

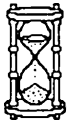
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### No Time for My Lord?



There's time for the mending and making;  
There's time for the cooking and baking;  
For the letter I write,  
Or the words I indite,  
But what time do I give to my Lord?

There's time for the book so compelling;  
There is time for the buying and selling;  
For the office or mart,  
For music or art,  
But where is the time for my Lord?

There's time for the digging and hoeing;  
There's time for the raking and mowing;  
For the sowing of seeds,  
And removing of weeds,  
But what time do I give to my Lord?

There is time for the news on the air,  
To which I must listen with care;  
For the claims of my health,  
Or the spending of wealth,  
But what time do I give to my Lord?

Lord, thou gavest thy time here below,  
Salvation and grace to bestow;  
Dost thou wait for my voice?  
Can I make thee rejoice,  
As I give of my time to thee, Lord?

O Master, forgive me, I pray;  
I'm sorry, repentant, today.  
From this hour make me wise,  
And teach me to prize  
The time that I spend with my Lord.

### I Am Nothing

If I have the language ever so perfectly and speak like a pundit [learned man], and have not the love that grips the heart, I am nothing. If I have decorations and diplomas and am proficient in up-to-date methods and have not the touch of understanding love, I am nothing.

If I am able to worst my opponents in argument so as to make fools of them, and have not the wooing note, I am nothing. If I have all faith and great ideals and magnificent plans and wonderful visions, and have not the love that sweats and bleeds and weeps and prays, I am nothing.

If I surrender all prospects, and leaving home and friends and comforts, give myself to the showy sacrifice of a missionary career, and turn sour and selfish amid the daily annoyances and personal slights of a missionary life, and though I give my body to be consumed in the heat and sweat of foreign countries, and have not the love that yields its rights, its coveted leisure, its pet plans, I am nothing, nothing. Virtue has ceased to go out of me.

If I can heal all manner of sickness and disease, but wound hearts and hurt feelings, for want of love that is kind, I am nothing. If I write books and publish articles that set the world agape and fail to transcribe the word of the cross in the language of love, I am nothing. Worse, I may be competent, busy, fussy, punctilious, and well-equipped, but like the church at Laodicea—nauseating to Christ.

—Selected

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"If a man would live well, let him fetch his last day to him, and make it always his company keeper."

—John Bunyan

## A Word to the Lost

by

A. J. Schmidt

You are either saved or lost; you will either spend eternity in hell or in heaven; you can make your choice. If you are not saved, it means that you are on the broad road to eternal torment, where your never-dying soul will live in the blackness of eternal night forever. God says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). After the light of life has gone out of your eyes, after you have gasped for your last breath, and your immortal spirit has taken its flight, remember, your soul will still live on. After the hearse has backed up to your door, and hauled you out to the cemetery, after your friends and loved ones have taken their final look at your cold and lifeless form, your soul will be staggering through the Devil's dark domain, where no ray of light will ever meet your ghastly gaze, no bird will ever sing there to cheer your weary spirit. Listen, after this life the judgment, all the precious blood-bought opportunities past, probation ended, hope gone, deprived of all the blessings that God had in store for you; destitute and forsaken you will stand at the gate of heaven, and uselessly implore; there will be no answer, no response to your pitiful cries. Your body will sink in a Christless grave, where it will remain until the general resurrection and judgment morning, when the trumpet shall sound, the dead shall be raised, and you will be ushered into the presence of the God whom you have rejected, whose love you have spurned. Face to face with Jesus you will stand, dumbfounded and speechless, with the teeming millions who will be marshaled before Him, and who have trodden underfoot His precious blood; you will have to take your stand to the left, where you will hear these words: "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels." Oh! poor deluded sinner, there and then you will wake up to the fact that, after all, God's unchangeable Word is true, and that there is a place called hell.

And once locked up behind its walls, you may weep and scream, but to no avail; you may cry to God, but alas, too late, too late. Your doom is sealed forever. Confined in outer darkness, it will dawn upon you that you are hopelessly lost. Dear heart, are you drifting away from God today? Are you wandering in the paths of sin? I beg you, come to the Christ who died for you, while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; and do it now, while the Holy Spirit is pleading with you, because putting it off may mean, **lost forever**.

—Taken from *The Gospel Trumpet*, 1914

## What Would you Give in Exchange for Your Soul?

by

Pearlene Gerald

The above title has a very serious thought. What would you give in exchange for your soul? Dear ones, our souls will live on and never die, even when our bodies die and go back to dust. The spirit will go back to God who gave it. This time world is only a dressing room in which to prepare to meet God and live with Him eternally, or to live with the Devil and his angels in the lake of fire. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13-14. Jesus tells us in John 3:3-8, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." John 4:14 says, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." So we see that even in this life, we have such blessings as joy and peace that no matter what the world has to offer, it is not worth anything compared to this life, much less eternal life in heaven. The Devil does have some things to offer to please the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:19-21 tells us that the works of the flesh are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. However, the Bible teaches us that we can not love God and the world too. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6:24.

Dear ones, I have written this with a heart full of love for all the lost. I do believe Christ is soon coming, and I want you to hear His voice today and obey Him.

## "They Shall All Know Me"

by  
Fern Stubblefield

In Jeremiah 31:33 we have recorded a covenant promise which has been fulfilled through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. It is also given in Hebrews 8:10-12. Verses 11 and 12 read, "And they shall teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." What a precious privilege to know the Father, the eternal God of heaven and earth; knowing Him and having a personal contact with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In John 14:1-2 Jesus encouraged the disciples to believe in Him as they believed in God, and that He was going to prepare a place for them. He knew what lay ahead for them and that they would be doubtful for a season. In verse 28 He said, "If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I." The Father's purpose was to bring us into that personal union with Himself through the sacrifice of His Son. Jesus had shown them the Father through His words and life, for the Spirit of God was ruling in Jesus' life, showing us His love, concern, compassion, power, mercy, forgiveness, etc. Now He was pointing them and all of us to the Father.

