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I Would Not Exchange

Oh what a great joy is thrilling my heart,
A wonderful treasure is mine;
And from this rare gem I would not depart
For all of earth's millions combined.

The pearl of great price from the sea of God's
love
Came down through the pure crystal stream
Of the river of life from the white throne above,
Fulfilling the hope of my dreams.

If the channel that carries Itasca's lake
From the mountain to the rolling gulf,
Was lined with gold every step of the way—
Its value would not be enough.

To cause or induce me to make an exchange,
Or despise the pearl of great price;
There's not to be found within earthly range
To equal the gift of my Christ.

When the earth shall perish and vanish away,
None of its gems are secure;
This treasure of mine will then not decay,
Its luster shall ever endure.

As ages roll on, and time ceases to be,
Its value shall still hold at par.
There's nought can efface, even death can't
erase
Nor the brightness of its luster mar.

I would not exchange this treasure of mine
For naught, or all else beside.
'Twas purchased for me on Calvary's tree
When Christ the great Saviour died.

—Ulysses Phillips

How C. H. Spurgeon Found Christ

I had been about five years in the most fearful distress of mind, as a lad. If any human being felt more of the terror of God's law, I can indeed pity and sympathize with him. Bunyan's "Grace Abounding" contains, in the main, my history. Some abysses he sent into I never trod; but some into which I plunged he seems to have never known.

I thought the sun was blotted out of my sky—that I had sinned so against God that there was no hope for me. I prayed—the Lord knoweth how I prayed; but I never had a glimpse of an answer that I knew of. I searched the Word of God: the promises were more alarming than the threatenings. I read the privileges of the people of God, but with the fullest persuasion that they were not for me. The secret of my distress was this: I did not know the gospel. I was in a Christian land, I had Christian parents, but I did not fully understand the freeness and simplicity of the gospel.

I attended all the places of worship in the town where I lived, but I honestly believe that I did not hear the gospel fully preached. I do not blame the men, however. One man preached the divine sovereignty. I could hear him with pleasure; but what was that to a poor sinner who wished to know what he should do to be saved? There was another admirable man who always preached about the law; but what was the use of plowing up ground that needed to be sown? Another was a great practical preacher. I heard him, but it was very much like a commanding officer teaching the maneuvers of war to a set of men without feet. What could I do? All his exhortations were lost on

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me. I knew it was said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," but I did not know what it was to believe in Christ.

I sometimes think I might have been in darkness and despair now, had it not been for the goodness of God in sending a snowstorm one Sunday morning when I was going to a place of worship. When I could go no farther, I turned down a court and came to a little primitive chapel. In that chapel there might have been a dozen or fifteen people. The minister did not come that morning; snowed up, I suppose. A poor man, a shoemaker, a tailor or something of that sort, went up into the pulpit to preach.

Now, it is well that ministers should be instructed, but this man was really stupid, as you would say. He was obliged to stick to his text, for the simple reason that he had nothing else to say. The text was, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." He did not even pronounce the words rightly, but that did not matter.

There was, I thought, a gleam of hope for me in the text. He began thus: "My dear friends, this is a very simple text indeed. It says, 'Look.' Now that does not take a deal of effort. It ain't lifting your foot or your finger; it is just 'look.' Well, a man need not go to college to learn to look. You may be the biggest fool and yet you can look. A man need not be worth a thousand a year to look. Any one can look; a child can look. But this is what the text says. Then it says, 'Look unto me.' Ay," said he in broad Essex, "many of ye are looking to yourselves. No use looking there. You'll never find comfort in yourselves. Some look to God, the Father. No, look to Him by and by. Jesus Christ says, 'Look unto me.' Some of you say, 'I must wait the Spirit's working.' You have no business with that just now. Look to Christ. It runs, 'Look unto me.'"

Then the good man followed up his text this way: "Look unto me; I am sweating great drops of blood. Look unto me; I am hanging on the cross. Look! I am dead and buried. Look unto me; I rise again. Look unto me; I ascend. I am sitting at the Father's right hand. Oh! look to me! look to me!"

When he had got about that length, and had managed to spin out ten minutes or so, he was at the end of his tether. Then he looked at me under the gallery, and I dare say, with so few present, he knew me to be a stranger. He then said, "Young man, you look very miserable." Well, I did, but I had not been accustomed to have remarks made on my personal appearance from the pulpit before. However, it was a good blow struck. He continued: "And you will always be miserable—miserable in life, and miserable in death—if you do not obey my

text. But if you obey now, this moment you will be saved."

There and then the cloud was gone, the darkness had rolled away, and that moment I saw the sun. I could have risen that moment and sung with the most enthusiastic of them of the precious blood of Christ, and the simple faith which looks alone to him. Oh, that somebody had told me that before: "Trust Christ, and you shall be saved."

—Selected



The Love Of The Shepherd

David, the young shepherd boy, was out on the hills around Bethlehem, watching his flock of sheep. To cheer himself, he played sweet music on his harp and he sang praises unto God, the Creator of the green hills, of the cool brooks, and of the sheep that David faithfully attended. One time as David guarded the sheep, a lion came quietly creeping out of the shady woods. Not noticing the shepherd, the lion's eyes were fixed on a young lamb. Closer, and closer crept the lion. Then, with mighty strength he sprang forward to take his helpless prey when the shepherd caught him by his beard. The battle was over in just a few minutes and the lion was left dead upon the ground. Again David took up his harp and sang praises unto God. Then the sheep calmed down because they heard the voice of their shepherd and knew he was still there protecting them from danger. (I Sam. 17:34-35).

