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Unto Him shall the
gathering of the
people be.

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YE SHINE AS
LIGHTS IN
THE WORLD.

JESUS
SAVES

The night cometh,
when no man
can work.

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From Above

Let us seek for godly wisdom,
That which cometh from above;
Let's deny the man-made system,
Earthly pride and fleshly love.

From above, born of the Spirit,
We can reign in heav'nly place;
Father's voice! We now can hear it
In the fullness of His grace.

Strife and envy we'll not follow,
From all sin we turn away,
All His teachings we do hallow
As we live from day to day.

Holiness and lasting beauty
From above we daily seek,
Strength and courage for each duty,
Just to suffer and be meek.

For our treasures are unending,
They're preserved for us above,
Where with angel voices blending
We shall praise our Father's love.

Let's not stoop to earthly measures
Or to purpose without aim;
See! Our goal and lasting treasures
Promised in His holy name!

Not from earth He speaks! Oh, listen!
From above His voice is heard;
And His sacred counsels glisten,
Shining in His precious Word!

Precious soul! Your work and spirit,
Is it coming from above?
Oh, this message! May you hear it,
Heed the call of Heav'nly love!

—Leslie C. Busbee

From Heaven Above

James 3:14-17 says, "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

It means much to have that which comes from above. The strife, division and much religious activity that goes on today in the name of the Lord is earth-born and from man and his ideas and efforts. It is vital that what we have in our souls be that which comes from heaven above. Jesus said in John 3:7, that we "must be born again." This word "again" in the Greek means "from above." We need to be born from above. We were born from earthly lineage, but we need to be born from a heavenly line, a new life from heaven above.

Jesus told the Jews who withstood Him, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." He said also concerning Himself in John 6:33, "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." Jesus knew that He was from above; that God was His true Father. He knew that He originated from above, and that what He offered people was life from above. His kingdom was from above, not of this present world.

John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation

21:2) This means that this beloved city had her origination and design in Heaven. God Himself planned and built this blessed city. Paul spoke of her in Galatians 4:26. He was speaking about the two covenants, one from Sinai, which was the law of Moses, and the other was the New Testament under Christ. He was comparing them with the two Jerusalems. There was the present Jerusalem, which, he said, was in bondage with her children. "But," he declared, "Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." How sad that so many people speculate and go on about God's designs and plans for Jerusalem in Palestine. They are overlooking the real Jerusalem, the one that is from above. The word "above" here is translated "again" in the expression "born again." Being "born again," or "born from above," makes us members of the Jerusalem which is above. This is the Church of God, the Bride of Christ. It is made up of those who are born of the Spirit of God and who are thriving on things above. Literal Jerusalem fades in meaning when we find the real Jerusalem, praise the Lord!

John Greenleaf Whittier, a godly writer of poetry in the 1800's, wrote a poem which he entitled "Palestine." In this poem he mentioned various places in the so-called "holy land," among which was the city of Jerusalem. This is what he said of her:

"And throned on her hills sits Jerusalem yet,
But with dust on her forehead, and chains on
her feet;
For the crown of her pride to the mocker hath
gone,
And the light of God's presence is dark where it
shone."

He then went on to turn our minds toward the new Jerusalem:

"But wherefore this dream of the earthly abode
Of Humanity clothed in the brightness of God?
Were my spirit but turned from the outward and
dim,
It could gaze, even now, on the presence of Him!

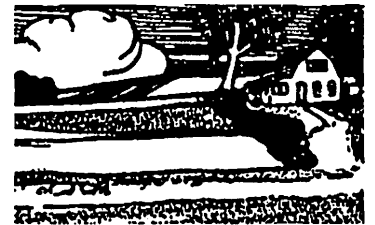
"Oh, the outward hath gone! but in glory and
power,
The Spirit surviveth the things of an hour;
Unchanged, undecaying, its Pentecost flame
On the heart's secret altar is burning the same!"

The new Jerusalem is that which is from above and constitutes those who are lifted up above this wicked world into the heavenly places with Christ. We are borne above this world in faith, righteousness, holiness, and perfect love! Oh, let us seek for that which comes down from above. Let us wait on God in prayer and get our directions from above. —Leslie C. Busbee



Following Father Home

by John Talman



Years ago, when I
Was just a little lad,
An' after school hours used to work
Around the farm with Dad,
I used to be so wearied out
When eventide was come,
That I got kind of anxious-like
About the journey home;
But Dad, he used to lead the way,
An' once in awhile turn 'round an' say,
So cheerin' like, so tender, "Come!
Come on, my son, you're nearly home!"
That always used to help me some;
An' so I followed Father home.

I'm old an' gray an' feeble now,
An' trembly at the knee,
But life seems just the same today
As then it seemed to me.
For while I am still so wearied out
When eventide is come,
An' still get kinder anxious-like
About the journey home,
But still my Father leads the way,
An' once in awhile I hear Him say,
So cheerin' like, so tender, "Come!
Come on, my son, you're nearly home!"
An' same as then, that helps me some,
And so I'm following Father home.

FATHER'S DAY—JUNE 19**A Bedside Confession**

The hour was late. A conscience-accused father, not being able to sleep, went to the bedside of his sleeping son and poured out his heart in a tearful confession:

"Listen, Son, I am saying this to you as you lie asleep with one little paw crumpled under your cheek and the blond curls stickily wet on your damp forehead. I have stolen in your room—alone. Just a short while ago, as I sat reading my paper in the library, a hot, stifling wave of remorse swept over me. I could not resist it. Guiltily I come to your bedside.

"These were the things I was thinking, Son: I had been cross to you. As you were dressing for school, you gave your face a dash with a towel, and I scolded you. I took you to task for not cleaning your shoes. I spoke angrily when I found that you had thrown some of your things on the floor.

"At breakfast, I found fault with you. You spilled things. You gulped down your food. You put your elbows on the table. You spread butter too thickly on your bread. And, as you started off to play and I entered my car, you turned and waved your little hand and said cheerily, 'Good-bye, Daddy!' I frowned and said in reply, 'Hold your shoulders back.'

