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Under Bondage

By Mrs. Della Bryan

"And Moses said unto God, who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

I wonder how many of us are asking ourselves the question "Who am I," or in other words, "What am I, what profit am I to God?" I believe, if every professed Christian would stop in this wild rush of the world and view themselves, we would be alarmed. People are rushing to and fro, seeming to forget God, and that he has power over us all.

We see today that people are under bondage; bondage of sin. We are so thankful that there is a way for our escape, as there was for the Israelites, though we do not have to have the baby Moses raised up among us to lead us as did the Israelites. But Christ made the way so easy, just by coming to Him in simple, trusting faith. When we do this, Christ is so glad to let us lay our load of sin down at His feet, and let us come out from under the bondage of sin. He will put a new song in our mouth.

We find so many that are hunting an easier way. I say, God pity the card playing preacher! Modern pride is keeping people from Christ. It is a pride that will not let people bend their knees before God, although he plainly says, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess him. Oh, I love the old-time way, the way our mothers sought and found Christ!

The Lord said unto Moses, "Certainly I will be with thee" (Ex. 3:12). It is just that way with us. If we come with a broken spirit and a

contrite heart, he certainly will be with us. We read in Isaiah 26:4 these words: "Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

We hear so often today, "What is wrong with the churches?" This is my way of looking at it. You so often hear people say, "I will just not go to church today. That preacher preaches too plain." or "He is not my preacher." How can we expect our churches to grow when there is such a division among us. The devil doesn't need any better agent. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," that we might have a right to the tree of life. So that surely means every one that has been born again.

We hear so much judging now among the people. Listen! Let us stop for a moment and ask ourselves the question, "Who is our judge?" One will say right quick, "The Lord is our Judge." Well then let us be careful, for we find in Matthew 7:1, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

Back to Exodus 3:11, "Who am I." Am I a knocker, or am I a builder for the Lord? Now, let us all pull together for the Lord, because we can plainly see that we will not get anywhere, one pulling one way, and another pulling the other. God is not the author of confusion but of peace.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life"—John 14:6.

As we live on in this world, we learn to know more about Jesus by being obedient to our Lord's commands. The closer we live to our Savior, the more we have faith in him, because he blesses us and fulfills the promises he said he would fulfill if we kept his commandments, and we can quickly and thankfully say that we have found endless joy when we accept Jesus as our personal Savior.

God's Holy Spirit, if we will submit to it, will ever lead us on to a higher plane of living. We will not have any desire to go back beyond our conversion and indulge in the wicked, sinful things that drag our souls down to a devil's hell.

When we are in sorrow and our hearts are burdened, it is then we find what a friend Jesus is. When we call on him, he always gives that comforting Spirit, and he is so merciful to us, though we are weak and unworthy creatures.

God, in his divine love, sent his only Son into the world that men and women, boys and girls might know Jesus in the free pardon of their sins. The world can only know Jesus by being born of his Spirit, and taking up his cross and following him. Jesus is always ready to come into the hearts and lives of men and women when they submit to the striving of God's Spirit, open their hearts, and welcome Jesus into their lives.

Jesus comforted all mankind when he said, "In my Father's house are many mansions," and "I go to, prepare a place for you." He comforted the dying thief on the cross when he asked Jesus to re-

How We May Know More About Jesus

By E. O. Callen

me nber him and Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Jesus had mercy on him and comforted him because he asked for mercy. Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." We as Christ's witnesses should ever be seeking after God's love and praying that righteousness might prevail in our community, in our state and in our nation; that the people might come to repentance; for God is not pleased that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and live.

Let us strive to live that we may learn more about Jesus and that we may be able to tell people who are without Jesus the way to find him to the joy of their souls. Let us live that our faith may be increased, that we may know Jesus as the way, and do his will with gladness, confidence and joy.

"Fire For God"

By Kenneth Turner

Dear Gem Readers:—I just want to impress upon the minds of the Christians the necessity of being a "live coal of fire for God." The following simple little illustration may be a help to some one.

Let us picture a young man out on a fishing trip, or a pleasure trip of some kind. Say he has pitched camp on the bank of some river. He has his camp completed with the exception of a camp fire.

We know that a camp isn't complete without a fire. It is needed to produce light over the camp, it is needed as a means of cooking food for the campers, and it is needed to produce warmth. How much pleasanter, brighter and more cheerful is a camp when the fire is burning!

As night comes on the air, damp and cool, settles down upon the camp causing discomfort. We see the young man as he prepares to build a fire. He gathers sticks and chunks, and brings them together and places them where he wants

his fire. He strikes a match and holds it under the small heap, but it fails to catch fire. He strikes another but it fails. He continues to try only for a short while, for he can see clearly that something is wrong. The material is too damp and will not burn. Everything along the stream in the damp air is so damp that the little flame furnished by the small match can not produce heat enough to make it burn.

As we watch him it seems that he would become discouraged and give up and say, "It can't be done." But he doesn't, he tries again.

This time he leaves the spot a few steps, probably to a place where there is an old drift, and searches in it and finds some good material, suitable for this purpose, which he brings together at the place where he first tried. Placing them under the wet sticks and chunks, he strikes another match and holds it to them. The tiny flame from the match, winds its way up through the kindling, and the first thing we know there is a blaze. Yes, it becomes even hot enough to cause the damp sticks and chunks to catch fire and burn, which at first seemed impossible. What a cheerful light appears, and the heat brings warmth and comfort. The place is now bright and pleasant.

The fire burns fine for some time before it begins to burn down. As it begins to burn low, there are more chunks and logs piled upon it, and then still more to keep it alive.

After a while we see the camper leave the fire to retire for the night. The damp cool air, and no one to keep up the fire, causes it to burn low through the night. The following morning the man needs a fire again. When he appears there is no fire at all, but he understands the situation exactly, and he knows just what to do, for we see him search around in the ashes and find a live coal or two. He brings these together, and then searches for another. He finds one. It is placed with the other two. He continues this until he finds five or six

coals, and from these live coals we see a blaze starting up without the least bit of trouble. With a few logs and chunks piled upon it to catch fire, causes the place to be hot, and the surroundings are soon warmed up. He continued doing this day after day, as long as he stayed at the place, starting the fire each morning with the aid of a few live coals. He never found it difficult to create a warmth after he got the fire started the first night.

It is much the same way with the power of God among Christian people. Let's picture a minister of the gospel starting a revival at some place where there had been no preaching for some time, and no interest there whatever. Just as the man who tried to build a fire where there had been no fire for a long time. The man on the bank of the creek was trying to build a natural fire, while the minister in the pulpit is making an effort to build a spiritual fire. He preaches a few nights, but it seems that he can not work up an interest, and from some cause he just can't bring the power of God down. We know that a meeting doesn't amount to anything unless the power of God (will say fire of God) is in it. When God's Spirit is felt there will be shouting and singing. It is needed to convict and save sinners.

As the meeting makes no progress, it would seem that the minister would become discouraged and give up but he holds on and tries again, just as the man did who built the fire on the creek bank. He gets the weight of the meeting and the worth of poor lost souls upon his heart, causing him to pray more earnestly. He visits among the neighboring people, finding out what is wrong, and why the fire will not burn for God.

He finds that he hasn't much suitable material to assist him. We know that a preacher alone can't have a success without help from the Christians. He finds a few faithful Christian workers, and in-

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EDITORIAL

Importance of Family Worship

It is the nature of man to worship something. The heathen, in their best estate, feel bound to honor the gods in their homes; the Jews have religiously kept their daily sacrifices. Should not Christians honor God with praise, and approach Him with prayer in their homes?

In most homes the members of the family come regularly together for meals. On the same principle, and with no more trouble, the members of a family can be brought together each day in the act of worship. The head of the family takes the Bible—in some homes the Bible is found on the breakfast table—and reads a portion, or asks some other member to read it, then prayer is offered.

"We have so little time!" But it will save time, temper and strength to begin and end the day with prayer to God. If we approach God in real humble, trustful service, guided by the Word and Spirit of God, He always hears and blesses. God dwells with those who invite His presence, and blessed is that home which enjoys God's presence! Oh, men and brethren whom God has placed at the head of families, where God gives you homes, be sure you set up an altar! Whether the family be large or small, even only one person, and whether you live in a mansion or only in rented rooms, or a room. You have a room: consecrate it by united prayer, and it will render it homelike. Living thus for God makes refined characters, who unconsciously preach to others of the power of God to bless and enrich human lives.

Some say, "We often have strangers with us." So much the more reason for confessing Christ before them. How much good it may do them!

Some say, "I have no gift of prayer." Have you desires, thankfulness, hopes? Can you express such to men? Do likewise to God. God sees the heart. He will aid your tongue, and the effort to honor Him will not be in vain. It may take a real effort, but it is worth making. No service to God is worth much that costs nothing.

Objections and difficulties are worth nothing compared with the privilege and the duty and the blessings that family devotions bring. It used to be that prosperity came to many homes through the efforts of God-fearing, faithful parents, and the children grew up under godly influences. But times have changed, and "the children must have worldly pleasure." Christians! What is seen in your homes,—empty show, display, extravagance, and things hardly modest? Or do people see purity, unity, godliness and holy service to God? Would you live in the grateful recollections of Christian children? Then be the faithful priest in your home, the devout minister at its altar.

From the Field

Report of Mo. State Association

I will at this time endeavor to make a brief report of our wonderful State meeting which convened October 14 to 17th in its 17th Annual Session, with Norman Church, Oregon Co., Mo.

Introductory sermon by Eld. G. W. Scott, Sr.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator, Eld. E. T. House, Santa Rosa, Mo.

Ass't Mod., Eld. J. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.

Clerk-Treas., Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Ass't Clerk, Eld. E. E. Winfree, Arta, Ark.

Member of Ex. Board for term of five years, J. P. McCullough, Alton, Mo.

