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Unto Him shall the  
gathering of the  
people be.

God Is  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS  
LIGHTS IN  
THE WORLD.

JESUS  
SAVES

The night cometh,  
when no man  
can work.

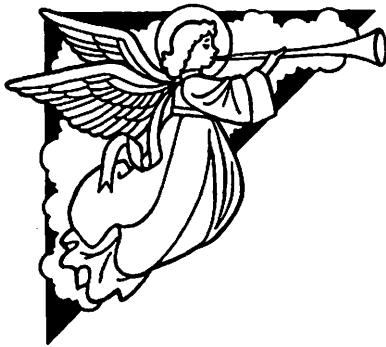
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## Joy To The World



"Glory to God in the highest,  
Peace on earth, good will toward men."  
Sang the angels most divinely  
Though there was no room in the inn.

"The fullness of the time" had come,  
Our Lord in a manger lay,  
The Light of the world appearing to us,  
The darkness to vanish away.

Wherefore, God "so loved the world,"  
"Gave His only begotten Son,"  
That we can sing, "Joy to the world!"  
None else was worthy, not one,

In Heaven nor on the earth below,  
To be sacrificed for all sin.  
Heaven was searched and earth  
beneath,  
Only CHRIST could atone for men.

Taking away our guilt and woe,  
He offers a crown to win,  
"Joy to the world the Lord is come."  
And given His life for our sin.

—Carol Jantz



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# MINISTER'S COLUMN

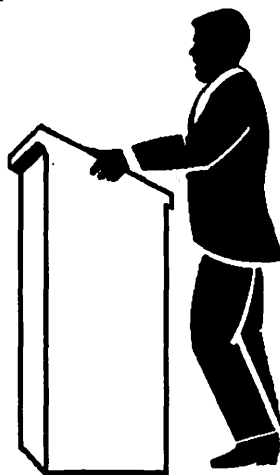
## THE USE AND ABUSE OF OUR AUTHORITY

No doubt all who are sincerely laboring as gospel ministers are interested in this matter. At the first thought, it might appear useless to write in a general way on this point; but truth will always bear repetition. Peter stirred up the Christian church in regard to things which he was aware they already knew.

(II Pet. 1:12.) It is one thing to be vested with authority, and it is quite another thing to properly use such authority. God's sheep are taught to recognize the authority with which He vests His ministry and to submit themselves; but He also instructs the ministry to be careful how they use the authority He has given them. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." I Pet. 5:2-3. I wish all who profess to be, or think they are gospel ministers, would pray for a better and clearer understanding of what is contained in the above scripture. There is no doubt that many could become more efficient as ministers of the Word of God by a further, careful study of these and similar instructions given in the New Testament. I know of no better way to become a useful and good minister of Jesus Christ than by following the example of Jesus, observing His teaching and that of His holy apostles, and waiting much upon God for grace to manifest His spirit in the way He did.

*Feeding the flock.* It is hard to feed some-



## MINISTERIAL AUTHORITY AND HOW IT SHOULD BE EXERCISED

(Taken from "Gospel Trumpet," 1908)

(Continued from last month.)

thing or somebody if it or he is not hungry; so I sympathize with anyone who is laboring to feed people who do not seem to relish the food placed before them. Perhaps if we would get at it right, we could make the food more palatable. Unpalatable food may be swallowed; but it does not afford enjoyment and little, if any, nourishment. It would not prove very profitable to keep feed-

ing such food as in its nature or preparation is unpalatable to the ones being fed.

Sometimes the flock may not be in a good spiritual condition to enjoy or profit by the food we might think they need, or perhaps the food is not properly prepared before being placed before them. If we do not understand the principles of feeding and the laws governing the same, there is a possibility that we may begin to feed them from a big table filled with judgment. Of course, where it is necessary, the desired effect will follow, but it is generally better to try to have our speech with more grace and seasoned with salt. In other words, make the food more palatable and pleasant. I am sure God can help us to understand the needs of His flock and with the help of His Holy Spirit, prepare food which will be both pleasant and profitable to the partakers. We must give milk to babes, and not give them strong meat. Full-grown folks may drink milk with profit, and relish it too, but babes cannot use or digest strong meat.

*Taking the oversight.* While obligation is placed upon us, we are to be willing to take the oversight, not for money which, in such a case, is filthy lucre. It is not right to take the oversight merely to make a living. The only consideration to be allowed is to serve God and to do His bidding for the love we bear Him. Of course, we all have to live, and we must, of necessity, use

temporal things; but God does not ordain that we should enter into the sacred calling of a minister of His Word because it suits us as a means of making a living. The one who enters into gospel work with such a motive will soon find out that he has made a mistake. Christ is God's free gift to man. We have no right to set a price on the gospel of Christ. He said to the apostles, "...Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8.

*Not as being lords.* Jesus has told us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. When we exercise our ministerial authority in the way we should, no one will notice in us any appearance of an air of superiority. No such thing was manifested in the life or the ministry of Jesus. In this respect we can just be like our Lord and Master. Jesus settled that question shortly before His death. "...Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister: And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Matt. 20:25-27.

From the foregoing we learn that ministerial authority among God's saints is vastly different from the authority among the people of the world. It is to be exercised in a much different manner. Instead of the one vested with authority making the brethren feel that he is in any wise superior or impressing them with an idea of his being master and lord, he is to take the humble attitude of a servant and to act just as a servant should act while serving those whom he is hired to serve. If the above instructions given by Jesus are observed and followed in a humble way, there will be no difficulty in making others feel that we are humble. If those who act as ministers of Christ would always keep clear of the "lording" spirit and humbly deal as Jesus would have them deal, fewer souls would be crushed and accused, and shut up in places where they are unable to get free. If we are "clothed with humility," no hold-down, beast power, or human authority will be manifested in our dealings, but Christ will be all and in all.

There is such a thing as being dead and having our life hid with Christ in God. The ministers are to be examples to the flock in all things; and, if we expect God to raise up young ministers who are humble, the older ministers will have to be examples and be so clothed with

humility that they will be hid and only Christ will be seen. One can be humble just as well as another. We may have different natural dispositions and temperaments, but the Holy Spirit in one will manifest Christ just as in another. We all have but one pattern to follow.