"Then it began all over again in the late afternoon. As I neared home, I spied you down on your knees playing marbles. There were holes in your stockings. I humiliated you before your boyfriends by making you march ahead of me back to the house. I said, 'Stockings are expensive and if you had to buy them, you would be more careful.' Imagine that, Son, from a father! It was such a stupid thing—silly logic!

"Do you remember, later, when I was reading in the library, how you came in softly, timidly, with a sort of hurt look in your eyes? When I glanced up over my paper, impatient at the interruption, you hesitated at the door.

"What is it you want?" I snapped. You said nothing but ran to me and in one tempestuous plunge threw your arms around my neck and kissed me again and again. Your small arms tightened with an affection that God had set

blooming in your heart which even neglect could not wither. And then you were gone, pattering up the stairs.

"Well, Son, it was shortly afterwards that my paper slipped from my hand, and a terrible sickening fear came over me. Suddenly I saw myself as I really was in all my horrified selfishness, and I felt sick at heart. What had habit been doing to me—the habit of complaining, faultfinding and reprimanding? These were my rewards to you for being a boy. It was not that I did not love you. It was that I expected so terribly much of you. I was measuring you by the yardstick of my own years.

"There was so much that was good, noble and true in your character. Your little heart was as big as dawn itself. All this was shown by your spontaneous impulse to rush in and kiss me good night.

"Nothing matters tonight, Son! I have come to your bedside in the darkness, and I have knelt here choking with emotion and shame. It is a terrible atonement. I know you would not understand these things if I told them to you during your waking hours. Yet, I must say what I am saying. I must burn sacrificial fires alone here in your bedroom and make full confession. I have prayed to God to strengthen me in my new resolve. Tomorrow I want to be a real Daddy. I will chum with you, suffer when you suffer, laugh when you laugh. I will bite my tongue when impatient words come. I will keep saying, as if it were a ritual, He is *nothing but a boy, a little boy!* I am afraid I have visualized you as a man. Yet, as I see you now, Son, crumpled and weary in your bed, I see that you are still a boy. Yesterday you were in your mother's arms, your head on her shoulder!

"I have asked too much, too much of you, my dear little boy. A penitent kneels tonight at your bed as if it were a shrine. I kiss the little fingers, the damp forehead and yellow curls. If it were not for waking you, I would snatch you up and press you to my heart. I think of a greater and deeper love you displayed when you ran through the library door, embraced me and kissed me!"

—Selected

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EDITORIALS

A Father's Prayer

Lord, teach me understanding
That I may know the way to my child's heart and mind;

Give me strength,
That I may not fail him in minor tragedies or in great crises;

Give me courage,
That I may stand firm when he is wrong, or wayward, or heedless;

Grant me humility,
That I may acknowledge my own mistake when he is right.

—Gordon Phillips

This poem holds a vital secret to being a successful father. If we want to have an influence on how our children turn out, we must know how to stay close to their heart. This entails a series of being an authoritative figure and of being a friend. The father must build a trust with his child so that the child can respect him at all times. When a child is small, the father is a hero to him, but unless the father continually evolves with the spiritual and mental growth of the child, his affections and guidance will turn to others; such as friends, who hold forth a more exciting time, and the icons of society, who represent material goals.

Just as motherhood, fatherhood at times requires personal loss in order to gain that trust. I read of a boy who asked his father for the use of the car on a Friday night to take some friends to an event they were wanting to attend. The boy was just 16, and only had his driver's license for a short time, so naturally the father hesitated, but finally agreed. The group of young people had a great evening, until on the way back the engine over-heated and quit, miles from town. The boy feared he had done irreparable damage to the car. They all caught rides home without any trouble, but the son was very worried about his father's reaction when he found out about the car.

To the son's relief, the father only said, "Don't worry about it. We'll get it fixed tomorrow." Then he laughed and recalled the first time he'd used his father's car, a brand new Model A. "I side swiped a pole and tore off a fender."

The son never forgot his father's reaction. It helped him a great deal in similar problems, in later life, involving his own children.

If you have doubts about how to be a good father in a particular situation, let your child know your concern and then apply the fruits of the spirit as found in Gal. 5:22-23, for it says, "...against such there is no law." If the child has been cultivated up to this point to have a tender heart, the fruits of the Spirit will have a guiding force in him.

As we think of and honor fathers, our attention turns to our Heavenly Father who is a tower of strength and encouraging love. If we can come before Him, as a humble child in need of help, when we face uncertain problems with our children, He will give us the strength and wisdom to be to our children what He is to us.

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This June issue is going to press just prior to the Oklahoma State Camp Meeting held here in Guthrie. We are trusting that the saints will be well represented in attendance, and that the Spirit of God will be prevalent in the meeting.

This is a time of year that is always busy for the Print Shop workers. We will be working on getting the "Bible Lessons," "Beautiful Way" and this "Faith and Victory" paper ready for mail. The end of May is also the end of our fiscal year, requiring that a complete inventory be taken. This year we are also trying to bring things together so that we can attend the Jefferson, OR Camp Meeting, which begins June 10. These are our interests at the time, and we would appreciate it if you would remember us in prayer, that all our efforts will be profitable to the Kingdom of God.

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We do appreciate all those who support this work. There are those of you who give regularly, and therefore make it possible for us to buy supplies and support workers. We are grateful to each of you, as the expenses are great at times. We also appreciate those who purchase literature, and as we can be of help to any of our readers, through the material we publish, or simply by remembering and sharing your burdens in prayer, be sure to let us know.

—Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

FL—"I desire prayer for noises in my ears."

—Kathleen Williams

SC—"Please put my name on your prayer list."

—James Boggs

OK—Bro. Louie Marler needs prayer for strength in his body.

OH—Sis. Juanita Blankenship has been having severe nose bleeds and desires the prayers of the saints.

CA—"I have an unspoken prayer request."

—Sis. Helen Carson

FL—"I would like for the saints to pray for my mother, Helen Underdown, to be healed. Manford Souder is also in need of prayer."

