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## BEAUTIFUL, PEACEFUL ZION

Article By Sis. Marsha Corteway



*"Beautiful, peaceful Zion, We've heard of thy wonders of old;  
And out of the ages rising, The city of light we behold.*

*"Out of the shadows hanging Dark over the valley of fear,  
We mount up to Zion's glory, As crystal eternally clear.*

*"Beautiful, holy Zion, O mountain of glory divine,  
We come to thy peaceful summit, Where heavenly songs ever chime.*

*"Welcome the joyful tidings Of Zion, the mountain of love;  
'Tis freedom from Babel bondage, And coming, that freedom we prove.*

*"Coming, coming, Zion, we come to thee; Coming, coming, Coming with joy to thee."*



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The above verses are from the song, "Beautiful, Peaceful Zion" written by Bro. D. S. Warner, and music by Bro. B. E. Warren. It was taken from "Melodies of Zion", a book printed by the Gospel Trumpet Company in 1926, also page 19 of our Evening Light Songs book. Thank God for the beautiful Church of God...Zion!

Micah 4:1-2, "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us

his ways, and we will walk in his paths, for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The saints rejoice to have a clear vision of Zion, the beautiful Church of God. It is situated on the mountain top. We reign over sin and Babel bondage—false religion that traps the souls of men. What a privilege we have to understand and experience freedom from sin and the freedom of holy living, far above the confusion of sectism.

The definition of the word "sect" appearing in the Webster dictionary means a path, a way, method, party, faction, in doctrine, sect.

For us as the people of God, to keep our vision clear of sect confusion, we must be separated from the spirit and body of false religion.

Psalm 87:2, "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." He loves Jacob best and Zion better than the best. God delights in the prayers and praises of Christian families and individuals, but He has a special eye to the assemblies of the faithful, and he has a special delight in their devotions and in their church worship. The great festivals were fair in the Lord's eyes, and even such is the general assembly and church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven.

Psalm 87:5-6, "And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: And the highest himself shall establish her. The Lord

shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there."

Thank God for salvation, and for being born again, and born into Zion, the beautiful Church of God.

Psalm 48:2, "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

Psalm 87:3, "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."

Whatever glorious things the saints may say of the church, they cannot exceed what prophets have foretold, what angels have sung, or what God Himself has declared. Never let thy praises cease, O thou Bride of Christ.

Let us bask in the radiance of the evening light, the truth of God and let our hearts be enraptured with the glory of Zion, the home of the free! Bro. B. E. Warren was inspired with the song, "Glorious Zion" in the Evening Light Song book, page 26, which expresses so clearly the beauty of Zion.

"Zion of God thou home of the free, Washed in the blood, I'm dwelling in thee; Glorious home, oh, gather us there, Church of the first-born, thou art so fair.

"Glorious things divinely complete, Within thee are found—thy love is replete; Down thro' the ages, spotless and pure, Thy God hath preserved thee, thou art secure."

Let us rejoice in beautiful Zion!



## "Fear Not, I Am The First and The Last."

By Sis. Carol Jantz

The Isle of Patmos is quite small, mountainous and almost barren. Tradition declares it to have been in the side of a cave where the apostle John received a special visitation from his Lord and Savior. "I John...was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia;...And I turned to see the voice that spake with me ...one like unto the Son of man,...and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead." (Christ demands reverence, but He doesn't want to terrify us. His

greatness could crush us if wielded by power alone, but His endearing love is measureless.) "And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Revelation 1:9-18.

When Jesus laid His right hand upon John, a tender touch of assurance and love flooded his (John's) very being. No doubt many precious memories flashed in his mind as he recalled he had been "...sent to bear witness of that Light." (John 1:8.) Several years before when John baptized in Bethabara beyond Jordan, he saw Jesus coming toward him and proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. (He was also the

disciple who had leaned on Jesus' breast.) No doubt he vividly recalled Judas' betrayal of Christ and the horrendous crucifixion scene.

"...His heart was broken on Calvary.

His hands were nail-scarred,

His side was riven,

He gave His life's blood for even me."

Before John was born, he leaped in his mother's womb with joy. We can read the blessed account in Luke 1:41-44. John's mother, Elisabeth, upon hearing the voice of Mary, her cousin, who had come to announce the glad tidings that she was to bear the son of God, "...was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb....for, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy."

Now in his old age, John's heart was leaping with awe to the voice of his beloved Savior. "...Fear not; I am the first and the last:...Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." Revelation 1:17, 19. In his exile to the Isle of Patmos, he was under holy inspiration to write to the seven churches in Asia. In most of these churches, God had "somewhat against" them, thus they needed to repent. All of them were exhorted to be even more steadfast and to be overcomers.

John was also shown prophecies which must come to pass before the end of time. This

was made known to him by symbols and figures. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8. The Lord encompasses all time and knows everything from the beginning till the end and will usher in eternity with the "crashing of ages" at the Judgment Day.

Dear reader, stop and contemplate why Jesus Christ appeared unto John. Jesus had a message to give to the Church—His bride. He is coming back soon and wants us to be ready. While Jesus was here in the flesh, he instructed us to watch and be ready. "Watch, therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come....for in such and hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Mathew 24:42,44. In the book of Revelation, the phrase, "to him that overcometh" is forcefully and repeatedly stressed. Only the overcomer may enter in through the gates of the heavenly city for all eternity.

Dear ones, if we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, regardless of tribulations, sicknesses or whatever hard things come our way in life, we can be overcomers. Jesus is our redeemer—our refuge, our rock—and He will tell us lovingly, "...Fear not; I am the first and the last." Revelation 1:17. "...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Revelation 2:7. Oh, what bliss awaits us! We must be ready when He comes.



## How Do We Pray for Our Loved Ones?

By Tricia Bell

I asked God to give me words to pray for my loved ones. He began to answer my prayer through a message I heard at the Tulsa Camp Meeting entitled, "It Is Time to Seek the Lord Till He Come and Rain Righteousness Upon You." Prayer first begins with knowing what you really want. Moreover, we must pray specific prayers out of God's Word in faith and earnestness. My desire is that my loved ones be saved from the destruction that satan has planned for them, and I want them to be actively involved in showing others the way to heaven also.

