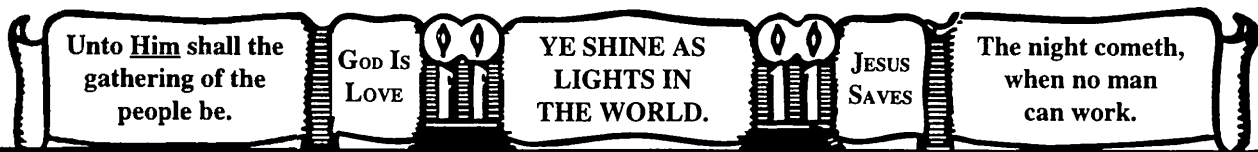


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### Deep Calleth To Deep

Psalm 42:7

Oh, holy Father so graciously kind  
 Who seeks for lost mortals, endeavoring to find  
 Each sin weary one who longs to be free  
 From sin's binding chain and anchored in Thee.

But mortals in sin are not deep in Thee  
 Neither understand they of deep truths that be  
 Call that is issued from heavenly depth  
 Goes by them unheeded, from concept bereft.

Then heaven supplied One direct from above  
 Who understood truth and its infinite love.  
 When deep called to Him, He could answer in kind  
 For He was well schooled in divine thought and mind.

Truths that were transferred from heaven to earth  
 Went first into His ears and then received birth  
 To come forth as council and guidance for men  
 Teaching them how to live holy again.

Oh, righteous Father, how blessed to know  
 The Son of your choosing who loves us all so  
 Is able to hear Thee when deep calls to deep  
 And thus bring to mortals true riches to keep.

—C. W. Wilson

### Where Is Now Thy God?

*A Tale of The French Revolution*

*By James F. Cobb*

In the year 1770, two youths, Jean Laforest and Heinrich Kerner, were studying in the gymnasium at Strasburg. Since their childhood they had been united by a warm friendship. They were near relations, belonging to the same place, of nearly the same age, had grown up together, and when they were fourteen had gone to school on the same day, and had chosen the same profession, both wishing to study theology, and to enter the ministry.

Their parents dwelt together as neighbors in a small town in Alsace. Jean's father was a well-to-do merchant, Heinrich's the pastor of the place. Though of different nationality—the one being of French descent, the other sprung from an old German family—they were nearly connected from having married two sisters, the daughters of a neighboring German pastor. They were, moreover, bound to each other by the tie of a common faith. The "new enlightenment,"—if we can so call a complete estrangement from God and turning away from the source of true light—an exalted estimation of the light of reason, falsely so called, which had been put forth by those fathers and princes of unbelief, Voltaire and Rousseau, who were then still living, and which had already penetrated every class of the French population—had not affected them, or rather it had made them firmly resolved to resist its baneful influence to the uttermost. In their youth they had known far better and loftier truth, and this they held fast now that they had become men. They were Christians of the old stock, and had made

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Joshua's resolve their own, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Therefore they brought up their sons, their only children, in the fear of the Lord; they pointed them early up to Him who is the life and light of old men; they taught them to love Him, and to pray to Him. Their mothers were of the same mind, seeking by the exercise of tender love to win and preserve their darling children for the Lord.

The boys were open-hearted and tractable; they walked in the path which was shown to them, according to the example set before them. They loved each other deeply, and were, as formerly at home, so now at school—inseparable.

Yet in disposition they widely differed. Jean had inherited from his father all the vivacity of his race. He was of a fiery nature, quickly animated for everything which seemed to him great and noble and worthy; but he was less firm in his opinions than Heinrich, easily passed from one extreme to the other, according to the impression of the moment, and was always more led by his lively feeling than by calm, clear reflection. In one thing only he remained ever the same—in his warm friendship for his cousin.

Heinrich, on the contrary, was calm and reflective. Those who did not know him intimately, might have thought him cold-hearted. He examined a matter a long time before he decided. When his decision was once made he kept firmly to it, with a persistence which his friend often called obstinacy. His natural modesty and gentleness did not keep him back from defending an opinion which he considered true. Though he never lost his temper, he showed in this respect an almost manly courage, and would not yield a hair's breadth however violently he might be attacked.

Both young men distinguished themselves at the gymnasium above their companions by their industry, talents and strict morality. They would undoubtedly have won the esteem and goodwill of their teachers and fellow-scholars, if one thing had not stood in their way—their piety. Their constant absence from the noisy pleasures, the vain pastimes of their giddy companions, connected with their regular attendance at the public worship of God, their unequivocal adhesion to the faith of their fa-

thers, now considered old and contemptible by the disciples of the "new enlightenment," which had infected both master and scholars, were peculiarities which often exposed them to insult and persecution. The masters left the lads alone, without expressing themselves publicly against them, though in their hearts they despised them as dark and old-fashioned. Their school fellows, however, opposed and ridiculed them openly. They called them hypocrites, and such-like names. But this treatment did the young people less harm than the approbation of their companions would have done; indeed it proved helpful to them. They avoided the scoffers as well as they could, were more than ever together, and built up each other in their most holy faith. The foundations of their faith—so loved at home, now so violently attacked—became still dearer to them as they were the more convinced of its truth.

In one respect, however, they pursued opposite courses, and ultimately this divergence was attended with very serious consequences. Jean disputed sometimes with one or another of his school fellows, and would become very ardent in controversy, without, however, succeeding in convincing his opponents. Heinrich did not engage in any war of words, and sought to restrain his friend.

"Who knows," he would say, "whether the poison with which the enemies of our faith have infected them, may not also injure you? It is better not to listen to the arguments in favor of their unbelief, than to try to refute them."

But Jean boasted loudly that none of their fallacies could ever move his faith an inch. Heinrich warned him continually, and reminded him of the example of St. Peter, who had been so certain of himself, and yet denied his Lord and Master. Whilst Jean sought diligently through theological works wherewith to defend his religion, and beat his adversaries out of the field, Heinrich, by constant reading of the Bible, and prayer, endeavored to strengthen himself in his faith, and was really firmer in it, though he did not boast of it, as Jean so often did.

As time went on, the retirement in which both lads had as yet lived, no longer satisfied the lively, ardent Jean, who loved social intercourse. Heinrich's company alone did not make up for

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the society of other companions of his own age. He began to associate more with his school fellows, and to take part in their pleasures. Heinrich again warned him.