*Take heed unto yourselves.* A failure to do this at all times and to be diligent in the same, has been the cause of many a slip and not a few downfalls. I have heard some ministers tell a congregation that they did not pray enough and that more time should be spent in prayer and waiting on God, and yet these ministers have failed to be proper examples in this respect. Shepherds are to lead the flock by precept and example, instead of driving them. If we are desirous of having the flock to be more spiritual, we need to take the lead. When we preach that more time should be spent in secret prayer, let us not neglect to spend as much time in secret devotion to God as we teach the flock to spend. May God bless all the dear ministers and make us more able as servants of Christ to fill our place in the body. Amen. —J. C. B.



## A Sweet Savour to God

By Christopher A. Rothbauer

"For we are unto God a sweet savour... in them that are saved, and in them that perish." II Corinthians 2:15.

Have you ever been near someone who needs to bathe? They don't usually smell good. In fact, if you go too long without bathing, you will stink. This is how our souls seem to God if we get away from Him, His commandments, service and salvation.

We must bathe regularly in prayer and meditation and obey His commandments if we want our souls to emit a sweet savour (smell) to God.

The sad thing is, many people don't realize what their souls are emitting. In the physical body, people adapt to an unclean smell. So it is spiritually. People can get used to the contamination of sin, and they may not think much about it. They must be awakened to the truth, however awful it may be, so that they can bathe in the Word and Spirit.

Dear reader, if heaven is a holy place, will God let you in if your soul smells like sin?

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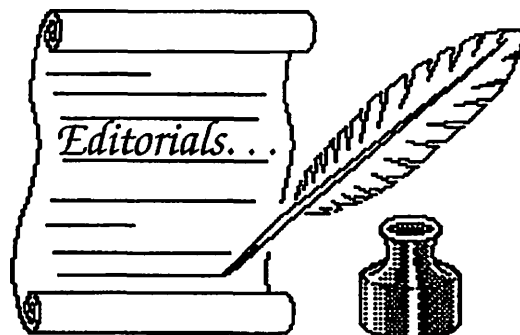
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Greetings to all of our readers, each of whom we value greatly. Let me share a verse in I Thessalonians which contains only two words, but is full of exhortation. It says, "Rejoice evermore."

On the morning of Nov. 6th, the day after the presidential election, I went to get the mail for the Print Shop. As I was leaving the Post Office, I met a man I often see there. The man rarely speaks to me, but on this occasion, he offered a cheery hello. I thought, "This man is very happy. He is probably glad the president won a second term. I dare say he voted for President Clinton."

The next morning as I walked out of the Post Office, I met another man I see now and then, but with whom I never recall having spoken. He also offered a congenial greeting. I thought, "I wonder if he voted for President Clinton?" Then it came to me so forcibly, "When it comes to being happy, the Christian doesn't have to take a back seat to anyone."

There are those who look forward to what President Clinton has promised them. It remains to be seen, however, if he will deliver on what he has said he would do. Regardless of his effectiveness, we can have the assurance that God will care for our needs. Not one promise He has made us will go unfulfilled. "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments. . . ." Deut. 7:9

Many people were very happy when the candidate they voted for won office in the last election. It was a time of relief for them when it was finally settled and they could lay their apprehensions about the outcome to rest. One concern we need never have is that God will lose His position. He is Lord of the universe and always will be. If an election were held between God and the devil for the office God has occupied so long, there is some question in my mind as to whether this nation, with its current trend, would elect God over Satan. But if a vote was

held, would you campaign for God with all your strength, and sigh with relief when He came out on top?

There is no threat to God's position of sovereignty, but let us campaign for Him just as though there were, because it may mean the difference between heaven and hell for many souls. And let us be just as joyful as if God had recently won reelection.

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We will soon have in stock and ready for sale, bound volumes of the 11 issues of the *Faith and Victory* paper for the year of 1996. The price is \$1.00 per book, plus \$1.25 for postage and handling. Also soon to be in stock are the 1996 *Beautiful Way* yearbooks for Juniors (52 papers for the year) at \$1.00 each, plus 90¢ for postage and handling. The limited supply of these books will be sold on a first-come basis.

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Wall calendars for 1997 are now in stock and ready for sale. Featuring a colorful nature scene with a Bible verse for each month, the calendars make nice Christmas gifts. They measure 7 1/4" X 13 1/2" and are available for the cost of \$3.00 each, which includes postage and handling.

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Income tax time is right around the corner. If you have contributed to this work during 1996 and need a receipt for the purpose of deductions, please let us know.

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This will be the last issue of the *Faith and Victory* for the year of 1996. We wish everyone a spiritually prosperous and happy holiday season. Amid all the activities this time of the year brings, remember that the Christmas celebrated in the heart is the truly rewarding one.

—Wayne Murphey

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The star that guided the wise men  
Has long since faded and gone,  
But the light from that first Christmas  
Keeps shining on and on.

It doesn't shine in the heavens  
Like the wise men's star of old,  
But it shines in the hearts of the people  
Wherever the Gospel is told.

And it will keep on shining  
When the sun and moon are gone,  
For in God's great forever  
It will keep shining on and on.



AL—"Pray for Emmett's and my eyes."

—Pearlene Gerald

LA—"Please remember my brother, A. L. Stice, and his wife in prayer. She has a serious affliction and they desire prayer."

—Dorall Forbes

OK—"Please pray for me and my sister. We are the only two left out of twelve children and we both need God."

—Mildred Hall

KY—"Sis. Mary Hughes desires prayer for herself."

India—"Please pray for my health and my work here for God."

—Bro. P. G. Phanwajjah

OH—"Please remember our congregation in your prayers. Also, remember me. I need a lot of encouragement and I have some needs to be met."

—Gary Alton

FL—"My health is not good, so I ask that you remember me in your prayers."

—Judith Klokner

OH—"Remember my daughter, Janice Craig. She is in danger of losing her job due to a physical problem."

—Juanita Blankenship

LA—"I have a very special prayer request that I would be so very thankful if you would pray with me about. The Lord is dealing with a very good friend of mine who knows something of the truth and she says she is a Christian, but she isn't living close to the Lord like she knows she should and desires to."