There were 28 ministers present, besides one Bro. from Illinois, Eld. W. P. Hodge. and one from Arkansas, Eld. G. D. Arnold. There were 12 deacons present, and 33 elected delegates. Some powerful preaching was done, and one outstanding feature of the Association was the salvation of eight precious souls. Peace and harmony, and a revival spirit prevailed throughout the Association.

Some important moves were made, which we hope and believe are going to mean much to our State work. For some years there has been talk of organizing our State Mission Work. This materialized at our Ass'n this year, and officers were elected as follows:

State President, Sister Lizzie McAdams, Desloge, Mo.

.. Vice Pres., .. Eunice Miller, Flat River, ..

.. Sec.-Treas., .. Tommie Frankl'n, Desloge, ..

May God bless the Mission Work. You mission workers should get in touch with your state officers.

New and important moves were also made relative to our State League Work. Officers elected as follows:

President, Eld. Noel Turner, Granby, Mo.

Vice Pres. Wm. Reeves, Flat River, ..

Sec.-Treas., Miss Melba White, Hemple, ..

Reporter, John Swaffar, Purdy, ..

Now you may wonder about the reporter, so we will explain: Motion carried to quit printing the league lessons in the Gem after this last quarter of 1930, but to give the leagues one page in the Gem for their letters, reports, announcements, etc., all this to be sent to a reporter whose duty shall be to edit and prepare matter for the editor of the Gem to print. So league workers, come on with your reports, letters, etc., but instead of mailing them to Bro. Brown, mail them to John Swaffar, Purdy, Mo. Bro. and Sister McAdams were elected as field workers for the league work, and other field workers were appointed as follows:

Lewis Jorgensen, Urbana, Mo.; Cecil Peterson, Greentop, Mo.; Mrs. Frecia Gray, Thayer, Mo. Now, field workers, get busy in your section and boost the league work.

Some very good things were said and did relative to our State Budget System. Considerable has been taken in the past year thru the Budget System which will be a great help. Folks, the budget plan is the salvation of our state work; let's all rally to its support this coming year. Begin now to get the budget from your church and then it will be off hand for the year.

Motion also carried to buy a linotype for the Gem office, and pay half down. No doubt we will soon have this much needed machine, and it belong to the denomination and not to the editor, but remember folks, there will be several hundred dollars to pay on it yet. The appeal is still to you, will you help us? We are going to pay for this machine, for I certainly feel that God is going to lay it on your heart to make a liberal donation. There are folks taking the the Gem that could give us \$200.00 on this machine and never miss it, and I feel that some of you are going to give it. Another thing I want to ment on. I suggested at the State meeting that I, as treasurer, should give bond; so they voted that I give bond to the amount of \$1000.00. So remember when you send your money in that you are sending it to a bonded treasurer.

The editor, during the session, secured a nice list of subscriptions for the paper.

The matter of uniting the name, Church of God, with the name, Free Will Baptist, was voted to be dropped without discussion.

And I wouldn't fail to mention the wonderful hospitality shown us by the Norman Church and community. It is inexplorable. Their bountiful tables and good homes were just great. May God bless them, and I know He will. I remarked to some one that I had never seen an association do the individual church with which it was met, so much good as did this one. Both a mission circle and a league were organized at the Friday night service.

We have nine local associations in the state and eight of them were represented, which shows interest. The peaceful co-operation among the ministers also spoke extra loud. Then God so wonderfully stamped His approval upon the meeting by the Holy Spirit.

Our next State Meeting will be held with Free Will Chapel No. 1, better known as Pleasant Ridge Church, near Urbana, Mo., beginning Tuesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1931. Let's look forward to a still bigger and better Ass'n next year.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk-Treas.

Hannon, Missouri, October 18, 1930

Dear Gem Readers: Perhaps some are anxious to hear about our Central Western Missouri and South-eastern Kansas Association which met with our Independence Church, near Wagoner, Mo., Aug. 20-25, 1930.

We had a very good Association with about 23 delegates present. There were seven preachers pres-

ent, including Bro. G. W. Scott, Sr. and Bro. J. G. Koch from Union Association. We enjoyed having these brethren with us.

Among our business transactions was the passage of a new By-law, providing for issuing new ordination papers to ministers who had lost their credentials. By-Law No. 19: It shall be the duty of all ministers belonging to this Association to present their ordination papers to the clerk, that a correct copy can be secured and become a part of our permanent record for future reference. As we had two cases of this kind on hand we felt the necessity for such a ruling.

A ruling was made by the Moderator, and sustained by the body, that we have a Special Devotional Service to be held during the Saturday Afternoon Session of each Association, and that a committee be appointed during the first session at each yearly conference to outline subjects and appoint persons qualified to speak or take part on each subject on the program.

Eld. W. H. York was unanimously elected as our field agent to work for the Gem and printing fund in the absence of the State field agent.

We had a lot of good preaching and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

The delegates were all highly pleased with the kindness, hospitality and brotherly love manifested by the Independence and Wagoner brothers and sisters.

Dinner and supper were well served each day during the Association.

Our next Association will be held with Verdella Church, two miles south of Verdella, Mo.; two miles east, one mile north and two miles east of Liberal, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night after the third Sunday in August, 1931.

Eld. W. H. York was elected to preach the introductory sermon next year, Eld. C. W. Mayfield, alternate.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson was retained as our field evangelist.

Eld. W. H. York was elected as Clerk-Treas. for the ensuing and

was elected to succeed himself on the Executive and Home Mission Board for a term of five years.

W. H. Potts was our faithful, impartial Moderator; J. W. Moul our assistant Moderator.

We invite all to attend our Ass'n next year. Come and be with us.

The Lord bless and keep you all.

Eld. W. H. York, Clerk-Treas.

Gid, Arkansas, Oct. 25, 1930

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:—

I received a sample copy of the Gem a few days ago, and I decided I would send in my subscription, and also write a few lines to let you know that there are a few Free Will Baptist down in Arkansas.

I was born and reared in the State of Missouri, and see many names in the Gem that are familiar to me. I formerly lived in Laclede County. I am now living in Izard County, Arkansas. We have a few Free Will Baptist churches here in this county. We are members of the Polk Bayou Association, which covers Izard, Independence, Lawrence and Jackson Counties.

I wanted to attend the Missouri State Association this year as it was only 75 miles from here, but I could not get off. We would be glad to get in touch with you folks up there as we need more preachers down here. I notice in the Gem that there is a Free Will Baptist minister at Mammoth Springs. That is only about 50 miles from here, and we would be glad for him to come down this way some time.

Our next Association will be held near Batesville. Several of you preachers drive down, there is a fine road all the way.—E. E. Reid.

Polk Bayou Association

The Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptist met with Bethel Church, near Lunenburg, Izard Co., Arkansas, September 12, 1930. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. M. G. King of Powhatan, Ark.

Officers were elected as follows: Eld. M. G. King, Moderator; Elder

H. A. Lewis, Ass't Moderator; Bro. E. E. Reid, Clerk.

The following churches were represented: Bethel, Pool's Chapel, Oak Grove, Ballew's Chapel, Mt. Harmony, New Home and Weaver' Chapel.

The stand was filled as follows:— Friday night, Eld. M. G. King; Saturday at 11 o'clock, Elders M. A. Wolf and Gordon King; Saturday night, Elders J. H. Tinkle and H. A. Lewis; Sunday at 11 o'clock, Elders M. G. King and H. A. Lewis.

Our next Association will be held with Weaver's Chapel Church, near Batesville, Independence Co., beginning on Friday night before the second Sunday in September, 1931.

M. G. King, Moderator
E. E. Reid, Clerk.

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Arkansas State Association

It was the editor's happy privilege to attend the Arkansas State Association, held near LaRue, Arkansas the first week in October. The Association was held in Bro. O. T. Allred's old home community where his parents and other relatives still live. Bro. Allred was kind and thoughtful enough to ask me to go with him to the Association, and I have never for one minute regretted that I went. I met many of the good people who live in that community and I met many who came as delegates, some of whom I had known for years. To say that we enjoyed being there, is putting it rather mildly. We had a feast, not only on temporal food for the outer man, but on Spiritual food for the inner man. We enjoyed the prayers, testimonies, preaching, singing, and a blessed fellowship.

There was a good delegation present and every session, both business and devotional, was well attended. Bro. F. M. Hudson of Moreland, Ark. was Moderator, and Bro. W. F. McGee of Russellville, Ark. was Clerk. The Introductory sermon was preached by Bro. George Been of Springvalley Arkansas, and it was a real introduction to a real Association.

Purdy, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers: Bro. Noel Turner and I began a meeting at Merl's Chapel September 15th and closed October 10th with seventeen conversions and several additions to the church. Most all that were saved were grown people, several were heads of families.

Bro. Johnnie Swaffer assisted us in the meeting. He has just started out in the ministry, and has lived here near Purdy almost all his life. He preached twice for us in the meeting. My prayer is that the Lord will bless him in his work. I thank the Lord for his help and his influence.

Bro. Turner assisted me with the baptizing, which was the first that I ever did

Your sister,
Merl Robberson.

Kismet, Kansas Aug. 6, 1930

Dear Gem Readers: I will this evening try to write a short letter to our little church paper.

Sometimes I feel very weak in God's sight, but praise the Lord, I can say, "I am on the Lord's side." I haven't had the privilege of going to church until lately, but now we have a sermon preached from the Bible every evening after work hours

I am thankful that I have Christian folks to associate with again. I just wish that every unsaved person could see their condition. May God help to turn while it is well with them. So many will rush around to be on the job at the usual hour for work. Oh, that they were that much interested in salvation! there wouldn't be so many unsaved.

Well, I trust this may be a help to some poor lost soul,

I sure do miss the Gem when I fail to get it, for I enjoy reading it so much.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Birtie Youngblood.

Kismet, Kansas, Aug. 6, 1930

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus: Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Will write a few lines to Gem readers. I sure love to read the Gem, love to read all the good Christian letters from the saints of God: I wish every body could love the Lord.

