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The Old, Old Story

Tell me the old, old story,
Of unseen things above.

Of Jesus and His glory.
Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the story simply.
As to a little child.

For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.

Tell me the story slowly,
That I may take it in,
That wonderful redemption,
God's remedy for sin.

Tell me the story often.

For I forget so soon!

The "early dew" of morning
Had passed away at noon!

Tell me the story softly,
With earnest tones and grave.

Remember I'm the sinner
Whom Jesus came to save.

Tell me the story always,
If you would really be,

In any time of trouble,
A comforter to me.

Tell me the same old story
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear.

Yes, and when that world's glory
Shall dawn upon my soul

Tell me the old, old story,

"Christ Jesus makes thee whole."

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Why I Believe the Old Book

Do I believe the old Book? Do I really believe it? My heart answers that I do. The deepest consciousness of my soul testifies that it is true. I will tell you some of the reasons why I believe it.

The Oldest, and Still the Newest, of Books

God's Book written in the rocks is old, exceedingly old, but God's Book the Bible reaches back still farther. It goes back not only to the "beginning" of this terrestrial world, but into eternity; for the expression, "in the beginning," used by John, reaches back long before this world was. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." From past eternity its majestic sweep covers the whole range of being and reaches into the future eternity. It is, in fact, the Book of eternity, and within its folds lie the grandeur and sublimity of the great unknown future. It never gets out-of-date. Other books have their run of popularity and are forgotten, but the Bible never grows old; no matter how familiar we become with it, it is ever new. To the Christian it never grows stale, but is always fresh and always satisfying. It ever reveals new depths that we fail to fathom, new heights that we cannot scale, and new beauties that enrapture our vision.

We read it over and over, and ever and anon we see new jewels sparkling within its pages, jewels that delight the eye and reflect the light of God. From it refreshing waters break out where we least expect them, and our souls are refreshed like a thirsty man who suddenly finds water on the desert. We may have read a text a thousand times, yet when we look at it again it opens up and presents to us a vista of marvelous truth of which

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we were before entirely unconscious. What other book can do these things? When we read a book written by man, however interesting it may be, it soon loses its interest and its charm; we do not find new beauties in it as we do in the Bible. Its treasures are soon exhausted, but the Bible is ever new, and so I do not believe that the Bible is man's book nor that it could be man's book. Its depths are too deep to come from the heart or mind of man; its heights are too great for him to reach; and its wisdom is more than human. It can but be Divine.

The Most Loved of All Books

Wherever the Bible goes, people learn to love and to treasure it above all other books combined. It is the one Book that people love; it is the treasure that people hold fast even at the risk of their lives. In past ages when wicked rulers tried to keep it from the people, they could not. At the peril of their lives people would have it. They underwent dangers and tortures, and shrank not from anything, that they might possess this wonderful Book. It is not for what it claims to be—though it claims much—nor for what men claim for it, but for what it is to the individual himself that it is so dearly loved. There is that in the Bible which endears itself to the human heart, and no other book has that quality. Other books are enjoyed and admired and praised and valued; but the Bible, in this respect, stands in a class by itself.

The educated and the ignorant, the high and the low, all races in all climes, when they learn to truly know the Bible, and when they submit themselves to the God of the Bible, learn to love it and to delight in it and are enriched and blessed by it; and because I too feel this deep love in my heart for the old Book, I believe it. I believe that, in some way, it was made for me by One who knew my needs, and that it corresponds to the very essence of my inner self; and I believe that I could not love it as I do if it were not God's Book and if it were not true.

The Most Hated of All Books

Not only is it the best-loved Book, but it is also the most-hated Book. No other book has had so many nor such bitter enemies. I suppose more books have been written against the Bible than against all other books combined. Men do not hate Shakespeare nor Milton nor Longfellow; they do not hate works on science nor philosophy; they do not hate books of travel or adventure or fiction; they do not hate the other sacred books of the world; they hate only the Bible. Why this hatred? It can be only because they find in the Bible something that they find nowhere else. What they find there is a true picture of themselves, and the

picture is not pleasant to look upon, so they turn away their faces and will have nothing to do with it except to vilify and condemn it. They deliberately misrepresent it and write falsehoods about it; they satirize and ridicule it, using all sorts of weapons and all sorts of methods to combat it, and for only the one reason—that its truth pricks them in their consciences and they can by no other means escape from it.

It is judged by a standard far more stringent than any other book, not excepting the other sacred books. No critic would think of treating any other book as he treats the Bible, nor of requiring of any other book what he requires of the Bible. The more men hate God, the more they hate His Word; and this has a deep, underlying reason, and that reason, I believe, is that the Bible is God's Book and that in it there is so much of God Himself.

It Has Withstood All Assaults

But though so bitterly assailed through all the ages, the Bible has withstood the assaults of all its enemies and stands victorious still. The Greek philosophers, with all their skill, were vanquished. The greatest intellects of modern times find themselves given pause before it. The sharpest arrows that unbelief could forge have not pierced it; the assaults made upon it have resulted only in the destruction of the weapons used. All through the ages countless theories—religious, philosophic, scientific, or other—have been used against the Bible, only to fall in ruins at last before it and to be rejected even by those who once advocated them. The Bible endures an amount of criticism that no other book could endure, and instead of being destroyed, it is only brightened and made better known. Could such a thing be truly said of error? Could error endure what the Bible has endured, and live? It is the law of nature that error is self-destructive, but that truth can not be destroyed; and according to this law, the Bible must be true because of its indestructibility.

It Tells Me of Myself

My deepest emotions and longings, my highest thoughts and hopes, are mirrored there, and the more settled inner workings of conscience are there recorded. It speaks to me of my secret ambitions, of my dearest hopes, of my fears, of the love that burns within me. My desires are pictured in the Book just as I find them working in my heart. Whatever picture it draws of the human soul I find within myself, and whatever I find within myself I find within its pages, and thus I know that it is true. No man can know me as the Bible knows me nor picture my inner self as the Bible pictures me; and since no work of man could

correspond with my inner self as the Bible corresponds with me, I know that it did not come from man.