"Do you think, then," replied Jean, "I must give up my principles if I make an excursion with our school fellows, go with them to a cafe or a garden, or play a game of billiards with them? If so, my character and my principles cannot be good for much! Rely upon it, they will not lead me into error. I do not argue with them on these occasions: that would only spoil our pleasure. They do not trouble me about my views, because they know I will not give them up."

"You will do so, I fear, only too soon," answered Heinrich seriously, "when they have completely drawn you into the whirlpool of their worldly pleasure. They do not attack you, because they know they are certain enough of you without doing so. You will first gradually become worldly-minded, then indifferent to the faith in which you have formerly lived, and at last you will throw it entirely overboard, because it interferes with your pleasures, and burdens your conscience."

"Never! Never!" replied Jean, and he became almost angry with his friend, who gave him credit for so little steadfastness.

But it happened as Heinrich had foretold. Three months had scarcely passed before Jean did everything which his companions did. He said, indeed, that his faith was still unchanged, but Heinrich perceived with pain that the fruits of this faith were rare, and at last were almost entirely wanting. He could not conceal from himself that his friend's faith rested only on a broken reed, which one violent blast of wind, one serious attack, could easily break and overthrow. And thus, alas! it happened soon enough, though not in the way which Heinrich had expected.

The enemy did not come openly upon him; Jean would probably have repelled such an attack; but he assailed him with cunning. One of his new friends recommended him to read a book of Voltaire's, which contained nothing against his faith or his moral principles, but was written in a beautiful flowing style, with which he ought to be acquainted if he wished to be a

good preacher and considered a well-educated man. Jean took the book and read it without telling his friend Heinrich, though his conscience rebuked him for doing so. It pleased him particularly; it was so attractively written; the style, the language, the composition, were so beautiful; and, moreover, there was nothing in it which reproached his religion, so that he felt convinced the reading of the book could only be useful to him, and do him no harm. When he brought it back, he willingly took another; and so he proceeded till he had read all Voltaire's and Rousseau's books and gradually had imbibed their poison. He had indeed resolutely determined before he began to read, that he would pass over all those passages which were against his faith and principles, and only read that which really could be useful to him. He did this at first, but his resolve was soon broken. He first looked curiously at these passages; then read them with attention. He had discovered—and thus he quieted his conscience—that it was most important and necessary to learn to know the principles of the opponents of Christianity, to be able better to fight against and overcome them. He read and read again, and the oftener he read the less repulsive these principles became to him. At last he was prepared to take the final step. The "new enlightenment" had, in fact, gained in him a most zealous disciple and adherent, almost before he suspected it himself.

The grief of Heinrich was intense when, during a serious conversation with his friend, he made this discovery. He spoke for a long time earnestly and solemnly with him; but it was too late. Jean asserted that these writings had fully convinced him of the falseness of his former faith, which could not be reconciled with human reason—the only true judge in matters of religion. His present conviction, he said, did not rest, as formerly, on the assurance of his parents, who might err, as all other human beings; nor upon an old dark book which was full of contradictions; nor upon indistinct feelings which mistaken people took for conviction; but upon the eternal, unchangeable laws of nature, on the merits of the clearest spirits of all times, on human reason, which could not err. Whatever Heinrich asserted to the contrary, Jean

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With the March, 2000, edition of the *Faith and Victory*, we begin our 78th year of publication. This milestone has been reached through the grace and provision of our Lord. To recall how faithfully God

has supplied for the continuation of the work, and how needs have often been met through the faithfulness of His children, is a source of continual inspiration to us.

If you are not familiar with the history of Faith Publishing House, perhaps you would like to learn more about it by reading *\*God's Gracious Dealings*, a book authored by Bro. Fred Pruitt, the founder of the work, and his son, Bro. Lawrence.

We feel that past blessings of the printing work can only be surpassed by future blessings. Psa. 119:103 says, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" As long as this is the testimony of hungry souls, there will be a demand for the published Word.

Although my grandfather, Fred Pruitt, left this world to be with the Lord in 1963, his vision for the work is still revered. By God's blessings, we hope to see it continue until Christ returns.

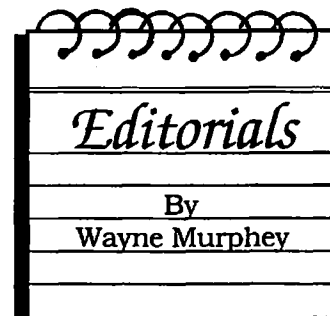
Recently, we learned of the passing of Bro. Adelfo Gonzalez, a native missionary in Culiacan, Mexico. Bro. Adelfo passed away on February 12, after a short illness.

On February 14, I flew to Culiacan for the funeral. Upon arriving at the airport, Bro. James Huskey picked me up and we went straight to the small concrete block chapel where the funeral was in progress.

Bro. Adelfo, who had humbly labored for the Lord, was loved by many and the chapel was filled with mourners. Others were standing outside the door. Although it was a sad occasion, the strength of the Lord was felt, and it seemed as if nature itself was in harmony with the loss, for the sun set upon the Mexican landscape at the cemetery just as final words were being said.

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\*The book, *God's Gracious Dealings*, is available from this office for the price of \$9.70. The cost includes both postage and handling.



Bro. Adelfo's passing leaves a void which will be felt by many. Pray for his wife, Sis. Minerva, and their family, several of whom are still at home. Please pray also for the continuation of the Lord's work in Culiacan.

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Thanks to all the congregations who have sent in dates for summer Camp Meetings. If your meeting is not included in the list on this page, please feel free to relay that information to us as soon as possible.

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CA—"Please remember Sis. Viser and myself in your prayers." —Bro. Donald Viser

SC—"I have a prayer request. God knows all about it." —Bro. James Boggs

A request for prayer has been given to us for someone suffering from severe depression.

OK—Bro. Ben Harrison needs prayer for an infected wound.

LA—Marie Schofield of Baton Rouge is very ill. She needs special prayer for her body.

