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Christ's Call

Hark the voice of Jesus crying,
Who will go and work today?
Fields are white, and harvest waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?
Loud and strong the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer gladly, saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all;
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Saviour's loving arms.

If you cannot be the watchman
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties,
You can do what heaven demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you;
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be,
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

—Selected

To the Young People

By Margaret Eck
(Written in 1966)

We read in I Kings, chapter two about David realizing his time was short, yet his love for God and His work was strong. He was burdened for his son to carry on. So he began to instruct him, saying, "I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, . . . that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest."

Dear young people, we wish to exhort you in like manner. As we take note of so many of our older saints wearing out in the Lord's work, and know that they will soon be going the way of all the earth, we wish to make a plea to the youth to be strong and shew yourself a man.

The work of God is suffering now for the lack of young workers to fill the place of the dear ones who have been called home in recent years. "Be strong," John said, "I write unto you young men because you are strong." Yes, you are strong, you have energy. We take note of the young people, how they like to be on the go, and have strong ambition to accomplish something great. Why not use all this strength and energy for God and fill the place of some deceased minister or worker who has passed on? There are not enough ministers and workers, causing the few to be called on too often. Oh, who will hear the call? "Be strong and shew thyself a man."

Paul said in Titus 2:6-8, "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; . . ." So many young people are unwilling to be sober long enough to

read the Word so they will be able to teach others. And so many fail to take time to pray until they really pray through.

We read about Isalah when he saw the glory of God. He felt so undone, but after the angel laid the live coal on his lips, then he heard a voice saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Isalah answered, "Here am I, send me." Too many times young people will get a vision of the great work and feel so undone, they just give up and say, "I can't do it, I'm not able, I'm too backward." Oh, dear young people, stay before the Lord until He touches your very heart and life with that live coal and then you can say, "Here am I, send me. I will go where you want me to go, I will say what you want me to say, and I will be what you want me to be, dear Lord."

May God bless you each one.



Qualifying for Your Call

(These thoughts are taken from a presentation given by Sis. Lenette Melot at a special youth gathering in Sapulpa, OK on Sept. 21, 1991.)

Moses was born during an era of great Egyptian culture. The Egyptians were a nation that exceeded all other nations in their knowledge of nature, astrology, medicine, and engineering. They were a very religious nation, spending much of their life preparing for the afterlife by building temples and crypts in which to reside after death.

The Israelites had been in Egypt about 430 years (longer than we have been a nation) when Moses was born. They had come to Egypt as shepherds and farmers, and wound up as slaves to a culturally superior race. No doubt in this length of time their trust in the one God had been diluted by their constant exposure to the gods of their masters. Being enslaved had given them an abused mentality, as evidenced by their desire to return to Egypt after their deliverance whenever troubles arose.

God had a plan to deliver Israel, but He could not use a slave to do it. He allowed events to transpire that placed Moses in the palace of the Egyptian king. There Moses learned administration. He was taught with the royal children the pride and arrogance of their place. He was trained in military tactics and became a general of the Egyptian army. Moses learned the techniques to lead a people . . . he was qualifying for his call. When he was 40, he thought he had it all down, and visited his Israelite brethren, only to wind up fleeing for his life. Moses had some more qualifying; he needed to learn humility. It took him 40 years in the desert of Midian to learn it, but when

he did, he was so humble he did not think he could answer the call God gave him. Moses ended up being very qualified, having the skills, coupled with humility.

When the Lord gives us a call into His work, He expects us to learn the skills needed to execute that call. He will often place us in an environment conducive to learning. Consider how David was a 17-year-old shepherd boy when he was called to be king. All he had to recommend him to that position was a love for and a belief in God. He was not used to being around people. He spent his time in the fields with his flocks. God again caused circumstances to place David in the palace where he could learn what it meant to lead men, where he could learn administration, learn the politics and intrigues of the palace, and learn what it meant to make a decision and abide by it. He learned social graces and the balance of rightly wielding power. His best friend was the king's son, and his wife was the king's daughter. Perhaps he thought things were working in the right direction for his assumption of kingship, but then he had to flee for his life. He had to leave his royal life, friends, and wife, and wound up living in a cave with a group of discontented rejects of society. He then learned to lead men with problems, and to gain their respect. How like the Lord to continue to qualify David for what he would face as a king. David got his call at 17, and was around 33 when he attained his kingship.

The Lord will call us all to work for Him in some capacity. He also expects us not to jump into that calling without learning of it. If He calls you to be a prayer warrior, watch people who get answers to their prayers and learn from them. He might call you to be a teacher, or an organizer, or a giver of hospitality, or a pillar of your community, or a mom or dad. Learn from the people who have success. When I was 18, I was asked to lead the singing in our congregation. I prayed about it, and the Lord told me to learn the songs, so I declined to lead and started learning. I began at the first song in the book and found some songs I was not singing right and many I didn't know well enough to start. Jerry and I then moved to Shreveport and I sat under two qualified song leaders, learning techniques and how to handle situations that arose in leading. I led some on Wednesday nights, still continuing to learn. After four years there, we moved to Oklahoma City and I was again asked to lead, and did so for nine years. Even for song leading, there takes some qualifying. The Lord will then open the door for you. Learn from the Lord and from His people, give yourself time to mature in the Lord, and you will be a success in the calling He gives you.

Creation and Life

(Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 2:10)

Creation and life. Let's consider the thought
And the purpose which God had in mind
When He, by His wisdom, a masterpiece wrought
Of creation—the creature mankind.

There's no other creature in all earth's domain,
Which Jehovah brought forth from the sod,
Which, like man, he placed on a spiritual plane;
In the image and likeness of God.

God created man with a spirit inside
That could know sweet communion with Him.
This soul, 'til the time that, by sinning, it died
(Gen. 2:17)
Enjoyed "life" from the heavenly realm.

How sad, knowing not the extent of the cost,
Man transgressed, bringing death upon all;
For by man's transgression God's image was lost,
And sin plunged the whole race to its fall.
(Rom. 5:12-21)

Yet, God in His mercy and infinite love
And His pity for poor fallen man,
To restore his soul, and to lift it above
Death and wretchedness, devised a plan!

"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God,
And the Word was God," we're also told;
This same that "was in the beginning with God
(John 1:1-3)
Made all things." Here great mysteries unfold!

"In Him there was LIFE, and the life was the light
Which enlighteneth every man;" (John 1:4, 9)
"The Word was made flesh," came and dwelt in man's
sight,
Manifesting unto us God's plan! (John 1:14)

Yes, God sent His Son in the likeness of men,
(Heb. 2:9-18)
Unto us out of eternity, (Mic. 5:2)
That we, who were dead in trespasses and sin
Could be quickened, redeemed, and set free.
(Eph. 2:1-9)

We hear Jesus saying that "Now is the hour
When the dead who shall hear me shall live;"
(John 5:24-26)
For in Him was "life," yea, soul-quickening power—
This is what God to man longs to give.