It is the Book of Conscience

It is as a mirror into which every man, when he looks, sees himself. It speaks to his conscience, not as a man speaks, yet with a potency unknown to any other book. It is preeminently the Book of the conscience. Other books appeal to men's consciences, but not with the appeal of this Book. Other books mirror men, but not like the Bible. In the silent watches of the night, in the lonely depths of the forest, upon the expanse of the sea, or wherever man may be, how frequently is it the case that this Book speaks into his conscience in a silent yet thundering voice, and before it he is awed and silenced and oftentimes terror-stricken. It speaks to the conscience as only God can speak, and therefore it must be God's Book.

It Gives Comfort and Hope

To what book do those in sorrow turn? To Voltaire? To Ingersoll? To Haeckel? Do they turn to science or philosophy or poetry or fiction? There is but one Book that is the Book of comfort. The sad and desolate heart turns to its pages, and as it reads, the consolation of the Holy Spirit, which fills the Book, comes into that heart, and it is comforted. It is as the balm of Gilead; it is as a letter from home to the wanderer; it is as a mother's voice to the child. Friends may speak words to comfort us, but they can not comfort us as does the Book; its words seem to enter into our innermost sorrows with a healing touch. God is the God of all comfort, and it is the comforting God in this comforting Book that comforts the soul.

It is also the Book of hope. Sometimes man despairs, and he looks here and there for hope; finding none; but there is one Book in which hope may always be found. It always has something to offer him to inspire hope with new courage. Therefore it is the hope of the hopeless; since in the troubled soul it brings a calm, brightening dull eyes and causing them to look beyond. It lifts up the bowed head, strengthens the feeble knees, renews the courage, and takes the sadness out of the voice; it is therefore truly the Book of hope.

The Book of the Dying

A soldier, desperately wounded, lay in a trench. The shells were bursting around him; the bullets and shrapnel were whistling through the air; the roar of the guns shook the ground. He was going down into the valley of the shadow of death. Knowing that he must pass over to the other side, he reached into his pocket with his little remaining strength and pulled therefrom a soldier's Testa-

ment. Handing it to a comrade he said, "Read to me." His comrade opened the Book and began to read—"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." A smile overspread the face of the dying soldier as he listened to the words amid that solemn and terrible scene. He closed his eyes and lay quite still smiling, then he murmured, "It is well." And with a smile still upon his face he passed across to the other side.

For what book do the dying call? For just any book? What words do they wish to hear in the final hour? There is but one Book for that hour; but one that can throw light into that shadowy valley. That is the Bible. It is the Book of the living and of the dying, the Book of the sorrowing and of the hopeless. It is just such a Book as the loving Father would give to the children whom he loves, and it meets their need in all the details of their lives as only God could meet it, and therefore I can but believe that it is the Book of God.

Only Answer to the Enigma of Life

The "why" of life is found nowhere else. Other books tell us many truths about life, yet its depths and meaning find expression and answer in only one Book. It interprets life; and he who reads the interpretation knows that it is true because it is the story of himself, and in himself is the witness of its truth. Men have sought everywhere the secret of life and the things that pertain thereto, but everywhere, save in the Bible, they find only darkness and obscurity and uncertainty. The Bible, however, speaks in no uncertain terms. It speaks the language of him who knows, and if we reject its voice we are left in a tangled maze, out of which we can not find our way.

The Bible outlives all its critics and is triumphant when they are forgotten; it has many times been pronounced dead, but still it lives; it has been called "exploded," but its power is not dissipated; it has seen all antagonistic theories of the past, one by one, destroyed and rejected, but it still stands in spite of the critics, in spite of its enemies; and those who anchor their faith upon it need not fear what voice is raised against it.

It is adapted to all people of every race and clime, to the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the learned and the ignorant. Of no other book can this be said. It is the Book of books, the Book of God. In it God speaks, and my inmost heart knows that it is the voice of my Beloved, and leaps for joy.

—C. W. Naylor

(Taken from *Heart Talks*)

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Editorials

As this July issue goes to press we are grateful for the blessings that God has accorded through His great mercy. As is common to all mankind, there are surprises in life that we feel we could be just as happy without. It is in times like these that we can follow the Psalmist David's example as recorded in Psalm 103:1-5. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

At the heading of this 103rd Psalm it says, "Exhortation to bless God for his mercy." We see in the first verse that David is exhorting himself. Generally we let situations ride until outside circumstances bring us up short and work in us for our encouragement and goading toward better ideas and a deeper realization of God's favor toward us. But there is something to be said for the act of communing with our own soul. It is attributed to a man by the name of F. B. Boreham, to once have said, "I used to talk to myself, it is a good thing to do. It is the only way in which a speaker may be sure of having an intelligent and appreciative hearer, and it is the only way in which a hearer may be sure of listening to a really sensible and eloquent speaker."

We should also keep in mind that in our communing we must invite God to be an active participant for us to be able to sample the nectar that is produced in a heavenly climate. Humanly produced thought will raise our soul no higher than the level on which it is born, but if our mind is an avenue in which God's will is infused then our soul can rise in a glad refrain of praise.

As has been our custom in the past, we will not print an August issue of the *Faith & Victory*. This will allow time for the workers to attend the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO which will be July 19-28. The Print Shop will be kept open during this time in order to take care of required business, including the filling of orders for literature.

We do invite everyone attending the Monark Springs Camp Meeting to stop in at the book store on the campgrounds. There will be a good supply of books and tracts available at reasonable prices.

Due to the low supply of *Evening Light Songs*, we have begun the process of reprinting the hymn

book. We have had to restrip the negatives and make new printing plates, which will lengthen the time of getting them restocked, but unless we receive a large order we hope to have enough in our current supply to hold us through the Monark Camp Meeting.

—Wayne Murphey



Lamp of Youth

The *Lamp of Youth* is a newsletter for young people and is published as articles and offerings are provided. We are in the process of updating the mailing list for this publication. If you or somebody you know would be interested in receiving it, send address/es to: Lamp of Youth, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, OK 73044.