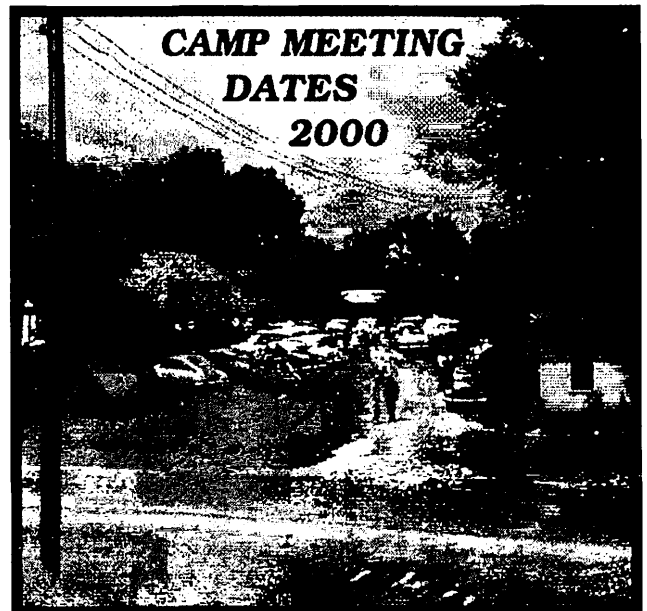
CA—"I have an urgent prayer request." —Sis. Doris Pihaylic

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**Standing Prayer Requests**

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- Sis. Alscene Breckenridge
- Bro. Jon Busbee
- Sis. Mamie Butcher
- Bro. Nathan Carver
- Sis. Estelene Cramer
- Bro. Daniel Davis, Jr.
- Bro. Dale Doolittle
- Sis. Elaine Dunn
- Bro. Ben Harrison
- Sis. Janice Johnston
- Bro. Louis Kimble
- Sis. Helen Lambright
- Sis. Betty Lassché
- The Lounds sisters

- Sis. Loraine Lucas
  - Sis. Mattie McIntyre
  - Sis. Bertha Miles
  - Sis. Virginia Myers
  - Sis. Dollie O'Neal
  - Bro. O. C. Porter
  - Sis. Melba Powell
  - Sis. Rose Samons
  - Sis. Myrtle Savoie
  - Bro. Rudolf Schmidt
  - Sis. Kay Stover
  - Mitch Taylor family
  - Sis. Marie Weatherford
  - Bro. Curtis Williams, Sr.
  - Bro. Max Williamson
  - Sis. Esther Wilson
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- Oklahoma State (Guthrie)—May 26-June 4
- Holly Hill, SC—June 4-11
- Jefferson, OR—June 9-18
- Tulsa, OK—June 11-18
- Green Bank, WV—June 16-22
- Alcoa/Maryville, TN—June 21-25
- Loranger, LA—July 2-8
- National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 21-30
- Myrtle, MO—August 2-6
- California State (Pacoima)—Aug. 25-Sept. 3

**Meeting Reports and Notices**

**SPRING SINGING NEAR WARRIOR, AL**

The Church of God, in Enterprise community, near Warrior, AL, is planning a singing Saturday, March 25, 2000, at 6:30 p.m.

The chapel is located two miles west of I-65 at exit 289 on Acton Bend Circle.

Regular services will be held on Sunday. Activities will begin on Saturday morning. Everyone is welcome.

Some accommodations are available in homes and motels are located in nearby Cullman, AL. Holiday Inn Express at 1-800-Holiday; Days Inn at 1-800-329-7466; Ramada at 1-800-272-6232. For more information or accommodations, please call Roy Herron at (205) 647-7869 or Marshall Whitson at (205) 647-6325.

**DALLAS, TX, REVIVAL**

The Dallas congregation has scheduled a weekend revival for March 31-April 2.

It is our desire that God will bless and anoint the services. We invite all to attend and covet your prayers.

For directions and accommodations, please contact Bro. Darrell Johnson, 239 N. Seagoville Rd., Dallas, TX 75217, (214) 391-2110.

**CHURCH OF GOD CAMP MEETING SOUTH FLORIDA**

The saints in South Florida will be having an annual Spring Camp Meeting. The dates are April 2-9. There will be nightly services at 7:30 and two services on both Sundays. Day services will be announced.

Come praying and expecting a blessing.

The Church's address is 235 NW 47th Street. Lodging and meals will be provided. Motels are also available. You may contact the pastor, Bro. McIntyre, at (305) 233-2166, Bro. Clay at (305) 235-4271 or Bro. Edwards at (305) 258-4925.

—Sis. Florine Edwards

**WICHITA, KS, SPRING MEETING**

The Wichita Spring Meeting will run for eight days, from April 16-23. It will start on Sunday morning and end the following Sunday night. Monday through Saturday we will have 11:00 day services and 7:30 night services. On Saturday, we will have ordinance service at 11:00. There will be three services on both Sundays.

We are asking God to send the ministers of His choice. All are invited to attend and please be praying for the meeting. We are glad that five of the six people who were saved during the September meeting are still encouraged. Praise God!

If you need to contact someone, you may call

Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848 or Bro. Paul Phillips at (316) 721-9557.

**MUSKOGEE, OK, REVIVAL**

The Muskogee, OK, congregation would like to announce the moving of the Holy Spirit through a meeting to take place in the city of Muskogee, April 29-30. We are planning on holding the meeting in the interest of harvesting souls for the Lord.

This meeting is to take place in the main arena of the city Civic Center. We are requesting the support of the saints—first and foremost by your prayers, then your presence, financial means and any other way the Holy Spirit impresses you.

Questions, or any other correspondence may be directed to Sis. Lucille Johnson, 1311 S. 35th St., Muskogee, OK 74011, (918) 687-4564, or myself, Sis. Rachel Hargrave, c/o Bro. Chauncy and Sis. Crystal Johnson, 1312 S. 37th St., Muskogee, OK 74401, (918) 687-1427.

We are expecting this to be the beginning of a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our land.

In His service, —Rachel M. Hargrave

**JEFFERSON, OR, CAMP MEETING**

The saints in Jefferson, OR, warmly welcome you to their summer Camp Meeting which commences June 9 at 7:30 p.m. and will end June 18. This meeting is held to give people special opportunity for salvation from sin and edification for the believer. The Lord has been good to bless this meeting in the past with His presence and we certainly would appreciate your prayers and presence.

