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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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The Ozark's
Friendly Parson

"WHERE are the nine?" (Luke 17:18).

Nothing puts a warmer glow to the
spiritual nature of each of us than
does a sincere and grateful "thank
you."

Jesus was traveling from Samaria
and Galilee, and as He came to the
place which was about half of the way
to Jerusalem, He entered into a village.
There He was met by ten lepers who
were shut off from society because of
their obnoxious disease. They stood
afar off and cried with a loud voice,
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."
Like all other sincere prayers, their
request was granted. They were healed
and reinstated into society. But only
one of the lepers returned to show his
appreciation for what the Master had
done for him. He fell at the feet of
Jesus and gave thanks. Of course this
"thank you" warmed the heart of our
Lord; but Jesus said, "Where are the
nine? I healed ten, but only one came
back to thank me for his deliverance."

The giving of thanks for whatever is

granted unto us is a ceremony that
originates in the heart. That is why
it gives out such warmth in apprecia-
tion for some fine act of kindness.

It seems preposterous to think of one
who had been delivered from a terrible
disease to go on his way and not even
offer a "thank you." It is also beyond
understanding how the people of today
can go on and not return to thank God.

In every war we win, the people
rejoice and say, "God has delivered us
again," but in a few short months they
forget to return to give Him the glory.
One can pray without much effort
when they are in great trouble, but so
long as every thing is well with them,
they forget the one who made things
well.

Let's return to the church, to the
prayer meeting, to our Sunday School,
and show our heavenly Father that
we appreciate what He has done for us.

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age attendance for February:

Monett	78
New Harmony (not received)	
Mountain Grove (not received)	
Berkely	181
South Side (St. Louis)	129
Happy Hill (Laclede Co. - not received)	
Third St. Louis (not received)	
Wolf Creek	42
Fredericktown	154
Jones Chapel	50
Black Oak (not received)	
Fellowship (Flat River)	125
Richwoods	55
Mt. Pisgah (not received)	
Pocahontas, Arkansas	144

"To obey is better than sacrifice."

NO MORE DEATH!

Dr. Walter A. Maier - St. Louis, Missouri

"HE THAT raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies." *Romans 8:11.*

When our Lord was removed from the Cross, it seemed that the final chapter of His life was ended. He had utterly failed, men concluded. His promises had proved powerless. His claims had collapsed—so the witnesses of the crucifixion told themselves.

The priests went back to Jerusalem with gloating self-satisfaction; their enemy, who had exposed and defeated them, was silent in a sealed tomb. The Saviour's own mother, the other Marys, the believing women from Galilee, John, and any other disciple, secret or open, who may have gathered at Golgotha, started their weary, heartbreaking journey back to the city.

The mob that had come to Calvary to scoff, but had remained to strike their own breasts, sickened and dismayed as they were by this ghastly murder, returned to their homes, momentarily saddened but definitely convinced that no more would be heard of Jesus of Nazareth.

They would soon learn that the Cross was not the end, that no one could so easily get rid of Christ.

You unbelievers do not use hammer and nails against Christ; you do not lacerate His side with a Roman spear, chiefly because you cannot see Him; nevertheless you are trying to kill Him, tearing Him out of your minds, declaring that He never existed or, if He did, that His body has decayed in some unknown grave.

Some of you are like George John Romanes, the renowned British scientist. In his early days he made an oft-repeated mistake. Because he was acquainted with natural phenomena, he felt qualified to write on matters of faith, just as though a dentist, a surgeon, a manufacturer, or a Congressman, solely by his position or activity,

were entitled to speak as an expert on religion. His book proved him an avowed unbeliever who denied the immortality of the soul; but four years before his death he disavowed his atheism, declaring, "I see now it is Christianity or nothing."