—Sybil Goldsberry

IL—"Sis. Lavena Cole has a special unspoken request which she would like remembered in prayer."

MN—"Dear Bro. Wayne: On Saturday night, August 10th, my wife, Sharon, who is 47 years old, discovered that she has cancer of the liver and pancreas. She only has a short time to live."

"My wife and I believe that God can heal her. To the best of my knowledge, Jesus didn't refuse to heal anyone when He walked this earth, and I believe He is the same today. We would appreciate it if you would lift her up in your prayers."

"Yesterday and today we received calls from my wife's half-sister pertaining to Sharon's mother, who is in Gettysburg Lutheran Home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Sharon's mother is

87 years old and dying of leukemia. The home doesn't give her very long to live. Sharon is not in any condition to go see her mother. She is her mother's only child.

"We would appreciate your prayers in these trying times." —Marlin Pentz

OK—Please keep Bro. Kenneth Flynn in your prayers.



## Meeting Reports and Notices

### CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual California State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, Wednesday, December 25, 1996 at 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, CA.

There will be three services daily. We are praying that each service will reflect the presence of the Lord.

For further information, contact: Bro. Edward Davenport, (909) 887-4130, or the Senior Citizen Guest Home, (818) 899-2022.

—Bro. Edward V. Davenport

### OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The 90th annual Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held at Guthrie, OK, from December 20 through December 29, 1996. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people in the central area of the U.S. The first service will be held Friday evening, December 20th at 7:30 P.M. Daily worship services throughout the remainder of the meeting will start at 10:15 A.M., 2:00 P.M., and 7:30 P.M. There will also be a morning prayer service at 9:00 A.M. and a youth service at 6:00 P.M.

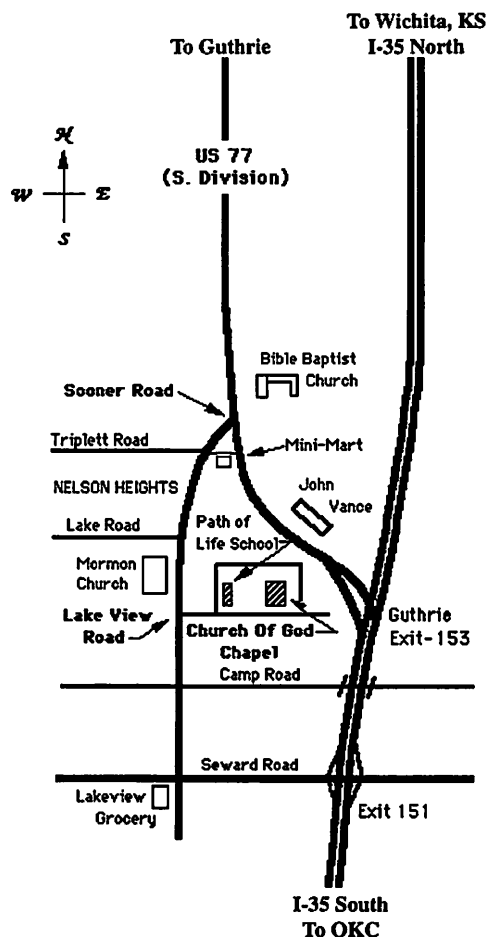
The new campground is located east off of Sooner Road on Lake View Road which is a little over four tenths of a mile south of the intersection of South Division and Sooner Road (See Map). All who come will be cared for. The expenses of the meeting will be met as usual by freewill offerings. Come share in the blessings of the Lord and enjoy the new campground facilities He has so graciously provided.

We especially urge the saints in Oklahoma and the surrounding states to attend this meeting. Pastors and gospel workers, encourage your congregation to spend part of their Christmas holidays at this meeting. Come praying with a burden for the unsaved and for all those

who need help in soul and body. Come help us close out the year with victory.

Please send all contributions for the coming State Assembly Meeting directly to the State Treasurer, Sister Brenda Wilkins, Rt. 6 Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044. Phone: (405) 282-0566.

### Directions to the Guthrie chapel.



## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS



CA—Dear Brother Murphey and saints at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in the name of Jesus, the name we love so dear. I thank God that we should be chosen to the exalted position of dwelling in His love.

Pray for me that the Lord would direct my heart into a deeper humility and that I may experience greater love.

I am thankful to the Lord and to all of you for

your labor in God's Print Shop. May God bless and strengthen each of you.

Your brother in Christ, —David Eckenwiler

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OK—Dear saints: I was awakened early this morning with the thought to send you an offering. Evidently you need it. Use it where needed. We can only reap a harvest when we plant a seed. May God bless your work and may you see many souls saved. I believe Jesus is returning soon.

Pray for my health and the salvation of my nephews.... I believe in miracles.

—Moslette Kern

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OH—Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey: Thanks for the encouraging letter... Praise God for He has worked out a problem I have had for years. I couldn't eat fruit but now I can eat fruit and drink all the juice that I need. Sometimes God takes His time to work things out for us. I don't think He ever gets in a hurry.... May God bless each and every one for their labor of love.

—Sis. Mary Vice

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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne, Sis. Mary and all you dear workers: Greetings in the Holy and sweet name of Jesus, the lover of our souls. I praise our God for all of the rich blessings He gives us from day to day. We surely have much to thank Him for. He is such a wonderful God. I love Him more and more for all He has blessed me with down through my life. He has blessed me with 70 years, and has taken such good care of me. He has healed me many times when I thought I would die. What a friend we have in Jesus, and what a day that will be when we see our Jesus. We will have no more sorrow, pain or tears. Praise God! I wish all of you a beautiful Thanksgiving and thank you so much for your prayers.

—Sis. Olive Getterson

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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you once again in the precious, sweet and all prevailing name of Jesus, our Lord. We thank God for His blessings to us here at Neosho. The Lord sent Bro. Marty Clevenger and his family to be with us for a week's meeting. Their whole family was a real blessing to the congregation. Sis. Clevenger wasn't very well during the meeting, but she was able to attend most of the services. She and their two little daughters sang three or four special songs for us. One of them was about the good Shepherd seeking to save the lost

lamb. It, as well as the others, was so touching. The Lord wonderfully used Bro. Marty in bringing the Word. All of the messages were clear and to the point.

Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Jesus taught us that one soul was worth more than all the world. (Matt. 16:26.) Oh, what a great gain it will be to reach heaven, and great loss to miss heaven. I pray the Lord will stir us and put a holy zeal in our hearts for souls and for His work on every line. I feel God is calling for our best.

There is a great reward awaiting all who are faithful. Just think of seeing Jesus face to face, and enjoying being with Him in those mansions which He has prepared for them that love Him, and to be able to join all the other happy band of the redeemed of all ages, and enjoying the heavenly streams of music that flow from the throne of God. It will surely be worth more than all the gold and silver of a thousand worlds like this.

I hope all is going well with you and the work there. I trust the Lord to bless in the finishing of the new Print Shop building and in the move.

Your saved brother by the blood of the Lamb,

—T. V. McMillian

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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: I always enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper so much when it comes.

This damp, cool weather is hard on my arthritis. Remember me in prayer.

Sis. Evalee Stice picks me up on Sunday morning for church. We hear that our new pastor, Bro. Bob Wilson and family are on their way out. I will be glad to see them.

Remember my sister in La Grande, OR. She needs prayer badly. She has blood clotting in her veins and is trying to get into a retirement home. She is 82 years old.

Christian love to all, —Sis. Grace Jones

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NC—Dear Brother: May God bless you as the year draws to an end. I'll pray for you and the work that is a constant joy and blessing to me and my mother. Pray for us.... —Angela Taylor

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KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers: Greetings in Jesus' name. I thank the Lord and all of you for your prayers. I asked you to send me an anointed handkerchief. I was pretty sick, but thank the Lord, He has healed me. I sure thank Him and all the saints for their prayers.

—Sis. Cornelia Williams

KY—Brother Wayne Murphey: Greetings from a humble servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May His mercy and grace entreat your heart unto righteousness for His name's sake.

We have enclosed a check for you to wire to Brother Titus Enu in Nigeria, to help with his car repair needs, and whatever else he may need it for in his work of the ministry. When I read his article the other morning, my heart was immediately moved by the Holy Spirit. God spoke, and I shall obey.

The Lord knows that I often have been hesitant to obey immediately when He speaks, but He is so long-suffering and merciful with me. He just keeps on "training me up," so I will be sure and choose His way. I am so thankful that He is such a good "Dad!" Lately, however, I have been working to bless Him by submitting and obeying Him with a cheerful heart and a willing spirit. And what a blessing I receive in return! "Joy unspeakable, and full of glory!" are the only words I can think of to describe it.

The last time we wrote, we were in Colorado, but the Lord has brought us to Kentucky now, and we are blessed! He gave me my job back with a very good company that I worked for before in Colorado, and we are thankful.

There is a need here for helping unwanted children, and children in bad home situations. We desire to help them, and we ask for like-minded prayers to receive God's blessings and guidance in this matter of service. So far, most of them seem to be found through the D.S.S. or C.P.A., and we are very apprehensive about these agencies, based on experience and research. But, God IS greater than even them, "...And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18. I realize Jesus was speaking of Peter the rock, and of the Church being built upon the rock, and I also see that He (Jesus) is the rock, that Peter and the Church are to be "built" upon.

Anyone in construction or farming, who has ever had to move imbedded rocks, knows how well established they are. So we are to be; well established. Thus we will have the foundation for a right relationship with the Lord, and with each other. "...And the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." John 10:3-4. Let us all be exhorted daily to hear our

Shepherd's voice, who calls us by name. Hallelujah!

In service to the Lord,

—David and Christine Koenig  
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NC—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: Once again we give thanks to our God for His many blessings. We trust that all are doing fine in the Lord.

My daughter is thinking about getting saved. She is reading her Bible now, and she said that she wants to get saved the Bible way. So pray much for her as I am praying also.

I shared my book, *The Cleansing of The Sanctuary*, with her, and it started her to thinking about her soul.

Also, pray that the Lord will work out a project that she is trying to get started. She believes it will get started if no one else has it on the market.

Thank you for your prayers for me and my family. We can always count on the saints of God.

In Christian love, —Sis. Julia Holt  
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KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and brethren: I just want to testify to still being saved, and that my soul is yet satisfied. Truly, this glorious salvation is all complete and perfect. It supplies what God intends for man to have. I am still enjoying my journey to heaven and mean at all cost to arrive there safely.

Many things are happening and different changes are taking place but since God never changes, we can feel safe in His everlasting arms. I praise God for real security and a divine assurance that no matter what happens, God will care for us and keep our soul from harm.

—Sis. Shirley Knight  
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AZ—Dear Bro. Murphey: From the Lord to me to you; grace, mercy and peace.

I am writing to ask if you would send my brother, Tony Davis, a copy of the November issue of the *Faith and Victory*. I also ask that the saints pray for him. My brother has had a difficult life and has for many years been ensnared by the deceit of drugs and fornication. He is currently in jail in Phoenix, Arizona. This is not the first time he has been there either. The last time he was in jail, he told me that he gave his life to the Lord. Unfortunately, the Lord was nothing more than a handkerchief, because as soon as he got out of jail the Lord was forgotten.

