Ruth, feeling that God had dealt very bitterly with her. She said, "I went out full, but the Lord hath brought me home again empty: call me not Naomi, [pleasant] call me Mara [bitter]." Ruth 1:21-22. Although she did not perceive it at the time, God was working out His own precious purpose in her life. Her faithful daughter-in-law, Ruth, proved her worthiness and later became the wife of Boaz who was a kinsman. A son was born to Ruth, and Naomi became its nurse. "And they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David." Ruth 4:15-17. David had that same steadfastness of purpose towards serving God as his great-grandmother, Ruth, had toward Naomi and God. God testified through Samuel the prophet that David was a man after God's own heart and God chose him to become king over Israel. (I Sam. 13:14; 16:13.)

It is wise to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Eccles. 12:1. Serving God while a person is young lays a good foundation for the storms that come later in life. Job served God earlier in his life when things were going well. Then, when Satan tried in many ways to overthrow his integrity; he was able to say, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" Job 2:10. "But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10. Job did come forth as gold. He also said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Job 13:15. He let his trouble make his heart soft. (Job 23:16.) Then God came on the scene and talked with Job, asking him many questions. Job just humbled down before God and replied, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5-6. Then he was humble enough to pray for his three friends who had falsely accused him. "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." Job 42:10. Job was blessed more in his latter end than in his beginning, and he died, being old and full of days.

Let us be faithful in still bringing forth fruit in old age, and "Hold the beginning of our faith steadfast unto the end." Heb. 3:14.

--Fern Stubblefield



"One wholly sanctified soul is equal, in force and power, to twelve justified souls." —John Wesley

Sanctification

The word "sanctification" means so much to me. I received the experience 11 days after I was saved. I was sensing the need and was ready for it. Even if I had never been taught about it, I still would have believed in it. I noticed how different it was after I received the experience. There was something inside that was pulling against me. It was the sinful nature which I and all others are born with. Adam passed it upon all the human race whenever he disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Adam had the image of God in his soul before he sinned, but he lost this image whenever he disobeyed and He passed the sinful nature upon us. (Rom. 5:12.)

Today, much of the world doesn't know that Christ died to free us from this sinful nature, through sanctification, yet the first four books of the New Testament, called The Gospels, tell about it. The Book of Acts is full of it. Paul wrote 14 books in the New Testament. He certainly stressed it.

If anyone desires more truth on the Bible and sanctification, I would recommend the book, *What The Bible Teaches* which is printed and sold by Faith Publishing House.

Put in for this experience today; it is for everyone who needs it. Power comes abundantly to everyone who receives it.

—Juanita Blankenship



Prayer

Abraham Lincoln said, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." What a blessing it is to be able to go to the mercy seat and seek God's guidance and help for our lives. Prayer is the very breath of the soul. It is so vital because it is our lifeline and supply line. Believing prayer pulls the switch that operates the powerhouse of heaven. Prayer is what releases the power of God into our life. James 5:16 says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." When you enter the Christian life, you don't enter a playground, but you enter a battlefield. How we need God's power and grace in the arena of battle. We can come boldly to the throne of grace for the help that will enable us to triumph. Prayer bestows on us some wonderful

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Editorials

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12:2. There are sundry pressures that a child of God will experience as this verse confirms. Some of this pressure pushes toward evil deeds. These influences are exerted from individuals, groups and societies so that the recipient can be identified and categorized. The saint of God will resist unholy alliances and stand in the liberty which Christ purchased on Calvary. This liberty constitutes being out from under the bondage of ill will and evil desires.

The enemy has many different molds that he will attempt to fit one into. If he cannot fit a person into the mold of degradation, he is content to press them into a "religious" mold that will be more suitable. The only thing that we should be conformed to is the image of Christ. (Rom. 8:29.) This is what will identify us as a member of God's Church and one of the brethren. The inward fruits must portray a life of abiding in the doctrine of Christ. (II John 9.) Any further "tags" of conforming to man's ideology is counterproductive to proving what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Let us all strive to let God's will reign supreme in our life and stand firm against anything that would impede an intimate relationship with Christ.

At this time we are out of *Birth of a Reformation* and *The Christian Church: Its Rise and Progress*. We will restock these books as soon as the resources are available to do so. We would remind our readers that we stock and sell over 120 different titles of books, as well as approximately 300 tracts. You may write to this office for a free price list.

Bro. Ostis Wilson has faithfully provided us with the "Question and Answer" column as he receives the questions. We have a question for this issue, but we need more questions for future issues. If you would like a particular topic discussed, you may send your questions directly to Bro. Ostis, or to us. Bro. Ostis' address is: Rt. 6, Box 10, Shawnee, OK 74801.

As we are gaining knowledge in the working of the new computer system which we recently purchased, it is being put to use. This June issue was set and paged up on it. The format of the paper has been altered a little, but we feel it will be an improvement.

--Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

LA—"I am looking to the Lord for healing and greatly appreciate all the prayers of those who are praying for me." —Kenneth Flynn

OK—"I desire the prayers of all the saints for me, both spiritually and physically." —Mayola Clintcales

OH—Sis. Ruth Garrett desires prayer for two unspoken requests.

OK—Sis. Timmons has a grandson in need of prayer.

FL—"Pray for my health." —Effie Clark

CA—"Please keep me on your prayer list. I have gone through a lot." —Velma Paschall

MS—Sis. Ethel Lowery had a stroke in 1989 and also fell and broke her hip. She is still suffering from a pressure in her head and writes requesting prayer that she will have a full recovery from these problems.

LA—Bro. Max Williamson needs the prayers of the saints as he is not well in body.

