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## The Crucifixion of Jesus

By Mrs. Ora Mae McKinney Davis.

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*Christ and Him Crucified—  
I Cor. 2:2.*

The third day came. There was a rustle in the tomb. Look! The angels are rolling away the stone, and the keepers fall as dead men. The grave had lost its power, and the victory had been won. The soldiers were in the presence of the *Lord of Glory*, but they could not bear to look on his face. They had killed him, but he had conquered! *The garden of Gethsemane was past.* Calvary with its agony of soul and body was over. The rending rocks were still at last. The frightened guards had taken their departure, and there was silence in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea.

*Silence;* but listen! What is that sound? Surely not just the rustling of the leaves! 'Tis more than the sound of the wind that whispers through the Olive Trees, more than a moan from the breeze that blows through the Sycamore trees. It is a sound that sends a chill of sorrow through our whole being—it is the sound of a woman's weeping. Oh, surely not a woman out there at the tomb before day-break? Yes, that is a woman's voice, saying heart-brokenly, "Oh, they have taken away my Lord, they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him! Oh, Jesus, where are you? The world is so lonely without you. Don't you hear the cries of the sin-sick, the sinful and needy? Oh, Jesus, where are you? He will not

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## Drifting

By Eld. T. C. Ferguson

There are too many people in the world that are drifters. They never seem to have any aim in life, but just drift with the crowd. Moses said to the children of Israel, at the Red Sea, by the command of God, "Go forward" (Ex. 14:15). We all ought to hear that command and go forward. Any dead fish can float down stream, but it takes a live fish to go up stream. Are you a live fish or a dead one? If you allow yourself to drift along, you will land down stream in a trash-pile, by and by. If your environments are not good, by God's help try to change them, and make conditions better; for if we are going to do any thing for Jesus and the uplifting of humanity, we must do it quickly.

Once a man bought a farm without seeing it, through the recommendation of a friend. When he moved to the farm he found every thing just as his friend had represented them to be, and he was well satisfied with his bargain, but he had not asked anything about the moral or religious condition of the community. When he did ask he found it to be a wicked, sinful community, steeped in all kinds of sin and vice. There was no church, no preaching, and no Sunday school. His wife said, "Husband, we cannot stay here; we can't afford to raise our family in such a place as this. We must move back where we came from," but her husband said, "we will not. We will stay and, by the help of God, we'll try to change things for the better. We will try to start a Sunday school and prayer meeting." His wife said, "That will

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## Studies in the Book of Romans

By B. F. Brown

*Jewish Responsibility and Guilt  
Romans 2:17-29*

"The Jew first and also the Greek," this has been the burden of the apostle's thought. Now he faces the Pharisee plainly and on open ground. The Jews having clear and plain information from heaven, had great advantage over the heathen who had no such information. But the Jews disregarded their responsibility and profaned holy things (Matt. 21:12-13; Phil. 1:10).

The sum of what Paul says here is about as follows: 'But if you, you who perhaps have excused yourself from considering your own case, because you have been reminded of the responsibility of the Gentiles; if you bear the name of Jew, and rest yourself upon the Law, as if the possession of that awful revelation of duty were your protection, and not your sentence; and glory in God, as if He were your private property, whereas the knowledge of Him is given you in trust for the world. You know His Will, the Will supreme, and you put yourself for a standard of measure for things spiritual. You judge of things right and wrong in conduct, like one skilled in moral problems, schooled out of the Law, under continuous training. You are sure that you, yourself, are a leader of the blind, the light of those who are in the dark, an educator of the thoughtless, a teacher of beginners, possessing real knowledge and truth in the Law. If this is your estimate of your position and abilities, I turn it upon yourself. Think and answer you, who are

your teachers? Do you not teach yourselves? You who proclaim, Thou shalt not steal, do you steal? You who say, Thou shalt not commit adultery, do you commit it? You who abhor idols, do you plunder temples, entering the polluted places for purposes equally as polluting? You, who glory in the Law, as the Savior of your race, do you, by your violation of the Law, disgrace your God? For the name of our God is, because of you, railed at among the heathen, as it is written" (Ezek. 36:20).

We need not overstrain the apostle's stern accusation. Not every non-Christian Jew of the first century was an adulterer, a thief, a plunderer. When a few years later (Acts 28:17) Paul gathered round him the Jews of Rome, and spent a long day discussing the prophecies with them.

This man, whom Paul so plainly pictures and so sternly accuses, prided himself on Abraham's blood, and his own Rabbinic lore and skill, and scorned both the Gentile sinner and the people of the land, the rank and file of his own race. He was the very man to be led helpless by the Tempter. To him, "Circumcision is equivalent to all the commandments of the Law." "To live in Palestine is equal to the commandments." "He that hath his abode in Palestine is sure of life eternal."

As it was with the Jew in Paul's day, so it is with the Christian now. Now as then, for a Christian to be a Christian "outwardly," as for the Jew to be a Jew "outwardly," there is no surer path to spiritual death than spiritual pride. If the inward reality corresponds with the outward sign of circumcision, circumcision is profitable, otherwise the state of the circumcised is no better than that of the heathen. And those, who having not the outward seal of God's covenant, coming to a knowledge of the truths contained in it, do manifest the grace of the covenant, without the seal of it, and show forth the walk of Abra-

ham's children, though not called by the name of Abraham. Thus God is calling out from among the Gentiles a seed of Abraham that have never received the seal of circumcision.

Do you rejoice because of the historic doctrine of your creed? Because of the scriptural purity of your theory of salvation? Because of the famous record of your church? Because of your loyalty to this truth or that? Take heed! The best, corrupted, becomes the worst. In religion there is only one "glorying" that is altogether safe. It is when a person can say from the soul, with open eyes, and with a deeply humbled heart, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, whereby the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 5:14). All other "glorying is not good." Be thankful for every real privilege, but for Christ's sake, and for your own soul's sake, do not value yourself upon privilege; it is disaster to do so.

Many heathen think of our United States as a heavenly place where every one is a Christian. But who does not know that in every heathen country, the missionary's plea for Christ is best listened to by those who do not know of the Christianity of "treaty ports," and other places, where so-called civilized life is lived without restraint? The stumbling-block may be the drunken sailor or the impure merchant, or the civilian the soldier, or the traveler. Or it may be a man who, belonging to a class known to be Christian, ignores the Christian's holy Book, and Day, and House, and avoids all semblance of fellowship with his countrymen who have come to live by him, that they might preach Christ where He is not known. Or it may be the government, supposed to be Christian, which allows people to think that it cares more for revenue than for righteousness. In all these cases occasion is given for railing at the Christian's God: and the reckoning will be a grave matter in that "Day."

Let us take home this message,

sent first to inconsistent Israel. Do we, professing godliness, show the mind of Christ in our every-day affairs with people? Do we give the world cause to expect that "a Christian" is a man to be trusted in business or in friendship? Are they quietly forced to believe that a Christian's temper and tongue are not as other men's? That the Christian minister lives high above self-seeking? That the Christian tradesman faithfully remembers his customer's just interests, and is true and honest in all his dealings? That the Christian servant and the Christian master are alike mindful of each other's rights? That the Christian's time, and his money are, in a large degree, applied to the good of others for Christ's sake? All this, and more, is what the world expects of a Christian. If the record be true, God be thanked. If the record be wanting, who shall weigh the guilt? And "the Day" is coming! Careless living Christians are doing untold dishonor to that blessed Name.

Are you indeed a practitioner of the holy Code whose summary and essence is love to God and love to man? Can you look your Lord in the face and say, "Thou knowest that I love Thee: Oh how I love Thy Law!" Then you are a child of the covenant, through His grace; and the seal of the covenant (baptism) speaks to you of the certainties of its blessings.

It was the temptation of Israel of old to put circumcision in the place of faith, love, and holiness, instead of in its right place, as the divine seal upon the covenant of grace, the covenant to be claimed and used by faith. It is the temptation of many Christians now to put the sacred order of the Church (the ordinances) in the place of spiritual regeneration, and spiritual communion, rather than in their right and proper place as divine seals on the covenant which guarantees both to faith. That faith is greater than water is in perfect accord with the reasoning of Paul here. Let it be

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**Editorial**

## Man's Unerring Guide and Critic

The Bible is the only holy Book in the world. It is called the Holy Bible, and declared in itself to be the work of the Living God, Creator of heaven and earth. On almost every page we read, "Thus saith the Lord." Being then the message of the Creator to the creature, it should be guarded with jealous care, studied with diligence and proclaimed to all mankind.

The Bible is God's love letter to the human race. The way of salvation is given, heaven is revealed, and hell described. It is food for the heart-hungry, drink for the soul-thirsty, medicine for the sin-sick, cordial for the world-weary, and life for the spirit-dead.

The Bible is God's standard of judgment, and He has commanded that it be studied, preached and practiced. No situation can arise in the affairs of human life, that the Word of God does not have something to say about it. It has a solution for every problem the church or the world will ever meet.

No man is wise enough to criticise human life. But to criticise human life is the work and purpose of the Word of God. Heb. 4:12 declares that "the Word of God is a *discerner* of the thoughts and intents." The Greek word is *kritikos*, from which our English word "critic" is derived. The Holy Scripture, then, is a critic, the infallible critic of all human opinions and actions. In its never failing light nothing can be hid. According to its searching word final judgment will be passed upon all that has ever occurred, or will yet come to pass in the affairs of men; and from its righteous verdict there can be no appeal. "God hath spoken."

Before we can put any real estimate or value upon human life, we must know what men are doing, and what God says about it. We have newspapers, magazines, and books without number, and now the radio—all devoted to telling what the world is thinking and doing. Yet we cannot know human life until we know what God says about it in the Bible. Thank God for our Christian publications which apply the Word of God to the situation, giving to the Church "meat in due season," and enabling us to discern the "signs of the times."

The Jews asked Christ for a sign from heaven, when they were surrounded by signs to which they were blind. The Jews knew what was going on in the world; and people of today know what is going on but, like the Jews of old, they know not the meaning of it all. Amazing events are taking place, and startling discoveries are being made daily. What do they mean? Something must soon come to pass. What will it be? We need the gift of interpretation, which we shall have only as we look at human affairs, always with God's help, in the "mirror of the Word."

## The Crucifixion of Jesus

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answer me. The tomb is so empty!" But Mary waited and wept, her heart was breaking.

What scenes must have lived themselves over and over again in her mind. Jesus, the Light that did shine in dark places of sin and sorrow, Jesus, the tender shepherd of the sheep, thou who didst forgive the vilest sinner, who healed the sick, and cooled the fevered brow, who cast out demons and raised the dead. Jesus the one who set the captive free. "Oh, Jesus! Jesus! How can I ever live without you? There is nothing left—they have taken away my Lord. Who will heal the sick and lift the burden of those oppressed."

The Bible records this woman (Mary) as the one who waited and wept at the empty tomb. "Oh, Jesus, I want to hear your voice again."

But, Hark! 'Tis the voice of an angel speaking to Mary, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" The angels were touched at this woman's tears. But even as Mary is speaking the day is beginning to dawn. Out yonder in the sky there are the pink tints of morning. Clouds of golden sunlight are beginning to light up the clouds that a short while ago seemed so dark. Through the scattering gloom and the chill of the morning, a white-clad form, in a seamless dress of white stands near. His heart is touched at the words and tears of this woman. The same Jesus that had compassion on others who were heartbroken, when he lived among men. Look Mary! Is not there some one near you who closely resembles the man of Galilee? His face is radiant with glory, and there is a look of pity upon his lovely face. Is there not something familiar about him?

