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Disinherited Sons

By Eld. John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.

I am personally acquainted with a Jew who embraced the Christian religion and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. His conversion was the height of "sin" against his parentage, his ancestry, and his fellow-countrymen. They tried to prevent it, and after he had committed such an awful thing, they entreated him to renounce his Christianity and turn again to Judaism, but he would not. His parents considered that he had sinned against home, disgraced his parents, and brought a reproach upon his family name. This was too much for them, and because he refused to return to Judaism and be reconciled to them by renouncing this "horrible thing," they disinherited him. They eliminated him from the bright prospects of his Zionie inheritance in Palestine. They forced upon him the forfeiture of his claims upon the great fortune in America that would have become his by reason of his family name. They forced him into exile in dishonor, and in disgrace, then conducted his funeral according to the Jewish custom, and actually mourned for their lost son as if he were dead.

This is only one case in hundreds of cases in this very country of ours. I am definitely acquainted with, perhaps, a dozen cases, and I know from first-hand contacts that the idea of disinherited sons is no idle fancy, for illustration's sake—it is a *stern reality*. I have seen the son go out from home, never to return again. Disinherited and in exile because of his stubborn, persistent, voluntary "sin" against the highest ideals of home, and against the long-suffering, forbearing, leniency of his father, the son becomes *as one dead*, and all that remains of him in the family circle back home is a fading cloud of sad memories. This is a hard truth,

and is difficult to grasp because of a lack of experience in family trouble, however, this truth is forcefully portrayed in the family life and statement of the father of the returned Prodigal son. "For this my son *was dead, and is alive again.*" (Luke 15:24, 32).

We sometimes say, "Once a son, always a son, regardless of condition," but we must shut our eyes to the facts and experiences of life when we contend thus. The disinherited son is not a son for he is *dead*, figuratively speaking; though he may continue to bear the particular *name* of his father—and *he may not!* What is a name? With us it is a meaningless handle, but with God, every name means something—usually according to character. Jacob (the rascal) got his name changed to Israel (the righteous) when God got hold of him. Saul of Tarsus became Paul the Apostle of Jesus Christ. A disinherited son ceases to be "son" in reality and character, regardless of the meaningless name *we* may con-

tinue to call him, he becomes merely a progeny. To him, the father ceases to be "father" in the fullest sense of the word; as far as the disinherited is concerned, the father becomes merely the procreator of the material form—there is absolutely no filial love existing between them. This is in the extreme case, the Jew committed the unpardonable sin against his father and his home, and was not only disinherited, but definitely cast off.

In speaking of the comparative Fatherhood of God, and the son-ship of His created worshippers, we also say, "Once in grace, always in grace—Regardless!" And we must shut our eyes to the facts in God's Word when we try to believe it. What are the facts in God's Word?

God's Word does not promise eternal security only at the price of continual watchfulness and final perseverance—Eternal security is at the price of eternal vigilance.

"He that *believeth* on the Son *hath* everlasting life." John 3:36.

"We know we have passed from death unto life because we *love* the brethren. He that *loveth* not his brother abideth in death." 1 John 3:14

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that *loveth is born of God*, and knoweth God. He that *loveth* not, knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

"Whosoever is born of God doth not committ sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he *is born of God.*" 1 John 3:9

In every one of these Scriptures, the fact of our son-ship is in a *present experience*, not a *past* one. The "eth" on the verb gives it a continuing sense. There is no promise here of "Once saved, always saved—Regardless!" A continuing to believe, a continuing to love means a *continuing son-ship*—otherwise, we abide in death! "And he cannot sin because he *is born of God.*"

Dead men tell no lies! Paul said,
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ANDERSON, MISSOURI, Feb. 9, 1938.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since I am blind, it is hard for me to write, but I promised some of the brethren that I would do so, so I will do the best I can.

I was saved early in life, and God called to His work. I began to help in Sunday school and do home mission work. I would go to homes where God's name was never used, except in a vain and perverse way, and by using tact, I could get them interested and get the children in Sunday school.

I married a preacher and we lived together 25 years. I have often heard him say, "I do not know whether I am a preacher or not, but I have a preacher's wife." I worked for my dear Master with him, and though they would have been shocked if I had gone into the stand and tried to preach, but for a number of years I wanted to. But I did my preaching in private, just to a few in their homes, and we just called it talking about the Bible. Then my husband fell sick, and was old and blind. For two years he was not out of his chair or bed, and was stone blind. I took care of him and worked, milking cows, raising calves and pigs by day, and reading the Bible at night while caring for my poor old helpless husband. Then, when my strength was gone, I too, was ill. But the Lord said it was enough, and He took my husband out of this life of suffering. For three years before his death, I heard but two sermons. The people he preached for never did one thing to help him, never came to see him; yet he had gone through cold and heat, spent his own money and time, and was counted a big preacher, but when he came to die, they left him to the Masons and Holy Rollers; and oh, I don't ever want to think of it! I tried to hate the Word of God, and I was as near backsliding as I ever was in my life.

Not a Primitive Baptist ever came near him. They had made him lay down the Mason lodge, they had not believed in Sunday school; and the way they know they are changed from death unto life, is because they love the brethren.

Well, I married Mr. C. M. Donnelly March 9, 1935, and for awhile I tried to make myself believe I hated the Christian world. He was a good man, but a backslider. Then I began to get hungry for God's people and to pray to God my Father to help me, and one day as I was praying, I cried, "Oh God, what will I do? what can I do?" And a voice said, "Go preach my Gospel." I cried, "I can't, I am blind." But I got no rest night or day; I could hear a still small voice, saying, "Go preach my Gospel. Oh, how I hated to tell my husband, for we did not know any one here, we were strangers in a strange land. We got in our truck and started to hunt God's people; we found them and I have been wonderfully blessed in preaching the wonderful love of our dear Redeemer. Have just returned from a five weeks' trip where I think I did a lot of good, and would have loved to have gone on. Although I preached only one time on the trip, I went into homes and read the Bible and prayed with the people that had not been in church for years. I would have loved to have spent all my time that way, but my gasoline cost me just as much as it costs the biggest devils in the world. I spent \$20.00 on the trip and drove 600 miles, and over some bad roads, but never had an accident.

There is need for home mission work out of towns, but it will take some money to reach those people, and they want the Gospel straight from the shoulder, one that will

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Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding

By Eld. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.

For the past two weeks we have been reading a chapter each morning from the Book of Proverbs, and we have noted many interesting and helpful sayings credited to the wise man, King Solomon. Proverbs is one of the Books of Wisdom; hence has much to say about "Wisdom" and "Knowledge" and "Understanding."

Since God is the source of all true wisdom, no man can be truly wise unless he comes to know God whom he must honor, reverence, respect and serve.

The gate of Knowledge is also closed except to the knock of Reverence. It is true that men may gain worldly knowledge without reverence toward God, but it is also true that no one can gain true knowledge who does not start with the recognition of God.

Then, it is true that we have Understanding only when we have gained a knowledge of the Holy One.

Now we would not attempt to discuss these things in our own wisdom, knowledge and understanding, but only by the light and authority of the inspired Scriptures; so we will use a few verses from Proverbs which directly announce the subject under discussion:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy (One) is understanding" (Prov. 9:10).

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" (Prov. 8:13).

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Pr. 1:7).

"I am understanding" (Pr. 8:14).

"Understanding is a well-spring of life to him that hath it; . . ." (Prov. 16:22).

We notice in the above Scriptures that, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;" also, that "The fear of the Lord is knowledge;" and to know the Holy (One) 'is understanding;" and God says, "I am understanding."

We notice also in these Scriptures, that to "fear the Lord" means four things: The beginning of wisdom, the beginning of knowledge, understanding, and the hatred of evil. Then if we have Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding, we must "fear the

Lord" and "hate evil." The "fear of the Lord" is understanding, because the "knowledge of the Lord is understanding," and God says, "I am understanding."

Webster defines "fear" as the desire to escape something conceived as a power, especially reverence for a supreme power.

Dr. C. I. Scofield says the "fear of the Lord" means *reverential trust, with hatred of evil.*

These three terms, Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding, are very



closely related—we cannot have one of them without the other two—yet they are treated separately in the Bible. We want to briefly consider each one separately in the light of the Scriptures.

WISDOM

Paul says (1 Cor. 1:30), "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." Here is a string of pearls held up to us, signifying that we are His, and that in these we shall live and rejoice until He comes for His own. Wisdom, in itself, is a rich gift: for it includes all the others. The world does not understand this—they have not recognized God, and neither do they honor and respect Him—but Wisdom is for them that come to God sincerely desiring to be His, and do the works of righteousness.

The wise man says (Prov. 4:7), "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." The best thing we can get is wisdom, and to have wisdom is to have Christ: for He is made Wisdom unto us; and with Christ all things we need are freely given unto us (Rom. 8:32).

They that obtain wisdom are wise; and Daniel says (Dan. 12:3), "And

they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." If we really have Wisdom (Christ), and Christ lives in us (Gal. 2:20), we can fulfill 1 Cor. 3:14—our work shall abide, and we shall be rewarded.

This wisdom is not found with men: but is found only with God; for God only is all-wise, and able to impart wisdom unto men. Men whom God has blessed with wisdom can and should lead others to God who giveth wisdom.

Men may have master minds and be educated in all the wisdom of the world, and be fools in the sight of God—no man is wise without God. Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; but he wasn't fit for God's use until after he had spent 40 years in the wilderness, in God's school; then he was fit to go back to Egypt to deliver his people from bondage.

I suppose that every one desires to live in the fullest sense, and I know that some make a miserable failure of life; but you know that in the "fear of the Lord is a fountain of life" (Prov. 14:27). And if we find satisfaction in this life without God, it will all cease with this life; but "in the way of righteousness there is life; and in the path way thereof there is no death" (Prov. 12:28).

KNOWLEDGE

According to the first chapter of Second Peter, grace and truth shall be multiplied unto the faithful, "through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord," and "through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue," we shall receive "all that pertaineth to life and godliness." And, moreover, if we abide in Him, we shall become "partakers of the divine nature." This is wonderful: but we must add to our "faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." And Peter further states, "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." Now this is so plain

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IS IT TOO SOON TO MAKE MENTION? NO!

Ere we realize it, the next State Association will be here. Do we remember that each church is to send a donation to help entertain the delegation? The sooner we do this, the better. I am now in the Northeast Mo. Association not far from Green Grove Church where the next Association is to be held, and I observe that they are getting busy already. Now let's not make it embarrassing and hard on their Finance Committee by being late with our donation; but let's come right on and get our donation in, and then they will know how much they are going to have to raise. It won't cost any more to make your donation now than it will later on. As soon as you send it in, I will book it and receipt you and forward it right on to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Green Grove church. Let's strive to make this coming state meeting one of the best ever. Remember it will be held some two weeks earlier this time.

Yours for the cause,

—Winford Davis.

WELEETKA, OKLA. Feb. 8, 1938

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know of our little Free Will Baptist church, known as Allen Church. We have a nice little church. Our regular meeting days are on Saturday night and Sunday before the first and third Sundays in each month. Our pastor is Eld. W. D. McCready who is a real follower of Christ. Some wonderful work has been done for the Lord thru him. We have meeting and Sunday school every Sunday.

We ask all you good Christian folks that know the worth of prayer, to pray for our little church, that it will grow and flourish in the Spirit and in the name of our Lord and Savior.

—Mrs. Richard Burden.