There will be two services each day at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. A 2:30 afternoon service will be included on the weekends. Lunches will be served daily. There are R. V. hookups available. Sleeping accommodations will be provided, and if you need more information you may contact the pastor, Bro. Bob Wilson at (541) 327-3621 or Bro. Clifford Smith at (503) 581-4575.

**CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING**

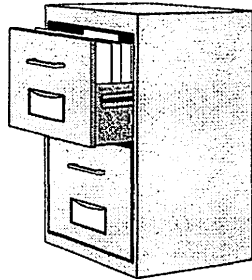
The 51st Annual Camp Meeting at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA, will convene Lord willing, Friday night, August 25, 2000. There will be three worship services daily, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., commencing Satur-

day, August 26 and continuing through September 3, 2000. Come and worship the Lord with us.

For information, lodging or directions, call Bro. Herbert Clay, (818) 897-1396 or the Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022.



LETTERS FROM OUR FILES



KY—Dear Bro. Murphey: It is a privilege to read the *Faith and Victory* papers I get each month. They are such an encouragement to my soul. I thank God for my salvation and sanctification!

We are living in Kentucky now. Please pray that we will find a permanent house to buy. It is inconvenient for me since we do not have a washer and dryer. We have to carry our clothes in and out. It gets rough with arthritis.

I thank God that we have a Church of God here in Garrison, KY, which we can attend on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Bro. Murphey, I want you to remember me in prayer concerning my polio, that I will have the faith to be healed! I know God can do it! It is just a matter of having more faith.

I praise God for the ones in my family who are saved; my sons and daughter-in-law. They are an encouragement in my life, and also the saints of God who are a part of my family and in the Church of God.

Also, pray for my husband concerning his soul and afflictions which are upon his body. He is a diabetic.

Your sister in Christ, —Sis. Linda Howard



CA—Dear Faith Publishing House: Thank you so much for all of your help to my cousin and myself. He is being richly blessed by the materials he has received. I thank the Lord for a publishing company that presents the whole truth in its beautiful purity. I pray that God will continue to bless your ministry.

Thank you again, and may God bless not only your ministry, but also your souls in your daily fight with the enemy. —Sis. Mary Robinson

OR—Dear *Faith and Victory*: I would like to let you know I am a 14 year old boy and I would like to have the teen paper. Someone told me you have one. If it isn't a big deal, I would like to know if there is any way you could set me up with a pen pal. Thank you for your time.

Love, —Keith Elwell

Editor's note: If anyone would like to be a pen pal with Keith, write to this office and we will send you his address.



LA—Faith Publishing House: I want to thank the Lord for the way He has helped me in so many ways. I am getting along better in my body and the Lord helps me to keep encouraged and pressing on for Him.

I enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* paper each month and look forward to it coming.

Christian love, —Sis. Velma Mancil



KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: A month and a half has already gone by in this new year and century. Time seems to march by quickly, but I am sure it is because of the busy times we live in. I am very much encouraged and feel God has taken me through the series of trials I have had over the last three months with victory. My son-in-law, Paul, was sick unto death and the Lord delivered him. My daughter, Sarita, fell on the ice and broke her leg. My mother and father got the flu and I was in their home trying to care for them when I took it too. Then my dad got real sick and developed pneumonia. While in the hospital he suddenly passed away on January 25th. An autopsy showed he had a large clot develop in his right lung which caused his death. (The Lord gave us the peace and comfort that Dad had made his peace with Him and is at home.)

So we have been through a funeral and had many relatives and friends around. There are six of us children still living and we have a number of grandchildren. The Lord did bless us all and my mother is doing good considering she is 86. She had gotten saved last April and I know the Lord is helping her in every way.

We truly thank God for all of His blessings during our time of sorrow. Our thanks to all who called or sent cards and for any other expression of sympathy shown to us.

Christian love, —Sis. Shirley Knight



FL—Bro. Wayne Murphey: I am not well, and I desire special prayer.

I truly thank God for His mercy and kindness to me. I have a made up mind to live for Jesus. The Lord is good to me and I mean with all my heart to do His will. My soul is happy in the Lord, and I mean to be in the number when the saints go marching in.

Your sister in the Lord,

—Sis. Kathleen Williams

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WV—Dear Bro. Wayne: We trust you are all encouraged and pressing the battle on. I would just like to thank the Lord for His love and protection.

A few days before Christmas I had gone to a Christmas party at my little boy's school. The night before, the weather had gotten bad and there were patches of the road that were very slick. I left the school and was heading up a hill. I had picked up speed, not realizing I was headed for an icy patch. By the time I realized it, it was too late. I lost control of my car and started spinning on each side of the road. I had no time to pray. The only thing I could say was, "God, help us." I said that repeatedly, and then the car took a complete spin in the opposite direction and all of a sudden I again gained control of the car. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Pslam 34:7. Oh, how I thanked the Lord for His angels that day. I know God had His hand over my car.

I would also like to thank the Lord for another miracle. A few months ago I had some electrical work done on my house. The man had to crawl under the house to fix the problem. When he came out, he informed me that I had a propane gas leak and an electrical problem at the same time. All the gas had leaked out under the house. That morning the tank shut off. No one had shut it off. When I realized what was going on, I knew that God's angels had come down and shut the tank off. I look back now and know that our lives were in danger. God is truly a help in every time of need. Oh how I praise God for His angels that watch over us.

—Sis. Donna Simonin

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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Just a few lines this morning. I hope you are all well. I am having quite a few difficulties here, and I surely need your prayers. I have been going to write to you for some time, but it just seems like the devil has kept me from it. By the help of the Lord I hope to win this battle.

Please continue to pray for some special burdens and requests, that I will keep my hands off and let the Lord do His work. Also, I want to learn any lesson He has in them for me.

Please pray for a good friend of mine who is having major problems, and as always, my unsaved family.

I always look forward to the *Faith and Victory*. I enjoy reading it. Keep up the good work.

I'll close for now.

Love,

—Sis. Doris Pihaylic

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IN—Dear ones: Thanks so much for the good paper, *Faith and Victory*. I love to read it. May God bless one and all for the great work you do to send it to every one. I wish I could send more money but I am a widow and not in good health. I am 84 years old.