In the evening the shepherd calls his sheep to him. They follow him to the fold or corral where the shepherd guides them single file through the opening. He counts each one as it passes by his rod. The last sheep there enters the fold, but the shepherd pauses and looks around. One sheep is missing. He thinks of the lion and how it seeks to prey on his sheep. No, he can not leave his own sheep on the hillside to be torn and devoured by a lion. Quickly walking back over the path, the shepherd calls anxiously for the lost sheep. Carefully the shepherd untangles the sheep from his troubles, and with his staff he guides the lost into the fold of safety. (Matt. 18:12).

Now it is night and the sheep are resting. The shepherd lays himself down at the opening. His body is the door to the fold and nothing can enter the fold except he permits it to enter. The shepherd is not deceived by a wolf in sheep's clothing, for he knows his sheep and his sheep know his voice. If a thief should prowl around the fold and harass his sheep, the good shepherd does not flee. Instead, he arises and protects his flock of sheep as long as they abide within his shelter. Even when

it means his death, the shepherd will keep his sheep safe that they may live abundantly. (John 10).

Jesus Christ said, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." John 10:14. The Good Shepherd knows that the poor helpless souls of men and women need protection from the lion, wolf, or thief. When the Good Shepherd hears cries and knows there is danger about, He does not flee. Instead He will arise, take the lion by the beard, and fling it to the ground. He realizes that the subjective souls of his flock are not able to overcome the lion except He intercedes and conquers for them. Oh, how the Good Shepherd loves His sheep! (Heb. 13:20; I Pet. 5:7).

And the sheep love the Good Shepherd. Only when they call upon His name and trust in His mighty power to overcome the evil, only then will they be able to live abundantly. Not one sheep is able to withstand the lion, but he must have the Good Shepherd's protection at all times. "Pray without ceasing." I Thes. 5:17. Keep close to the Good Shepherd and stay away from the tangles and snarls out on the hillside. The Good Shepherd wants to guide each soul into the final Haven of Rest where there is peace and safety forever. Obedient trusting sheep will follow the Good Shepherd there.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



Help

One of the sweetest words in the human language is the word "help," for it is the one thing we as human beings need most. We need help in every department of our lives. People look in every direction and to every available source to get help for the things they need. Many times help is promised but never forthcoming. Many times help is given but it proves to be insufficient and vain. But there is help from our kind and gracious Creator, and in His precious Word we find many wonderful promises and statements that assure us of His help.

In answer to the earnest prayers of needy souls God has been the help of many. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early." Ps. 46:1, 4-5. God wants to help poor helpless mortals in their burdens and needs. He is truly a present help, a help that is instant and near at hand; He is not afar off. He will help us, and that at the right time.

Listen to these comforting Words from Isaiah 41:10 and know that He is speaking this to you. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." For those who seek help in a righteous and godly cause or endeavor, and who are seeking to be led by His Holy Spirit, this promise is a stronghold of comfort and courage. He will not render help and aid to evil or wrong purposes, but is standing near to help the soul who is seeking to please Him.

"Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man." Ps. 60:11; 108:12. This is the prayer and experience of the godly. Their needs and burdens go beyond the help of man. Man can go a little way in giving us help, but for the needs of our precious souls in light, understanding, strength, guidance and protection we have found that the help of man in his carnal ways is utterly vain, useless and harmful. Israel of old experienced the wonders of God's help. In the final words of his farewell address to the people before God took him away, Moses uttered these precious truths: "There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun [or Israel], who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in His excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: . . ." Deut. 33:26-27. Oh, the blessing of receiving help from the great Almighty God! Oh, the comfort to know that His everlasting arms are beneath us!

Not only does God send help Himself, but he sent His Son down here to this dark and sinful world to help us out of our lost and undone state of life. The greatest help He could send us was His Son to suffer and die to atone for our sins against Him; sins of which we are all guilty. Jesus fully accomplished His mission to seek and save the lost. He bore our sins in His own body on the cross so that we could be washed clean and heavenly pure. Then He arose from the dead, triumphant in power to live forevermore. He ascended to the right hand of God to be our great High Priest before Him. Listen to these Words: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:15-16. Oh, what a wonderful promise! We can come with full confidence and assurance to Him in prayer and humble submission. We can find grace to help in time of need. One man cried with tears, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!" (Mark 9:24.) Another needy soul seeking for help for her

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EDITORIALS

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. Christ came to bring peace and rest and yet many of His contemporaries, including whole cities, rejected Him. Even so He still made the offer to any who were tired of their way of life. "Come" was Christ's invitation to John, James, Peter and Andrew. Calling them away from their former life and to follow Him was His sermon to all the disciples. Zaccheus was overjoyed to hear the word "come." The rich young ruler was not as receptive to the sound of it, yet Christ continued offering a better way of life to all who had need of it, and the call still extends to our day. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come, And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:27. Christ is not here personally to call people away from a life of sin, but the Spirit of God has been sent to convict the hearts of sinners and offer salvation. Those who have heard and heeded the call have likewise joined in presenting the way of peace.

As we look at the burdens and frustrations that attend the ways of those who seek for pleasure in a life apart from God, it only seems obvious that there has to be a better way. More and more we see heartache, disappointment and even death a companion of those who refuse Christ's offer.

In Copenhagen is a statue depicting the Saviour extending the invitation of "Come unto me." It is told that a great scholar went to see this statue and surveyed it critically. What he saw did not seem to satisfy him. A little child, noticing his disappointed face, made bold to tell him, "You must go close to it, Sir. You must kneel down and look up into his face." The stranger followed the advice of the child, and kneeling there was rewarded by a view of the sculptured face of Christ so melting in tenderness that it greatly touched his heart. Humbling our hearts and looking up to Christ is how we accept His offer and find rest to our souls.