This "soul-resurrection" is what we all need,
It's a "must" if we hope to be saved: (John 3:3-8)
Until "born again" by the heavenly seed (I Pet. 1:22-23)
We "abide in death," lost and depraved.
(I John 3:14)

God says, if in Christ any man come to me,
A "new spirit" He'll put within him; (Ezek. 36:26-27)

A "new creature" having new hopes then is he,
The old life fades away and grows dim. (II Cor. 5:17)

When made a "new creature," we're happy and blest,
And communion with God is restored.
Be sure all who have put God's Word to the test
Have found "fulness of joy" in the Lord! (Ps. 16:11)

You ask how to find it? It's simple indeed;
All the answers God gives in His Word;
But first you must recognize you have a need
Of this "Jesus" of whom you've just heard.

There's no other name under heav'n giv'n to men,
Neither virtue in which we can trust,
Which offers salvation from guilt and from sin;
(Acts 4:12)
TO PLACE ALL HOPE IN CHRIST IS A MUST.

Yes, we must acknowledge we're lost and undone,
Count good works, moral virtues but loss,
(Phil. 3:7-10)
Realizing true righteousness only is won
When we seek it through Christ and His cross.
(Gal. 2:20)

Believing in Christ, who now offers to you
Free redemption, the gift of God's grace,
And trusting the merit of His own blood, who
As a ransom, once died in your place;

Repent of your sins, leave your past life behind,
Give yourself fully to Him today.
If you will but ask, He'll forgive; you will find
He will answer your prayer, if you'll pray.

Then heavenly life will move into your soul,
That same life that raised Christ from the tomb;
The power of His resurrection you'll know
Just as soon as you thus give Him room!

The heart that's enlightened, the heart that is blest,
And that's freed from the bondage of sin;
The heart that has found from life's troubles sweet
rest,
Is the heart that has let Jesus in.

The secret to happiness, meaning of life,
And the reason why I came to be,
I found when I surrendered my sinful strife
To the One who gave His life for me.

He pardoned my sins, made my heart free and light,
And enraptured my soul with a song;
And after He put my past sins out of sight,
Gave me grace to choose right above wrong.

So reader, if you too desire to find "life"
That holds purpose and meaning for you,
Surrender yourself, your frustrations and strife,
Unto Christ—He'll "create you anew."

—Harlan Sorrell

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Editorials

"But the word of God grew and multiplied." Acts 12:24. This is a description of activity in the apostles' dispensation, and a summary of what Christians desire for their own time and locality. For this to transpire it is very important that the ministering of the Word be done in an effective way. There are many types of sermons; some long and drawn out, others someone termed "text, pretext and conclusion." Some are so deep they are hard to understand, and others so shallow they have little meaning.

R. L. Berry once wrote, "There are two main classes of sermons—textual and topical. Not that all sermons can be placed in one or the other of these classes, for some sermons are a combination of textual and topical, and there are some that defy classification."

The Scriptures plainly teach that there is variety in the servants of God, (I Cor. 7:7) but there is one common linkage, which connects us all to the same vine, namely, Christ. (John 15:5). God did not mean for all ministers to be clones, but He does require that His power be in each.

Christ is a very effective example for every minister. One group of people who heard Christ preach testified that, "... Never man spake like this man." John 7:46. The difference between Christ and the other religious leaders of His time was that He taught with authority. (Matt. 7:29). In order to have authority in spiritual realms we must be endowed with a Divine commission. This authority cannot be self-appointed or sought with an ulterior motive. When certain vagabond Jews, with an ulterior motive, self-appointed themselves to have the power to cast out evil spirits in the name of Jesus, they ran into grave trouble. (Acts 19:13-16). They would fit the terminology of what is called "jobbers." A "jobber" is one who tries to use an official position for his own private advantage. When preachers use the ministry for personal purposes, they may be able to continue on for a time, but the effect of their labor will not cause the Word of God to grow and multiply. People who come away from their sermons may have many things on their mind, much of which centers around boredom or trouble, rather than a feeling of Christ being lifted up within them.

I recently came across a quote that depicted well the ministry of Christ and would be well for all who desire to follow in His footsteps to consider. It said, "Pray for illumination, use your imagination, go in for illustration, but beware of exaggeration."

"Pray for illumination." Christ said, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not

of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." John 14:10. He also said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12. Jesus was a light to others because the things which He spoke were from the Father. He had an understanding of the things of God, therefore when He spoke them they were profitable. The apostle Paul admonished Timothy to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. He realized by studying and thereby being able to give out the scriptures in their true meaning it would be pleasing to God and not bring shame to the message bearer. Prayer and study should precede any work for God.

"Use your imagination." Christ taught in a way that interested the crowds. Sometime read the 15th chapter of Luke to see how Christ used His thinking in order to portray a thought in detail. Something containing forethought most generally accomplishes more than just filling up time.

"Go in for illustration." "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:" Matt. 13:34.

"Beware of exaggeration." When a minister gets caught up by his own stories or thoughts, it is easy to dwell upon them and transgress into the flesh rather than be in the Spirit. The flesh is prone to present things out of proportion. Inspiration can be found in meditating, and there is also validity in the saying that the more a preacher studies the less he will have to say. When a minister rambles without any previous thought upon a particular subject, and he happens upon a thought that impresses himself, he is likely to go places with it that leave the Scriptures behind.

We are told that Scripture is "given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Tim. 3:16. If we will give out the Holy Word under the same anointing that the Scriptures were written by, God will cause it to multiply and all involved will be edified.

We are thankful for the way God is overseeing the work here in the Print Shop. By His help we are shipping the gospel to many homes. We do want to let those know who have hold orders for the *Evening Light* Songs, that due to being understaffed we have not been able to maintain the schedule of reprinting that we had hoped to. This project will be diligently pursued and we will ship these orders as soon as God makes a way for it.

We are thankful for those who have shown an interest in helping us fill the need of workers here at the Print Shop. We are still looking for God to

supply additional workers, and feel this would be a good opportunity for a consecrated saint who wants to be more active in laboring for God.

Bro. James and Sis. Patricia Bell, Lord willing, will be leaving on Oct. 14 for a visit to Russia. They will be gone for ten days and will spend most of their time in the Moscow area. Under Russian government sanctions they will be meeting with Christians who have been in the underground church. Sis. Patricia has expressed that their main burden is for the Russian children who have heard very little about God. Pray for their safety and that God will lead them to contacts that will prove fruitful for years to come. —Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

MO—"Please help me pray for my loved ones, and remember me in your prayers." —Eathel Hill

IN—"I would like for you all to pray for me; I hooked my shoe in a concrete block and fell backwards." —Sis. Dessie Wilson

OH—Pray for a job for Jerry Craig.

CA—"Continue to remember my eyes."

—Sis. Letha Reece

CA—"I injured my ribs a while back and need prayer." —Sis. Helen Carson

KY—"I need prayer for my oldest son, Jeff Elam." —Lleanor Elam

OH—Naomi Nickels has a serious illness and would appreciate your prayers.