In John 14:12, Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; *because I go unto my Father*." Then He gave them a double promise in verses 13-14. Again in John 16:23-24, Jesus said, "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name. . . ." He had been right with them and they could ask Him directly, but soon He was going back to the Father and they must ask the Father in His name.

After Jesus had risen from the dead, He appeared to Mary Magdalene at the sepulchre. Jesus forbade her to touch Him at this time, giving for a reason, "I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go unto my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God and your God." He was wanting to unite them with His Father in a personal relationship.

Before they beheld Jesus ascending to the Father, He gave them the instructions that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father. (Acts 1:4). They obeyed,

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:1, 4). Their hearts were purified by faith (Acts 15:9), and they were filled with the Spirit of God. God began working in and through them His own will. (Phil. 2:13). Through the infilling of the Spirit, the new covenant was being fulfilled. God was putting His laws into their hearts and minds. Their sins were all forgiven, their hearts purged from the sin nature, and they had that personal contact with the Father. It was being fulfilled that, "All shall know me, from the least to the greatest. They had been brought unto Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, *and to God the judge of all*." (Heb. 12:22-24).

Let us yield ourselves completely to God, and keep ourselves fully surrendered to His will continually.



## Set Your Affection On Things Above

by  
Leslie Busbee

"If ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, . . ." "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." (Col. 2:20; 3:1-4). Although we have to deal more or less with the world and its people and commodities, let us keep our main interests and joys and affections on those eternal treasures that are laid up in heaven for all who are faithful to Christ. There are things in this world that we can use and even enjoy. We can enjoy our homes, and the things that we use in our everyday life with our families and associates. But let us always remember that these things, though we enjoy and appreciate them for what they are worth to us in a material sense, are but temporary and transitory, soon to perish and fade away. But the things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God, are eternal and worthy of our deepest affections and hopes.

What are some of the things which are above? Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, is the greatest treasure of all. Heaven would be all in all if He was the only one there. To spend eternity in His presence would be worth all that we would ever suffer down here. But that is not all that awaits us  
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## Editorials

Who is thankful for you? Perhaps that is a rather abrupt way to begin this editorial, and if taken personally, a rather disturbing, and hopefully, a thought-provoking question. In Romans 16:3-4, the apostle Paul writes, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles." Exactly how Priscilla and Aquila had risked their lives for Paul and the churches of the Gentiles is not clear, but it is evident that Paul had not forgotten it. But his being thankful had required a sacrifice on their part. Any relationship of worth is going to cost time, effort, stress, and self-sacrifice on your part. In some way, and in various degrees, you will have to be willing to risk your reputation if anyone is truly thankful for you.

In Philippians 1:3 the apostle Paul wrote, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." The Phillipian saints must have been a very special people to Paul. They also must have been in a unique category if every time Paul thought of them he thanked God for them.

There are many things that must be done in order to get into that elite group of being appreciated, but one thing to consider is that we should always have a disposition of being helpful without being obtrusive, meddlesome, or patronizing. Perhaps you can think of someone in your life who not only wanted to help you, but wanted to know everything about you, and before you could bring things to a halt you were feeling owned. If you have experienced it, as I am sure most everyone has, then you should have a conviction of not being that way to others.

Healthy relationships are built on love. That is how God won a place in our hearts, by loving us so much that He gave His only begotten Son. But love is not of much significance unless it is free of self. God did not give Christ to a cruel cross just because of what He could gain from us, but because He had such pity for the plight we were in that He felt a kinship. In other words, He was able to put Himself in our shoes. People are thankful for love that is not tainted with personal ambition.

A sympathetic person is an appreciated person. There are many heart-aches in the world, and if you want to be a sympathetic person there are many opportunities for you to spend time in lending an ear and a heart. Being "there" for someone in time of distress is an excellent way to be remembered. But keep something in mind, don't be gushy. If you overdo sympathy the person may wonder just how sincere you really are.

I am sure there are other things that you could add to this list, but let me end by saying that everyone needs to learn where the fine line between counsel and advice is, and it will change with every situation. No one likes to feel smothered with advice, but we all like the fresh air of freedom of thought. Every decent human being will soak up loving counsel, but don't be surprised if you feel a repulsion when doling out advice.

Maybe it would be good to stop and consider the question again, "Who is thankful for you?" Perhaps you can see ways to change your mode of dealing with others, especially those close to you. It still isn't too late to be remembered with thankfulness.

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In the early morning hours of April 10, the men's dormitory on the Oklahoma State Camp grounds, here in Guthrie, burned to the ground. Due to the poor condition of the structure, it cannot be considered much of a loss, but it will cause some inconvenience. Some of you may remember the building as being the original Guthrie chapel, built in 1905. It is pictured on page 88 of the book, *God's Gracious Dealings*.

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On March 24, Bro. Carl Shaffer resigned as pastor of the Guthrie congregation. On April 7, Bro. Charles Elwell, who has pastored the Gladstone, OR congregation for the last 21 years, expressed a burden to serve at Guthrie in the capacity of pastor. He was well received and we feel he and his wife, Sis. Coquetta, will be of great benefit to everyone here. They plan to move in time to be here for the Oklahoma State Camp Meeting.

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OK—"Pray for me. I have low back pain."

—Mary Warren

MO—Sis. Alice Rhoades has requested prayer for some problems she is experiencing.

OK—Sis. Loraine Payne is still suffering a serious illness.

KS—"I would like to have all the saints pray for me and my family. Pray for my soul to be saved."

—Name withheld

CA—"Please remember my two sons and me in prayer, for the healing of our bodies."

—Helen Carson

TX—"Will you please ask some people to pray for me. . . I have lung problems also."—Elsie Doak

WV—"My husband and I still need your prayers for our bodies."

—Sis. Avis Tinsley

KS—Sister Pauline Patterson needs prayer for a physical ailment.