Finding this peace is not the last thing we should do. There came a time when Christ told His disciples to "tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49). To properly be fitted for living we need the power and knowledge that attends a life filled with God's Spirit. We receive His Spirit by humbling our hearts and asking Him for it. To "tarry" is also to abide in Him.

To "come" to Jesus is not enough. To "tarry" with Him is not all. The final command that Christ gave to the disciples, and which the Spirit of God

impresses upon the hearts of Christians yet today, is found in Mark 16:15. ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

In a book entitled, *Prayer Changes Things*, S. D. Gordon imagines a conversation between Christ and the angel Gabriel, soon after the ascension. Gabriel is asking Jesus what plans He has made to let the world know He lived and died and rose again. The Master replied, "I asked Peter and James and John, and some more of them down there just to go and make it the business of their lives to tell others, and the others to tell others, and the others yet others, and still others beyond, till the last man in the farthest reach has heard the story and has been caught, thrilled and enthralled by the power of it." But Gabriel looks as if he could see difficulty in the Master's plan, and he says, "Yes, Master, suppose after a while Peter forgets. Suppose John loses his enthusiasm and doesn't tell the others. Suppose their successors way down in the twentieth century get so busy about things they do not tell the others. What then?" Back came that quiet voice of the Lord Jesus. He says, "Gabriel, I haven't made any other plans. I am counting on them."

Since the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO will be in progress the last of July, according to our usual custom we will not print an August issue of *Faith and Victory*.

Our new bookstore at Monark has been for the most part, completed, and we cordially invite everyone who is at the camp meeting to visit it.

—Wayne Murphey

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 July 20-29
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Boley, OK — August 19-26
California State at Pacoima, CA —
 August 24-September 2

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 miles 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 Sis. 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.

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The tent meeting at the Duncannon Church of God will be held, Lord willing, August 5-12 on the chapel grounds located approximately 5.5 miles west from Duncannon on Route 849. Services will be held daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The tent will be erected on Saturday; and if enough interest is shown, services will be held August 4 at 7:30 p.m. as well. Meals and lodging will be provided by freewill offerings. There is room for campers, but hook-ups are limited.

Though this is a small meeting, the Lord blesses with sweet fellowship and interesting and informative Bible studies as time allows. All are welcome to attend.

For more information and accommodations call Bro. or Sis. Stanley Huss, (717) 834-4490, Sis. Virginia Myers, (717) 834-4595, or the Church of God chapel, (717) 567-6988.

Your prayers are coveted whether or not you can come. We pray God to send the workers and ministers of His choosing to help in the meeting.

In Christ,

—Barbara J. Campbell

ENSENADA, MEXICO CAMP MEETING

We cordially invite those whom God would lead to our camp meeting in Ensenada, Baja, Mexico, August 13-19. Ministers who have a burden are welcome to deliver the Word with all liberty. To arrange for accommodations or more information, feel free to call Sis. Edith Lara, (619) 399-1208, Bro. James Huskey, (619) 460-7523, or Sis. Opal Kelly, (405) 424-8782. —Church of God of Ensenada, Bro. Mayarino Escobar, pastor

BOLEY, OK CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Boley, OK Camp Meeting of the Church of God will convene August 19-26.

We extend a warm welcome to all nations to attend this meeting. We are looking to God to send ministers and workers of His own choice to labor in the meeting. Do come praying the Lord will give us a Holy Spirit filled meeting and that souls will weep their way to the cross and be saved. Let us remember the Lord's request: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2).

Services will be 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All-day services will be held each Sunday.

For more information contact Sis. Annie May Thompson, Route 1, Box 71-A, Boley, OK 74829, phone (918) 667-3648, or Sis. Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73104, phone (405) 235-2270.

From The Mailbox . . .



CA—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Thank you for all your prayers. I know the Lord hears and answers our believing prayers!

I greatly enjoy your paper, and I pray for each request. You dear people are doing a great work to win souls and uplift Christians.

I had dental work done and it was a real ordeal for me. It has triggered a dizziness in my inner ear. Please pray that Jesus will heal my ears, plus the dizziness. It has been continuous for five weeks.

In Him, —Sis. Mildred Vaught

IL—Dear workers: We look forward to the *Faith and Victory* being in our mailbox. It is refreshing to learn of answered prayers and testimonies of victory over our Adversary. We also enjoy the "mini sermons" that remind us that we must keep our eyes on Jesus and our hearts open to Him and His will. We want to do what He would have us to. . .

May the Lord bless your efforts. We appreciate your prayers for our physical needs.

Christian love,

—Andrew and Thelma Reineking

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus. I pray all is going well in the Lord's Print Shop and with all the dear workers.

I thank and praise God for all He does for me. He has healed me many times through my life and protected me from things that could have been bad. I thank Him yet for the prayers my dear mother sent up for me. I pray someday I will be in heaven with her and the dear ones that have gone there. I am so glad God has a better place for us all to enjoy someday.

I need all your prayers.

May God bless each and everyone of you richly in body and soul!

All my love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Gettersen

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am still saved and very encouraged in the Lord. I am glad that I purposed in my heart to serve the Lord as long as I live when I was young. I still have that same purpose now, 53 years later. I have experienced many circumstances, joyous and sorrowful, but through it all I am very happy in the Lord. "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the

vulture's eye hath not seen:" Job 28:7. I have found that path. By the grace of God I have sweet peace in my soul.