OH—"Bro. James Fleming and his wife are sickly and in need of prayer."

—Bro. Michael Payne

CA—"I would like your prayers for some very special unspoken requests."

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

MISSOURI STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Missouri State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held at Myrtle, MO, Lord willing, beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 2 and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 6. Three services are scheduled daily: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. We are praying and expecting the Lord to richly bless this autumn gathering of His people here at Myrtle, as He so abundantly has in the past three years. We extend a hearty invitation to the Lord's people everywhere to come, as well as a "special invitation" to all desiring to know more about God and His ways. You may come counting on a special visitation of God's Spirit to your heart, for He is in the midst of His people.

Meals and lodging will be provided for all who come. Expenses are met by freewill offerings. Please come prepared for cool nights. We usually receive our first seasonal frost around this date. If the weather is too cool to hold services under the tabernacle, they will be held in the chapel. We look forward to a special time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and hope to see you here. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

—Bro. Harlan Sorrell

HOLLY HILL, SC REVIVAL MEETING

The date of Oct. 4-13 has been set as a time for a revival meeting in Holly Hill, SC.

An invitation to attend is extended to everyone. If you are interested in further details, contact Bro. Utson Platt, Rt. 1, Box 194, Holly Hill, SC 29059.

GREEN PASTURES, OK REVIVAL

An invitation is extended to all to attend a revival of the Green Pastures, OK congregation, from Oct. 16-20. Lord willing, Bro. Calvin Hobbs from California will be ministering in the meeting.

For more information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Chandler, 740 N. E. 81st, Oklahoma City, OK 73114, phone (405) 767-7413.

NOTICE OF FALL WORKDAY AT MONARK SPRINGS, MO CAMPGROUND

A date for the fall workday was set at the general business meeting. **This date has been changed to Oct. 26.** We will need to winterize the campground and rake leaves. If you can come and bring your rakes, it will be appreciated.

—Business Managers: Ed Johnston, Rt. 2, Box 2180, Seymour, MO 65746, phone (417) 935-2520, and Randel Bradley, Rt. 1, Box 28, Bartlett, KS 67332, phone (316) 226-3390.

GREEN BANK, WV REVIVAL

We would like to announce a revival meeting at Green Bank, WV, Oct. 27 through Nov. 3. November 2 will be a special day for the young people. For more information contact Bro. Mart Samons, P. O. Box 127, Green Bank, WV 24944, phone, (304) 456-4469.

JEFFERSON, OR ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Annual Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR, will be held from Friday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 10. The first service will be Friday night at 7:30. On both weekends there will be services at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. During the week, Monday through

Friday, there will be services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

We are praying for the Lord to send us ministerial help of His own choosing. We would appreciate earnest prayer for the meeting.

Anyone coming by public transportation, please contact us and we will meet you at the proper terminal. R.V. hook-ups are available on the grounds. Those needing further assistance, please call Bro. Clifford Wilson, (503) 362-4384, or Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

LORANGER, LA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Loranger, LA Assembly Meeting is to begin Sunday, Nov. 24, with services daily through Sunday, Dec. 1. Look for a more complete announcement in next month's issue.

BOLEY, OK CAMP MEETING REPORT

We thank the Lord for the glorious camp meeting He blessed us with in Boley, OK, and for the ministers and workers He sent to labor in the meeting.

We were thankful to have with us Bro. Hargrave who has been afflicted for some time but is looking to God to heal His body. It was amazing to witness how the Lord used Him to labor in the meeting. Let us continue to pray for his complete healing.

We appreciated all the ministers, workers, and saints, and how the Lord anointed the Word. The theme of the meeting was, "The Lord has need of workers in His vineyard." It was encouraging to see the young saints' consecrating their lives to answer the call, and say with the poet, "The Lord has need of workers to till His field today. So kindly He has led me to walk in wisdom's way. I pray for grace to help me, with all my heart to say, 'O blessed Saviour count on me.'" Praise the Lord!

Yours in His great name,

—Sis. Katherine Williams



CALIFORNIA CAMP MEETING TAPES AVAILABLE

Cassette tapes of the sermons from the Bakersfield, CA and Pacoima, CA camp meetings are available for the minimal price of \$2.00 each. For further information address your correspondence to: Sis. Zelda E. Telford, 2975 28th Street W., Rosamond, CA 93560.

TAPES AVAILABLE

Two 60-minute cassette tapes of good congregational and special singing from the Monark Springs, MO camp meeting, July 1991 are now available for the price of \$2.00 each.

Also the 12 tapes of songs recorded from the *Evening Light Songs* hymnal, which had not been available for some time, are now available again. The songs from the hymnal are recorded in consecutive order as follows:

- Tape #1—Song numbers 1-18
- Tape #2—Song numbers 19-37
- Tape #3—Song numbers 38-57
- Tape #4—Song numbers 58-77
- Tape #5—Song numbers 78-97
- Tape #6—Song numbers 98-116
- Tape #7—Song numbers 117-136
- Tape #8—Song numbers 137-155
- Tape #9—Song numbers 156-175
- Tape #10—Song numbers 176-193
- Tape #11—Song numbers 194-213
- Tape #12—Song numbers 214-232

These tapes are also priced at \$2.00 each. Order from "Songs of the Evening Light," c/o Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1, Box 118-A, Myrtle, MO 65778.

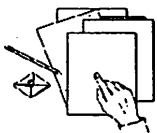
LISTING OF TAPES AVAILABLE

The Lord has blessed us to put together a booklet itemizing tapes that are available for sale. We have a library of tapes containing over 2000 messages and songs. These tapes date from 1950 to the present.

We are asking a small fee in the amount of \$5.00 per booklet. If you would like it mailed to you, there will be an additional charge of \$2.00 per booklet for shipping and handling.

Please direct all correspondence to: Sis. Kimberly Francisco, 8633 Columbus Avenue #6, Sepulveda, CA 91343, phone, (818) 893-0724.

*From The
Readers...*



WV—Dear Bro. Wayne, workers at the Print Shop, and the dear saints everywhere: We appreciate the work you are doing for the Lord, knowing that the rewards are great. "The Blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." Prov. 10:22.

I have surely been enjoying His many blessings to me, especially these last few months. I have been in seven camp meetings this summer. I am much encouraged by what I am seeing, and the Lord is still blessing His people. It seems He is

doing more for us than He has for some time. He is soon coming for His Bride.

I would again like to thank all for your prayers for me. The Lord has surely been answering them. He has been helping to bear my grief and carry my sorrow. I have never felt His presence any more than I have since I have been left alone. God has healed my body and given me my strength back.

Yes, I miss my wife so very much. Sometimes it seems I can not bear it, but Jesus reminds me that He is with me; that always gives relief. My whole life is wrapped up in the Lord and His work. I am finding that it fulfills every need I have.

Keep steady, and keep praying for me.