Please pray for me and my loved ones. Some of them are not saved. We know the Lord is just the same today. He will give us more strength for every day if we obey His word and trust Him. He has for me many times.

May God bless you there.

—Sis. Mary Rogers

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WI—Dear Bro. Murphey: We like the paper, *Faith and Victory*, and we would like to renew it for another year. May God bless you and all in the printing shop with good health and love to continue in the Lord's work in this new millennium.

With Christian love, —Ed and El Riedner

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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings once more in the precious name of Jesus, the name that stands out above all other names. The Bible tells us that His name is above every other name, not only in this world, but also in the world to come, and that every knee shall bow to Him and that every tongue shall confess that He is Lord. (Romans 14:11, Philippians 2:9-11.) It is through this name that we have salvation.

I have been meditating on this scripture found in I Timothy 1:11. "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust." I have been thinking of all the good things which flow out from this blessed God through the gospel unto us. It is no wonder that Jesus said to go into all the world and preach it to every creature. (Mark 16:15.)

The gospel, when obeyed and believed, will help us to be rich toward God. (Luke 12:21,



James 2:5, I Timothy 6:18-19.) When Paul bowed to it, he received an abundance of grace with faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus. Then after finishing his course he said there was a crown of life awaiting him. He said that he was able to make many rich in things pertaining to God. (II Corinthians 6:10.) This came about by him preaching the unsearchable riches among the Gentiles. These riches came to us through the Spirit, as it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:..." (I Corinthians 2:9-10.) I want a greater supply of the fruit of the Spirit in my heart and life....

Bro. Wayne, I trust the Lord to bless you and all the workers there. —T. V. McMillian

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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: I trust you are well and encouraged. I was glad to read the moving process is almost over. The new shop will be a great blessing and serving a good purpose.

The Lord has been good to me to keep me encouraged. He has been far better to me than I deserve. I am glad our salvation is not based upon works or our earning it, for I could never attain or be worthy of His love. His blood was shed for me that I could be born into His kingdom and since He knocked on the door of my heart, I opened the door and He came in. Therefore, I am one of His. It seems so simple, and yet how indescribable!...

Lord willing, we are endeavoring to be at the Guthrie Camp Meeting. We are looking forward to seeing the saints there.

Sincerely, —Bro. Bob Wilson

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OK—In September, 1996, a sore developed on my forehead. I did not know what it was, but I was expecting it to go away in a few days. Not only did it not leave, but more and more developed on my face and other parts of my body. This, of course, was puzzling as I could not figure out what was going on. I immediately began to pray the prayer of faith, believing that the Lord would remove the affliction right away. But this was not to be. I was so bewildered, confused and confounded.

I sought the Lord about this condition. The answers were slow in coming, but the Lord was faithful during the entire ordeal. I also sought for scriptures of encouragement to carry me through. A number of well-meaning people gave

me "home remedies" which did not seem to work. I believed in my heart that there was something more seriously wrong than what one could see on the surface. To this day I do not know the name of this disease.

Throughout the time of this affliction, the Lord continually was faithful to encourage me through the comfort of the scriptures, songs, testimonies of others, and His still small voice of encouragement.

There is a phrase that says "the healing before the manifestation." I meditated on that phrase many times. Many times, as I looked upon my condition, it took courage to trust that the Lord was actually healing my body when I certainly could not see any results. When I would listen to the praises and thanksgivings that were rendered by the congregation from time to time, oh, I couldn't wait until it was my turn of praise and thanksgiving! I knew my time would come.

Courage is when you are faced with a situation, or opposition, without fear. I give praise, honor and glory to the Lord for the courage that only He could give me. It was none of my doings at all. I was so amazed that He chose me to be of good courage. It was quite uncomfortable going out in public with the unsightly look. But the Lord was faithful to give me that added grace to push forward and do my duties of life.

God has been faithful to bring precious scriptures to me just when I needed that added determination to press on. One day my daughter, Kimberlee, and I were in traffic, and a car in front of us had a license plate that read Psalm 37:4. I excitedly told her, "Get the Bible and turn to that scripture!" It says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." That day I accepted that promise as mine, and meditated on how to delight myself in the Lord.

There is a picture that hangs on the wall in my bedroom. While I was sitting on the bed, my eyes fell on the scripture in the picture: Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Of all the years that that picture hung there, that particular night was the time for the Lord to cause my eyes to fall on that scripture. What an encouragement it was!

The devil comes as a thief to kill, steal and to destroy. (John 10:10.) That is his job. He is the

father of discouragement. It is important to recognize the devil when he comes to us. He has a whole bag of tricks that can quickly cause us to want to give up. He is an imposing power, but he is also a defeated foe. When he came to me once bringing me discouraging news about my affliction, I recognized who he was and said, "Devil, listen to this song!" I started to sing, "Oh, I praise the Lord who bought me, hallelujah, I'm a happy Pilgrim bound for glory land. I am singing and I hope to sing forever when before His throne eternal I shall stand." Before I could sing the end of the first line of that song, the devil was gone! He and his imps "flew" out of that room! The devil cannot stand praise. Praise is powerful. Praise the Lord when discouragement tries to get you down.

Many saints have been faithful in encouraging me during this affliction. I was so thankful for one saint who said, "This had to come through God first." When God carries us through a trial, I believe He first prepares our hearts for it, gives us strength to go through it and He does not leave us out in the cold to fend for ourselves. He is with us every step of the way. He knows what we need to help us become what He wants us to be. Trials and tests are for our good. He is in control; He is in authority; He allows these tests and trials to come to make of us what He would have us to be.

Once when I was pondering over this affliction, having many questions on my heart, the Lord brought the scripture to me, Philippians 4:6, "Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." The Lord does not want us to worry or be anxious about anything! But instead He wants us to render our petitions to Him, leave those petitions and requests with Him, and praise Him and be thankful. There is power in praise and thanksgiving.

Other scriptures which were a source of inspiration and encouragement were:

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14.

"...What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24.

"...And calleth those things which be not as though they were." Romans 4:17.