Please pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Geneva K. Norling

NY—Dear Bro. Wayne and all of the saints at the Publishing House: I send you greetings in Jesus' name. I thank God for the wonderful fellowship that we can have by pen and paper. . . .

I really enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. I learn so much from it.

I am asking for prayer.

Your sister in Christ, —Henrietta Harold

Testimonies And Answers To Prayer

OK—Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Heb. 13:8. Yes, He is just the same today. Praise the Lord!

On April 14, 1990, I was in a revival meeting at the Church of God on N. E. 23rd Street in Oklahoma City. I was sitting in the chapel listening to a gospel message. The minister was preaching on the Judgment. I had my Bible open and was taking notes on the message when suddenly a pain struck me in my left arm and went to my left chest. I became very sick. I asked for a drink of water. That is all I remember.

The saints gathered around in an earnest agreement of prayer, by asking God to revive me. God heard and answered their prayers, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers." (1 Pet. 3:12).

Afterwards my left hand and arm swelled and I suffered severe pain in them. But, through it all, God was very merciful to me. He reached down with His great loving Hand, touched my body, and took all the swelling out of my hand and arm and healed the pain. There is nothing too hard for God.

I want to thank all the dear saints for your prayers, love and concern shown in so many ways.

During some of my suffering with pain, the Lord spoke to my heart and said, "This too will pass away," and gave me these words:

"When heartaches and life's burdens oppress you, and your body is racked in pain;

The nights seem long and restless, and you yearn for the breaking of day,

Take courage dear one, have faith in God, for this too will pass away.

"The mountains may seem hard to climb, with burdens of various kinds;

Remember, the Lord is a burden bearer, so cast
your cares upon Him and pray,
"Lord, this too will pass away."

—Katherine Williams

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WA—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings to you in our Lord's precious name. I surely am thankful to Him for His mercy to me. I want to love Him more and more for all He has done for me.

I was real sick the latter part of April. I didn't think I was going to make it and neither did my family. But praise the Lord, He healed me once again. I am still a little weak from the effects of the sickness. I surely give God all the glory. . . .

I sure do appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper. May God bless all.

Love in Christ, —Sister Violet Thomas

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WV—Dear Bro. Wayne and the dear saints everywhere: We would like to send greetings to each of you to thank you for all your prayers, cards, offerings, calls and for every manifestation of love you have shown in our time of trouble. We want you to know God is answering your prayers.

On the special day of prayer and fasting I had the best day I have had for weeks. I have been gaining since that time, but still have more to go. Wife is yet in great need of prayer. She suffers much.

We are yet encouraged, expecting the Lord to bring us through. Keep praying for us.

We are sorry for the times people have called and were unable to reach us. We keep the telephone turned off when trying to rest. The best time to call would be the early evening hours.

Your fellow servants,

—Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons

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OK—Dear ones: Greetings in the name of our Lord. His blessings have been many to us. I would like to thank each of you for your prayers in my behalf.

The last Sunday of the Guthrie Camp Meeting I woke up early in the morning with a heaviness in my chest and a headache. I went back to bed thinking a little more rest would help. I was feeling better when I woke up, so I went on to morning meeting. I was there a short time and knew I was in trouble. I stayed for all of the meeting, then tried to make it to the trailer, but I collapsed. I felt the Lord with me. The saints were so precious; praying and showing their concern. I was happy to be in the family of God. The Lord touched my body and I rested awhile before we came home. The Lord

blessed me to get home with little discomfort.

We were in a battle for a few days, but the Lord would touch me. Then on Friday I started gaining and have been ever since.

I appreciated the calls and get-well cards. They all meant so much to me. I thank each of you, and may the Lord bless you is my prayer. Please continue to pray for me.

Yours in Christ,

—Alta Bock

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IN—Dear ones: I feel like sharing some of the blessings of the Lord with all of you.

As many of you know, we almost lost my husband in recent illness, and it still amazes us how God helped us through this difficult time.

Many were the nights with little or no sleep, and yet it seemed God gave us a supernatural strength to go on.

A dear sister in Tennessee prayed all of one day that God would send us help, and that He did! Neighbors brought in some food and money, and one neighbor has taken care of mowing the yard this whole month. There were two tillers working in our little garden at one time. All of this touched our hearts.

Then the Lord sent Sis. Carol Cole here to help us. She was here 10 days, and oh, what a blessing and comfort she was to us all. Our son, his wife, daughter and son-in-law also came and stayed four days with us. We appreciated all their help, too.

I am glad to report that as of now Grady is breathing much better, though at times he still has some smothering. His cancerous condition is another thing we would appreciate prayer for. We know that our God lives and still cares for His children.

There is another incident I would like to tell about. On the evening of June 2, there were 54 tornadoes that touched down here in southern Indiana. All the family, except Grady, had been outside as we could see the funnels and hear the roar of them. Just after we came into the house Grady gathered us all into the living room and had prayer, asking God to speak "Peace, be still" to the raging winds. Well, thank the Lord, He did just that. Our neighbors across the street were watching, too, and the lady told Elaine the next morning that just after we entered the house, it looked like the tops of all our trees would be twisted off. Shortly afterwards, everything was still with hardly a leaf moving, and within about 10 minutes the moon and stars were out. Oh, how we do praise God for keeping us safe. Within a matter of about 10 minutes after prayer, a twister tore up the town of Petersburg which is about 20 or 25 miles from

us. It demolished 2/3 of the town, killing six and injuring more than 60.