Your fellow servant, —Bro. Mart Samons

MO—Dear saints: We would like to share with you God's blessings so far this year. We spent New Year's Day traveling home from WV, after sharing with our sisters and their families, the trauma and pain of losing their mother-in-law, our dear Sis. Verna Samons.

Little did we know what lay ahead for us in six weeks. While we were celebrating our son's 16th birthday, Ed's dad fell over with a stroke. The Lord saw best to take him on to be with Him the next day. Even though the suddenness and shock of all this was hard to bear, Jesus and His dear people helped lighten the load. How we do appreciate and thank the Lord and you all for your love and support.

Within two weeks, I went into labor with our fourth child. Because of stress, my blood pressure went up and complications set in. I ended up going blind during labor. The Lord did finally bless us with a normal delivery of our precious baby boy, but I went into a seizure within a few minutes of delivery. I felt the Lord carrying me on a pillow. It was so calm and peaceful. Again, God and the saints came to our rescue. As I came to, several hours later, my sight began to return and the Lord flooded my mind with the song, "The Lord is always with me, everywhere I go. He's right there by my side. He's constantly cheering me, pressing toward the victory. He's always leading me, everywhere I go!" The Lord is so precious.

My condition has improved along and I am looking to the Lord to see me back to normal health. One milestone came after being anointed and prayed for at the Monark camp meeting. The very next day was the first normal blood pressure I'd had in five months. The Lord is still our Healer!

I have had cataracts on my eyes for some time, even before experiencing blindness during delivery, and I am still in the battle for complete restoration of my eyes. The Lord has been, and still is, burning the dross out of my life. I know He is in

control and knows what He is doing. He has been *too real* for us to doubt Him!

During the months of waiting for our baby's arrival, our family prayed for a normal, healthy, and good natured baby. There were some risks and odds against us. I was 40 and hadn't given birth for 12 years, and there had been complications in previous births. The Lord beat the odds and risks and blessed us with a normal, healthy, and good natured baby. Our hearts are often filled with renewed thanksgiving as we all enjoy Clinton each day.

We also want to testify about the Lord's help in a business matter. In October, 1984, we sold our place and owner financed it to a group of business investors. Within a year we received notice they had filed reorganization bankruptcy. This came as a blow. We considered getting a lawyer, but the Lord inspired us to leave it with Him. He saw fit to let it linger for over five years. He taught us so much through this time. He flooded us with lessons of patience, contentment, and stewardship. We were resigned to, and expecting to lose on the deal financially. We were just thanking the Lord for all He had taught us through it. But God didn't stop there! We got a surprise phone call one day, informing us that their lawyer had decided to give us a pay-off because of an oversight and neglect of notifying us that they wanted to sell our place in a group of houses. We had the choice of getting it back, but because of this failure to contact us, they voluntarily offered a pay-off for the place so it wouldn't put a bind in their contract. We wouldn't have come out with a complete pay-off had they notified us beforehand and we had consented. We are amazed at the many ways God has to deliver His people.

We certainly do appreciate you all, and are humbled by all the prayers, love, cards, phone calls, flowers, and gifts you have sent our way during these months of adversities. We humbly ask God to bless and reward you all.

—Ed and Jan Johnston and family
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AR—Dear Bro. Wayne, and all the saints: Just a few lines to say we are still enjoying the little *Faith and Victory* paper. We always read and look to see if anyone we know has written anything.

The paper is very encouraging as we are an older couple and don't get out much, with no Church of God close to go to. . . .

Please remember us in your prayers,

—Alvis and Bertha Dickey
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CT—Dear Brother Wayne, and workers: In 1954 Brother Salvatore DiDio, from Walker, LA, came to Stratford CT to visit relatives. At this time

I was a leading member of the Jehovah's Witnesses', an assistant company servant in Bridgeport, CT. Through Bro. DiDio's testimony, and a tract he gave me, I was miraculously saved. Brother Salvatore sent for a brother and sister from Walker, LA who baptized me in Beardsly Park by full immersion. I was disfellowshipped from the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses when I went back witnessing to the power of God that changed my life. I was only a child in knowledge, but I knew Jesus was my Saviour.

In 1970 I was baptized in the Holy Ghost and went through many spiritual battles. But the dear Lord protected me. I was praying for direction and wisdom in the Scriptures, and the Lord again sent Brother Salvatore to me. My understanding on some truths that were hidden to me were revealed by the Holy Spirit, teaching me the Word of God thoroughly. I am still a babe in understanding, but the Lord showed me we must be humble and teachable. Some things I may never understand until Jesus comes, but I will follow Jesus and listen carefully to His voice and words.

May God bless you all in your printing ministry, and may our Lord continue to open doors so many more can hear the truth.

Yours in Jesus' service, —Tom Stoliker
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LA—Dear readers: We want to share an experience of the power of God manifested this summer on our behalf. There is exceeding great power in the Word of God.

I decided to paint my cabinets using a varnish killer, not realizing the effects the ingredients could have. Ed, my husband, suffered a headache within ten minutes of using it and left, but returned to help again. However, the fumes overcame him and by that evening he was having severe loss of his motor skills. He could move but little, and seemed in a semi-conscious state. Bro. Gerald and Sis. Connie Flynn came over, and after prayer Ed came to and slowly quoted Mark 16:18, ". . . and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. . . ." The Lord had administered His antidote—His Word—which is more powerful than all medicine, and more sure than the world itself. Praise God! It is safe to stand on His Word.

The next day found Ed feeling better, but by accident he walked up on an open container of varnish killer on the carport and got another strong dose of fumes. Within minutes we found him completely unconscious. I could feel his heart-beat becoming slower. I knew death was in the room and we were losing him. Calls were made to the saints. Within a short time he partially regained consciousness and very slowly, with slurred speech, repeated, ". . . shall not hurt them."

Inhaling this ingredient can produce a stroke, mental retardation, or death to someone allergic to it. Medical authorities warn that the third exposure is fatal. The open container was the third. But I stood on the Word that it wouldn't cause death, nor even leave any lingering effects to hurt his system. What power we have contained in God's Word, and it is left for our benefit!

Ed recovered within a week and by the last of the next week, with a clear mind, took the witness stand in Sis. Annetta Williamson's trial.

To God we give all the glory and praise for allowing an extension to Ed's life. He said he too felt death and darkness coming over him that night, but God holds the keys to life and death, and He is our God.

In His service, —Sis. Roberta Wilson

MO—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Today finds me happy in the Lord. I thank God for healing both of my arms. It was a miracle from Jesus. God takes care of my needs.

Please keep praying for my loved ones, as they need Jesus.

May God bless you for all your prayers,
—Sister Eathel Hill

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne, and saints: My soul is rejoicing for the wonderful privilege I enjoyed this summer in attending part of four camp meetings. What a wonderful thing it is to be with God's people and hear Spirit-filled messages and the joyful singing.

I mean, by our Lord's blessings, to go all the way with God at any cost. Remember us in your prayers, especially my children.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Hazel A. Clark

WA—Dear saints at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings to you folks who labor there in the name of Jesus our Lord.