He gathered his household every Sunday for prayer and worship (follow his example if your soul is troubled or your household disturbed); and coming back to faith in a return which



decried the scientific world, he dedicated his last literary efforts to the defense of Christianity. In his final illness his strength waned, but he prayed God that he might live until Easter. The Almighty heard him, and as Easter drew to its close, he handed his wife a striking confession of faith which he had painstakingly written on the anniversary of his Lord's resurrection. A few days later he died.

May the Holy Spirit so grip your hearts that before this Easter closes, you will realize in personal, contrite conviction that you must not try to crush Jesus out of your lives, reject

your crucified Redeemer by telling yourselves that He is dead and decayed! You cannot kill the living Christ.

No More Death for the Crucified Christ

The fatal wounds Jesus suffered at Calvary, the burial shroud wrapped around Him, the new tomb into which He had been placed, the massive rock that closed the opening, the sepulcher's seal, representing the powers of the high priests, the soldier guard charged with preventing any tampering with Jesus' last resting place—these could not keep Him in the grave.

Our text exults, God "raised up Christ from the dead." No doubt or uncertainty lingers in those clear words. The same Saviour was so "despised and rejected" that even those He had helped turned from Him; the same Son of God on whose lovely but pallid and blood-marked countenance blasphemous soldiers spit; the same crucified Lord who from the Cross had piteously pleaded for water and moaned in torture such as man had never beheld before. "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

The same Victim of jealousy, hatred, and unbelief who, as the agony of His soul-breaking punishment began to cut Him off from the land of the living, cried, "It is finished," commended Himself into His Father's hands, and died a death more terrifying than all history's sufferers together have ever died—that same Jesus returned to life, rose again, came forth from His tomb, now to live and reign for eternity. He lives! He lives with blessings indescribably glorious!

In its first benediction the Easter victory seals the truth of God's Word. Old Testament psalmists, prophets, and patriarchs had predicted that Christ's body would not be corrupted, but that He would rule forever. Jesus Himself had plainly prophesied that though the temple of His body were destroyed, He would build it again in three days.

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Had He remained in the grave and failed to fulfill these pledges, the whole Bible would have been discredited.

But that could not happen! The universe would collapse before one syllable or letter of His divine truth could be disproved. Through Easter we have positive assurances that Scripture is a sacred volume, a safe guide for life and for death.

The second Easter blessing is the proof which this day offers for the supreme fact that Jesus is the Son of God, together with the Father and the Spirit, that one and only true, eternal God. No wonder Christ's resurrection has been called the "Gibraltar of faith and the Waterloo of unbelief." Have you known any corpse to speak words that could bring back life to its withering frame? Here in Jesus, however, the Victor over death, is your Lord, the Sovereign of your soul.

As we survey the wrecks and ruins of our bloodthirsty age, all the results of man's madness, does not this day cry out for superhuman Strength, a heavenly Leader, a celestial Source of blessing? What a mess man has made of our world and of our age, but what benediction Jesus, our glorious God, can still grant!

The Christ whom Easter reveals to us, the Christ whom every one of you needs, is the resurrected and living Son of God, for whom there is no more death. He has divine power to help every one of us in our bodily and spiritual need when human counselors fail, to direct the course of this nation when politicians prove helpless, to stop war when diplomats show themselves bunglers or deceivers. If great masses of our fellow countrymen would stop resisting the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus, as His resurrection demonstrated, is the Lord for this crisis; if we would wholly trust Him, the history of the United States could be written in far better lines and with more blessed promise than we have on this anniversary of His resurrection.

The third Easter blessing is the assurance that because the Father "raised up Christ from the dead," He showed the world that the Saviour's self-sacrifice for the sins of all men had been fully accepted. The blood sweat of Gethsemane, the hideous torture of the crucifixion which Jesus endured in your stead when on Calvary's high altar He gave Himself as the atoning

"Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world"—all this is fully accepted by the Father, so that every part of your redemption is completed, every question concerning your salvation fully answered.