MT—"I am wishing for prayer for healing."

—Martha Elhard

God blesses still the generous thought  
And still the fitting word He speeds,  
And truth, at His requiring taught,  
He quickens into deeds.

—John Whittier

## 1991 Camp Meeting Dates

Myrtle, MO—May 8-12  
 Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK—May 24-  
 June 2  
 Tulsa, OK—June 7-16  
 Green Bank, WV—June 14-23  
 Jefferson, OR—June 14-23  
 Oakland, CA—June 17-23  
 Loranger, LA—June 28-July 7  
 Fresno, CA—July 5-14  
 National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO—July  
 19-28  
 Bakersfield, CA—Aug. 2-11  
 Ensenada, Mexico—Aug. 4-11  
 Durham, NC—Aug. 11-18  
 Duncannon, PA—Aug. 11-18  
 Boley, OK—Aug. 18-25  
 California State at Pacoima, CA—Aug. 23-  
 Sept. 1

## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### MISSOURI STATE CAMP MEETING

The Missouri State Camp Meeting held at Myrtle, MO, will begin, Lord willing, on Wednesday, May 8, and continue through Sunday, May 12, 1991.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. We are praying and expecting the Lord to give us a special visitation this year, and to send ministers of His choosing to labor in this meeting. We trust all who can will come and share the blessings of the Lord with us. We are praying for the Lord to make this a time of special refreshing for the saints, as well as a time when sinners will see their need and be born into Zion. Please join us in prayer for the meeting's success.

Please come prepared for possible cool weather. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

For further information, contact Bro. Paul Sorrell, Rt. 1, Box 1195-B, Thayer, MO 65791, phone (417) 264-7060. —Bro. Harlan Sorrell

### OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

The annual Oklahoma State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held at the Church of God campgrounds, 624 W. Warner, Guthrie, Oklahoma, beginning, Lord willing, May 24 and continue through June 2.

An invitation is herewith extended for you to attend this 57th annual camp meeting. Your presence and interest in the meeting would be greatly appreciated. Provisions will be made for everyone attending. Due to the recent loss of the

men's dorm by fire, it would be helpful for the brethren coming to bring their own bed linens.

The meeting will be operated by freewill offerings, and if you would like to make a contribution, you may do so by sending it directly to the state treasurer, Sis. Brenda Wilkins, Rt. 6, Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044.

### NORTHPORT, AL MEETING

The saints here in Tuscaloosa, AL wish to announce a meeting to be held at the Church of God in Northport, AL from June 2-9. We are praying the Lord will send ministers, or helpers, of His choice, and that souls will be saved and the saints will be edified. There are motels in walking distance, and some home accommodations will be provided. Meals will be served at the dining hall. For further information you may contact Bro. Henry Effinger, (205) 345-7854, or Sis. Jessie Shelton, (205) 339-3026. We would love to have as many of you attend whom the Lord leads to come. But if you can't come, we surely desire your prayers.

Yours in Christ —Sis. Bernice Petty

### TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, our camp meeting in Tulsa will be June 7-16.

You are invited to attend these services. On weekdays the services will be at 6:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sundays there will be an additional service at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will close on the last Sunday with the 2:30 service.

For further information contact Bro. Charles Lowe, phone, (918) 584-6838. The church phone is (918) 584-8438. —Sister Eva Hardman

### JEFFERSON, OR CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR will be held from Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 23. The first service will be Friday night at 7:30. We extend a hearty invitation to all to attend. There are ample accommodations for everyone, including R. V. hookups on the grounds.

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

Anyone coming by public transportation, please contact us and we will meet you at the proper terminal. Those needing further assistance, please call Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

**GREEN BANK, WV CAMP MEETING**

The camp meeting at Green Bank, WV will be held June 14-23. There will be two services daily. The first service will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and urged to come.

Green Bank is located 57 miles north of White Sulphur Springs, WV; and 50 miles south of Elkins, WV, on Route 92.

Meals will be served and all who come will be cared for. Bring a coat as the nights are cool. The past year has been a trying year for the Green Bank congregation, but by God's grace we have stood the test. Now we are looking for some special outpourings of God's blessings. Hope you can be here.

For more information contact, Bro. Mart Samons, P. O. Box 127, Green Bank WV 24944, phone (304) 456-4469, or Bro. Toney Samons, phone (304) 456-4679.

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**CAMP MEETING AT LORANGER, LA**  
**June 28-July 7**

You are invited to pray for and attend this camp meeting! It is not yet too late to labor together for the Kingdom of God.

Watch for a complete announcement in next month's issue.

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**TENT REVIVAL**  
**July 28 through Aug. 4, 1991**

This is a major outreach to the Water Valley and Coffeenville, MS community. We invite the prayers and support of the saints in this evangelistic effort. Bro. Keith Fuller and Bro. Herschell Hargrave will be the evangelists. You are welcome to come. All will be cared for who do. Pray for an effectual meeting. There will be services nightly at 7:30 p.m. with day services to be announced later. This meeting will be operated on a freewill basis. Inquiries pertaining to this meeting can be directed to: Bro. Louis Kimble, (504) 467-9039, or Bro. Allen Reed, (601) 473-4634.

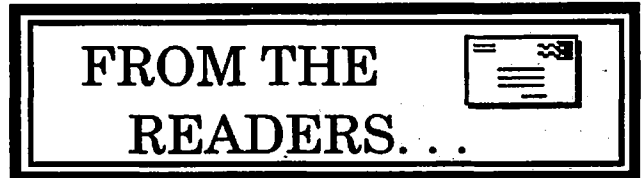
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**CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING**

The California State Camp Meeting at Pacoima, CA, will be held, Lord willing, Aug. 23 through Sept. 1. The chapel location is 12312 Osborne Place. The chapel phone is (818) 899-9021.