A NOTE OF THANKS

"I would like to thank every one for the cards, phone calls and prayers. I appreciate them very much." —Sis. Nancy Miller

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

Camp Meeting Dates For 1990

Tulsa, OK — June 8-17

Jefferson, OR — June 8-17

Green Bank, WV — June 15-24

Oakland, CA — June 18-24

General Southern at Loranger, LA — June 29-July 8

Fresno, CA — July 6-15

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO — July 20-29

Bakersfield, CA — August 3-12

Duncannon, PA — August 4-12

Durham, NC — August 12-19

Ensenada, Mexico — August 13-19

Boley, OK — August 19-26

California State at Pacoima, CA — August 24-September 2

GREEN BANK, WV CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Greenbank, WV Camp Meeting will be June 15-24. The first service will be on

Friday night. There will be two services daily; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Special services will be at other times.

Meals will be served and all who come will be cared for. Bring a coat as the nights are cool. Green Bank is located 57 miles north of White Sulphur Springs, WV and 50 miles south of Elkins, WV on Route 92. Interstate 64 is open to White Sulphur.

The Lord has blessed here with some wonderful meetings in the past. We are expecting more this year. Everyone is welcome. We urge you to come and be with us.

For more information write or call Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons, P. O. Box 127, Green Bank WV 24944. Phone (304) 456-4469. The chapel phone is (304) 456-4069.

HARRISON, AR TENT MEETING

Plans are being made to have a tent meeting near Harrison, AR June 20-24. Bro. Vada McMillian is overseeing this gospel endeavor, but for more information contact Bro. Alvin McMurrin, Rt. 6, Box 223, Harrison, AR 72601. Phone (501) 741-7819.

FORT SMITH, AR TENT MEETING

All the saints are welcome to a tent meeting in the Fort Smith, AR area scheduled for June 27-July 1, 1990. Bro. Curtis Williams plans to be with us in this meeting. Bros. T. V. McMillian and Bob Huskey have also expressed a burden to support the meeting.

We plan to borrow tents from the Monark Campground to make sure everyone has a place to stay. To reserve a tent or to receive directions, please call Bro. Doug Wall, (501) 452-1355. **Tent reservations should be made by June 15.**

We feel a burden for the people in this area and will deeply appreciate your prayers for the success of this meeting. —Bro. Doug Wall

AKRON, OH REVIVAL

The Akron, OH congregation, Lord willing, will have a revival June 27-June 1. For more information contact Bro. Keith Fuller, 244 Storer Ave., Akron, OH 44302. Phone (216) 864-1128.

LORANGER, LA CAMP MEETING

Once again an invitation is extended to all to come to a meeting here of the saints. We trust you

will have opportunity to attend.

We are in the time of "the longsuffering of our Lord" of which II Peter 3:15 speaks. Now is God's time to extend full salvation to all.

The meeting is planned to begin on Friday night, June 29, continuing daily through Sunday, July 8.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings.

From Loranger go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Highway 40. For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 which runs into Hwy. 40). The chapel phone is (504) 878-2788. Bro. Ed Wilson's phone is (504) 878-4559. For more information write Nelson Doolittle, Rt. 1, Box 192, Loranger, LA 70446.

If we will purpose it so, we can take to heart the meetings this summer. This will **not** be just another camp meeting season! For too many it will be their last chance. For many others it may be their **one** chance to hear the truth.

May everyone that "nameth the name of the Lord," begin by first giving themselves to Him. We can travail and have a vision if we will it so. Our importuning may make the difference for an additional soul. Let us this year lay up treasures in heaven. Let us help each one we can, and help one another to make it in. We can pray for those who go forth the gospel to tell.

The **need** urges that we must seek first the benefit of the Lord's Kingdom in 1990. Supplication with a burden can redeem the time for souls.

—Bro. Nelson Doolittle

FRESNO, CA CAMP MEETING

The date of the Fresno, CA Camp Meeting is July 6-15, 1990.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. We are praying and expecting God to work in a mighty way. We are praying that souls will be saved. Please join us in prayer for this meeting.

For further information please contact Bro. Charles E. Taylor at 4776 N. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93726. Phone (209) 348-1016. The chapel address is 388 N. First St. Phone (209) 486-9977.

53RD NATIONAL CAMP MEETING MONARK SPRINGS, MO

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark

Springs), MO, July 20-29, 1990. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the spiritual blessings that we are expecting from the Lord.

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

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

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

All correspondence about tents and dormitory spaces should be addressed to Sister DeLoris Bradley, Rt. 1 Bartlett, KS 67332, phone (316) 226-3390. She will be coordinating requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

Our scheduled work days are July 4, 7, and 14. We will be looking forward to working together.

If you have any questions, we will be glad to help in any way we can.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley, (above address), or Ed Johnston, Rt. 3 Box 356, Seymour, MO 65746, phone (417) 935-2520.

WICHITA, KS MEETING REPORT

The Lord was faithful to send help and bless our souls in our meeting. He sent His Word to stir up our pure minds with such admonitions as: "Trust in the Lord and lean not to thine own understanding." "We must not worry, for worrying is not trusting, therefore, trusting is not worrying."

We were reminded that we must love one another and that we must have unity of the Spirit. If the people of God are united, there is great power and manifold blessings. We must not have pride or else the pride of our own heart will deceive us. "God hates even a proud look."

We were exhorted to have fellowship with Christ which means mutual sharing and enjoyment. We were emphatically exhorted to let God direct our paths. We must also get on the King's

highway and be faith walkers. We were told that palm branches are an emblem of victory. We are to let our problems and trials become palm branches in our hands and be able to cry "Hosanna," which means "Save Now." "Perfect praise" arises out of a life of submission. The Lord is calling us to a high place of perfection. We were told that prayer is essential to our spiritual success and a resourceful resolve to problems. To remain faithful, we must pray.