I could go on and on, counting the blessings of God, but I guess I'll close for now.

We do wish to thank all of our friends and loved ones everywhere for all the prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and for every way they rushed to our aid. May the Lord richly reward each of you for your part in helping us during this time.

A thankful family,

—Grady, Margaret and Elaine Dunn



FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From Mexico . . .

May 20—Dear Brother Wayne: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I am so grateful to know in part of how precious it is to know about this name. His name brings pardon, peace and joy. Just yesterday when we went to Mexico and were in services, we were able to share the greatness of Jesus' name to a woman who lost a seventeen-year-old son in an accident about a year ago. She told us that she still can't get over it and suffers badly. As we attempted to comfort and console her, it seemed she took courage at the power of Jesus' name. She asked for prayer for herself and family.

Bro. James Huskey and his son, Benny, Bro. Mayarino and his wife came to the services. I felt like the Lord blessed the meeting. The Lord gave us a message taken from Psalm 84. The people gave good attention. There weren't as many at this service as at other times. Several were sick and couldn't come, but they and others expressed their desire for another meeting. We decided on July 14 for the next one.

We want to thank you and all the saints for your love and concern for us and our endeavors to obey the Lord in Mexico. We appreciate the offerings that have been sent. We trust that God will bless each one for their love and sacrifice. We, in return, desire only to live close to the Lord so as to know His will, and endeavor to be obedient wherever and however He directs.

May God bless you and each one who are spreading the gospel so faithfully. You are in our prayers.

With Christian love and concern,

—Sis. Edith Lara



Report Of Missionary Trip to Honduras, C. A.

On Friday, April 27, 1990, I left New Orleans, LA, at approximately 2:15 p.m. to meet with the

rest of the company that had gone two days ahead of me. I had a rough flight, the weather being pretty bad. I prayed, asking God for protection, and soon we were out of the storm. Meeting on the island was to begin on Thursday under the tent. As the plane touched down, the group was there to greet me with smiling faces, which was beautiful to behold. After I checked in at Immigration we were on our way to our place of rest, being also the place where the tent was erected. There I found Sis. Dorothy, my sister, and Sis. Judy Trepagnier holding children's meeting. There seemed to have been about 30 or more children and some adults.

The tent was filled to capacity for the night service. The song service was precious, also the special singing. The young people were a great asset to the gospel work. Thank God for them! Bro. Keith Fuller preached, with Judy Trepagnier interpreting in Spanish. There are some here who do not understand much English, but we thank God for blessing us with someone to interpret. The title of the message was "The Spirit of Truth." The meeting closed Friday night with altar work, and an invitation was given for anyone who needed prayer or counsel to return on Saturday morning. On Saturday some did come for healing of their bodies, also some brought their children for prayer. Surely the Lord is good to His people.

Saturdays on the island are typical. As everywhere, people are busy catching up on things that weren't taken care of during the week, which finds everybody going about their business. The weather was hot, somewhat breezy, but hot. The company of workers rested during the day. The evening service was very crowded. We had to bring in more benches for people to sit on. We had people from Coxen Hole, Punta Gorda, Sandy Bay and Politily Bight. The Word of God was blessed by the Holy Ghost. The subject was "Liberty." There was a good altar service, but just as in any other service, the Devil was there to oppose. Some came for salvation, some for spiritual help, some to consecrate more and some came for the healing of their bodies. There was one young lady who came to be saved just before service began. Bro. Hargrave and myself prayed with her while Bro. Fuller got service started. The Saturday night meeting ended with good response and we got to bed late, as we were making ready for an early departure the next morning for Coxen Hole, Roatan to be in service for 11:00 a.m. After morning service we were scheduled to fly to La Ceiba, which is in the mainland of Honduras, to be in service Sunday night at Sis. Lydia Bennett's home.

Sunday morning was started with a light breakfast. Service started at 9:30 a.m. The Lord blessed two souls to follow Him in baptism. At approxi-

mately 10:00 a.m. the baptismal service was over, and we headed back to Sis. Sanders' house where we were to catch the bus to Coxen Hole for morning service. The bus came at 11:30 a.m. and we arrived at Coxen Hole at 12:20 p.m. Because the bus was an hour late, we missed morning worship, so we walked back to Sis. Dilbert's house and stayed there until 2:00 p.m. In the worship service we sang a few songs and Bro. Hargrave preached on "Limiting God." At 3:55 p.m. we were on the bus heading for the airport. The bus was packed! There were 17 people squeezed in, plus the luggage. As we neared the airport, we saw an airplane leaving which we thought was ours, but we were mistaken, to our comfort. We arrived at the airport safely at 4:40 p.m. and had time to sit and rest ourselves. At 5:40 p.m. the plane had not made it there yet. At 6:10 p.m. our plane finally arrived. The Lord blessed us with a safe flight and we reached Sis. Bennett's house. Everyone was pretty tired, but we went on and had service. It wasn't what you would call a "regular service," but the goodness of God led Sis. Bennett's daughter to repentance. Just when we thought service was just about over three more people came in. Sis. Judy began to translate what was being said and one of the ladies went to pray. We believe she got saved. With great reluctance, but much thanksgiving, the service was dismissed at 10:30 p.m.

The next morning (Monday), we were able to rest some at Sis. Bennett's house. A few members of our group went to town, some to take care of currency exchanges, etc., others to tour the city of La Ceiba. At 2:15 p.m. we were on a bus headed to the city of Tela. We arrived there at 4:30 p.m. and took three taxis to Sis. Elsa's house. The evening service was in a small open-air chapel. Some of us sat on the outside. The message was about bringing God true holiness. The attendance was good. We also had a special treat; Sis. Elsa's grandchildren sang two songs for us. They also prayed in Spanish. It was encouraging to us to see that the children are being worked with.