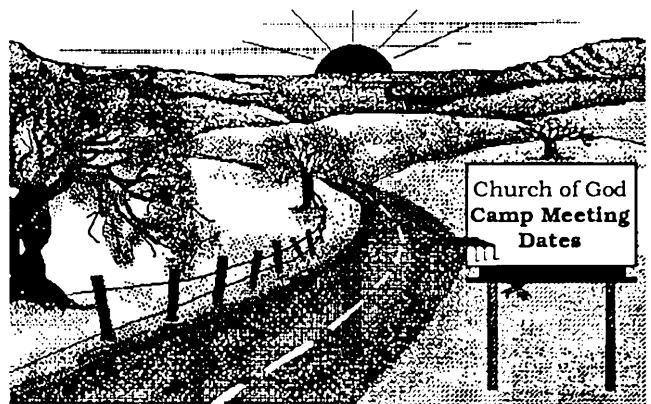
—Cheryl Smith

KY—"Please pray for my son, that God will give him the anointing his heart desires."

—Name withheld

OR—Both Bro. Bill and Sis. Doris Busch need prayer for help in their bodies.

OH—"I need prayer." —Sis. Mary Vice



Guthrie, OK—May 27-June 5

Jefferson, OR—June 10-19

Green Bank, WV—June 10-19

Tulsa, OK—June 10-19

Loranger, LA—June 26-July 3

Fresno, CA—July 1-10

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 15-24

Ensenada, Mexico—July 31-August 7

Bakersfield, CA—August 5-14

Pacoima, CA—August 26-September 4



MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

HOLLY HILL, SC CHURCH OF GOD REVIVAL REPORT

Our revival was a success. Many souls received encouragement. We had six baptized during baptismal services.

May the Lord reward all the ministers, saints and workers who labored faithfully throughout our revival.

We are thankful for all the saints who supported us with their prayers.

—White Oak Church of God

WICHITA, KS, MEETING REPORT

We surely appreciate having a faithful God to love and serve. He blessed us with a good meeting and sent us showers of blessings from His precious Word. We were exhorted to be immovable saints and to be settled, really knowing God and giving our bodies to Him as a living sacrifice. We were encouraged to have faith, pray fervently, be merciful, make right choices, learn to bear all things as Jesus did, be sober and love not the world. If we obey and live up to what we heard, we will be stronger and better saints that God can use to help lead others to the precious truth and light, and will be pillars that cannot be moved nor deceived. May God bless us all to hold fast and be steady as we go.

We appreciate all the saints that were able to be with us and help in the meeting. We praise God for all His wonderful blessings.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

GREEN BANK, WV, CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting at Green Bank, WV, will begin on Friday night, June 10th, and go through Sunday, June 19th. Our prayers are that the Lord will anoint this meeting in a special way, and that seeking souls will find their spiritual needs met.

Accommodations are available for anyone desiring to come. There are men and women's dormitories available, and also homes nearby for couples and families to stay in. There is also an area for RV's, although no sewer hookups. For anyone desiring to stay in a motel, there are two in the Green Bank vicinity, the Boyer Motel, phone number: (304) 456-4667, and the Hermitage Motel, phone number: (304) 456-4808.

Green Bank is located on Highways 28 and 92. If you are coming from the west, take I-64 to the White Sulphur Springs exit. Go through White Sulphur Springs to Highway 92, and follow 92 to Green Bank. From the north, take 250 out of Elkins to Highways 28 and 92, and come through Green Bank. The campground is located about 1 1/2 miles south of Green Bank.

Everyone is welcome to come! If we can be of

assistance in any way please call Toney Samons, (304) 456-3017 or Martin Samons, (304) 456-4469. The church phone number is: (304) 456-4069.

JEFFERSON, OR, CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR, will be held June 10-19. Lord willing, the first service will be Friday evening at 7:30. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend this meeting. The Lord has blessed our camp meeting each year in a special way, and we look forward to another spirit-filled meeting. There are ample sleeping accommodations on the grounds, including RV hookup facilities for those with campers and trailers.

For further information or directions to the camp meeting contact Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

TULSA, OK, CAMP MEETING

The time is drawing near when the camp meeting, Lord willing, will be held at Tulsa, OK, 1102 E. Pine Pl. The dates are June 10-19.

All are invited to attend these services. Please come praying that souls will be saved, baptized and sanctified. Also that bodies will be healed.

There will be morning and night services, Monday through Saturday. There will be afternoon services on both Sundays.

For further information contact Bro. Charles Lowe at (918) 584-6838, or Bro. Charles Rhodes, (918) 272-9682. The chapel number is: (918) 584-8438.

—Bro. Charles Lowe

GENERAL SOUTHERN LORANGER, LA, CAMP MEETING

The 1994 Loranger Camp Meeting will be held June 26-July 3.

Come praying and expecting the Spirit of the Lord to anoint the Word and fellowship. The Lord is coming shortly! Now is time and opportunity. "...Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Cor. 7:1.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings. From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40.

For those travelling I-55, the grounds are

about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 East which runs into Hwy. 40).

For more information, write Nelson Doolittle, Rt. 1, Box 192, Loranger, LA 70446. Phone: (504) 878-6111. The chapel phone is: (504) 878-2788.

FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

The Fresno, CA, camp meeting will convene July 1, 1994, and continue through July 10, 1994, as the Lord wills.

The schedule of the meeting is as follows. The first service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday night, and continue nightly throughout the meeting. There will be a 10:30 a.m. service daily, Monday through Friday, and three services both Sundays and the last Saturday.

We are praying that God's manifest presence will work in a mighty way throughout the meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all to come expecting to receive a rich blessing. God is able and willing to supply the needs of every soul.

The directions to the church are: For those coming from the north on Highway 99, take the Belmont exit, go about 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 Ventura exit, go east to First St., turn left and follow to Grant. For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Taylor, 4776 N. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93726. Phone: (209) 348-9029 or Bro. Charles Parrish, phone: (209) 485-3465.

—Sis. Gladys Foster

57TH 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 15-24, 1994. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings 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 a first come, first served basis. Trailer spots include electricity, water and sewer hookups. Motels are available nearby, but reservations should be made in advance.