We are camped out here on the Cimarron river. We have a sermon every evening after work. I thank the Lord for His tender mercy for those that are lost: may He bless each one and help them to be saved before it is too late, because today is the day of salvation; tomorrow may be too late. Praise the dear Lord I have been saved, will be a year the 31st day of this month. Each day grows sweeter, praise His holy name.

Your sister in Christ,
Dean McCall.

Niangua, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers: As I pick up pencil and paper this morning, I feel that the Lord is with me; and I feel it my duty to put in a few lines that might help others.

I have been attending the meeting at Prospect some, and have been wonderfully blessed. I have many things to thank God for. I thank Him for saving my sister last Wednesday night. I am still trying to serve the Lord, and am sure that life has been happier since I have been trying to serve God than it ever was before. I have told God many times to have His own way with my life, for I know that He knows best.

I am praying for all lost souls, and for the ones that are trying to serve the Lord; and want all that know the worth of prayer, and feel an interest in my life, to pray for me, that I may ever stand as a witness for Jesus Christ, and ever work in His vineyard.

May God bless you all.

A sister in Christ,
Lois Deckard.

Bonne Terre, Mo. July 25th.

Dear Readers of the Gem: I have just returned from Columbia Park, where Sister McAdams and Bro.

Brown are holding a revival, and I am glad to report that God is wonderfully blessing in the meeting. Large crowds are attending, God is helping them in every way to bring sinners to repentance; and souls are being saved. Let us all pray that the whole Lead Belt may be mightily stirred and shaken, so that sinners will seek the Lord. May God have His way and I know it will be done.

Pray for me that I may be counted worthy to meet Jesus when He comes.
—Odelia Rice.

The following poem is printed by request of Mrs. Odelia Rice.

I'd rather have one little rose
From the garden of a friend,
Than to have the very choicest
flowers,
When my stay on earth must end.

I'd rather have the kindest words,
Which may now be said to me,
Than to be flattered when I'm gone
And life has ceased to be.

I'd rather have a loving smile
From friends I know are true;
Than tears shed 'round my casket
when
I've bade this world adieu.

Bring me all your flow'rs today,
Whether pink or white or red;
I'd rather have one blossom now,
Than a truck load when I'm dead.

Mansfield, Mo.

Dear Bro. Brown:—Enclosed you will find one dollar for renewal of my husband's (Wm Shelton) paper. He thinks times are too hard to take the paper, but I can't do without the little Gem. I miss it almost as one of the family, and I told him that you and your dear wife had to live the same as we, and I do love to read the good letters from all the good brothers and sisters in Christ. So may our paper grow and grow until we can have a paper every week. O brothers and sisters, wake up, and let's all take

our good little Gem and help our dear editor and wife. May the Lord bless is my prayer. Pray for us, that we may do some humble part for the Lord.

Your sister in Christ
Mrs. Wm Shelton.

Aurora, Mo., 714 Oak Ave.

Dear Gem Readers: As it has been some time since I have written to our paper, I will write a few lines. The last time I wrote I was living at Picher, Okla., but now we are living at Aurora, Mo.

We attended the Association at Macedonia, and we want to express our gratitude to the good people there. We sure had a feast from the Lord, and we will not forget the bountiful spread given to all at the church. I met many people from the South Picher Church, of which I am a member.

I do not have the privilege of attending a Free Will Baptist church here. I attend the Missionary Baptist and also the Pentecost Church. It was at the latter church I heard Mr. Davis of St. Joseph preach some good sermons. Interest was shown, but he could stay only a few nights.

I wonder how many of us have been missionaries the past month. A missionary, according to Webster, means one who is sent to propagate religion. We can be a missionary in our daily life, in school, at home, or anywhere we go. It makes no difference how insignificant or small we are in this world, we can be a missionary by telling our associates about Christ. Let us not let our friends go so long in darkness without knowing of Christ.

We all know that a revival meeting cannot succeed without the personal work of all. It is like a large business firm. They cannot succeed unless every employee does his or her part in the work. So in the future let every one of us try to do as much personal work as we feel God would want us to do.

In the Bible we are told of many missionaries and workers. A good example of a worker for God was

John the Baptist. He went through the wilderness, preaching, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Another character that was called to be a missionary was Jonah. The Lord told Jonah to "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me." And what did Jonah do? He tried to hide from the Lord like we do today when He calls us to work for Him. But could he hide? No, God sees and knows all.

We may have to go through trials and temptations in this old world, but our home in heaven will repay us for all troubles on earth. People away back before Christ had trials to withstand as we have today. Have you not read where Jeremiah told Zedekiah that he was doing wickedly in breaking his promise, and in turning from God to idols? He was taken by the princes and thrown into a dungeon filled with filth and mud, and there they left him to die. In the court there was one good man, a negro, who let down a rope to Jeremiah and drew him up, and brought him to a safe, dry place. We also remember that God came to the rescue of Daniel when he was cast into the den of lions because he worshiped God and prayed three times a day.

Let us try this month to do more missionary work, or personal evangelizing.

Yours for Jesus,
Clarabelle Roberts.

Neosho, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:—With God's help I will write again to our dear little paper. I have just been reading the many good letters in the September issue.

I don't get to attend Sunday School as I'd like to, but I am still fighting the old devil, and I am for those that do get to go to Sunday School, for I like to go there above every other place.

Sometimes I get discouraged and

think I can't live right, but again I think if other people can, I can. Life is too short, and death too certain to give up the only hope we have. How can people go on in sin! It hurts me to see it, when we all know we are here for such a short time.

Pray for me that I may always be on the winning side.

Doris Turner.

Flat River, Mo.

Bro. Brown, you will find enclosed \$1.00 for the Gem for another year. It is a wonderful paper. We enjoy it so much.

We got home from the State Association o. k. and hope you folks did. We surely had a good time and met lots of good people.

We feel lonesome here without Bro. and Sister McAdams. I don't know how we do without them, but God knows best. They meant so much to me, and many others. Any time I was burdened or in trouble she would come in and send up one of those sweet prayers, and I felt like an angel had been here. Well, it just makes me feel like I want to do more for the Lord. I have often wondered if I could have done more for those good people that God sent to us, for they sure did pick Flat River up. Pray for me, that I may be able to do more for the Lord.

Mrs. Silas Wright.

Myrtle, Mo.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:—I will endeavor to report to you the great things the Lord and Master has been doing down in Southeast Missouri for the people of God, and for lost men and women.

Since we have had a great scourging by way of the greatest drouth we have ever known in this part of the State, we surely have felt, as God's Word tells us, "Without me ye can do nothing."

God tells us, "Thou shalt have no
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Non, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:—Our little church at Non is progressing nicely and we are very proud of it. We have about seventy members at present who are loyal to God and his cause.

Our system of financing the church, is to have a "Church Cotton Crop." Each member does his or her part of the work, and we always have money in the treasury. Why don't other rural churches that are in need of financial help adopt the same plan? God will abundantly bless his people when they do their best for his cause.

Eld. W. P. Scott is pastor here. Eld. M. M. McKee has just closed a ten days' meeting at this place. There were two conversions, and a great revival of God's love in the hearts of the Christian people.

In Matthew 5:16 Christ said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Again in Ephesians 5:14 Paul said, "Wherefore he saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Then, how else should we live, but to let our lives be a bright and shining light for God?

We should let our light so shine, that sinners might see the beauties of a Christian life. Sometimes our lives make a greater impression on sinners than we realize. Our hearts are made sad many times to see people whose lights have seeming almost gone out. God help us to realize that the harvest indeed is ripe, but the laborers are few, and that there is a work for each one of us to do. While some are called to do bigger things than others, yet the little things count too, so let us try to be a blessing to the community in which we live, and wherever we go.

In conclusion will say, that we Free Will Baptists certainly ought to appreciate Bro. and Sister Brown, for their good work does not stop in their home town, but reaches out

over our country, and many lonely hearts are cheered by reading the "Gem."

Pray for me.

Mrs. Metta Black.

Norwood, Mo.

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:—Will try to write a few lines tonight, as I am all alone, and have been reading the letters that our dear brothers and sisters have written. Sure do enjoy them. Wish more would write.

As I hear the patter of the rain tonight, it reminds me that God in his great mercy (which endureth forever) has not forgotten us, and may it teach us how dependent we should be on Him for all we are and have, and what great things would be done, if all children of God would reconsecrate their lives and their all to God's service, and stop going pleasure crazy, forgetting their obligations to God, and a world steeped in sin. We should remember that the thing that counts and pays is the humble, lowly, Christian life in God's service which needs no pen to write it down, for it lives on and on in the lives of others.

You will find check for one dollar enclosed to renew my subscription, as I do not want to miss a single copy, and I think all Free Will Baptists should take it. I ask the prayers of all Christian people that I may ever walk in the way that would please my blessed Savior.

As ever a sister in Christ,

Mrs. Rosa Barnett.

Waldron, Arkansas

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:—This is the first time I have written to the Gem Family, but I have felt for some time that I would like to write. I have been taking the Gem for two years, and am sending one dollar for renewal of my subscription for another year, as I do not want to miss reading it. I think we, every Free Will Baptist member ought to take the paper and read it, so as to help the editor

and help ourselves too. I know it is a great help to me, for it is so full of good reading.

In my last paper, there was a call for Christians to pray. I do believe that prayer is the key to heaven, and I, for one, am praying for God to help us to become more worthy of his many kind blessings, and to spare the unsaved a little longer, and to show them, if it is possible, where they stand before it is too late. I have a husband and three children that are on the wrong side, and I ask the Christians to help me pray that they may get right with God. I promised my Master over six years ago, when he called my darling baby home, that there would never be another day pass while I was able, but that I would humble myself upon my knees and thank Him for His blessings, ask His forgiveness and for His guidance through life; and there has not been one day passed but what I have kept my promise. And I have made a new resolve lately; to spare Him enough of my time to get on my knees both night and morning and to pray and to read at least one chapter in the Bible each day and I find the more time I give to Him, the easier it is to overcome the world. I believe if we expect our Savior to remember us, we must remember Him, and take time to thank Him for His kind blessings.