But, no, Mary's eyes are too blurred with tears; her ears too dull with the agony of her aching heart. "Oh, Jesus, blessed Master!"

And then turning herself she heard a voice, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? And Mary thinking him to be the gardener said to him, "Sir, if thou wilt tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Even though I am just a woman, my love shall give me strength to take him away. Oh, I cannot live without him, my life is too empty." And then Jesus said, Mary!

No one else could have said *Mary* like that but the Lord himself, so loving, gentle, kind and sweet, as fell from the lips of Jesus. At this one word she sprang toward him and said, "Master! She had found Jesus at last! She had heard him speak again, she had looked on his face—now living! But she wanted to worship him, and running towards him he said to her, "Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father, but go—Go tell others—and behold it is expedient for you that I go away, I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

Mary was a woman, but in the last days (after Jesus had been glorified with the Father) there was a *promise* given. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon *all* flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy (Acts 2:17-18).

We can never repay the love Jesus gave to us. We could never suffer the sorrow he bore to set us free. We have never worn a crown of thorns for him yet, neither have we had the wounds of sorrow and despair placed upon us for the sins of others.

Let us meditate very cautiously, deeply, sincerely. Do we have patience? Do we live worthy of the high calling wherewith God has called us, that we should fall heirs to "life eternal?"

May God give us the desire (as have the angels) to look into the lesson of the awful death Jesus died to save us, with more understanding, fully realizing that even the angels have not yet been able to reach the depths of *love* his death signified to *all the world*. May we, as men and women for God, search daily the meaning of the heights and depths of the love of Christ, given in his death on the cruel, agonizing cross-tree of Calvary; that he might present unto God the Father his bride (the Church) having neither spot nor wrinkle.

The same Jesus with the nail-prints is coming soon—"Be ye ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, *the Son of man cometh*. Are you ready?"

## Joseph a Type of Christ

By Eld. Edward Hilliar  
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"Make haste and bring down my father hither. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them."

Weep o'er the erring ones, lift up the fallen;

Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

.....

O the joy of full salvation,

Glory, glory, to His name!

All to thee, my blessed Savior  
I surrender all.

## Joseph becomes famous—

The coming of his brethren is spoken of in Pharaoh's house, and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants, "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye: lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; and take your father and your households, and come unto me, and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt.

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## FROM THE FIELD

### Treece, Kansas

Dear Readers of the Gem:—Although I have just read in the Gem a letter of gratitude from the South Picher Church, for the enjoyment they had at the Blue Eye, Mo. Conference, I want to say for the Northwest Picher (Blue Front) Church, that we also enjoyed our stay with those good people.

The people at Blue Eye certainly made us feel welcome. I hope I may see them again sometime in the near future.

The business sessions were more interesting to us I think because it was the first Conference we (my wife and I) had ever attended, although I don't think it will be the last.

There were many wonderful sermons preached, and among the best, I think, was by Sister Merl Robberson. It was the first time we had ever heard her preach, but we hope not the last.

I want to say for the "Gem" I think it is a wonderful little paper, and I hope it will grow and prosper as the years go by.

Hoping to see you all at Macedonia next year, I remain,

Your Brother in Christ,

Howard Cohen,

Northwest Picher F. W. B. church.

### Enon, Arkansas

Dear Readers of the Gem:—I will try, by the help of our dear Savior, to say something for his great cause.

Oh, how my soul feels burdened for the lost! We see so many that are going so wild over worldly things, and such worldly clothes as women wear! May God in his wrath just look upon some that are so-called Christians, and condemn them, so as to cause them to dress modestly. My dear Lord knows

just how I used to love the ways of the world, and dress like them, but I have three little girls now, and I feel I am going to be responsible for their lives, for we see so many mothers and fathers that are corrupting the lives of their children. God made this so plain to me when I was saved. I had short hair at that time, and I began to let it grow out. Some laughed at me, but I only looked to Jesus and said, "Father, I know it is right, or you would not have condemned me." I am just so glad for a Savior who can take away these worldly desires.

I am not criticising any one, but, we have Bible on dressing. I believe that is one thing that is wrong with our churches today. Ministers will not say much about worldly things because of some one's feelings. I just feel like, when anything hits me, that I had better pray. May God keep me from being a stumbling-block, for if we do not live the Bible we sure are in some one's way. If we Christians don't live the Bible, poor sinners can't see the way.

I just want to say this morning, dear reader, if you are not saved, today is the day of salvation. Don't wait until God sends some great thing upon you to get you to see your ways.

I was raised up by sinful parents, have felt the call of Jesus many times, but would put it off, because mother and father were not church members. I was married at eighteen. My husband had three children, two boys and a girl, and I realized again that Jesus wanted me to live a different life. Then a Missionary Baptist minister, Bro. McNelley came and held a revival meeting, and I felt so condemned that I couldn't talk to any one without crying, and the Bro. took me by the hand and said, "Sister, you are all right," and the meeting soon closed, and I was just left in that condition—for about seven years under conviction. In 1922 my dear sister and brother-in-law

and two more lost their lives, and I will say it was then that God made his final call to me, and he said, "Come." I thought I was all right, but I could not pray, and Husband was in sin and I said, "Lord either save him, or else take my life, for I cannot live a devoted Christian life with him in sin."

Then Bro. Winford Davis came into our country to hold a revival, and I wasn't able to go the first night, but husband and the children went, and I stayed at home and prayed. When they came back my husband said, "I wish you was able to go. I sure do like to hear this man," and those words seemed sweeter to me than any ever spoken, for I knew he was interested because he never made remarks like that. So I just went on praying for him, thinking I was all right, and conviction came upon us both till we couldn't eat, sleep or find rest, and were both saved the same day at home. Now we are both traveling the same road for our Savior, praying that God will let us both live to raise our family, and help us to be about our Father's business.

The Lord has a little church established here at Enon, Ark, with only a few members. May God in his tender mercy and love add more to our little fold some sweet day.

I pray that what I have said will not be a hindrance to any one and may help some poor soul. This is my prayer. Pray for us, trying to serve God in our weak way. May God bless the Editor in his great and noble work.

Nellie Badley.

### Picher, Oklahoma

Dear Readers of the Gem:—After reading the October issue of the F. W. B. Gem, I was impressed to write and tell the readers about our little South Picher Church.

We have just recalled our former pastor, Rev. J. W. Martin for the coming year, with Rev. W. B. Tipton as assistant.

We have our regular services on Sunday at eleven o'clock and Sunday night, and prayer meeting every Thursday with good attendance and interest manifested.

Sunday, September 29th, we dismissed our eleven o'clock service and, all who could, went to the 5th Sunday meeting at the Fairview Church. We had a wonderful feast from God's Word, with a bountiful spread at the noon hour by the good people of Fairview.

The afternoon services were made sad by the funeral of a little niece of Rev. W. B. Tipton, who was accidentally killed. This sad occasion brings to our minds the thought of always being ready to meet our blessed Savior, for we know not the hour nor minute that the death angel might come.

It was voted that the next 5th Sunday meeting be held at the Blue Front Church Treece, Kansas, December 29, 1929.

We are proud to say our League has been reorganized. We had with us Bro. Noel Turner of Jones Chapel, the Associational League Pres. who gave us a splendid lecture on the improvement of Leagues. Our League meets every Sunday night at 6:45 with twenty-five or thirty members present.

And last but not least, we have a wonderful Sunday School, with an average attendance of eighty-six.

May God bless the Gem and all its readers.

From one of God's children,  
Clarabelle Roberts.

### **Baptismal Service at Verdella Church**

Somewhere in the Bible we read that "The first shall be last," so I am going to try to describe a baptismal service which occurred Monday night after preaching by Elder M. Cleaver, which impressed me.

It was the last night of a two weeks' revival held at the Verdella Free Will Baptist church in which there were ten souls redeemed and five additions to the church, and

four were baptized Sunday afternoon.

After the sermon Monday night it was announced that, instead of an early morning baptism the following day, we would go at once to Bro. R. Paige's pond, an ideal place with its willow fringed banks, for the rite of baptism.

It was a lovely night. The surrounding hills seemed to "break forth before us into singing, and the trees clapped their hands," (Isa. 55:12) when Bro. Mike Cleaver led Johnny Stacy, a school boy, into the glassy water to dedicate his young life to Christ. The prayers, songs and words spoken were re-echoed on the night air, and the stars seemed to twinkle more brightly. The lights from the cars being turned on the water, gave an enchantment which cast a spell of holy solemnity on those assembled on the banks.

We must not omit the flock of frightened sheep on the hillside, with their bright eyes shining like coals of fire in the darkness. This too made one think of the birth of Christ, when the angels sang to the shepherds from the starry heavens, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

We must add also that Elder Mike Cleaver has endeared himself to all by the earnest and forceful way he presented the gospel, and we feel that the end is not yet. He also visited in all homes, proving the scripture, Proverbs 18:24.

Mrs. O. T. Fast.

### **St. Louis, Mo.**

Dear Gem Readers:—I am a reader of the Gem, and think it is a fine paper.

Our church at 611 Rutger Street has Eld. W. C. Hill as our pastor again for this year. He had no opponent against him in the election. Brother Hill has done a wonderful work here, of which we are all proud.

Since our last report to the paper, we have had four additions

to the church, our Young People's Union is still doing splendid work, and our Sunday school is still growing. We are planning greater things for the future than we have already accomplished. One thing we have been seriously considering is the organization of a Junior Choir. Another thing we have thought about is another Mission farther on west. This will enable us to furnish a place for our young preachers to develop their ministry. We believe in a place for every one to work in the service of the Master. This, our dear Brother Hill has always tried to furnish—a place where every one could work.

This is my first attempt to write for the paper, but will write again if this escapes the waste basket.

Mrs. W. M. Slade.

### **St. Louis, Mo.**

Dear Bro. Brown:—As I have not heard from our Sunday School in the paper, I am writing you and the readers of the Gem to let you know that we have a fine Sunday School, and a finer bunch of boys and girls you could not find anywhere. Our teachers just can't be surpassed anywhere. Brother Charley Miller has a fine class of girls; Brother Leonard White has a fine class of young men, and we are surely proud of our teachers.

We took a bunch of girls down to the Flat River Sunday School Convention and they sang three songs, and, Say! those girls can sing! Sister Steward had the training of our young people, and she knows how to handle young people. Bro. Leonard White and Sister Steward have the handling of our Christmas program, and we are expecting great things from them.

We are having fine prayer meetings, and have some glorious times. Last prayer meeting night it rained, and our crowd was not so large, but we had a fine time. Nellie Langley, one of our young people, led our prayer meeting, and our young people took great interest in the services. They just can't

be beat for praying and singing.

We have a good many people sick at this time.

First Free Will Baptist Church,  
611 Rutger St.

Francis McCauley, S. S. Supt.

### Evangelist's Report

When I last reported, I was on my way to hold a few nights' meeting at a church near Gower, Mo. At this place the F. W. Baptists had no church and no members, and the church belonged to the Missionary Baptists, and the weather got bad. So this meeting fell through.