I surely am thankful to Him for saving my soul and helping me to stay saved. He has been a "very present help in every time of need." I am 85 years old today [Sept. 16], and have pretty good health. God has healed me of so many things along life's journey.

I surely appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper. It's a real blessing to me. Keep it going out till Jesus comes.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas

IN—Dear saints and workers at the *Faith and Victory* Print Shop: I send greetings in love to one and all. Someone sent me the paper some time ago and I have enjoyed reading it so much. It is good

news to read of God's great work going on in the meetings. I sure would love to be in some of the meetings again some day. Years ago my husband and I would come to the Monark camp meeting. We did enjoy it, but since he has been gone, I haven't gotten to be there. We enjoyed being with God's people and feeling the blessings of His Word.

Please pray for my unsaved loved ones; also my health is poor. My son is in poor health also; he needs prayer.

May God bless each and every one of you there is my prayer. —Mrs. Mary Rogers

CA—Dear saints: May our Father in heaven bless each of you richly as you work in His vineyard to win souls for heaven.

Continue to remember my eyes, and also pray with us that God will send us a pastor to take this work.

Christian love and prayers for each of you there. —Sister Letha Reece

OK—Dear workers for the Lord: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, . . ." Ps. 48:1.

I was involved in a car accident recently, and appreciate God's hand of mercy on my behalf. The car was so damaged on the driver's side that the front and back door could not be opened. At the time of the accident, the impact of the other car hitting seemed to move the inside of my head, and all I could do was put on the brakes and hold my head with both hands to make my head stop moving. I thank the Lord I did not hit the steering wheel or against any glass. . . .

Early the next morning the Lord awakened me and said, "What touches you touches me. You are the apple of my eye." Then the thought of the Lord being touched with the feeling of our infirmities (Heb. 4:15), came to me. That visitation encouraged me in a way that will stay with me the rest of my life.

Dear saints, be encouraged that whatever the trial, Jesus is with you. In Matthew 28:20, after Jesus had arisen and then appeared to them again, He said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Pray for me that I will "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith I am called." (Eph. 4:1).

—Shelia Hawkins

VA—Bro. Murphey: It has been some time since I have written you. My husband died July 6. There has been a lot to take care of, but I haven't forgotten how you all wrote and encouraged me. Thanks for praying for us. My youngest son was saved over a year ago, and he sure helped in caring

for him. All the children have been so good to us. I am so glad my husband lived for the Lord, and I want to do what I can until I go to meet him. Pray for us.

May God bless the work you are doing.

—Mrs. L. W. Dunman

Nigeria—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: I am very happy to write you this letter, and I hope it meets you in good health.

My main purpose of writing you this letter is to tell you how much I enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* paper. It has changed my life through the special grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After reading this magazine I had a desire to give my life to God. I prayed to God, confessed my sins, and asked for forgiveness from God through Christ, and He did it because He is a merciful God.

I am now happy and at peace with God. I realize that when I was still a sinner I was always sad and moody, but now God has given me happiness, joy, and peace, for which I am grateful. Please pray for me that I may obey the Lord and love Him most.

Thanks, and may God continue to bless you all as you go on distributing this magazine to people all over the world.

—Uduak Umoh

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne, and all at the Print Shop: Greetings once more in Jesus' name. I am thankful we can serve a loving and merciful God, whose ways are always right. We can commit all of our needs and cares into His hand. Jesus has all power in heaven and earth, and we can be sure whatever He causes or permits to happen is the very best for all concerned.

It may be of interest to many of the *Faith and Victory*, to know that my brother, Robert (Bob) Busch, the youngest child of Sis. Emma Busch, passed away suddenly about 2:00 a.m., July 31, 1991, at the age of 61 years.

With Christian love, —Bill and Doris Busch

Honduras—Dear laborers at the Print Shop, and all the saints: I am thankful to be able to still report victory. I am very much encouraged to keep fighting. The Lord is still blessing.

I want to tell you what the Lord has done for me. A few days ago I fell and hurt my feet. I was in pain and couldn't walk. The saints prayed and the pain left, but I still couldn't walk. I kept trusting and praising God, and now I can walk. Thank God!

Yours for souls, —Sis. Liurie Sanders

AL—Dear Bro. Wayne: We send you greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the bonds of fellowship that we share in that name. . . .

We were pleased to be in fellowship this past Sunday (9-15) with the beloved saints in Warrior. It had been some time since we had been with them, and our hearts were truly made joyful by their presence. We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. and Sis. Paul Sorrell, and our dear Brother Paul brought to us a word that was rich in the things of God, and bore witness to the testimony of Christ within His saints. We are always enriched when we see God speak so wonderfully through one of His servants.

I would report also that I was afflicted in my body (by what was thought to be hepatitis) when we visited the saints. Some of the brothers there anointed me with oil, and laying hands upon me they lifted up prayers to God for my healing. We may proclaim, with full confidence in God, that my health has been restored, and there remains no symptoms of illness. Praise be unto our gracious God.

We do covet your prayers as we fight the good fight, that we may truly lay hold of all that is of God for us. In days of such open sinfulness it takes great discernment and much fervency to prevail against the enemy of our souls. We are daily made thankful in the grace of God which gives us victory in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Greetings to all the saints there with you in Guthrie, and to God's elect everywhere. May the love of God abound in your hearts richly, and may His joy be a continual fountain of strength in trying days. Be blessed in Christ.

Yours in brotherly love, —Bro. Jim Baxter

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From Liberia . . .

Aug. 12—Dear Bro. Wayne: As usual, I send you sincere greetings in the name of our dear Lord! Also greetings to all the faithful workers at the Faith Publishing House, pastors, and saints of the Church of God everywhere in the U.S.A.

On Aug. 4 there was a joint fellowship meeting with the congregation at Paynesville. The happiness and joy of the saints, and downpouring of the Holy Ghost, was great evidence of the success of the meeting. Bro. Francis J. Yambasu, is now the new pastor of the congregation at Paynesville. By the 20th of this month Bro. Francis will be going to dwell permanently with the saints there. Please let us pray for this work.

With the help of the offering received from you, a month's down payment for the Paynesville chapel

was made. As I reported regarding the damages done to our chapel, school building, and mission house, I am now busy with renovation. This civil war has caused us many problems. The registration with the Cultural Department will enable us to get relief food for our two congregations in Monrovia. . . .

As you are perhaps aware, we are again in the midst of so-called political fabrications in this country. The greed for power and financial gain are the songs of the politicians. This country needs prayer more than ever before. . . .

A brother in Christ, —Josiah K. Pah, Sr.

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From Nigeria . . .

Aug. 19—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and saints everywhere: Greetings in the cheerful name of Jesus. His name speaks the drooping heart to cheer. Praise Him forever!

We believe as prayed, that the entire camp meetings held this year in the U.S. closed with victory. It is viewed as a period of higher contact with the supernal realm for spiritual up-grading.