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye

have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Hebrews 10:36.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

I am so thankful for my little family and their concern for me and my afflictions. Kim has been a source of strength for me. She has fasted and prayed that I might be healed. I appreciate that. My husband has been by my side during this ordeal. For many months he has been holding me up before the Lord with fasting and prayers. I am so grateful for his faithfulness to me. Many nights he would stay up praying for my healing. I am grateful for him getting hold of the horns of the altar in constant prayer and fasting in my behalf. Late one night during his prayer and meditation the Lord spoke to his heart and said that the answer was on the way! He kept looking up to the Lord, believing that it was so, and took the Lord at His word.

Last November, 1999, a sister felt that the Lord had impressed her to give me an anointed handkerchief. Acts 19:11-12 says, "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them,..." I accepted the handkerchief, and soon after that I began seeing the manifestation of healing. Those places on my face have dried up and only the scars remain!

I must also thank the Lord for my pastor and his wife, Bro. and Sis. Lowe, for their concern, prayers and encouragement. I appreciate their being there holding me up before the altar. Also, thanks go to Sis. Theresa Gaines for her faithfulness to pray and to encourage me. I gathered strength from her words of wisdom. The saints in the Tulsa congregation have been faithful to render up many, many prayers on my behalf, and many other saints in other locations have prayed for me. For this I thank you.

I am still looking to the Lord to complete the work of healing in some minor areas of my body. I believe that He is faithful to do this. I praise Him for all He has done. This testimony is written for the encouragement to others to press the battle on and believe that God is the answer to all our problems. "Just trust Him and be true and see what He will do. He'll never disappoint your soul; When you have done your best, let Jesus do the rest, and keep your eyes upon the goal."  
—Sis. Patricia M. Rhodes



### FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

#### From Nigeria...

January 2, 2000—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you and the beloved ones of the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ, who remains our Lord and Savior. I thank the Father for the offer of His Son for the redemption of mankind from sin, through whom we have lived, moved and had our being (Acts 17:28) in the past years.

The Lord is our hope and as He has brought us safely to the beginning of the new year of 2000, He will see us through as the year progresses.

I am equally grateful to God for His care upon you all and the Faith Publishing work. I hope the relocation work on the Faith Publishing office complex has advanced further and

may be commissioned soon, if this is not done yet. May the Lord bless your effort more in this regard.

I wish to inform you thankfully and joyfully that the reconstruction of our dilapidated chapel building has commenced. The foundation digging was done on the 25th of October, 1999, with volunteers. Bro. Alalibo, of Tombia, who though not quite healthy, joined the volunteer corp on that eventful day. The work has since then been progressing steadily. We see this project as one of the great blessings from the Lord upon us in the year 1999. We saw the need many years ago but had not the courage to start it due to our financial handicap. However, at the beginning of last year, the Lord put the burden on us and we agreed on a fund raising program. Money realized from our 1st and 2nd quarterly offerings was used in the purchase of materials. We took our last "special building fund" offering for the year on December 26th, 1999. We hope to continue in the same spirit this year, as we have seen the marvelous blessings of the Lord in the exercise. Other saints burdened to assist in any way may do so, and I believe shall be equally blessed in this laudable project of building the



**CHURCH BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA**

Lord's house. It is our prayer that the Lord should help us put the roof on before the commencement of rain in May. Otherwise, we might encounter a very serious problem of where to worship during the rainy season.

Another important and urgent matter for which we will solicit your prayer is the field work at Ogu, a town near Port Harcourt. As reported by Bro. Alalibo, and published in the June, 1999, edition of the *Faith and Victory* paper, the combined evangelical teamwork embarked upon by the Port Harcourt and Tombia congregations resulted in the opening of a mission field there. A two-room apartment was rented through the effort of the Port Harcourt congregation early last year for the fellowship of the church in the town. Bro. Israel Darrick, with whom you have communicated for many years, who is also a native and found to be faithful in the Lord, is stationed there as the Pastor. Regular visits were made to the flock by the brethren and the progress made was encouraging to both the new converts and ourselves. But these visits have stalled due to inter-communal clashes between the two neighboring communities of Okrika and Eleme. This has created difficulties and is having an adverse spiritual effect. We therefore solicit your prayers for God to restore peace in the area. However, the Lord made us to rejoice recently as Bro. Israel found his way out to Port Harcourt on a visit to us with one of the young converts. They participated with us in our last quarterly revival meeting which started on December 15th and closed on the 19th of December with the observance of the ordinance of feet washing and the Lord's supper. Bro. Israel used the opportunity to tell of the ugly stories of killing from both sides which made it impossible for people to move about. The young boy, Sam, who came with him, gave a touching testimony of how he escaped killing from a group of people on the enemy side through God's intervention. We have not relented in our prayer for them and for peace to return so that we can freely labor there to further encourage the brethren.

It is my wish to thank you for the *Faith and Victory* papers, as well as *Bible Lesson* booklets, which you continue to send to us freely. The only regret is the late arrival of the parcels due to poor and inefficient postal handling of mails. While the doctrinal articles and other teachings do not grow old with passage of months and years, it is really so with some vital information

necessary for our immediate consumption.

May the Lord bless you and continue to sustain the Faith Publishing work which is dear to us.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. F. Naths Igbanibo

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#### **From Mexico...**

To my brothers in the faith: The congregation here in Culiacan is very grateful for the coming of Bro. Wayne Murphey, who was to us much joy and comfort at an appointed occasion for our pastor, Bro. Adelfo Gonzalez.

Several weeks ago as our pastor made arrangements to go and help his sister build a room onto her house, he instructed the congregation that he was not appointing someone to take his place, but God would direct who was to preach and care for the flock in his short absence.

The day he was preparing to leave his sister's house, he felt a pain, so he took the next bus home. After arriving, he with much carefulness repaired the church van so that it would be ready to carry the people to the Thursday night meeting where he brought a message. He then drove the van to take them home. He had much pain on Friday. On Saturday he requested that the family come in for a worship service, and he stood up to speak. When he sat down he went into a coma, and passed away a short time later.

God in His mercy has given grace to the family in this hard time. We thank you for your kindness and prayers for the family and congregation.

Yours in His service, the father-in-law of Pastor Adelfo, —Bro. Romulo Escobar

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#### **From Ghana...**

January 23, 2000—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you and all the saints abroad. May God bless you all for your good works.

God has lifted up His hands upon the work in Ghana. Since Bro. Michael Smith's two trips to Ghana the work is progressing. The saints here are very joyful in the Lord because where the Holy Spirit is working there is peace, unity and liberty.