Pray for me that I may grow stronger in the grace of God, and that my home may become a true home for God.

Ida Yates.

Bro. and Sister McAdams and Naomi were welcome visitors with the editor and wife over the third Sunday in October. They came here from the State Association, and held services at our Macedonia Church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. On Monday they left Purdy, going to Earlsboro, Oklahoma for a meeting under the big tabernacle which has been built for the purpose. May the Lord give a great victory.

OUR SUNSHINE CIRCLE

YOUNG PEOPLES' FREEWILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Ora Mae McKinney Davis, Editor

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Our Motto:—"The Kingdom of God First."—Matt. 6:33.

November 9, 1930

Knowing the Way of Life

John 6:66-69

DAILY READINGS

- Nov. 3. Things For Which We Should Be Thankful. Psalms. 103:1-13
 Nov. 4. God's Divine Care. Ps. 23:1-6
 Nov. 5. Thankfulness For Health. 2 Sam. 22:29-36
 Nov. 6. Gratitude and Forgiveness. Luke 7:36-50
 Nov. 7. Appreciating a Just Government. Luke 1:46-55
 Nov. 8. Protecting the Weak. Romans 15:1-4
 Nov. 9. Eternal Life. John 3:1-17

Mon.—Things For Which We Should Be Thankful (Ps. 103 1-13) The blessings of *peace* within the heart, though all the world is torn by the storm; the blessing of *love* that sweetens the sorrow and brightens the darkest hour, that steadies the heart and gives courage in time of temptation and trial; the blessing of *pity* that crowns the harassed life that lifts its face toward God, even as the lily that comes up "smiling" from the mud, and the slime is crowned with silver and gold as it lifts its face to the sunshine; these are blessings from God alone, to those who have found the *way of Life* which *He* has revealed. A thankful spirit sweetens the whole life.

Question: These are all real blessings, yet after all, what blessing has been—and always will be—the *greatest* to the human race? The Scriptures tell you.

Tues.—God's Divine Care (Ps. 23:1-6). It was the realization of God's care that made our fathers observe the first Thanksgiving Day. It was their consciousness of God that made them great men and women. In the enjoyment of God's

gifts, let us not forget the *giver*. God has kept our nation through the past centuries and has poured out His blessings into the laps of many peoples. We have received far more than we deserved. God has blessed us in many ways, material and spiritual, and we are reaping the harvest, though not complete, in being fully ripened of Christian influences in our civilization. Hasten the day, our Father, when the right shall triumph, and wrong shall always fail.

Question: Under God's divine care, there has been provision made for our protection. To *whom* has divine authority been given to watch over us? (Luke 4:10-11).

Meditation: Even the Devil must confess this great truth, "For it is written" (Luke 4:10). Take very special notice to this, dear young people. The devil was at this time speaking. He was tempting Jesus; yet in his sly, deceitful approach upon the Lord of glory, he must admit what the Scriptures said was the truth. The devil confessed, in the presence of Jesus, the divine authority of God's care for us.

Wed.—Thankfulness For Health (2 Sam. 22:29-36). "Who healeth all thy diseases." In good health we may be joyful, but even in sickness we can thank God for his healing power. It is the spirit of gratitude that makes life worth living. The great Apostle said, "In everything give thanks." For health to enjoy, for strength to work, for love to labor and patience to serve. We thank thee for thy mercy, O God, that forgives our failures.

For what should we be most thankful?

Thurs.—Gratitude and Forgiveness

(Luke 7:26-50). Every thoughtful person knows he has sinned. A consciousness of failure, of moral guilt, of neglect, is the greatest burden which the soul must bear, that loves the right. Sin is failure in any respect to be what God wants us to be. The greatest debt any one can owe is the debt of neglect and rejection to the holy God who made him and framed the entire purpose of his life. No one can pay the debt of his past failure; but because God is not only holy, but loving and merciful, he can forgive, and he does forgive all who repent and call upon him for mercy.

Question: What is neglect toward God? How can we grieve him most?

Fri.—Appreciating a Just Government (Luke 1:46-55). "Judgments for all that are oppressed" (Ps. 103:6). No earthly government is perfect. Legal systems are never free from flaw or mistake. Justice is the foundation of all legal relationships. While most of our public administrators are honest, still there is much to be desired in our laws and courts. There is only one way of success for our nation as she stands today: *that the Spirit of Christ might reign supreme in our national life.*

Ques. What "Judgment" alone is without flaw or mistake?

Sat.—Protecting the Weak (Rom 15:1-4). "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." The purpose of the law is to make it harder for men to do wrong, and yet easier for them to do right, to protect the good from the bad. The law was made for the lawless, yet the blood of Jesus cleans up the human life, that they might know God's *law* which is *love*.—Q. What are the two great'st commandments?

Sun.—Eternal Life (Jno. 3:1-16) The consciousness that God is with us, the assurance that we are His children, confident that so long as we live and continue to be faithful he will care for us; these are blessings which the world with all its wealth cannot buy nor give, but which God freely gives to His children.

Q. What is God's greatest gift to us?

NOVEMBER 16, 1930

What Does It Mean
to Follow Jesus?

Matthew 23:8

DAILY READINGS

- Nov. 10. Witnessing for Christ.
Mark 5:18-20
- Nov. 11. Working for Others
Acts 9:36-42
- Nov. 12. Giving Generously Acts 3:1-8
- Nov. 13. Being Broad-minded
Acts 10:23-35
- Nov. 14. Of One Family, Eph. 3:14-21
- Nov. 15. Of One Nature
Acts 17:24-28
- Nov. 16. Of One Standing
Matt. 23:8-12

Mon.—Witnessing for Christ (Mark 5:18-20). "Tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Every child of God should find it the most natural thing in the world to tell his friends and neighbors what the Lord has done for him. The purpose of every Christian is to be a worthy child of God: a desirable citizen of *his* kingdom in this world. May we not forget that our first obligation is to show others "the Christ." We are to be the example to others, "A witness" for him (1 Tim. 4:6-12).

Q. How may we have a part in the building of God's kingdom on earth?

Tues.—Working for Others (Acts 9:36-42). I will serve God by helping some of his children. I will make the best of myself by preparing for the opportunities which God sends to those who are ready for them. I will always strive to be equipped with the message of Christ, a smile, and a cheerful heart of gladness for those around me. Dear God, thou art the Father of us all. Help us to not only act as brothers and sisters, but teach us to think of each other as members of one great family of heaven.

Q. What is truly the greatest deed we can do for others?

Wed.—Giving Generously (Acts 3:1-8). "Naked and in lack of daily food" (James 2:15). No one can be a genuine Christian who is indifferent to the needs of those around him. The best way to help the poor is to enable them to help them-

selves. A consecrated child of God will consider persons before property, rights before wealth, and justice before social prestige. We may not have much to give, but whatever we give—though small—it will be blessed if given "in Jesus' name."

Q. If we have not money to give to those who are in need, what can we give to them, which is of greater assistance than money?

Thurs.—Being Broad-minded (Acts 10:23-35). "What I have that I give thee" (Acts 3:6). One night a negro was walking from a depot in New York to a hotel. In one hand he carried a suitcase, while in the other hand he had a heavier valise. Suddenly a hand was laid upon the heavy valise, and the pleasant face of a young man looked into his as he said, "Pretty heavy, brother, suppose you let me take this one. I am going your way." The negro protested, but the man already had the valise, and for several blocks they walked together, talking like old friends, to the hotel. Then the man revealed himself. Long afterward the negro said, "That was the first time I ever saw Theodore Roosevelt. 'Tis the human touch in this world that counts;

The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart,

Than shelter and bread and wine.

Lord, help us to be unselfish toward our nation and all its people, regardless of race or color. May we remember that each and every one has a soul for which Christ died.

Q. What real *service* can we give that will be most precious in God's sight?

Fri.—Of One Family—Eph. 3:14-21. "The whole family in heaven and earth." We recognize the obligations of love in our own families. There we know what love means. Because God is the Father of us all, we are all one family, and if each one did his or her part of the program of life's greatest task, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," we would have a happy world to live in. If each one of us helped to fulfil this commandment of the Lord, no one

would need to share so great a sorrow as the world now knows.

Lord, may I never think that my brother's proper place is lower than mine, or less desirable than my own.

Q. There is one *word* that shelters the whole family of God. In this word are *four* letters, representing the "four square gospel of salvation. What is the word? (1 John 3:14-18) "Let us - - - in deed and truth. If you follow Jesus this *word* must clothe you with loyalty!

Sat.—Of One Nature—Acts 17:24-28. "Hath made of one blood all nations of men," All nations God has created from a common origin to dwell over the earth. When we know our own hearts, we know the longings, the aspirations, the joys and the griefs of the world, for God has fashioned every human heart alike. Although God's children have the real Christlike heart of love and compassion, yet there has been wrought in them the works of God. They have been "born again," therefore their hearts are different from the hearts of sinners who have never received Christ into their hearts and lives. Even in trouble there is in the Christian's heart a calm, still small voice which says, "Peace, be still." But when sorrow fills the heart of a sinner, he has no *voice* to still the angry waves of distress that rage about him. Oh, it means so much to follow Jesus! Even our natures are changed when we walk with Him.

Q. If you had to forsake your parents to follow Jesus, would you be willing?

Sun.—Of One Standing—Matt. 23:8-12. "All ye are brethren"—Matt. 23:8. Ah, this famine of love! How it saddens my soul! I stand against all learning, all institutions, all governments, all arts and religions, which reject love. I protest against every church which preaches faith, and fails to love! I oppose the politicians who rely on *force*, and know nothing about love. Love is eternal. Love creates and maintains the world. Love is the very essence of God.