Accommodations will be provided to all who attend. The expenses of the meeting will be met by freewill offerings. We are confident that all who come expecting a blessing, and are in humble readiness for it, will not be disappointed. We urge

every saint of God to make a special effort to support the meeting in attendance, and particularly with prayer.

For further information you may contact Bro. Robert Sherman, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA 91331, phone, (818) 896-7593, or the Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022, or Bro. James Pierro, 11316 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331, phone (818) 896-5331.  
 —James Pierro



CA—Brother Wayne: I will try and write a few lines this evening. I hope this finds everyone there well and encouraged.

The Lord has been so good to me. Sometimes when things look so dark, and there seems nowhere to turn, the dear Lord always comes and makes everything right. We really can never thank and praise Him enough. . . .

I want to thank everyone for their prayers for myself and my family. I am still asking you to remember us in your prayers as I have many burdens and special requests. . . .

Christian love, —Sister Doris Pihaylic

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Doris had a bad fall a week ago last Thursday, but the Lord was good to her and no bones were broken. She received some bruises and is having quite a bit of pain even yet. Please pray for the Lord to completely heal her. He has helped us in afflictions many times in the past, and we are sure that He will this time also.

We trust that all there are well. We pray constantly for you all, and for the work you are doing.

Christian love, —Bill and Doris Busch

LA—Bro. Wayne: . . . Max is doing some better at present, but is still in bed most of the time. We are so thankful he is not suffering much pain. God is so good and gracious to us all. How we love Him.

We do enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. We enjoy the Sunday school quarterly also. May the Lord bless all those who have a part in His work there.  
 —Sis. Lula and Bro. Max Williamson

WA—Dear friends at the Print Shop: Greetings to you in our Lord's name. We surely thank and praise the Lord for His mission here on earth. I am



glad He made a way for our salvation, and am thankful He saw fit to save unworthy me.

I trust all are well there, and happy in the Lord. We remember the work in prayer daily, and surely appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper. Keep it going out until Jesus comes. Remember us in your prayers as we do you.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas

OK—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. We are grateful today for all the love and mercy He has shown us.

We magnify His name in relating the following incident. On Nov. 30, 1990, I was at a wedding rehearsal in Rolla, MO. It was dark in the church and I walked through an open doorway, thinking it went to another room, but I plunged straight forward down the basement stairs! At the eighth step landing I made a right angle turn, proceeding down six more steps, landing on a concrete floor. I thank God for cushioning my fall. There were no bruises anywhere on my body above the knee. However, my foot was seriously injured. By God's help I was able to perform the wedding ceremony the following day.

I was on crutches for three weeks. During this time the Lord helped me twice in traveling 700 miles to conduct funeral services. My body was in such a condition that I leaned heavily on the Lord to give me strength.

While I was at the Guthrie, OK Assembly Meeting (Dec. 1990), a very bad looking sore developed on my body. I have no way of knowing if this was connected with the fall, but when the sore would become worse, the foot that was injured in the fall would swell and hurt. My strength seemed to leave me during the worst part of this affliction, and after any exertion I would have to rest. The way looked dark many times. I asked the saints to pray for me, and was anointed according to God's Word. I want to testify that God has answered prayer for me and I am definitely on the mend.

We can never praise the Lord enough for His great healing power and I want to encourage each of you to put your trust in the great God of heaven.

Christian love and fellowship,

—Bro. Gordon Humphrey

CA—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. By the tender love and mercy of God, I can gladly say, I am saved and sanctified today. It is by the kindness and loving care of God that I am yet in the land of the living.

My Lord supplies all my needs and heals me when I am sick. I have gladly surrendered all to God, and everything that concerns me, spiritually

and temporally by fully surrendering my all. I have nothing to strive for but to be more like Jesus. . .

Your sister in Christ, —Geneva K. Norling

NC—Dear Bro. Murphey and co-workers: Greetings to you from North Carolina. We thank our loving Saviour for His saving grace. The little flock here is still pressing on. There are only seven of us, but we are looking to the Lord for all our needs. It would surely be encouraging for some of the ministers to come by once in a while. We would like to put that as a request in the paper; that the saints would pray the Lord to burden the hearts of some to come this way. We don't have a chapel, but our homes are always open. We sure did appreciate Sis. Mary Lawson, Sis. Ruth Brown, and Sis. Nellie Celestine visiting us last year. It was a blessing to our souls.

May the Lord bless you dear ones in our prayer.

—Sis. Genevieve Lottahall

P. O. Box 852

Burnsville, NC 28714

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers: Greetings in Jesus' name. We are thankful for salvation and God's many blessings. He has truly been good to us.

During this past year God permitted us to go through a number of trials and disappointments. Many times we would kneel in prayer and ask God to lift our burden. Now, we can see God had His own time and plan which is *always* on time. Thank the Lord.

We know there will be more mountains to climb, but thank the Lord, God will be there for us just as He has in the past.

Our desire is to be faithful until the end. Pray for us.

Christian love,

—Bro. and Sis. Robert Johnson, Jr.

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the blessed name of our dear Lord! I pray all is going well in the Lord's work and with His dear saints which work for Him.

I want to praise and thank God for healing my arm. It is so much better. I am going to need it as I have a lot of mowing to do on my big lawn, and I have much work to keep things going. I am 65 years old, so I am not so young, but I don't feel old.

When I look back on how God helped me take care of my sick parents, I realize I couldn't have done it if He hadn't given me the strength. Oh, how great is our loving God, and all the dear ones who stood by me. I thank all of you for your prayers.

—Sis. Olive Gettersson

# FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



## From India . . .

Mar. 18—Greetings once again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our hope of glory. What a wonderful privilege it is to be a member of the holy family of God, and a co-worker with Christ. I have no doubt that we are at the extreme end of time. He is at the door.