Without the Saviour's victory over death you would still be in your sins; but today, every one of you, the underprivileged and the overprivileged, the rich and the ragged, the plain and the polished, the white and the black, the free and the imprisoned, soldiers and civilians, can be reassured of your own personal and complete deliverance.

You cannot accept the Easter Evangel until you receive Jesus as your Saviour! When an Englishman was describing winter in Europe to a native prince in Burma, he told that man who had never felt cold weather about skating and frozen ponds. The Burmese ruler looked at him for a moment, shook his head sternly and exclaimed: "You have told me many wonderful things... But I never will nor can believe that water becomes hard enough to walk on. If the whole world told me so, I would not believe it."

He was denying a fact of which he knew nothing; and if you do not know Jesus as your Redeemer, you will not accept His resurrection. We pray God that as the stone was rolled from the Saviour's grave, so the boulders of pride, cynicism, doubt, may be removed from your closed mind, and it may be opened to receive heaven and earth's happiest truth, the Easter assurance that there is no more death for Christ, since He lives to tell you, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Thank God, many of you believe every word of this resurrection Gospel; and because you know it, proclaim it, publish it! Across the seas today millions of believers give one another the Easter greeting, "He is risen!" and the response, "He is risen indeed!" Every Easter I ask my fellow Christians and countrymen to make that a custom within our borders; yet many of you hesitate to mention Jesus.

I read recently of a washerwoman, converted to Christ in her old age, who testified to her Saviour whenever she could. One day it was reported that she was seen speaking of Him to a wooden Indian outside a cigar store. When they asked Aunt Sophie, as she was called, about this, she replied: "Perhaps I did speak to that wooden

Indian about Jesus; my eyesight isn't nearly as good as it used to be; but that is not nearly as bad as being a wooden Christian and never speaking to anyone about Jesus." Too many "wooden Christians" are holding back their testimony to the risen Lord.

No More Death for the Penitent Believer

Above all, however, proclaim Christ's resurrection because His Easter triumph promises all penitent believer that there is no more eternal death for them. Our bodies, of course, will fall victim of temporal death; our hearts will stop beating, and our cold, lifeless, motionless remains will be lowered into the grave.

Yet by the everlasting power of Easter, this will not be the end, according to the infallible promise of God Himself. Listen carefully and trust it with all your soul: "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies."

How sorely frail and fleeting men need Heaven's answer to the questions: What lies beyond the grave? What becomes of me when my breath ceases? The world is now populated by about two billion people; yet every forty or fifty years the entire generation of that many human beings, two thousand million of them, dies and passes into eternity.

Living as we are in the midst of death, then, we ask what happens to the bodies that lie in millions of cemeteries throughout the world? What becomes of those who were drowned in the seas or who were blasted to pieces by bombing? Atheists answer: "That is the end. They return to dust and forever remain dust." Agnostics shrug their shoulders and say: "We don't know, and no one can know." Modernists mumble something about a perseverance of personality. Now ask God, who cannot lie, and our text answers: "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies." There is, according to the all-truthful Creator, a resurrection of this body, just as the form and features of our Saviour were restored on that first Easter morning.

Although this is the plain and repeated teaching of Scriptures, unbelieving men spend fortunes in support of the wildest theories concerning the hereafter. They play with absurdities. Egyptian Pharaohs erected titanic py-

amids in which their mummified bodies would be preserved forever; yet no embalmer's art can save our flesh and bones from final decay. Despite our modern progress since the days of the Pharaohs, human wisdom has made no advances in solving the mysteries of the hereafter.

The grandson of a noted American has set aside a trust fund of \$20,000 to provide for his burial on the moon, just as soon as rocket ships can reach that lunar realm; but in God's sight it matters not whether our remains are buried on Jupiter or Mars, in the most fashionable cemetery, or in potter's field.

Easter tells us, in the maze of these contradicting theories, that the risen Christ "shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." As He was on that first Easter, so shall His believers be in heaven. Their bodies will be gloriously restored without disfigurement and deformity, perfect and painless.