If we, the saints in Wichita, digest the food of the Word we heard, we shall all progress and continue faithful and fruitful. Our thanks to God for the ones who brought forth the Word of life to us.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight



From The Mailbox . . .

MO—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings of love in the sweet name of Jesus. If ever we need Him it is surely now. He knew I would need Him, when He saved me. I have thought so many times in the last six years about what I would have done if I didn't have God to look to. I do appreciate the saints and my loved ones so much, God can do more than any one. When I get to a place when it's hard to know what to do, then I call on my heavenly Father and He has the answer every time. It's hard when you are left alone, and yet I am never alone.

I love the *Faith and Victory* paper and get food from it. I am isolated and also can't hear much any more.

Let's all keep encouraged and press on. . . .

A sister in Christ. —Hettie Mae Clements



IN—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I have been reading some of your tracts. I really enjoy them a lot. Please send me some samples. I have been walking with the Lord for about two years now. I work in a children's home and the Lord has given me a lot of chances to plant seeds.

I went to my first camp meeting last weekend at Myrtle, MO. It was great! Thank the Lord. . . .

Love and prayers, —Brother Todd Farlow



CA—Dear Bro. Murphey and all the saints in the Publishing House: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

Oh, how I love the Lord and thank Him for this wonderful salvation. He is continually blessing me

in so many ways. I am determined by His grace to follow Him all the way. I have had many hard trials, but they have brought me closer to Him. I am so thankful that He answers our prayers and gives grace to carry us through with victory in our souls.

I am always praying for the Lord to bless all the workers there for the work they are doing through the printed page. The testimonies and articles in the *Faith and Victory* paper are a real blessing.

Sincerely in Christian love,

—Sister Ruth Donnelly



OH—Our family and several others have been richly blessed by the good books you carry. May God's blessing be upon you for being so selective in your reading material.

We are a Christian family with six children (under eight years old), trusting the Lord for worthwhile reading that will help us in raising our "godly seed."

Also, we want our children to be exposed to the fact that there are other children whose hearts are truly toward God. . . .

In Christ,

—Kimberly Butler



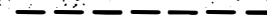
MI—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We send you greetings in His love, thanking you all for your effort in putting forth the gospel. You have been very faithful to send us the *Faith and Victory* paper and we thank you. The Lord blesses with articles in the paper at such times as we have a need for them. It also helps us keep in touch with others. . . .

We are thankful to the Lord for His wonderful promises to us and also His promise to carry out His Word. People make a lot of promises but can't be trusted to carry them out, but we know God is true and faithful in all things. We have had many things press in on us at times, but God has been faithful to put our mind at ease and let us know that He is still in control of the things of life.

As the signs of the times come more into view, let us draw closer to the Lord. Pray for us that we will heed God's Word in all things.

With Christian love,

—Bro. and Sis. Milford Parsons



MO—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me still trusting the Lord for both soul and body. I couldn't do without my Jesus. He is so good

to me. I love Him and want to be more like Him.

May God bless every one at the Print Shop is my prayer. Keep me and my loved ones on your prayer list. I will pray for you.

As ever, your friend and prayer partner,

—Sis. Eathel Hill

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CA—Dear ones: Please renew my Faith and Victory. I sure love it and hope I don't miss a one.

A precious sister of mine, Vera Rooks, from Freeport had it sent to me. She needs prayer for her healing. I love her so much. We are a close family.

I pray God's blessings upon each of you. You are doing a good work. —Gladys Newberry

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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to all of you in the dear and sweet name of Jesus. I pray all is going well in the Lord's work.

I thank all of you for your good prayers. I still need a healing touch. God has been good to me and helped me this far, and I know He won't leave me nor forsake me.

I still thank Him for healing my arm; it was in bad shape. My back is some better, but it needs a touch of the Master's hand yet. . . .

With my love and prayers,

—Sis. Olive Getterson

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OH—Dear ones at the Print Shop: I am thankful to God for saving me many years ago. I know He is with me no matter what comes my way. He has been so good to me through all of these years. The Word of God says He will never forsake us or leave us alone. Thank God.

I have so many loved ones who are unsaved. Please remember them in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

—Chester Dunaway

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LA—Dear loved ones: We truly appreciate all the love, donations, calls and prayers in behalf of all our family due to our loved one's death. We miss him much, but we are thankful we have some beautiful singing (hymns) on tape.

God has been good and we rejoice! We are so thankful our health is better and our car is still going. Also our work is fewer hours in the daytime, enabling us to be with the children at night. However, we miss being in services, the Christian school, and all the saints of God.

When we look back at the last month, we marvel at the timing factor. Only a day before the sad event did we settle back into New Sarpy, LA. The children are still frightened easily, but we are thankful they can comfort each other. We are also thankful we could be here for our son. He was helping on that sad day and also needs comfort.

Missing the family of God,

—Cathy Bhramayana and family

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KY— Dear workers at the Print Shop: I am truly thankful to be able to go and do my housework. I praise and thank God for His goodness and for answering my prayers. I couldn't do without my Lord.

Too few realize that it is God's great hand of mercy that helps us through this world. It was His Son's hands that were pierced by nails, driven by cruel men.

I pray that sinners will repent and get saved, and that the saved will become evangelists and preach the Word, so the Word can go out and save others. . . .

Pray for me that I will remain true to the end.

A sister in Christ,

—Wilma Horsley

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Testimonies And Answers To Prayer

KS—Our dear brothers and sisters: It is difficult to find fitting words for the thanksgiving we have to give our God, for He has truly been a wonderful Lord. He is so worthy of our highest praise! It is joy to walk with Him each day, and even though He leads us through a few valleys, our lives are richly blessed.

We want to thank the Lord for something special He did for us recently. Back in January of this year we were exposed to the whooping cough. None of us had ever taken it before, and the birth of our second child was five weeks away. Our first child, Caitlin, is two years old.