Here are some of the words the Lord has given me so far: "Lord, help my children to know that you are God and there is none else. (Deuteronomy 4:39.) Help them know in their

hearts and minds always, that they must give account to You for the deeds done in this life. God, help them to seek You and love You with their whole heart. Cause them to know that satan desires to 'sift them as wheat' or break them, but that You love them and want to help their faith to not fail. (Luke 22:31.) Help them know You have a purpose for their life; they have jobs to do for You that no one else can do exactly like they can, because you made them with unique abilities.

"Dear God, cause them to know that they do not have the strength on their own to withstand the pressures of sin. Lead them not into temptation, keep them out of satan's territory. Tear

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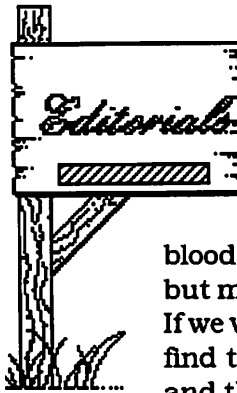
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The greatest vision that a man can have is to be able to see Christ and to understand who He really is. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Son of the living God,

Jesus told Peter "...flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." If we will seek after the Lord, we will find that He is the fountain of life, and the spirit of God will enlighten

us and make us aware of the wonderful blessing Jesus came to bestow upon mankind.

Between the years 1513 and 1521, Ponce de Leon, a Spanish explorer, searched Florida for the Fountain of Youth. This mythical fountain was said to restore the youth of those who drank from it. On his second visit to Florida in 1521, his party was attacked by a band of Seminole Indians. During the attack, he was wounded with an arrow that later took his life. He never found the Fountain of Youth.

Many people search so diligently for earthly solutions to the needs of mankind, but completely ignore the deep need their soul has for God. Jesus is passing by many people today, but they do not recognize Him. His gentle spirit is calling today for people to come to Him, but they do not listen. God is offering living water to mankind, saying, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." He is saying, "Look unto me and be ye saved." He told the woman at the well, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

I am thankful that Jesus brought the water to us that will completely satisfy the deep need of the soul and blesses us with eternal life. Jesus said in John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Don't miss out on the blessing that can come to you by recognizing Jesus when He visits your heart.

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The Lord blessed us to be able to attend the Monark Springs Camp Meeting. Thank the Lord for the good that was accomplished, the encouraging messages, the anointed singing and the special singing, all blended together with the fellowship of the saints of God. When the Spirit

of the Lord meets with you, it will lift your spirit to heavenly places.

The evening that Sister McDonald sang the special song "Had it Not Been" caused many "what if" thoughts to run through my mind. How thankful we are for the "supreme sacrifice" that was given by Jesus. I also thought of those who through the years have made such great sacrifices to carry the truth to us today. What if it had not been for Martin Luther or the Wesley brothers? Bro. D. S. Warner or Bro B. E. Warren who wrote such inspiring songs and God used so wonderfully to bless so many with truth. What if it had not been for our parents that patiently helped us understand what is right or for those who have ministered to us throughout our lifetime? The only response I have is, Dear Lord, thank You for those who were faithful to You and brought this message of salvation to us today.

Bro. Ed Wilson compiled some quotations from some of the messages at Monark. They are entitled *Monark Moments*, in this issue of the *Faith And Victory*. I'm sure you will enjoy them even if you were unable to attend. Bro. Harlan Sorrell has tapes available of many of the services.

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As is our custom, we did not publish an August issue of the *Faith and Victory* to allow us to attend the camp meeting, but we have been busy with the work here. We have reprinted the book *Bible Chain of Truth*, which was out of stock, and we had many requests to reprint. This book explains the Bible truths in a way children can understand. We have reprinted the booklet, *Pasha*, which is about the Russian robber who found Christ. We are currently working on the book *A Religious Controversy*, by Bro. Charles E. Orr. This book is a conversation between a husband and wife over Bible doctrines. Is the husband stubborn or is the wife headstrong? Maybe you would like to read the book. It should be available shortly.

We have also been printing many tracts that have been out of stock. One tract that we have had requests for and was out of stock is "Snakes in an Atheist's Grave." This tract is now back in stock as well as several others.

We are trying our best to bring back our stock on these valuable books that teach the eternal truths of the Bible. It is difficult for me to know how to manage the limited finances that we have here and still bring the production

up because of the expense required for supplies and materials. This is a work of faith, and we are seeking the Lord to know how to balance faith with the reality of the expenses we have.

On August 8, our paper supplies were just enough to print this edition of the *Faith and Victory*. I felt we would be losing time if we stopped the presses until this issue was printed. On faith, believing God to supply the need, I went ahead and ordered another skid of paper.

On the morning of August 13, we had a severe thunderstorm. The lightning was striking very close to the Print Shop. We went into my office and detected the smell of burned electrical components. The lightning damaged the Macintosh computer that I use to page the *Faith and Victory* and for many other duties related to the work. It also damaged the equipment for the phone system here at the Print Shop. We are thankful that the Lord protected us from injury, and we are trusting Him to bring His work through these difficult times with greater victory and a brighter testimony of His deliverance.

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My vision for the work of the Lord is getting greater. There are so many that have never heard what God can do for them. Not only in the foreign fields, but even in this country. I recently had a call from a man who told me that the "Truth just isn't getting out to people." My prayer is, Lord, help me know how to publish your gospel to all the world. Help me to know how to present the truth in a way that will be effective. That the books and tracts will capture the minds of the reader and witness the Truth of God's Word to them.

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On August 25, the Lord blessed us to be able to attend the Sunday morning service at the Boley, OK, camp meeting. Some of you may remember that there was a question at Monark about whether they would be able to have a camp meeting because of the condition of the facilities at Boley. The Lord worked things out for the meeting to be held. Sister Lucille Johnson brought an encouraging message Sunday morning on II Tim. 1:7. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." She brought out how David, in his fight with Goliath, was not given over to fear by Goliath's boastings, but with his trust in the Lord he had a sound mind and was able to win the victory.