On Tuesday we traveled to San Pedro Sula. On Wednesday we went to the airport. there we met Sis. Judy again, who had stayed in Tela to be with her father. We also parted from Sis. Sanders, who had been with us up to this point. This was somewhat of a sad occasion for all of us. We can truly say that this trip was a real blessing to us all.

After getting checked in at the airport, we all boarded our respective flights headed back to the U.S.A. Within 30 minutes after departure, our airplane made a stop in Belize, after which we continued our flight to New Orleans. We do thank God for a safe and prosperous journey. Amen.

—Bro. Louis Kimble

PROGRESS OF SPANISH LITERATURE

PREPARATION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who through the years has supported the preparation of Spanish literature for printing. Since I was first so sorely afflicted, I have not been able to do as much in this channel of the Lord's work as I once did. Since the Lord healed me of the coughing He has been helping me to do more, but other afflictions keep me from doing as I did at first.

I have been praying for some time for the Lord to give some young person a burden to carry on. He has answered prayer in the person of Sister Judy Trepagnier of 1112 Cambridge #B, La Place, LA 70068 and the Lord will bless you if you direct your love gifts for this channel of God's work to her at the above address. I believe her to be competent for the work. She has proven herself through translations she had done in the past.

Spanish tracts are still to be procured from Bro. Mayarino Escobar.

I am not quitting, but will be relieved of the full responsibility of the work at hand. The Lord has not taken away the burden, but has put the larger part on younger and more competent shoulders.

May the Lord bless each one who supports this channel of His work.

Yours in His service, —Sister Opal Kelly



Question and Answer by Ostis B. Wilson

Question: What is the meaning of Matthew 6:17-18, "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."?

Answer: The whole major thrust of the first eighteen verses of the sixth chapter of Matthew is aimed at getting true Christian people away from the idea of seeking any praise, commendation or reward from men for what we do in service or worship to God and doing whatever we do in these areas "heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men." (Col. 3:23). We see in these verses how that the serpentine influence of self interest and self promotion and aggrandizement can creep into and slither across our deepest acts of devotion and charity—giving alms, praying, and fasting.

Jesus presented these whole ideas as hypocritical acts. They were doing these things and announcing their doing and sounding their trumpets so that men would be sure to notice and give them credit and praise. This is all a very destructive thing to one's relationship with God and to Christian living. Jesus said these people had their reward—that men would see them and praise them—but they had no reward from God. This is an attitude to be religiously avoided by true Christian people.

Jesus said, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" John 5:44. We are certainly not to seek praise and commendation from men for what we do for God and for our acts of devotion and worship to God.

In the particular part of this over-all teaching on this subject—the matter of fasting and how to carry it out—we are instructed in general to do nothing special to let men know we are fasting. The anointing of the head (one translation says "pour perfume on your hair" and another translation says "brush your hair") was a normal part of Jewish grooming, but it was forbidden by their canon in times of fasting and humiliation. But what Jesus seems to be teaching us here is that when we fast we should groom ourselves as usual and dress ourselves as usual and not in any special garment of mourning as those people did, that we might not appear unto men to be fasting.

It is evident and clear that this is no part of the fasting itself because Jesus continues on to say "that thou appear not unto men to fast."

True Christians should always avoid any tendency to vaunt themselves in anything they do for God and not seek credit from their fellowmen for those things. Let us be satisfied with the credit and reward that God gives unto those who serve Him in the right attitude of heart. This will help our "togetherness" with God which is a very precious thing with the child of God. It is a very rewarding and enriching thing to one's life when God rewards him for doing something as unto Him. We are taught by Jesus to "Let your light so shine before men; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. Truly, all glory belongs to God, and let us be satisfied for Him to get it from our lives.



Man is to be loved because of what he is worth to God. We get some estimate of man's worth to Christ by the terrible woe He pronounces upon those who would injure one of those who believe in Him.

—C. E. Orr

HOME LIFE



Training begins almost from birth, but must be increased as gradually as the child grows and develops. It can not be done for a month nor for even a day in advance, but it must be done daily. It would be folly for parents to chastise their child before it knows *why*, and parents that are governed by love and reason will never do so. When the child is about a year old, and sometimes before with some children, it can be taught gently and firmly that it can not keep up a cry just to have its own way or when there is no reason for it; and in many other ways it can learn to curb any tendency to bad habits that otherwise might be started. This you may not always be able to accomplish without using a little rod or switch. Although that should be the last resort, and though it will hurt you worse than it does the child, yet to administer such correction is better than to let a bad habit or anything else bad even get started. The best way to keep the garden clean is never to let the weeds get a start, and the same thing is true regarding the bad things that may appear in the lives of our children.

Some hold and advocate that the rod should never be used on a child; that the rod keeps it from developing in the individual use of its own mind, etc. This is a mistake. It is not correcting and chastising the child in order to keep it from forming and developing wrong traits and habits, that injures its development, for we do not want this kind of development, but it is correcting and chastising for things that it should not be chastised for. Parents should use wisdom in their training. Only things not good, or wrong things, should be entirely cut off; while natural and good things should be guided and regulated only. A child's reason and the love it possesses and owes to its parents should always be appealed to as a means of obedience, and only when this method

falls should the rod be used. But remember, you must have it obey you at any cost and at all times. It is better to use the rod than to spoil the child. We will give a few quotations from the wise man in regard to this: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Prov. 22:15. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Prov. 23:13-14. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Prov. 13:24. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Prov. 19:18. These are Old Testament quotations, but they are just as applicable to children in our time; for if parents do not see that their children learn to obey and to do right, they will turn out "sons of Belial," and the parents will get a reward not much better than the one received by Eli, the high priest and judge of Israel, who failed to enforce home government on his children.