We were presented with a fearful situation. When we submitted ourselves to God, laying our lives on the altar, He took all fear away. We knew He would allow nothing that would not be for our good. The Lord gave me some precious thoughts about the wings and feathers of the Lord being our refuge. "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings. . . ." Mal. 4:2. Psalm 91: 4, 7, 10, 14 says,

"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; **but it shall not come nigh thee.** There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him. . . ."

We **never** took the whooping cough! There were others whom the Lord had healed after they had apparently taken it. Isn't that just like the Lord? "His loving kindness, Oh, how great!"

The Lord then blessed us with a healthy 9 lb. boy, Walter, on Feb. 24.

May we encourage each other. Let us love one another, pray for one another, and seek to know the Lord **together!** This way affords great happiness; all we have to do is yield.

With much love in our hearts for each one,
—Herschel and Jeanne Eck

IA—Dear Bro. Wayne: On Jan. 1, I fell on the ice while going down the back porch. A couple of days later I had X-rays taken which showed that my eighth rib was broken, and had punctured a hole in my right arm. Praise the Lord, He has healed me of my broken rib and closed the wound.

The Lord laid this verse on my heart.: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26. I believed His Word that I was healed, for the Bible is true.

My wife and I both intend to go all the way with the Lord. He is our great healer and our good Shepherd.

I do need pray for my shoulder, and my wife needs prayer for her afflictions.

In Jesus' precious name,
—Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy Mason

AR—Dear Bro. Wayne: Just a line to let you know the Lord has been so good to us. My grandson, who had so many medical problems, is holding his own. The doctor said the longer he can go without trouble, the better off he will be. If he can hold on till he is six months old, he won't have to have an operation on his heart. He is doing fine-gaining weight and growing slowly. He has six weeks to go before he is six months old. Our God is a great God. Praise His name.

I have another prayer request. I was in the Wal-Mart store last Tuesday morning, about 9:30, when a large flower pot fell from where it was hanging. It hit me on one shoulder. Another pot fell and hit me on the other shoulder. Now I have pain in my neck and head. Please pray for me.

Yours truly,
—Sister Mary Foster

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From Rivers State, Nigeria . . .

Apr. 23—Dear Brother in Christ: Christian greetings to you and all the faithful workers in the Lord's Printing Shop in the ever precious name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The remains of our beloved father and grandfather, Bro. B. B. Taylor were buried on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1989. His funeral was conducted here in the Church of God premises by Bro. F. Naths-Igbanibo and myself. Enclosed is a photograph taken at the funeral gathering in honor of Pastor B. B. Taylor. Bro. F. Naths-Igbanibo and myself are the two standing. Bro. F. Naths-Igbanibo is the one with eyeglasses, and I am the one with the blue shirt. [The taller of the two standing.]



We learned of the passing into glory of our beloved mother and grandmother, Sister Maybelle Pruitt. Our heartfelt condolence is extended to you and to all who have been acquainted with her from far and near. In fact, we should be encouraged by the passing into glory of our faithful brethren and be determined to henceforth have our soul's anchor grounded firmer and deeper in the Saviour's

love. Dying in the Lord is the best and sweetest experience we all should be willing to have our share in. Please take heart and may God bestow upon you and the co-workers all the needed consolation through Christ.

From Dec. 24-28 of 1989, the Port Harcourt and Tombia brethren jointly took a gospel voyage to a distant, ancient and idolatrous village called Odio-ama. This is the home of Bro. Fraide Naths-Igbanibo, one other brother and a sister in the Port Harcourt congregation.

During the five day's labor in Odio-ama we were given enough grace to sow the gospel seed both day and night. The paramount traditional ruler confessed that the villagers are wholly given to jujuism when he granted us audience in his palace. Many *Faith and Victory* papers, *Beautiful Way* papers and tracts were distributed freely to the villagers. Help pray for the germination of the seed sown there.

We held the first quarterly revival meeting this year as the Lord directed from March 20-26. At the close of this meeting, a male student was converted and baptized. Many others were convicted of their sins, but they would not readily profess Christ and be baptized. The Lord's Supper and feet washing ordinances were kept to mark the closure of that meeting.

Finally, may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

I remain yours in the body of Christ,

—Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

From India . . .

May 17—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear ones in the Print Shop and saints abroad: Greetings to you dear ones in America, in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

A cyclone in Andhra State in South India last week took away the lives of many souls and millions of cattle. Thousands lost their homes. We have a few saints there, and all of them are quite safe. We thank God for His protection under His wings. We plan to go to Andhra State as a group next week to visit the saints and to conduct a few days' meetings. Those who know God need to go for God. Knowing and going and giving are the important virtues of a child of God.

Today we received plenty of rain for which we thank God. The church activities are moving on fine with much progress. The King's business requires haste.

Our *Evening Light* paper in the Tamil language needs support for its publishing. Pray for this need.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

In Memoriam

Frank Dietrich was born Sept. 13, 1896 to William and Rose Dietrich. He passed away at his home in Stanley, WI on Jan. 30, 1990. He had lived and farmed in Stanley, WI for his entire life.

On Oct. 29, 1932 he was united in marriage to Elsie Jensen, in Miltown, WI. Elsie was the pastor of the Church of God in Stanley for many years.

Elsie preceded him in death on May 30, 1984. Frank is now home with her where he longed to go.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Cheri Dietrich, St. Paul, MN; one daughter, Gloria Yeager, St. Paul, MN; one grandson, Matthew; several nieces and a nephew, as well as many acquaintances.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 2, 1990.