Q. How many could learn to love the red, the yellow, the black and white, equally alike?

Only the Spirit of Christ can teach you how to love them all "just alike." Jesus will reveal to you their *soul*. He died to save them, just the same as for you and me. His Spirit will teach us the real value of man, by counting out to us the cost of the *soul*

November 23, 1930

Our Responsibility to Spread the Gospel

I Cor. 9:1-16; Rom. 1:14-16

DAILY READINGS

- Nov. 17. God's Plan. I Cor. 1:18-25
- Nov. 18. Christ's Command. Matt. 28:16-20
- Nov. 19. The World's Need. Romans 1:18-25
- Nov. 20. The World's Call. Acts 16:6-10
- Nov. 21. The Good News Can Help to Save. Romans 1:14-17
- Nov. 22. Compelled by Your Own Conscience. I Cor. 9:16-19
- Nov. 23. We can bring others to Jesus. John 1:40-46

Mon.—God's Plan—I Cor. 1:18-25. God's pleasure to save through preaching (verse 21). Preaching is not the privilege of ordained ministers only. It is the privilege of every one who knows that which will be good news to another. Preaching is not necessarily standing up on a platform, talking to a large company of people. Preaching is telling others what we know about Christ. There is nothing magical about people being saved through preaching. It is the result of hearing the good news of the Father's love for them, believing it, and then acting accordingly. Our Father, may our own religious life be so real that others cannot help but discover it, and may our own knowledge of thee make us so glad we cannot help but tell it.

Q. How will our "telling the good news" be most effective in bringing others to Christ?

Tues.—Christ's Command (Matt 28:16-20). "Go ye and make dis-

ciples" (verse 19). We need not wait until we are ministers or missionaries or Sunday School teachers to lead others to Christ. We can begin right where we are, and among those whom we know best. Are you ashamed to let people know that you belong to Christ?

A young girl, very beautiful, was picking roses in the front yard. The minister came along and said, "What fine roses you have there!" "Yes," answered the girl, "My mother is sick in bed, and these are for her."

"Is that so? Don't you like those flowers yourself?" asked the minister.

"Surely I do," replied the girl.

"Well, why don't you keep them in your own room for yourself until they are faded and the fragrance gone, then give them to your mother?" queried the minister.

Shocked? Why of course the girl was shocked! But that was just what she had been doing with Christ! "There is plenty of time. I'm young and want to see some fun; later on, when I get older, I'll be a Christian, but not yet." So she had been keeping the fresh, fragrant roses of her life for herself, and afterward, when they were wilted, and the petals of life "marking many years" has fallen away, she intended to give them to Christ.

Are you doing that? Or do you want to have your own life fresh and fragrant to give others this Christ. Their lives will then become fresh and fragrant too!

Are you keeping back the beautiful part of your life for yourself? Jesus wants you *now*!

Q. What can you do *first* to please Jesus the most?

Wed.—The World's Need—Rom. 1:18-25. We hear much of the need of Christian ideals in non-Christian lands, and doubtless we have never heard half the truth of the real distress that exists. But do we realize the need in our own land? Twelve thousand murders a year are committed in America, ten thousand criminals are said to be at large in Chicago, and thirty thousand in New York City. There is little hope

for improvement as long as more than half America's children grow up without religious education.

Q. How can we help to spread the Gospel to those who need it most?

Thurs.—The World's Call—Acts 16:6-10. "Come and Help Us." If we cannot be ministers or missionaries, surely there is some one we can influence for good. There are different ways to reach others with the message of the Bible. Help us, O God, to make known the central message of thy word, *the blood of Jesus*, the message Jesus came into the world to bring. O Lord, may I never be satisfied to do what I must, but may I always do what I can to let others know about Thee.

Q. What Must we do to receive strength from God?

Fri.—The Good News Can Help to Save.—Rom. 1:14-17. "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation." The Bible is God's message to man. It has given information to man that he needed, and could not find in any other books or law ever printed! Following its precepts man has come into experiences that no other literature could produce. There are other great and vital books in the world, some of them older than the Bible, but none of them have ever brought to man the information of God that could remake their lives.

Q. What books in the Bible do you like best? Why?

Sat.—Compelled By Your Own Conscience.—I Cor. 9:16-19. "Necessity is laid upon me." No Christian should wait to be asked to do something for Christ and the church. Each one should find something to do of his own accord, led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. And it will free all those to whom we impart it, if they believe! Service shows what you are, it makes men praise God for the service rendered at your hands, and also makes others wish to have a part in the building of God's Kingdom, in which you are a co-worker.

Q. How many wish to be a co-

worker with Christ?

Sun.—We Can Bring Others to Jesus.—Matt. 5:13-16. "Ye are the light of the world." Once in a town there were two builders, each busily engaged upon a large house. One morning there came to one of these builders a strange man. He offered the builder his aid for the day, promising to help in any way the builder might ask. But the builder thought he needed no help. He thought he could do everything with his own unaided hands and brain, so he sternly refused the stranger, who set off at once to see the other builder. By this builder he was gladly accepted, and straightway went to work.

The stranger seemed to be in all parts of the building at once. First directing the workmen with his hammer and nail, then assisting to push the cross-cut saw; helping to pull on a lever, and next he was aiding to mix the mortar just right. And through it all, wherever the stranger went, the men fell of their own accord to singing, until the spirit of cheerfulness and earnestness had seized everyone and by the end of the day this house was twice as far along as that of the builder who had refused the stranger's aid.

So God has sent us many wise helpers in the lives of good men and women. Jesus was the stranger who came to this builder. Dear boys and girls, don't keep living your life all alone, thinking your way is just as good as God's way. This stranger wants to help you in your building of life. You are quicker to grasp things now than you will be later in life. Now is your time to learn. Let Jesus help you build your life.

November 30, 1930

How to Make Others Happy

Eph. 3:31; 5:1, 2

- Nov. 24. Good Nature. Acts 27:27-37
- Nov. 25. Kindness. Luke 6:27-38
- Nov. 26. Sympathy. 1 Peter 3:8-12
- Nov. 27. Forgiveness. Gal. 6:1-10
- Nov. 28. Love. 1 Cor. 13:1-13
- Nov. 29. Unselfishness. Rom. 5:1-13
- Nov. 30. Service. Matt. 25:34-40

Monday—Good Nature—Acts 27:27-37. A great river is not made turbid by the passing storm: it is only the little creeks that are narrow and shallow that become swollen and angry and muddy. Only upon the surface is the ocean tossed by tempest. Down deep the peaceful waters are never disturbed. The man who allows himself to be spoiled by injuries and wrongs is a little man, narrow and shallow. There are some things that simply do not belong in the Christian character at all, which are only frivolous.

How can we so live that we shall bring to Christ those who have been rebellious.

Tuesday—Kindness—Luke 6:27-38. "Be ye kind one to another." There was a man who was a Greek, in his youth had been a slave at Rome. He was beaten and crippled for life by his cruel master. There is no evidence that he knew any thing about the Bible or of Christianity, but some how the influence and power of God's word must have reached him, for even the Spirit of Jesus lives in his words: "My brother ought not to have treated me so cruelly, but he must see to that. However he treats me, I must act right toward him. The one thing is my concern: the other is his."

How can we be kind to those who oppress us?

Wed.—Sympathy—1 Peter 3:8-12. "Be ye tender-hearted"—Eph. 4:32. All have seen the nature of the good that it is beautiful, and of the bad that it is ugly; and of the nature of him who does wrong that it is not of God. I can never be injured by these things, for no one can fix on me what is ugly, nor can I be angry with others, neither can I hate them, if my life is really yielded to Christ. May we never despise those whom we believe to be more ignorant than we, and not so good; neither let us be jealous of those whom we think are better than we.

What spirit should exist on our Thanksgiving Day?

Thurs.—Forgiveness—Gal. 6:1-10. "Forgiving one another."—Eph.

4:32. The forgiveness of injuries which was regarded in the old world as natural, now appears as a plain duty. Christ has wrought great changes in men's hearts and minds. Our Father who art in heaven, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Help us to know, dear Lord, that thou hast loved us all. Implant within us the nature of forgiving.

How many times should we forgive those who do us wrong?

Friday—Love—1 Cor. 13:1-13. Love is the only way to happiness. Only one thing gives more happiness than being loved, and that is being permitted to love—to live and work for those we love. It may be that we shall never be able to do great things in this life to prove love, but we can do things of humble service. Some of us may never be able to teach or lead, but we can all love. May we learn of love and patience and be of help to those who suffer.

Why did the beggars, the poor and the maimed profit most by Jesus' love?

Saturday—Unselfishness—Rom 5:1-13. As selfishness is the essence of all sin, so unselfishness is the essence of all goodness. Only through our selfishness can men really rob us: only through our unwillingness to forgive can men really wrong us. Only when we are unselfish enough to give ourselves to the enrichment of human life can we make others happy.

How did Jesus make others happy?

Sunday—Service—Matt. 25:34-40. "Gave himself for us"—Eph. 5:2. Suppose we should live only for ourselves and give nothing, risk nothing, and suffer nothing for others, where would happiness be? Suppose Christ had been satisfied to remain at the right hand of God, unmindful of the need of the world. Suppose I think only of how I can get the most out of the world for myself, could any life be more useless or unhappy?

Though we be small, how can our love reach to all the world?

BENEDICTION—

Fire For God

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vites them to help him, just as the camper searched and found kindling for the fire, and they came together to the meeting. This service is more encouraging because of the good kindling. As the minister starts the little flame from the pulpit, the fire begins to burn in the faithful ones, which are suitable characters in which God can demonstrate his power, and it isn't long until God's children are all warmed up. The Spirit of the Lord is so warm that the ones that at first seemed so cold just can't help catching fire for God, just as the damp logs had to burn after the fire was started at the camp. Yes, we can see the people being thrown upon the fire (so as to speak) and they just can't keep from coming in contact with God's Spirit. They are made to shout and praise Him. Sinners are converted and get on fire for Him. The meeting is a success after all, many souls are saved, and all are made happy. The meeting is finally brought to a close after several weeks.

Months have passed and the minister comes back to hold another revival, just as the camper came to start the fire in the morning with the coals that were found in the ashes. He remembers the ones who were such a strength to the meeting before. He gets them interested, and when they are brought together, the fire is easily started. It is always easier to hold a meeting when there are a few live coals for God ready to burn.