I am glad to intimate that we are within the Kingdom. Nothing else can kindle a fire of fullness of joy in our heart like this revelation. Our submission unto the Lord for us to be bent to His will continues to pay us the best dividends. He is helping us to know what to do and supervising the doing of them to satisfy His desire.

Bro. Linus Okorie and Bro. Ferdinand Madu of Lagos and Umuguma congregations respectively, visited us at Kwale on June 6 and discussed with us profitably. Also Bro. Ben Adesoro of Auchu congregation and Bro. Isalah and three others from Benin City congregation were in our midst on Aug. 9 for useful talks with us. Our eyes are upon Him for perfect unity of His people which will give birth to formation of a formidable front. In His name, it **must** be achieved. Amen.

Eight brethren of the Ubah congregation followed the Lord in water baptism at the river Niger. This writer happily welcomed them to the Kingdom.

Yours devotedly, —Titus U. E. Enu

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From the Philippines . . .

Aug. 20—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings of Christian love in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May this letter reach you all in good health and happy in the Lord's Print Shop.

Many brothers and sisters are affected by the eruption of the volcano Pinatubo. Although our crops in Nueva Ecija were not covered with sand and ash fall, our plants were affected because

most of them did not bear fruit. My daughter, Ruth, and her family suffered much because they were very near to the volcano. Their place was covered with mudflow. They are here at home in San Jose today. We are planning to build a small house for them behind the church building.

The church work is going fine in spite of all these calamities. It is now the rainy season and the roads are muddy and slippery, but we thank the Lord for the opportunity to go out and preach.

Yesterday I visited a brother who is mentally disturbed. At one time he was a fine young man. During his college days he was elected as student president. He and his family were active Christians. When he took the government board examination he failed, and because of disappointment he lost control of his mind. His mother came yesterday crying and asking me to go and pray for her son. I did my best to talk to him and exhorted him. I gave him two copies of the *Faith and Victory*, the Nov. 1990 and Apr. 1991 issues. I urged him to read the front page poems, "Why Should I Not Be Thankful?" and "Don't Trouble Trouble." Before I left we prayed and he regained peace of mind. Oh, Jesus still cares! His mercy is unending.

Please give my love and best wishes to all the saints there.

Your brother in Jesus, —Matias S. Tangunan

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From India . . .

Sept. 10—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, and dear brothers and sisters in America: Greetings to the saints in America from the saints in India, in the unique and incomparable name of Jesus Christ.

King David said, "I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad." Ps. 119:96. Every day we hear of and see the end of man-made projects, policies, political parties, and even the end of nations. But there is no end for the Word of God. It is perfect. Love is the essence of God's commandment. Who can measure its depth, height, length, and breadth? Praise the Lord?

God helped us to conduct three days of camp meeting for young people at Trichur on Aug. 22-24. It was a real blessed time for youths, and four young people got saved and are attending our services. Please pray for the edification of the new converts. All our 20 congregations are moving on fine with spiritual activities and with the business of soul winning.

We need to print our *Evening Light Song Book* with 300 songs in the Malayalam language. We plan to print at least 1000 copies before our conventions start. Please pray for this need.

God helped our gospel team to conduct ten street meetings during the third week of August. Many people got the opportunity to hear the Word of God. We need your continual prayers and support for the success and promotion of our efforts.

Yours in His service, —Bro. John Varghese

Sept. 14—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, co-workers, and all saints throughout the country: Greetings in the love of God and in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the King of kings and the Prince of peace. I thank God for His holy people, His mighty hand, and His unfailing love.

We have had a number of special gospel programs during the last few weeks. Your earnest prayers are required so that our efforts may bring sufficient fruit for His glory.

On Aug. 15, which is our day of Independence, I went with a group of young people (about 50) to a prison section for children under 18. We spent a very profitable time with them, singing songs, telling spiritual stories, and giving instructions for a better life. Most of the children were criminals and unwanted. What can I do for such children? A question of sympathy and responsibility still remains in my heart.

On Aug. 22-24, which is during the holidays of the national festival, by name Onam, we had a special camp meeting for the young people. About 70 attended. The Spirit of the Lord moved in different ways through each program of the camp. The young people were encouraged to stand firm in the faith even in the trials and troubles from the unworthy world. Most of them took new decisions and dedications to stand for the Lord. Among them were three young ladies and one young man who have a Roman Catholic background. They made an open confession and dedicated their lives for the Lord Jesus Christ. Three are attending our church services very earnestly, but one lady is not free to go out of the home. She is under "home arrest" because of her faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray for her so that she may get some freedom to meet the saints and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

I ask your earnest prayers for the few special gospel programs already arranged to be conducted during the months of September and October in different places.

Yours in His service, —P. D. Mathunni

MEXICO REPORT

Sept. 18—We are grateful for the Lord's protection and guidance through a wonderful, profitable summer. In June, several children were saved

during the vacation Bible schools in Tijuana and Chapultepec. There was only time for two, and these would not have been possible without the help of Sis. René Sallee and Sis. Licha Lara.

In July, God made it possible for us to attend the Monark Springs, MO camp meeting. We are still thanking God for the blessings and strength we received from communion with the dear saints at this meeting.

Bro. Humberto Murillo and wife, Cecilia, (directors of a small rescue mission in Tijuana) were also much encouraged by having attended the Monark meeting. They accepted several doctrinal truths and have met with problems in their congregation because the pastor did not yet wish to accept these truths, so he has resigned. The small congregation all stayed and God has been sending in new persons almost every service. There is not room for everyone, as their place of worship is very small. This last Sunday, Bro. Mayarino Escobar came to visit for the first time. When his group of six adults came in, all the children were taken out to make room for the adults. They are needing a larger meeting house to accommodate all the families who want to come. Bro. Humberto and his co-workers are praying for wisdom and for the manifestations of God's Spirit on the work. They have a fasting and prayer chain going. Volunteers fast one or two days, each fasting on a different day, making a continual fast for the church. They say God is already blessing this effort.

The camp meeting in Ensenada was blessed with timely messages which God used to convict hearts. Tears were shed, hearts were humbled, and sad countenances were replaced with smiles as God relieved the burdens of hearts. It was a blessing to have Bro. Wayne Murphey and Bro. Leslie Busbee. May the Lord reward them for their dedication to break the Word to the hungry souls. We are so thankful for God's Spirit in the meeting. There was a good spirit of co-operation among the children, young people, adults, and workers. The Lord used Sis. René Sallee, Sis. Licha Lara, and Bro. Jeremy Booher to conduct children's meeting each morning. When there were many children out in the evening, I would conduct a class during the evening service. The attendance for the whole camp meeting was better than it has been for many years. Altogether, 66 persons stayed on the grounds. Both Sundays, possibly that many more came from the town of Chapultepec and the city of Ensenada.

All those who came from the States were a great asset to the meeting. Their willingness to sacrifice for the Lord's work establishes values for others to follow. We thank each one for coming. We also thank the saints who financially supported

the meeting. The expenses of the meeting were all taken care of through your offerings. It is wonderful to see the Lord work all things out.