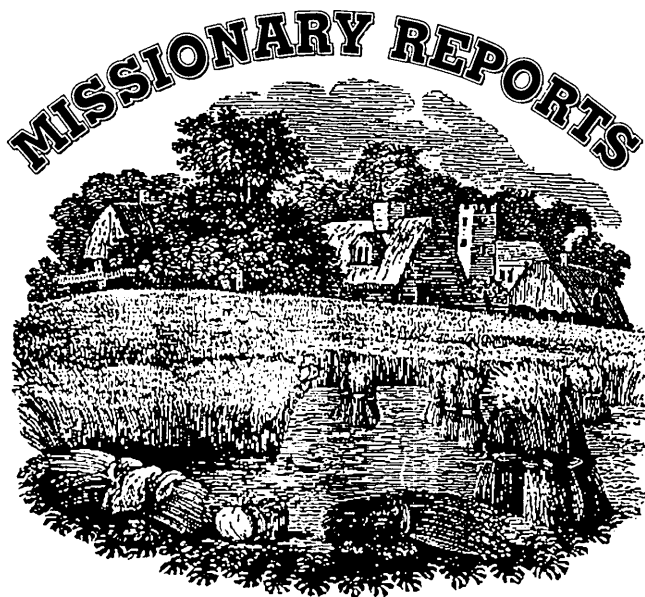


This time when he was caught, he faced up to ten years in prison. By the Lord's mercy he was sentenced to some time in jail, and then a drug rehab program. When I found out that he went to jail again, I began to seek the mercy of God on his behalf. I told the Lord I would be at the foot of His throne every day until my brother had a real experience of complete salvation. Praise the Lord! Again, I say, praise the Lord! I praise Him for He has delivered my brother. After receiving a letter from my brother, I wrote back to him. In the letter, I reminded him of how he has used and mistreated the Lord and those who care about him. To say the least, I rode him pretty hard. After I sent the letter, I was curious to see his response. Praise the Lord! He wrote back an uplifting and encouraging letter that persuades me to believe the Lord has answered my prayers. So now I pray daily that the Lord will keep and direct him, and I ask the saints to join me....

Again, I thank the Lord for your service to Him. May He richly bless your life.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

—Don Elwell



"My house is full, but my fields are empty."

**From Ghana...**

October 24, 1996—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. I hope that you are all doing well in the Lord. We give thanks to the Lord for the progress of the printing work and the new shop building. We all pray that the Lord will supply all the needs for its completion. The July and September *Faith and Victory* papers

were a challenge to both the Church and the town. We thank the Lord for His promises which have been fulfilled, and we trust we will be able to share the message of God.

Our ministry for the last two weeks of October 9th-22nd, was a great success. There were five people whose names were put into the Book of Life.

After much prayer, the Lord made a way for us to visit Wenchi. We sent Bro. Francis Owusu there on October 11. His report has yet to be filed, but prayer is needed for the situation in Wenchi.

The rainstorms are bad here, and the Church finds it difficult to do church work.

I stand on behalf of the whole Church of God in Ghana to write this letter, and I pray that we will receive a reply from you very soon. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ, —Pastor Maxwell Mkansah

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**From the Philippines...**

October 22, 1996—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus, our dear Saviour. Please forgive me for my failure to write you sooner.

I came home to Sibut because two brethren died only ten days apart. I am here to comfort and help their families. We have held worship services in their homes. I attended the funeral service of one of them yesterday. The community cemetery was almost covered with people who came with the funeral procession. They were all attentive when I preached on the subject of the resurrection. My text was Job 14:14. In my introduction, I asked the question, "What do you think; Will this brother live again or not? Will he remain forever in this grave, or will there come a time when he will rise from his grave and live again?" The people were divided in their reactions. Some were nodding their heads to show their positive answers, but I heard others say, "It is impossible for him to rise and live again." Others kept silent. Perhaps they don't have any idea. His oldest son, who was standing beside the grave, shouted with tears, "I believe he will live again!" I felt the sincerity and interest of the people. I noticed that no one moved away from the grave during the half hour that I preached under the heat of the sun.

Our young people have scheduled their fellowship meeting to be held in Palistina on November 2-4, 1996. Please pray for our young people who will be our future Church leaders.

Greetings to all the saints in the Print Shop who sacrifice for the Lord's sake. Thank you so much for the reading materials you are sending us. They are a great help to our ministry.

Your brother in Christ,

—Matias S. Tangunan

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#### From India...

October 15, 1996—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in America: Greetings to all you dear ones again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ.

We are glad to know that the construction of the new building for Faith Publishing House is progressing. Praise God for His wonderful dealings to His ministry.

God opened a new field for us at Mala. We got a few souls there to start a congregation. We conduct special meetings for young people on every second Saturday. We will have Bible teachings and other spiritual programs to feed the souls of young people in that meeting.

On October 1-2, we conducted a two-day conference for our ministers at Karickom Bethel Chapel. It was a real blessed gathering for our ministers. All of our congregations are going on fine.

Our 32nd General Convention will be held on the Karickom Bethel grounds the second week of January, 1997.

Our prayers are for the saints in America. Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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#### From Nigeria...

October 10, 1996—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and co-workers: Greetings of Biblical charity to all of you through Jesus Christ, our dear Lord and only Saviour of humanity, who reigns both now and forever.

By the help and grace of God we have healthily and thankfully entered the last quarter of the year, with the hope that you all are healthy also, and are still courageously, selflessly and patiently serving the dear Lord; just as you too would normally be optimistic concerning each one of us here.

Praying for you and for all the saints who constitute the one holy and spiritual body of Christ, remains part of our routine Christian duties. We trust you are still endeavoring to see us through the eye of prayer. We appreciate that so much. Prayer will continuously be our master key.

We are glad to announce victory over Satan.

This is referring to a recently achieved compromise here in our Tombia community, which was made possible with the fervent prayers offered on our behalf by the saints scattered everywhere. We give God all the glory, for indeed He reigns in a supreme manner, even here in the rural community of Tombia. It is an undeniable fact that the barbaric, miserable, repugnant, devastating and extremely defiling culturally idolatrous performances have considerably subsided here in Tombia, to the glory of the living God whom we worship, and for our well-being. We are grateful to all of you beloved saints for having steadily and faithfully participated in the task of prayer which has been repeatedly requested. May God richly reward each one of you in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Even now, although perfect harmony hasn't been restored, we are prayerfully hopeful that henceforth the peace of God which surmounts human understanding, will effectively operate in the hearts and minds of all the ignorantly deluded people of our beloved hometown. Furthermore, we implore all the saints to greatly thank God for the great work that He has done for Tombia, for the sake of His true flock in it; to keep praying for a lasting peace and unity to prevail, particularly in our community, and in the Nigerian society at large. For our God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all Churches of the saints. (I Corinthians 14:33.)

Last month God enabled us to hold our quarterly outreach revival program here in Tombia. The good news was again boldly sent forth by the Holy Spirit anointing for five consecutive days. In addition, a good amount of gospel literature was freely given out. Although there were no new converts, all who attended the open-air meeting were blessed in different ways. Even the rainfall was controlled in favor of the meetings throughout the period. Our obedient observance of the Lord's supper and feet washing ordinances in the evening of Saturday, September 28, 1996, marked the closure of the successful revival. We entrust the sown seed into God's hand for germination....