There are several meetings held at this place, but the minister always comes in time to find live coals, just as the man found live coals each morning on his awakening. Had he waited too long, even the coals would have gone out, and the fire would have to be built from a match and kindling again. We know how hard it was to start the first fire. So let's always be one of the live coals, ready to do our duty in order to get sinners brought to Christ.

Thanksgiving Ann

By Mrs. J. G. Weems, Stark City, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers: I have been reading your paper and like it very much. I am sending in a little article which I read and liked it very much, for it seemed so good and did me much good. Thinking it might help others, I am sending in a part of it:

"In a kitchen doorway, underneath its arch of swaying vines and depending clusters, the old woman sat, tired and worn, vigorously fanning her face with a calico apron. It was a dark face, just now wearing a look of troubled thoughtfulness not quite in accordance with her name, a name oddly acquired from an old church anthem that she used to sing somewhat on this wise:—

"Thanksgivin' an'
Johnny, don't play dar in de water,
chill

"Thanksgivin' an'
Run away now, Susie, dearie!

"Thanksgivin' an'
Take care O' dat baby! Here some
gingerbread for him.

"Thanksgivin' an' de voice of melody.

Looking after all these little things was her work, her duty, and she spent the intervals singing praise. So the children called her "Thanksgivin' Ann," and Thanksgiving Ann she would now be known to the end of her days.

Thanksgivin' Ann had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Allyn for years, and she was known by them as almost invaluable because of her long and faithful stay with them. One morning after the usual breakfast was over—she had bestowed unusual care upon it because an agent of the Bible Society was to partake of it with them, but while she was busy with a fine batch of waffles the gentleman had taken leave of his host and hostess and departed unobserved from the kitchen window; and Thanksgiving Ann's "Bible money" was still in her pocket.

This worried her very much, for she always saved her money, and when she found that he had gone

without taking it, she didn't know what to do; but it happened that there was another servant close by who volunteered to run after the vanished guest. Upon returning he told her how glad he was to get it, and that he was sorry he had missed getting the three dollars which was all he had received, and the Allyns were considered wealthy. When Thanksgiving Ann went back into the house she tried to sing, but though her heart was burdened to sing: "Only three dollars out'n all her 'burdancel!" she murmured to herself. "Well maby I oughtn't to judge, but then I don't judge, I knows. Course I knows when I'se here all de time, and sees de good clo'es an' de carriage, an' de musics, an' de fine times, folks an' hosses, an' tables all provided for, an' de Lord of glory 'lef' to take what happens when de time comes, an' no preparation a tall! Sure 'nough he don't need no help. All de world am his an' he send clo'es to his naked, an' bread to his hungry, an' Bibles to his heathens, if day don't give a cent, but den day're pinchin' an' starvin' der own dear souls. Well 'taint my soul, but I loves 'em an' dey're missin' a great blessin'."

These friends paid little attention to what she called "Systematics in givin'". Although she had many times tried to get Mrs. Allyn to lay aside one tenth of her goods for the Lord, Mrs. Allyn only said it was too much taxation and that they always gave what they had when it was needed. "I wouldn't like to be provided for that way," declared Thanksgiving Ann.

Sometime later another call came. "Come at a time when we were rather short," Mrs. Allyn said regretfully, then added, "However we gave all we could; I hope it will do good and I wish it were five times as much."

Old Thanksgiving Ann shook her head over that cheerful dismissal of the subject. She did this many times as she moved slowly about her work. Suppose I needn't fret about other folks' duty, dat am none o' my bus-

iness, yes 'tis too, cause dey's good to me, an' I loves 'em. 'Taint like as if dey didn't call deyselves his neither."

Mr. Allyn brought in a nice basket of peaches, the first of the season, and placed them by her side. "Aren't they fine, Thanksgivin', let the children have a few, and give them to us for dinner." "Sertain I'll give you all dar is," she responded, surveying the fruit. Presently the children came in and asked for some of the fruit. "Help yourself, dearies," answered the old woman, and she went on with her work, not turning her head to see to what extent her injunction was obeyed. She was sitting in the doorway again, busily sewing on a calico apron. She still sat there when, near the dinner hour, Mrs. Allyn passed through the kitchen, and a little surprised at its coolness and quietness at that hour, asked wonderingly, "What has happened, Thanksgivin' Ann? Haven't decided upon a fast have you?" "No, honey, thought I would give you what I happened to have when de time come," said Thanksgivin' Ann coolly, holding up her apron to measure its length. This seem'd a little odd to Mrs. Allyn, but then old Thanksgin' Ann needed no oversight, she liked her little surprises now and then, and she only thought this was going to be another little surprise for them.

"What has happened my dear?" asked Mr. Allyn, turning to his wife. "Dat's all de cold meat dar was, sorry I didn't have no more," she said, half apologetically. "But I sent home a choice roast this morning," began Mr. Allyn wonderingly "and you have no potatoes, nor any vegetables of any kind." "Laws yes! but den a body has to think about it a good while afore hand to get a roast cooked, an' just the same with taters, an' I thought I'd give ye what I happened to have when the time come, an' I didn't happen to have nuffin. 'Clare I forgot the bread!' and tottering away, she returned with a plate of cold corn bread

"No bread?" murmured Mrs. Allyn. "No honey, used it all for toast dis morning. Might have made biscuits or muffins if I had planned for 'em long enough, but dat kind o' makes a body feel's if dey had to do it an' I wanted to get dinner for you all out o' my warm feelins when de time comes."

Mr. Allyn was now beginning to be somewhat angry to think that he had provided plenty, and then not to have it prepared, even if it did require a little extra work. Yet he was still too bewildered at such an unusual state of affairs to be thoroughly indignant.

"Curus how things makes a body think o' Bibles verse," said Thanksgivin', musingly. "Dar's dat one 'bout who giveth us all things, an' what shall I render to de Lord for all his benefits toward me. Dar I didn't put on dem peaches."

"Has Thanksgivin' suddenly lost her mind?" questioned the gentleman as the door closed after her. "I suspect there is method in her madness," replied his wife, a faint smile crossing her lips. Soon she returned with a few badly spoiled peaches which she composedly placed upon the dish saying, "Dat's all, dem children done et a good many, an' dey was used up one way an' de other. I'se sorry dat dey aint no more but I hopes y'll enjoy what dar is, an' I wish 'twas five times as much."

A look of sudden intelligence flashed into Mr. Allyn's eyes. He bit his lips for a moment, then he asked quietly, "Couldn't you have laid aside some for us, Thanksgivin'?"

"Wal dar now! spose I could," said the old servant, relenting at the tone. "Believe I will next time. Allers kind o' thought the folks things belong to had de best right to 'em, I had heard that givin' whatever happened to be on hand was so much freer an' lovin'er a way o' servin' dem ye love best, dat I thot I would try it. But it does pears if dey fared slim, an' I spect I'll go back to de old plan o' systematics."

After Thanksgivin' went out of the room, Mr. and Mrs. Allyn had a long talk together. In the end they decided that she was right about the giving and they began to see how they had been treating the Lord who was their King and Master. Mrs. Allyn told Thanksgivin' of their new arrangements and concluded, laughingly, though the tears stood in her eyes, "Ann, now I suppose you are satisfied."

"I'se mazing glad," said Thanksgivin', waking up brightly. "But satisfied, dat's a deep word, an' de Bible says it will be when we wake in his likeness."

(It seems to me that if each one of us, as God's children, would lay aside each day one tenth of our income that the work of the Lord would not be so much neglected, and the people would not miss the money, and would not be so hard as to try to give what we have when the time comes.

Myrtle, Mo.

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other gods before me," so the prophet said, "In the day of prosperity, be joyful." Well, so we are, but we have been looking *down* instead of looking *up*, where all good gifts come from. God's children have been careless, and have forsaken the house of worship. Paul says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is," but meet often, pray with and for each other, and God grant that we may know that God's Word "speaketh not in vain."

Seems as though man can not bear prosperity. God has been blessing man with many good things naturally, crops, stock, money etc. but while these have been granted to man, he has made them his god, but God wants man to glorify him for these blessings.

But alas, man has left off the great and important thing, the worshipping and honoring the Lord of Glory, so he tells us in his Word, "In the day of adversity

consider." So the awful, chastening rod (the drouth) came, and the ministers and churches have, to a great extent, "rent their souls" and reconsecrated their lives afresh, and have come back to their first love as God commands, and, brethren, I just wish to report that this has been the greatest year in the Master's cause of all my life, over thirty years.

Just recently closed a grand revival at Royal Oak near Thomasville, Mo., resulting in forty-nine conversions and the organizing of a church with twenty-two members and three others coming in later, and others to join. We had one of the largest baptizings I ever witnessed: Bro. Perry Bennett a Missionary Baptist preacher and I baptized 40, and a Methodist brother 6, making a total of 46. The baptizing was done near Thomasville, Mo. in La Bonpoint River which was witnessed by hundreds of people. Have been in several other revivals, and am billed for two others, so I want to ask you all to pray for us that God will bless souls, and ever keep us humble at his feet. God bless the Gem Family and the editor, Bro. Brown.

Eld. H. C. Crase.

Denison, Texas, 123 W. Tex. St.

Dear Bro. Brown and Wife: May the Lord bless you in your work, is my prayer.

To begin with: This morning as I began to study on the goodness of our Lord, I felt impressed to write a short message to our brethren through the Gem.

"Where is the promise of his coming?" (2 Peter 3:4). The apostle Peter is here warning the saints against false teaching. In the last days there will "come scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28). As iniquity began to abound in the antediluvian world, God sent a mes-

sage, saying that the coming of the Christ would make an end of sin. My brethren, we know that today sin is abroad in the land, but God has said that He would come and put an end to sin. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all" Jude 14, 15).

The day of His coming, I believe is nearer than most of us think. So it behooves each one of us to press forward in this great battle for the right.