In my last letter I wrote you about our planning to conduct a special meeting and baptism service at Kothormarrgalam. We did it by the grace of the Lord, and it was a great success in many ways. A good number of brothers and sisters arrived from the northern area to attend that service and to encourage the new-comers to the Lord. Bro. John Varghese also attended from the South. During the Sunday service a group of local religious people gathered together to disturb our meetings. Most of them were fully under the effects of liquor. We don't have a building there, so we made a temporary pandal near the roadside. Because it was in an open place they could disturb us more. However, we started our Sunday service by singing and praising the Lord. At the same time the enemy was making themselves a nuisance and using foul words against us. We expected some kind of attack from them, but the mighty hands of God protected us.

During the preaching time we heard a fearful cry and weeping of a lady and some children. It was very close to us. When we looked we saw a lady being cruelly beaten by a man, and dragged on the ground to his home. She had been interested in hearing God's message and the singing of His saints. That was the only reason she was cruelly beaten by her husband.

After the service, we all went to a riverside which is far away from this place for the baptism service. God protected us there also.

Yesterday I visited the place again and saw the lady who had been beaten, and exhorted her to stand faithfully with the Lord. She is still happy to hear His gospel and follow Christ, but her husband is deadly against her.

By the grace of the Lord we are marching forward to the destination. Still we have to cover a vast area. Let us all join together to do this command of the Lord faithfully. We need your prayers. May God bless all your efforts in the Lord.

Yours in His service, —P. D. Mathunni

Mar. 29—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints abroad: Greetings to you all again in the marvelous name of Jesus Christ.

The local conventions are still going on here. The convention at Kalayapuram starts today and the one at Vilayanthur will be held during the second week of April. The church activities are progressing. May God bless the camp meetings in America this year.

God heard our prayers and the war ceased, but the wounds to cure will take many years.

We get special grace and strength daily to endure the hardships. We appreciate your prayers and support for the outreaches of the gospel in India.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

**Editor's Note:** Due to the civil war in Liberia we have not been able to have any contact with Bro. Josiah Pah. However, we recently received the following message from Bro. Pah via the American Red Cross' missing persons service.

Jan. 21—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of Christ, our dear King! We have just returned home from our place of refuge, while away for three months during the Liberian civil war. All our household materials were taken by unknown persons, but we are all doing fine, and our little daughter, Joetta Pah, is also coming on very fine.

We have started our church services and the worship meetings are all great, as the good Lord is blessing. They are well attended.

Bro. Wayne, we are going through tough times here. What we need from you and the U.S.A. saints is prayer.

I am very much thirsty for the *Faith and Victory* paper. . . .

## HONDURAS TRIP PLANNED

Greetings to all the saints, home and abroad, in the precious name of Jesus. There is no other name given whereby man can be saved. We are thankful to report victory in Jesus today and every day. He said "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," so if we stay with God, He will surely keep His end of the agreement. In the last issue it was reported that several of the brethren were praying about the Honduras mission, and going there for two weeks. It is hard on some to leave their jobs for this long to go, and as most of us know, Honduras is a poor country and everyone has to take care of their own fares, as well as other expenses. In times past the Lord has blessed the saints of God to come to the rescue of the brethren. We have been

invited to hold services in several parts of the Island and it will take time to complete this task, and we are asking that if anyone feels led of the Lord to help in this effort for souls, please contact Bro. Louis Kimble, P. O. Box 73835 Metairie, LA 70033. We will be leaving, Lord willing, sometime about the middle of September 1991. Please keep us in your prayers.

—Bro. Louis Kimble and company  
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**MEXICO REPORT**

Easter weekend was a special blessing. Bro. Pablino, Sis. Edith (Cole) and two of their girls spent Friday night with us and we traveled to Ensenada together the next day. It is the first time they have come to visit us. James drove their van and visited with Bro. Pablino, and Sis. Edith rode with me and we chatted all the way.

The Lord richly blessed in service Saturday evening, and both services Sunday. One man and several women came to the altar for prayer. Each time we go, new people are in the congregation. Pray for these, that the gospel will be received and bring forth fruit for eternal life. When we were there two weeks ago, I prayed with four children for salvation. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16).

This past weekend several more children prayed to be saved. Some of their parents do not come to church. One boy came to Sunday school yesterday, when his mother wanted to take him to a "fiesta." In the afternoon, I visited in one of the little girl's home; her mother, brother, 12, and sister, 11, prayed for salvation while I was there. Praise God for His blessings.

We got home about 12:30. We were tired, and sad that we can't be nearer these new converts to keep them encouraged. Please pray for them.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey



**Conscience**

A great painter had a very supple hand of which he took great care. He would massage it every day so that it might be kept nimble that he might use the brush dexteriously. How much more careful we should be of our conscience. A little sin dulls the conscience and these continued in will cause man to lose his consciousness of what is right, and be found doing things he once could not do without his conscience reproving.

Do not trample on your conscience. Keep it regulated by the Holy Spirit and God's Word.

—Selected

*Question and Answer*  
 by  
*Ostis B. Wilson*

**Question:** I would like for you to explain Isaiah 4:1, "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man. . . ."

**Answer:** The full text of Isalah 4: 1 reads thus: "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." I will first refer to Adam Clarke on this text. He says that this verse belongs with the last two verses of Chapter 3 which read, "Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war. And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground." He says that this is describing a great destruction and desolation in Jerusalem (her and she) and Judea with the number of slain in battle being so great that seven women shall be left to one man. He quotes from Kimchi who says that this took place in the days of Ahaz, when Pekah the son of Remaliah slew one hundred and twenty thousand men of Judea in one day. (II Chron. 28:6). Jeremiah describes such a situation in Jeremiah 15:8, "Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: . . ." Adam Clarke's application of this text is totally literal.

However, there are many texts connected with the history of Israel which have a two-fold meaning applying first to Israel after the flesh and then finding a spiritual fulfillment in Israel after the Spirit (spiritual Israel, or New Testament saints; the Church). I feel that this is one of those prophetic texts which applies to both literal and spiritual Israel, and that we have a condition equivalent to this right before our eyes today in modern Christendom(?).