Then I went over to our Mt. Zion Church near Star Field Sunday evening, and visited our young people's society. There was a nice lot of young people there, studying the word of God.

Then I went to Santa Rosa and preached a few nights, and held a Flower Service at the Fairview Church. Elder House preaches at this place two sermons a month, Thursday and Friday nights in the week. We had a fine Flower Service. People got happy, and there were many tears shed.

I then went with Elder House to his appointment at our Union Third Fork church near Easton, Mo., and about fifteen miles from the city of St. Joseph, Mo. We continued the meeting a few nights longer. We had a good meeting, and I believe the church and community was greatly revived. I used to preach at this church many many years ago, when I was a young preacher, before I was ordained. I had not been long out of the Moody Bible School in Chicago. We had a good revival meeting at that time, and souls were saved.

After leaving our Union Third Fork Church, I went back to Santa Rosa, then out to the New Hope Church and preached a few nights. In these meetings souls were saved and God was with us and blessed us in a wonderful way. I was glad to meet with Elder House and Elder Rush of Santa Rosa and be in

their homes. Elder House has done a great work for God and the salvation of souls since he has been in this part of the country. Elder Rush has not been here long, but already he has been a great help to the work in this part of the country. I have been glad of having the privilege of meeting my old friends, and getting to preach to them once more in this part of the country that I used to know many years ago.—Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Evangelist.

### Greenfield, Arkansas

Dear Brethren:—It is with joy in my heart that I write these few lines.

I am a Free Will Baptist minister, an evangelist. I am from Florida, have been in Europe, started in the work of the ministry at the age of twelve, united with the General Baptists, then with the Free Will Baptists in 1923.

I am still on the firing line. I write quite a few sermons for our paper at Ayden, N. C., so thought I would get in touch with you brethren.

I have organized a Sunday School, which has eighty-one attendants here at Greenfield, hadn't had church nor Sunday School in five years. We order our Sunday School literature from Ayden, N. C.

I am sending a little write-up for the use of the Gem.

Your Brother in Christ,  
(Rev.) W. M. Needham.

### Monett, Mo.

Dear Gem Family:—I want a little space just here to tell you of the old-time revival we have just closed at Macedonia.

We held three and one-half weeks, and the Lord saved thirty-three souls, twenty-one united with the church, and thirteen were baptized. In some of these souls was demonstrated the genuine convicting and converting power of God. It wasn't only convicting

power, it was convincing power, proving to folks that God will still give us the power that he gave in the days of our fore-fathers if we will just contend for it.

I love to read of the many victories over the field. May God continue to bless the preached word, and keep the banner of Christ unfurled to a world steeped in sin.

Just a few days and we will be on the way to the State Meeting.

Our church here is looking forward to the called session of the Co-operative General Association. Come.

May God abundantly bless our paper, its worthy editor, and the work in general is my prayer.

Sincerely

Winford Davis, Pastor;

### Revelation 6:17

By Rev. W. M. Needham

"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"—Rev. 6:17.

The Word answers this question. Those that love Him, and keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. They must believe in a free and full salvation, for God is not lenient to unbelievers in that day, and it pays to stand with our faith not wavering by the cares of the world. Then we must be ready while there is time.

### Evangelist's Report

Niangua, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers and Friends:—I will endeavor to give you a brief report of my past month's travels for the Lord Jesus Christ, as a number of my friends have requested me to inform them through our dear paper, "The Gem."

My last report was from Fort Scott, Kansas, where I was visiting my brother and his family. I left his home Oct. 7th for the Verdella Church, six miles northeast of Liberal, where we, including the dear people of Verdella Church, began to put forth our efforts together for the



salvation of immortal souls, and at the close of a two weeks' meeting the result was that ten, with smiling faces had acknowledged Christ as their ever blessed Savior. Among this number was my dear brother of Fort Scott, Kansas, Brother August Cleaver. We baptized four on Sunday, one after services on Monday night, and left these precious people with the best of love and unity, and went to Fort Scott, Kansas to baptize my brother, thence to Kansas city where I visited my other brothers and relatives and then to St. Louis where I was privileged to preach at our St. Louis Church which resulted in the salvation of three precious souls. From there to our Mo. State Association at Flat River, which was well attended, and the very best of entertainment offered the delegation by the good people of Flat River and surrounding community. Left there with Bro. Selph Jones to conduct a revival meeting at one of the best churches of the Union Association. Bro. Jones is a man well spoken of throughout the country, a man for everything right and just, and against everything unjust. We began the meeting here at the Amity Church, of which Bro. Jones is the faithful pastor, last night Sunday Oct. 20th. I am requesting my friends and loved ones to remember me in prayer while I am here with these good people, endeavoring to lead precious immortal souls to Jesus Christ our Lord.—(Eld.) M. Cleaver.

### Hannon, Mo.

To the Readers of the Gem:  
I have often intended to write to the Gem, knowing Bro. Brown would be very interested in our church and community, as he was a charter member of the Hannon (Missouri) Free Will Baptist Church, which was organized Sept. 9, 1907, and was a trustee, and very influential in the erection of our church building some two years later. He remained a faithful and very active member

until he moved his membership to Tecumseh, May 1925. We regretted very much to lose Brother Brown, but we knew he would labor earnestly for the Lord wherever he lived.

We are very glad to report our church in a very revived condition at this time, as we have enjoyed a real, old-fashioned revival, which began Sunday September 8th, and continued for eighteen days.

The meeting was conducted by Elder Selph Jones of Mansfield, Missouri, resulting in twelve conversions, thirteen baptisms and twenty-two additions to the church, nearly all being grown people, and many heads of families. Others are planning to join soon, and the entire community was spiritually revived.

Brother Jones came as a stranger, with but few exceptions, in our vicinity, but after laboring so earnestly and kindly, he left with the love and highest esteem of the entire community. His sermons appeal to men of all walks of life, yet so simple the youngest can appreciate them. We feel Brother Jones is a young man our denomination should be very proud of, as he possesses a pleasing personality, preaches a sound doctrine, is a talented singer, while he is a rural letter carrier, he finds time to pastor four churches, holds revivals in all of his churches, and spends his "vacations" in evangelistic work.

We as a church foresee for Brother Jones a great future in the Master's work.

We enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the entire community and the neighboring churches in helping to make our meeting such a wonderful blessing to all.

Brother O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. will pastor our church this year. Will say further, Elder W. H. York who has been our faithful pastor eleven years will continue to live at Hannon, where he is making a comfortable home for his young wife and himself, and has

charge of four churches this year.

This is wishing the editor of the Gem and all its readers life's choicest blessings

Hoping you will remember us in prayer at all times.

Frankie D. Wade. (Hannon Church Clerk).

### Russellville Arkansas

To The Free Will Baptist Gem,  
Dear Editor:—May I have a small amount of space in the paper for report?

Rev. T. H. Dixon handed me one of your papers (the first one I have seen) and I enjoyed reading it so much that I am enclosing \$1.00 to pay for one year's subscription.

Brother Dixon has been pastor of our church (Free Will Baptist Church at Maple Springs) for three years, and we have called him for another year's work. It was a very very small church when he began preaching here, but it has doubled its number of members, and we see that he has been a great help to us.

We have a live little Sunday School, only about fifty average attendance, but all that attend come for the good there is in it, and to help make it a better one.

We have also organized a F. W. B. League. We are just beginning, but much interest is being shown and we trust that much good will be accomplished through it. I think it will be very helpful for the young people. I have been teaching (or trying to teach) the Juniors for quite a while, and am very much interested in them. Any help that we might receive through your paper, or any one, will be very much appreciated.

We also ask an interest in your prayers.

Respectfully yours.

Mrs. Pearl Bowden

**R**EMEMBER that the Co-operative General Association meets with Macedonia Church, near Monett and Purdy, Mo., Tuesday night before the 2nd Sunday in Dec., 1929



## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

"Uncle Charley," Editor.

### A Revelation

The other day a little boy came into my office and began his usual romp with me. He is not my real little boy, but he lives close to me and often (yes, almost every day) visits my office, and often we have great times. The other day he secured my hat, and when I began to tell what I would do, he replied, "Oh, you can't catch me," and in this he was right. Herein lies one of the secrets Uncle Charley has been keeping from his nephews and nieces.

Yes, children, Uncle Charley is a cripple, has been for some years and always will be. You see I can't run and play like I used to, and possibly this is one reason I like boys and girls so well, they do so many beautiful things for me; but this is not my main reason. I love them because of their beautiful lives of sunshine, smiles and possibilities.

The other day Brother Brown asked that I tell the boys and girls who Uncle Charley is, and now I am going to tell you.

A long, long time ago, when Indians roamed the western prairies and the country was new, and wild life reigned in the west, "Uncle Charley" was a little boy and lived with his parents on the plains in the western part of Kansas. I was five years old when the Indians made their last raid in that part of the state.

My parents began teaching me when I was very small, and at the age of four I knew the multiplication table, the names of the presidents, the names of the states and most of their capitols. At the age of five I began going to school. When I was thirteen years old, my parents moved to Missouri, and

here I continued my school work, completing the high school work in Glenwood, Missouri. Later I spent a part of two years in college. In 1903 I began work in the ministry, and since have spent most of my life preaching the Gospel.

In 1820 I was engaged as instructor in mathematics, English, Bible and book-keeping in the College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, under the presidency of Rev. Samra Smith. During the following winter I was stricken with Influenza which resulted in blood poison. I was taken to the hospital, where I underwent thirteen operations in four different hospitals. I spent eleven months in the hospitals. It was nearly two years before I could travel on crutches. I spent some time in the wheel chair, and during this time I visited a number of churches, traveling on the train. Right here let me say a good word for the train men. Many of them have great big hearts, and they handled me with the greatest of care. I have seen the tears course down their cheeks as they looked upon me and offered words of encouragement.

Now I know you are saying, "You haven't told us yet who Uncle Charley is." Uncle Charley lives in Greentop, Missouri with Mrs. Mann where they enjoy the companionship of many boys and girls. Sometimes they visit us in companies of several, and then it is we have great times. Most of the boys and girls call me "Brother Mann," but some of them are beginning to call me "Uncle Charley," and somehow I seem to like the term.

Now that you know who Uncle Charley is, I hope some of you will write me. You may address me at Greentop, Missouri, or you may continue to send the letters to

Brother Brown at Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Yours in the interest of the Children's Page,  
C. E. Mann, or Uncle "Charley,"  
Greentop, Mo.

### The Endless Chain

"Such a little lie!" said Johnny, "and so white!"

So he told it without fear,  
(Though he felt a little queer)  
And things seemed to go quite pleasantly and right.

But the next day came another Lie to call.

"You will need me very soon!"  
(So he did that very noon)  
And this second Lie was gray—not white at all.

Pretty soon a third Lie came to join the two.

"You must use me before long!"  
(Johnny felt the need was strong)  
But this lie was black—as black as Johnny's shoe.

After that they came in crowds to Johnny's door.

And he had to tell them all,  
While the first Lie white and small,  
Sat and grinned—he'd worked the trick so oft before!

Priscilla Leonard

### Myrtle, Mo.

Dear Readers of the Gem:—I just thought I would write again, as my mind is still on many things in regard to our work.