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CA—"I have some unspoken requests."

—Lois Underwood

MO—Sis. Thelma Halbrook's daughter, Nancy, is in need of help from the Lord.

MO—"Pray for my healing; I'm having blood problems."

—Lois Metzger

PA—Pray for Ruth Godshall's husband.

MO—Sis. Alice Rhoades had a fall and has requested prayer for injuries she sustained.

WV—"I am in need of much help from God."

—Sis. Edna Cashdollar

CA—"We have some unspoken requests before the Lord."

—Sis. Eunice Cole

MS—Thomas Stedman, who has had a nervous breakdown, requested Bro. Burbridge Copeland to put a prayer request before the Church for him.

IL—"Please pray for the healing of Sis. Pauline Smith."

—Marjorie Brune

OH—Sis. Juanita Blankenship's brother, John, who has cancer, is still in need of prayer.

KY—Bro. Curtis Williams is in much need of prayer.



1991 Camp Meeting Dates

Fresno, CA—July 5-14

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO—July 19-28

Bakersfield, CA—Aug. 2-11

Ensenada, Mexico—Aug. 4-11

Durham, NC—Aug. 11-18

Duncannon, PA—Aug. 11-18

Boley, OK—Aug. 18-25

California State at Pacoima, CA—Aug. 23-Sept. 1

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

FRESNO CA, CAMP MEETING

The Fresno, CA Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, July 5-14, 1991.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. All meeting expenses will be met by freewill offerings. Come praying that the anointing of God will rest upon this entire meeting and that souls will be saved, believers sanctified, and bodies healed.

The chapel address is: 388 N. First St., Fresno, CA. Directions to the grounds are as following: For those coming from the north on Hwy. 99, take the Belmont exit, go east three miles to First St., turn right and go two blocks to Grant. The Church is on the corner of First and Grant. For those coming from the south, take the Venture exit, go east to First St., turn left and follow to Grant. For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Taylor at 4776 N. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93726, phone (209) 348-1016, or Bro. Charles Parrish at 2230 S. Lee, Fresno, CA 93706, phone (209) 485-3465.

Christian love, —Sis. Gladys Foster

54TH 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 19-28, 1991. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the 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 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 June 24, July 6 and July 13. We will be looking forward to working together.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley, (above address), or Ed Johnston, Rt. 2 Box 186, Seymour, MO 65746, phone (417) 935-2520.

TENT REVIVAL

July 28 through Aug. 4, 1991

This is a major outreach to the Water Valley and Coffeerville, MS community. We invite the prayers and support of the saints in this evangelistic effort. Bro. Keith Fuller and Bro. Herschell Hargrave will be the evangelists. You are welcome to come. All will be cared for who do. Pray for an effectual meeting. There will be services nightly at 7:30 p.m. with day services to be announced later. This meeting will be operated on a freewill basis. Inquiries pertaining to this meeting can be directed to: Bro. Louis Kimble, (504) 467-9039, or Bro. Allen Reed, (601) 473-4634.

BOLEY, OK CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Boley, OK Camp Meeting will convene Aug. 18-25. We extend a warm welcome to all nations to attend this meeting. Men and women's dormitories will be available to all who would like to use them. There are also spaces on the campground for trailers and motor homes.

We are looking to the Lord to send ministers and workers of His own choice to work in the meeting. Come praying the Lord will save souls—remember the Lord's request. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

There will be two services daily: 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., with all-day services on both Sundays. For more information contact Sis. Anna Mae Thompson (918) 667-3648, Rt. 1, Box 71-A, Boley, OK 74829, or Sis. Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, phone (405) 235-2270.

Prayerfully submitted, —Katherine Williams

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The California State Camp Meeting at Pacoima, CA, will be held, Lord willing, Aug. 23 through Sept. 1. The chapel location is 12312 Osborne Place. The chapel phone is (818) 899-9021.

Accommodations will be provided to all who attend. The expenses of the meeting will be met by freewill offerings. We are confident that all who come expecting a blessing, and are in humble readiness for it, will not be disappointed. We urge every saint of God to make a special effort to

support the meeting in attendance, and particularly with prayer.

For further information you may contact Bro. Robert Sherman, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA 91331, phone, (818) 896-7593, or the Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022, or Bro. James Pierro, 11316 Glenoak Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331, phone (818) 896-5331.

—James Pierro

BAJA, MEXICO CAMP MEETING

Everyone is invited to the camp meeting in Baja, Mexico, August 4-11. We are located about 80 miles south of San Diego. From the border town of Tijuana, take the toll (Cuota) road to Ensenada. Through Ensenada keep to the beach road, then turn right off of the main road at the sign pointing to Estero Beach. Go to the end of this road, make a right to Nestor Oliveras Ave., 287. If you are in the area call, 74-254.

DURHAM, NC CAMP MEETING

The camp meeting at Durham, NC will convene August 11-18, Lord willing. There will be two services daily: 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. We extend a hearty invitation for all to attend. We are praying and expecting the Lord to give us a special visitation this year, and to send ministers and workers of His choosing.

Directions to the chapel are: Take Guess Rd. exit off of I-85, go north on Guess Rd. approximately four miles until you get to Umstead, then right on Bivins Rd. at stop sign. Turn right on Russell Rd., and then left on Kelvin Dr. The chapel is on the right side of the street.

For further information contact Bro. Melvin Lennon, (919) 544-2891, or Bro. Jerry Lennon, (919) 477-9451. The chapel phone is (919) 471-1613.

DUNCANNON, PA TENT MEETING

Lord willing, a tent meeting will be held on the grounds of the Church of God chapel, located 5 1/2 miles west from Duncannon on Rt. 849. Services are scheduled for 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 the first Saturday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m., otherwise the meeting will run August 11-18.

Lodging and meals will be provided by freewill offerings. There is room for campers, but hook-ups are limited. Though this is a relatively small meeting, the Lord has blessed us with sweet fellowship and very informative Bible studies in past years that have been well received. We expect the same blessing this year from an unchanging God. Your presence and/or prayers are requested.