Our main target in the year 2000 is to spread the gospel to other towns and the rural area and to Tanoso, first of all. It is a small town with electricity. You cannot walk from one place to another. You must use a lorry or car. So pray for us, that God will supply all our needs. The work

in Ghana is great and we want everyone here to know the truth from the Holy Bible.

Yours for Christ, —Pastor Maxwell Nkansah

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**From India...**

January 24, 2000—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings to the dear saints abroad in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

Our 35th General Convention ended with many blessings and victories. The attendance was good and the anointed messages got good response. Sixteen men and women were baptized, including two hindu converts.

Our present Government's anti-Christian movements are getting worse. Recently, the government canceled the postal registration of all Christian magazines. We cannot post our magazine at concession rate hereafter. Steps are being taken to persecute Christians in different ways.

With love and prayers.

Yours in Him, —Bro. John Varghese

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**Patricia Munoz** was born February 7, 1915, and went to be with the Lord on November 3, 1999.

Graveside services were held at the Fairlawn Cemetery, Stillwater, OK.

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**Emma Lucille Johnson** was the youngest of five children born to Edward and Pearl McNeal. She was born February 2, 1911. She was the last survivor of that union.

In 1929, she became united with the saints of God. In that same year she was united in marriage to Claude E. Johnson. To this union were born three daughters and one son. Her husband preceded her in death in April, 1981.

She passed away February 1, 2000, at the age of 89 years.

She leaves to mourn, her three daughters, one son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Loving God was the love of her life.

Funeral services were conducted in the saints' chapel in Enid, OK, by Bros. Leslie Busbee and Emmanuel Gracey. Burial was in the Morrison Cemetery west of Hennessey.

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On June 19, 1914, **Colonel Wesley Nelson** was born in Putman County, GA, to the late William Greene and Annie Thomas Nelson.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. While serving from 1942 to 1946, he was awarded the American Theater Campaign Medal, the EAMET Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

In 1948, he married the former Clyde Edith Barney, and they were blessed with three daughters. He was always a devoted and affectionate husband and father.

In Durham, NC, where he lived for nearly forty years, he attended services regularly at the Church of God with his family. It was not, however, until he was afflicted several years at home that the Lord wonderfully saved him. Shortly before he passed in the wee hours of the morning, he was overheard trying to sing, in a very weak voice, *The Old Rugged Cross, I Surrender All* and *I'm Going to Meet my Loving Mother One of These Days*. His family gathered round his bedside to help him sing. He had a glorious home going.

Bro. Nelson entered into eternal rest on January 13, 2000. His surviving family includes his wife, Clyde Barney Nelson, of the home; three daughters, Saundria N. Neal, of Durham, N.C., Marilyn N. Tominyi (Yemi), of Forest Park, GA, and Sharyn N. Shackelford (Clint) of Lithonia, GA; two sisters, Ruth N. Williams, of Augusta, GA, Wilda N. Laracuenta, of New York City, NY; a sister-in-law, Rosa B. Baker of Freeport, NY; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Swainsboro, GA, by Bro. Louis Kimble, with burial following in the Cross Green Cemetery.

## Watchman, What of the Night?

By Sis. Deloris Bradley

Recently the scripture, Isaiah 21:11-12 stood out to me. I desired to understand it better and wished to hear a message on it. I began asking the Lord for an understanding and these are the thoughts I received. They were a blessing and challenge to my soul as I looked into my own heart. I trust they will be to you likewise.

"The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: If you will inquire, inquire ye: return, come." Isaiah 21:11-12.

Dumah, the son of Ishmael, the son of the bond women, Hagar, (Genesis 21:10, Galatians 4:22) calls out from the country of Seir, the inhabitants being the descendants of Esau. Remember Esau who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage? (Genesis 25:25-34.) Do you get a picture of who Dumah is and the place he is in? The scripture says—"The burden of Dumah." His situation became a concern to him.

We also must declare the place we are in. Have we sold our birthright (our right to the blessings and fellowship with Christ)?

The name Dumah means "silence." Dumah broke or went against the meaning of his name when he cried out, "Watchman, what of the night?" He recognized the fearfulness of the night or darkness. We also need to go against our natural inclinations, break down self in order to recognize the darkness within our own hearts. Each of us should be wanting to cry out, "Watchman, What of the night?" God, being the Light that lighteth the whole world, (John 8:12)

not just the descendants of Isaac, but also of Ishmael, will reveal to us the dark, secret places in our heart. (Acts 26:18) But we must become burdened about our stumbling in the night, (John 11:9-10), break the silence and be willing for God to reveal Himself.

"The morning cometh." God made the way for light when He sent His only begotten Son into the world. (John 3:16.)

"And also the night." Jesus looked out over Jerusalem. His chosen people (the descendants of Isaac) had refused Him and darkness prevailed. But Jesus went to the cross, gave His all and said, "It is finished." The earthquake and the veil in the old literal temple, which kept people from going into the most Holy place was rent. The middle vail of partition was gone! The dark places became light to those who believed.

Which are we dwelling in today? Are we living in bondage with darkness all around? Have we sold our birthright? The invitation is to "inquire, inquire ye, return and come." When we start enquiring we may be surprised just how much darkness has settled in. (Romans 13:12-14.)

In conclusion, read the fifth chapter of Ephesians. Verse eleven says, "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Let us not become complacent where we just accept and excuse ourselves, but let us reprove ourselves. May our cry be, "Watchman, what of the night?" and our prayer, "Search me oh God, and see if there be any wickedness in my heart."

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### Where Is Now Thy God?

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said was of no avail, because he drew his chief arguments from that Book whose authenticity he denied, and whose proofs he rejected.

Repeated conversations at last convinced Heinrich of the fruitlessness of his endeavors to bring back his poor friend to the faith of his youth. Jean only offered him a passive resistance; he did not now argue, but was either silent, or tried to turn the conversation to another subject. Soon, nothing else was left to Heinrich but to pray for his poor misguided friend, and this he did earnestly every day. The

friends still loved each other as before, but their friendship was not so deep and intimate as it had previously been. There was not that communion with Him who is love, and who is the source of all true sanctified friendship.