I am proud of the "Gem," and others I hear talk think the same thing. It shall have my support as long as it remains true to the Free Will Baptist doctrine, because I think that doctrine is established by the Bible. For forty-three years I have been a Free Will Baptist, and since I have grown old, I am firmer in that doctrine than ever before. The Word tells us that we should grow in the knowledge of the truth, and that the way is so plain

that "the wayfaring men though fools, shall not err therein. Yes, the Word of God, in a nut-shell, just means, "Trust and obey," for without obedience there is no sound faith. James says, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Paul tells us in the 8th chapter of Romans that "we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh; For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Our thoughts and words are just tiny seeds, and we plant them to grow a harvest of lack or plenty. Sickness, health, joy, sorrow, peace, error—What will our harvest be, dear friends? Just awaken to the fact that it can be just to your liking. If it is not that now, try planting a different kind of seed. Sow seeds of loving kindness everywhere, and your kindness will always come back to you. God did not created us, His children, just to be cast into utter despair and darkness. He gave us the power to think and speak words of truth, words of life, and cause much good to come to ourselves and others, and to know in our hearts when we have received good things from above.

May God bless every effort put forth in his work, is my prayer. Pray for me,

And now to you, dear brothers,

Be kind while here you live,  
Keep all your trust in Jesus;  
He has a crown to give.

A few more words to say to you;  
A few more victories won;  
And I will bid you all adieu;  
My race is nearly run.

Yes, I will have to leave you  
In this sad world below;  
I have a home beyond the sun,  
Where all true Christians go.

And when I have departed  
To the land that's bright and fair,  
Just take the road for heaven,  
We'll meet together there.  
Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

### Macedonia Gospel Tabernacle, Free Will Baptist

We sure had a delightful time at the State Associational meeting. The sweet spirit of Christian fellowship was wonderfully manifest.

There was a great deal of business up for consideration, and with much patience was accomplished. The spirit of grace, one toward another, was beautiful to behold, the messages were inspiring, each better than the other, none better than the best.

Our delegate from St. Louis, with that heaven-born gift of calmness born of self-surrender as a messenger of the Spirit, brot us a message that thrilled the *soul*, and opened the fountain of our stony hearts and melted them.

We are enlarging our borders, and strengthening our stakes. We take pleasure in announcing the fact that we have with us now a resident missionary, who is in charge of the Educational and Industrial department, an added work we, by experience have found necessary. Our missionary carries a diploma as a public school teacher, is also a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, who sensing our need, graciously chose our district for her field of labor, for which we all feel grateful to God for His goodness. Our meetings are good, and we are being blessed.

Sincerely,  
(Eld.) Edward Hilliar

### Myrtle, Mo.

Dear Gem Family:—I wish to speak a word for our little "Gem" paper. I think it is just fine. It is filled up with so many good words for our blessed Master. Brothers and Sisters, let's press onward and do more for our Savior in the future

than we have done in the past. for, Oh, it is so sad to see our children and our neighbor's children going down to eternal night! May God help us to do our best in this work, and all other efforts that are put forth for our blessed Lord.

We have Brother Billey Rogers as our pastor for the coming year; a fine little Sunday School; prayer meeting every Wednesday night, and we are expecting Brother Mike Cleaver back with us again in November at the Myrtle church, so asking the prayers of all God's people, I remain,

Your sister in Christ,  
Josie Young.

### Every "Little" Helps

The following little article "Every Free Will Baptist a "Little," was printed in the January issue of our paper. We felt then that every Free Will Baptist was needed to make our work a success: we feel that need just as much now; so we are reprinting the article. Our paper though young has been and is, with the help of its friends, a success, but it needs to grow. Then let's every one help "A Little" and all pull together for our paper. It will help the preachers, the laity, and the whole church together.

"A certain pastor taking up his work on a new charge, discovered that one large family always had time to attend all the church services. They seemed to be prosperous and gave liberally for the support of the church.

The pastor became so interested about this family that he drove out to their farm to see if he could discover the secret of their success. Arriving at the farm he found Mr. Little busy near the house and said to him, "I came out to see if I could find out the secret of your success." Mr. Little, pointing out several of his children, busy at this and that, said, "Every Little helps."

Every Free Will Baptist is a "Little" part of our great Family and, if every "Little" helps, we will surely succeed.

**Reported From the Mo.****State Association**

By The Editor

The editor had the privilege and the pleasure of attending the Missouri State Association, which convened with Flat River Church, Oct. 16th to 20th. There was a large delegation present and much important business transacted. More than thirty preachers were present, so there was plenty of good preaching. Can't give a full report here, can only mention a few things that were done.

The "Budget System" was adopted for financing our State Work. A committee was appointed to get in touch with all the pastors of Free Will Baptist churches in the state, instructing them to collect their quota from their churches and send it to our state treasurer, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. R1. The committee has fixed the amount to be paid by each church to be equal to ten cents for each member of the church, the money to be used only as the Association directs or orders.

A State Free Will Baptist League for our young people was organized, and officers were elected as follows: Eld. L. A. Ferguson, Pres., Flat River Wm. Reeves, Vice Pres., Flat River Miss Melba White, Secretary-Treas., Hemple, Mo., R1

Mrs. Ora Mae Davis, Editor, 913 S. Sarah St., St. Louis, Mo.

The League Lessons are to be arranged by the editor and printed in the Gem, beginning with Jan., 1930.

It was voted to locate the press at Purdy, Missouri. And it was agreed that the editor should furnish the building, and that the Mo. State Association should buy a linotype, to be delivered at Purdy about the time we shall move there.

The editor was elected to go on the field to raise the money to buy the linotype, with the understanding that we might have to suspend the publication of the Gem for one month. Sister McAdams, and Bros. Jim Miller, George Miller, Selph Jones, and others have agreed to help raise this money, so we are

hoping that we will be able to print the Gem every month as usual.

A new linotype, suitable for our work, will cost around \$2000.00, and it was agreed and understood that the money should be raised first and buy for cash. This plan will save us \$600.00 in interest and insurance that would have to be paid if we took the semi annual payment plan. Since Indian Creek has \$449 already pledged, which is fine, the other Associations should be able to raise the other \$1500.00.

The editor has already performed his part of the agreement; now come on, brethren, let's put this over. The amount may look big, but it is very small if each one pays his or her part.

When the time comes that a new editor must be elected, the denomination will have to own the publishing house with all the equipment. This linotype will give the Association a large share of the equipment, and is a long step toward owning it. It will be much easier to raise hundreds of dollars now than to raise thousands later on.

I came back by Purdy and purchased a two story dwelling house with ten rooms, the ground floor to be used for our publishing house, and the upper five rooms as living quarters. It is a good house, and the rooms are large, and will need little or no alterations to accommodate our printing plant.

We get possession at once, but we just can't figure out how we can move before spring and meet our obligations. We must put the paper out, and we have a lot of minute work that we must put out before we move. I must spend some time on the field gathering money for the linotype fund, and I want to attend the Co-operative General Association and the State Association of Texas, and we must make some disposition of our Okla. property. All this will keep us busy till spring, and to put any of it off in order to move would bring more disappointments than for us not to move till spring.

We enjoyed very much the good Christian fellowship throughout the Association, and feel very grateful to the good people of Flat River for their kindness and hospitality. We will be glad to meet with them again.

Then we had the pleasure of meeting and becoming acquainted with many preachers and delegates from over the State whose names we had written many times in mailing them the paper. Now, when we write their names, pleasant memories will awake within us.

After the business of the Association was over, we had the pleasure of meeting with the church at Desloge Sunday at eleven o'clock, and at Oak Grove Church Sunday night. Monday we spent in St. Louis and met with the First F. W. Baptist church at 611 Rutger St., Monday night. Then on Wednesday night, on my way home, we had the pleasure of meeting with Macedonia Church near Purdy, Mo. At each of these churches, as at Flat River, we met a lot of good, loyal, Spirit-filled Christians denominated Free Will Baptists. Thank God for their lives and their influence!

**Gone and Forgotten**

There is a charming old Celtic legend which says that the Angel of Mercy was sent to a certain saint to tell him that he must start for the Celestial City. The saint received the messenger and his message with gladness, and at the appointed hour they set off together. As they passed up the shining way beyond the bounds of this world the saint was suddenly troubled with the thought of his sins. "Mercy," he said, addressing his angelic guide, "where did you bury my sins?" "I only remember that I buried them," he replied, "but I cannot tell where." Then he added, "As for the Father, he has forgotten that you ever sinned." What a wonder is divine forgiveness! How absolutely complete!—Sunday School Chronicle.

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# Sunday School Lesson

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## Lesson for November 3

### RESPECT FOR EIGHTFUL AUTHORITY

(World's Temperance Sunday)

LESSON TEXT—Mark 12:13-17; Rom. 13:1-14; 1 Peter 2:13-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Why We Have Laws.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Why We Have Laws.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Obeying the Law.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Making Effective the Will of the Community.

Though our citizenship is in heaven, we have obligation to the government under which we live.

I. Obligation to Pay Tribute (Mark 12:13-17).

This teaching concerning the tribute money came in answer to the question put to Jesus by representatives of the Pharisees and Herod. They would gladly have killed him, but they feared the people. Their only hope was to discredit him among the people.

1. Their question (v. 14).

Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not? The Pharisees contended that since God was the real king of Israel, it was not obligatory—yea, even sinful—to pay taxes to a heathen king. The Herodians were supporters of Herod. With flattery on their lips, they put this subtle question. For Christ to have answered "yes" would have discredited Him with the people, and to have said "no" would have made Him liable to arrest as an enemy of the government.

2. Jesus' reply (vv. 15-17).

He requested a coin to be brought and inquired as to whose image and superscription it bore, declaring that those who accept the coin of Caesar should pay taxes to Caesar. Thus the Lord escapes their trap and inculcates a principle which applies to all time and conditions as to the Christian's responsibility to civil government.

II. The Christian's Obligation to the State (Rom. 13:1-7).

The believer is a citizen as well as a Christian.

1. Obedience to rulers (vv. 1-4).

This obligation is upon all Christians. Civil government is ordained of God, and rulers are His represent-

atives. To refuse obedience to civil authority is to resist God. This does not mean that a Christian at the behest of the state should do that which is inherently wrong. The same is true of the child in its responsibility to its parents. While obedience to parents is the will of God for children, this does not imply that the child is under obligation to do that which is morally wrong, at the command of the parents. Submission to authority is the law of the believer's life.

2. The spirit in which the Christian renders obedience to rulers (v. 5).

He should regard it as his obligation because it is morally right.

3. Methods of expressing this obedience (vv. 6, 7).

(1) In the payment of personal and property taxes. The citizen who enjoys the benefits of government is morally bound to support it.

(2) Payment of duty upon merchandise, and license fees. The business exchange between nations must be regulated. For such regulations, expense is incurred, for which benefit the citizen should pay.

(3) Veneration for magistrates—"Fear to whom fear."

Those who have the fear of God in their hearts will venerate their rulers, God's representatives.

(4) "Honor to whom honor." Civil officers should be honored because of the ministry they perform.