After attending the camp meeting, a Bro. Lupe and family from Mexicalli are coming to an understanding of more truth and rejoicing in it. The Lord has blessed them to be able to move close to Bro. Mayarino. Bro. Lupe is opening up a barber shop in Chapultepec.

We are thankful that there was plenty of room for everyone who came. The dining hall was wonderful (compared to last year), and most of the time we had water (sometimes it was even warm!). A few were fortunate enough to have a mattress on the floor, but most everyone slept only on a blanket.

We all rejoiced about the meeting, but some met severe persecution afterwards. Sis. Escobar's sister, Martha, got saved and upon returning home in Mexicalli, her husband threatened her with a divorce. He also forbade any of the brethren to come to their home. Not knowing this, Sis. Edith Lara and family went to have service in her home as they had been invited to do while at the camp meeting. When she arrived, Sept. 14, God had already worked on the man's heart. He received her cordially, and God blessed them with a good service.

I am still very burdened for the young people and children of Mexico. Please pray that God will give us a plan and wisdom to know how to win these little ones to Christ. Every day we wait they are getting a little older and a little more snared in sin, and every day we wait we are getting a little older with fewer days to work. Please pray for us.

We wish to again thank each of you who have given offerings for the Mexico camp meeting, our traveling, and the work in general.

Please keep us in your prayers.

Christian love, —Sis. Charlotte Huskey

In Memoriam

Delmer William Severs was born on a snowy March 4, 1912 at Elm Springs, MO and died Aug. 31, 1991. His father, Frank Marion Severs, trudged through waist-high snowdrifts from Neosho to Elm Springs to the mid-wife's house. Three times that winter Frank fought to save Delmer's life, telling his wife, Pearl, "We can't lose him!" Each time, he massaged him until Delmer started breathing. Ill health plagued Delmer throughout his life, but he seldom missed work because of it.

Delmer was Pearl and Frank's second son in a family of ten children. The magnet which drew

Anna Hiebert to the Severs family was the deep devotion of the parents to each other and their children. Anna and Delmer were married Oct. 6, 1934 in Neosho by Brother W. Miles. Delmer delighted in watching his family grow and expand.

At the age of 10, Delmer started working to help his father provide for his brothers and sisters. His life was exemplary of continually assisting their families over the years. He also furthered the gospel by assisting ministers of the Church of God.

Opening the home to needy family members has long been an attribute of the Severs. Delmer and Anna took in several nephews after their mother died and helped send the boys to school. Delmer's mother, Pearl, lived with them for awhile.

Around Neosho are several monuments to the Severs' handiwork, most notably the retaining wall at the Big Spring Park which was built by Delmer's grandfather. Whenever stones became loose in the wall, Delmer and his father repaired it. The Severs have been stonemasons for several generations.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Anna; two daughters, Vesta-Nadine Robertson, Shawnee, OK, and Linda Allyson French, Spring, TX; five grandsons, Jonathan Robertson, Duluth, MN, Nathan Robertson, Lexington, OK, Stanley Robertson, Neosho, MO, Jeffery French and Jason French, Spring, TX; two granddaughters, Felicia Robertson and Diana Robertson, Shawnee, OK; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Neosho, MO on Sept. 5, by Bros. Richard Madden and Bob Huskey. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery, Neosho, MO.

Question and Answer

by
Ostis B. Wilson

(Continued from last month)

Question: During the last while there have been several questions come in regarding sanctification: the need of this experience, the process of it, what it is and what it does, how it is done, and what the conditions are for it, and when and how it is obtained, etc.

Adam begat children in his own likeness after his image. Genesis 5:3 says, "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth." At this time Adam had lost the image and likeness of God (righteousness and true holiness).

He was now possessed of a depraved nature and could only transmit what he had to his posterity.

But let us notice a few more Scriptures along this line. Psalm 51:5 says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." The psalmist is not saying here that his mother committed sin in conceiving him but that his parents were sinful people by nature and passed that on to him, and sin had him when he got here. Genesis 8:21 reads, "And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done." Genesis 6:5-6 reads, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."

The fact of the universal depravity and the corrupt nature of humankind is further confirmed in the fact that God, in order to get a pure, holy

seed yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him." Levi was one of the children of Israel and head of one of the 12 tribes. Therefore it refers here to "Levi who receiveth tithes." His tribe never received any inheritance in the apportionment of land in Canaan, but they were set apart to care for the tabernacle and to administer about the holy things. Their portion was a tithe from all the other tribes. Though he received tithes through the arrangement God made for him; yet it is said that he paid tithes in Abraham, and this is on the grounds that he was yet in the loins of his father when he met Melchisedec and paid tithes to him. Levi was the fourth generation from Abraham and was yet an unborn child in his loins when he paid tithes to Melchisedec, and it is said that he "paid tithes in Abraham." In Galatians 3:29 it says, "And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

In Romans 4:11, speaking of Abraham and his faith it says, "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he

"The fact of the universal depravity and the corrupt nature of humankind is further confirmed in the fact that God, in order to get a pure, holy seed (Christ) into the world that would be able to offer a sacrifice without blemish and without spot to qualify for making an atonement for the sins of all mankind, had to set the man aside."

seed (Christ) into the world that would be able to offer a sacrifice without blemish and without spot to qualify for making an atonement for the sins of all mankind, had to set the man aside. Without the use of man, God begat, by the Holy Ghost, a holy seed within the woman, and Christ is called the seed of the woman. In Isaiah 59:16 we read, "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him." God looked the whole universe of mankind over and found not one man who was qualified to redeem the human race from sin, so He made Him a Man who could qualify through the operation of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was the arm of God reached out to us to redeem us from sin.

Now I want to consider the point of how God reckons genealogies in the Scriptures. This is important to the point being considered here of how this depravity has passed from father to son through the generations of mankind. In Hebrews 7:9-10 it says, "And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. For he

might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also." Abraham is the first one of whom it was written that he was justified by faith. There were several champions of faith who accomplished great things through faith before the time of Abraham who are mentioned in Hebrews 11, but he is the first one of whom it is said that he "believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness."

We today become children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, and it is said that we are justified by faith in Him. It is also said that the just live by faith and that we walk by faith and not by sight. But the principle of justification by faith and living by faith began in Abraham and therefore he is said to be the father of all those who believe. He was the beginning of a new race (believers) and became the royal head of that race. Therefore, when we are bought into fellowship with God through faith in Christ Jesus, we are said to be Abraham's seed by coming under that principle of justification by faith which began in him.

There were 42 generations from Abraham to Christ. The saints of this gospel age of time would be the 43rd generation. Yet we are reckoned to be children of Abraham and on the same grounds that Levi is said to have paid tithes in Abraham. That is, we were yet unborn children in the loins of our father (figuratively) when he believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness. On the same grounds, we were all reckoned to be under sin because we were unborn children in the loins of our father, Adam, when he committed sin. The effects of that sin passed upon the entire race.