On August 22, Sis. Lizzie B. Jordan went home to be with the Lord. She was a faithful child of God. You may remember her earnest prayers in our services over the years. She handed out many tracts and was effective in touching many hearts with the gospel. She had a favorite nickname for me as a child, "Bud." I mentioned this to one of her granddaughters and she said she had nicknames for all of her children. Memories of her dedicated life to the Lord sweetly linger in our minds and hearts. On August 31 she would have been 104 years old. The Lord allowed us to attend her funeral services in Okmulgee, OK, on August 27. May the Lord bless her children and loved ones.

As you may notice there are several obituaries in this issue. Let us remember those who have lost loved ones, that God will give them special help and comfort in these times of loss and grief.

I appreciate those who have written articles for the paper. The articles that are written and published can be an encouragement to many who never would otherwise know how the Lord was blessing you. You do not have to be a preacher to write for the paper, just one of God's saved children that has been inspired with a good thought or testimony. Many times there are testimonies in your prayer meeting services that would make excellent articles for the paper if only someone would take the time to write it and send it in. Pray about what the Lord would have you to do to be a blessing to others.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey  
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LA—Keep praying for me, please. God is blessing me, the pain is less with these two fractures in my lower back. —Audrey Carver

AR—I have several prayer requests. My son Roy has leukemia and shingles. Remember my son, Jimmie, and I had the flu and can't gain my strength. Now I have numbness in my face. I know God can heal us.

God bless you, —Sis. Dessie Wilson

AR—I have health problems, do pray for me. May God bless, —Dorothy Critcher

CA—Please remember to pray for my two sons, Wayne and John, spiritually and for their health. Also, remember me in your prayers. I haven't been well.

Thank you and God Bless you,

—Mary H. Carson

—Sirs: For me this is a very sincere letter. I am thinking of the song *The Family of God*. "When one has a heartache we all share the tears, and rejoice in each victory in this family of God." I'm not asking you to shed tears, but I am asking you to take a moment and pray for me.

Who am I? I am classified as an elderly lady even though I don't feel like it, and find it hard to believe myself. I am part of the family of God and your sister in Christ. Also, a lady too embarrassed to sign my name.

I have a very serious problem that has caused great distress, almost more than I can bear. I cannot describe the horrible feeling of distress and panic I have felt in my heart and chest.

One doesn't have to seek trouble; trouble can find it's own way. God has been good to me and has given me a feeling of relief and a peace. The problem is still the same, but the feeling is different. I just don't know how people can get along without God. If there were no heaven to gain and no hell to shun, we need Him in the here and now on earth.

I am asking you to pray for God to give me wisdom and guidance to deal with this serious problem, and that I not make a mistake or wrong move. With God all things are possible.

I am sending a letter like this to a few I believe know God intimately and can pray the prayer of faith. I really thank you from the heart. May God shower you with blessings.

Your sister in Christ, —Anonymous

(Editors note: I would not normally publish an unsigned letter, but in this instance, I feel this Sister has a real problem that we need to take to the Lord in prayer.)

KY—Please remember Sis. Mary Hughes in prayer. She has had a serious affliction for several months and really needs help from the Lord. Her trust is in Him.



## Monark Moments

Memorable quotes compiled by Bro. Ed Wilson

7/19 a.m. Bro. Leslie Busbee: "Listening to the Word of God is the most serious thing you'll ever do in your life."

7/19 p.m. Bro. Ivan Eck: "I hope that all of us have come here today with our cups lifted up... Let us draw near to the Lord today, and let Him investigate the corners of our hearts."

7/20 a.m. Bro. Vada McMillian: "You know, it's good to thank the Lord today. But when it says continually, that means tomorrow. It means the next day. It means always."

7/20 p.m. Bro. Don Elwell: "The greatest distance any man must come is from his mind to his heart."

7/20 p.m. Bro. Ivan Eck: "Maybe tonight there is someone under the sound of my voice who realizes that you've squandered something. I want you to know that there's a way back..."

7/21 a.m. Bro. Toney Samons: "He who caresses thee more than he was wont to do has either deceived thee or is about to do it."

7/21 p.m. Bro. Marty Clevenger: "Today if there's bitterness in your heart, if there's hurt in your life, the thing that's holding it is your will. Release it and let it go."

7/22 a.m. Bro. Keith Fuller: "Do you realize if you're married to the old law you're living with someone whose existence is predicated on pointing out your failures?"

7/22 p.m. Bro. Larry Abbott: "Don't be bitter against God. If you're bitter against God, He'll never be able to reach your heart."

7/22 eve. Bro. Danny Adams: "If the buzzer went off tonight, would you win?... I haven't found anywhere in here where I can trade a section of land for eternal life."

7/23 a.m. Sis. Bonnie Riley: "God is a liberal Giver. He

wouldn't care if every one of us had the nine gifts."

7/23 p.m. Bro. Toney Samons: (Ordinance service) "You know, when servants start serving servants, things get real low."

7/24 a.m. Sis. Angela Gellenbeck: "He wants to write His name and His love in our hearts, and mark our hearts, so we can leave a trail for others to follow."

7/24 p.m. Bro. James Huskey: "How many brides is He coming back for? One. We need to realize what church means, and act like we're a church."

7/24 eve. Bro. Carl Shaffer: "I want to encourage all the preachers to preach and teach the same thing - right out of the Word of God - given by the Holy Ghost."

7/25 a.m. Bro. Vada McMillian: "If you want to be a blessing to others, well then, get Christ in your hearts."

7/25 a.m. extended: Bro. Gordon Humphrey: "I appreciate the Lord today, how He sought after me... I guess you could say I was one born out of due season."

7/25 eve. Bro. Michael Smith: "When Jesus hung on the cross, was it the nails that held Him there? No, it was the power of love that held Him there."

7/26 a.m. Sis. Marsha Corteway: "You know, when we say that we can't have power over sin, we're downgrading His blood."

7/26 p.m. Bro. Pierro: "We are the heirs of salvation if we will get hold of God and continue in the faith."