First, let us consider that we are looking at a very desperate situation here when the male population is so depleted by war that there are seven women to every man. But even so, it indicates a great depth of moral degeneracy when women are willing to share the rights of marriage with several other women in order to have a man whose name they bear and refer to as their husband. They were willing to eat their own bread and wear their own apparel (work and support themselves) if they could just be called by a man's name as their husband. This is surely a low degree of moral degeneracy. Also, the women were willing to take the initiative and do the soliciting and courting in

this case which was totally taboo in their society. This is a really desperate situation.

In the New Testament, the Church of God is referred to as a woman, and not only a woman but a bride, "the bride, the Lamb's wife" (Rev. 21:9). Revelation 21:10 refers to her as "that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." This is that spiritual Jerusalem from above which Paul refers to in Galatians 4:26 as "the mother of us all." This holy Jerusalem is a woman, also a wife, also a mother with children—many of them. Read the following texts which confirm this: II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22-33; Rev. 19:7-8; Rev. 21:2, 9-10, also these texts speaking prophetically of the Church: Isa. 61:10-11; 54:5-10; 66:7-14. All of these texts refer to Christ and His love and blessings for the Church, His Bride.

But there are many human institutions in the world today called churches and they are depicted in the Scriptures as women also. In Revelation 17 we have a description of a woman which is called in verse 1, "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters." In verses 3 and 4 she is called "a woman" and "the woman," and a description of her vileness is given. The description is given of her as riding upon a scarlet-colored beast having seven heads and ten horns (verse 3 and 7), and in verse 9 the seven heads are identified with seven mountains on which the woman sitteth; this all sums up to a description identifying the city of Rome. It was situated upon seven hills and it had seven kings or seven different forms of government as described in verse 10. Verse 12 identifies the ten horns as ten kings which had not yet received a kingdom, but these did receive kingdoms in the decline and fall of the Roman Empire when it broke up into ten minor kingdoms. The waters upon which the woman sat is described in verse 15 as "peoples, multitudes, and nations, and tongues." With all this description before us we have this woman clearly identified as the Roman Catholic church. But that is not all, she was a mother of daughters who were harlots, too. (Verse 5). These daughters represent the multiplicity of Protestant denominations which have come out of but have their roots in the Mother Church of Rome.

It is a case of "like mother, like daughter." They are all (mother and daughters) human institutions governed by men through boards, synods, conferences, presbyters, etc., and all sailing under the banners of their own creeds, disciplines, and the like. There is not a single one of them which takes the whole Word of God for its creed, because to do so would entirely destroy and obliterate its God-dishonoring sect. The Word of God lays a strong indictment against the entire sectarian, denominational system.

Wait a minute now. You say, "What does all of this have to do with Isaiah 4:1 and how does it apply?" The answer to that question is easy and clear. All these women from the mother (Roman Catholicism) on down through the daughters (Protestant denominations) are nominally Christian and take hold on Christ and want to be called by His name to take away the reproach of their spiritual fornication. They eat their own bread—their own doctrines of men which they mill out in their theological seminaries and their own beliefs whether scriptural or not. One of our brethren asked a member of one denomination if they practiced feet-washing in that church. The answer was, "no." Then the brother asked why. The answer was, "Because it is not in our discipline." The brother read him the description and command for this ordinance from the Scriptures. He still insisted it as not in their manual so they did not practice it. Then the brother asked if they would practice the ordinance if it were in their manual. He agreed that they would in such a case. This is a simple, isolated illustration of this point, but shows clearly how they "eat their own bread." This is true in many other points and doctrines which I do not have space here to go into. They also wear their own apparel—self-righteousness, salvation through their own good works, church membership, and benevolent and charitable deeds, etc.

In the first 12 verses of Revelation 11, we have a clear picture of God's two witnesses in the earth and their activities, their death, and their resurrection. These two witnesses are God's Word and God's Spirit. They are the two vicars of the Son of God in His Church on earth. For 1260 years they are featured as having a limited prophecy in sackcloth. This was during the reign of the Mother (Catholicism), and it was true that the Word and Spirit had a limited operation during this time but, there were many, many saints who did not identify with the human system of Catholicism but remained separate unto God and worshiped Him in Spirit and in Truth. They paid with their lives, but were true and faithful to the Word and Spirit anyway.

In verse 7 the Mother's daughters (Protestant denominations) came on the scene and took the prominent place in the religious world, and through them the two witnesses (Word and Spirit) were slain and put clear out of operation. This was true because under denominationalism in those early days there were great religious awakenings and "earth shaking" revivals and the true people of God who had been standing separate and clear during the reign of the Mother were now drawn into this system because they saw the spiritual manifesta-

tions of it. But these were all human institutions, too, operating under their own programs and man-made doctrines instead of giving God's Word and Spirit free course among them. Consequently, during that time when there was no separate body of people who worshiped God in Spirit and in Truth only, the two witnesses are represented as being killed.

Note in verses 8 and 9, they let their dead bodies lie in the street and would not permit them to be buried in graves. Say to any of these people who exalt their disciplines above the plain Word of God, "Well, we don't go by the Bible anyway so let us just throw it away and go on with our disciplines," they will immediately remonstrate against that and class you as a reprobate for suggesting such a thing even though it does not mean all that much to them. In other words, they are saying, "We will eat our own bread and go by our own rules and creeds, but let us hold onto our Bibles to give a degree of credibility to what we are doing."

Then we see in verse 10 how the people made merry and sent gifts one to another while the two witnesses were dead. They could do this and feel comfortable and find pleasure in it because the Word was not condemning them and the Spirit could not convict them ("torment them") because He only works in conjunction with the Word. There is a great deal of having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof in these days. And this is manifest in people who are nominally Christian (holding onto Christ and naming His name to take away their reproach), but are going on "eating their own bread," "wearing their own apparel," and doing their own thing in their own way nonetheless.