RICHWOODS, MO. Feb. 9, 1938.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

We just received the Gem today. This makes our seventh paper we have received, and it sure is a great help to us, because we get to hear from the Free Will Baptist brothers and sisters and know what our denomination is doing. There is but one Protestant church here in this country, and it is a Methodist church.

This is a large community. We are Free Will Baptist people and belong to the Desloge church. But it is a long way there so we work in the Methodist church here. Mr. Ackerson and I are both Sunday School teachers and our daughter is secretary of Sunday school. We have lived here eight months and have helped to organize a League. The Sunday school is growing and we are taking the church census now to try to get people interested in their soul's salvation. The Lord is blessing our work, for we have seen results.

We sure enjoy reading the Gem, it always helps us. It made our hearts rejoice when we read about the revival at Flat River, and we are praying for the Desloge revival that is going on now. We want everyone to pray that we will have a revival here. This is a very wicked community. There are not very many Christian people, because this is a Catholic settlement. This is a letter to all Gem readers.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

—Mr. and Mrs. John Ackerson.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI, Feb. 5th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I am thankful for the privilege of writing to our paper which I enjoy reading, and would be glad to have it come every week, as I am alone on this beautiful morning. I have many things I want to write about.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). Immortality is a word that has three meanings:

1. A man may live on beyond death in his children and posterity.
2. He may live on in the permanent work and influence he has established while living here.
3. He may continue to live as an individual person in a far larger and richer experience in life eternal.

The agnostic of our day will admit the first two meanings, but is skeptical of the last.

Job's simple and direct question is the deep query of every man's heart. The answer of Jesus of Nazareth is equally brief, and reassuringly positive.—"The gift of God is eternal life." Paul sees that it is better farther on; "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

Read Rev. 22:1-5. In this hurrying, bustling world, Jesus is endeavoring

to catch the ear of every one, saying, "Come away to a quiet place and rest a while." To the sinner He appeals, conscious that sin irritates and troubles the heart and mind; to him, Jesus says, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest."

To the Christian who is tired and worn and fretful, He says, "Come away to some lonely spot and get a little rest." This lonely spot may be the private office of the banker, the merchant, the lawyer, the physician; it may be the closet in the home, the thicket, a secluded spot on the farm; it may be in the house of worship when and where we are alone and quiet, that the Spirit may speak, saying, "Be still and know that I am God."

Read Psalm 23; Mark 6:30-34.

Paul says the church is the body of Christ; what is the function of the human body? Its function is to carry out the will and purposes of the Spirit that lives in the body. When any member fails to do this it becomes useless and an encumbrance. What is the function of the church? It is to carry out the will of Christ who lives in what we call the church; what a power for good our church could become, if every member whose name is on the roll realized the full meaning of the fact that he is a member of the body of Christ. Sin is a deadly soul disease, it is infectious and contagious, it is fatal for individuals and society. To understand its nature, there are only two essential things to know about sin: That it is a soul destroying and pestilent disease, and the specific cure is the blood of Jesus Christ, and the church is in the ministry of curing souls. More than one method may be used in mediating the healing power, but so long as men are sinners *en masse*, the Great Physician will refuse to bless our revival efforts. The hour is here for the church's crusade in the cure of souls. (John 1:35-42).

In one of his friendly talks to the nation some time ago, our President closed his message with these words: "When I was in France during the War, our boys used to call the United States God's Country. Let us make it and keep it God's Country. Our country is not God's Country in the sense that it is a fully Christian country; to make increasingly God's country, we must abolish unemployment and our past extremes in the distribution of wealth and the benefit of wealth; we must uproot crime and

place law and order in the land instead of mob violence; we must educate for peace and not for war; in the world we must see that personality is regarded above property in all the places of business and industry, and that all have a reasonable equality of opportunity for health, education, recreation and religion."

Without Christ failure is sure: with Him success is guaranteed; temporarily we may appear to succeed without Him, but we cannot afford to go forward into a new day or a new task without the consciousness of His presence; we cannot tell what the day may bring, but I know that if He is near all is well; through Him I can bear life's burdens without whining and complaining, without Him I am already foredoomed to failure. The troubled world seems to be falling to pieces for lack of salt. The teachings of Jesus constitute the salt that is needed. The followers of Him are the agents whom He has chosen to apply His remedy; if His agents adulterate His specific, or recommend something which they think will serve just as well, or fail to execute the trust He lodged with them, the diseased condition of the world will become increasingly distressing. The Great Physician can cure the patient; but only, as and when His instructions are followed faithfully by those to whom He has committed the care of the patient; but "if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" Read Matt. 13:16.

Paul believed in the power of a religion of sustained effort; according to the mind of the great apostle, a religion that does not quit is bound to win in due season; we shall reap if we faint not. One of the perils of the Christian religion is the peril of giving out the peril of moral weariness. We are more in danger of losing our peace than we are of losing our faith—what a loss that is! Religion that has lost its spiritual peace is like salt that has lost its savour. The peril of the preacher is not that he may lose his faith, but that he may lose his passion; the peril of the Christian soldier is not that he may lose his connection, but that he may lose his fighting spirit. Paul says, Don't be a quitter, don't give in, don't give out, don't give up; in due season some time somewhere you shall reap, if you faint not. (2 Peter 3:13-18).

And as I am still determined by the help of the Lord to press through this wicked old world, I know that our

heavenly Father will help us to go through with it; so I am still standing for the old time religion, the kind my mother had.

Pray for me, that I may always be faithful in doing something for my Lord.

—Mrs. M. B. Cochman.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Report

New Edinburg, Ark., Feb., 1938.

Dear Editor of the Gem:

I wish to give a report of our fifth Sunday meeting, which met with the Pleasant Grove Church, 12 miles south of Monticello, Ark., Jan. 29, 30, 1938.

On the account of sickness there were only two ministers present, but a large delegation, and we had a good meeting.

The house was called order at 10:00 o'clock Saturday a. m. by class singing.

Scripture reading by the Moderator, Eld. J. E. White. Prayer by Bro. L. I. Shelton.

Letters were read and delegates were seated as they came in.

An old time hand-shake was enjoyed by all present.

The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Eld. J. E. White, after which we were dismissed for dinner.

Saturday afternoon session opened by class singing, directed by Leonard Doggett.

Officers elected for the year 1938: Eld. R. M. Moore, Moderator
Eld. J. E. White, Ass't Mod.
Bro. Lewis Barker, Clerk
Miss Ollie Sweeney, Ass't Clerk
Bro. Leonard Doggett, Song Director
Bro. H. C. Dyer, Ass't Song Director.

A quiz box directed by Mrs. Leonard Doggett was given much attention. Sister Doggett asked questions through the Bible, and the body thought well enough of it to have it at our next meeting. Sister Doggett will direct it.

Ten minutes recess.

Called to order by class singing led by H. C. Dyer. Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 12:13-24, read by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

Song by Leonard Doggett.

Appointment of committee to arrange a program for the next meeting, which will be held at Pine Hill Church, near Star City, Ark. Committee appointed: Sister Murry Funderburg, Sister Gracie Williams, Sister Louis Phillips, Bro. Leonard Doggett and Bro. H. C. Dyer.

A school of instruction was directed by Eld. R. M. Moore. Bro. Moore made a wonderful talk and gave us many reasons why we should study

the Bible.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. E. Fox.

Met back at 7:00 o'clock, called to order by singing.

Prayer by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Devotional led by Bro. Flemster.

Prayer by Sister J. S. Foy.

Sermon at 8:00 by Eld. J. E. White.

Text, Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Followed by Eld. R. M. Moore. An altar call was made and one precious soul came and surrendered to God.

Dismissed by L. I. Shelton.

Met back Sunday morning.

Opening song by Lonnie Pace.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 3:1-11, by Moderator. Prayer by Dallas Jones.

Sunday school at 10:20 a. m.

Sermon at 11:00 o'clock by Eld. R. M. Moore. Text, 1 Cor. 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." We heard a wonderful sermon.

Dismissed for dinner by John F. Funderburg.

The afternoon was spent in class singing.

Dismissed by A. A. Hollis.

Eld. R. M. Moore, Moderator,
Bro. Lewis Barker, Clerk.

PAINTSVILLE, KY., Feb. 1, '38

Dear Editor and the Gem Family:

We are proud to report our big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting, held with the Free Will Baptist church at Estel, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday in January, 1938. Although it was bad weather, we had a big delegation.

Called to order by the clerk, Eld. F. S. Vanhoose. Eld. H. B. Conley of Paintsville was elected moderator, and proceeded to business.

The first day was Ministers' Conference. Had some good discussions on different topics of the Bible, which I think was profitable for our ministers.

Preaching Friday night by Elders H. B. Conley and F. S. Vanhoose. Had a good meeting.

Met back at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. Called to order by the moderator.

There being no business, we had preaching by Elders Scott Daniels and Glen Wells. Had a wonderful meeting.

Met back at 2:00 p. m.. Called to order by the moderator.

Delegates and corresponding messengers were seated.

Committees were appointed.

Moderator called for letters, and 22 churches handed in letters, and two reported verbally. Letters were read,

showing a good increase in membership. Money received with letters \$46.00. Collection was taken, \$24.00 was received, total amount received \$70.00.

Motion carried to give Betsy Layne church \$50.00.

Motion carried to give Seco church \$25.00.

All business in letters and new business was taken care of in proper way.

According to vote taken, our next quarterly meeting will be held with Paintsville church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1938.

Preaching Saturday night by Bro. Carter of Virginia and Millard Vanhoose. Had one conversion and a wonderful out pouring of the Holy Spirit.

Preaching Sunday morning by Bro. Carter and Bro. Johnson of W. Va. Had a good meeting.

We are having some real old time revivals. Bro. D. A. Hays and I have just closed one of the big revivals held in this part of the country, held with Lick Log Free Will Baptist church in Lawrence County, Ky. Had 106 conversions.

Had a good revival with the Toms Creek church, with 40 additions to the church.

Just beginning a revival with the Paintsville church. Pray for us, that the good Lord will give in a great number of souls.

May God bless all of our preachers everywhere.

—Millard Vanhoose.

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Family:

We received the Gem paper, and in running through its pages, we saw a letter from a good old Christian man. He said he was getting old and feeble, and was waiting for the Lord to call him home. Just a few days ago a message came to Bro. Charles Miller, stating that his father was very low. Death is sure to come to all of us.

Bro. Mark Lewis is starting a revival meeting at Third Free Will Baptist Church, at 1405 S. 7th St. St. Louis. We are expecting great things in this meeting, for we have one of the best preachers in Southeast Missouri—he can really preach, for God is with him; the people are praying and are holding on to God, and we are looking forward to many souls being saved.

Bro. Joe Brown of Doe Run, Mo. died very suddenly Thursday evening. He was an uncle of Bro. Willard

Lackey of Esther, Mo., and of Mrs. Birdie McCauley of St. Louis, Mo.

The church is coming along fine, and everything is working for good. Everybody is settling down and getting to work for the Lord.

Sunday school is going along fine, is well attended and interest is fine. We had a teacher and officers' meeting out at Bro. Lincoln's home the other evening to lay plans for this year, to see if we can build up a larger school.

League is getting along fine and interest in classes is good, and well attended. They had their get-together meeting and had a large crowd. The young people are going to give Bro. Harvey Hill, their president, a birthday surprise, and we hope they will have a good time.

Francis McCauley.

BOWNEMONT, W. VIRGINIA

January 30, 1938.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It is time again for another report of our Kanawha Quartely Meeting, which met with the Chesapeake church, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Friday, Jan. 28, 1938.