7/27 a.m. Bro. Marty Clevenger: "I struggled with 'why do some have faith and some not?' You know where it lies at? It lies in the 'want to'."

7/27 eve. Bro. Danny Adams: "I have a natural life and a spiritual life to take care of, and they've got to work together."

7/28 a.m. Bro. Toney Samons: "Your faces came before me last night. Are you ever going to get on fire?"

## MEETING DATES

Danville, KY (Tent Meeting)—Cancelled  
 Pampa, TX (Tent Meeting)—Sept. 17-22  
 Wichita, KS (Fall Meeting)—Sept. 22-29  
 Myrtle, MO (Singspiration)—Oct. 5-6  
 Hollyhill, SC (Fall Meeting)—Oct. 6-13



## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### Cancellation of the Danville, KY, Tent Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances we feel it is the Lord's will to cancel the tent meeting that was scheduled to be held September 5-8, 2002, near Danville, KY. —Bro. Dan Gellenbeck

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**THANK YOU**

I want to thank the saints for taking up the slack and helping in the kitchen at the Monark Camp Meeting. It helped lighten my load. May God bless you. —Kim Bock

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**MONARK CAMP MEETING  
TAPES AVAILABLE**

One tape of Congregational Singing and one of Special Singing is now available from the Monark Springs Camp Meeting held July 19-28, 2002. Tapes of all the messages from the first Friday morning through the last Sunday morning are also available. For a tape list, write, e-mail, or call, Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1, Box 118A, Myrtle, MO 65778, by e-mail, [hsorrell@ortrackm.missouri.org](mailto:hsorrell@ortrackm.missouri.org) or by phone, (417) 938-4336 (leave message if I am unavailable at the time of your call.)

—Bro. Harlan Sorrell

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**PAMPA, TX, TENT REVIVAL**

Lord willing a tent meeting will be held Sept. 17-22 in Pampa, TX.

Please join in praying that God will bless this effort, or if possible come and enter into the burden of the services. The first service will be Wednesday evening.

The tent will be erected at the Recreation Park, which is located on Highway 60, 2.4 miles east of the junction of Highways 70 and 60.

For more information contact Bro. Ivan Eck, (628) 922-3327, Bro. Phillip Gellenbeck, (405) 282-2725, or Sis. Jan Wood (806) 669-7727.

## WICHITA, KS, FALL MEETING

Lord willing, the Wichita, KS fall meeting will be held September 22-29, (Sunday to Sunday). Both Sundays we will have three services. On Monday through Saturday there will be two services daily (11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.).

Please pray that God will have His way in the meeting, and that He will provide and send workers as He so chooses. We need and desire God to work in many ways. We trust Him to direct in all phases of the meeting. The church address is 1701 N. Ash. The phone number is (316) 267-9582.

For further information you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848 or Bro. Theodore McCray at (316) 682-5132.

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**WORKDAY AND AUTUMN SINGSPIRATION  
AT MYRTLE, MO**

Lord willing, there will be a workday on the Myrtle campground on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. There are several projects that will need to be done. Anyone interested in coming to assist is welcome. For further information about those projects, please contact Bro. Jeremy Booher, trustee, at (417) 451-6172.

Also, a singspiration is planned for 7:00 p.m. that evening. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come worship the Lord with us in holy song. There will also be special services on Sunday morning, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Cabins and dormitories will be available. —Harlan Sorrell

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**HOLLY HILL, SC, FALL MEETING**

The Holly Hill, SC, Fall Meeting will be held, Lord willing, October 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, inclusive. The first service begins at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> and the last service is scheduled to end with the Sunday morning service of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Services nightly at 7:30 p.m., and if any day services, they will be as announced. We're looking for the Lord to bless us with His precious presence again this year. We are looking for the Lord to send the ministers and workers of His choosing, and we extend a hearty welcome to each one to come be with us. If you can't come in person, we still need your prayers. We are looking to the Lord to save the sinners, to heal the sick, and to teach and uplift the saints.

Lodging and meals are by freewill offerings. There are limited accommodations, men's and ladies' dorms, cabins, and camper hook-ups on the campground, but the Lord has ways of



making provisions for those who come! Just let us know and we'll try to arrange a place for you to stay!

We don't want anyone to feel that they "have" to get a motel, but sometimes there are those who prefer one. Here are some names and numbers of motels in Santee, about 10 miles away. There is the Ramada Inn 1-803-854-2191; Super 8 Motel 1-803-854-3456; Santee Economy Inn 1-803-854-2107; and Comfort Inn 1-803-854-3221.

The chapel and campground is located on Bayview Street between Camden Road and Eutaw Road, Holly Hill, SC. If coming in from Columbia, SC, take I-26 all the way to the Bowman exit, that is State Hwy. 210. Go left at this exit on Hwy. 210 to the crossroads of Hwy. 210 and Hwy. 176, go right on Hwy. 176. Stay on Hwy. 176 until you almost get into town and Hwy. 310, (Camden Road), will be on your right. Turn left on Hwy. 310, (Camden Road), and follow this about 2 miles until you come to Bayview Street (a paved road). There should be a sign there for "White Oak Church of God" as well as a sign advertising the fall meeting. Turn right on Bayview Street and go 1 1/2 miles to the campground, which will be on your right.

For more information, contact the pastor, Bro. Carl Shaffer 803-492-3256, or Bro. Floyd Crummie 803-496-5768, or Bro. Alvoid Pratt 803-492-3366



### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

ID—Dear Brother Willie: Greetings in the precious name of our Redeemer and Friend. We trust things there are going well and that you had a good camp meeting.

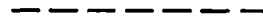
I had something the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> of July and have learned to a greater extent that life is uncertain and death is sure. Charles said I had a stroke and others Bell's Palsy—only the Lord knows, but it has been difficult. This is the first time in my adult life that I have ever had anything such as this.

It is difficult for me to see, but my confidence is in the Lord and whatever happens, that is well. I have been having a real battle with high

blood pressure, but the Lord has brought it down. That is such a blessing. I would appreciate your prayers should the Lord bring our name across your mind.

Lord bless you as you labor in His harvest field and give wisdom in all that needs to be done.