The time at length came for the two youths to enter the university. Jean's father, who had heard of his son's changed opinions, and was deeply troubled by the intelligence, had died shortly before. Thus Jean had become his own master, for his gentle mother had but little power over him. He had long since given up the idea of studying theology. His guardian, Heinrich's father, spoke to him on the subject, and reminded him of the wishes of his late

father; but he could not and would not oppose him, as his minority was just over. Heinrich kept to his first decision. Both together entered the university, and here their separate opinions were more and more confirmed. Jean was, and remained, a determined unbeliever. He soon became a warm friend of the new revolutionary ideas in Church and State—the fruits of the seed sown by his favorite writers, Voltaire and Rousseau. Heinrich, on the contrary, held firmly to his religion, and received even deeper insight into its truth. His life was in accordance with his faith; while that of Jean, although he shunned open immoralities, was by no means to be called a pure one, or agreeable to the requirements of God's Word.

As both friends were industrious and talented, they passed their examination at the end of their time of study with distinction. Heinrich was for a few years tutor in a religious nobleman's

which he had adopted at school and the university, were more developed in him now, and they seemed to him the best means of promoting the people's happiness, for which he was most enthusiastic.

"No more tyrants, no more priests!" was one of his favorite and oft-repeated expressions. "Liberty and equality for all! Therefore, away with the king; away with the upper classes, the aristocracy of birth and of money; away with the so-called clergy, who only make the people stupid, and try to keep them in ignorance. If the people are really to be happy at last, there should be no other class than that of citizens."

For this he spoke—for this he acted. Being a good speaker, he was one of the first orators in the clubs. His ambition was excessive. The desire of shining, and winning honor and esteem from the people, urged him onwards; and when he tried to persuade himself that he was

*"The approbation or blame of the world he esteemed more than that of his own conscience, the rebukes and warnings of which became ever weaker and weaker, till they at last became entirely silent."*

family, and then, as his father unexpectedly died, he was ordained, and became his successor. He married the daughter of a good pastor, like-minded with himself, and with her and his mother lived a quiet life, devoted to God's service. In his parsonage, in his parish, as a faithful pastor, as a friend and counselor, as a diligent visitor and good preacher, he was universally beloved and esteemed. Jean became an advocate, and withdrew to Paris, where he was soon spoken of as a first-rate lawyer. He remained unmarried. He was soon led astray by the loose morals of the gay and giddy capital, and became as others there. He had nothing within to restrain him. The approbation or blame of the world he esteemed more than that of his own conscience, the rebukes and warnings of which became ever weaker and weaker, till they at last became entirely silent.

So it was with both when the seed of unbelief, which had long since sprung up, and in France had flourished so well, brought its fruit to maturity in the French Revolution. Jean Laforest, the respected lawyer, the people's friend, greeted it with great joy. He had done all he could to promote it, and hasten its outbreak. The social ideas and theories of Rousseau,

only desiring the good of the nation, it was rather his own good which, perhaps unknown to himself, stood always before him in the foreground.

Called to the Constituent Assembly, he soon became one of its most prominent members. When Mirabeau called out pathetically, "Only bayonets will we yield!" he was the first who greeted the speaker with a storm of applause, and supported him in eloquent words. Wherever meetings were held for the welfare of the country, he was certain to be there, the loudest and the boldest. He was one of those who, in July, 1789, donned the tricolour cockade and formed the National Guard. As one of the most active members of the Assembly, he was chosen to be a leader of the people. At the head of his troop he helped to storm the Bastille. He was one of the first who penetrated into the building; and then, unlike others who animated the people to action, and kept away themselves when the time to act came, he was never wanting in personal courage. His finding in one of the cells, and liberating, a prisoner, who had been in solitary confinement for twenty-five years, without ever having heard of what crime he had been accused—probably the victim of mere personal

enmity and calumny—increased his popularity. The people cheered him loudly, and almost bore him in their arms. But he was dangerously wounded in this struggle, and bore a scar for his life in consequence. When the mob, after the liberation of the prisoner, began the work of destruction, he did not restrain them; and during the assault an iron window-bar thrown down from above struck him on the forehead and shoulder, so that he fell to the ground. It was a wonder that he was not killed on the spot. Unconscious and bleeding, he was carried away and given into the care of a physician. A week after, however, he appeared again with bound-up head in a popular meeting, and was received with loud acclamations by the mob. At last he entered the savage Jacobin Club, which had for its object the destruction of the existing order of things, and spared no means, even the most infamous, to attain its end. Wearing the red cap of liberty, he might often be seen at the tribune, from whence in eloquent words he flattered the sovereign people, exhorting them to the destruction of the nobility and the priesthood, and of all distinction of classes, so that all might have complete equality. Proceeding from step to step on the downward road of Revolution, we see him at last in connection with the most celebrated of the bloodthirsty men of that time—Danton, Marat and Robespierre, who thought the only way of making the happiness of the people perfect and complete was by delivering up to the guillotine and the executioner all who did not think as they did.

We will not here dwell on the oft repeated scenes of abomination which marked the French Revolution, but only mention that the learned and refined Lafortest, so proud at the results of his search for truth, and who had been so pious in his early youth, was among those who worshipped an abandoned woman as the Goddess of Reason, after they had declared Christianity abolished.

Let us rather turn to the good companion of that blinded man's youth, the excellent pastor in Alsace.

Heinrich Kerner was a blessing to his parish, which was composed principally of plain, simple citizens, among whom the new doctrines had as yet made no impression. When the news of the outbreak of the Revolution in the capital reached this remote town, it was at first little heeded. The pastor indeed was painfully affected by it: as a conscientious Christian, it

caused him great grief to see the authority of the government undermined and despised; for it was God's ordinance, to which He had commanded obedience in His Word. But he looked upon the movement as a fire of straw, which quickly burns up and is soon consumed, without doing much harm.

He did not however think so long. The tidings from the capital became more and more serious. Facts were related which filled all well disposed people with fear and trembling; and at last the new ideas found their way into the remote town, to the deep grief of its faithful pastor.

That he resolutely opposed them we need scarcely say, for he was a warm, living, faithful disciple of Jesus; but among his parishioners there were some who, at least for a time, suffered themselves to be blinded by the false glare of the new light, which seemed to them like the appearance of dawn after a long dark night.

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