We are looking to the Lord to supply His workers and ministers.

For more information and accommodations, call Bro. or Sis. Stanley Huss (717) 834-4490, or Sis. Virginia Myers (717) 834-4595. The chapel phone is (717) 567-6988.

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FROM THE READERS. . .



LA—Dear Bro. Murphey: I praise the Lord for victory in Jesus. He is so good to me. Recently my washing machine almost stopped working. As I stood beside it I prayed and asked the Lord to fix it for me, and please make it last like He did the Israelite's shoes. Praise the Lord, it started working again and is still going well.

I love every minute I serve Him. He is teaching me new lessons every day. I want my life to tell for Jesus.

I pray for each of you at the Print Shop every day. I desire your prayers when you pray. . . .

In Christ,

—Ivy Brooks

KY—Dear Brother Wayne: I pray God is blessing you all there. He has been so good to us. We can't thank Him enough.

I am sorry I haven't written for so long. I have a problem with my hand sometimes and it has been worse lately.

I am glad to be saved and walking in all the light I can see and willing to walk where Christ leads me. That is what brought me to the wonderful Church of God.

I love my brothers and sisters everywhere and pray God's blessings on them. . . .

Your brother in Christ,

—Victor Sanders

CA—Dear saints: I am mailing \$3.00 for the renewal of the *Faith and Victory* paper. I enjoy reading the testimonies of the saints. They are so encouraging. In fact, I enjoy every writing in the paper.

May the Lord bless all at the Print Shop.

I need your prayers.

Your saved sister,

—A. L. Kelley

AR—Dear Brother Wayne: I trust all of you are doing real good. Things are about the same here, but God does bless.

Monark Camp Meeting is just around the corner. I am looking forward to rich blessings from our Lord. I truly need all God has in store for me.

and thank and praise Him for His love and mercy to us.

Lost souls are crying out all about us. My hope and desire is to live close to God so my prayers will reach heaven. Cornelius was a devout man, feared God, gave much alms to people, and prayed to God always. The Lord said to him, "Thine alms and prayers are come up for a memorial before God. (Acts 10). Isn't this a challenge to stay true, trusting God every hour of the day? Then we know He hears us. "There is not a friend like Jesus".

Let us all pray one for another. Let us all work for the glory of the Lord, then God will give the increase.

I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper; it is a good source of help to me. It encourages and enlightens. I thank God for the faithful workers there and may your blessings be many.

I have some special burdens on my heart.

—Sister Lou Bray

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. I pray all of you are doing well in His precious work, and may many souls be saved.

I thank and praise the dear Lord for all of my good blessings and for healing me and taking care of me all my life. Bless His holy and sweet name forever! He has never forsaken me yet and He won't. He loves all of His dear children.

I'm thankful I can do some of my work and that He gives me the strength to do what I have to do. I am also thankful I had a praying mother. She was so precious. She taught me about Jesus and I miss her so much. The 18th of this month (June) she will have been gone eight years. I do want to make it to heaven to be with my parents someday. I need all of your prayers, and may God make me stronger in Him each day.

All my love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Gettersen

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and other laborers in the Print Shop: I am thankful to be able to still report victory in my soul. I am very much encouraged and determined to press all the way to glory to receive my crown.

The way upward is steep, it seems, but there is a certain exhilaration to advancing onward and upward. There is a line in a song called "Jacob's Ladder" that says, "Every rung goes higher, higher." I thank the Lord for my journey to heaven and feel so safe and confident because my leader and guide (Jesus Christ) is perfect and cannot make any mistakes or lead us wrong.

Truly I am happy, contented and free, and mean by the grace of God to make heaven my home. What a glorious thought!

Christian love, —Shirley Knight

UT—Dear saints of God: God has been wanting me to write and tell how wonderful He has been to me. There are so many blessings I can't begin to name each one. He means so much to me. I couldn't live without Him in my life.

We are back home in Utah and have a very nice apartment. We have traveled quite a lot this past year, since leaving Scranton, KS with our camper. We wintered on the west shore of Lake Mead, NV, which is a beautiful place.

I love the Lord and want to be found faithful until the end. Please pray for me and all of my family who are out in the world. Keep the *Faith and Victory* paper coming. There is no church here to go to.

May God bless each one and all of their labors for the Lord.

—Sister Martha East

LA—To all our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: Rejoice and praise with us! God has answered prayer in a marvelous way; the jury has returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" by a required unanimous vote!

We were tried on charges of negligent homicide in a criminal court of law. The charges were brought against us two years ago after our son, Loren, died of leukemia.

We praise God for His mercies to us; and for setting us free of the weight we have been under these two years. We thank each and every one who has joined in praying and fasting for our deliverance, and for those who shared in lightening our financial burden. Some have also provided valuable assistance in research, for which we are grateful. We appreciate every effort in our behalf, and know God, too, has kept a record.

Our desire and prayer has been for God's will to be done, and His name to be glorified, and Christ to be lifted up. We believe God has touched the lives and hearts of a number of people.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all, and God bless and reward you. There are no people like God's own.

We want to please God with our lives, and follow His leadings, all the way to heaven. There is no better, no more beautiful way.

Christian love,

—Anneta Williamson, Cynthia, and Todd

MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I want to tell you what the Lord has done for me. A few days ago I went down south, around Piedmont, MO to see my kinsfolks. While I was there I hurt my arm very badly. The first thing I did was to pray. I could hardly get my breath without severe pain. I requested prayer for it and it is a lot better now. I thank God for what He has done.

May God bless you for all you do for Him.
Remember me in prayer; I will pray for you.

—Sister Eathel Hill
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MI—Dear saints: I have been terribly sick, and I am staying with my youngest daughter, Janet, at the present.

I am asking all the saints to urgently pray for a healing touch to my body, and for my daughter as she takes care of me.

May God bless the Guthrie saints to hang on to God's unchanging hand.