The proper thing, if chastisement is needed, is "the rod," the size of which must be determined by the size of the child and by its disposition. It should not be heavier nor the whipping harder than just enough to make the child yield in willing obedience, or to produce penitence. Neither must it be any smaller or lighter than what is necessary to produce these beneficial results. When you have undertaken to correct a child, you should stick to your task until you have accomplished your object. Some parents give their children a slap here and there, just enough to arouse their anger; and others are continually nagging away at them. This is not the proper way. If your child needs correction, stop and correct it, and do it so well that you will know it means to do better, and then let it alone until it needs correction again. Children are a little like horses—if you keep constantly urging them, they will get so used to it that neither urging nor whipping will affect them. The parent who chastises only because he loves the child will not be so anxious to get at the child that he will grab the object nearest at hand, without considering whether it will be too hard or too easy; but he will wait until he has thoroughly considered the nature of the disobedience as well as the amount of punishment needed.

If your child needs punishment or if it is

necessary to enforce obedience with the rod, take the child off by itself; tell it how sorry you are that you have to use the rod, and that you punish it for its good. Be sure you really feel this way about it, and you will not need to apply the rod very hard nor very long before its little arms will be thrown around you in loving submission. If you correct your child because you love it, it will love you for correcting it.

As children increase in stature as well as in age, bad things will begin to crop out in their lives, such as self-will, stubbornness, anger, lying, etc. These things, if persisted in, will form habits that will be harder to break the longer they are continued in. They must therefore be "nipped in the bud." The child must be told that it can not be allowed to do anything that will make it a bad boy or bad girl. No punishment should be inflicted until proper efforts have been put forth to get the child to understand why it can not do certain things. Disobedience should not be allowed in the home. It is not the main thing in training a child to prune off the sprouts of evil that appear from time to time: there are things in children that not only must be allowed, but must be encouraged, and at the same

"There are things in children that not only must be allowed, but must be encouraged, and at the same time it must be trained, so that it will grow and develop in the right direction."

time it must be trained, so that it will grow and develop in the right direction and the right proportion. Great care and wisdom must be used by parents in deciding what to allow and to encourage and what not to allow and to discourage.

Playing is both natural and good, and should not be discouraged just because we do not like to be annoyed with the noise. It is not necessary for children to play all the time, but they must play sometimes, and every day. It would be a very good thing if all parents would not overwork, so that they would be able not only to take some interest in procuring playthings for their children, but also to spend some time every day in playing with them. Money spent for playthings is not wasted if proper judgment is used in selecting them according to the means of the parents and the age of the children.

Children should be taught table manners from the beginning. When they are old enough to begin to feed themselves, take pains to see that they learn to handle spoon, knife, and fork without messing and spilling. Teach them to say, "If you please" and "Thank you" for everything. Never

allow them to speak saucily or imprudently to any one. Be sure you practice these things yourself.

Children should be taught not only to wait on themselves, but also to make themselves useful by doing little chores according to their ability. Work is a blessed necessity for every child, and teaching it to work should be made a large part of its training. To know how to work not only is a blessing to the child when the time comes that it must work, but will keep it from thinking of and planning mischief, as well as relieve you of much work. There are many things they can do when quite small. You may think that you can do things more quickly than you can show them how to do it and that you sometimes will need to have them do it over again and perhaps finally have to do it yourself. This may be true to begin with; but if you do not start them at work, you will always have to do it, and if they ever learn how to do anything, it will not be put to credit. So, in the long run, it pays to teach your children to work and to be what you want them to be when older.

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



Help

(Continued from page 3.)

9:24.) Another needy soul seeking for help for her daughter who was vexed with a devil bowed low and worshiped him, saying, "Lord, help me." (Matt. 15:25.)

We even need help in praying for help. The precious Holy Spirit is right there to assist us in presenting our petitions to the Lord. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26.

Let us be confident and encouraged to seek God's help today for whatever need we may have. "His help is unfailing, and to us He is true." Keep looking steadfastly to heaven for your help.

—Bro. Leslie Busbee



The Chastening Of The Lord

I have some Scriptures on my heart that I would like to share with the saints. They are concerning the chastening of the Lord referred to in Hebrews 12:5-29.

I didn't fully understand just what this chastening was until the Lord showed me one morning as I was listening to these verses on tape. It seemed

like I had been through some real hard places since I got saved. So many times I would ask the Lord why, but I never could get an answer, which would make things all the harder. Then, a few days ago, like a flash of light, I understood. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Heb. 12:6.

The dictionary definition of chasten is "to inflict suffering on for the purpose of moral improvement." The Greek word is "paideno," meaning 1. to educate or discipline by punishment, 2. to chasten by the infliction of evils and calamities. Dear ones, the Lord is purifying us so we can be like Him. We all may have facets of our personality that the Lord does not consider becoming to His saints. At times we can recognize these in ourselves, and work to improve that area, but sometimes these things are so ingrained, so much a part of ourselves, that we can not on our own destroy them. This is why the Holy Spirit is dwelling in us, to burn those things out. This is what the saints began to experience on the day of Pentecost when there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and sat upon them. (Acts 2:3). Often in the olden days, when someone received a grievous wound to the body, the physician would sear it with a red-hot iron to purify it and kill any infection. When we are redeemed, but before we are filled with the Holy Spirit, there is a large wound left where sin has been torn up by the roots. If we do not receive the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit, infection may ensue and it is possible to end up in worse condition than when we had begun. The Holy Spirit comes to purify the soul and make us whole again.