Preaching Friday night by Eld. J. W. Jeffrey from Boone Conference.

Saturday morning the conference was called to order by singing and Scripture reading, and prayer by Bro. M. M. Coffey.

W. C. Comer was elected moderator and J. L. Patterson assistant.

All corresponding messengers and visiting brethren were invited to seats.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Adjourned for preaching by Eld. Wesley Hambrick who brought a good message, then we adjourned for dinner, and were all well cared for.

Conference called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the moderator.

Next session committee reported that the next quarterly meeting will be held with Coafer's Chapel church, on Feald's creek.

Twelve churches reported and three did not report.

Eld. J. W. Jeffrey from Boone Conference made a good report, reporting a large increase in membership and two new churches.

Eld. John Henson from Brotherhood made a good report.

Eld. W. C. Cadell who was sent from the Kanawha Q. M. to the Clay Conference reported that they had

grown some, and were doing very well, for they are a young conference.

Corresponding messengers sent to other bodies as follows:

E. L. Bowman to Boone.

Bro. Shirkey to Brotherhood.

W. C. Cadell to Clay.

I won't try to report all that was said and done by the business committee in regard to the East Bank church, for I don't think it has done any good since Eld. Ed McVay died in 1916, and at the last Q. M. the conference took the church over and sent Elder James Harold and Bro. Shafer there to take charge of the church and to hold meetings and Sunday school, and get possession of the property, books, papers and what finance belonged to the church, so Harold and Shafer reported that after some time they got the keys and some of the finance and some of the papers. The church had not reported as a church for years, just some one bringing in a verbal report, but after the conference took charge of it, three members that would not do anything themselves nor let any one else do anything, got together at a store and got up a letter, but the conference would not accept it; so the conference elected Brothers Shafer and Patterson as trustees for the East Bank Church. That is all I will say on that now.

Elders W. C. Cadell and H. W. Scott are to preach the next introductory sermon.

Eld. J. L. Patterson made a good talk in behalf of our paper, the Gem, and my wife got four new subscribers and two renewals. We would like for the Gem to be in every Free Will Baptist home.

There is one thing I was about to leave out. They had a list of about twelve delinquent preachers, and I think that the quicker they can get rid of the most of them, the better off the denomination will be. For I heard a woman of the Holiness Church of God say that she went into a restaurant to get a lunch, and found one of our Free Will Baptist preachers in there drinking beer, and he was one that was on that list. If he don't quit claiming to be a Free Will Baptist preacher or do something about it by the next quarterly meeting, I will tell his name in the paper, for I think it is a shame that the Holiness people can't go into a beer joint or a picture show without running onto a preacher.

Pray for us, we need your prayers.

—F. E. Nicholas.

CHARLESTON, ARK., Feb. 9th.

To the Gem Family:

I have been reading the Free Will Baptist Gem for some time, and can hardly wait for it to come. I sure do enjoy reading the good articles and letters written each month—it is food for my soul, and I believe any paper that carries the Spirit from the pen to the reader has God's approval on it.

I am asking God's blessing on the entire Gem family.

A friend in Christ,

Mrs. Annah Cone.

ANDERSON, MISSOURI

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hew to the line. My husband has been wonderfully saved and is a great help to me.

Well, I will close, for I don't know if you can read this or not. I can't write as I would like to, as I am blind. I have been told that I can preach, but if I can preach, it is through the power of God, that preaches through me; and I want to give Him all the praise, for without Him I would be as sounding brass. God can do every thing, and if it is His will, He will make me to see.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. C. M. Donnelley.

OLA, ARK., R1, Feb. 15, 1938.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

A few lines to let you know that I really do like to read the good letters in the Gem. I have never written to the Gem before, as I am a poor hand to write, having no education. I am trying to do something for God and my friends and neighbors.

I saw in the last copy of the Gem a letter from Eld. T. C. Ferguson, which brings to mind the first real revival I ever attended. He came down here with a friend to stay a few days, and he stayed about two weeks, and best I remember there were about 50 souls saved, and thanks to God, I was among the number; and I am proud to know that Bro. Ferguson is still in the work. I would like to say to him, that out of that number there are five preachers, and I thank God for ever that, wicked as I was, God heard that prayer that Bro. Ferguson prayed for God to send out some preachers from that meeting; and I was one of those five preachers, and am still working for the cause.

I am not boasting of my life, but the more I do for the cause of Christ, the better I feel. I am moderator of the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptist, and have held a few revivals and had good success, but I don't claim any of the praise. I tell the people where I go to give God the glory: for I am working for Him.

During my work and seven years living a Christian life, the one thing that makes me love God and ever praise His name is that my daddy gave his heart to God.

If Bro. Brown will allow me just a little space, I would like to tell how it was with dad and me. He was a man that never had time for church and prayer meeting. Just after I professed faith in Christ, my dad spent two nights at my house, and came in late. I had gone to prayer meeting both nights, and it was so far that I stayed all night both nights, and he said that he would like for me to be a good boy, but I had something to do besides going to church; and that was discouraging, but I just prayed to God for strength, and I won the victory.

The last three or four years that he lived, he helped me more than he ever discouraged me. The last place he went to was to hear his boy preach, that was January 3, 1937.

And while he was sick, he said one day, "If Charlie were here he would wash my feet, because he believes in feet washing." And just before he crossed over into the arms of Jesus, he said to me, "Charlie, preach the Gospel," then he told us that he saw the bright place, and was going there. Some may doubt, but brother, sister, I could not doubt this testimony, with other great things God has done for me.

Pray for me, dear Gem readers and children of God. Love to all.

—Eld. C. G. Forrest.

OAKLAND, CALIF., Feb. 13th.

Dear Folks at Home:

I say home, because the Gem family is home to me. I wish I could be back there in some of those good meetings we used to have and enjoy. We have been in some good services out here, but somehow they don't seem the same.

Well, as I look round about this large city, and see the works of man's hands, the wealth is millions and millions of dollars, all God's creation given to man, yet it belongs to God. Does man realize it is God's? Yet it

is His. God created the earth and everything on the earth, and in the sea; so everything man's eyes look upon is God's. Do we thank Him for it? I am afraid not. Yet the Scriptures tell us, "Naked we came into the world, and naked we go away." We can't take it with us. Well, then it belongs to God.

I was standing on the docks the other day, looking out across the great San Francisco Bay, toward Treasure Island, at the great man-made island at the place prepared for the 1940 World's Exposition grounds, and the thought came to me, "Well, will time be extended to the people that long?" We can't say, I am sure, but everything is going at a rapid speed. Do we read our Bibles? Well, we don't have to read our Bibles to see; read the daily newspapers. Look at Jerusalem, is it coming back into its own? Then look! Almost every nation in the world is in an up-heaval some way, and do you see anything that looks like the setting up of the old Roman Empire was at hand? Well, we won't say it is Italy, but doesn't it look possible? Just a few years back we looked on Italy as just a very little nation, and it was so far as popularity was concerned.

Now we will read Daniel 2, verses 31 to 44, also Daniel 7. Then turn with me to Rev. 13:3, "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed, and all the world wondered after the beast." Do you see a picture like unto that now? Well, let us be ready; for the Lord is coming! Is it this year? God only knows, that is not ours to know or say.

Do you put Jesus where God put Him? Where has God put His Son? I can mention but three places: A past, a present, and a future position.

Past. God put His Son on a cross, and God could make no mistake. Human hands nailed, but God sent His Son to die. Some of you only put God's Son on a pedestal—you say He was a great Teacher, and you travel wide around a hill called Calvary. God put His Son on a cross, and don't you say He was never there! Some of you who know He was there will not face the question, "Why was He there?"

The second Person of the Godhead was deliberately put on a cross, what reason compelled God to do that? He said it was for all who had sinned. Have you sinned? Then, God put His Son on a cross for you.

Present. God has put His Son in the highest position in the universe, at His own right hand. Jesus, you know, was raised from the dead, and ascended back to heaven, and God highly exalted Him, and gave Him a name which is above every name.

Before the Book of Life is closed every knee must bow to Him, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This recognition will come too late for most people. God has put Jesus far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come (Phil. 2:9; Eph. 2:20). That is where God has put His beloved Son. Have you put Him where God put Him—for yourself? Is your knee bowed to Him? Does your tongue confess Him as your Lord, to the glory of God?

There is a place where God is yet going to put His Son Jesus—it will be on a throne, on this earth. Jesus is coming again, in power and great glory, to sit on an earthly throne. The British dominions proclaimed months ahead the coronation services for their king. God has proclaimed such for His Son as King of kings and Lord of lords, on this earth. Are we watching? Are we waiting? Let us be ready! —W. H. Riddle.

OAKLAND, MO. Feb. 20, 1938

Dear Editor:

After reading my Little Gem which I always enjoy very much, I pass it on to others. I noticed your plea for more subscribers, so I thought I would see what I could do to help the good cause. I am the only member in our church that takes the dear paper. I got two subs and there are many more who would like to have it, but don't think they can afford it just now; money is quite a problem for us just now.

We have rebuilt our little church house here at Happy Hill. Bro. Rollins will remember how badly we needed a new church house when he visited in our Association last summer. We feel like the Lord has greatly blessed us, we have had lots of outside help.

Pray for us that we may do a much greater work for the Lord than we have ever done before.

—Mrs. C. A. Heard.

DESLOGE, MO. Feb. 22, 1938.

Dear Gem Family:

The following is a report of the revival we have been engaged in since Jan. 26th, with the Free Will Baptist

church at Desloge, Mo. Eighteen have professed faith in Christ, two of these being a man and his wife, each of them seventy-seven years old. They, with four others, followed the Lord in baptism. Eleven have united with the church, and five more are to be baptised next Sunday. There is much conviction yet. One man professed last night. We are praying that many more souls will accept the Christ. Mrs. Marcum and I have enjoyed working with these good people.

Sister Tommie Franklin is the faithful pastor of this church, and Sister Anna Reed who lives at the church parsonage with Sister Franklin is pianist. She is also Superintendent of Sunday school, both of these Sisters are constantly laboring and toiling to bring the lost to Christ. May God bless them and their dear people is our prayer.

Our next meeting is to begin on the first Sunday in March, with Eld. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo. The church is near Granby.

Pray for us that the Lord will give us many souls for our hire.

—Sam and Daisy Marcum
Home address, Cameron, Mo. R7.

TULSA CHURCH REPORT For February

Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Church Reporter.

Brother Brown and Gem Readers:

On the first Sunday in February, the Young People's rally of all the Free Will Baptist churches in First Mission Association met in an all day session at our church, with a large delegation of young people coming together for the opening service, with Bro. Paul Pursell, president of the rally, presiding, also filling the pulpit at the eleven o'clock preaching service, with a powerful message that thrilled both old and young.

At noon several hundred enjoyed a picnic lunch in the church basement.

Coming together again at one-thirty, the session opened with prayer and song, each church giving a 15 minute competitive program, with the following churches taking part: Drumright, Silver City, Liberty, Zion Hill, Collinsville and Tulsa. The judges, consisting of two men and two women, after much deliberation, awarded the banner to the Drumright church. They acted out the theme of "The Prodigal Son" in a very realistic manner, in both costumes and characters. Each of the other churches taking part were given much praise and we are so glad to see God using our young people in this wonderful work.

Each Sunday evening a 30 minute program is rendered by our young people, under the leadership of their Sunday school class teacher.

Since our last report went in we have had six conversions, nine additions to the church, and Bro. Bingham has preached five funerals and united

four couples in marriage. Tulsa church lost two precious old soldiers of the Cross, Bro. Hiers and Grandmother Boen, by death, last week.