The new Print Shop building project is always given priority on our list of prayer topics. We are confident that work on it is steadily progressing to the glory of the Lord.

By the help and grace of God, the living house project, which for a long time has been gradually going on in the Church yard at Port

Harcourt, has been raised up to roofing level. No roofing materials have been bought yet because of a lack of money, and their prices are very high. It is regrettable, but relevant to be inserted here, that the pastor of that congregation and his family, together with other brethren and their families, who reside in a three-room little kitchen in the Church yard, are living in congestion due to a lack of accommodation.

We have the pleasure to remind all the saints, by way of comforting ourselves, that a period of seven years, i.e., from September 26, 1989, to September 26, 1996, has elapsed since my predecessor, our dearly beloved pastor, Bro. Benson B. Taylor, of sainted memory, calmly departed this sinful world for paradise. (Luke 23:43.) He left us when we never expected his departure. But we were and still are, consoled with the certainty of the Biblical fact that we will be reunited together with him, and all the saints who have since fallen asleep, to part no more.

Please pardon me for occupying you for so long. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

I am less than the least of all saints, with love and prayers, —Bro. Onimite Alalibo

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### From Mexico...

November 20, 1996—The semi-tropical sun shines brightly this Sunday morning in the state of Sinaloa. Over a maze of ropes and wires suspending electric light sockets, pieces of black plastic tarp and an old blanket are tied to shield the arriving congregation from the sun. Wooden benches, plastic chairs, a pulpit and a P.A. system are retrieved from a tar-paper shack and set in place. The children have Sunday school in this little storage shack. The young people's class goes across the street to a member's small tar-paper house for their lesson. I was asked to teach the adult class under the shade of these tarps. The Lord blessed with a lesson on spiritual maturity and sanctification, which was received very well.

Every Sunday each of the congregation walks or comes on the bus that runs every half-hour during the day. At night it is very difficult to walk long distances over the rough streets, so each evening while here, I have made two and sometimes three loads in my little pick-up, bringing people to the night services and then taking them home. Sometimes when I was really loaded down, we went dragging the bumper over the

rocks and slipping the clutch to climb the hills.

After the first service that I was here I bought a 45 watt P.A. system and hooked it up to an old metal horn speaker that Bro. Gonzalez has had for a long time. Using this system, the hymns, sung with quartet harmony and recorded by my daughter, Patricia Bell, and our announcements of the service could be heard for several blocks. The evangelist's messages could also be heard a great distance away.

Seekers came forward each night. The last night of the three-day meeting I was working at the altar with another person, when Sister Lola came with a burdened heart and knelt beside me. As she knelt there her little Danny came to see what was going on, and I put my arm around him. They live across the block in a one-room tar-paper shack. The authorities have threatened to take the boys away from Lola because they run the streets and sometimes get into trouble with the police.

Sister Regina, who got saved last year is still coming to church with her three little girls. At times she works and leaves the children in the house alone. Her husband does not support them. Help could be administered by Pastor Adelfo and his wife, if someone would like to sponsor these children by providing such things as school supplies and clothes. But what these children really need is supervision and an opportunity to learn better things. Maybe the Lord will put a burden upon someone to fill this need. Investigations are being made into the availability of a suitable place to shelter neglected children there in Culiacan. Property can be bought for \$500.00 a lot.

Men of the congregation are working on Saturdays preparing to pour the floor and finish the fourth wall of the chapel as funds for the materials are available. After this is done I would like to have a group of willing workers go with me to put the roof on the chapel. It is sunny and dry there during the winter.

The evangelist the Lord provided for this trip was Polo Villagrama, who was my Bible student three years ago. From Culiacan, we traveled south to Mazatlan, where we stopped at Polo's sister's home to eat "mole" that she had prepared for us. Then we traveled east up into the mountains to his home village which is located where the highway crosses a river.

We set up the P.A. system and played the cassettes of Church of God hymns to attract the people and we announced services for that

evening. Just after the sun went down about thirty people came and stood or sat under a large tree. Polo wanted me to preach and lead the service. Polo's little niece had learned many hymns while living in Sonora, so I asked her to sing "Jesus Loves Me" into the microphone. Then she sang a long ballad about Daniel. So she became our singer for the three nights of evangelistic services.

Tuesday, Polo and I walked up through the tropical forest on a path by a stream to pray. A fellow came by on a burro and was startled to see us. He demanded to know what we were doing there. Polo gave names of places and people to let the man know that he was of that area. The man said his name was Juan and that he was going up the mountain to cultivate his corn. Polo knows that there are also "other crops" hidden in the corn fields.

I sat down and wrote: "I see many vines in the trees. Some are flowering but I don't see any wild orchids as I have seen in other forests in Mexico. I heard and saw a flock of wild parrots and some long-tailed black and white tropical birds. I tried to get a picture of a hummingbird but it was too fast, so I settled upon a bunch of butterflies."

In a dry creek bed, we prayed for the night services and the people of the town. On the way back down, we stopped at a typical adobe ranch house with a large porch where we visited for awhile. A girl was sitting in a rocking chair doing some needlework. A hen and chicks were going in and out of the kitchen. Pigs and a burro were also fairly close by. Sounds like a beautiful, peaceful place, doesn't it? And it could be if the people knew the Prince of Peace. But here we were told stories of drunkenness, brothers fighting against each other, drug deals and immorality.

We had services the second night 5 kilometers down in another village, where I read from Matthew 11:28 and related to these people of the "rancho" about farming with oxen. They understood very well what I was talking about as they have had experiences with oxen. A wild ox is tamed by yoking the rebellious one with the strong, meek one. The fighting one will finally rest when he quits kicking. Christ said, "Learn of me and you will find rest."

The last night the Lord gave Polo much liberty in testifying and preaching, and six of these dear people came forward. Those that gave their hearts to the Lord asked us to come

back as soon as we could. They need Bibles, encouragement and our prayers.