Yours in Christ, —Charles and Ruby Harris



ID—Dear Brother Willie: I want to thank the group of saints that signed the get well card for me at the Monark Camp Meeting. I appreciate the saints that have lifted my name in prayer during this time of my sickness. What would we do if we had no help from others?

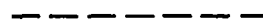
I am much better and I thank the Lord for what He has done. I am holding on for complete healing. I believe it is mine and am determined to put in for all God has for me.

Christian love to the saints,  
—Sis. Ruby Harris



OK—I am doing pretty good so far. The Lord answers prayer. I am still saved and blessed to be here. Thanks be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From your sister in Christ,  
—Mary O. Jones



Ontario, Canada—Dear saints: I thank our dear Lord that in these turbulent times there are still true Bible believers who distribute the gospel without compromising God's teachings. I appreciate the precious work you do, and I am blessed by your articles. May God continue to keep you strong and guide you in your mission. Sincerely,  
—Dieter Schulz



LA—Dear fellow travelers on the King's Highway: It has been heart-warming to know so many of you have been praying for me with my fractured lower back. What a blessing it was when the Lord touched me enough to move my body on my bed. I am still looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith.

Though I've been home-bound for several months, this has been a blessed contented soul-searching time. I feel I can still work, at least a little for my Lord, and now with more wisdom.

My exercise is a daily walk with God. Please keep me on your prayer list. With much love and appreciation,  
—Audrey Forbes Henry Carver

AR—Dear ones at the Print Shop: I just sorted out the Sunday School papers and was thinking what all it entails for us to get these. I know it must take a lot of time and effort, but most of all dedication. Sometimes I wonder if the Primary and Junior papers are more for the adults. They can be such an encouragement to me and our family. I appreciate them and all of your efforts in spreading the gospel. I'm sure no one but God knows about your sacrifice.

I've been encouraged lately by a song, "Keep Praying Till the Answer Comes." I mean to keep the faith to the end.

Sincerely, —Charissa Bennings

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OH—Re: *Personal Experiences of S.O. Susag*: This is one of the most encouraging books I have ever read. I would read this book to my son when he was a teenager in return for scratching his back after ball practice, praying that some day he would remember what it was saying.

I lost my son at age 30, January 9, 2002, but just two days prior to the accident he was telling me of headaches he was having and I was rubbing his head. He looked up at me and said, "Mom, the only thing that could make this better is that you could be reading *S.O. Susag* to me." Then he told me how he remembered the stories of S.O. Susag.

Two days later Bruce was killed in an auto accident. I know God gave him the time to repent and I know by our conversation he took it.

I'm ordering five books as I want to give them to others that they may be encouraged.

Please keep my family and me in your prayers. With much prayer, —Emma Arnold Phillips

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OK—Dear ones: I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We do give Him thanks for all of His blessings bestowed us. Looking back to March, I truly am thankful for the good I received from the Minister's Meeting. It was such a blessing to see so many young ministers there.

I am encouraged to press on unto the end. There is a very inspiring story told of a young sailor who was in a wreck at sea. The young man was brought ashore, having been wounded and he had a very high fever. The physician told the shipmates that the young man would not live long. The dying youth called his shipmates to him and bade them good-bye. Then he drifted off to sleep. Later one of them roused him, and

asked, "How are you now?" The dying sailor replied, "My anchor holds." Those were his last words.

You know dear ones we often liken the voyage of life to traveling upon the sea. There are many storms of life; winds and waves like sea billows roll. But through it all, there are so many blessings and so much joy in living for the Lord. I praise the Lord for this. Jesus is a Friend who sticketh closer than a brother. Our family has had several deaths this year. Some were close relatives and some were indirectly related. In May we attended the service for our cousin, Patricia Brisker Wortham in Tulsa. We left her service and visited our cousin Gerard Johnson in the hospital. Two weeks later we attended Gerard's service and on our way home we stopped by the Golden Rule Home to visit relatives and others. We saw Sis. Darcus Sharp who was the sister of our Aunt Johnnye Lee Johnson and the late Sis. Ethel Lounds. How we enjoyed Sis. Darcus singing "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross." She did not sound like a 94 year old woman singing. On July 19, 2002, Sis. Darcus passed away. Last night I was speaking with our cousin about the service that was held about two weeks ago in Bakersfield for her cousin, Otis, who was the son of the late Bro. and Sis. Otis Francisco.

We ask your prayers for all of our family and most of all that I'll keep true and be sure my anchor holds unto the end. We do appreciate all of your prayers for my husband and me and desire that you continue to remember us. We are praying for you.

Your sister in Christ,

—Frances M. Chandler

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**From India...**

July 10, 2002—Dear Bro. Willie Murphey and dear saints abroad: Greetings to you dear ones again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your letter dated June 28. May

God bless each one who contributes to the work in India. I pray for the Lord's blessings to be on the camp meetings in America this year.

Recently a Hindu family got converted to Christianity, and they have attended our services for the last five Sundays. The man was a drunkard and a rowdy. He was a headache to the whole village. I had an opportunity to contact him with the gospel and God changed his heart. He and his wife and two children attend our church now. Please pray for this family. Evangelism is important.

Though this is our monsoon season, we haven't had as much rain this year as we usually get during the monsoon season. We need rain to store water in our wells for another six months dry season.

Please continue to remember our needs in your prayers.

With love and prayers, Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

#### From the Philippines...

July 23, 2002—Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey: Greetings of Christian love to you and your family and to the kind workers in the Print Shop and to all the dear saints in the USA. Please tell the saints there that we are so thankful for the continued support for the mission work in the Philippines.

We have new voluntary pastors and we are so thankful for them because of our newly opened congregations in different places. The new babes in Christ need someone to nurture them spiritually. They need someone to teach them the hymns and to study the Word of God and to guide them to worship God. The new brothers and sisters were so happy because they have found Christ and accepted Him in their hearts and they have found the true church—The Church of God—the pillar and ground of the truth.

They were so happy for their salvation, the experience of the new birth, and for becoming a new creature in Christ.