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

Our scheduled work days are July 2 and July 9. We will be looking forward to working together.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley (above address), or Ed Johnston, 1019 Old Mitchellsburg Rd., Parksville, KY 40464. Phone (606) 332-4244.

NORTHPORT, AL, REVIVAL

Lord willing, the saints in Northport, AL, will have a revival meeting June 19-26, 1994. Services will be nightly at 7:30 p.m. We pray that the Lord will send ministers of His choice. There will be some home accommodations, and there are motels near the chapel. Meals will be served daily in the dining hall. Please pray for the meeting.

For more information you may contact Sister Bernice Petty, (205) 553-4450, Bro. Henry Effinger, (205) 345-7854, or Sister Jessie Shelton, (205) 339-3026.

BAKERSFIELD, CA, CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Bakersfield, CA, camp meeting will be held August 5-14. We are praying and expecting a great outpouring of God's Spirit upon men, women, boys and girls; for them to be saved, sanctified and inspired for a more personal walk with God, or any other need they may have.

We are also expecting God to especially anoint gospel workers to join us in the battle against sin, and in helping people to see the need of living a more Christ-centered life until God calls them home.

The meeting will begin with the 7:30 p.m. service on Friday, August 5. On each of the following Friday, Saturdays and Sundays, there will be three services, at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be prayer meeting

every day, except the first Friday, at 6:30 a.m.

If you can't come and be with us, please pray, for the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few.

For more information you may call Bro. Archie or Sis. Norma Sherman at: (805) 871-1636. The church phone number is: (805) 395-9314.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the California State Camp Meeting at Pacoima, CA, will be held August 26-September 4.

Come! Do come! Please come! Come praying to be a blessing and to receive a blessing. We are confident that all who come expecting a blessing will not be disappointed. Make a special effort to attend this meeting. Everyone is invited. Accommodations will be provided for all who attend. The expenses of the meeting will be met by freewill offering.

For further information contact the Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022, or Bro. Robert Sherman, (818) 896-7593. The chapel number is: (818) 899-9021.

LETTERS FROM THE READERS



CA—Dear fellow workers: Greetings of love in the majestic name of Jesus. This letter leaves us happy, redeemed and free. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you. Your labors of love there at the Print Shop will not go unnoticed. The Lord will reward you.

We, the saints here in Bakersfield, CA, are encouraged to fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life. Please stay faithful and steadfast in the Lord, and pray for us.

Heaven is where we have started for and it will surely be worth it all!

Christian love and prayers,

—Sis. Norma H. Sherman

CA—Dear Bro. Murphey and all the good saints in the work of the Lord there: ...I'm proud to say that I accepted Christ last November. I wasted many years, thinking that someday I would get saved, knowing that my life could be snuffed out at any time. Praise God, He gave me another chance at everlasting life, and I intend

to take advantage of it. I don't ever want to take my hand from the plow, (Luke 9:62) or look back like Lot's wife. God has filled my soul with overflowing love, peace and joy. I am 61 years old and living proof that God is merciful and full of grace to save a stiff-necked sinner like me.

Your brother in Christ, —James McMakin

OR—Dear Brother Wayne, sisters and brothers at the Print Shop: Greetings to all the dear saints there. I hope the Lord has blessed you in your work at the Print Shop.

I would like for you to pray for my healing. I have trouble with my arms, perhaps caused by bursitis. They get cold at night and ache. Also pray for my kidneys and eyes. I have been healed before of other afflictions.

God blessed me with Christian parents, and they were a great influence on my life.

Thank you for the *Faith and Victory* paper you sent. —Juanita Jenkins

CA—Bro. Wayne: ...I am learning how to lean upon Him more and more. Truly this is a learning way. It is precious to my soul.

Remember us in your prayers for renewed strength. I realize we all need one another's prayers. Give our love to the saints.

I truly want to please the Lord. We also need special prayer for a business deal.

May our dear Lord bless your work of love,
—Magnolia Wilson

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: To all who have sent beautiful greeting cards with words of encouragement and prayers, we want to take this way to tell you that we appreciate them more than we can tell. They certainly came at a very good time, lifting our spirits and reminding us of all who love us because of the love of God in their hearts. Also the phone calls and personal visits meant so much to us!

God has been so faithful in giving help to Richard's body. He is steadily gaining in his appetite and strength. We are trusting God to heal what has been diagnosed as leukemia.

Please continue to pray with us concerning this.

With love to all,

—Bro. Richard and Sis. Oleta Madden

LA—Dear saints: Thank you for your love, concern and prayers for my granddaughter, Kay Kearney. We thank the dear Lord for His

mercy and love to us and for bringing her through the operation on her lung.

Christian love, —Patsy S. Turner
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MO—Dear saints: Please keep praying for me, that I can stay close to God. I want different ones to know that I sure do think of them and thank them for their help when I needed it.

—Helen Rogers
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Canada—Dear Brother Wayne and all the workers at the Faith Publishing House and saints everywhere: May the Lord bless you. We are thankful to the Lord for all He has done for us. At times we are not so well in body, but we trust the Lord and He has always helped us. We sure need your prayers. We always pray for you and the saints everywhere. The Lord has greatly blessed us, and we are looking forward to being in some of the Church of God camp meetings this summer. —Bro. and Sis. George Schroeder
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SC—Dear friends at Faith Publishing House: We so enjoy and learn from the testimonies and articles in the *Faith and Victory*... We share a lot of the articles in our family devotions. Thank you for your marvelous, God-given talent to bring this paper to those around the world.

May God bless your ministry!

—Mr. and Mrs. David Koenig
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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love to all the ones at the Faith Publishing House.

I am surely praising our dear Lord this day for His love and greatness to me. He sends the sunshine, the rain, the flowers and many other blessings. I can't thank Him enough for His greatness.

On Saturday morning, April 30, I had my morning work all done, and was combing my hair when the mail came. I decided to go get the mail and in it the *Faith and Victory*. I looked at it a little on the way to the house. I came in and sat down, and started reading, and kept on reading until I finished the whole paper. I just feasted on the good things in the paper.