**(If you have a question that you would like answered in this column, we would be glad to receive it. You may send it to this office, or directly to Bro. Ostis Wilson at: Rt. 6, Box 10, Shawnee, OK 74801.)**



**Benjamin Elijah Goldsberry** was born to Frank and Pearl Humble Goldsberry near Welch, OK, Craig County, April 1, 1914, the first-born son of three children. He passed from time to eternity Tuesday, April 2, 1991, at the age of 77 years and 1 day, at his home in West Monroe, LA.

Bro. Ben was married to Sybil Horton on April 19, 1937. To this union six children were born: two sons, Roger Goldsberry of Atlanta, GA, and Michael Goldsberry of Jackson, MS; four daughters, Sharon Savoie of Slidell, LA, Judy Goldsberry of Metairie, LA, Conchita Hollingsworth of West Monroe, LA, and Kristi Goldsberry of Gretna, LA. One brother, Charles Goldsberry of Dallas, TX, one sister, Erma Goldsberry of Dallas, TX, and eight grandchildren also survive.

Bro. Ben farmed, preached Christ's gospel, and was a foreman for 17 years at the West Feed Mill in West Monroe.

Funeral services were held in West Monroe with Sis. Genevieve C. Carver and Bro. Thomas Vada McMillian officiating. Jonathan and Cindy Carver and Arnett and Genevieve Carver sang, "The God on the Mountain," and selections from *Evening Light Songs*.

Interment was in the Hasley Cemetery.



## Set Your Affection on Things Above

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in the glory-world that we can set our hearts upon. There are the departed saints and loved ones who have gone on before us. Oh, how sweet to see them again! Fanny Crosby wrote, "Oh, the dear ones in glory! How they beckon me to come, as their parting at the river I recall! To the sweet vales of Eden they will sing my welcome home, but I want to see my Saviour first of all!" Jesus and all His beloved saints are enough to make heaven worth our deepest longing and desire. Whatever else will be there is withdrawn from our view and understanding now, but we know that whatever it will be, it will be good and enjoyable for all who are accounted worthy to inhabit that blessed world to come. Let us take heed and not allow the things of this world to occupy our hearts. Let us be prayerful and attentive to the service of God and keep alive that blessed hope that Christ has given to us in His grace and salvation.



Man has capacity to worship God, and except he worship Him he is not exercised to his capacity. For worship to be acceptable to God it must be the tribute of willing and sincere love. The worship of a pure and loving heart is most acceptable unto God. It also sends back into that heart the likeness of Him who is worshipped. The soul's sincere worship of God opens a channel for the peace and joy of God to flow in. —Selected

## Rejoice Evermore

by  
Carol Cole

The natural man feels he can only rejoice while the sun is shining in his life. Yet, God knows that our hearts would become dried out and hard with continual sun and no rain. God in His infinite wisdom, sends rain and sometimes permits severe storms in our life to keep our hearts soft and pliable in His hands.

Let your mind call to remembrance some past problem that caused you to mightily call upon God. Can you not remember God's loving, almighty hand, leading you so unerringly to the final solution? Remember the times God reminded you to hold fast to His hand, and look to Him rather than the circumstances? No doubt God also reminded you to let your requests be made known "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving." (Phil. 4:6).

God's great Father-heart yearns toward His trusting children. When He sees them seeking for His perfect will to be wrought in their lives with their hearts full of trust and faith and thanksgiving, God's great heart is moved to work "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us." (Eph. 3:20.)

Dear ones, I challenge you to give thanks to God and rejoice and "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." (Eph. 6:10). When we call to remembrance God's past blessings, we have no doubt of God's great love and almighty power manifested to us. Our hearts should swell within us with rejoicing and love and thanksgiving.

God is also pleased when we learn to "count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations." (James 1:2). God wants us to learn to be joyful even in the midst of trial. The apostle Paul learned to be content in whatever state he was in. Not only did he learn contentment, but he learned to rejoice. "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice." (Phil. 4:4). Rejoicing in the Lord will bring peace. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.

In the fifth chapter of I Thessalonians, we are told, "the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. . . . Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober." Further in that chapter, we are given several exhortations: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Here is a very solemn question: Were the Israelites able to enter into the land of Canaan after they had murmured and complained so much? No! God didn't count them worthy, so His great plan for them was marred.

That brings us again to the verse, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." The following verses explain very clearly how we can "count it all joy." "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Patience is a word that we shy away from, nevertheless, patience is essential. The next verse reads: "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4.

Now we can better understand why God wants us to "rejoice evermore." He is wanting us to look at the end result of our trials and temptations, realizing that God is taking dross out of our lives. He is making and molding us into His own glorious image. This is cause for rejoicing. We can't take the dross out of our lives, even if we see and know our short-comings and weaknesses. We need to be honest with ourselves—it takes the hard trials and temptations to make us what we should be. The apostle Paul wrote ". . . I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body will be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 5:23.

Our humanity wants to look at our sufferings, but by faith we can soar far above them and look beyond earthly realms into heavenly realms of glory and rejoice evermore!



## "Open Thy Mouth Wide"

by  
Donna Johnson

"I am the Lord which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." (Ps. 81:10).

God has brought us out of bondage. He has wondrously saved our souls. We have discontinued our former associations and have dropped all sin from our hearts. The evil which once took up so much of our time is now cast aside. The sin that filled our lives has been done away with. We have allowed the Lord to empty us of all unrighteousness. His next step is to fill us.

In order for God to fill us, we must open our mouths wide. If you are longing to be filled with the peace of God, then open your mouth wide. If you are longing to be settled, to become established, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit, then open your mouth wide. God is a great God and He will supply  
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# MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 12

## The Wages of Motherhood

We are living in a commercial age. Will it pay? What does it cost? Has it a future? How much capital will it take to start on? What preparation is necessary? What are the assets and the liabilities? Is it a reliable company? How about dividends? Character of employer, kind of work, length of hours in proportion to wages? All these are vital questions and to be considered in any contemplated position.