God bless the saints, —Irene Grover
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OR—Greetings in the name of Jesus: I just want to thank God for His mercy unto me. I asked the saints and Bro. Charles Elwell's congregation as well as Sis. Cornelius Williams of Wichita, KS, to pray for the healing of my leg. They prayed and God has answered. . . .

—Mary Jones
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GA—Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our dear Saviour: It has been some time since I have sent a testimony. I am still saved and trusting in the Lord. I mean to hold on until the end.

I have had many tests and afflictions in my body, but through it all, I have learned to trust in Jesus. I have learned many lessons from my trials and they have brought me closer to the Lord and made me stronger.

Please keep my brother, Tom, in your prayers; he stands in need of much prayer for his body.

—Sister Mary Johnson
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CA—Dear saints: I pray you all are well and pressing on. It is getting more wicked all the time here in this world. It sends a strong signal to the saints to be on guard against the Devil. He is busy trying to deceive the elect if it were possible. . . .

I have some unspoken requests.

—Bro. and Sis. Underwood
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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints everywhere: Greetings of love to all.

It has been some time since I have written, but I still do enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. It gives me strength and food for my soul; I wouldn't want to be without it. I appreciate the testimonies. I am isolated, also my hearing is so I can't hear a message. I do get good from reading.

I had a bad fall in December. I praise God for how He helped me. I went to the store by taxi cab. I carry loads of groceries from one store to the other, as the cab charges me \$2.00 each way, and charges me to go from one store to another one.

I made it across the highway, and as I stepped over the curb to the other store, my heel slipped

and the heavy load in each hand pulled me down. My back was resting against the curb. I looked, and my knee was cut and bleeding. I saw a carry-out boy come out with groceries and I hollered for help. He soon came and got me a new bag, as one bag had burst. Everyone was so nice. . . . A young woman said, "Mrs. Clements, I live near you and it is my little girls who come to see you. I am going to take you home." Thank God, there are a lot of good people.

Pray for me.

God bless you all,

—Hettie Clements
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CA—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Greetings of Christian love. We are thankful today for the many blessings of the Lord, and we want to be faithful to do what little we can. May God bless you each one there at the Print Shop as you send out the gospel message.

The Guthrie Camp Meeting is about here, and although we will not be able to attend, we will be praying. We hope to be able to be in the camp meeting at Monark.

We have some unspoken requests before the Lord.

—Sis. Eunice Cole
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IA—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I praise God for the healing He gives to His children. I fell down on April 3 of this year, hitting on my chest and shoulder, the same one I hurt a year ago. I had bruises on it when my wife and I went to the Myrtle, MO Camp Meeting. While there we had some of the saints to pray for both my wife and me. The Lord has healed my bruises, but my shoulder is still sore. My wife needs a lot of prayer.

We praise God for saving our soul and making it pure and holy in His sight. Amen.

Christian love,

—Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy Mason
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TX—Dear saints of God: I do believe in the prayers of the saints, and if anyone ever needed it, we do.

My mother, Jewell McCaskill, and I feel like the Devil has jumped on us and refuses to let go. We are suffering much hardship.

Please do pray for us,

—Wanda Griffith
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CA—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I am thankful to yet be saved, sanctified, and encouraged to follow the Lord. The Lord has been good to us up to this time. I am thankful for how He has blessed my family and myself. As the song says, "If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him, I could not enough my blessed Lord adore."

Continue to remember us in prayer when you pray.

—Bro. and Sis. Bramlett

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From Liberia, West Africa . . .

May 17—Dear Bro. Wayne, and the Church of God, U.S.A.: Greetings from the mission field in Liberia, West Africa. As of this writing nothing has disturbed the Church here. My family and I are doing very fine.

As reported in my letter of April 19, 1991, I am going on with church activities. I feel that the Devil need not be given a chance to destroy the Church of God. (Matt. 16:18.) Wednesday of every week is a day set aside for fasting and prayer meeting.

June 27-30 are days agreed upon for our annual revival meeting, and August 21-25 for our annual conference.

The present situation can not allow me to contact the other 13 local congregations in the rural areas. Please remember them all in your prayers. . . .

May God richly bless you is my prayer.

—Josiah K. Pah, Sr.

Mexico Report . . .

June 14—Beloved saints: We write this letter with much love to all of you. We give thanks to God for redeeming us from sin and that we no longer walk in darkness, but in the light and in perfect truth. By this we are made one in Christ Jesus and are now a part of one great family, "The Church of God," where the only requirement to be a part is salvation. (Heb. 10:19-25.)

We would like to express our sincere gratefulness to each one of the brethren for your kindness and care for us, by which my family rejoiced and received many blessings in the Lord. We would like to say that we love you much in the Lord.

You are welcome to Mexico. It would be a joy to have you with us. (II Cor. 7:4.) From August 4-11 we will have our camp meeting. The climate is perfect with a maximum temperature of 95°, and a minimum of 75° at night. Lord willing, there will be lodging and food. No one will need to worry about their stay here. We desire your prayers for a good camp meeting, that souls will seek God. This is our desire and burden.

We would also like to tell the brethren that God is blessing richly in this work. There are very sincere souls seeking and following the Lord. We have a big project of helping the saints, old people, and orphans. The Lord is opening the door for this purpose, for which we give the honor and glory to

the Lord forever. All is His and we only want to be useful instruments, doing all we can during these few days we have left.

Let us exchange prayers. May the Lord bless you in all in my desire and prayer.

—Mayarino Escobar and family

Dear brethren: We are working on Bible lessons for scheduled Bible schools this summer in Mexico and ones in San Diego. René Salles and Lecha Lara have been a great help. The first Bible school is scheduled in Tijuana next week.

We are very thankful for the translator software. We have been putting it to good use, although we are still learning.

Sis. Castro, a dear sister we have known for over 20 years, passed away June 18. A graveside service was held the next day. Bro. Mayarino preached a salvation message. All who knew this sweet sister were touched by her life. Pray for her only daughter; she was too broken-hearted to attend the service. She needs salvation.

Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

—James and Charlotte Huskey

From India . . .

June 17—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in America: Greetings again to you all dear ones in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

Monsoon rain already started in full force resulting in flooding and manifold calamities. Many lost homes and farms and properties. One side wall supporting my home was broken down in the rain. I have to get it rebuilt.

There is no hindrance for the church activities. Outdoor meetings are not possible to be conducted due to rain. But indoor meetings are going on fine. On June 8 we had a wonderful all-day service at Cochin. The gathering was good and blessed with good messages.

The general election results in India are coming out now. The communist government who has ruled our state the last four years failed in the election, and lost the majority to form a government. The Congress Party is going to be in power to rule our state. The central government will also be ruled by the Congress Party. We pray for the rulers. May God guide them to rule for the good of the people.

Please continue to pray for the many temporal and spiritual needs of the congregations in South India. Our prayers are for you.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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In Memoriam

Enid Rebecca Zwart was born June 3, 1907 in Rockaway, NY, to Joseph and Nellie Halloran. She passed from this life in her home on June 21, 1991 at the age of 84 years and 18 days.

Enid is survived by one brother and two sisters.

Interment was in the Summit View Cemetery of Guthrie, OK.



Question and Answer

by

Ostis B. Wilson

Greetings to all readers. Since no one has sent in a question to be discussed this month, I have elected to discuss II Corinthians 3:18.

II Corinthians 3:18, in its entirety, reads as follows: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." This verse gives to us a clear and concise formula for becoming more like our Master, day by day, as we earnestly seek a closer proximity to Him. In the first place it opens with the statement, "We all." Thus we conclude that what is said in this verse is for every child of God, without respect to age or station in life. God has no respect to these things and does not exclude anyone from the special benefits referred to in this Scripture on those grounds. He does have special respect to the disposition, attitude and condition of the heart of each individual. Consequently, some people are able to gain a closer relationship with the Master and have a richer, fuller relationship with Him, and reflect His glory in their lives more than others.

In Ephesians 3:17-19 we read of another "all." "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with *all saints* what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." The word "comprehend," in verse 18, means to "seize upon together." God wills for every one of His saints to possess this divine fullness; yet some do not because of an imperfect disposition toward Him in not having an all-consuming desire to possess His fullness in their hearts and lives.

The next statement in the verse is, "with open face." "Open face" refers to having an open countenance, heart and mind. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is a discernor of the thoughts of the heart. Verse 13 says, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." We surely all know this is so. What God wants out of us is a disposition of heart in which we do not want anything hidden from Him, but are anxious for Him to search us out and know us altogether, thereby helping us out of any defective condition He discovers in us. The Psalmist said, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23-24. Ah, folks, if we come before the Lord with an open face, an open countenance and an open heart, and with the prayer of the Psalmist, we are in a position to enter into the full benefits set forth in this verse.

The next clause in the verse is "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord." In James 1:22-24, a comparison is drawn between the Word of God and a glass (mirror). He says a person looks into the Word of God and sees himself. We all should look into God's Word to see ourselves and discover what we need to do to be made like Him. But there is a clearer Scripture than this that shows the glory of the Lord is revealed in the Holy Scriptures. In Romans 1:16-17 Paul says, "... I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: ... For therein is the righteousness of God revealed ... For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven. ..." The Bible is a Book about God. It does not undertake the proposition of proving there is a God. It just assumes the existence of God and the opening statement in it is, "In the beginning God. ..." In the Bible we learn what kind of God God is, and we see Him depicted clearly and beautifully in the life of His Son Jesus who was the express image of His person. (Heb. 1:3). Jesus Himself said in John 14:9, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father;" But it is in the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) that we see Jesus living, teaching, and revealing the Father in every detail. Therefore we conclude that representing the Word of God as the glass into which we look in order to behold the glory of the Lord is a right and scriptural conclusion. The glory of the Lord is surely revealed there.

We see Christ's mercy, longsuffering, forbearance, and love in dealing with His apostles. They had many defects and shortcomings, but He taught them, and sometimes rebuked them, in love and meekness. In the end He was able to bring them out and make them foundation stones in the Church of God, except for Judas. Christ was able

to look past what He saw and heard, and look into their hearts and discern what was there, and act upon that.

We see Christ in John 4:42 dealing with a sinful woman taken in the very act of adultery, which seems to be the most grievous sin in the catalog. But Jesus saw her penitence, and willingness to accept His mercy, and He forgave her sins and started her in a life of righteousness. In John 5:1-9 we see Him coming to the pool of Bethesda where there was always a multitude of sick and invalid people waiting for the water to be troubled, that they might be healed. He walked right past the multitudes of sick and infirm people, to perhaps the most hopeless and helpless person there, and healed him and sent him home carrying his bed. In Luke 19:41 we see Him looking over the city of Jerusalem which was filled with His enemies, and where a few days hence He would be crucified; but He looked ahead 40 years or so and saw the indescribable calamity that was to befall that city, and His heart was broken and He wept.

These and many more examples are all very beautiful and reveal the glory of the Lord, but we want to move on to the end result and how it works in us to conform us to His image which we must have before we are ready for heaven. The process is this: We look into the Word of God today and see Jesus in some particular part of His character, in His dealings with whatever group He is among, and see how He deals with them. As we pursue this thought, let us think of the fleshy tables of our hearts as a camera. When you load your camera with film and focus it on any particular object, and flip the lever or button that opens the lens, an impression is made on the film of the exact likeness of the object your camera was focused on when you opened the lens. When the film is developed, the picture will come out exactly as you were focused when the picture was taken. But it is important to remember that if you move the camera the instant the lens opens, the picture will be blurred and unclear, and you will not be happy with it. It takes time to be holy and we do not want to be nervous nor moving about when taking these shots and making these pictures on the fleshy tables of our hearts as we behold the glory of the Lord and His character and likeness; as we meditate on His Word.