III. The Spirit of Loyalty to Authority (1 Pet. 2:13-17).

The loyalty of the Christian to right authority should be glad and free. The Christian recognizes the necessity of social order, and will graciously submit to the authority of rulers and faithfully perform his obligation as a citizen, not through cringing fear, but as the Lord's free man, for the Lord's sake. By means of this free submission as God's servant, he puts to silence the ignorance of foolish men (vv. 15, 16).

1. Honor all men (v. 17).

He will see in every man the image of God and therefore give honor to him. A Christian will attend to the proprieties of life among all classes and in all relations.

(2) Love the brotherhood (v. 17). The Christian has a peculiar love for those who are of the same household.

(3) Fear God (v. 17). This is filial, reverential fear.

(4) Honor the king (v. 17). This had a peculiar significance, for in all probability the wicked Nero was then the reigning monarch.

### Life Is Like That

"Take your needle, my child, and work at your pattern. It will come out a rose by-and-by." Life is like that. One stitch at a time taken patiently, and the pattern will come out all right like the embroidery.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

## Additional Comments

By the Editor

Jesus lived in the days of Roman supremacy, when the Jews were under the rulership of the "legs of iron" of Nebuchadnezzar's vision. When Judea became a Roman province, the people were put under great financial burdens, the taxes were farmed, and the publicans became a curse to the country. Jesus came to establish a spiritual kingdom, and taught that citizens of His kingdom should be subject to the laws and customs of the lands in which they live. And through Paul God demands submission to the powers that be, for they are "ordained of God."

Laws are to protect rights common to all, or the majority, not the personal rights of a few. Thus the right of a few to make, buy, sell, or drink intoxicating liquors, and in so doing cause others to suffer, and menace our crowded highways with drunken drivers, should be restrained by law. The lawless few cry for personal liberty and do their best to break down the law, yet it is the right and the duty of the many good citizens to restrain them by law, for the highest good of all.

Some people act as if they thought God had no laws they should obey, or else He would not enforce them. Likewise some treat nature as if she had no laws that they should obey. Be sure that God will enforce every one of His laws, and He warns us, and says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." And if you think nature will not enforce her laws, just visit some of our state institutions and see the multitudes with whom nature is squaring her accounts.

Lawbreakers sin against God as well as commit offenses against the state. We should obey the laws of the land in which we live because the Bible commands it. If we keep the law, the law will keep us; therefore laws are our friends, let us treat them as friends. True obedience is not forced: it is the response of an honest, loving heart. Good people do right because it is right.

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## Lesson for November 10

### WORLD PEACE THROUGH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

LESSON TEXT—Isa. 2:2-4; 11:6-10; 19:23-25; Acts 17:22-28; John 4:20, 21.

GOLDEN TEXT—They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Friends the World Around.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Friends the World Around.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Working for World Peace.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Our Share in Promoting International Understanding.

The lesson title is somewhat misleading. It is not world peace through mutual understanding, but through the actual coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, and the establishment of His kingdom on the earth.

I. Messiah's Kingdom Established (Isa. 2:2-4).

By "mountain" in the Scriptures is meant a kingdom (Dan. 2:35, Rev. 13:1, 17:9-11).

1. Its position (v. 2).

It shall be in a place of supremacy. The kingdoms of the world shall then become the kingdom of Christ (Rev. 11:15).

2. The restored kingdom the teacher of the gentiles (v. 3).

God called Israel and made her the priestly nation in order that she might make known His name among other nations. Now, after many centuries of apostasy and rebellion, the chosen nation comes into its own. God's favor will be so outstanding as to gain the attention of the whole world.

3. The Divine Judge (v. 4).

The problems of the world which are so beyond man's capacity to solve will be adjudicated by the One who is all wise, and He shall then rebuke many people. Because of this rebuke, they shall convert their implements of war into implements of husbandry, and shall learn war no more.

II. Description of His Reign (Isa. 11:6-10).

Universal peace between men and animals will prevail. In this picture each animal is coupled with that one upon which it naturally preys.

1. The wolf shall dwell with the

lamb.

2. The leopard shall lie down with the kid.

3. The calf, the young lion and the fawning shall lie down together.

4. A little child shall lead them.

5. The cow and bear shall feed together.

6. The lion shall eat straw like the ox.

7. The sucking child shall play upon the hole of the asp.

8. The weaned child shall put its hand upon the den of the cockatrice.

The coming of Christ will have a regenerating effect upon the whole creation. The only peace for the earth will be when Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, shall reign.

III. Peace Among the Nations by Means of the Knowledge of God (Acts 17:22-28).

The way to bring peace among the nations is to make God known. Paul began his discourse on Mars' hill by referring to one of their inscriptions, "To the unknown God," and declared that it was his purpose to make known this God unto them. By using this as his point of contact he made declarations about God and man which if recognized will tend to the unity of the nations.

1. Declaration concerning God (vv. 24, 25).

(1) The Creator of the universe.

(2) Lord of heaven and earth. Being essentially spirit, He demands heart worship, and being Creator He cannot be confined to an earthly temple.

(3) His active providence. He declared that in Him we live and move and have our being.

2. Declaration concerning man (vv. 26-31).

(1) We are the offspring of God (v. 28). (2) Nations have their place by God's purpose. (3) Men should seek God. The truth thus declared concerning God and man, if received, will remove national and racial barriers.

IV. The Basis of National Union (John 4:20, 21).

The coming union of nations will not be in forms or symbols, but in spirit. The union of the race must be around Jesus Christ. Being united to Him as head, men are brought into fellowship with God. The Christian church is the supreme unifier of nations (Eph. 4:3-6). If we would hasten world peace, let us with diligence and enthusiasm endeavor to induce men to give allegiance to Jesus Christ.

### The Cheerful Heart

God delights in nothing more than in a cheerful heart, careful to perform him service. What parent is it that rejoiceth not to see his child pleasant, in the limits of a filial duty? —Owen Felttham, in Resolves.

### Additional Comments

By the Editor

World peace is desired by all true Christians, and God promises to bless the peacemakers (Rom. 12:18; Matt. 5:9). But if we wish World peace we must stop extolling the warrior, and give more prominence to real benefactors of mankind.

If misunderstandings were the sole cause of wars, we could stop wars by understanding. But our chief trouble lies in the heart (Jer. 17:9; Matt. 15:19). And many people persist in doing wrong when they *know better* (John 3:19, 20).

Jesus is the key to world peace. He is the "Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6-7). If we will receive Him to dwell in our hearts, He will cleanse our hearts and make us love everybody. We'll have peace when the "Prince of Peace" comes to reign. What a day that will be!

The great enemies of peace are harbored in the hearts of men, as anger, ambition, pride, hatred, envy, etc. Satan as the "god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), and as "prince of this world" (John 14:30), has deceived the nations, and brought about the cause of strife and war.

The Bible teaches that the time is coming when there will be peace. Jesus is coming again with power as King of kings, and will sit upon the throne of his father David (Luke 1:32-33). He will overthrow Satan and all unrighteous governments (Isa. 63:1-6), and His Kingdom shall never end. (Isa. 9:7; Dan. 7:14; 2:44).

Wars will not stop till God stops them—when the Prince of peace comes back to earth, there will be peace among men. Men can no more remove war from the world than they can remove sin from the world. Men have their conferences and make peace treaties, but God is left out and man is exalted; so wars continue because God is left out. For "the wages of sin is death," and the Word of God shows us just as plainly that the wages of sin is war. Oh, that men would turn to God!

Improved Uniform International

# Sunday School ' Lesson '

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## Lesson for November 17

### LIVING WITH PEOPLE OF OTHER RACES

LESSON TEXT—Acts 10:9-15, 30-35;  
Gal. 3:28, 29; Ruth 1:1-18; John 4:5-10;  
Rom. 1:14.

GOLDEN TEXT—Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Friends of Many Races

JUNIOR TOPIC—Friends of Many Races

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Treating Those of Other Races as We Should Like to Be Treated.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Contribution of Various Racial Groups to a Common National Life.

#### I. God Is No Respector of Persons (Acts 10:34).

The approach to the heart of this lesson is through the Golden Text. Paul declared on Mars' hill, "God hath made of one blood all the nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26).

#### II. Examples of Racial Harmony.

##### 1. Ruth, the Moabitess (Ruth 1:1-18).

In the days of the Judges, because of famine in Judah, Elimelech and his family went to Moab to find subsistence. While there his two sons married Moabitish women. Not long after this, the father and the sons died, leaving three desolate widows. Learning that the famine was over, Naomi decided to return. Ruth insisted upon going with her and her determination was expressed in such wonderful words that they have become classic (Ruth 1:16, 17). She renounced her country and people in order to be identified with the people of the living God. In this we have an example of two very dissimilar people united as one.

##### 2. The woman of Samaria (John 4:5-10).

This woman was not only of a despised people, but of a disreputable character. But when the light of God entered her soul she became a witness to her people of Christ, and the leader of a movement which prepared the way for the revival at the hands of Philip a few years later. That which removed the barrier from be-

tween the Jews and Samaritans was the personal knowledge of Jesus Christ.

3. Cornelius, the Roman soldier. (Acts 10:9-15, 30-35).

The Jews hated the Romans because they were under bondage to them. Peter, the head of the apostolic group, was a Jew of strong prejudice. The time had now come for the removal of the wall of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles. To do this God chose a high-grade and influential Gentile to make the transition. Cornelius was a devout man, though not saved.

In removing this wall, two visions were given:

(1) To Cornelius (Acts 10:3, 8). While engaged in prayer, an angel from God announced to him that his prayers and alms had come before God as a memorial, and instructed him to send to Joppa for Peter, who would tell him what to do.

(2) To Peter (Acts 10:9-16). In his vision Peter saw a certain vessel containing clean and unclean animals, let down from heaven and heard the command, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat." Against Peter's protest God said, "What God hath cleansed, call thou not common." This vessel let down from heaven and taken back again indicated that both Jews and Gentiles were accepted on high. The spirit of God bade Peter to go with the messengers of Cornelius. Upon arrival, Peter explained to Cornelius how God had removed his Jewish prejudice and then, being assured that they were ready to hear the message from God, he preached Jesus Christ to them. In his sermon to Cornelius, he set forth:

a. The basis of salvation—the death of Christ.

b. The scope of salvation—whosoever believeth on Him.

c. The method of appropriation of this salvation—faith in Christ.

In endorsement of this message by Peter, the Holy Spirit was poured out and as the gospel now was reaching beyond the Jews, there was a new Pentecost.

#### III. All One in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28, 29).

In Christ all class and racial distinctions are lost. Let those who would hasten the period of racial good will bestir themselves to the task of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ—the only means of uniting the various branches of the race.

#### Those Who Are Gone

Those who are gone, you have. Those who departed loving you, love you still; and you love them always. . . . They are only gone into the next room; and you will presently get up and follow them.—Thackeray.

## Additional Comments

By the Editor

In the United States the race problem is always with us, and especially the negro problem. They may never live together on a plane of social equality, and it is not necessary to Christian fellowship. It seems to me that followers of Christ should welcome into their services a Christian of any race.

Whatsoever person God accepts, a Christian should accept, and "God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Jesus is the everlasting example to those who would be His followers, and He was ready to preach His Gospel to the hated Samaritans when the opportunity came (John 4:5-10).