You blind who believe in Jesus will see what the most sharp-sighted have never beheld on earth. You deaf will listen to sacred strains that human ears have never perceived. You whose voices have been hushed during this life will be able to sing majestic melodies with the angel chorus. You sufferers of paralysis, heart trouble, and cancer will be freed from these dread diseases to live in radiant, unrestricted health. You crippled and injured can look forward to a beautiful, blemishless resurrection.

May you never doubt this assurance, which was sealed at Calvary when God's Son died for your sins, and signed at the open grave, when Jesus arose, as shall you who are His arise! We cannot explain the Easter miracle. But believe with all your heart, especially on this day, that "with God nothing shall be impossible."

If the Almighty made us, can He not remake us? If seed sown into the ground decays only to produce blossoms and beauty, why should our earthly remains, sown in corruption, not be raised in glorious incorruption? If even men take rags, filthy, torn and worn, cut them into shreds, crush them into pulp, and then make them into spotless sheets of white paper, cannot the Omnipotent take our ragged, vile bodies and in the resurrection fashion them sinless and stainless like unto Christ's glorious body?

What marvelous mercy this divine pledge, "We shall be like Him!" What a glorious dwelling place—heaven with its holiness and happiness, its pure and painless existence, its endless blessing! No more death, no more anguish and agony, no more fears and farewells, no more wickedness and wars.

What a radiant reunion there with those who have died in the faith, for husbands removed from wives, parents torn from children, lovers separated here on earth, pastors taken from their flocks—all these together in the new, blessed life! In that celestial homeland, amid splendor too magnificent for our understanding, what blessed privilege of beholding Jesus face to face, of serving, adoring, praising, the eternal Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit!

Should it not be our tireless, ceaseless effort personally to have the assurance of the glorified body and life eternal? This, the greatest benediction our Father Himself can bestow on us, you cannot purchase, receive as a reward, secure by yourself, or acquire through the worthiness or virtues of anyone else. Thank God with me on Easter day, that the heavenly life, the heavenly body, the heavenly glory, are ours by pure and free grace. Through humble faith in Christ as our Saviour the Father gives us this everlasting life that the total earning capacity of men could never acquire, their accumulated wealth never purchase, their combined ingenuity never secure.

May this Easter be for you the day it was in the early Church. If you know the reality of the resurrection, don't live as though your Saviour were still in the grave. Don't shriek at the funerals of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus as though you were. "Without God and without hope in this world." Don't live in the misery of unrelieved mourning if your husband or wife has been called to the Saviour. Rather rejoice, because to be with Him "is far better."

Think of Christ and, as many of us who have recently laid loved ones to rest know, heaven becomes closer and dearer when you realize that one whom you cherished beyond all human words awaits you there in the many mansions.

Beloved, through Christ there is no more death. He is risen; He is risen indeed! God grant every one of you the radiance of that resurrection in

the everlasting Easter, through the everlasting Saviour. Amen.

—Selected

THE SWAN AND THE CRANE

There is an old legend of a swan and a crane. A beautiful swan alighted by the banks of the water in which a crane was wading about seeking snails. For a few moments the crane viewed the swan in stupid wonder, and then inquired:

"Where do you come from?"

"I come from heaven," replied the swan.

"And where is heaven?" asked the crane.

"Heaven!" said the swan, "Heaven! have you never heard of heaven?" And the beautiful bird went on to describe the grandeur of the Eternal City. She told of streets of gold, and the gates and walls of precious stones; of the river of life pure as crystal, upon whose banks is the tree whose leaves shall be for healing of nations. In eloquent terms the swan sought to describe the hosts who lived in the other world, but without arousing the slightest interest on the part of the crane.

Finally the crane asked: "Are there any snails there?"

"Snails!" repeated the swan; "no! Of course there are not."