It was after 2:00 p.m. when I finished. I combed my hair and got my dinner. I thank the Lord that my time goes so peaceably.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1. Oh, how I want to please Him in everything I do.

Love and prayers, —Sister Emma Dilley

TX—Brethren: I write this humble letter to salute you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I trust that all are with health, and that God's blessings are with each one of my brothers in Christ.

I beg for prayer for my family, and especially for the children of my dead brother, Daniel. Their mother drinks and walks in bad steps and I know that they suffer. Pray for my nephew, Johnny and his wife, Cindy, and for my sister that had to have her leg amputated.

Pray for me. Sometimes I am well, and sometimes not so well, but the Lord is all powerful. He has healed me many times and given me much strength. Thanks to God.

—Your sister in Christ,

—Magdalena Cervanta
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MEXICO MISSIONARY REPORTS

April 15, 1994—Dear Brothers: Salutations in the holy love of Christ, who until this day has helped us to stand. We owe all we have, and all that we are, to Him.

I give thanks to God because He never leaves us alone, even though it seems that the devil does not rest from his work of bothering us. Well, we have had much afflictions, and have suffered persecutions, but God has given us sufficient strength for each day, and the work goes ahead.

We are praying for the work here. We want to have the roof and plumbing on the new church building done by camp meeting time. Some of the brethren are working on the building, and we are praying that the Lord will multiply their strength, and also the money that it may accomplish as much as possible. When we look at all that still lacks, it looks so impossible, but God has all, and we are doing our part also.

How we wish to see all the brethren another time here in Chapultepec. All are welcome. Come praying for Mexico.

I want to thank each one of you that helped us to pray for my mother. During her operation and recovery all of us were confiding in the Lord. Thanks to God, she came through very good. The doctors said that she had cancer, but when they operated they found none.

Many thanks also to those that have contributed to the work of God, and to the building project in Chapultepec.

—Sister Panchita Escobar

May 23, 1994—Dear Ones: I was in Baja for about four weeks and have just returned to Guthrie for a short while. I trust that Charlotte will be able to return with me soon to Baja. The Lord is my strength and joy. I find much to do each place that I go in Mexico.

Bro. Lucas is in Tijuana with his little family working in new fields, sometimes preaching six times a week. He has made application for a lot and needs to build a small house for his family. He walks to make contacts as he does not have the use of a car. In March and April I left my pickup with him but now I have it with me. One Sunday while I was in Chapultepec, Bro. Lucas borrowed a car in Tijuana and came to Sunday evening services. The congregation heard a good message and they were so glad to see him. Pray that Bro. Lucas and Bro. Humberto will be directed by the Lord as there are many hungry souls there. Most of them are immigrants from southern Mexico that have come to work in the border factories.

I am still giving a lesson in a Bible School in Tijuana each week that I am in Baja. They are rejoicing in hearing the old-time truth. Pray for Bro. Armador. He and his wife would like to attend the Monark Springs camp meeting this year.

In Chapultepec I have moved my mobile home from the lot by the new chapel to property that we bought about six blocks away. We are looking forward to building on the back of the lot for guest rooms and shop. Electricity and telephone are available, so Charlotte will be able to do her writing work there, and we hope to do editing in Spanish and printing as the Lord directs and provides.

Bro. Juan of the Chapultepec congregation is working on the new church building, starting each morning at 6 a.m. Then he goes to technical school in the afternoon. The other brothers have full time jobs. Bro. Mayarino also is working full time in the agriculture extension office. They have decided to use lighter steel beams and wood floor instead of cement floor for the second story. I expect to help them when I return in June.

There are two vans in Chapultepec that have been donated for the work which cannot be used; one for lack of repairs, and the other for lack of importation and tag fee, which will cost about 900 dollars. If they could purchase cars built in Mexico there would be no importation fee. I am looking into the possibility of rebuild-

ing Mexican built Nissans or VW's for gospel work.

Pray that the Lord would direct gospel workers, both native and from the states, in coming to the camp meeting in Chapultepec, which is south of Ensenada—July 31 through August 7.

—Bro. James and Sis. Charlotte Huskey

IN MEMORIAM

Fred Arthur Valleroy, 70, son of Arthur Frances and Nancy Alma Moore Valleroy, was born March 3, 1924, in St. Louis. He died April 5, 1994.

As a child, Fred moved with his family to Doniphan, MO and later moved back to St. Louis, MO.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II, where he spent almost three years in Finch Haven, New Guinea, Manila and the Philippine Islands. He received many honors while serving his country.

After receiving his honorable discharge, he remained in the Philippine Islands, working for the Civil Service for a year.

He married Janet Wingate of Norwich, NY, in 1950. She preceded him in death in 1975.

He attended college in Chicago and graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from American Television Institute. He was an electrical engineer for Halcrafters, Steward Warner and Dynascan.

He retired to a farm in Texas County.

He married Donna Jean Williams in 1984.

Fred was so thrilled to find the Church of God at the Neosho, MO camp meeting, and attended for 3 years. The last year he attended he was sick with cancer, but enjoyed the services and praised God for finding the Church of God. He was a true man of God and lived his faith.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; five children, Barbara Arvidson of Palatine, IL, Nancy Jenkins of Belle, Donna Valleroy of Eureka, Shirley Buntin of Columbia, David Valleroy of Erie, MI; his mother, Nancy Alma Carroll of Los Fresnas, TX; one sister, Willette Parker of Los Fresnas, TX; one brother, James Harold Valleroy of McAllen, TX; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in the Murphy Cemetery at Simmons, MO.

James Darrel Mapes of Turner, OR, passed away at his home, at the age of 81, on April 25, 1994. He was born November 13, 1912, in Tillamook, OR.

James married Orpha Wilson in Tillamook, OR, June 25, 1937. He worked as a fisherman, a logger, and for 23 years in a paper mill in Tillamook, OR, retiring in 1978. He enjoyed 13 years of traveling after his retirement. He was a member of the Jefferson, OR, Church of God.