It is related of the Duke of Wellington that once when he remained to take the sacrament at his parish church, a very poor old man went up the opposite aisle and reaching the communion table knelt down close by the side of the duke. Some officious person came and touched the poor man on the shoulder and whispered to him to move farther away or rise and wait until the duke had received the sacrament. But the keen ear and eagle eye of the great commander caught the meaning of the touch and the whisper. He clasped the old man's hand and held it tightly to prevent his rising; and in clear, distinct undertone said, "Do not move; we are all equal here." God is no respecter of persons and all true Christians are like God in this respect, regardless of race or color. It is sin that has made any human being feel a superiority over others instead of recognizing every one as a brother. The barriers between people are all artificial barriers. If one race is weak or backward, others must help.

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# Sunday School

## Lesson

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### Lesson for November 24

#### THE HIGHER PATRIOTISM

LESSON TEXT—Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5; 4:5-11.

GOLDEN TEXT—And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.

PRIMARY TOPIC—God's Love for Everybody.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God's Love for Everybody.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Is True Patriotism?

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Patriotism and Internationalism.

The lesson committee has rightly suggested the entire book of Jonah as the basis of our study. The topic selected by the committee may seem a little strained. It will hardly do to call the spirit which moved Jonah to preach to the Ninevites, patriotism; rather, we should recognize it as the passion of a missionary going forth with the message of God, calling upon men to repent and turn to Him. Patriotism means love for one's country, while the spirit of the missionary is passionate love for lost men of all countries.

#### I. Jonah's Call and Commission (1:1, 2).

Jonah, a Jew, was called to go and preach repentance to a Gentile city. In a real sense, salvation is of the Jews. In the seed of Abraham all nations of the earth shall be blessed (Gen. 12:1, 2). The story of Jonah graphically portrays the history of Israel as a nation. God separated Israel to be the channel through which His mercy and salvation were to be carried to all the nations of the earth. They, like Jonah, have been recreant to duty. Because of this God has caused them to be swallowed up by the nations, who will one day in the future spue them out upon dry ground, Palestine. After chastisement they, like Jonah, will discharge their obligation and nations will repent and turn to God.

#### II. Jonah's Flight From Duty (1:3).

He turned his back upon God and attempted to flee from His presence. He went in the opposite direction to which he was sent. He did not believe in foreign missions. In the same way, Israel has become an apostate people, and instead of a blessing has become a burden and curse to the nations.

#### III. Jonah's Correction (1:4-2:10).

##### 1. Overtaken by a storm (1:5).

Trouble soon came upon the disobedient servant of God. So with the Jews, misfortune after misfortune, storm after storm have overtaken them because they turned from God. They are now tossed about by the nations. They, like Jonah, are asleep.

##### 2. Cast overboard (1:15).

In their perplexity the sailors cast lots and the lot fell upon Jonah. According to his own direction they did this. God had prepared a great fish which swallowed Jonah.

##### 3. Jonah's deliverance (ch. 2).

Jonah in his affliction turned to God and prayed (James 5:13).

God miraculously preserved him while in the belly of the fish. God has miraculously preserved Israel while in the heart of the nations. The fish could not digest Jonah, neither can the nations assimilate Israel. Jonah repented while in the fish. So Israel will repent as she goes into the great tribulation. God made the fish to vomit out Jonah. So He will at the proper time cause the nations to cast out Israel.

#### IV. Jonah's Commission Renewed. (3:1-10).

Although Israel has been rebellious and failed in the execution of her commission, she will repent and go forward to fulfill her commission in preaching the gospel to the nations of the earth observe.

##### 1. The field of his ministry (v. 3).

It was to be the great Gentile city Nineveh.

##### 2. His message (v. 4).

He was instructed to "preach the preaching" which God had commissioned him to utter—Nineveh was to be overthrown within forty days.

##### 3. Effect upon the people of Nineveh (vv 5-10).

They repented and sued for pardon. In the time to come the Gentile nations will repent of their sins when the gospel of the kingdom is preached unto them by the Jews.

#### V. Jonah's Behavior (4:1-11).

##### 1. His displeasure (vv 1-3).

He now makes known the real reason for his flight from duty. He knew that the gracious God would spare the people who repented.

##### 2. God reproves Jonah (vv. 4-11).

By means of the gourd God shows him his error. The closing scene affords a striking example of the patience and pity of God in contrast with the hard-heartedness of man.

#### Hidden Gold Found

A story is told of a man whose home and mill, all that he had in the world, were swept away by floods. But, as he stood on the scene of his loss, after the water had subsided, broken-hearted and discouraged, he

saw something shining in the bank, which the water had washed bare. It was gold. The flood which had beggared him, had made him rich. "Sorrow strips off loved possessions, but reveals the treasures of the love of God."

#### Additional Comments

By the Editor

Since God has no favored nation or individual, let us obey Him in loving and helping all. Every individual is helped when the whole social order is helped; so any nation is helped when all nations are improved.

God calls all men to repentance, to salvation, to holiness, to service, to final judgment. Jonah was called to service; so are we. There is a place for each Christian to fill, and if they fail to fill their place, those who fail suffer loss, their community is weakened, their nation falls short in her ability to help other nations; so the failure of even one Christian will, in some degree, cause the whole world to suffer loss.

Some are appointed to give full time to Christian work; some are permitted to follow some secular business or calling; but it is the first and highest duty of every true Christian to advance the kingdom of God; his other business is to pay his own expenses and the expenses of the kingdom. The call to service is universal: you must either go down into the pit to save those that are drowning there, or you must hold the ropes for those who do go down to the rescue.

Jonah, the run-away, slept while the ship tossed and was about to go to pieces in the storm. His disobedience was the cause of it all: what might be the result of our disobedience? If the ship had gone down it would have meant ruin to Jonah, which might seem just, but his associates would have perished with him, and they were not in his transgression. Then the Ninevites must suffer because their preacher failed to come. Then "Higher Patriotism" is Christianity that shows forth the love of God and the love of man.



## Proceedings

of

### Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist,

when convened with Blue Eye Church, in its Seventeenth Annual Session, August 28 to 31, 1929.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Ronald Hollars.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Elder Winford Davis.

Devotional Exercises.

Letters from the following churches were received and their delegates seated:

South Picher, Northwest Picher, Jones Chapel, Blue Eye, Macedonia, Enon, and Pleasant Grove.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Ass't Mod., Eld. George Foust, Galena, Ks.

Clerk, Mrs. Emma Henderson, Purdy, Mo.

Ass't Clerk, Mrs. Grace Lollar, Picher, Okla.

Motion carried to seat Sister J. W. Allred of La Rue, Ark. as corresponding messenger from Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptist.

Elder W. B. Tipton was elected member of the executive board for the term of five years.

The following committees were appointed:

Pulpit, Publication, Education, Temperance, Obituary, Ordaining, Sunday Schools, League, Home Mission, Business, Location, Resolutions, Investigating.

Motion carried to adjourn till 1:30 p. m.

The stand was filled at eleven o'clock by Elders Henry Finnemore and B. Clark.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional Exercises.

Motion carried to accept the partial report of the Sunday school committee.

Motion carried to leave the appointment of Sunday school evangelists in the hands of the S. S. Committee.

Motion carried that church clerks and our Associational clerk and assistant be standing delegates of the Association.

Delegates elected to the Missouri State Association:

Irene Mayberry, South Picher Church.

Mr. & Mrs. Denver Hollars, Blue Eye "

Noel Turner, Jones Chapel "

Finis Marbut, Macedonia "

Celia Posy, N. W. Picher "

Bertha Hall, Pleasant Grove "

Vera Blevins, Enon "

Motion carried to receive the verbal report of the executive board.

The ordaining council proceeded to examine Bros. G. A. Garner and W. B. Tipton relative to a license to the Gospel ministry. They were granted license for one year.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:45 a. m. Friday. The stand was filled Thursday night by Elders W. B. Tipton and J. A. Posey.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional Exercises.

The following were seated as corresponding messengers from Union Association of United Baptists:

R. P. Leatherberry, Henry Hoppins, Noah Maxwell, E. W. Rogers, Joe Hammond, Mrs. R. P. Leatherberry, Mrs. Hammond, Eld. M. V. Bradshaw.

Motion carried to appoint a committee to help move and establish the Gem printing press in Missouri, and the following committee was appointed: Elders O. T. Allred, W. B. Tipton, and Ronald Hollars.

After a thorough discussion of Sunday school work, the following were elected as Sunday School Evangelists:

I. C. Inmon, Monett, Mo.

Denver Hollars, Blue Eye, Mo.

Luther Mayberry, 701 S. River St., Picher, Okla.

The stand was filled at eleven o'clock by Miss Merl Robberson and Eld. G. A. Garner.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional Exercises.

Motion carried to send corresponding messengers to Union Association of United Baptists. Messengers elected were Elders Ronald Hollars and John Scott.

At this time Home Mission work and League work were thoroughly discussed, and motion carried to elect Associational League President and Secretary.

The following were elected:

Noel Turner, President, Granby, Mo., R2, B58.

Edna Eaton, Sec'y-Treas., Stella, Mo., R1.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Blue Eye Church and community for their hospitality shown.

Reports were received from and Certificates of Standing granted to the following ministers:

Geo. Foust, O. T. Allred, Everett Casteel, B. Clark, Winford Davis, J. A. Posey, Ronald Hollars, Merl Robberson; and licentiates: Henry Finnemore, W. B. Tipton, G. A. Garner.

The ordaining council proceeded to ordain Brothers John Pasco and Will Collier as deacons of Blue Eye Church.

Motion carried to adjourn till 8:45 Saturday morning.

The stand was filled Friday evening by Eld. O. T. Allred. After the preaching service the ordinances of Communion and Feet Washing were duly observed.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional Exercises.

Motion carried to have the minutes printed in the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Motion carried to appoint an investigating committee to see all ministers who failed to report. Elders O. T. Allred, J. A. Posey and Geo. Foust were appointed.

Motion carried to release all committees.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Macedonia Church, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1929.

Elder O. T. Allred to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Closing prayer by the Moderator.

### Obituary

Whereas: It has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to take from us the following Brothers and Sisters:

Eld. E. C. Whitehead, Pleasant Grove Church.

Clyde Davis, Macedonia ..

W. S. Medlin, Macedonia ..

Amanda Gilbert, N. W. Picher ..

Belle Robinson, Jones Chapel ..

We are grieved to give them up, but we bow in humble submission to His will.

Committee { Sister Merl Robberson  
Eld. Henry Finnemore  
Sister Posey.

### Publication

We, your committee on publication, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that this Association support the Free Will Baptist Gem, it being the only denominational paper near us.

We further recommend that this body appoint a committee for the purpose of raising funds to help move and establish the press. We urge that each one, individually, try to secure all the subscriptions possible to our Free Will Baptist Gem.

We also suggest that this Association strive to get the press located within the bounds of Indian Creek Association.

Committee { Eld. Ronald Hollars  
Eld. O. T. Allred  
Eld. W. B. Tipton.

### Enrollment of Ministers

J A Posey,.....Treece, Kans.  
B. Clark, .....Joplin, Mo.  
G H Foust,.....Galena, Ks., R2.  
Everett Casteel,.....Anderson, Mo.  
Ronald Hollars,.....Blue Eye, ..  
G A Garner,.....Stella, ..  
Winford Davis,.....Monett, ..  
O T Allred,.....Monett, ..  
Henry Finnemore,.....Springfield, ..  
W B Tipton,.....B83, Cardin, Okla.  
Miss Merl Rebberson,.....Purdy, Mo.