Birdie L. Kroker was born Mar. 30, 1906, in Adelphi, IA and departed this life in Salem, OR. She went to be with the Lord on Apr. 16, 1990. She was united in marriage to Edward Kroker, and to this union six children were born. She is survived by Leona Lamb, Stayton, OR, Carol Dombrowsky, Medford, OR, Elwood Kroker, Jefferson, OR, Paul Kroker, Salem, OR, Jerry Kroker, Salem, OR; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Sis. Kroker worshiped with the saints at Jefferson, OR, faithfully filling her place in the spirit of godly humility. She will be missed by all of us who loved her.

Services were conducted by Bros. Dan Kroker and Charles Elwell.

Nellie Mae Ott was born to Marion and Mary Lula White on Nov. 29, 1909 in Texline, TX. She passed away at the home of her granddaughter, Susan Long, near Guthrie, OK on May 1, 1990.

Sis. Nellie was raised by godly parents, and much of her life was spent dedicated to the Lord. She extolled the virtue of grace which made her life one which was a privilege to know. She was

accomplished in the upholstery trade which was a means of her blessing many people and she was always ready to do whatever she could to further the gospel.

She was married to Frank C. Ott on Feb. 15, 1925, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by one son, her parents, four brothers, one sister and one granddaughter.

She is survived by two daughters, Zelda Mae Miller and husband Raymond, Stillwater, OK and Vivian Cleek, Guthrie, OK; one brother, Roy White, Guthrie, OK; one sister, Mary Reece, Fresno, CA; five grandchildren, Judy Sharp, Stillwater, OK, Janet Burt, Sherman, TX, Marlene Maker, Susan Long and Keith Cleek all of Guthrie, OK; nine great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter, as well as many friends and saints.

Services were conducted in the Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Guthrie, OK by Bros. Carl Shaffer and Wayne Murphey. She was laid to rest in the 100F Cemetery, Arcadia, OK.

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Billy Hensley was born Jan. 24, 1927 in Coleman, AR, and passed away May 8, 1990.

On June 17, 1945 he was married to Betty Roberts, the daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Grace Roberts. Billy had an appreciation for the work of the Lord and was good to support it.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home; one son, James Hensley, Claremore, OK; four daughters, Gloria Hewling/Nair, Claremore, OK, Cynthia Bill, Tulsa, OK, Rebecca Swisher, Edgemont, AR and Sandra Morton, Claremore, OK; one brother, James Buff, San Diego, CA; two sisters, Elsie Pileeger, Tulsa, OK and Ella Suley, Rogers, AR; two foster sisters, Mary Hensley, Tulsa, OK and Betty Bond, Annapolis MD; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Orville Buff; one foster brother, Boss Colburn, and one sister, Sybil Chamber.

Funeral services were held at the Chapel of Saint's Valley by Bros. Richard Madden and Don McIntosh. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, OK.

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"To pursue joy is to lose it. The only way to get it is to follow steadily in the path of duty, without thinking of joy, and then, like sheep it comes most surely unsought, and we 'being in the way,' the angel of God, bright-haired Joy, is sure to meet us."

--Alexander MacLaren

Question and Answer by Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Please discuss and explain Romans 2:12-15.

Answer: Romans 2:12-15 reads thus in its entirety: "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another:)" "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." vs. 16.

This passage states clearly and plainly that some sinned without law. But I John 3:4 also clearly states that "sin is the transgression of the law." Also, Romans 4:15 clearly states, "For where no law is, there is no transgression." This idea would also include the knowledge of the law. To one who has no knowledge of the law or God's will at any given point, sin is not imputed even though he might violate it. Paul said this in so many words when he said in Romans 7:9, "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." What he is saying here is that without the knowledge of the law when he knew not what the law said, he was alive (innocent before God); but the commandment came, or he received a knowledge of what the law said, it revived in him and he died. Death is the consequence of sin.

But here is a people sinning without law and declared to be perishing without law. How could this be in the light of the Scriptures given in the above paragraph? The answer is found in verses 14 and 15. It is said in verse 14 that these people did not have the law but they did by nature the things contained in the law. Verse 15 says they show the work of the law written in their hearts and their consciences bore them witness and their thoughts accused or excused them. These verses do not teach what some have taken them to teach; that an individual can be saved by his conscience.

They rather teach that there is sufficient knowledge of right and wrong doings. Every person who comes into the world is given sufficient knowledge of God's law of righteousness to guide him right until it is squelched by repeatedly riding over his conscience until it becomes hardened. Then he loses that. Romans 1:12 answers this well. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." This verse says that these people knew God, but verse 28 said they did not like to retain God in their mind. From verse 21 through the remainder of the chapter we have described the deplorable and disgusting condition these people fell into on account of their taking their own way instead of God's way and "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Can we see this same thing happening all around us today in our world?

What God implants in the bosom of each individual exactly corresponds to what is in God's law even though he may not have knowledge of God's law directly—. . . have not the law do by nature the things contained in the law." Let us realize that for a person to violate his own conscience is sin and is a very serious thing and will produce very grave consequences even though he does not have direct knowledge of the commandment. These people's conscience bore them witness and their thoughts accused or excused them.

Now let me earnestly warn you that you are more likely to perish by your conscience than you are to be saved by it if you don't take good care of it and keep it tender by responding quickly to its dictates and properly educating it by the Word of God.

The antideluvian world perished by their conscience. That was the only law they had at that time but they grossly violated it and rode over it so persistently and repeatedly until it became so hardened and corrupted that the imaginations of their hearts were only evil continually and there was no remedy. The passage we are discussing in this lesson declares that some of the heathen will perish by their conscience; and you will, too, if you do not take proper care of it and keep it clear and tender.



Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
And may I bravely do my part,
To win that soul to thee.

--Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.

Prayer

(Continued from page 3.)

"throne rights." Let's be sure to exercise our throne rights as children of the heavenly King! All areas of our life are prayable. Conversational prayer should be like talking to your best friend, which is exactly what you are doing. From your heart talk to a Friend who "sticketh closer than a brother."