We rejoice that the Lord has provided efficient workers here in Ensenada. Brother Jaime Morfin helps with the translating. We hope to soon print some issues of the *Beautiful Way* in Spanish. Sis. Jennifer Cole arrived a few days ago and Sis. Annette Porter has been with us for two months. All of us worked together to produce 50 booklets and some posters for a study that Charlotte gave on "Training Children to be Godly," at a two-day women's gathering.

Thank you for your prayers. We are in a war against evil. Now is the time to publish the truth as the devil is getting so bold with all kinds of false doctrines about the Holy Spirit and end-time events. —James and Charlotte Huskey  
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October 10, 1996—Dear Brother Wayne Murphey: I greet you in the holy and precious name of our beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ. I hope this finds you doing well in health and very encouraged to live for the Lord.

I thank God for His great blessings which He has bestowed on the work here, on my family, and especially on me. He has been so good to me.

Our Church services have been beautiful. Several have come to the altar to seek help from the Lord, and they are encouraged to live in the way of the truth. Some of them were baptized on Sunday, October 6th, and have decided to fight against sin. We desire your prayers for the work of God to go on and to grow.

Love and prayers,

—Mayarino Escobar and family  
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## **That Glorious Guest, The Holy Spirit**

By Sis. Angela Gellenbeck

"Joys are flowing like a river,  
Since the Comforter has come;  
He abides with us forever;  
Makes the trusting heart His home."

I would like to share some precious thoughts about the Holy Spirit. They came to me upon awakening and seemed to go like this:

The Spirit said quietly, "I am with you."

"Lord, do You just stay with me, night and day?" I asked.

"Yes, I live and abide in you. I will never go away, unless—"

"Unless what, Lord?"

And then He began to talk with me and remind me of all the things that Jesus has told us about the Holy Spirit, and share with me the knowledge that Paul and the other apostles have given us concerning the Holy Spirit.

To begin with, I thought of how Jesus was sent to earth to do His Father's will. (Hebrews 10:5-10.) After He had accomplished and finished His Father's work, He returned to heaven to sit at His Father's right hand—the right hand of power, authority, intercession and distribution. (Mark 16:19, Ephesians 1:20-23, 4:8-11, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 1:3, 4:14-16, 9:24, 10:24.)

The next step was that God the Father, in fulfillment of His promise (Joel 2:28), sent the Holy Spirit, by His Son, Jesus, and in Jesus' name (John 14:26), to indwell and empower the believers on earth to do the work *they* would thus be sent forth to do. *Jesus was sent, the Holy Ghost was sent, and we are sent.*

Jesus did nothing of His own (John 5:19-20, 8:28-29), and as the Father spoke, moved, worked and instructed Him, so Jesus spoke,

their knees in one accord in the upper room, *until He had come*. For ten days (Jesus ascended forty days after Passover; Pentecost was fifty days after Passover—this leaves ten days) they fasted, prayed and tarried, entreating, supplicating, no doubt humbling themselves, becoming of one mind, laying down SELF and personal ambitions, dying to every desire except for that one all-consuming thirst and passion for the LIVING WATER.

Oh! What would happen if every soul sought for the Holy Ghost in this manner! If we casually, idly, half-in and half-out, every now and then, make a flimsy show of seeking for sanctification, as we call it, as if it were a *thing* to be had—when in truth He is a PERSON, our Master, our Life—is it any wonder that we sometimes go for months or even years and never see any answer or change or movement, and no infilling by the Holy Spirit? Is it any wonder why we then begin to doubt the whole thing?

We need to keep an earnest, seeking heart for this precious heavenly Guest to come and dwell in us, and when we reach the point of a perfect consecration, where we know and God

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***"Jesus was sent, the Holy Ghost was sent, and we are sent."***

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moved and worked. The Holy Spirit, as the very essence and fullness of Jesus Himself, does not act on His own. (John 16:13.) Whatever He hears from Jesus, the Great Searcher of all hearts, (Romans 8:27, Revelation 1:14), and the Head of the Church (Ephesians 5:23), all authority and power having been given unto Him by His Father (Matthew 28:18); so the Holy Ghost speaks, moves and directs. As believers, we can do nothing on our own. (John 15:5.) Our work is fruitless, our labors are vain, and nothing good can come from our efforts without the direction, leadership and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The apostles watched Jesus until He was out of sight, and then remembered that He had said, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49.) They could not go another step in the work of God *until He came*. They had no power. No doubt the void left in their lives by the departure of Jesus left them so earnestly longing, seeking and desiring for this One who would come and fill them with the very spirit and power of their dear Master, that they fell on

knows that we are fully and totally His, He will put that sacred seal upon what is now completely His—that seal, the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14, II Timothy 2:19, 21.) Only then can we have the faith to grasp the promise and believe and receive the Holy Spirit.

Who is He and what does He do in our lives? **He is the Comforter.** (John 14:15, 15:26, 16:7.) The Greek word for Comforter, *parakletos*, means intercessor, advocate and consoler. Only as Jesus had suffered as humans suffer, could He become the High Priest, and our Intercessor to the Father; even so the Holy Spirit, coming by Jesus and through Jesus, could only now be, because of the sufferings of Calvary, that Comforter and Advocate. Now He could know what we feel; now He could identify with humanity. (Hebrews 2:16-18.)

In His office as Comforter and Intercessor, **He is the Helper.** He helps our weaknesses and infirmities. (Romans 8:26.) The Holy Spirit, coming to our aid at this time of prayer, knows us in our deepest needs and He knows how to express those needs, when we can't, to our High Priest, Jesus. Jesus, thus communicating with

us by the Holy Spirit, communicates and pleads for us to His Father. The Holy Spirit also expresses the will of the Father to us and causes us to pray an inspired prayer in accordance with the very mind of God. As the Holy Spirit inspires us to pray the very mind and will of God, God is then able to answer that prayer and work that

will in our everyday lives. (Romans 8:26-27, John 15:7, I John 14-15, Philippians 2:13.) It is an unbroken circuit of Divine communication between us, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; for our good and in our behalf, for the Father's glory and purpose, and for the further completion of His will.

(To be continued next month.)



## Cain's Sacrifice

By

James McMurrin

"And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering. But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." Genesis 4:3-5.