### Visiting Ministers

R P Leatherberry,.....Green Forest, Ark.  
H H Hoppins,.....Green Forest, Ark.  
M V Bradshaw,.....Marble, Ark.

### Deacons

P R Henderson, Macedonia, Purdy, Mo.  
S A Davis, Macedonia, Monett, Mo.  
Marlin Dunn, N. W. Picher, Treece, Kans.  
J H Cohen, " " " "  
Fred Badley, Enon, Enon, Ark.  
E. O Callen, Blue Eye, Blue Eye, Mo.  
S Head, Blue Eye, Gr'n Forest, Ark.  
J J Hall, Pleasant Gr., Anderson, Mo. R1  
H Gilliam, S. Picher, Picher, Okla.

### Delegates

Name	Church-
Sister Posey	N. W. Picher
Elsie Dunn	" "
Minnie Chambers	" "
Etta Glenn	" "
Sarah Kauffman	" "
Edna Cohen	" "
Verna Williams	South Picher
Margurite Tipton	" "
Clarabelle Roberts	" "
Grace Lollar	" "
Noel Turner	Jones Chapel
Elizabeth Garner	" "
Edna Eaton	" "
Billie Wescott	" "
Nellie Badley	Enon
Bertha Hall	Pleasant Grove
Denver Hollars	Blue Eye
Mahala Head	" "
Ewin Davis	Macedonia
Gertie Davis	"
Emma Henderson	"
Jane Inmon	"
I C Inmon	"
Pearl Allred	"
Julia Davis	"
Finis Marbut	"
Oleta Davis	"
Lucille Davis	"

### Financial Statement of Clerk-Treasurer

Amount left in treasury from last year, \$ 3.72  
Received at the Association this year, 14.51  
Total.....\$18.23

### Paid Out

For badges and programs.....\$3.70  
For postage......74  
To State Association.....7.00  
Total Am't paid out.....\$11.44  
Balance in treasury.....\$6.79

Emma Henderson, Clerk-Treasurer.

## Home

By Miss Merl Robberson

There isn't a sweeter word than the word "Home." What is Home? A place where father, mother and the children are all in unity, and all love one another, and love Jesus and his work.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." We have our earthly home and our heavenly home. We read in the Bible about the garden of Eden. It was the most beautiful home ever made here on this earth, and this home was made by God.

We read in the Bible and study about another home, or ark, which God told Noah to build. Noah listened to God's command, and built the ark according to God's plan. And according to God's command there were gathered with Noah and his family into the ark "Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth." There was one pair of each kind of unclean beasts, and seven pairs of each kind of clean beasts.

Now God told Noah that after seven days he would cause a flood of rain to come upon the earth. So, when Noah and his family were safely within this home, or ark, and God had shut them in, "the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights." But all that were in this home were safe from the storm, even the little birds were satisfied in their nest. But Noah thought of those that were out of this home. He had warned them many times, but all the people that were saved were Noah and his family.

We all love to think of the way this ark or home stood the storm and landed safe on Mount Ararat. The waters went down, and Noah and his family built an altar and offered a burnt offering. They no doubt bowed their heads and prayed to God, and thanked Him for taking

care of them, and keeping them safely through all the rain and storm.

Now God said he would set his bow in the cloud, and it should be a token of a covenant between him and the earth, that the waters should no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. We all love to study about the rainbow. Just think of the different colors! Let us read the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. Here we read about our heavenly home, and the 19th and 20th verses tell about the foundations of the walls of this new Heavenly Jerusalem. Different colors! Compare these colors with the rainbow colors.

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." One beautiful morning Jesus sent one of his angels to earth to pick His choicest flower. So the angel went to a home. He looked at the father, mother, the sisters and brothers in this home. So he picked the choicest flower. The angel took the baby of the family of several children and flew back to heaven. And the angel flew to another home and took a father, then a mother, and to another took grandfather and grandmother. Almost every home has an interest in the sweet, happy, Heavenly Home.

We speak of the realms of the blest;  
That country so bright and so fair;

And all of its glories confessed.

But what must it be to be there!

We speak of its pathway of gold;

Its walls decked with jewels so rare,

And all of its wonders untold,

But what must it be to be there!

With loved ones again we shall roam,

In that country celestial and fair;  
With saints and with angels at home,

And Jesus himself shall be there!

## Lost Sheep

By Rev. M. Cleaver

Following is a short message to you on the subject of "Lost Sheep" or "backsliders." You will find the text for this subject recorded in the Gospel according to St. Luke, fifteenth chapter and fourth verse. The Redeemer was in the midst of a number of Pharisees and scribes, teaching his everlasting gospel, when these Pharisees and scribes began to murmur and complain, saying He was eating with sinners, and also received them in His company. They were ignorant of the fact that His blessed commission was to heal the broken-hearted, and set them that were in bondage free. Jesus knowing the very intents of their minds, headed them off with the wonderful parable of "The Lost Sheep." He could see the future of His followers, as well as the past and present. It was then He asks that wonderful question: "What man of you, having an hundred Sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?" (Luke 15:4).

Perhaps we would think it a very small loss, just one out of one hundred. But when we bring this vital question into natural life, and even into our home, it later proves that the loss of the one hundredth is equivalent to either one of those that were left in the wilderness as to the value of the soul. We very often hear people say, when some precious little child has departed this life, "Oh, how many children have they? Oh, five? Well, that is not as bad as if it were the only one." Such ideas as this are carried with our finite minds into the spiritual realm.

We should ever bear in mind that thousands of worlds like this will not compete in value with the immortal soul. We very often ask the question, "How is it that people will turn their minds from our Heavenly Father to the perishable

things of this life." I believe I can answer that farther on.

I think it beautiful that our Heavenly Father likens us to sheep, and those that have turned away as *lost sheep*. Shepherds have often related their story to us, how a sheep will leave its leader. They would go on and on, feasting on the green grass of the distant hills, neither looking up nor around. Alas, the grass has changed its color. That which was once sweet, now has turned sour. It looks up. Its shepherd and the flock have disappeared, and it begins to wander from place to place. At last it is found of that shepherd that is mindful of its welfare.

How does he find it? Generally speaking poor, lame, thirsty and exhausted.

This is just the way of the ones that used to help in the choir, lead in prayer, teach the Sunday School class. First they would begin to stay out of Sunday School, then the morning worship, then the evening worship. They have begun to brouse on the things of the world, never looking up nor around.

Unless we as a people work to regain these lost ones back again into the service, we have denied our commission. "Go seek that which was lost. In place of hunting Scripture to lead them back to Christ the Good Shepherd, we usually try to find Scriptures that will condemn them, not knowing they are already condemned. We very often hear influential men and women say, "Well, I am tired of this way of doing. I am going to do better." The drink has turned its taste, the ballroom floor has become a curse. Listen, friends, that is the Good Shepherd putting that distaste in us.

Then we might ask the question: "How does He find us?" Just like the shepherd found that lost one. Will power in gone and weakness has come instead. Character has been blighted. Then He picks us up in our moral weakness, and lay-

eth us on his shoulder rejoicing (Luke 15:4). These four were made to rejoice: the angels of heaven, the saints of God, the one that was lost, and the Good Shepherd that found His sheep. Friends, let us be more mindful of those that are lost in the future than we have been in the past. May God help us is my daily prayer.

### Imperfect Consecration

J. H. Jowett, D. D.

The rich young ruler consecrated a part, but was unwilling to consecrate the whole. He hallowed the inch, but not the mile. He would go part of the way, but not to the end. And the peril is upon us all. We give ourselves to the Lord, but we reserve some liberties. We offer Him our house, but we mark some rooms "Private." And that word "private," denying the Lord admission, crucifies Him afresh. He has no joy in the house so long as any rooms are withheld.

Dr. F. B. Meyer has told us how his early Christian life was marred and his ministry paralyzed just because he had kept back one key from the bunch of keys he had given to the Lord. Every key save one! The key of one room kept for personal use, and the Lord shut out! And the effects of the incomplete consecration were found in lack of power, lack of assurance, lack of joy and peace.

The "joy of the Lord" begins when we hand over the last key. We sit with Christ on His throne as soon as we have surrendered our crowns and made Him sole and only ruler of our life and its possessions.

—General Baptist Messenger

### Reaping What We Sow

We once heard Moody preach on "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Some of his points were: (1) A man shall reap the same kind as he sows. (2) He

shall not reap more than he sows. Here is a story to the point which we take from an exchange.

Many years ago there lived in Lockport, N. Y., a member of Congress, who had in his home a Christian servant girl, who, by her industry and integrity, won the esteem of the entire family. By and by she married a shiftless, drunken carpenter, and was soon supporting him by her own labors. Her former employer, wishing to do her a permanent good, decided to build her a house on a lot which he owned. And to encourage her husband, gave him the job, without revealing the purpose he had in view. The Senator left for Washington, and the carpenter spun out his work through the fall, winter and spring, cheating his employer in every way he possibly could. In both materials and workmanship the house was a botch job from the foundation up. When the Senator returned in the early summer the builder informed him that the house was finished, and boastfully added, "There isn't a better house on Pioneer Hill than that of yours."

"Very well," said the benefactor, "then you go home and tell your wife to move into it immediately. And here is the deed to her for the property. So you see you will have a nice house as long as you live.

The man was dazed by the discovery that instead of cheating his employer he had been cheating himself. And as the defects of the house became more and more apparent with the lapse of time, he was repeatedly heard to say, "Oh, that I had known it was my own house that I was building!"

Christian Witness.

### According as Thy Faith

Art thou a beggar at God's door? Be sure thou gettest a great bowl, for as thy bowl is, so shall be thy mess. According as thy faith, saith He, be it unto thee. John Bunyan.

### The Bible

The English Bible—a book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power. —T. B. Macaulay.

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**Judge Not**

By Maggie Turner

In the Scriptures we read these words, "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matt 7:1). How wofully many of us there are, who fail to adhere to this command of Christ to his disciples.

Ofttimes we see a brother or sister, who is of downcast or sorrowful countenance. Should we judge them by their appearance? Christ said, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). We can not tell—nor are we supposed to know—the secret or underlying cause of this. They may be weighed down or burdened by some sorrow or trouble known only to God. They may not be able to speak, sing or pray in public as some do, but should we judge them for that?

Listen to what the Bible says: (1 Sam. 16:7) "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Again one may say, "Brother or Sister So-and-so doesn't attend church, Sunday School, prayer meeting nor League as they should." Perhaps not "according as man seeth," but there are temporal duties that must be attended to so that we may be able in body to attend to the spiritual duties, or as Aaron and Hur, during the battle between Amalek and the children of Israel, they may (unknown to anyone except God and themselves) be holding up the hands of some Moses till the great victory is won. "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (Romans 14:13).

## Studies in the Book of Romans

By B. F. Brown

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ours to reverence, to prize, to use the ordinances of our Master, with a devotion such as will bring honor to His Name. But let us be quite sure that he is not a Christian which is one only outwardly: but he is a Christian which is one inwardly.