Bro. James Mapes was wonderfully saved in June of 1993, after many faithful years of prayer by his devoted wife, and many others. While riding on his lawn mower one day, Jesus gave him the witness that his sins were forgiven, and that He had moved in with His peace and the promise to be with him to the end.

Though his last weeks and days were weary with his illness, his smile and testimony of how much God had spared him was a real encouragement and blessing to all those who cared for him, as well as his visitors.

Survivors include his wife, Orpha of Turner, OR; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Neva Mapes of Newport, OR, and Richard and Kathy Mapes of Bend, OR; two daughters, Karen DeVries of Tillamook, OR and Nancy Haertel of Dallas, OR; 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lois Lorene, in 1940.

He will be greatly missed by us all. Please pray for his wife, Orpha, and Clifford and Nedra Wilson, and all his family, that God would continue to heal their hurts.

Funeral services were held April 30 in Jefferson, OR, Church of God Chapel, with Bro. Stephen Elwell officiating.

Thank You

We send our sincere thanks to all of the saints for the love and compassion given to us while Bro. James was ill. Your prayers were felt so many times. Your calls, cards, flowers, food and the love gifts of money at his passing were surely appreciated. We thank God most of all for our Daddy's victorious passing.

Sincerely, —Sis. Orpha, Donald, Karen, Nancy and Richard

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George Samuel "Sam" Abbott was born October 27, 1939, in Bristow, OK, and passed from this life to be with the Lord on April 18, 1994, at Tulsa, OK, at the age of 54 years, 5 months and 21 days.

Sam was a resident of the Bristow, OK, area for most of his life. He was a retired concrete worker and employed by Dover, Inc., of Tulsa, OK.

He attended the Church of God in Sapulpa, OK.

Sam is survived by seven brothers, Joe Harvey Abbott of Arlington, TX, John C. Abbott of Colorado Springs, CO, David Lee Abbott, James Abbott, Lonnie Abbott, all of Bristow, OK, Daniel Donnie Abbott of Depew, OK, Michael Paul Abbott of Brandywine, MD; four sisters, Jane Johnson of Del City, OK, Amanda Nedlose of Bristow, OK, Sharon Mann of Red Oak, TX, Mary Chambers of Del City, OK; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on April 20, 1994, with Bros. Don McIntosh and Richard Madden officiating. Interment was in the Oakhill Cemetery, Bristow, OK.



Cheer For Old Age

They call it going down the hill
When we are growing old,
They say in mournful accents
That our "tale is told;"
They sigh when talking of the past,
The days that used to be,
As if the future were not bright
With immortality.

But, oh, it is not going down;
It's climbing high and higher,
Until we almost see the mansions
That our souls desire;
For if the natural eye grows dim,
It is but dim to earth,
While the eye of faith grows keener
To perceive the Saviour's worth.

Who would exchange, for shooting blade,
The waving golden grain,
Or when the corn is fully ripe,
Would wish it green again;
And who would wish the hoary head,
Found in the way of Truth,
To be again encircled with
The sunny locks of youth?

For though, in truth, the outward man
Must perish and decay,
The inward man shall be renewed
By grace from day to day.
They who are planted by the Lord,
Unshaken by their root,
E'en in old age shall flourish still,
And still bring forth fruit.

I Saw Jesus Today

I left the Print Shop talking to the Lord. "Four more BW stories to write by tomorrow! Lord, I would already have them done if I hadn't had so much to do and I could have them done if I didn't have so much yet to do. Help me to budget my time wisely.

"I'll do some of the school business right now. I'll do the shopping for our trip tomorrow afternoon—can't any sooner. Lord, you know the girls were counting on a new dress apiece so please, don't let them be too disappointed that I won't get them sewn before the trip.

"Susan can bake the cookie dough I made and Jennifer can vacuum and dust but I'll still have to pack the boys' suitcases after the laundry is done. Lord, bless the children and make them helpful—and what shall I fix for supper?

"Oh, I need to get another Sunday school teacher for this Sunday morning. Lord, who should I call?

"I need to get more dog food for the dog and cats and find someone to watch them and water the flowers and tomatoes. Please, Lord, protect our things while we are gone.

"I need to see about all this before Dwane comes in and we begin business paper work again. We must have it sorted and recorded by tomorrow evening. Help, Lord! I feel like that poor cat hanging onto a tree branch!"

Then as I drove up to my house, I saw company was there. As I walked into the



house, I smelled meat cooking. When I came into the kitchen, Sis. Joyce Cunningham greeted me with a smile. She and Susan were making supper.

"I was sewing at my sewing machine and the Lord kept telling me I needed to bring you supper," she said. "I told my husband and he said, 'You had better do what the Lord told you.'" So he helped me sack up these items and I came over to make your supper."

"Sis. Joyce," I said, "I have just been asking the Lord to help me get all I need done before we leave with Sis. Charlotte Huskey this Saturday."

"Well, the Lord heard your prayer, and He sent me. Now, do you have any material and patterns ready to cut out and sew? I'll try to have at least one ready before you leave."

I smiled and silently said, "Yes, Lord, you did send Sis. Joyce!"

In 30 minutes she left, after supper was ready and a skirt and blouse were already cut out for Jennifer. "Thank you, Sis. Joyce," I called to her as we waved good-bye. "Tell your husband 'thanks a lot' also!"

Then I spoke with the Lord. "Thank you, Lord, for paying that long distance call today. I'm glad Sis. Joyce answered. Bless her and her companion in a special way. Please, Lord, after supper give me special inspiration because I still have four more stories to write by tomorrow!" —Sis. Connie Sorrell

Thoughts in Psalm 50:2

By Angela Gellenbeck

My heart has recently been richly inspired by the scripture, "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined." (Ps. 50:2.) The inspiration especially blessed me one evening as I was suffering with a terrible headache. This scripture and the accompanying verses so filled my mind that the headache was instantly healed and I was praising God for the glory of it.