Pray for us that God will be pleased with our work.

**Contributed by T. J. Cope, Supt.
of Tulsa Church Sunday School.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

About three years ago we were very much handicapped in regard to room for our growing Sunday school.

Since that time we have built and completed our basement, consisting of six Sunday school rooms, nursery, kitchen and storeroom. Today we are still handicapped for room. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us, filling our rooms to the extent that we have had to place two classes up in the auditorium.

In checking our records for the past 12 months, we find that we have over 30% gain in attendance for that period, for which we are very thankful. And right here, brothers and sisters in the Sunday school work, let me drop you a hint: if you want the Lord to bless in all departments, prayer is the key.

We had a ten nights' prayer meeting the first of the year, and we firmly believe the Lord has answered us by filling our rooms to an overflowing capacity. May we continue in prayer and trust in the Lord for a greater Sunday school attendance.

ANDERSON, MO. Feb. 20, 1938

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I've been reading the Little Gem for January and February. The message Bro. Davis gave in the January Gem sure is wonderful: I sure wish we could have him here with us at Pleasant Grove church. It seems that the unsaved are so hard to reach that we surely need some one who can send conviction deeper than sin ever made a stain. Our pastor and wife are wonderful, and we all love them, but we need some one to send some soul rending sermons deeper yet.

Husband and I are not members of the church, but we are always willing to lend a helping hand to any one that we may have a good revival. I am all for helping any one who can do good for our loved ones. I think of Prov. 10:21. How true, but all my thirst is to see more souls saved.

You should hear Bro. B. F. Henderson, and come really believing that God is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. I know He is here, and conviction can be prayed down on the unsaved. I have just one brother, who lives in California. I do not know it, if he is saved; so I am asking an interest in your prayers, that he may be saved at once. His name and address is Owen Ralston, Mouno, Calif.

—Mrs. W. C. Harned.

DRYNOB, MO., February 20, 1938

This morning on another Sabbath day, while I am deprived of the privilege of going to a place of worship, I'll try to speak a word for Him from whom all blessings flow.

As I look out upon the great handiwork of God this morning (by him all things were made, and without him nothing was made), as I view the snow covered earth, I get a vision of the blessings and goodness of God.

We grumble so many times if things don't go to please us, forgetting that God knows best. Even Elijah, after all the blessings God had bestowed upon him, became discouraged and prayed to die. God did not answer his prayer, for he had better things in store for the old prophet.

Oh, that we might always be content and say "Thy will be done."

One reason we have no peace and contentment is because we fail to take time to pray. The one who prays much is more able for his daily work and has sweet rest in his soul. The Devil hates prayer, and tries in every way to discourage us. But ever remember that God does answer prayer, and discouragement is of the Devil. Remember the darkest hour is just before day. If we ever do anything worthwhile for Jesus, it will take much secret prayer. Jesus went away into solitary places and there prayed, sometimes continuing in prayer all night, and many times He prayed in the early morning. I believe that is the best time for prayer, when our minds and body are rested, and it helps to begin the day right. One morning I went about my work without praying, thinking I was too busy; so I took a basket and went to gather grapes, thinking I'd pray there. But I put it off, and kept putting it off, till I reached the house again, realizing that old Satan had cheated me out of a blessing.

It is easy to fall short of our duty toward God, and we trample many of His blessings under our feet. We need to fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Today was regular meeting time at Drynob F. W. B. church. I am not a member there, but am interested, and, since it is near, we attend services. This little church has had hard knocks. But there are enough there that are standing true and firm on the Word of God, that God is wonderfully blessing them. There were 8 saved there in a revival not long ago, and 6 were added to the church. Eld. Curtis Wilson of Hazelgreen Mo. is pastor.

Cross Roads church is still alive. We are not all asleep. Just step over some Saturday before the second Sunday, and you'll find a remnant of God's people there worshipping God in the good old fashioned way. This month there were five preachers and two deacons there besides a goodly number of others. The message was brought by the pastor, Eld. C. L. Wilson. Text, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught."

I will give a brief report of the fifth Sunday meeting held with Cross Roads church, beginning Jan. 27th, at 2 p. m.

Called to order by the clerk, Eld. C. L. Wilson. Opening prayer by Eld. S. N. Reid, and I believe God heard and answered that prayer, as he prayed for the leadership of the Holy Spirit throughout the meeting.

Eld. M. E. Brashere was moderator. Many queries were discussed.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Jeff Peterson of Drynob.

Met back Friday morning at 8:30. Discussion of queries.

A bountiful dinner was spread after the eleven o'clock services.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all from the good talks and good old songs. Had a good meeting Friday night.

Met back at appointed time Saturday morning.

Eld. Roy Jones filled the stand at eleven o'clock, followed by Eld. Rand Jones. Text, "Be sure your sins will find you out." Had a good meeting.

One young mother found peace and pardon with her Savior, and many were made to rejoice. Only two sinners were in the house, and one left the house, and the other came into the fold. Uncle Rand Jones sang some of the dearest old time songs, and they were so inspiring.

The farewell address was made by Eld. Rand Jones. And last and best was a talk made by a sainted mother, Sister Jane Hamilton. May God bless her for the encouraging things she said and the life she is living before the world and her Lord.

Our next Q. M. will convene with Happy Hill church, where Elder Roy Jones is pastor.

God bless you all, and please take time to pray for me, for I am one of God's weakest children.

—Alpha Jane Wilson.

BLUE BELL CHURCH, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Dear Gem readers:

Tongue cannot tell, pen cannot write the things I'd love to say this morning; the joy and faith I have in my soul is unspeakable.

We have a wonderful little church, and faithful workers, doing what is right, walking and toiling. We do the best we can, working for Jesus, and we must help each other, for the Lord said, "love one another." And we pray thee Lord, to keep us in thy sacred fold. Teach us how to watch and pray, lead us by thy gentle hand, thou the life, the truth, the way.

We mission workers are still busy doing mission work, and praying that there will be more we can do.

We have paid \$10.00 of the insurance on our church building, and paid \$5.00 gas deposit. We made lots of sick calls, had several requested prayers, and all we do, we do in the love and faith of God. Our little Blue Bell Church is true blue, and we keep the joy bells ringing.

Dear Gem readers, I want you all to know how I appreciate the little Gem paper. I was sick in bed when I got the paper and I sure got great blessings out of reading so many good letters. It seemed that it helped me so much, made me feel that Jesus was so near. I received the most wonderful blessing. You know Jesus hears and answers prayer. My aches and pains were taken away, and by the will of God I am up today.

"I love to tell the story,
More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
Of all the golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee."

Well as this is my first letter, I hope I have not offended any of you. Pray for us, that we may always be found doing His will. Your Sister in Christ. Blue Bell Sec'y-Treas.
—Tenny Feeback

East Side Mission Circle Report

The last Mission rally was at Red Fork, a new mission. Several churches represented, and good services throughout the day was reported.

The next rally will be held at Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church on the second Friday in March.

Ministers present at the last rally: Elders Hillard, Coursey, Jones, Underwood, Warner, W. M. Bingham, Paul Pursell, Crouch, Talbert, Sister Ross, and Sister Esther Miller.

Since I didn't get to attend this last rally, I can't give a very good report. I'm still praying for all the Missions, and will expect to see many Mission workers at Tulsa.

Your Sister in Christ,
—Lura Gibhart.

MONETT GOSPEL TEAM

It has been the privilege of the Gospel Team to attend several good meetings in the past few weeks. God has been blessing in a wonderful way, His Spirit is being manifested and souls are being saved.

The Gospel Team work is a real help to those interested in serving and pleasing God. It gives us an opportunity to improve our talents that comes in no other phase of the work. This is an unselfish work, and permits us to meet and work with brothers and sisters of other denominations; thus strengthening the bonds of love between God's children, a much needed essential in the Christian warfare.

It is our prayer that God will increase our vision of the work in this field, and that several new teams may be organized in the near future.

We ask the prayers of all to help us carry on for God.

Yours for Christ, Ass't Sec'y.
Monett Gospel Team

OBITUARY

Jones—Green Harris Jones, born Aug. 27, 1861 in Cook County, Arkansas, died Jan. 11, 1938. He was 76 years, 4 months and 15 days old.

Mr. Jones moved with his parents to Texas when a small boy and grew to manhood in that state where he met and married Orlena Elizabeth Davis, in the year 1887. She passed to the great realms of glory in 1924, leaving him lonely for 14 years, when the Lord saw fit to call him to follow her to realms of glory. To this union five children were born, two of whom are present today: Mrs. Emma McDonald and Mrs. Richard Burden, both of Weleetka, Okla. Mrs. Frankie Draper, the only other who is surviving is now in Ariz. The other two, Mrs. Mal Fraser and William Harris Jones answered the death call before our beloved brother. He has two step children: Mrs. J. A. Bell and Mrs. J. J. Reddick, both of Weleetka, are also present today, and one brother, Robert Lee Jones of Kaufman, Texas, one sister Julia Davis of Ariz. He has 36 grand children and 25 great grand children and 8 great-great grand children.

He came to the Choctaw Nation in 1884. Later moving to near Weleetka where he has since resided, making his home since 1924 with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burden, where he was at the time of his death.

Grandpa Jones made a profession of faith in Christ in 1903 and joined the Free Will Baptist church at New Hope. He was ordained as a deacon and has served in that capacity for 32 years. He was loved and respected by every one who knew him.

Binkley—Amy Mae Binkley, daughter of Isaac and Letha Binkley, was born November 5, 1912, and silently and peacefully passed into eternity on Jan. 27, 1938, at the age of 25 years, 2 months and 23 days.

Sister Amy was converted to the Christian faith at about the age of 14 and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Oak Grove where she held her mem-

bership at the time of her passing.

On Dec. 22, 1929 she was united in marriage to Frank Lucas, and to this union three daughters were born.

One of the most prominent characteristics she possessed was the quietness, patience and faithfulness she exercised during the days of her illness. She expressed her affectionate mother's love in stating to her friends and loved ones that her greatest sorrow was in leaving the children. She also expressed her longing to go to her better home.

The family circle has been broken, a link has been removed, but in the providence of a loving Heavenly Father, this circle may be completed in a world which knows no parting.

She leaves to mourn her passing, a companion, three daughters: Lenora June, age 6; Lola Mae, age 4; Louise, age 17 mo. Father, mother, two sisters: Daisy Morton of Hartville, Mo. and Dorothy Sartwell of Watsonville, Calif.; two brothers: Marion Binkley, Salinas, Calif. and Amos Binkley, Castroville, Calif., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Jan. 28th, conducted by Rev. Selph Jones and Rev. Homer Smith. Interment was in the Mt. Valley Cemetery.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

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REPORT OF FIELD WORKER

Dear Leaguers:

This morning as I am writing to you brothers and sister in Christ, my heart is sad because of many things pertaining to our League work here in our State Association. I have

been urging that each League would send in a report form your League as per the agreement made at our Association last October, but seems that there has not been any response to our plea; folks, let's not be slothful in our duties. Just remember that we are working for the Master. Remember that old saying, "Lend your brother a helping hand." You can do that by corresponding with each other through the columns of our dear little Gem, you don't have to write a great big story, just about what you are doing to promote the Kingdom of God.