**Maxims**--It is a sad mark of depravity when all which is designed to melt hearts only hardens them.

Divine administration in perfect equity is dealt to all men.

The foundation of revealed religion is, "The Law written in the heart."

No external privileges, seals, marks, or badges of discipleship will shield the unholy from the wrath of God: neither will the want of them shut any out from the Kingdom who have such change of heart as the seals of God's covenant were designed to mark.

## The Invincible Christ

By Elder H. W. Finney

"It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:7.

For those who had left all to follow Him and who had none to go to but Himself (John 6:68): for those whose hopes were all centered in Him--these must have been difficult words. Yet our Lord says, "I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away."

We may not be able to fathom all the deep counsels of God in this plan, but the divine order was that the Son of man should complete His work on earth by dying as the Lamb of God, then rise from the dead, ascend to heaven to become the High Priest of His people, then send forth the Holy Spirit to give wings to His Gospel and to abide in believers. Humanity must ascend to heaven before the Spirit could descend to humanity on earth.

What if Christ had not died and ascended? God might have endowed Him with continuous human life and let Him remain on earth as the personal teacher and guide of the Church. Would it not have been better to have kept Him here to speak His wonderful words and to work His wonderful miracles among the various races of mankind? How wonderful would it be to appeal to Him, as head of the church at Jerusalem, to settle some religious dispute?

We foolishly reason that, had He remained as the visible Leader, the Church would have been more united and successful. Yet He who is "the wisdom of God," declared: "It is expedient that I go." In human form His labors would have to be limited. Though He might speak all tongues and have affinity with all races, He could still be in but one place at a time--but few people could have His direct labor in their midst.

There would always be discontent in various quarters because He was not where it was considered He was most needed. Considering the immense population, how many of one generation would ever enjoy His personal and visible presence? In our day He might broadcast by radio His wonderful messages, but even this could not satisfy the deepest needs of human hearts.

Our Lord knew that by going to the throne of Majesty on high He could, as the Mediator between God and man, manifest His power in the lives of men everywhere through His Representative, the Holy Spirit, making His spiritual presence and power available to all, and leading all into the truth who would yield to Him. At the same time His teachings have been left to us in the inspired Word.

Not until the Savior died and passed out of their sight did the disciples realize that He was something more than man. It was the impulse of the resurrection and the gift of the Spirit which brought the marvelous progress of the Gospel.

The triumphant career of the church did not begin until Jesus ascended to glory. Then it was that it dawned upon the disciples that His kingdom was a heavenly and spiritual one, designed for all mankind.

Had He remained in visible presence, we would have continued to clamor for Jesus to push Him to a temporal throne. Human nature is prone to want visible and material results. The Church through Him would ever have been seeking temporal power. A visible reign He shall have in due time, but then His blood-washed Church shall appear with Him--a glorious Queen to "reign with Him."

Jesus knew that the unseen and spiritual is the real life, and He went away to compel His disciples to fix their eyes on Him in the unseen world, and to find their inspiration for the toils and trials of life, and for their hopes and victories and eternal future in a leader who, though invincible, yet too universal, immortal, eternally triumphant.

While he has not for nineteen hundred years been within the range of mortal sight, we know that Jesus has been consciously and powerfully present for the comfort and inspiration of believers. In spite of some disagreements between those who accept him as Savior and Lord, so clearly has his spiritual power been manifested to those to those who truly love him that millions have been able to testify in the words of Peter: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1st Peter 1:8).

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## Joseph a Type of Christ

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and ye shall eat the fat of the land. Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

**God's Promise**—"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

**The Earth is the Lord's**—Joseph did as he was commanded and his brethren were abundantly supplied with provisions for their journey, even with changes of raiment. Joseph's heart was tender toward his brother Benjamin, to-wit; he gave him three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of raiment. Joseph also sends his father a bountiful supply of the good things of Egypt.

They came to Jacob their father and told him, saying, "Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not." At the sight of the wagons he became convinced, and the spirit of Jacob revived. "And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die."

**God again speaks to Jacob**—"And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes." God spoke to Jacob but he carried out his great plan through his princely servant Joseph. "It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive. I will go and see him before I die."

**Joseph's two dreams**—"For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field; and, lo, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and, behold,

your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf."

"Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me." Yes, Jacob, not thirteen only, but three score and ten shall eat of my bounty, for God hath made me a father unto you all, that your lives be spared. Past finding out are the ways of God. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. They all now become subjects in a strange land of which Joseph, their once despised brother, is lord and ruler.

He gently leads me by His hand,

For this is Heaven's border-land.

What a marvelous change in their lives was wrought by the famine which threatened their very lives, but what a mighty deliverance! And yet these people could not become a great nation of themselves. This is certain, for were they not murderously jealous of Joseph; therefore, how could they of themselves grow to be a great nation, undisciplined and without restraint? For these brethren ever to become a governing body of themselves was utterly impossible. They must be brought under subjection and under national rule. Not only was this necessary for their own safekeeping but they must learn the art of government, and as God's people they were to be an example to other nations.

**The Apostle Paul on Government**—"Let every soul be subject unto the *higher powers*, for there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is

is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also, for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing." (Romans 13:1-6). How wonderful is the wisdom of God in His working and directing the lives of men!

**Jacob's spirit revived**—His latter end was blessed. His son Joseph being near him, he had the consolation of knowing the truth. He could visualize with some degree of certainty "national possibilities." With Joseph as ruler of Egypt, and his sons and their families established in the best of the land, once more could Jacob have peace of mind, his aching heart had been healed, the son of his first love became a mighty deliverer, a great national ruler, a "prince with God."

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## "Take time to be Holy"

Are any so busy taking care of temporal things that there is no time to read the Bible and commune with God in prayer each day? If so the words of the old song by Longstaff will help:

Take time to be holy  
Speak oft with thy Lord.  
Abide in Him always,  
And trust in His Word.  
Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing  
His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy,  
The world rushes on.  
Spend much time in secret  
With Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus  
Like Him thou shalt be,  
Thy friends in thy conduct  
His likeness shall see.



## To The Household of Faith

*From a sermon delivered at Northwest Brazos Association by Rev. R. L. Cotnam.*

The pendulum in the clock of time swings slowly, but it swings surely.

It seems but yesterday since the great Church of God began to shine forth in all its splendor, love and graces. When we stop to think seriously, we are almost alarmed to find that we have passed the morning hour, the noon hour, and the day is far spent, and even now the shadows of the closing day are gathering. Surely we are living in the fast approaching hour of the coming of the Bridegroom.

This short quarter of the year will soon be in the history of the past, with its successes and failures ticked out, and be in the past for us to think over with delight or sadness. Already the old clock is taking on new force, getting ready to strike in the next quarter.

With the new quarter will come new duties, new and greater responsibilities. Whether we discharge our duties and carry our responsibilities will depend upon our own decision and the amount of grace we allow the Lord to bestow upon us.

It is certainly evident that, as members of the Free Will Baptist Church, our responsibilities have never been greater. But we have cause to rejoice, for with great responsibilities come great opportunities.

God never increases our duties without increasing our opportunities. He never sends us into new fields without opening the door for us to enter.

The opportunity for the Free Will Baptist Church is at hand. Shall we embrace it, or lean back with our arms folded and permit it to pass by unimproved?

Our principles are divine. God gave them, and called us to do aggressive work to establish them. But if we prove recreant to our trust, God will take them from us and give them into hands more faithful. Our work is not only important, but necessary; necessary because it is important; important because God-given.

What is our mission as a church? Simply this: To unify, uplift, and save the world. No one will dispute that this is our mission. Neither will he dispute that such a mission is God-given. Therefore, as obedient children of God, we should help to make it effective.

At each of our Quarterly Meetings new plans are adopted to carry into effect more perfectly our work as a church. If the brotherhood prove loyal to the plans adopted, each succeeding year will go down in history brighter than the last. But that this may be a true prophecy, it is necessary that there be a strong pull, and an all-together-pull. Separate the atoms that make the sledge hammer and they will fall on the rocks as snowflakes, but welded together and wielded by the strong arm of the quarryman, they will break the massive rock in pieces. Plans adopted by the church are simply machinery out of motion, and thus ineffec-

tive until the Church takes hold of them, puts life into them, and sets them going.

Sometimes we hear the complaint: "Our Church is not properly organized." My answer is: "We have more organization than we work." What we need is not more organization, but more loyalty to the plans already adopted; not more liberty, but a better appreciation of liberty. Just one thing will hinder our future success, and that is a free-for-all, go-as-you-please. Unworked plans are dead letters; worked plans succeed.

And again, if the members fail to co-operate with their servants, the pastors and the missionaries, we must fail.

The clock of time still ticks on and time is precious, but if we do not absorb or put to use the moments that are ticked off, we do not have any need of them and, whether we spend these moments successfully or unsuccessfully, they are gone for ever and can never be recalled; so let us all remember that time and tide wait for no man.

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"He hath said" (Heb. 13:5).

What doubt is there that will not be slain by this two-edged sword? "He hath said!" must be our daily resort. Since "He hath said" is the source of all wisdom, and the fountain of all comfort, let it dwell in you richly, as "a well of water, springing up into everlasting life." So shall you grow healthy, strong, and happy, in the divine life.—Spurgeon.

## A Father's Prayer

Father, today I bring to Thee

This boy of mine whom Thou hast made;  
In everything he looks to me;

In turn I look to Thee for aid.

He knows not all that is before;

He little dreams of hidden snares;

He holds my hand, and o'er and o'er

I find myself beset with fears.

Father, as this boy looks up to me

For guidance and my help implores,

I bring him now in prayer to Thee;

He trusts my strength and I trust yours.

Hold thou my hand as I hold his,

And so guide me that I may guide;

Teach me, Lord, that I may teach,

And keep me free from foolish pride.

Help me to help this boy of mine,

To be to him a father true;

Hold me, Lord, for everything,

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Mouzon W. Brabham in *The Okla. Mason*

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Done by direction of the Executive Board.

Eld. A. B. Epperson, Chairman,  
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### Drifting

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never do. If you were one of the natives here, you might do something along that line, but you being a stranger, the people here will think you are trying to run the community and will run you out." "Well wife," he said, "I will be at the running." "No," she said, "If you live in France, you must do as the French do." "That," said he, "is some of the Devil's talk. By the help of God we don't have to do here as the people here do. I for one am not going to fall in line and drift with this bunch of folks."

So he got out and started a Sunday school and a prayer meeting, then he got a preacher to come and hold a revival, and God gave the victory. Many souls were saved, and there stands there now a fine church house, and that place is now one of the most religious communities in that country, all because one man was willing to stand alone with God, and stem the tide, and refuse to be a drifter. Let us get right and stay right, and stem the tide, if we have to stand alone with God. Let us take a stand with God, even if we lose every friend we have on earth; for it is better to be right and stand alone and fight it out with God's help, and go to heaven, than to drift with the crowd and go hell; for the Devil has the crowd.

All you have to do to go to hell is to do nothing but drift down stream with the current—with Satan's gang.

If we are going down stream, let us turn about and, by God's help, start up stream toward heaven and, reaching out, let us try to take some one else along with us. It may be a hard pull sometimes to go up stream, but praise the Lord, heaven is cheap at any price. By God's help let us go forward.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

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