In reference to Cornelius, Acts 10:4 says, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." Our prayers are like a sweet fragrance that ascends to the throne of God—"golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints." (Rev. 5:8.) The Lord bottles up our tears and the sweet odor of our prayers. They serve as a memorial by which He remembers us. The fragrance of morning prayer can linger with us throughout the day. It will be evident to those around us that we have been with Jesus, as we linger in prayer before Him. Jesus detects any slippage in our life if we get a little neglectful in our prayer life. The degree of our spiritual vigor will be in direct proportion to the time we spend in God's Word and prayer. It's a great consolation to know that the Lord is only a prayer away. As we send our prayers up to God, we are making precious deposits in the Bank of Heaven. These are safe deposits that can pay eternal dividends. The poet said, "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees." There is wonderworking power in prayer. Prayer will fortify you against the tempter's power. If you get more power in your life, then there will be more power in the Church. Don't bemoan the fact that there should be more power in the Church and then not get all the power that you should have in your own life. We want to be able to take some real fire-power into the battle.

Prayer is a devotional expression of the heart. The Lord treasures and cherishes our worship. Worship is the believer's adoring response. The Lord enjoys being told how much He is loved and appreciated. God likes to hear from us. To race through the day and to neglect prayer is a huge mistake. It takes time to be holy. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" should be more than just a song to us. If you're too busy to take time for spiritual duties, you're too busy! Active faith will activate the promises of God in our life. Manifesting faith in God is not like taking a daring leap in the dark. "Great is thy faithfulness." How calmly we should be able to commit ourselves into the hands of Him

who bears up the world. Prayer is the gate to heaven and we need to pass through that gateway often. You can have a lot of zeal and enthusiasm, but if it's not backed up by much prayer what is it going to amount to? Prayer should be more than a shopping list where we are approaching God with just a "give me" type of attitude. Let's mingle thanksgiving and worship with our petitions. "Let your requests be made known with thanksgiving." (Phil. 4:6).

We have a direct line to the Lord to send up an S.O.S. You'll never get a busy signal. The poet said, "I have a precious telephone, The line is long and clear, It reaches to the heavenly throne, Unto my home so dear." The president of the United States is relatively inaccessible to the average

person, but this is not the case with our heavenly Father. He is not a respecter of persons. Believing prayer will have a strong sense of expectancy. Expect an

answer. If you don't expect an answer, why pray? True prayer has in it a strong element of expectancy. "Prayer moves the Hand that moves the world." Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see. Faith is our purchasing power. Faith is, in the spiritual realm, what money is in the commercial realm. It truly is our purchasing power. If we want the blessings to come pouring down from heaven, faith is what can open the spigots with full force. Prayer is an incredible agent of conquest. Don't approach God with skepticism. Hebrews 10:22 says, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." Let's realize that faith involves anticipation.

Persevering prayer is a continual knocking at the door. There should be a spirit of persistency in our praying. Wrestle until you get the answer. Approach God with importunity. Prayer is a mental effort; we don't merely say our prayers. The Lord is not interested in vain repetitions. We don't use prayer books and just merely go through a vain form. Empty formalities are not going to touch God on His throne. Jacob took the attitude that he would wrestle it out, saying "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Faith is the key that unlocks the treasury of heaven. The Lord has a storehouse that is able to "supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory." Faith is the wings of prayer. Prayer is the wings of the soul that carries us in flight to the Throne of Grace. We must go often to our refueling station to get fresh

supplies of grace and help to face our daily battles. Prayer is weakness leaning on Omnipotence. How poor and needy we are before God. He holds our very breath in His hand, and only He can sustain and keep us. Luke 18:1 says, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." We will faint and fail without prayer. For saints, however, the task ahead of them is never greater than the power behind them. Faith is raising the sail in our little boat until it is caught up in the wind of Omnipotence. The Lord can help us to go forth "conquering and to conquer."

Matthew 26:41 says, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." If we don't keep alert and pray, temptation is liable to overpower us.

"Prayer is an incredible agent of conquest."

Strong resolutions don't amount to much unless they are backed up by prayer. Faith in God is what holds us up. Without faith all of the scaffolding collapses. Prayer

does not have to be dull and powerless. Religion should not be a dull habit, but rather it should be an acute fever. The Lord wants fervent, focused prayer. If we are careless and just let our minds wander, rather than staying focused in our praying, it will diminish our effectiveness. To be negligent about secret prayer is dangerous. One delay can follow another delay in our spiritual duties. These delays and postponements can dull our spiritual senses.

II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Our land surely needs to be healed and revived. A spiritual, on-fire Church is a praying Church. The saints of God can bombard heaven with earnest petitions, beseeching God for an outpouring of His Spirit. When prayers are united in perfect agreement, it carries a powerful influence. Isaiah 66:8 says, "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Prayer is the labor room where this travail and importunity is done. A lot of work is done half-heartedly and mechanically, and that can creep right over into Christian service, if we're not careful. May the Lord witness in us a praying and fasting people. No one rises any higher than his praying. Every one of us can have a ministry of prayer. Be a prayer warrior who wrestles with God for the salvation of souls. —Bro. Jerry Gossard

Home Life

In looking on the husband as the head of the family, there is also great danger of forgetting the important place that the wife fills in the home. If you are the head of wife and home, what is your wife to you? Is she the foot? By no means. She is the body — the real substance and the one most necessary for husband and home. God said it was not good for man to be alone; therefore He made the woman for an help meet, to be with man and to help him, because he needed her and could not get along nor be happy without her. Neither can you get along nor be happy without your wife. What is a home without a mother? She is indeed the last one that a home could spare, for she is the very light and life of home.