In the Old Testament, the question could be asked, "What is Zion?" Zion was the capital city,

or actually, the hill, or mount, upon which the city of Jerusalem stood. Here also the holy temple stood. Inside the temple, in an inner sanctum called the Holy of Holies, God dwelled, in a shining glory and empowering presence known as the Shekinah glory. Much was written by David, Isaiah, and other prophets about this glorious place, Zion, the city of God. It was a literal, geographical place. God did bodily dwell there, and the scriptures written were appli-

cable for them in their day. But there was another day that these scriptures prophesied of and pointed towards. The apostle Paul writes to this effect, that if the earthly ministration of those things was glorious, how much more the ministration of the Spirit, in this gospel day, would be glorious. (II Cor. 3:7-8.) Today, the correct question to ask is, "Who is Zion?" The Hebrew writer answers this clearly. "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Heb. 12:22-23. In the Old Testament God dwelled in the midst of Zion. In the Gospel day, God dwells in the midst of His people, Zion; the Church of God—you and me. Oh, the scriptures are precious here! "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved." Ps. 46:5a. "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty." Zeph. 3:17a. "...And the name

of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there." Ezek. 48:35b. "For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell: for I have desired

it." Ps. 132:13-14. "For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her." Zech. 2:5. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20. "...In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Rev. 21:3.

The Word of God in Old Testament prophecy, and New testament doctrine, lets us know the characteristics of those who are true Zion. It sets my heart to searching and digging, to make sure that my life qualifies to be Zion, the holy city, the perfection of beauty. In Isaiah 4:3 we read, "And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion... shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem." And David asks, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He

that walketh uprightly..." Ps. 15:1-2b. Also, "...He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart." Ps. 24:4a.

What is meant by "perfection of beauty"? Look at the inspired words of Psalm 45:10-13, "Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty...The king's daughter is all glorious within." The Hebrew text mirrors the thought of perfection: "The spirits of just men made perfect." We are called in Psalm 29:2 to "...worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." What is that holiness, that perfection?—Christ in Me. (Col. 1:27.) "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." Ps. 2:6. "And ye are complete in him..." Col. 2:10. When Christ is living and reigning in our hearts, we are His Zion, the perfection of beauty. Our heart is fully yielded to Jesus' control. Not only have we ceased from sinful practices, but we also cease from our own works (Heb. 4:10) and are cruci-

"When Christ is living and reigning in our hearts, we are His Zion, the perfection of beauty."

fied with Christ, so that the life of Jesus is raised up within our mortal flesh and the life that we live is His, not our own. (Gal. 2:20.) Jesus is made unto us sanctification, (I Cor. 1:30) or true holiness.

This holiness is the perfection of beauty that the King desires. Oh, it is not in or of ourselves. But in Christ as we partake of His very life, we are made "all glorious within." In II Cor. 4:6-11 we see this practically applied to our lives. (6.) "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (7.) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (8.) We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; (9.) Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; (10.) Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. (11.) For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

We are the Zion the Word speaks about; God is within us; we are that perfection of beauty, only as we die, that Christ might live through

us, and shine out to all the world. In our troubles, in our sufferings, in our daily pressures, we have opportunity to let God shine. Then, and only then, is it fulfilled in us as Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14-16. This shining through us, of God to the world, will draw people to Him, and not to ourselves. It was prophesied of Jesus in Gen. 49:10, that "unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Here you can determine who is true Zion. The gathering of the people is unto Jesus, not to some man. Oh, thank God for the saints of Zion who have drawn me by their humble lives, not to themselves, but to Him! Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32. O Zion, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Isa. 60:1. Amen!



The Visitation of God

By Fern Stubblefield

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Ps. 8:4. Going back to the first chapter of Genesis we find recorded that before God created man He had made full provision for his needs. He created the light, the heavens and the earth, the sea, the vegetation upon the earth, the sun, moon and stars. He created the fish, the birds, and all of the animals. Last of all He created Adam and Eve in His own image and gave them dominion over the birds, the fish and the animals. In showing His special care for man, He planted a garden in Eden. There He placed the man that He had created, giving him instructions to eat freely of every tree of the garden but one. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:17.

After God had created Eve and brought her unto Adam, I'm sure their joy was full. Their hearts were pure. They had all that they needed. No doubt they enjoyed the visitations of the Lord God from time to time, enjoying His fellowship. I'm sorry to say, the day came when the serpent enticed Eve to disobey God's command. She yielded and "took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her;

and he did eat." Gen. 3:6b. What an awful change took place. When they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, they hid themselves, no longer enjoying His presence. Sin had entered into their hearts and it destroyed their sweet fellowship.

Soon the Lord God gave a promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. Zacharias, the father of John the baptist, prophesied, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us...." Luke 1:68-69. Then the night that Jesus was born, an angel appeared to shepherds keeping watch over their flock. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11. They went with haste to Bethlehem—"and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

Time went on. Luke tells us, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." Luke 2:40. At the age of 12 years He was already "about his Father's business." Mary and Joseph "found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions." Luke 2:46, 49.

At thirty years of age He began His public ministry. After spending 40 days and nights in the wilderness fasting, He returned into Galilee in the power of the Spirit. "...He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all." Luke 4:14-15. Returning to Nazareth, He read the prophecy in Esaias, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19. Then He told them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?" (Vs. 21-22.) The Lord God was visiting them through His only Son, Jesus. They hardened their hearts and refused to accept Him. He could have blessed their lives

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The Work of the Ministry

Eph. 4:11-13

These notes were taken from among the personal effects of Sis. Maybelle Pruitt.

I. God's ministers are described:

1. As ambassadors for Christ - II Cor. 5:20.
2. As stewards of the mysteries of God - I Cor. 4:1.
3. As defenders of the faith - Phil. 1:7.