It is now the rainy season and there are floods all over the islands because of many typhoons. At present, there are two typhoons, one is in the north and one is in the east along the Pacific Ocean, which is the cause of heavy rains. The brothers and sisters in Mapangpang need to take off their shoes and slippers to cross the road to the chapel because of deep water in front of the church building. The same with

Llanera and Magtanggol. These are the three new, unfinished buildings. They need to fill the grounds, because they are very low. We also need to make a fence around them because of stray animals, especially the goats.

We do not want to weary you about the needs of the mission work, but we have been unable to finish the construction of these church buildings because of the high cost of building materials.

Again we say, thank you so much for your unending love for us.

Your brother in the gospel field,

—Matias S. Tangunan

July 11, 2002—Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey: We greet you in the grace, mercy, love and peace of God the Father and His Son, Jesus our Lord. We give thanks to God always for you and all, remembering your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God and our Father.

We got your letter today, June 19, 2002. Thank you for such inspiring words from a dear brother in Christ. Truly this finds us more encouraged to go on and continue to face the battle which we are in for the glory of God. As it is written, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint now. (Gal. 6:9.)

Our country nowadays is suffering so many trials, such as terrorism, political disputes, kidnapping...and other heinous crimes. The government seeks for a solution, but it is nowhere to be found. With this the country's economic stability is weakened and that leads to poverty. So the challenge to the church is at hand, to become the salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16); and to preach the gospel of salvation (Luke 4:18-19). The calling of God at this point needs to be revived, a call to once again consecrate our whole being for His glory. In II Chron. 7:14 it says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." What we really need today is moral and spiritual recovery.

Although we have just started communicating through letters, we feel that we've already had a long time attachment. May God richly bless you and your family as you continue to serve through the Print Shop.

Please do continually pray for us.

My wife, Rose and son, Jashen Haven extend their warm greetings to all the workers at the Print Shop.

In Christ's love,

—Bro. and Sis. Paterno C. Tangunan



**James Leon Cohen** was born June 25, 1951 to Lloyd and Betty (Jones) Cohen in Okmulgee County OK. He passed to his eternal home February 9, 2002.

James attended Beggs High School, where he graduated with the Class of 1969. After high school, James attended Oklahoma State University-Technical branch in Okmulgee, where he studied electronics.

James fell in love with his high school sweetheart, Pauletta Johnson and they were married on March 6, 1971.

Later in life, James obtained his commercial driver's license and became a truck driver for Arrow Trucking Company, where he labored faithfully for 15 years. During his employ with Arrow, he obtained many awards, but his most memorable achievement came from the Oklahoma Trucking Association for driving over one million miles without a single accident.

In 1998, James' was saved and received Christ, after which he attended the Church of God Evening Light Saints in Tulsa OK.

James journey through life on earth came to a close on Saturday morning, February 9, 2002, in Tulsa OK. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty, and his grandparents, Cecil and Elsie Cohen.

Remaining to lament his homegoing; his devoted wife and sweetheart, Paulette Cohen, of the home in Tulsa OK; his daughters; Alicia,

Sharmekia and Kimberly, all of Tulsa OK; his father; Lloyd Cohen Sr., Nuyaka OK; his brother; Lloyd Cohen Jr., Okmulgee OK; his sister; Lynn Elam, Broken Arrow OK; four grandchildren; Keena, Anthony, Keon and A'kiyah, all of Tulsa OK; along with other relatives and friends.

**Bro. Douglas Graham Hall** died July 5, 2001 at the age of 79 years. He was a longtime resident of Loranger, LA and member of the Oak Grove Church of God congregation. He was a native of Clinton, NC and served in the U.S. Army during WW II. His first wife, Sis. Nyda Hall, his second wife, Sis. Norma Hall, and a daughter, JoBeth, preceded him in death. A son, James Hall of Loranger, LA and a daughter, Alice Hall of Lexington, KY, survive him.

Bro. Doug was a kind, hard working man. He made a decision to serve the Lord shortly after being released from active military duty and made a practice throughout his lifetime of staunchly supporting the work of God. The year that has passed since he went home has only served to remind us how much we loved him and how long we shall miss him. He asked this poem to be read at his funeral service:

#### TO THOSE I LOVE

And

#### TO THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we have had so many years.

I gave you my love and you can only guess  
How much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that each has shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must;  
But let your grief be comforted by trust.

For it's only awhile that we must be apart,  
So bless the memories with your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on;  
So if you need me, call, and I will come.

Though you cannot see or touch me, I'll be  
near.

And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you, soft and clear.

And then when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile, and welcome home!

This obituary was not published in a timelier manner, due to my failure to submit it to the *Faith and Victory*. I extend my sincerest apologies to Bro. Hall's friends and family for this oversight.

Christian love, —Ed Wilson

**Sha'Rica Shanae Lanelle Hervey**, "Beloved Angel," was born to James and Ora Linda Hervey of Calhoun City, MS at Grenada Lake Medical Center on November 3, 1993.

Sha'Rica was saved in "The Evening Light Church of God" in Coffeeville, MS and enjoyed attending services and Sunday School there faithfully. Sha'Rica attended Calhoun City Elementary School in Calhoun City, MS as an honor student and was very proud of the fact that she was promoted to the third grade this fall. Sha'Rica loved and enjoyed singing in Sunday School. On Saturday, July 20, the Lord called her to sing with the angels eternally.