In Job's dark hour of trial, his heart clung to the promises and he was kept from despair; and we hear him saying, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another" (Job 19:25, 27). When we think of Job, that dear old man of God, and the patience he had while he was undergoing the test which God permitted Satan to place upon him, we feel ourselves to be too impatient. May God lead us out into deeper depths of His love and may we be more obedient unto the calling wherewith he has called us.

We hear David saying, "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him" (Psalm 50:3).

Christ, on the last night with his disciples, before the crucifixion, when His heart was sorrowful, even unto death, to Him came the precious thought that in the future He would gather all His own and take them all to heaven; so He said unto them, "Let not your heart be troubled." Christ's second coming is to be visible, "Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him" (Rev. 1:7).

P. H. Coffman.

The Prodigal Son, or the Backslider

By Mrs. Joe Turner

The prodigal son had a nice, pleasant home with his father. He

had his father's love and care, and all that a home should afford no doubt, but he wasn't satisfied with it. Just like so many people of today, he wanted to see more of the world.

We know the story of how he left his home and what a different life he lived, the hardships he had to contend with away out there where no friends or loved ones could help him or make his life happy. All seemed to be against him, making life miserable. That is just the way with a person when they go back into the world after once converted. They are not satisfied with God. They want to partake of the worldly things. They do not realize how good God is to them until they find themselves a sinner again. Then they have no one to go to for help, no comforting Spirit. Oh, the awful, miserable feeling! Dear people, hold on to God, and never turn aside for this will be your condition if you err from his way. I know from experience.

When I was young I had a good home, and all I should have wished for, but I was not contented, just like so many today, and I left my dear old home. Things went very well for a while, until my money became exhausted, and I began to need help. But there were no friends nor loved ones to go to, no employment to be found. I was almost equal to the prodigal son when he ate the husk as he fed the swine. Oh, such a life! Then, like the prodigal son, I had a longing for home "sweet home." When I made up my mind and started back home things seemed different, and the closer I came to my home the happier I was, and when I did reach home, I found I was welcome to come in. How glad I was to get back to where friends and loved ones were.

I find it just the same way in a Christian life. The Lord spoke peace and happiness to my sin-sick soul when I was young in years, and I lived a Christian for some time (Continued in next issue)

Obituary

Sweeny—We are sorry to hear that God has called from our midst, Brother Wm Sweeny, one of the deacons of the First Free Will Baptist church, located at 611 Rutger Street, St. Louis, Missouri, whom we all sadly miss in our godly gatherings.

Mrs. Chas. Huey, Clerk.

Sadly Missed

Mrs. Steve Bennett of Flat River Church who was faithful to the cause, and dear Sister Hughes of Wortham Church, and Sister Macbee of Oak Grove Church, they are all sadly missed. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the loved ones. May we all be submissive to God's will, for he surely knows best. May God's richest blessings rest, rule and abide in each heart now and forever, is my prayer.

Mrs. Chas Huey, Clerk.

Myrtle, Mo.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—I have just finished reading my paper, and I sure do enjoy it as troubles and trials come closer, but God has never forsaken us, and when troubles come we cling closer to him. He knows what is best.

It is true I have had troubles, but I have had many things to be thankful for, as the death angel has visited our home and has taken another one of my daughters. I thank God for the testimony she left. She kept up her courage without a murmur. Her life will always be remembered by her many friends. She told them she was on her way to glory, and was anxious to go and meet her loved ones. The following is her obituary.

Carroll—Gladys Malinda Carroll was born March, 31, 1902 and passed out of this life June 23, 1930. She was the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. T. W. Cockman. Was converted seven years ago, joined the Free Will Baptist Church, and lived a faithful, Christian life.

She was married to Earl Carroll November 26, 1922. To this union was born two children, Charles Thomas, six years old, and one passed out in infancy.

For some time she had expressed a willingness to go, and said she was fully prepared. This was certainly a great consolation to her loved ones. She said so many times, "I thank the Lord that I was raised by praying parents, and they taught me the right way. And, Mother, don't grieve for me, for I am going where I will be done with troubles." She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, two brothers Melvin and Fred Cockman both of Myrtle, Mo.; Lamar Leroy of Couch, Mo. and Lois Swanzy and her husband of Olney, Texas.

Funeral service, by her request, was conducted by Rev. H. C. Crase and she was laid to rest in the Myrtle Cemetery.

A sweet daughter, but forevermore,
A happy angel on heaven's shore,
And while we miss her here below,
That she's safely housed, we rejoice to know.

Another one from us is gone;
Another voice is stilled;
A vacant place within our home
Which never can be filled.

Brothers and sisters, remember me in your prayers.

Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

Fredericktown, Mo.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and many Readers of our dear paper: As you haven't heard from us for some time, I will now write just a few lines, if possible encourage you just a little in the good work you are doing.

Oh, it does me so much good when I get our paper and read so many good letters—and from folks I know! I look over it to see how

many I can find from around my old home town Niangua, Mo. I find several, and some just young in the cause. That ought to make us older Christians feel little to see the children in Christ doing work we older ones have neglected to do, but God will always have a people to work for Him.

As I read Sister Blanche Barker's letter from Mine LaMotte, in Sept. Gem, I thought, Oh, what a brave little Christian she is! She is such a worker in church and the Young People's meeting, so come on, dear young Christians, here is one that will pray for you, if I can't do any thing else.

I do so love to read the beautiful articles printed in our paper, and Oh, that sweet one written by Sister Ora Mae McKinney Davis in the February Gem about little children! I like that so well I just read it and reread it, for it tells us about how we should care for our little ones. I know there is nothing that we mothers would not do for our darlings, but I too wonder if we give the right spiritual food that they need. We have three dear children with us here on earth, and one darling little boy with the Savior. Oh, it was so hard to give him up, but I would not call him back now if I could, for he is at rest, just calling father, mother, sister and brothers to come on to him, where there is no more parting.

Bro. Brown, I do so want to see our churches and your work prosper, and we are in favor of the budget system. We want to see it go through.

Now, our time is out for the paper. Please find enclosed two dollars, one for our paper another year, and one for my daughter, Mrs. Geo. Burcham.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest on all.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jemes.

The dollars that help support the "Gem" are those sent to the editor.

The Prohibition Question

By Elder Winford Davis

As prohibition is, has always been, but has become to be more of a vital question with us, I feel disposed to write this article. I am, and ever expect to be, a strict prohibitionist; and regardless of all the wet propaganda, *Literary Digest's* (unfair) straw votes, etc., they only tend to make me the stronger. I do believe prohibition has come to stay. As one said, "The American people have never put anything into the Federal Constitution in haste, and have never taken anything out after they once put it in; yet it is going to take a close co-operation, and an awakening out of sleep of the drys, or the wets with their brains, money, propaganda, and slumish co operation will bring destruction upon us—yes, destruction is what an open saloon will mean to this nation. This is not a political question, and it is not from that standpoint that I am writing, but it is a question of right and wrong, good and evil, civilization and heathenism, Christianity and hellishness.

Language could not be found to portray the conditions with legalized liquor traffic on nation-wide good roads, high powered cars, and present-day idleness.

There is no greater hypocrisy than the statement of the wets, "We want the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, but don't want the saloon." Listen! If you are for prohibition, you are against the saloon. If you are against prohibition, you are for the saloon. I tell you here and now, what the wets want is *drink*, and if there is any means under heaven by which they can obtain this liberty for themselves, these means they are going to use, whether lawful or unlawful, right or wrong, Christian or unchristian. Listen, drys, red blooded Americans, Christians, mothers, preachers, what are we going to do? I declare it is up to us. Will we rally?

The story goes of a darkey that

came in with his gun and a great load of quail. "Well, Sambo, did you shoot them on the wing?" he was asked. "Yes suh, Boss, I shot dem on de wing, head, back, tail, and jes eny whu I could." The same is true with this great problem that confronts us. We must attack from every angle.

A great club of the wets is, "Prohibition is a failure." Let me say with emphasis, "Prohibition is NOT a failure." It is true that it is not enforced a full one hundred per cent, but no law is, or ever will be. I dare say, prohibition is enforced just as much as many other of our laws. Prohibition, regardless of its lack of enforcement, its assaults from every angle, its battles with the powers of deceit and darkness from its infancy, has worked wonders with this United States of ours. Our children are better clothed, fed and schooled, homes are better equipped, great burdens are lifted from American motherhood. The report of the Federal Commission on prohibition for April, 1928 shows the production of distilled spirits produced in the United States by licensed distilleries fell from 286,000,000 gallons in 1917, to 82,000,000 gallons in '22, a falling off of 200,000,000 gallons of strong drink the first year of war prohibition. Again, in 1918 reports show there were 51,000,000 gallons of wine manufactured in the United States by licensed makers, in 1927 there were 4,000,000 gallons produced.

The following tabulation shows the reduction of liquor produced in the United States by licensed dealers since prohibition came into effect:

	gallons
Distilled liquor,	101 000,000
Imported liquor,	17,000,000
Wine,	47,000,000
Beer,	1,885,000,000
Total,	2,050,000,000

Prohibition has stopped the legal manufacture of over 2,000,000, 000 gallons of intoxicating liquors,

and yet there are those who claim there is more liquor consumed to day than there was prior to prohibition

Also, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company showed a death rate of 8.5 in 1925, its lowest rate on record. Then is prohibition a failure? I say NO!

The wet and dry proposition will be a great issue in this coming November election, and will be the chief issue in the presidential election next fall. We ought to work to keep both branches of Congress as dry as a powder house. I am one that will—if I know it—vote for no man who is a wet, regardless of politics. May we, when we go to the polls, vote for God and Christian America, putting principle first, man next, and politics not at all.

We have a lot of millionaires in our country that are a menace. They are putting their money into the campaign to defeat prohibition, and it is evident, from an article I have on my desk in a religious publication printed in Louisville, Ky. that these men are trying to shift the burden of taxes from themselves, and take them out of the pockets of the consumers of strong drink. "The poor man's throat would pay the rich man's taxes." I appeal to all who may read this, let us stand against this liquor demon, let us organize against it, preach against it, pray against it and live against it. This great battle that confronts us is going to need your help and mine if the right in this is upheld.