"Now no chastening for the present seems joyous, but grievous." (Heb. 12:11.) How about those hard places that are so difficult we can hardly bear to go through? There are trials that sear themselves so deeply into our very being that we cry out, "Stop, I can not bear any more." Yet the trial still goes on. There seems to be no end. The pain gets closer and deeper until we beg for mercy.

Saints, rejoice! "Lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees." (Heb. 12:12.) Is it hard? Is there spiritual strength left in you? Do you feel like you can not take another step over the rocks on the King's highway? Don't stop now. "It always seems darkest before the dawn." "Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way: but rather let it be healed." (v. 13.)

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." v. 15. God has grace available to help us through **anything** that comes our way, but we have to be

looking for it. I have found from personal experience, that when the trial is hot, and I am weak, I tend to let down on my personal devotions a little through great weariness of soul. Discouragement is very quick to take advantage. If we are not leaning heavily on the Lord we can begin to get bitter right in the midst of God's working and accuse Him of forsaking us and being a hard taskmaster.

God wants to consume **everything** out of you that is unlike Him. He wants to be in us, and us in Him until we are one through and through. The Holy Spirit must continue to burn, minute by minute, day after day, year after year, decade after decade. You must continually be on fire, a living sacrifice to God.

Hebrews 12:2: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Saints, don't let the fire go out.

—Elizabeth Redington



Idle Words

Some time ago I found one of Dad Lawrence's pocket testaments. It was well used and coming apart in the binding. In the front of the little Book on the blank cover page a Scripture was noted and this Scripture, Matthew 12:36, was the only notation in this testament. I quickly turned to the verse in Matthew and read, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." I mused over this verse a bit, and read the next verse, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned," then I remembered how I had been thinking of these very Scriptures for some time. The reason I had been thinking on them was because at that time I was working on a public job and heard so much slang and cursing from people with whom I worked, even from people I regarded highly in every other aspect. I would often wonder about people; most people know the Ten Commandments, if they know nothing else about the Bible. The third commandment plainly states, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Ex. 20:7.

Now, I know of some people who use slang and some swear words, but are very careful not to use God's name in vain. In fact, one particular person told me he was very careful that he did not use God's name in vain; to which I answered "But what

about the Scripture in Matthew that tells us that we must give account of **every idle word**?" He wasn't able to give an answer.

This carelessness of the world has always bothered me, and although I have worked out in the world for over twenty-five years, (and most of that time I was unsaved) I have never become calloused to the use of such language.

But, take this a bit farther—idle words. The dictionary defines "idle" as "doing nothing, having no real worth; useless; worthless." Are we careful that we are not using worthless words? Are our adjectives and exclamations what they should be? Are we saying things that we want our children and grandchildren to repeat? This is a "tall order" by which to measure and one that should not be taken lightly.

I somehow felt, when I found this text noted in Dad Lawrence's little Testament, that this carelessness of talk was high on his list of concerns.

—Maxine Pruitt



How To Find Happiness

If happiness is what you seek,
I can tell you how I found it.

It happened several years ago
when I was lost, alone and blinded.

I ran hard for surface pleasure—
love, money, wine and song.
Now I march to another measure,
here today, and not tomorrow gone.

It wasn't in all the things I wanted,
not in money, lands nor fame,
nor in temporary relations,
though I once played and lost that game.

It is my deepest heart's desire
that you're prepared to hear
what God has prompted me to tell you,
because, you see, you are quite dear.

It's in the cross my special friend—
that old rugged one on the hill,
where One completely innocent
was slain, our dream to fulfill.

Our dream of life everlasting,
no death, no end, no hell.
That illusive dream of greatest treasure
can be yours I'm here to tell.

But, it will take One wiser than I
to teach you what this means.
I can point you in the right direction.
He alone can make you clean.

—Selected

Fifty Years Ago



Bro. John Stretch standing under the tabernacle at Monark Springs, MO while it was in the process of being built—1940.

What Some Men Have Said About Passion

"Passion may not unfitly be termed the mob of the man, that commits a riot on his reason."

—William Penn

"Men spend their lives in the service of their passions, instead of employing their passions in the service of their life."

—Richard Steele

"Our passions are like convulsion fits, which, though they make us stronger for the time, leave us the weaker ever after."

—Jonathan Swift

"The worst of slaves is he whom passion rules."

—Henry Brooke

"He only employs his passion who can make no use of his reason."

—Marcus Cicero

"Oh, how the passions, insolent and strong, bear our weak minds their rapid course along; make us the madness of their will obey; then die, and leave us our griefs a prey." —George Crabbe

Camp Meeting Notice

The Camp Meeting of the Church of God of Durham, NC will be held, Lord willing, Aug. 12-19. There will be services daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Come praying that the Lord will bless in each service. We are praying that the Lord will send Holy Ghost filled ministers and workers of His choosing. Meals will be served on the grounds daily.

Directions to the chapel are as follows. Take the Guess Road exit off of I-85. Go north approximately four miles and turn left on Umstead Road, then take the first right on Bivens Road. At the stop sign turn right on Russell Road, then left on Kelvin Dr. The chapel will be on the right hand side.

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