Shar, as she was lovingly called by her many loved ones, leaves to cherish her memory: devoted parents; Jim & Ora Linda Hervey of Calhoun City, MS; four sisters; Tojuana Hatchett, Amanda Hatchett, Jameila Hervey and La'Shanda Hervey all of Calhoun City, MS; one brother; James Hervey II of Calhoun City, MS; grandparents; Tommy and Delma Hatchett of Calhoun City, MS who preceded her in death; grandmother, Francis Hervey of Calhoun City, MS who preceded her in death; ten aunts; Mary (Kenneth) Knighton of Dentontown, MS two very special aunts; Dorothy (Albert) Steen of Calhoun City, MS and Johnnie Campbell of Eupora, MS; Jessie Humphries, Diane Humphries, Brenda Davis, Ella Bostic, and Bobbie Humphries, all of Nashville, TN; Glenda (Billy Joe) Jones of Derma, MS; a god aunt, Veda (Roy) Brown of Water Valley, MS; eight uncles; Harvis Hatchett, Wilbert Hatchett, Charles Hatchett, Charles Walter and Robert Hatchett all of Calhoun City, MS; Jimmy Hatchett of Columbus, MS; Darryl Humphries and Willie Glenn Humphries of Nashville, TN; a very special godmother, Martha Cruthirds of Bruce, MS; special godparents; Allen and Francis Reed of Kenner, LA; godsisters; Sah'Ron and Shanae Reed both of Kenner, LA. She also leaves one very special cousin, Latisha Hatchett of NY; four nephews and one niece all of Calhoun City, MS; three very special friends; Markyta and Marquis Pomerlee of Coffeeville, MS and Yasmine Pulliam of Calhoun City, MS. She also leaves to cherish

her memory a host of relatives, saints of "The Evening Light Church of God," classmates and many friends.

Officiating ministers; Bro. John Clements, Bro. Keith Fuller, Bro. Leslie Brown and Bro. Chauncy Johnson.

We sincerely express our heartfelt thanks to those who have expressed their love in many different ways during our time of bereavement. Thank you for the many phone calls, cards, prayers, support and care that our family—the saints, have shown to us during this difficult time.

Sha'Rica was a very special child and is greatly missed. May the Lord richly bless and keep you for your kindness shown to us. Continue to keep us all in your prayers.

—Bro. Jim and Sis. Linda Hervey and family

**Gerard Aurelius Johnson** entered into this life on December 14, 1955. He was the fourth of eleven children born to Leo and Lucille Johnson. He departed this life after a short illness on Thursday, May 23, 2002. He was 46 years old.

Gerard was born in Anthony KS and lived there until his family moved to Okmulgee OK in 1959. He remained in the Okmulgee area throughout his lifetime. He graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1974. He went on to spend two years at Langston University before finding his calling in the construction industry. He was a talented and hard worker. He worked as a supervisor for Patent Construction Systems from 1991 until his death.

Gerard was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Packer in 1978. She preceded him in death.

Gerard had a zest for life; he loved life and everything about it. His vibrant sense of humor and his infectious personality would transform the atmosphere around him.

The most significant part of his life is the decision he made on January 23, 2002, his mother's 70th birthday. This is the day that he was "born again." He gave his heart to God and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. He lived the remainder of his days with a clear testimony of salvation.

He leaves to cherish his memory a dear and special friend: Johnnie Mae Hankins, Okmulgee, OK; eight children; Alexisa, Sherry, Derek, Tony, Josie, Gerard Jr., Jennifer and Cameron; six grandchildren; Tanacia, Deantral, Dewayne,

Dewaylon, Octavious and Kerston; his parents; Leo and Lucille Johnson, Muskogee, OK; his godmother; Bernice Reagan; five brothers; Roy and Cynthia Johnson, Jenks, OK; Myron Johnson, Los Angeles, CA; Dale and Shimika Johnson, Okmulgee, OK; Darrell and Kimberly Johnson, Dallas, TX; Chauncy and Crystal Johnson, Muskogee, OK; five sisters; Carol and Carlos Arriaga and Shirley Phillips, Muskogee, OK; Linda Montgomery, Okmulgee, OK; Beverly and Tracy Anderson and Donna and Norman Simpson, Dallas, TX; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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**Clara Bell Syas Martin** was born January 6, 1942, in Boynton, OK, to Harry Syas and Deborah Conley Syas. She passed from this life July 16, 2002.

Her early life was spent in the Morris, Pumpkin Center area of Oklahoma. Later the family moved to Tulsa, OK where Clara graduated from Booker T. Washington High School with the class of 1960.

Clara married Felton Martin in May of 1961. To their union three children were born. Clara was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She made every effort to show her love and care for her children and grandchildren.

Clara confessed a hope in Christ at an early age, then she was born again into the Church of God in her early thirties. She loved God and was an inspiration to her family and many others.

God called Clara home to rest Tuesday, July 16, 2002. She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers.

Clara leaves to cherish her memory: her husband; Felton Martin; her daughter; Charita Lynn Martin Barker; two sons; Kevin and Gerard Martin; her mother; Deborah Syas Conley, all of Tulsa, OK; five sisters, four brothers, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren (one on the way) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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**Avis Tinsley** was born January 5, 1912 in Climax, VA to Jack McDowell and Gillie (McCrickard) McDowell. She went to be with the Lord on May 8, 2002. She was united in marriage to Earl Isaac Tinsley, September 5, 1937. She and her husband came to Shawnee, OK to The Golden Rule Home in July of 1993. Her husband, Earl, passed away in the Nursing Home November 10, 1995.

She was a member of the Church of God. She lived in Pennsylvania for a number of years and also Green Bank, WV. She came to Oklahoma from Green Bank, WV.

She came from a loving family of ten brothers and sisters. She is preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister. She is survived by three sisters; Mozell Campbell, Bernice Handy, Inez Blalock, and one brother; Herman McDowell all of Danville, VA.

The funeral service was Friday, May 10, at the Church of God chapel in Shawnee with Bro. Vada McMillian officiating. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery.

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**Patricia Yvonne Wortham** was born November 11, 1954 in Indianapolis, IN, the fourth of ten children born to Webster Lee and Betty Jo Brisker. She passed from this life May 6, 2002.

She moved to Oklahoma City, OK with her parents in 1955 and they later moved to Tulsa, OK where she began her education. She had a passion for art and went to various art schools. Her art work traveled across the United States eventually coming back home to Philbrook Museum. She was also an excellent seamstress.