There is one vocation that is the greatest work of all, and requires the best preparation of all, its wages are steady and ample and its final rewards and future prospects are beyond words to tell. We are talking of the position of motherhood and its rich, permanent and satisfying compensations.

In this work as in no other, woman joins hand with God in a divine partnership. He is the silent partner and the great paymaster. He it is who has ordained and provided in every way for this first and greatest of all institutions—the home.

Who of us can properly estimate the value of a child? We know a little of the cost in dollars and cents. We, who are mothers, could speak of the cost in hours of suffering, sacrifice, endless toil, loss of sleep, possibly life itself, as well as the giving up of personal plans and pleasures.

But in this child-raising, character-building work—the cost in no way determines the value. The potential value is as much above the cost as the heavens are above the earth. To him who has worked and saved and invested wisely, a pile of gold is his pay. The artist's perfect production is his reward. Fame is compensation enough for the discoverer, etc., but our heritage of children, with loving hearts and brains to develop, with possibilities beyond all measurements, with souls destined to live throughout endless ages—who is able to tell of values here?

Someone has tried this way to tell what one little boy is worth. A single pearl at Tiffany's in New York is worth \$17,000. Suppose Tiffany's

would ask to have stored at your house their entire stock of diamonds and pearls? Would you not tell them they would have to send along the chief of police and armed men to guard the house? Even then the responsibility would be too great. And yet, there is a little nine-year-old boy at your house all the time.

With the millions in diamonds and pearls on the one hand and the child on the other you would quickly choose the child, but do you sense the responsibility? Do you tremble over it? Do you realize the value of that soul? It is possible, in our day, that our fine sense of the responsibility of motherhood is being lost and the present neglect of training our children is a result of not realizing their value. Have our children ever heard us say, "If it were not for the baby, I could enjoy this or that, or I could earn money and have things like other women, or I would not need to work so hard?" as if this jewel of priceless worth were a handicap or an incumbrance? Oh, I rather should think the angels in heaven would look down with envy upon us mothers, to whom are intrusted these little ones straight from the hand of God!

The mother of Moses heard the words, "Take this child and nurse him for me and I will give thee thy wages." She did a greater thing than train Moses for Pharaoh's daughter, she trained him for God. And oh, God is a great paymaster. Riches? Treasures? Yes, all that a man hath will he give for his child gladly.

We know these children are of immeasurable worth. We know ours is but a stewardship and we must render up an account at the end of life's day. We know that the rewards for faithful service here are sure and ample. May God help us to keep a clear vision and work and study and pray that we may indeed be worthy of our wages.

What greater joy than that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace. (Ps. 144:12.)

—Evaline Green



## "Open Thy Mouth Wide"

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your every need. He isn't calling for just a mere opening; He wants us to open wide. How wide we open our mouths, or hearts, will determine the amount of blessings that God will give us. Don't be afraid to open your mouth wide, because His promise is, "I will fill it."

Let us be assured that our Heavenly Father won't put just anything in our mouth. He will give us only those things that are good for us. It is true that our blessings sometimes come wrapped in strange, or undesirable packages, but let us ever count God faithful and continue to thank Him for our blessings.

If we will open our mouth wide, the Lord will satisfy us with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Ps. 103:5). We can count on God to fill us with more love for Him and others. Oh, what a treasure God has in store for all who are willing to open themselves unto Him! He will feed us "with the finest of wheat and with honey out of the rock will He satisfy us." (Ps. 81:16).

May God bless us to hunger and thirst after His righteousness so that we may be filled. May He also bless us all to have a wide open desire for the sincere milk of the Word that we may grow thereby.



## Walk in the Light

Salvation in the strictest sense means much more than being saved from our past evil deeds. It is one thing to be justified from past sins, and quite another to be kept from sin. We shall illustrate it this way: Suppose a man is traveling in a strange land, in the darkness of night, when suddenly he plunges headlong into a violent stream of water whose current is dashing swiftly over rapids and into whirlpools. He realizes his danger and calls for help. Someone hearing his cries comes immediately to his rescue, and with a cable pulls him out of those turbulent waves, brings him to shore where there is light, and gives him warning not to travel any more without a light. The man is saved from that stream and its awful consequences by being taken out of it, and the only safe way to keep out is to have light.

We are taken out of sin, and kept from getting into it again by walking in the light of God. Jesus said, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." (John 12:35). Remember that Jesus is the Light of the world. If you follow close to Him, you will always have light.

—George N. Stewart

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## Excerpts Taken From May, 1966 Faith and Victory

Bro. and Sister Herbert Probst have gone to Loranger, La. to pastor, at least for a few months, the church which meets at the Oak Grove chapel. May the Lord continue to bless their labors in that area.

Sister Katherine Key, former pastor at Oak Grove for many years, is at Hammond, La. in a frail physical condition, sometimes better and sometimes worse. Continue to pray for her and Bro. Ray Key in this great test of faith, and may the Lord bless all the saints who are so faithfully caring for Sister Key in her declining days.

—L. D. Pruitt

## EVANGELISTIC EQUIPMENT READY FOR USE

We trust that we have not been a disappointment to any of you in making the decision that we have made in regard to the evangelistic truck. After going into details we found out that to replace the present six-cylinder motor with a rebuilt guaranteed eight-cylinder motor would cost about \$400.00. The motor in the truck has less than 26,000 miles on it, so after consulting other brethren, we decided to have this motor put in shape and get along with it, at least for this season. I took the truck to a good mechanic and it cost \$57.74 to have the work done.

As it has been stated previously, Bro. Mart Samons will take the evangelistic equipment for the entire season, and he feels burdened to go to new fields of labor where there are no known saints, and the responsibility of the effort will rest entirely upon all the saints. Please pray much about this.

—Bro. Ralph Beisly