As further proof that all of the human race is under the effects of Adam's sin and actually receives something from him by way of a depraved nature, those who obtain salvation in this dispensation are said to put off the *old man* and put on the *new man*. (Col. 3:9-10; Eph. 4:22-24).

Adam is the head of the human race according to the first or old creation of God. Jesus Christ is the head of the spiritual race according to the new creation of God. II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [new creation, margin]: . . ." Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, etc." But Christ is called Adam also—"second Adam," or might properly be called the new Adam or new man. I Corinthians 15:45-47 reads, "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven." In Romans 5:14 we read, "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Cor. 15:21-22. The terms "new man" and "old man" apparently are derived from these heads of the two creations. The "new man" is identical with the new creature and the "old man" refers to our condition in the old defiled creature—Adam, the "old man."

We partake of the nature of Adam in natural birth. Here is the basic principle which requires our being born again. We were born on the wrong side the first time, hence we must be born again to get straightened out on the right course of life. Therefore, the child is one step below the standard of moral purity and holiness in which man was created at the beginning. Then when he reaches the age of accountability, the inherited nature of Adam causes him to fall into willful disobedience

of God's law and thus he partakes of the sinful life of Adam. He then possesses both the nature and the life of the old Adam or "old man." We might say at this point, without changing the meaning at all, that in salvation we put off Adam (the old Adam) and put on Christ (the new Adam).

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The Prince and the Medicine Man

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"Let's take a stroll along the bank," said the instructor. "See there around that turn, there are the salt marshes and swampy places. It is a large desolate area. Many large fish, in getting away from the fishers, flop into those places."

"Do the fishers go after them?" asked the prince.

"I'm afraid not. Not even the powerful healing powers of the river are able to heal those marshes. It makes one sad to think of it, but it is so. It really is useless to wade in all that murky water and try to find a few fish . . . regardless of the size. The stagnant waters soon contaminate the fish. No one can use them, not even for fertilizer."

The prince nodded as they continued their stroll. With a sweep of his arm, the prince said, "I'm pleased to see the variety and health of these fruit trees."

"Yes, if these fruits are plucked daily, they provide many nutrients for the body and soul. Have you noticed that as the seasons change, the leaves do not change nor drop?"

"And the fruit," the prince replied excitedly, "never spoils or falls from the limbs. Why is that?"

"It is because it is impossible for one man or woman to exhaust the great storehouse of the King. When one fruit is plucked, another quickly grows in its place. Every man and woman and child in the entire world, all at the same time, plucking and eating could not possibly exhaust this vast storehouse. When one leaf is used for medicine, another two sprout. And can you imagine what it must mean, that by eating these leaves people are healed?"

"People are healed?" the prince repeated softly. It seemed such a simple remedy to produce such positive results.

"Yes, all are healed by freely partaking of the leaves from the Book of Life," the instructor said, "because the waters issue out from the Sanctuary, and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine. The people are healed, mind, heart, soul, and body by the medicine in the leaves. Even beyond and above all of this, the river

which flows into all the world carries healing powers for everyone outside the kingdom."

"But people don't eat tree leaves," protested the prince.

"Maybe they should. It brings to mind," the instructor continued, "an incident which happened in a land on the far side of the ocean. There are, as you may imagine, many animals indigenous to that land which are not to ours. Once I saw, during my travels, a small quadruped who had a nest of young babies. The nest was in great danger from a large poisonous snake. The little mother animal, who had much to gain by standing her ground but also the possibility of losing her life, attacked the snake, striking him with a succession of fierce and aggravating blows. In turn, the quadruped received a deep and apparently fatal wound from the poisonous fangs which fastened tightly into its assailant.

"The little creature dashed into the forest, I thought to die, but by following her I noticed she ran to a plantain tree. There she devoured many leaves, then hurried back to her nest and the battle with the snake."

"A brave creature, no doubt," the prince said with admiration.

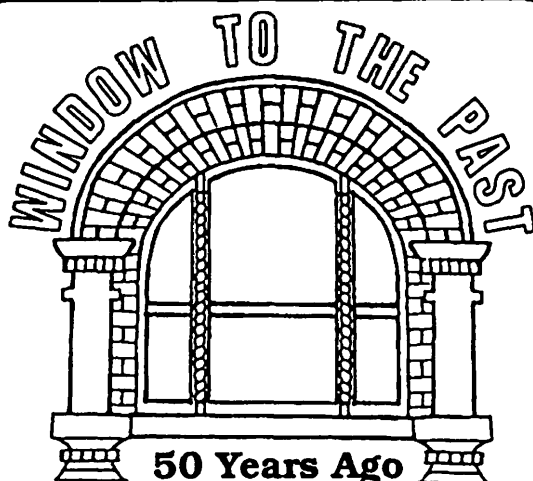
"Quite brave. This scene was repeated three or four times. Each time the little mother was bitten by the snake, she'd rush again to the plantain tree. Seemingly refreshed and renewed by the leaves' nutrients, she'd quickly run back into the fray. About two hours later the large snake was motionless. The little creature was the victor, happy in the nest with her young."

"Marvelous," declared the prince. "That quadruped's story warms my heart. I see the value of the medicine in the leaves. It is well that we came here today. I've experienced the challenge of throwing myself into the waters and trusting them to hold me up while I swim. And I've learned where the waters go which flow from under the Throne Room."

"Yes, all of that is good. And you learned much about the fishers and the trees which grow beside the river."

"These are things which will help me throughout my life." The prince looked deeply into his instructor's eyes. "The fruit for food and the leaves for healing. And the healing waters of the river are for all the people in the world, not just those who live in our kingdom. I am indebted to you because you shared your knowledge and wisdom. Now I shall go far with this knowledge and I can teach and rule my people wisely because I now understand."

"I am satisfied and can ask for no more," the instructor said.



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"A very good meeting has just closed at Maple Community near Bogata, Texas. This is a brand new field. Many had never heard a so-called holiness sermon on holiness. The people (averaged about 100) were hungry for the truth. We made many friends, and had good crowds every night. Several were saved and one sanctified. Sis. Lovell was wonderfully satisfied. She had been seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"Along with my wife and four sons, we had Sister Ruth Murphey of Midway, La., and Sister Eva Mitchell and her son, Manuel, daughter Alma, and adopted daughter, Katherine. The Lord blessed us in our little rented home, which served for us all, and the front yard was seated for the meeting. The young folks furnished special singing every night. Sister Murphey and I preached."—C. C. Carver

"Recently I have thought so much of what I read in one of Bro. C. E. Orr's writings: that the Lord has called some to evangelistic work, to teach people the way of salvation and how to get saved, others he has called to teach sanctification, to establish the saints in the grace and love of God. Each saint should feel the burden of growing more heavenly from day to day, whether we hear much preaching or not. That hungering and thirsting should be as real for the truth of God's Word as for daily food to feed this physical body. Oh, dear saints, we should never be satisfied to stay just where we are in our Christian experience, but continually draw nearer to Him and grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth."

—Mrs. Katherine Key