I think too many of our people try to get confused about the League, because it is called the Young People's League. Many of you folks might think you are too old to take an active part in the work, and I would say to you, God bless your soul, if you are under 100 years old you are just the right age; if you are over that age, we want you with us anyway. I would like to say to the younger folks, to those of you who think the Bible and the study of it is too old fashioned for you, that the sooner you get that thing out of your mind, and get down humbly before God the better off you will be.

I wish that you would study in the Bible the life of Joseph and how God used him in the days of his youth, then that of David and Daniel. Study these for yourself, and see that God uses the youth in His work, and He will use you too, if you will but surrender to him.

Our League here at Flat River is progressing nicely, and we are still having a good attendance even though there is quite an epidemic of diseases here. We are planning on having an Easter program here. Pray for us that we might exalt the name of the Master.

Your Field Worker —C. B. Dees.

WILL WE FOLLOW?

Jesus had no earthly possessions. At his birth, he borrowed a manger from the beasts of the field; He preached from a borrowed boat; He rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed beast; He ate His last supper with his disciples in a borrowed room, and he was buried in a borrowed grave. Yet He stands, the living, risen Son of God, stripped of all earthly possessions, saying: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth . . . Follow me." —Weeks.

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"Follow Thou Me." Matt. 9:9.

By Eld. T. H. Willey

"There is a challenge to a crusade in this call; the imperative order of a military command; the winsome invitation of a friend to walk by his side. In the mood of the New Testament, it is a call to action. Jesus did not say, 'Come and worship me.' Worship his great worth, but it might keep us behind walls, away from living needs. He does not invite, 'Come and believe in me.' Reciting a creed, good and true though it may be, may become formal and powerless. Some of us prefer rather to defend doctrine, than to win the world for Christ. His call is to 'live as I lived; think as I thought; love as I loved; probe life as I probed it; suffer as I suffered, change life as I changed it; oppose evil as I opposed it; support good as I did; bear the burdens of the world as I bore them; accept your cross as I accepted mine; be a savior as I am a Savior; and lo, I am with you alway.' Is our hearing sensitive to this call? Missing His call, we miss His companionship." (The Upper Room).

There was the eternal urge in the heart of Jesus to "go even unto other cities," to press on and on with the message of light and life and love; understanding and deliverance to the captive. Following Him is the chief obligation of all who have named His name. To follow Him means to obey Him in His revealed will and plan, which is to make known His eternal love to all men everywhere.

Following Him might lead us to strange places and queer decisions, queer and strange to our friends, neighbors and sometimes equally so to our own finite minds. How easy it is for those who have never sought

to surrender to the known will of God to question the line of action of those who have taken up the challenge, "Follow Thou Me." It is easy for those in the place of ease and abundance to magnify the dangers and call them taking chances. I met a fine big fellow, a captain down here, a man whom I honor and respect, he is an active member of one of the churches in the Zone. He stopped me just the other day with a question, "Mr. Willey, you are not taking your wife and babies into that malarial infested jungle are you?" How could I break down his logic of self-preservation? I could have described the jungles of Borneo and the difficulties that some dear friends and classmates of Mrs. Willey's had to reach the head-hunting Dykes. I could have gone over the jounries of a lone woman with whom I talked the other day, a woman who had gone by oxcarts and canoes back into the heart of the Matto Groso of Brazil, living with tribes far more primitive than those we have to deal with, and probably more savage. Had I recited these things to him, probably all I should have received for my pains to convince him would have been a tolerant smile that seemed to say, "Well, I must humor you in your crazy notion." Yet this woman missionary who had been twelve years in China and a few years in the jungles of Latin America was being obedient and FOLLOWING JESUS in self-denial to a life of knitting hours away from home. Can we take up the challenge of the words of Jesus to Peter, "What is that to thee? follow thou me."

Down here they can readily under-

stand when men grubstake, and with supplies, probably just some fat-back and a pan, go into the jungles on golden rivers to bury themselves for months, risking their lives and straining their eyes for flakes of pure gold washed up by the singing jungle rivers, but these seekers are so blinded by the god of this world that the true riches, which are the souls of men, gems to be set in the diadem of God the Son, go unnoticed.

The savage is more wise than we give him credit for; while he knows where the gold is, he is gathering it and beating it into earrings and making an effort to keep other races out, because of a destroyed confidence in other races. As I go back, I must prove to them that I am free from the lust of gold, before I can teach them of the love of God. In the early days of the Spanish conquest and feverish search and sack of Panama, gold was the ruling passion. They stamped the "Gold Coast" on Panama. Their effort to make slaves of the Indians was futile: For their resistance, they butchered them. This butchery is still going on in the Darian. Last year a friend of mine went over the contraband trail to the border of Colombia and stopped at a garrison outpost, and saw in the neighborhood of four hundred soldiers. His question as to why they were there brought the response, that two prospectors had gone into Indian country and were butchered. The results were that these soldiers had gone up there and killed a dozen Indians.

When these early Christians, so-called, could not conquer these tribes, they imported slaves from Africa and China. They robbed God's good earth of gold and overlooked His true riches; so that today we can lay the charge for the deadlock in the mind and heart of the native at the door of a so-called

Christian nation.

Think with me, as you read these words, of the challenge that comes to us as a denomination, to break the bands of a deadlock formed centuries ago by these godless conquerors, and should you grasp the meaning and responsibility, I am sure you will play more earnestly for your missionary.

Two weeks past I started in to find the old gold trail across from the Atlantic coast. Only two men have been known to cross it during the last century. On that trail there are large council houses of Indians who will have nothing to do with the outside. I long to meet them and tell of One who came from heaven above. Due to the extremely high seas, I could not get a boat down, but spent a week on the Islands with the Indians. Now I am packing for the interior again, and as you read this, I shall be on the trail, God willing.

LETTER RECEIVED BY BRO. I. J. BLACKWELDER

Cristobal, Canal Zone, Dec. 2, '37.

Dear Bro. in the Gospel:

I have been preaching here at Cristobal with the Jamaicans and was delighted to meet a former student of mine, Mr. Willey, who is a missionary of your society. When I was Professor at Asbury College Mr. Willey was in some of my classes, and I have known him very well for a number of years. I was glad to have a visit at his home and to meet his excellent wife and his children. I thought I would write you a few lines about Bro. Willey without his knowledge or suggestion.

My opinion is that Mr. Willey is one of the finest missionaries in our Central and South American work. Coming here to the work in Panama, he brings a rich experience; he knows Indian life and he is a real pioneer, in fact, just the type of man to embark on this special and much-needed mission among the Indians in the interior of Panama. He departed yesterday for his field carrying with him his own boat which he made himself, and he has a remarkable adaptation for the pioneer work that he is entering upon. I sincerely hope that your society will find it possible to stand back of Mr. Willey to the utmost limit in the work that he is doing. I know he is a careful man,

and economical, and will make every dollar go as far as possible. I was at their house to dinner the other day and in my own thought I was wondering how they were making out financially. The question of getting a house and house rent in Panama is exceedingly difficult and the best they could do was to hire a small apartment of two rooms with some furnishings, and I believe that cost them \$30.00 a month. Prices here in Panama to those not engaged in Canal work are very high. I am just mentioning these things without Mr. Willey's knowledge, or without any suggestion on his part, but as I know the South American field, this being my third visit, and I shall embrace all the field from Panama down the West Coast to Brazil, therefore I am writing you these things from a wide bit of experience. Not that I want to meddle in any way but just to say to you that in Mr. Willey you have one of the finest missionaries that I believe can be found in this country. He is a devout man, a man of prayer; intensely practical, and in every way adapted for the work that he has started to do under the auspices of your society. He has an excellent

wife, and she is standing with him in all of the work. I know that Mr. Willey's purpose is as soon as possible to build himself a house on his field among the Indians. It may be a trifle slow before that can come to pass. In the meanwhile, by placing his headquarters at Panama he is doing wisely. And let me add this word, that when he is at Panama Mr. Willey lends himself to the work of the Lord in Cristobal on all hands. He is the right kind of a mixer; he helps the Y. M. C. A. work which is a big field, and he stands ready to help in the churches in every way possible when he is here in Panama. This really means a good thing for your church too, because he becomes known as the representative of your church in this part of Central America.

I am writing these things freely out of my heart, and I trust that you will stand back of Mr. Willey financially, prayerfully and spiritually.

Yours in the Gospel,

George W. Ridout,

Formerly of Asbury College,
Wilmore, Kentucky.

Corresponding Editor,
Pentecostal Herald,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Spiritual Life

By Eld. A. L. Sapp, Branch, Mo.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (John 10:1).

How solemn these words are, and it is of the utmost importance that we have a clear understanding of this vital doctrine.

Scarcely had God completed the plan of redemption, and Jesus announced himself the door of entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven, that we find other things substituted by man for God's appointed means of salvation. The old path of regeneration by the power of God is rapidly giving way for Satan's sawdust trail. We are now living in a progressive age, when popular preachers are making proselytes—saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach." The door is very narrow, the gate strait. Very very few are willing to meet the conditions of entrance. "Whoever doth not bear his cross cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27).

It is very apparent from the inspired writings, that every time Jesus spoke of bearing the cross, he was address-

sing sinners. If, therefore, the Savior makes the bearing of the cross a condition of becoming his disciple, and if the cross means death to the old man with his affections and lusts, then we have the line of demarkation distinctly drawn between God's friends and His enemies: "For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Mt. 16:24). "I am the door." In opening the Gospel of John, we find it written of Christ, "In him was life" (John 1:4). Death cannot exist where Christ dwells. Spiritual birth means spiritual life. And a great many church babies are born dead, born of the "will of the flesh" and bear the image of their daddie, the Devil—"The works of their father they will do." True to nature, they take the back seat as far from the pulpit as possible. They will not endure sound doctrine, for they wear a cloak for their sin, and their feelings are tender. They will criticise the preacher for upsetting their besetting sin. God knows that they are all dead, and has spewed them out of his mouth.

When men profess to be born of the Spirit of God and bear the fruits of the flesh, they become abominable

and sickening in the sight of God. "Prophecy unto us smooth things," is what the world and the so-called churches are saying today. They get up big revivals, so they say, and with their high powered church machinery, oyster stews, card tables, romps and spees, keep the people too mull of fun to think of their souls or eternity. If one of their converts should really get saved, they would want to get rid of him quickly.

Oh, if such people would clean up and get right with God, what good they might do in this dark world! Thank God for the brighter picture, for the few who have entered "by the door into the sheepfold," and have their titles clear to mansions in the skies. John tells us of two companies: some will come forth to honor, to everlasting life, and some to damnation. Now you will be with either one or the other.

John saw the dead, both small and great, stand before God to be judged; what an awful scene! You will die, and you may die very soon; when you die, your doom is fixed, your destiny sealed. It is settled then, whether you will rise to honor or dishonor.

Now, let us bow while we pray: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts" (Psa. 139:23).

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection (Christ): on such the second death hath no power" (Rev. 20:6).

The soul that has been quickened and inspired by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the indwelling Christ, is ready to meet God. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

HANSON, IDAHO, Feb. 14, 1938.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown, and Readers of the Gem:

I will again write a few lines to our dear little paper. I do enjoy reading the Gem, it is so much comfort and passtime to one who has to be in bed most of the time.

I am feeling just fine, am still in the T.B. ward, and am improving all the time; hope I can be back home with my family before long. I am permitted to go home and visit now and then, and they visit me often and my little daughter stays here with me part of the time.

Well I am so glad to read of so much good being done by our denomination. I thank God for the good revivals I read of, and for the souls that are being brought to Christ. But too, it makes our heart sad, to think of so many souls still out in sin, but let's just pray and trust in God, dear Christians, as He is ready to do His part, if only we would all

do ours.