II. The qualifications of a true minister are:

1. An enduement of power by the baptism of the Holy Ghost - Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8.
2. They must study and be able to clearly expound the word of truth - II Tim. 2:14; Titus 1:9-11; II Cor. 3:6.
3. They must be:
 - a. Pure - I Tim. 3:9
 - b. Holy - Titus 1:8
 - c. Humble - Acts 20:19
 - d. Patient - II Tim. 2:24
 - e. Blameless - Titus 1:7
 - f. Willing - I Peter 5:2
 - g. Impartial - I Tim. 5:21
 - h. Gentle - I Thess. 2:7
 - i. Devoted - Acts 20:24
 - j. Strong in grace - II Tim. 2:1
 - k. Self-denying - I Cor. 9:27
 - l. Sober, just & temperate - Titus 1:8
 - m. Hospitable - I Tim. 3:2
 - n. Apt to teach - II Tim. 2:24
 - o. Studious & meditative - I Tim. 4:13
 - p. Watchful - II Tim. 4:5
 - q. Prayerful - Phil. 1:4
 - r. Strict in ruling their families - I Tim. 3:4
 - s. Affectionate to the people - I Thess. 2:8, 11
 - t. Tenderhearted - Ps. 126:5, 6
 - u. Examples to the flock - Phil. 3:17; II Tim. 4:12
4. They must NOT be:
 - a. Lords over God's heritage - I Peter 5:3
 - b. Greedy of filthy lucre - I Peter 5:2
 - c. Contentious - II Tim. 2:24
 - d. Crafty - II Cor. 4:2
 - e. Men-pleasers - Gal. 1:10

III. Their ordination:

1. By Christ - John 15:16
2. By the elders - Acts 13:2-4

IV. Their office:

1. Workers together with God - II Cor. 6:1
2. Ambassadors for Christ - II Cor. 5:20
3. They must preach the gospel - Mark 16:15, 16

V. Their circuit - Jer. 1:5-10; Mark 16:15, 16

VI. Their duties are to:

1. Feed the Church of God - Acts 20:28
2. Edify the Church - Eph. 4:12
3. Watch for souls - Heb. 13:17
4. Teach - II Tim. 2:2
5. Warn affectionately - Acts 20:31
6. Rebuke - Titus 2:15
7. Comfort others - II Cor. 1:46

VII. Their responsibility - Ezek. 3:17-21

VIII. Their manner of preaching:

1. According to the oracles of God - I Peter 4:11
2. Not with enticing words of man's wisdom - I Cor. 2:1-5
3. Not setting forth themselves - II Cor. 4:5
4. Without deceitfulness - II Cor. 4:2
5. Without reserve - Acts 20:20, 27
6. With boldness - Matt. 10:27, 28
7. With plainness of speech - II Cor. 3:12
8. With zeal - I Thess. 2:8
9. With constancy - II Tim. 4:2

IX. The duties of the people toward God's ministers are:

1. Attend to their instructions - Mal. 2:7
2. Follow their holy example - Phil. 3:17
3. Obey them - Heb. 13:17
4. Imitate their faith - Heb. 13:7
5. Love them - II Cor. 8:7
6. Pray for them - Rom. 15:30
7. Hold them in reputation - Phil. 2:29; I Thess. 5:13
8. Support their temporal needs - Gal. 6:6; I Cor. 9:9-14

The Visitation of God

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in many ways, but they refused Him and wanted to kill Him.

He went on fulfilling the ministry God had given Him and many did accept Him and were blessed in soul and body.

Towards the end of His ministry as He was riding on a colt to Jerusalem, "the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen..." Some of the Pharisees said to Him, "Master, rebuke thy disciples." He answered, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

Then as He beheld the city, He wept over it, "Saying, if thou hadst known...the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." Then He prophesied of the destruction that should come in Jerusalem,— "because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19:41-42, 44b.

This is a stirring thought to our hearts today. May the Lord help us to keep our hearts in a condition so we can always recognize the visitation of God.



What's Your Decision

By Grace Jones

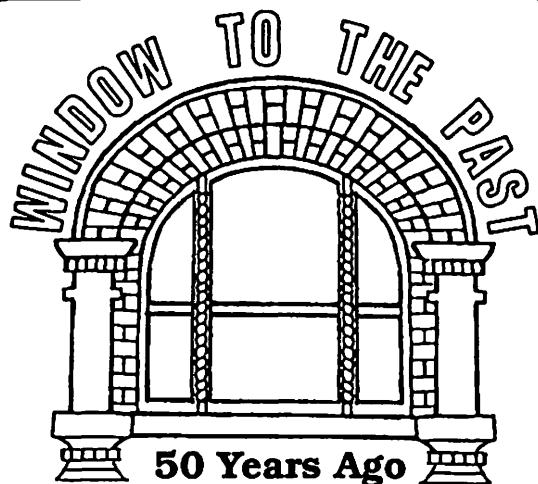
If you were called to stand before a
grim faced judge today
To choose between your life or death,
I wonder what you'd say?

If you stood before a firing squad,
and to live must your Lord refuse,
Would you pause and stammer and stutter,—
oh, which one would you choose?

If you were offered a kingdom
with all its glory today—
Just to reject your Savior
I wonder what you would say?

I'm sure there would be martyrs
who would die like the saints of old,
And they wouldn't give up their Savior
for life and a mountain of gold.

If God can give us living grace,
He can give us grace to die.
There is nothing to lose and all to gain,
Till we meet our Lord in the sky.



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Bartlett, Kans. "...I remember before I married and we lived in the country there at Guthrie, there was a place in the pasture with a great rock cliff that I often went to in my trials and poured out my heart to Jesus there. And it seemed that the Lord was just a little closer to me when I went there for prayer. But after I married and moved almost one hundred miles away from there I found Jesus just as near and precious and just as willing to answer prayers there as under the big rock. Many have been the victories God gave me at my new home. He leads me through the fiery furnace, so to speak, but all praises be to my heavenly King. He never left me alone. When my heart would almost despair, He would permit His un-failing arm to uphold me and give me new strength. Now we have moved over two hundred miles from there, but praise the Lord, He is still ever near to answer prayer and give us victory over the devil."

—Sis. Margaret Eck

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Hallsboro, Kans. "...In December I had a stroke which left me in such a condition that I could scarcely talk. I could just say a few words and they were just turned backward so I could get no meaning out of them. The dear Lord only knows what it was. I want to thank the dear Lord for healing me. He gets all the praise and honor."

—A. J. Hiebert