"Then," said the crane, as it continued its search along the slimy banks of the pool, "you can have your heaven, I want snails!"

This fable has a deep truth underlying it. How many a young person to whom God has granted the advantages of a Christian home, has turned his back upon it and searched for snails! How many a man will sacrifice his wife, his family, his all, for the snails of sin! How many a girl has deliberately turned from the love of parents and home to learn too late that heaven has been forfeited for snails!

—Contributed

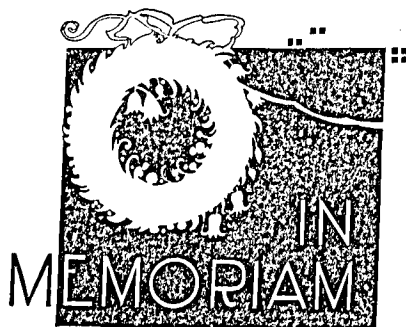
On an American man-of-war a group of sailors crowded around their chaplain asking, "Do you believe in hell?"

"I do not."

"Well, then, will you please resign, for if there is no hell we do not need you; and if there is a hell, we do not wish to be led astray."



From The Editor's Desk



OUR MISSIONARIES IN INDIA EXPERIENCE DEEP SORROW AS LITTLE SHEILA MARIE LAID AWAY IN FINAL REST

We are reproducing here a personal letter that brought much sorrow to your editor and the rest of those here at the Gem. We give it to you so that you may share the sorrow of those who have lost so much. At press time we have no later information. L.T.J.

March 21, 1953

Dear Lloyd:

I suppose you have heard by now of the death of little Sheila Marie Hanna, baby daughter of Carlisle and Marie? She died of dysentery, and was buried in India. The funeral service was conducted in the Chapel of the Language School and she was then buried in a Christian Cemetery. The parents are heart-broken, but one of the teachers said, "Their attitude is a Christian testimony of Grace." Dan and Trula (Cronk) are with the Hanna's now. Sheila was adopted by the Leadington (Mo.) Church for her support, and we too, are grief-stricken, but are trusting in Romans 8:28. These things are hard to understand, aren't they?

Prayerfully,

Eunice (Edwards)

JUST THIS AND THAT

May we remind you of the work dates set for April 6-7-8 at the Youth Camp near Nangua, Missouri to continue construction of the Tabernacle.

Time is growing short in which to accomplish all that MUST be done before the coming session of the Youth Encampment. Only two months remain before the session, so it is imperative that we be very busy in preparation. The Tabernacle is of urgent need. If you cannot go on these dates, then make plans to go when more suitable to you. Your contribution in labor can well be used any time. Contact Bro. Wm. Reeves, Nangua, Missouri for information on the work program. If at all possible go on April 6-7-8, any or all dates—good food furnished to the workers.

The Camp Session

Start immediately to plan for the youth of your church to attend the coming session at the Youth Camp in early June. Additional sleeping quarters are being prepared for the increased attendance that is expected. Also, arrangements are being made in an attempt to keep all classes on the camp ground this year. If you have ever gone, you will want to go again sure: if not, you are missing something really worth while.

Bible School Time

We urge you to lay plans now for a D.V.B.S. in your church. There are always children in the vicinity of the church that cannot be reached in any other way. Probably no other enterprise of the church returns so much per dollar invested as does a Daily Vacation Bible School. The regular school terms will soon close, and a D.V.B.S. should follow soon afterward.

The Free Will Baptist Gem will be selling the same attractive and useful literature again this year that you have used so successfully the past two seasons. We will have the usual Graded Lessons, and also a Uniform Course, completely new. If you would like to receive further information, have your clerk or secretary drop us a card. No better literature can be had anywhere at any price.