If you are the head and the king of home, she must be the body and the queen of your home. Therefore we read, "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church." This shows the only right relation between husband and wife; and only by acting accordingly can you make yourself, your wife, and your home happy.

Your wife is to you like your own flesh; and you might as well stick your hand into the fire and not expect to feel the almost unendurable pains of a burnt limb, as to treat your wife in any way contrary to love, care and kindness and not expect to suffer as much as she or more. Whatever you bestow on your wife, you will have to share with her. If you make her happy, you make yourself happy. If you make her miserable, you make yourself the more miserable. So do not forget that it pays to be good to your wife and to give your very life and all for her good and happiness. Do it, and

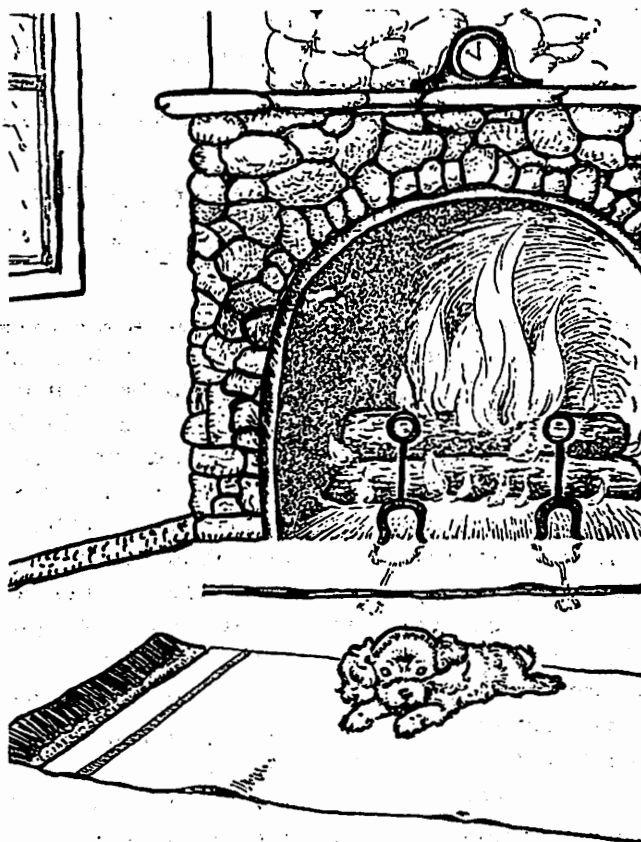
you will be a happy man and have a happy home.

Don't scold her. It would be better for you to go out and scold yourself or hurt yourself, and maybe your wife will pour oil on the wounds; but if you hurt your wife, you will also hurt yourself, and who, then, will apply the healing balm? You are told in the Scriptures not to be bitter against your wife. It does not pay. Don't blame her. Don't complain at her. Don't ever have an unkind thought about her for anything she does; for if you do, you may say unkind things to her, and then you not only inflict wounds both on her heart and on yourself, but also wound your home. You may say, "He doesn't know my wife." Is she below standard? Then, improve her by being all you should be to her. That is the only way to do it.

As husbands we must not only avoid the things that tend to make our wives and our homes unhappy, but also follow after the things that increase love and happiness. If your wife does not suit you, and you think that she does not have the tender love and care for

you which you would like for her to have — for although we are men, we do like to be tenderly and fondly treated by our wives, and we might as well confess it — do not put on a bold front and a "don't care" in order to spite your wife or to wait her out. This is an unnatural and a very tormenting thing to do for any length of time. If you want your wife to be very good and loving to you, remember that you must win her love and draw out her affections. In doing this you make her sweeter, happier, and better — just what you want her to be.

Does your wife ever appear to you to be sour and bitter? Well, have you not sometimes given her a bitter cup to drink? And has not that, at least helped to make her so? Now change the program



and be loving and sweet to her, and you will soon notice the change. Does she act indifferently toward you? Well, have you not caused it by forgetting to nourish and cherish her affections? Have you not forgotten to be the attentive gentleman you once were? If so, you have ceased drawing out her affections, and how can you expect her heart to be a burning flame of love toward you? You say, "All this is true, but how can I help it?" Not by scolding, blaming, faultfinding, etc.; not by staying away from your wife and home all day and then in the evening going somewhere to loaf, nor by reading the newspaper when you are at home. Had you acted thus in the first place, you would never have gotten a wife. You can do it only by seeking her company as you once did to win her, and when in her company by being as attentive and as much of a lover as you were when you once wooed her heart and courted her love.

—Taken from *Home, Health and Success*, by Thomas Nelson.



I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

In the depths of his great trial of faith, Job uttered these immortal words: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me," Job 19:25-27. The Hebrew word for the word "redeemer" here is "kinsman." Let us look at a Jewish law concerning this thought of a kinsman.

In Deuteronomy 25:5-10 we have the law concerning the death of a man and what was to be done concerning his wife and if she had no children. The law states that the woman was not to go and marry some stranger without, but that her husband's brother was to take her to be his wife. If the brother of the dead chose not to take her to wife, the matter was reported to the elders. In the presence of the elders the woman approached the man who refused to perform the duty of a husband's brother to her, and took off his shoe. Then she would spit in the man's face, saying, "So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

We find this carried out in the case of Ruth, daughter-in-law to Naomi. Ruth's husband had died, and Boaz was a near kinsman. However,

there was one who was nearer in kinship to the dead, and he was consulted first. In the observance of the above ritual to confirm the transaction, the kinsman relinquished his right to the hand of Ruth in favor of Boaz.