We were indeed glad to hear of the good revival at our home church Macedonia, and that our church was made stronger by quite an addition of members.

Although we are many miles from our little home church, we are thinking of it and praying for it, and our denomination in general.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each one of God's children all over the world. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Opal Frazier.

Never mind the why and wherefore,
Never mind the how and when,
For the thoughts of God are higher
Than the thoughts and ways of men,
Never mind the whence and whither,
Never mind the thence and thither,
Trust in God's unchanging mercy,
Rest upon His shalls and wills.

Mrs. O. F.

BETSY LAYNE CHURCH

Pikeville, Ky. Feb. 22, 1938.

Dear Brother Brown:

I received my Gem, and really enjoy reading every word in it. I am sending you two new subscribers and pray that others may go to work, and send in enough to keep it at the 50c rate. You can expect more subscriptions from me in the near future; as it ought to be in every home.

Bro. A. L. Jackson, our pastor, and Bro. Stratton just closed a three weeks' revival at Betsy Layne church, Betsy Layne, Ky., and the Lord really did wonderfully bless with many blessings, that I haven't room to tell, with about 20 additions to the church. I ask all who know the worth of prayer to pray for me and my family.

Your brother in Christ,

—James Owens.

VAN BUREN, ARK., Feb. 15th.

I would like space to announce the organization of a new Free Will Baptist church, seven miles north of Alma, in Franklin County. The organization was brought about by a meeting held last summer by Bro. Charlie Graham, and devoted work by Bro. Graham since then. I moderated the organization by the request of Bro. Graham, and was assisted by him, and Elders Raymond Brooks and Don Bias. The church was established on Saturday night, Feb. 5th. Bro. Brooks and Bro. Bias filled the stand, and after that the organization took place, and a number of charter members came together and accepted the Articles of faith and the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice, adopted a church covenant. Bro. Graham was chosen to pastor the church, a church clerk was elected, also three deacons which were to be ordained at the eleven o'clock service the next morning. The next morning Bro Gra-

ham and I brought the message, after which the conference continued and the deacons were ordained and then followed by an old time Spiritual hand shake. I have never seen the Spirit more mightily manifested than it was that day. Although the membership is small, I have never seen a church look any more prosperous. We had a full house and everybody eager for the organization to be a success, and several others are planning to unite with the church. The members of other organizations promised co-operation, and encouraged the organization and prayed for its success. An aged minister of the regular Baptist church made a talk and encouraged all that conveniently could to unite, as he figured the Free Will Baptist would come nearer getting the co-operation of the people there than any other organization. I never saw as many tears shed as I saw at that service, and as we drove away, we could see hands of farewell bidding us God's speed. The church was called Bethlehem church of Lone Elm. They are eager for the 5th Sunday conference as soon as they can get it, and have requested to unite with Zion Hope Association No. 2. I am anxious for our body to meet with them, for there are folks up there that have old time religion with Jesus Christ in the middle of it, and Bro. Graham, the pastor, solicits prayer from the Gem family for the spiritual growth of the little church.

—Eld. Glenn Dipboye

VICTORY

Victory in our campaign for subscriptions is what we hope for, and when we count up the subs in July, we hope to rejoice in victory.

We said last month that it is necessary that we raise our subscription list to 1600, and it is more evident now than then that we must do this.

We must increase the size of the paper to take care of the increased volume of matter we must print. This will cost us more, but we can do it if you give us the subscriptions.

Some have sent in their renewal and one or more new subs, but we haven't heard from half as many as we hoped to. Some have suggested that each subscriber should get at least one new subscriber and thus double the list, and solve the problem. That would be fine, let's do it

And it has been suggested that we raise the price to 75c. We don't want to do this, and won't, if you all help just a little. Are you helping? Will you help? We will know when we hear from you.

—The Editor.

DISINHERITED SONS

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"I die daily." (1 Cor. 15:31). Again he said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." —Gal. 2:20. The Devil tempts everyone to commit sin, but Paul died to sin daily. or in the instance that the Devil presented the temptation. Thus, he cannot sin because he is dead—he is born of God and Christ is living within. When we stubbornly and persistently refuse to die to each temptation of the Devil, we will yield and yielding is sin. Paul corrected beforehand the modern idea of "sinning Christians" in the language of the entire sixth chapter of Romans. We are to be dead to sin! Those Christians were instructed, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin." Rom 6:12-13. What if they had not followed instructions, and permitted sin to reign? If we die, we cannot yield and sin, but if we do not die to it in the instance of its presentation, we will sin and can't keep from it.

Jesus said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:12-13. The Greek here is *'upomeinas ei's telos* which involves "A continual perseverance in Christian faith and practice as long as we have life." And the result is *sothesetai*—salvation in heaven. What if we fail to persevere?

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6: 7-9. What if we faint and cease "well doing?" Sure! We shall not escape the reaping, but it will not be "of the Spirit...life everlasting."

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Jesus said, "As it was in the days of noah, so shall it be...." In other

words, the builders of God's name (the sons of God) will turn from God and embrace the ungodly things of the world in a general apostasy. Paul repeated this very truth when he said, "That day (of the Lord) shall not come, except there come a falling away first." 2 Thes. 2:3. The Greek here is *'e apostasia proton*—an apostasy first. Apostasy is "falling away." The word apostasy means "the abandonment of, the forsaking, or turning from the things of our possession." In family life, it results in a *disinheritance*, in politics it results in a *rebellion*, and in religion, it is turning from the religion we possess to another religion or, to no religion. It is well spoken "a falling away" and we must possess a thing before we can fall away from it.

"When one is once born of the Spirit of God, nothing can keep him out of heaven—regardless of how heinous the crime may be that he may commit, let that be adultery or murder." These are *dangerous words*! I am not willing to risk the destiny of my soul upon them. The promise in the messages to the seven churches is "To him that overcometh." Let us hold fast to that which is good and be faithful unto the end so that we may not become Disinherited Sons—for such is possible.

WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

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that it needs no explanation: but get your Bible and read the first chapter of Second Peter.

It seems to be natural for men and women to seek after knowledge: but most of those who seek after knowledge, leave God out of it; yet in "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Those who begin their quest for knowledge in the fear of the Lord, and continue to learn in the fear of the Lord, will come to the end of this life full of knowledge of the right kind, which will insure an abundant entrance into God's presence where knowledge will be perfect.

UNDERSTANDING

There are many things that we see and know, and when we see and know something, that is said to be understanding; and the world is wonderfully blessed because men have understanding enough about the things we

need in this life to provide them for us: yet no one has complete or perfect understanding without God.

God says (Prov. 8:14), "... I am understanding." These are the words of Him who cannot lie; how then, can sinners and the ungodly have understanding: they know nothing about God? The fact is, men without God have imperfect or incomplete vision; not having God, they cannot see God in the things He has made. Neither is the Christian's vision perfect, and even the Apostle Paul confessed it, when he said in 1 Cor. 13:12, "Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." Yes, our vision and understanding will be perfect when we awake in His likeness.

Science has done wonderful things: but oh, how much more wonderful scientific works would be if all the scientists were godly men!

Again the wise man says (Prov. 9:10), "... and the knowledge of the Holy (One) is understanding." If this Scripture is correctly translated, and I believe it is, it means that there is no understanding except in the knowledge of the Holy One: for the "the" is definite and means that there is no other way or source of understanding. Then it is no wonder that great(?) men misunderstand the voice of nature and send out so much ridiculous stuff they call science. And there are multitudes of people who profess to be Christians, who follow blind leaders in some man-made way to eternal glory, and are worldly in their habits—they have little or no knowledge of the Holy One, and are void of understanding.

It is the privilege of every honest heart to be wise in the Wisdom of God; to have much Knowledge of the Holy One; and to have good Understanding, which will insure eternal life in the Glory World.

MARRIED

We wish to announce that Eld. C. E. Mann of Queen City, Mo has married Mrs. Clift, the widow of our good brother, Eld. Marion B. Clift. They were married on Dec. 18, 1937 in Mansfield, Mo. by Eld. Selph Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Mann will reside on her farm near Niangua, Mo. The Gem force wishes them much happiness.

"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death, And I Will Give Thee A Crown Of Life"

By Miss Ora Black, Huggins, Mo.

Go with me to the 25th chapter of Matthew. There Christ tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man traveling into a far country who called his servants unto him and delivered unto them his goods. To one man, he gave five talents, to another, two talents, and to another, he gave one: to every man according to his ability; and took his journey.

By reading carefully, we find that the one who had received the five talents worked and gained five other talents, and likewise the one who received two talents, he also gained two others. But the one who had received one talent went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money. I wonder if some people today aren't hiding their talents. We may say, "Well, I never did dig in the earth and hide any money God gave me." We probably never did do that, but has there ever been a time in life when God was asking us to do something, and we'd say, "Oh, I can't do that, but I'll do something else." How easy it is for us to feel that way, but when we do, I believe we are then trying to hide our talents.

Let's go on reading about those servants. Matt. 25:19 tells us that "After a long time, the lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them." Notice carefully that Christ said "after a long time." He doesn't say after a few days. But during the time of their lord's absence, those two servants who had received the five and two talents were at work. They were really faithful to their lord. Just as Christ expects us to be. Christ expects us to use the talents He has given us.

Let's notice how those servants gave an account of their labor, just as we are all going to do some day, because the Bible teaches us that we are going to give an account of our life, whether it be good or evil. So when the lord called and reckoned with those servants, the one who had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, "Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents, behold I have gained beside them five talents more." His lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful even a few things, I will

make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Likewise, he that had received two talents, came and delivered unto him two others, and his lord said the same words to him.

But he that had received one talent came and brought the one talent he had received, and began to make excuse for not having more. Imagine how little he must have felt. Notice what he told his lord, "Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: and I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine." He made excuse just as some today are doing. Oh, how easy it is for us to try to justify self when we have failed to do our duty.

But, notice what his lord said, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Therefore we find that our excuses will not stand in the Judgment. The promise is to those that live faithful to the end. The Bible doesn't teach us to serve the Lord a few days, then quit.

Go back to the subject, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Christ has left us, each one, a work to do; and are we going to do it, or are we going to let souls go to hell because we have failed to follow the Lord?

Our work may seem small, but if God asks us to do it, it is needed, and if we will do it as God wants us to do it, we'll be able to accomplish something in this life.

Isaiah 55:11—"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it

shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

May God help each one of us to faithfully follow the Lord, so that we may be able to receive the crown of life.

BLAKELY, GA., Jan. 31, 1938.

Dear Christian Co-Worker,

"A vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us."

This appeal is made in behalf of Zion Bible School, which has been a school for under-privileged young men who have felt the call to the gospel ministry of Jesus Christ, and especially those who are and have been obedient to the heavenly call. We are, therefore, asking you to share the responsibility with us, which we believe God has placed upon our hands and we have experienced eight years in this work in which, we are glad to say, has been and still is a blessing to our people in this and other sections of our beloved denomination. Again, we ask you to co-operate and share this responsibility with us. (2 Cor. 8:11, 16 and 2 Cor. 9:7).

We are therefore asking you to present this appeal to your church, ladies' auxiliaries, League, or the Sunday school and ask for a donation to help support this school and aid us in this field of service, which is a service that reaches the present and will reach our people and the lost in the future. The donation is needed now. And we pray that God through the Holy Spirit will lead you to make this free will offering as liberal as possible.