We may be looking into the Word today where we see Jesus in one aspect of His life as He dealt with people—friends, foes, adversaries, common people, or top brass, so to speak, etc. Whatever the situation and the people involved, it is showing Jesus in some particular segment of His character and likeness. As we continue a while in deep meditation and holy devotion before the Lord, a

picture begins to form and take shape of Jesus in that particular aspect of His character. Then as the picture comes out clear and beautiful and we continue in quiet meditation and devotion before the Lord, and submit ourselves to the Lord to make us like that, and open the lens of our souls to Him, that image is stamped on the film of our souls. Then as we repeat that process day after day, looking into God's Word, perhaps in another passage, revealing Jesus in His dealings with another group of people, and in other conditions or circumstances which emphasize other aspects of Jesus' character, and we repeat the same process of humbling our hearts and submitting to God to make us like that, opening the lens of our soul, that picture is stamped on the fleshy tables of our hearts, which is the film of the soul.

God has His own developing process. The ordinary routine of living, the trials, tests and provocations of daily living, brings out the exact reproduction of what our vision was focused on when we opened the lens of our soul and the picture was taken. As we behold in the Word (glass) the glory of the Lord—His character—in all of its aspects and open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of the Lord, He performs His work in us to conform us to that same image. Amen.

(If you have a question that you would like answered in this column, we would be glad to receive it. You may send it to this office, or directly to Bro. Ostis Wilson at Rt. 6, Box 10, Shawnee, OK 74801.)



The Old, Old Story

(Continued from page 3.)

You ask me for "the story
Of unseen things above—
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love."
You want "the old, old story."
And nothing else will do.
Indeed I cannot wonder,
It always seems so new!

I often wish that someone
Would tell it me each day,
I never should get tired
Of what they had to say.
But I am wasting moments!
Oh, how shall I begin
To tell "the old, old story,"
How Jesus saves from sin?

Listen, and I will tell you;
God help both you and me,
And make "the old, old story"
His message unto thee!

The Story Told

Once in a pleasant garden,
God placed a happy pair,
And all within was peaceful,
And all around was fair,
But oh! they disobeyed Him!
The one thing He denied
They longed for, took and tasted,
They ate it, and—they died!
Yet in His love and pity,
At once the Lord declared,
How man, though lost and ruined,
Might after all be spared.
For one of Eve's descendants,
Not sinful like the rest,
Should spoil the work of Satan,
And man be saved and blest
He should be son of Adam,
But Son of God as well,
And bring a full salvation
From sin and death and hell.
Hundreds of years were over;
Adam and Eve had died.
The following generation,
And many more beside.
At last some shepherds watching
Beside their flocks at night,
Were startled in the darkness,
By strange and heavenly light.
One of the holy angels,
Had come from heaven above.
To tell the true, true story
Of Jesus and His love.
He came to bring glad tidings:
"You need not, must not fear,
For Christ your new-born Saviour,
Lies in the village near!"
And many other angels
Took up the story then;
"To God on high be glory,
Good will and peace to men."
And was it true—the story?
They went at once to see,
He whom the Father promised,
And knew that it was He.
He whom the Father promised,
So many ages past,
Had come to save poor sinners;
Yes, He had come at last!
'Twas His delight to do it—
To seek and save the lost.
Altho' He knew beforehand,
Knew all that it would cost.
He lived a life most holy,
His every thought was love,

And every action showed love
To man, and God above;
His path in life was lowly,
He was a working man;
Who knows the poor man's trials,
As well as Jesus can?
His last three years were lovely!
He could no more be hid;
And time and strength would fail me,
To tell the good He did.
He gave away no money,
For He had none to give;
But He had power of healing,
And made dead people live.
He did kind things so kindly,
It seemed His heart's delight
To make poor people happy,
From morning until night!
He always seemed at leisure
For anyone who came;
However tired or busy,
They found Him "just the same."
He heard each tale of sorrow,
With an attentive ear,
And took away each burden
Of suffering, sin and fear.
He was "A man of sorrows,"
And when He gave relief,
He gave it like a brother,
"Acquainted with grief."
Such was the man Christ Jesus!
The Friend of sinful man!
But hush! the tale grows sadder:
I'll tell it if I can.
This holy, gentle Jesus,
Without a spot or stain,
By wicked hands was taken,
And crucified and slain!
Look! look! if you can bear it—
Look at your dying Lord!
Stand near the cross and watch Him:
"Behold the Lamb of God!"
His hands and feet are pierced,
He cannot hide His face;
And cruel men stand staring,
In crowds about the place.
They laugh at Him and mock Him,
They tell Him to come down
And leave that cross of suffering,
And change it for a crown.
Why did He bear that mocking?
Was He "the mighty God"?
And could He have destroyed them,
With one almighty word?

Yes, Jesus could have done it:
 But let me tell you why
 He would not use His power,
 But chose to stay and die.
 He had become our "surety,"
 And what we could not pay.
 He paid instead and for us,
 On that one dreadful day.

And not for our sins only,
 But all the world's beside
 And now the work is finished!
 The sinner's debt is paid,
 Because on "Christ the righteous"
 The sin of all was laid.
 Oh wonderful redemption!
 "God's remedy for sin!"

The door of heaven is open,
 And you may enter in,
 For God released our "surety."
 To show the work was done.
 And Jesus' resurrection
 Declared the victory won,
 And now He has ascended
 And sits upon the throne
 "To be a prince and Saviour,"
 And claim us for His own.

But when He left His people,
 He promised them to send
 "The Comforter," to teach
 And guide them to the end.
 And that same Holy Spirit
 Is with us to this day
 And ready now to teach us,
 The "new and living way."

This is the "old, old story,"
 Say do you take it in—
 This wonderful redemption,
 God's remedy for sin?
 Do you at heart believe it?
 Do you believe it's true,
 And meant for every sinner,
 And therefore meant for you?

Then take this "great salvation,"
 For Jesus loves to give!
 Believe! and you receive it!
 Believe! and you shall live!
 And if this simple message
 Has now brought peace to you,
 Make known the "old, old story,"
 For others need it too.