Those who have heard the story of Cain and Abel, know how that God accepted one sacrifice, and not the other. How many, though, have assumed that Cain did not offer a sacrifice? It is too easy to say, "Well, he didn't offer anything that was much of a sacrifice," or "His heart wasn't right." Some may say that God would have accepted it if Cain had been sincere, and if it had been a "real" sacrifice.

It must be pointed out that Cain did make a sacrifice. It was one in which he had put much effort. Only one thing was wrong with his sacrifice: it wasn't the one God wanted. No matter how much it meant to Cain, it meant nothing to God. His effort meant something to God, but God wanted more; He wanted a particular kind of sacrifice. In the end, it was not the lack of a sacrifice that caused Cain to fall, but it was a lack of obedience to God's wishes.

How many of us today make the same sort of sacrifice? How many of us assume, that if we

just make a sacrifice to God, He will accept it and bless us for it? If we can say, "I am doing this for God," then we "score points" somehow. We can be totally sincere about the sacrifice, but if it is not what God wants, we will be in mortal danger.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in that name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:21-23.

Here we see an awful trap. There will be people on the Judgment Day who think their good works and their sacrifices guarantee them a place in heaven. They will find differently. I pray it doesn't happen to any of us.

Too many think that God on His throne will be some sort of Santa Clause asking, "Have you been a good little boy or girl?" In truth, He will be a Father, asking, "Did you do what I told you to?" Let us earnestly seek God in our lives so that we can make a sacrifice which is more than just the sacrifice of Cain. Let it be the obedient sacrifice of Abel.



## Wisdom and Understanding

By

Ernest Moles

*"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Prov. 4:7.*

We need wisdom to set things in their proper place and get ready for the road of life. "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death." Prov. 14:27. Then when we get

understanding it is like fuel for the car. We all know that a car won't perform without gas. Neither will we get over the hills of life without understanding to propel us.

# THOUGHTS TO PONDER

*"IF YOU MAKE A LITTLE BAD STEP SOMEWHERE,  
STRAIGHTEN IT UP AND KEEP ON GOING. BECAUSE  
THAT'S HOW YOU'LL MAKE HEAVEN."*  
—Bro. Richard Madden

*"We can't take attitudes, cliques  
and clans to heaven. God knows  
that, and that is why He's working on  
us."*  
—Bro. Gordon Humphrey

*"You don't have to save this truth; the truth  
will save you!"*  
—Bro. Salvatore Didio

*"The easiest person to hoodwink is you.  
And the easiest person to do it to you is you."*  
—Bro. Stanley Dickson

*"At death's door is where false pre-  
tenses begin to fall away and you face  
things just like they are."*  
—Bro. Ed Wilson

*"I can't stand on what the saints believe. I need and must have an unshakable  
faith in God and God's Word."*  
—Bro. Mart Samons



I have kept a list of the titles of messages preached over the past year. Here is a partial list. They are messages in themselves. —Sis. Patricia Rhodes

I WON'T BE DEFEATED  
DON'T LIVE A VAIN LIFE  
JESUS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
MY MIND'S MADE UP  
WE NEED GOD  
WAIT ON THE LORD  
BE READY, STAY READY  
HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL?  
GET DOWN TO BUSINESS WITH GOD  
GOD IS FAITHFUL  
WHY SHOULD I BE LOST?  
DEAL FAIRLY WITH YOUR SOUL  
DOING YOUR BEST WITH GOD  
JESUS' TOUCH  
HURRY UP!  
KEEP ME  
KEEP YOUR EYES ON GOD  
DON'T LET SATAN HINDER YOU  
LIVING PURE

THE POWER OF HUMILITY  
THE BLESSEDNESS OF BEING SURE OF  
YOUR SALVATION  
CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS  
A HEAVENLY REGISTRATION  
WATCH!  
THE LORD WILL MAKE A WAY  
GOD IS!  
WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?  
POSITIVE ATTITUDES  
MAKE UP YOUR MIND  
FIGHT!  
INNER BEAUTY  
GOD IS OUR DEFENSE  
BE STRONG AND ENCOURAGED  
BE SURE  
SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES  
WHO WILL SUFFER WITH JESUS?  
OUR DUTY

"For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." Prov. 8:11. As we journey, with understanding being our energy, we need to

keep wisdom on board to guide us. Wisdom will lead us to heaven. You just can't separate wisdom and understanding and have success. Wisdom will establish your goings and under-

standing will cause you to press. "And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure." Isa. 33:6.

So let us use wisdom and understanding to press our way into the Kingdom of God. Once we are in the Kingdom, let us use wisdom and understanding in following all of God's instructions and thus make heaven our home.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Two shoe salesmen were sent to Africa to open up a new market. Three days after their arrival, the first salesman sent a cablegram: "Returning home on the next plane; can't sell shoes here. Everybody goes barefoot."

Nothing was heard from the second salesman for about two weeks. And then there came a fat airmail envelope with this message for the home office: "Fifty orders enclosed. Prospects unlimited. Nobody has shoes." —Selected

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### Excerpts Taken From Dec., 1946 Faith and Victory

The National Minister's Meeting is now a thing of the past, and will be recorded in the minds of those who attended as one of the forward moves in the Church of the living God, and sweet memories will linger in our hearts and minds of this time when more than sixty ministers met in heavenly counsel with God and one another.

Some of the subjects brought before the ministers were: "The qualifications of a minister," "A pastor's duty in a congregation," "The duty of a congregation toward a pastor," "Where there is a number of ministers in a congregation, should all be pastors or one be recognized as a pastor with authority and responsibility?" "The need of congregations being set in order with deacons and deaconesses, and their duties and qualifications," "Marriage and divorce," "Child training," and many different other subjects of minor importance.

While discussing these subjects, we noticed that some had very lenient views that would soon drift into compromise and others had legalistic views that would soon hobble the Holy Spirit and cause deadness in members. But the ministers as a body were so directed by the Spirit, with firmness backed up by the Scriptures, that most of the questions which were brought up were brought to a satisfactory agreement and left in such a way that almost all could understand what the Bible teaches as sound doctrine on each particular subject.

—Fred Pruitt