Your co-operation will be a blessing to us who are making the continual sacrifice, but with faith unfeigned, believing that all things are possible to him that believeth.

Will you read with me Phillipians 4:10-19, and ask God to direct?

Yours in Jesus name,

Zion Bible School

—T. B. Mellette, Pres.

A. D. Ivey, Sec'y-Treas.

A Translation

Let us learn what death is. It is simply a translation; not a state, but an act; not a condition, but a passage.

The Law of Divorce

By Eld. Frank Linton, Stella, Mo.

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:6).

Dear Friends and Gem Readers:

I call you friend, if you are a reader of the Gem and a lover of it.

Now friends, this subject is one that is ignored by many people. It was ignored when our dear Savior was trying to tell a group of Pharisees about it; so I don't expect everybody to agree with me.

"Have ye not read that he which made them at the beginning, made them male and female?" (Matt. 19:4).

In the beginning God saw that it was not good for man to be alone, so he caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept, and God took of his bone and flesh and made a woman and brought her to Adam.

Adam said, "This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." This is the first wedding on earth. Adam and his dear help meet lived in the garden of Eden, for I don't know how long. God had told this man and woman what they could do, and what they could not do. But the serpent, which is the Devil, came along. The Devil is the cause of every heartache. No doubt Adam loved Eve, but she had sinned. He thought he couldn't get along without her. Adam knew she would surely die (Gen. 3), yet he thought he couldn't live without her. He was just like a lot of people today, she meant more to him than God's commandments. What is more necessary in our homes than a help meet? What is more necessary to the human body than a right arm or hand? Our dear Savior said, "If thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, than that the whole body be cast into hell" If Adam had said, "No, I will live alone," he might have been there in Eden today, but he had rather die than give her up. There is no law in the world that could have severed the relationship between Adam and Eve. She would have been his wife even though she was cast out of the garden. She was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, because God had joined them together. "What God has joined together, let not man put asunder."

Now dear hearts, I hope I have made it plain that a tie exists between man and wife. The man and woman that are united in holy matrimony in God's name are no more twain, but are one flesh. Now listen friends, if one's mate is a fornicator (which is adultery and idolatry), then Jesus gives us grounds to put him or her away, but if we put them away for any other cause, we commit adultery (Matt. 5:3); but they are one bone and flesh just the same. And if we go and marry again, we commit adultery. It is better to cut them loose than that the whole body be cast into hell.

Poor old Adam knew he would have to live alone, and he thought he could not stand to do that. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). Oh, dear hearts, can't we pay the price! Jesus paid the greatest price in the world that we might have life; now will we accept it, or shall we die. You might say, "I am an adulterer according to the Bible; can I be saved, for the Bible says that no adulterer shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9). Well, that is so, God saves us from sin, not in our sins. In John 8:3, 4, A woman was taken in adultery. The very same thing in God's sight is found in the 11th verse, where Jesus said, "Go, and sin no more." If you are an adulterous man or woman, God can save you from the very act, but *sin no more*. John the Baptist was a preacher who was filled with the Holy Ghost, and wasn't afraid to tell Herod that it was wrong for him to have his brother's wife; which cost him his head, but that was all gain for him. If we had a few Johns today, there wouldn't be so many divorces in the land. Preachers, preach the Word. It is written that man is not to live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. It takes the very grace of God to stand up and say it isn't lawful for a man to have some other man's wife, but that is what God expects us to say. We might hear someone say that God didn't join so and so together; but listen, if we are married in God's name, we are joined together by God.

And dear unmarried people, I am

sure you are planning and expecting to have a mate, but be serious about this matter, for as long as the mate lives, he or she is bound to him or her, but if the mate be dead the other is loosed and may marry another. (See Rom. 7:2,3).

Moses gave the people a writing of divorcement and I imagine they took another mate. Moses knew it wasn't right, but for the hardness of their hearts he gave them the writing of divorce. Jesus said it wasn't so from the beginning. The law of our land will give you a writing of divorcement and will permit you to marry another, but it is not right and wasn't right in the beginning. I declare unto you upon the authority of God's Word, that anyone who puts away his or her mate and marries another, commits adultery, and anyone who marries him or her that is put away also commits adultery. Dear friends, let us be serious about this all important subject. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:7). Let us pray about this very thing, for there are so many people blinded to the truth that is in the Bible. Preachers and people who have the authority to perform a marriage ceremony, be careful about this matter and consider about what it is to solemnize a marriage between some man that has a living mate and some innocent loving daughter of some mother, for he causes her to commit adultery, if God's Word is true.

The woman of Samaria at the well had had five men, but the one she had then wasn't her husband, he probably was some other woman's husband. The first man might have been her true husband, but he sure wasn't the one she was living with then. She couldn't fool Jesus, neither can we today. We might fool a few people, but we can't fool God.

Now, dear friends, I will close with these few remarks. To you that I have met, I hope to meet you again this side of eternity: You that I have not met, I hope to meet. May God continue to bless His children everywhere is my prayer.

FOR we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh" (Ephesians 5:30, 31).

Mussolini Under the Great Prophetic Search Light

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Perhaps no other man on the horizon today is attracting as much attention, or commanding as much interest as is the dictator of Italy. He, and that unknown to himself, no doubt, is very accurately fulfilling the prophetic word.

We are told in the Bible of the coming of a great world super-man, who in his nature will become beastly, wicked, exalted, heartless, and above all Christ-hating. In Revelation 13 he is called The Beast, in 1 John 4 he is called The Anti-Christ, in Paul's writings to the Thessalonians he calls him that Wicked One, the Son of Perdition, in Daniel 9:28 we learn that he is to be a Roman Prince, also in Paul's writings to the Thessalonians he calls him That Man of Sin, and again in Revelation 13 we find that Satan gives him his seat, his power, and great authority.

Fits the Bible Description

Perhaps no other character fits this Bible description as does Mussolini. He already is beginning to show quite extensively his cruel, heartless, beastly nature. Any man that will march on and so cruelly overcome a God fearing, peaceable, and innocent people as did he in Ethiopia is bound to be demon possessed. Mussolini led the way in this modern day Missionary (so called) march on helpless nations. And, what a name for it! Missionary! Sounds sacrilegious doesn't it? Even if some nations do have culture, intelligence, scientific methods, modern equipment, etc., that other nations apparently need, I want to say, Waging a merciless war on them is a poor way of getting such over to them. Taking Christ to them would be a much better way.

Did you see Mussolini's picture? If you have, then turn and read Dan. 8:23, "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." You who have seen his picture know very well that he certainly has the fierce countenance. He seems to have a wild look out of his eyes. Those who have studied his life from its beginning tell us that he was raised by an old witch, and that he yet holds to many of those queer and wierd ideas and practices. Hence the mention of

Dark Sentences in the above quoted Scripture. When he was a boy he seemed to get a lot of glory out of such doings as punching out the cat's eyes, and such things. Now in his manhood he seems, and will continue to seem, to like to take that out on peoples and nations.



The mention of him being a Roman prince is very fitting, for we know that he is that. His supreme ambition is for Rome and Roman influence. In Dan. 9:27 we find that this prince will make a covenant with many (Jews) for one week (Heptad in the Hebrew, which means seven), or for a period of seven years. Already we are told that the returning Jews to Palestine are conversing with him relative to his becoming their protector. He is now carrying on a very diligent and flattering propaganda campaign throughout Palestine, as well as all around the Mediterranean Sea. And now read Daniel 11:21, "... but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries." Before leaving this division of this discussion I wish to refer back to the idea of his fierce countenance, and I want you to read Dan. 7:20, "... even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose LOOK was more stout than his fellows."

A Man of Destiny

Mussolini is an irresistible character, he knows no defeat. He has made the statement that he would be willing to form an alliance with the Devil in order to accomplish his ends. Now read Rev. 13:2, "... and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." He has not started to quit. He is possessed with a demon magnetic power, with which he sways his masses. He looks ahead and plays ahead. He plays safe. He takes no chances. I was

reading an article a few days ago about the great secret police system of Italy, which is something similar to the Russian GPU, only it is said to be much more perfectly organized. Italy has one man, which we seldom hear anything about, who knows more about the daily public sentiment of Italy than any other. He is head of the secret police system, and on him Mussolini depends greatly. At a great mass meeting Il Duce turned to him and said, "Shall we make war on Ethiopia?" He said, "Yes." Mussolini acted on that yes. He has seen afar off. He has a vision, and nothing, absolutely nothing, will be spared in order to reach that goal. Powerful nations are all but prostrating themselves at his feet. He has humiliated the world's greatest empire as it has never been humbled before; that empire upon whose possessions the sun never sets, Great Britain. He has caused the British Empire to lose a lot of her prestige; but nothing to what he will cause her to lose. For, as I said, he has seen great things in the future, and that which he has seen is the

Revival of the Old Roman Empire

We are taught in the Bible of the revival of old Rome. Students of prophecy disagree on this point to some extent; but to me it seems it is quite plain. In Dan. 2, Daniel saw the parade of world governments from his day forward, in the form of an image. Then in Dan. 7, he saw the same thing in the form of beasts. The ten toes on the image are typical of revived Rome in the last days of this age, just before the falling of the Stone, or the second coming of Christ. The ten horns on the beast, dreadful and terrible, in Dan. 7 are typical of the same thing, and the little horn which came up among them is typical of the Antichrist himself. Also the ten horns on the beast of Revelation 13:1 mean the same thing. The dreadful and terrible beast of Dan. 7 typifies the old Roman Empire. It says it had great iron teeth, and it devoured and brake in pieces. The legs of iron in the image of Dan. 2 also typifies the old Roman Empire with its eastern and western divisions, so brought to our notice in the two legs of the image. Any student knows the Roman government has always been cruel or iron hearted in its nature and practice. Our boys and girls in school still study about the iron legions of Rome. Rome was in power when the Christ

was crucified, when the apostles were martyred, when thousands of the saints of God were slain and tortured in every conceivable way. This empire, with its same old nature, will be revived in the last days, and in fact is being revived now. The supreme ambition of the dictator of Italy is to be a modern day Caesar.

Now, for a few minutes, let's study the following question: Is the Roman Empire being revived now? Originally the Mediterranean was called a Roman lake. The empire of old Rome completely surrounded it. Today Mussolini wants control of that sea, and is gradually gaining his end. He has already made the British government very uneasy about their long used short route to India by way of the Gibraltar Straight and the Suez Canal. Mussolini wants control of these two inlets and outlets to the Mediterranean, and he will eventually control them.

The first outstanding step toward the revival of the old empire was the taking over of Ethiopia. Now the next stride being made is in the present Spanish revolution. The civil war in Spain being waged between the Loyalists and Rebels is nothing more than a war between Communism and Fascism. Italy, of course, is Fascist, and Spain or the territory of Spain was originally a part of the old empire, so there is no doubt but what the Fascists will win; in fact they are winning now. I said when the war broke out in Spain that the Fascists would win and Spain would eventually fall to Mussolini, and slowly,

but surely it is doing that very thing. Not because I said it would be, nor because any other man may have said so; but because it is in direct fulfillment of the prophecies of those dear men of God who saw it long ago. So slowly, but surely we see the lines of the old empire being carved anew. It will perhaps take lots of bloodshed to bring it about; but it will be done by merciless and iron hearted men regardless of the spiritual, moral, or financial cost.