Headquarters Day

March 15 was the date set for a special drive for funds for a National Headquarters Building. Did you miss

Your Critique, Please

We are always flattered and humbly thankful when we learn that the Gem has helped someone in their living for the Lord. We are grateful to you when you send us encouraging letters. We would love to have even more. However, we learned long ago that our efforts do not merit praise alone. We therefore invite your suggestions for a better service to you, and ask for your honest convictions of our shortcomings. Incidentally, we always construe a delinquent subscriber as being not pleased with the Gem unless we learn otherwise. Every person dropping off our list hurts us much more than the monetary sum involved. We are still in urgent need of new subscribers. You can help us by becoming an active, aggressive solicitor for the Gem.

Revival Time

With spring comes revival time. We have received several fragmentary reports of revivals about to start, now in progress, or just completed.

Rev. Cecil H. Campbell was evangelist at McDowell southeast of Monett, Missouri in which five were saved and many drawn closer to the Lord in a very spiritual revival. Rev. James McQueen is their pastor.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Missouri State Moderator, recently held a revival with the Freedom Church in Arkansas. One was saved and all enjoyed the spiritual services.

The Verdella Church in west Batton County has concluded their revival. We do not have the figures on the number of conversions, but an excellent revival is reported. Rev. Virgil Greenway was the evangelist, and he was assisted by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Turner.

The Aurora, Missouri FWB Church is currently in a revival campaign. Rev. Abblon Erickson is bringing the

messages, while Rev. Bert Hall is the pastor.

Rev. Wm. Buster, of Thebes, Illinois, is now holding a revival at the Hannon Church northwest of Lamar, Missouri. Rev. Virgil Greenway is the pastor. A fine spirit and good messages are reported.

The Monett Church will soon start a revival with Rev. Damon C. Dodd, National Promotional Secretary, bringing the messages. Rev. Cecil H. Campbell is the pastor.

Rev. O. T. Allred will start a revival in Southeast Missouri with the Union Light Church on March 30. Rev. Willard Darnell is the pastor.

Rev. Wm. Hill, now pastor at Myrtle, Missouri, will be returning to his home church when he will conduct a pre-Easter revival with the South Side Church in St. Louis. Rev. Harvey E. Hill, pastor of the church since its organization, will conclude his pastoral duties there on April 12.

We have heard of several other revivals that are scheduled in the near future, or are now in progress, but have had no direct report on them. Send us your revival news and announcements.

RADIO PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Rev. Willard C. Day has added an additional radio outlet to his busy schedule of work for the Lord. You may now hear him as follows:

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CHURCH ON THE MOVE

March 16, 1953

Greetings from the Marble Hill (Missouri) Free Will Baptist Church:

We come to you at this time thanking and praising God for our little church located here in southeast Missouri. We are perhaps some 40 miles from Fredericktown, and small in number at present. But God is wonderfully blessing our church and we feel the growing pains, which is a good sign.

The church is on the move forward after being at a standstill for some time. Of course the best medicine to apply for these hurtful pains is prayer. When this is applied, strong and free, then one may expect results soon. God has already added nine to our number in our recent revival, for which everyone greatly rejoiced and praised God. God does all things well we know. Wouldn't it be terrible for a babe to be born on Saturday and wake up a full-grown person on Sunday? Why, there would be no suffering or joys of growing up! It takes suffering and trials of growing up into a full-fledged church to make us humble and realize the full joy of its growth, which oftentimes is a slow process. We often want things right now, which may not be God's will for us, and we fail to pray and tarry for them. The longer we have to work and pray for a thing, the greater our blessings when it is granted to us. So we are not discouraged

here at Marble Hill, and our goal is to launch out into the deep where the real struggle is, to win the battle for Christ.

We have a wonderful man of God to lead us in Bro. Charles Moyers and his family of Farmington, Mo. Bro. Moyers certainly brings to us the Word of God in all its truth and power to stir and set our souls on fire for the Master. It is sure wonderful to work together and know God's blessings are upon us.