Job said, "I know that my redeemer, or kinsman liveth." It is understood that the kinsman of whom Job spake here was Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. What Job said we can say also. Our Kinsman liveth. Our first kinsman, Adam, disobeyed God and brought sin and death upon all of us. By his sin he brought desolation and sorrow to all the human race. We come into this world with the sentence of death upon us. Because of Adam we all must die. But, thank God, we have a Kinsman. Jesus Christ is our Kinsman who came to redeem us from sin and death. We know that He, our dear Kinsman, liveth. He was crucified and put to death. But He arose from the tomb triumphant to eternal life. He ascended to the right hand of God. Because He lives, we shall live also. (John 14:19.) He is our kinsman. We do not have to go down in despair. We have someone who wants to take over our estate and bring life and happiness to us again.

The power of Satan and sin has ravaged and worked sorrow in our lives. Gross habits of lust, greed, and strife have ruined our economy of faith and holiness and fellowship with God. There seems to be no way for us to deliver ourselves and make a new start in the right direction. But listen! Our Kinsman still lives, and He is ready to take over our ruined estate and make it a profitable enterprise again. He can clear all of these old habits from our pattern of life and establish a way of purity, love and humility into our souls.

Sin has brought sorrow, disappointment and defeat into our lives. Darkness is all around us, and despair stares us gloomily in the face. We are filled with frustration and woe. Is this all there is to life? Is there any way out of our aimless tread? Oh, my dear friend, there is hope for you. Our Kinsman still lives, and He is just waiting for you to come and bow at His feet and turn your wasted paths over to Him. He can banish the sorrow and gloom, and make you happy and successful again.

Death is on our trail. Sooner or later we will take our departure from this life and go out into the great eternal beyond. It is a leap in the dark for so many. But it need not be. We have a Kinsman who has conquered death and brought life eternal to all who will trust and obey Him. You can come to Him and He wants to take your inheritance over and bring life and hope to you once more. You can

have hope of living forever with Him in that blessed world to come. You do not have to go down to the grave like the beasts of the field with no hope of coming up in the resurrection to see good things. "We have a hope within our souls brighter than the perfect day."

Let us take courage! Our Redeemer still lives. He lives on high at the right hand of the Father. And there He is interceding for you and for me. He has gone into heaven to appear in the presence of God for us. (Heb. 9:24.) He is our kind Kinsman. He is our Brother, Lord and Friend. In Adam we lost all our righteous estate, but Christ comes as the second Adam, our Kinsman, to help us regain it all and more besides. Oh, turn your heart and soul to Him, taste and see that the Lord is good, and let Him restore you to fellowship with God. He will do it as He has done for me and other souls who are born from above and washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, our Redeemer, our Kinsman!

—Leslie C. Busbee

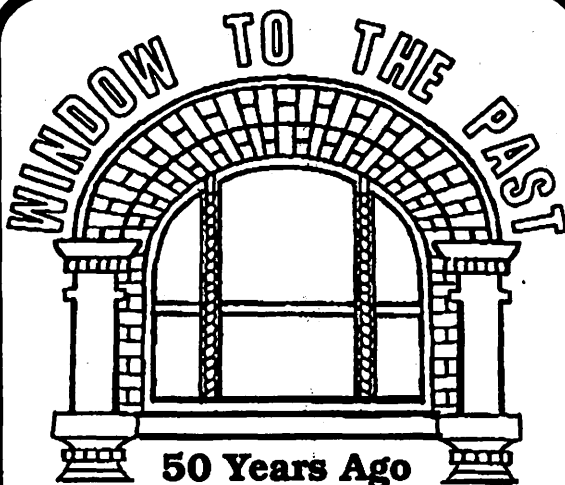


Salvation

Lo! where amid appalling dangers dread,
The rock undaunted lifts its welcome head;
The ship of commerce gayly sail'd along,
All hands were merry with their evening song;
When, lo! they scud before a sudden blast,
The sails are shiver'd broken is the mast;
The ship is wreck'd, the storm rolls wildly round,
The sinking sailors have no footing found.
In drowning plight, stunned by the wave's rude shock,
The lightning kindly points them to the rock;
The Rock they grasp, and raise themselves on high,
In conscious safety bid the storm pass by.

So when mankind was wrecked on Eden's shore,
Loud was the tempest, loud the thunder's roar;
Earth, sea, and skies affrighted were, and toss'd,
Tumultuous all. Shall men be saved, or lost?
In that wild ocean of despair and dread,
The ROCK OF AGES lifts his lofty head;
The sinner, sinking, stunn'd by Sinai's shock,
By Sinai's lightning, now beholds the Rock:
With glad surprise, more clear his moral sight,
He sees besides, a cross of heavenly light;
The Rock he clammers, to the cross he clings,
And saved from danger, of **Salvation** sings.

—Selected



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"On Sunday, May 12, the first general service was held in the new chapel at Dover, OK, where Bro. U. Phillips resides. Saints of other congregations were there, and it was also our privilege to attend. The Lord anointed Bro. Phillips for a timely message of truth. One text used was Psalm 122:1, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.' The building and dedication of Solomon's temple was recalled, and how these literal symbols portrayed God's beautiful spiritual house of today. Bro. G. W. Winn of Guthrie then spoke briefly, giving a history of the work in that community, and expressing his thanksgiving to the Lord for living to see the house of worship built, which he had long prayed for. Bro. Winn held the first camp meeting in that community about 30 years ago, at which time Bro. Phillips and some of his relatives accepted the truth."

—L. D. Pruitt

"While there, [Elkhart, IN] Bro. Priem took us to visit a Dunkard preacher, living south of Elkhart. While taking to him, he informed us that he had a debate with H. M. Riggle years ago and he knew all about us people . . . When I asked him if he believed God could keep us living free from sin, he answered, 'I believe it is a possibility, but that I sin and you do too.' I would rather that he would just testify for himself, and let me do my own testifying; but he was so full of talk that one would hardly have any chance to instruct him. We left that place feeling sad. . . ."

—Fred Pruitt