We read now about the Irish Free State. Who would have believed it a few years ago, that the great British Empire would break up. But already Ireland has pulled herself loose and England and Ireland no more are one. How strikingly that fulfills the Scriptures. The territory of Ireland was not a part of the original empire, while England was. So there must needs come some kind of a division between them. The nations that now cover the territory of the old Roman Empire would no doubt do well, though hard it would be, to just come and voluntarily give themselves over to the great and ambitious dictator. In so doing, they would save much bloodshed and misery, which no doubt will come, and then, after all, they will have to submit any way. While, of course, they will not do that until they are forced to do so, for such is not human nature. So we may expect to see a federation of ten kingdoms rise up around the Mediterranean, ruled by ten puppet dictators, over which will be one supreme dictator.

who in my mind will become the Beast of Rev. 13:1, the Man of Sin of 2 Thess. 2:3, etc. Daniel 9:26, 27 makes it plain that the great coming super-man will be a Roman Prince. It says, "The people of the prince that SHALL come, shall destroy the city and the sanctuary, . . ." The Romans did that in A. D. 70, under Titus. So the PRINCE THAT SHALL COME will surely come to us from the Romans or revived Rome.

But, praise the dear Lord, while these great events are coming upon the world, nations are cracking and falling, international changes take place over night, and we see that we are already in the foothills of the mountain peaks of the Great Tribulation, we can remember the words of our dear Lord, "Lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." And we read in Rev. 19:20, "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Much more could be said on this subject, but I feel that I must close for fear of making my article too lengthy. I will try to finish in some other issue. I like to major on prophecy. We are told that two-thirds of Bible is prophecy, so we can't afford to neglect it. In these days of its rapid fulfillment, may we live ready to meet Jesus.

The Analysis of God

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Continued from last month

In our analysis in last month's issue of the Gem, we learned that God, *Elohim*, was in the plural form, or a plurality of persons in a divine nature; and this plurality of persons we found in the Godhead, consisting of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost (1 John 5:7). These three units, or powers, are in unity, composing one.

When Christ the Son was born in the City of Bethlehem, it was only God, *Elohim*, manifest in the flesh.

In Isaiah 7:14, we read, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

In Matt. 1:23, we read, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us."

In Isaiah 9:6, we read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

In John 1:1, we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, *Elohim*."

In John 1:14, John tells us that the

Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

In 1 Tim. 3:16, Paul tells us that God, *Elohim*, "was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

So when Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, it was God, *Elohim*, the unity of powers manifest in human form. The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Savior, Jehovah, Lord of hosts, the first and the last, God, true God, great God, God of all, mighty God, and everlasting Father. Christ testified that He was in the Father, and the Father in Him.

In John 14:10, Christ said, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that

dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." So Christ was not here alone, as a singular being, or person, but He was God, *Elohim*, the unity of powers manifest in the flesh; and that unity of powers still exists, as it has since the creation.

In Col. 1:19, we read, "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell." And in Col. 2:9, we read, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." So all the unity of powers dwelt in Christ, because He was God, *Elohim*, the unity of powers manifest in the flesh.

In Acts 4:12, we read, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." I am happy to tell you unsaved, who may read this article, that in Christ, and in Him alone, is your salvation: for He possesses all the fulness of the Godhead.

Let us look at the picture in Matt. 3:13-17, when Christ came to receive baptism at the hands of John. In verses 16, 17, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." I am happy to tell you that the Godhead, the unity of powers, was manifest here in the baptism of Jesus, the Son receiving baptism, the Holy Ghost descending and lighting upon Him, and the Father's voice from heaven, confessing Jesus as His Son.

When Christ chose His disciples, He ordained them and sent them out to preach the Gospel, and gave them a commission to baptize. Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." So baptism is to be administered in the name of the divine trinity, the Godhead, the unity of powers. Here is the only divine commission ever given to man to baptize; and he who baptizes in any other name, does so without any divine commission; and the subjects who receive baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, thereby acknowledge the doctrine of the divine trinity, and the plurality of God.

But some might ask, Did not the Apostle Peter command to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ? I will answer, Yes, to those Jews who denied

and crucified Christ, thereby confessing the One they had denied to be the Christ; but in reality this did not affect the divine commission, for Christ was God, *Elohim*, the unity of powers manifest in the flesh.

Some of our friends affirm, and try to prove by the Bible, that there are different degrees in the plan of salvation. But I am happy to tell you, that man's salvation is by grace, through faith in Christ.

In Matt. 10:40; Mark 9:37; Luke 9:48; John 13:20, Christ affirms, "He that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me." Now we are sure that statement is true. Then the question to settle is, Who sent Christ, and that question can be quickly answered. Isaiah 48:16, "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me." Then, if we receive Christ by faith, we receive the Lord God and His Spirit, because Christ said so.

In Col. 2:6-10, Paul gives us an explanation, which cannot be rejected. In verse 9, we read, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." In verse 10, "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." So when we receive Christ by faith, we receive all the fulness of the Godhead.

In 1 John 5:1, we read, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, *Elohim*, the unity of

powers,—no different degrees, no second definite work of grace, no baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from the Godly birth.

Some of our friends have an awful task trying to give an explanation. Of course they run to Acts 2:1-4: but let us view that picture a little. In verse 2, we read, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." In verse 4, we read, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Now, which of these constitutes the baptism of the Holy Ghost? The answer would come: The filling with the Holy Ghost in verse 4. Very well. Now, I am very fond of chicken and dumplings; so I sit down to the table with a large dish of chicken and dumplings before me, and I eat until I am completely filled. Now tell me, Am I baptized with chicken and dumplings? Nonsense! To preach such doctrine means to separate the Godhead, the unity of powers, and receive Christ at one time, and the Holy Ghost at another time: and I don't know whether they ever receive the Father, or not, they don't tell us. If such separation of the Godhead could be, it would mean to break that unity, separate the Godhead; hence the unity would cease to be; no unity of powers, no Godhead, no God. Friends, I tell you, such has never been done, and cannot be done. So in the name of God, let's get on the old foundation, and stand: for it is a foundation that all the demons on earth and in hell cannot destroy.

All Israelites Are Not Jews

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Why do so many people, when speaking of the Israelites, always use the word Jews, when sometimes those referred to are not Jews? With a very little study, it is plain to see that all Israelites are not Jews. In one sense, the Jews are Israelites, in that they are both descendants of Jacob whose name was changed to Israel, but not necessarily are all Israelites Jews. For the title "Jew" was given to only a part of Jacob's descendants, and that at least several hundred years after Jacob received the name Israel. (Adding the 480 years referred to in 1 Kings 6:1 to the years referred to in Exodus 12:40, with the remaining years of Solomon's reign, we find that a period of some

length has elapsed, which brings us down to the division of the kingdom). Yes, Jews can be Israelites and yet all Israelites are not necessarily Jews. Let us explain this way, just as the great bulk of Americans are not all Missourians, and yet all Missourians are Americans.

It is true that all Israelites and Jews are seed of Abraham through Isaac, through Jacob; and were only known under the title Israel until they divided in Jacob's sons. Can we not take time to recall to our minds the call of Abraham and the promises that were made to him? In Gen. 12:2-3, we find there is a two-fold promise given, one, a promise of being a great nation, (made of many na-

tions as we hope to prove) and also a promise that all these families should be blessed through his seed, that is the coming Christ. God told him again sometime later, that he should be the father of many nations, not just a nation or just nations, but a large plurality, *MANY NATIONS!* So we say, a great nation made of many nations. It was promised by the great Jehovah; and in such a way that it *MUST* be fulfilled. For we read in Gen. 17:4 where God said, "As for me, behold my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations." The same Jehovah promised Abraham that the Messiah would be of his seed. With these two independent, unconditional promises of God to Abraham, one the promise of a multitude of descendants, and the other the promise of the Christ, we find that after his death, the same was handed down to Isaac his son (Gen. 26:4), "I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." We can clearly see both promises, that of the multiplicity of seed, and that of the blessed Messiah.

We find the same promises handed to Isaac's son, Jacob (Gen. 28:14), "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south; and in thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Remember these two outstanding promises made of God stood just as sure of fulfillment as there was a God who made them, therefore the promises were repeated by the same God to each of the Patriarchs. And in due time they would be separated and await fulfillment, one to one branch and one to the other branch. And here it is separated in Jacob's sons.

We must remember that Jacob had two wives, Rachel and Leah, and both bore sons of Jacob. Joseph was Jacob's son born of Rachel. And unto Joseph was born two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And of Manasseh God said, "... and his seed shall become a multitude of nations." (Gen. 48:19).

And of Judah, Jacob's son born of Leah, God said, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the

gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49:10). These two promises had been given together each time, until they were divided and branched out here in the sons of Jacob, yet making it all to be fulfilled in the seed of Abraham.

Here we must follow the division of the kingdom, referred to as the kingdom of Judah, and the kingdom of Israel. And practically every reference of Scripture to the title Israel from here on to the coming of Shiloh is referring to the people of the kingdom of Israel, and not to the Judah portion. There are possibly a few exceptions, but generally speaking, it is true. And likewise when the term Judah is used it has reference to the people of the kingdom of Judah and not to all Israel. If you remember when Jacob's name was changed to Israel, he had wrestled with the angel all night, and the angel said unto him, "... what is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel..." (Gen. 32:27-28). Then naturally his posterity would be called Israelites instead of Jacobites: so were they called. All twelve of his sons and their families through the years of their lives, as they sold their brother into Egypt, were thought of as Israelites; and as the years rolled on, bringing the famine to pass, which resulted in Israel's whole house going to Egypt, on through the period of servitude in bondage and through their deliverance into Canaan, through the period in which the judges ruled, and on up till after the first three kings had ruled, they were called Israelites. Their kingdom dividing at this point, with Solomon's son as king of one division (a posterity of Judah), and a descendant of Joseph through Ephraim as king of the other division.

Some one, perhaps, is wondering why one group held on to the name of Israel and never took a new one as Judah did. Here is where we must refer to what was said of Ephraim and Manasseh when Jacob (Israel) was blessing them as his own sons, "Bless the lads; and let my name be named on them" (Gen. 48:16). So then it must needs be that they take up the name of Israel and be called Israelites. With the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim, with the other eight tribes, making ten in all, forming one kingdom and their king and ruler springing from Ephraim, would cause us to know that division would naturally take the title Israel, because it

was the blessing of dying Jacob that his title, Israel, be named in Manasseh and Ephraim. Jeroboam, their first king was an Ephrathite which is understood to be of the tribe of Ephraim (1 Kings 11:26), "And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, . . . These ten tribes, known as the northern kingdom, held the name of Israel, while the other two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, (with the Levites who were not numbered as a tribe who received no possession, but were priests), taking the name of Judah, and some years afterward acquired the title "Jews," when their twelfth king was on the throne (2 Kings 16:6).

We must remember that two distinct kingdoms are dealt with from this time until the coming of Shiloh. We follow the study of Israel with one line of kings, and Judah with another until Israel was overcome by the Assyrians, and 130 years later Judah was overcome and taken to Babylon. Two different kingdoms battled against Judah and Israel, Assyria against the kingdom of Israel, and Babylon against Judah, until Israel was taken captive, then Judah 130 years later.

Now we want to give a few Scriptures, proving that God also thinks and deals with them as two different kingdoms.

"For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil from their youth" (Jer. 32:30).

"And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah" (Jer. 3:11).

"And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first" (Jer. 33:7).

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah" (Jer. 33:14).

"For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah" (Jer. 30:3, 4).

These Scriptures should be sufficient proof that there are two houses: Judah and Israel, and yet are the posterity of Father Abraham. And herein are the titles, Israel and Judah, or the Israelites and Jews.