Let everybody see it,
 That Christ has made you free:
 And if it sets them longing,
 Say, "Jesus died for me."

For soon our eyes shall see Him,
 And in our home above,
 We'll sing "the old, old story,"
 Of "Jesus and His love."

—Selected



Love

It has been said that love is the greatest thing in the world. The love of God in the heart causes a person to do what he would not do before he received it, and helps him to do what he could not do before. It rules our lives.

Our lives are made up of thoughts, actions, words, longings, hopes, prayers, and trials. All these can be ruled by love. If they are so ruled, our lives here on earth are thereby made a short heaven, leading to the one that will last forever.

Our thoughts and deeds should be those that we know God would stamp with His approval. Our words should be words of kindness, and our longings should be for souls. Our prayers should be prayers of faith, coming from hearts full of God's love, and our trials should be made to strengthen, uphold, and prepare us for a greater and more useful life. Thus, we as Christians should live day after day with a happy, peaceful consolation that we are pleasing God.

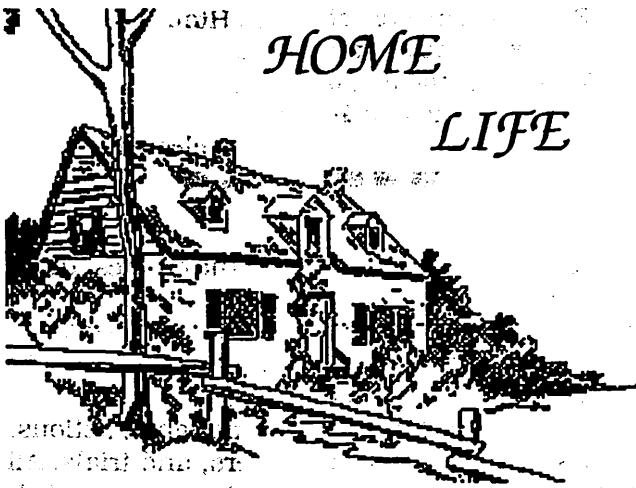
Every living person possesses some love. But some people have a desire or a love for things that are sinful and wicked. Many people have love that needs a right directing; they need someone to direct them to God and help them to use their love in the right way and for the right things.

Love fellowships love; it is something that we can discern in our brothers and sisters; it is something that is felt when it is given and received. It changes homes; it brings husbands and wives together and fathers and mothers and children; it heals broken hearts; it helps those in need and it saves men from downfall. Without it no one is a true Christian.

In the business world, when people receive anything from anyone, they issue receipts. The one receiving issues the receipt to the giver. In giving love, however, our own hearts assure us that we are doing God's will. John the apostle says we have this assurance when we love our brethren. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (I John 3:14).

We should love God, because He first loved us, and has done so much for us, and we should love all humanity, because it pleases God to have us do so.

—Selected



Teaching Your Child

There are different ways by which parents can teach their children, but there is none better than by the life. If you would teach your child how to live right, set it before him every day in your own life. Nothing will make such an impression upon his mind. You may teach him in word how to live right, but if you do not live like you teach, your teaching will be lost. There is power in teaching when backed up with living. If you would have your child to know and believe in prayer, make him to know, and see, and feel that there is real communion between your heart and God. When children know that father and mother have a secret place of prayer to which they often resort and from which they come with an atmosphere of heaven surrounding them, they will believe in prayer. They may go into sin, but they will always believe in prayer.

—C. E. Orr

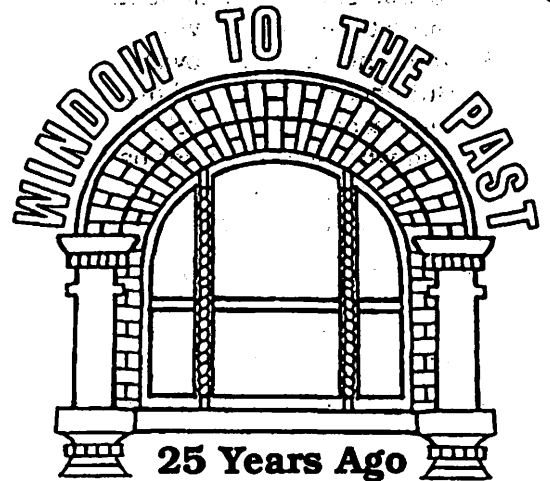
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The prophet Isaiah said of Jesus, "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth." Again we quote the prophet Isaiah in chapter 50:4, "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." Paul said, "I beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ." He also said, "We were gentle among you even as a nurse cherisheth her children."

In St. Mark 9:49-50 we read, "For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltiness wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves and have peace one with another." May our words be seasoned with salt that we shall not crush a tender planting of the Lord.

—M. F. Williamson

(Written in 1963.)



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"On May 28 Bro. and Sister Donald Sharp and family moved from Guthrie, Okla. to Coffeyville, Kansas where he is taking the oversight of the congregation. . . . For some years they have been in the Guthrie congregation and we will certainly miss them. Bro. Sharp is a young minister and this is his first pastorate. Not many young people are dedicating their lives to the Master's service in these days, and we surely ought to encourage and support those who are moving out in God's great cause.

"... The events on this date [June 6, 1966] three years ago are brought afresh to my memory. My dear father, Fred Pruitt, was called in his 82nd year from an active literature and pulpit ministry to eternal rest from his earthly labors, but 'his works do follow him.'"

—L. D. Pruitt

"Impressions made on the mind in youth are never removed. There is a stone in the British Museum in London said to be as hard as any steel, and no impression could be made on it, yet there is an impression on it of a little bird's foot. There was a time when it was soft and plastic. Youth is the time when impressions are made never to be eradicated.

"A late preacher once met a little boy on the street. He said, 'Matthew, my lad, you remember there was Matthew the publican, and he left all, rose up and followed Jesus. Do you think, Matthew, you will do the same?'

"He also met a little girl, and said, 'Christina, you have got Christ in your name, have you got Christ in your heart?' Christina never forgot that."

—Author Unknown