Now just a word about our Sunday School at this time. On March 15, 1953 we elected new officers, with the following: Superintendent, Bro. Sanford Jackson; assistant, Bro. W. D. McFarland; secretary, Sis. Guida Winchester; teachers are: adult class, Rev. Charles Moyers; young peoples class, Bro. Basil Smith; beginners, Sis. Madeline McFarland; church reporter, Sis. Madeline McFarland. Attendance on March 15 was 26. Offering was \$5.38. Subscriptions to the Gem secured were two. At present we have only three separate classes, but hope to divide these in the near future as our number continues to grow. We indeed thank God for those who come and help us from other churches.

Our hopes are to very soon begin a prayer meeting here at our little church. If only two or three meet in the Name of our Lord, He will bless our efforts, as He has promised in His Holy Word. A church without a prayer meeting will never be anything but a weak church. You may say that is saying a lot. Well, it is, and I meant it so. But we realize our great need of prayer in our work, and where would be a better place than in an old fashioned prayer meeting, praying and working together in love and unity of the Spirit? Then those things we desire to see accomplished will begin to take place.

We would love to sit and talk with you about our blessed Lord, and the progress of our churches, but time and space just do not permit. But we of Marble Hill love God and desire a part in pointing lost souls to the Great Redeemer of all mankind. So pray for our church and our work here.

Sis. Madeline McFarland

Gossip is sometimes that which goes in both ears and comes out the mouth greatly enlarged.

—Sel.

Mansions-

Mrs. Lucille Sheridan - Cushing, Oklahoma

I heard a little story that caused me to meditate.

A rich lady dreamed that she died and went to heaven. She was taken down the street toward her mansion. They went some distance and came to a beautiful mansion and she said, "This must be mine." But she was surprised to learn that it belonged to her gardener. Then around in the back was a nice little mansion and she was told that this was hers. When she asked why this was hers and her gardener had such a lovely place, she was told that that was all the material she had sent up for her mansion.

Materials for our mansion! I began to think on what materials we could send up for our mansions. My God isn't poor, and when I read about heaven and all the beauties John was permitted to see, and read that God's ways are beyond man's ways and beyond man's finding out. Then I thought "What is puny man that he could add to the wonders of heaven?" But the story that caused me to meditate was only man's idea, so I will add my idea. It may be far from God's way of doing things, but anyway let's think of some of the gifts God has given us and see what He expects in return. Some of His gifts to us are:

The Eternal God-Head

God, the Father

God is Love

His Son, Jesus Christ

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The Holy Ghost, or Comforter

Here I found so many good verses in the 14th Chapter of John that our Christ spoke to His disciples and applies to us also, that I copied most of the chapter

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

"Phillip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Phillip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 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. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it

"If ye love me keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest my-

self to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Foundation

God is Love, so the foundation for our mansion should be love.

"Love one another, as I have loved you"

"Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Framework

The framework is built of faith.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

The Covering

We will take charity as a covering for the framework.

"And above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

"And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

The Roof

We will use hope for the roof or top covering for our mansions.

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation."

The Paint

Now let us take grace as paint for

our mansions, or to beautify them. virtue, we are laying up treasures of rubies.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

As we paint or use grace to cover our mansions, they grow more beautiful just as we should if we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Windows

We will consider light for our windows. I like lots of windows in my earthly home to let the fresh air and sunlight in, but that Heavenly City has "no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

In order to have windows, we may let our light "so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Furnishings

We will furnish our mansions with the good deeds that we do as we go through this life. Even if we give a cup of cold water in the name of the Lord, we will not lose our reward.

Our Lord said that the righteous would say, "When saw we the ahungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee the drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We read in our Bible, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal."

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

We also read where all earthly treasures shall be burned. So let's add wisdom to our treasures.

"The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom: and to depart from evil is understanding." Wisdom is valued above gold, silver, sapphires or pearls. "The price of wisdom is above rubies."

The Decorations

Now let's decorate our mansions in heaven with virtue. To decorate with

bring forth fruit unto God."