A Correction

Manuscripts for publication in the Gem should be signed by the writer, in fact we insist that all manuscript be signed by the writer: unsigned matter may not be printed. But we want to apologize for omitting Sister Elda Crain's name when we published her letter, written from Miami, Oklahoma, in our last issue. It was our fault, and we apologize.

Mary and Martha

(Continued from Sept. issue)

that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then Martha watched Jesus more closely to see what would happen. Would she really see Lazarus alive?

Mary had no question to ask, for she knew Jesus could do anything. She was waiting—Jesus was able. *He* had power in heaven and earth!

The mantle of silence is wrapped about the multitude. They stand breathless, motionless, watching the Lord and Savior. He had said, "Take ye away the stone."

What is that noise? Listen! It sounds as if some one pulled the stone away from the cave.

There is a rustle—then all is silent. Listen! Jesus is praying, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I know that thou hearest me always, but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 11:41-42). The sweet face of Jesus is lifted heavenward while he prays. All eyes are fixed upon him. Will he really call Lazarus to come forth and live again? Will they really look into the face of their friend Lazarus, living again?

The Scriptures plainly declare that when he had prayed, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

Look! At these words (spoken by the Savior) Lazarus is sitting up—the napkin is still over his face—then he scrambles to his feet. He heard the voice of Jesus somewhere!

Someone has their arms around him, "Oh, my brother, Jesus has come! Jesus is here." It is the voice of Mary.

Then Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." The grave clothes are still clinging to him, his feet and hands are bound down—he was resting so sweetly—but *he heard the voice of Jesus.*

When the napkin had been

removed from the face of Lazarus, he looked about him and, lo, a company of weeping loved ones with Jesus in their midst. Jesus had said of himself, "The Lord God hath annointed me to preach good tidings to the poor, and to heal the broken hearted. The tears were brushed away from the weeping multitude by the hand of Jesus. *Joy* had taken the place of weeping, *life* had taken the place of death, and *smiles* had taken the place of tears, at the very presence of this Holy Man with the heavenly smile, this Christ-man of Galilee. Lazarus had met the smile of the Lord; this was his *life*—this was the one who had called his name. Jesus was more beautiful than ever before.

The Jews had not believed on him as the Son of God, and they had taken up stones to stone him. Therefore he said, "If any man walk in the day he stumbleth not, *for he seeth the light of this world.*" Jesus knew that the devil had rule over this world. He could see the unbelief of the Jews, therefore he said, "This sickness (of Lazarus) is not unto death; that the Son of God might be glorified thereby."

Many of the Jews who came to the grave of Lazarus believed on Jesus; but some went their way to the Pharisees, and told them the things Jesus had done. Jesus was a wonderful man, powerful, and they must confess at last that many miracles were done by him.

Then gathered the chief priests and Pharisees a council, and as they disputed what should be done, some said, "What do we?" or in other words, "What shall we do?" for this man (Jesus) doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone all men will believe on him."

Others said, "The Romans will come and take away both our place and nation" (John 11:47-48).

There was a division at the graveyard of Lazarus among the Jews. Some believed on Jesus,

some did not, and those who would not believe went away and purposed in their hearts to kill Jesus. They also hated Lazarus because Jesus had raised him from the dead. We still have the same kind of people who exist in the world to this day and age, as were those who did not believe. Just as soon as Jesus comes into the life of a sinner and raises him to a new life, those who serve the devil hate the new believer at once. They hated Lazarus also because, even though he had been dead four days, he was raised to life by the mighty power of Jesus "to the glory of God."

The Chief Priest, the Scribes and Pharisees had assembled together with council against Jesus saying, that if any should find him, they should immediately take him. They were all confused. The many miracles done by him! What shall we do? If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him!

This was the "*King*" the man that the prophets of God had said would come. There was no doubt but they must kill him, and then that would put an end to his kingdom.

But one of them named Caiaphas being the High Priest that same year, said unto them, rebuking them: "Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that *one man* die for the people, that the whole world perish not."

These things spake he—not of himself—but he being High Priest *prophesied* that Jesus should die for that nation (John 11:51).

"And not for that nation only, but that also. He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence into a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his

disciples," until the Jewish pass-over was nigh at hand (John 11:52-55). Jesus had always escaped out of their hands until he knew his hour had come. He knew when his time was, that he should be given as a *sacrifice* to save a world from sin and misery.

Many went out of the country up to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and as they stood in the temple they said among themselves, "What think ye."

Others said, "Do you think he will come to the feast?" (John 11:56).

Jesus knew it was drawing nigh unto the feast—only six more days—and he comes to the home of Mary and Martha, with Lazarus their brother (whom he had raised from the dead). Jesus had gone directly from the graveyard of Lazarus into a country near the wilderness, away from the cruel, unbelieving Jews. But now he was on his way to the *cross*, death! Ah, yes, just ahead of him, He knew his hour was near at hand, but He must visit one more time the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus whom He loved.

It was at their home in Bethany, as Jesus traveled to Jerusalem, that a supper was made for Him. (John 12:2). Much people of the Jews gathered at this home for the supper, not so much to see Jesus, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom Jesus had raised from the dead (John 12:9). Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus, Martha waited on the table (or served), but Mary we find *at the feet of Jesus*.

When Jesus had so often visited their home in the years that had passed by, Mary was found at his feet. She sat at his feet to *learn*. When Lazarus was dead and buried she ran to Jesus and *fell at his feet*.

Now at this supper which was made for Jesus, we find Mary at his feet again—with a pound of ointment, very costly. But, look! What is Mary doing? She is an-

nointing the feet of Jesus! This was the man that had raised her brother to life; the brother that now sat at the table with Jesus. And when she was through anointing his feet, she wiped them with her hair, and the whole house was filled with the odour of the ointment. This made the devil mad, and he suggested through Judas Iscariot that fault he found with the deed of gentleness and respect that Mary had performed. But Jesus rebuked him and said, "Let her alone" (John 12:7). Jesus wanted them all to know that he was going to the cross, but he was sorrowful for those he loved, and he said, "Against the day of my burying hath she kept this."

Jesus knew it was the last time in this world Mary could ever show her real love for him. He knew that never again would he be able to visit this earthly home of "welcome," and so he said, "Let her alone. Let Mary show her love, for the poor ye have always with you; but me ye have not always" (John 12:8). Mary had patience and love for Jesus to the last hour of his life in this world. She always had time for Jesus. Her life was a beautiful pattern for the real, consecrated life of one who has given their body a "living sacrifice," for Jesus said wherever this "Gospel" in all the world shall be preached, it shall be given as a *memorial*. Are the deeds Mary done a pattern in your life? Have you time and patience as had Mary? Jesus wanted us to know that the different patterns in Mary's life would be the memory of a holy life, a consecrated living unto the Lord.

Are you a Mary? Have you time for Jesus? There are so many ways in which we can be a "Mary."

Hurriedly one bright summer morning a mother prepares for her day's work. She must wash, clean house and set things in order, for she would have company in the evening. "Oh, I am in so much

hurry, I just get so nervous, and the children crying and fretting keeps me from doing my work. "*If only time didn't go so fast!*" we hear her say as she continues her work.

A rap comes on the door. Outside a figure drooped and bent stands at her door. As she opens the door, a face with a look of pity is before her as he says, "Have you just a few moments of time to spare? I am a poor man, and need help."

"I have no time, I'm in so much hurry. Call some other time." She closed the door, and this man of need turns away.

Shortly afterward another slight rap is heard on her door. Yes, it must be, but they did not rap like it, was anything of importance. Maybe just the children playing."

But, no. There was a little voice just outside her door. She opened the door, and there stood a little boy. His childish form is bent with affliction, and a crutch is under each little arm. He says, "I'm a cripple. Mamma is dead, and Oh, I'm so hungry and lonely and tired. Could I please come inside and rest for just a little while?"

But the woman said, "Oh, no, my child, I'm so busy—some other time."

The little cripple turns away, while his heart is pained for love and tenderness. His big bright eyes fill with tears, and with trembling, faltering voice he said, "No mamma, no home."

The woman had scarcely returned to her work, when suddenly another knock was heard at her door. As she opened the door a pale, motherly face, worn and old, with sad eyes that gazed into hers as she said, "I'm so tired! May I just step inside and rest for a few moments?"

"No, no," the woman said, "not today. I am cleaning house, and looking for company."

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A Last Word By The Editor

October has been an unusually
busy month for the editor and wife.
The editor attended two State Asso-
ciations, which took considerable
time from the Gem office, but it
was needful that he be at our State
Meeting. The Association was fine.
See report, also other reports.

The Sunday School Lessons are
left out this time because we had
so much other matter which we felt
must be printed, then we didn't
have much time to write, but after
this you may expect the S. S. Les-
sons each month. It was voted at
our State Association that they be
printed in the Gem each month.

It was also decided at the State
Meeting that we would buy a lino-
type at once. We have a used
machine in view that we expect to
buy. This machine will cost around
\$1500.00, and we have only about
\$600.00 to pay down on it, so you
will all have a chance to help pay
it out. We will undertake to pay
it out during the coming year, and
Bro. Winford Davis, Bro and Sister
McAdams, and the editor were ap-
pointed to solicit funds. We hope
that you will not wait for one of
us to come to you, but that you
will send what the Lord lays on
your heart to give, it saves expense.

We expect to have the linotype
in the Gem office before the Dec.
issue of the Gem goes out, for if
we find the machine in question all
in Al condition when we go to try
it out about Nov. 18th, we will buy
it, if we can agree on terms, etc.
From the first of Dec. on we expect
to set the type for the paper with
the linotype. We can set one line
by hand in two minutes; but with
the linotype we can set four lines
in a minute, or eight times as fast.
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better paper, and it will certainly
mean the growth of our cause.

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can have by the help of a linotype
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