In 1974 she met and married Clyde Eugene Wortham and to this union nine children were born. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Professing her belief in Christ she gave her life to God and became a member of the Church of God. She was active in Vacation Bible School, art projects and she loved to sing special songs with her sisters. She served her community to the fullest as long as she could. On May 6, 2002 she was called home to be with her Lord, mother and grandparents.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: a loving husband; Clyde E. Wortham, Sr.; five sons; Clyde Jr. (Cindy), Ronnie (Tynisha), Webster, Robert and Nathan; four daughters; Dorothy (John), Christina, Betty Jo, and Karen; father; Webster Brisker (Mae); sisters; Jacquenett (David), LaVerta, Joycillia (James), Goldie (Lonnie), Linda, Dorothy, Gwenneva (Roy) and Idella (Charles); brother; Ronald (Delores); grandchildren; Ronnie Jr. and Ronneshia; brothers-in-law; James and Claude, all of Tulsa; one aunt; Lucious Humphrey; sister-in-law; Lenora Brown of San Francisco, CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and saints.

# How Do We Pray For Our Loved Ones

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down the strongholds the enemy has built to take them by force. Take away their pride, their false security, their unbelief, which are paved roads for satan to creep in. Help them to see that You have the equipment for them to stand against the powers of sin, and You are ready to give it to them. Oh, God, save my children from him that hates them. (I Peter 5:8.) I rebuke satan in every effort to depress, oppress and weaken them spiritually, mentally and emotionally. (Nahum 2:1.) Help them to 'keep munitions and watch the way,' for satan has come to dash them in pieces. Protect them from sin and evil that would harm their ability to reason with You. Keep the spirits of satan that are aimed at their souls in check.

"Help them to see You earnestly and sincerely, first and before all other pursuits. Help them to have a more intimate relationship with You. Help them to be mighty in spirit and able to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against God. Purge out the spirit of indifference and carelessness. Cause them to not even hear the lies of satan, neither the call to riches nor pleasure, but cause them to hear the joy and gladness that You give. Create in them a longing and a craving for that heavenly country.

"Don't let them flirt with the world as Samson did with the Philistines until they put his eyes out. Keep their spiritual eyes open that they may see and know right from wrong. Help them to know that they cannot hold to the world with one hand and hold to God with the other. Help them know they cannot handle and control sin.

"Dear Lord, help them not to neglect communion with You. Help them to always be prepared with Your wisdom and Your spirit as the five wise virgins were. May they value Your wisdom, use it and never exalt their own ideas against the knowledge of God. Give them a spirit of submission and obedience to You. Take out the unteachable, 'I'm okay,' attitude. Give them a desire to be on fire for You, eager to pursue the knowledge of God. I again beg You to give them a keen desire to have an intimate relationship with You. May they press the battle to the end and desire to be in the presence of Jesus in the mansion You have prepared for them. I pray this for myself also. Amen."

# "Saved from the Flames and Waves, and Shall be From Sins"

A Christian wife, whose husband was an officer on a Mississippi steamer (which was burned), as she prayed that her husband would be preserved and saved, not knowing of the disaster, was assured that his life would be spared, and that he would be saved. When, the day following, she received a telegram, stating that her husband had perished, she folded it and said: "It is not so. He is saved from the flames and waves, and shall be from his sins." A few days later he arrived at home and was soon converted. The faith of this Christian wife, after praying earnestly, was of the same nature as the faith of Luther, who, after praying nearly all night with some of his friends exclaimed: "Deliverance has come! Deliverance has come!"

—S. A. Keene

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# An Inescapable Truth

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The noonday train from Cork to Dublin pulled up at Buttevant and three of four officers from the garrison—for at that time an infantry battalion was always quartered there—seated themselves in a compartment in which there was only one passenger, Thomas Trench, an evangelist.

As soon as the train started, one of the officers was about to light a cigar, when Trench courteously pointed out to him the compartment was a non-smoker. The officer rudely replied that he didn't care whether it was or not, he intended to smoke; so he lighted his cigar.

After a moment or two, Trench, justly feeling that under the circumstances he was at liberty to introduce the matter, said very reverently: "The Lord Jesus Christ says, in Mark 16:16, that whoever does not believe upon Him will be damned. Do you believe upon Him?"

"What do you mean?" shouted the man angrily.

"The verse means that if you do not believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ you will be doomed to the second death." "Shut up, you fool!" said the officer. "My shutting up will not alter the fact. If you do not believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ you will be damned."

"I'll pitch you out of the window if you don't shut up!" shouted the soldier. "Pitching me out of the window will not alter the fact. If you do not believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ you will be damned."

The officer sprang up in a towering rage, but his companions held him back, saying, "Never mind the poor fellow. Don't you see he's off his head?"

"Whether I am a lunatic or not" said Trench, "cannot alter the fact. If you do not believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ you will be damned."

At this moment the train reached Charleville, the officers sprang to the door, jumped out, and looked for another car. Trench leaned out of the

door and called after them, "Leaving the car will not alter the fact. If you do not believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ you will be damned."

Two years after, when traveling to Holyhead by the Irish mail-boat, he went into a certain place for refreshment. A military looking man came over to him and said: "Did you, about two years ago, travel from Buttevant to Charleville, in the south of Ireland, with a man who threatened to throw you out of the window because you told him that if he did not believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ he would be damned?" "Yes, I am he." "Thank God for what you said! I am so glad to meet you! That night we were all at a ball at the Commander-in-Chief's, in Dublin, but do what I would, I could not get your words out of my head. I had to leave the ball and go to my hotel. But I could not sleep. The terrible words kept tolling in my brain like a great bell. I felt I did not know Him, that I was a stranger to Him, and consequently doomed to eternal death. I got no rest till I did believe upon Him; and now I am saved, and I know it; and I thank God for that day I met you in the Irish train."

Many human beings imagine that they can do away with the doctrine of future punishment, and so escape it, by adducing plausible arguments against it or by denying it altogether. But all the arguments, denial, and self-deception in the world will not do away with the Biblical teaching of man's responsibility. Let no one assert that the doctrine of future punishment is an invention of hardhearted priests who desire to terrify their parishioners. The most loving and tender Teacher the world has ever seen, the Lord Jesus Christ, spoke of that place where there is "wailing and gnashing of teeth" and where there is "everlasting fire."

The best way of settling the question will be to do as the officer mentioned in the story did—repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

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