"For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."

We don't always understand when we are going through trials.

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

The Wardrobe

For our wardrobe, righteousness.

"I put on righteousness and it clothed me: my judgement was as a robe and a diadem."

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

If we wear robes of righteousness in this life, then we will be ready to receive one of the white robes like John saw, that were given to the saints

The Food

For our food in heaven, we shall eat of the tree of life, "Which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

As the Father gives to us so bountifully in this life, so we ought to give to those in need.

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?"

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what the Lord doth require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should

THE BOOK OF CURES

The Bible is a book of cures for all diseases. Is the disease fear? Then turn to the twenty-seventh Psalm, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Do you want a cure for the blues? Turn to the forty-second Psalm: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquietened in me? hope thou in God."

Is it worry that is your soul-sickness? Then read Psalm 55: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Is your trouble sleeplessness? Then read Psalm 4: "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."

Are you troubled with restlessness? Read Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Is it nerves that are bothering you? Read Psalm 91: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Is your malady downright sin? Read Psalm 32: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

The Apostle Paul had no doubt that God was the cure for all troubles. He said: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

—Contributed



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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MYRTLE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church, March 4 for the regular meeting, with 12 members present.

The meeting was opened with altar prayer and singing. The program topics, on prayer, were discussed by the different members assigned topics, and comments added by the group. The lesson proved such a blessing to us, that topics were assigned to the men, for discussion after prayer meeting Wednesday night. Everyone present enjoyed the lesson, and it made us more conscious of the need of a fervent, constant prayer life.

The Woman's Auxiliary will sponsor the Youth Auxiliary, which was organized February 24th.

The Myrtle Auxiliary is new in the work, but we know you older Auxiliaries do not receive greater blessings, nor enjoy them more than we.

We need your prayers.

—Corresponding Secretary

MAKES SHEETS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church met Wednesday, March 11 with Lizzie Filkins for an all day meeting. There were seven members and two children present. The day was spent making sheets for the Children's Home and setting a quilt together.

The devotional period began by all singing the theme song, "The Haven of Rest." Lizzie Filkins led in prayer. Oletha Parsons read I John 5:14-15 for a Scripture reading. Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Then the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The lesson "The Light of Truth Shines on Prayer," was introduced by Ethel Thompson, with topics given by Maizie Sebits, Oletha Parsons, Ethel Thompson, Juanita Newcomer and Mary Filkins.

Those present reported having read 686 Bible chapters, making 30 good will calls, and sending 12 cards.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS IN DISTRICT AUXILIARY

Women of the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting met at Union Free Will Baptist Church, on Wednesday, March 11 to organize the Freedom Q.M. units into a District Auxiliary.

Services began at 10:00 o'clock by singing. Devotional and prayer was led by Bro. Claude Childers. Welcome by Mrs. Reathel Jones, local Auxiliary President. Response by Mrs. Eileen Hanna.

Rev. Geraldine Lewis took charge of the meeting and proceeded with the election of officers.

Rev. Ocie McClerren delivered a very fitting sermon for the occasion at 11:00 o'clock, "The call to service," being the theme of his discourse. Dinner was served in the church basement.

At 1:00 o'clock the body was called together by singing, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning." A reading entitled "The Faithful Few," was given by Mrs. Chesta Clampet. The Auxiliary song of the year, "The Haven of Rest," was sung, after which Rev. Geraldine Lewis took charge of the installation service. Each woman was given a lighted candle, representing the Gospel, as she pledged her allegiance to the special work assigned her.

Names of officers elected were:

President Mrs. Mae Williams
1st Vice Mrs. Reathel Jones
2nd Vice Miss Joyce McClerren
3rd Vice Mrs. Vivian Strunk
4th Vice Mrs. Zola McClerren
5th Vice Mrs. Esther McCormick
Rec. Sec'y. Mrs. Dora Jones
Cor. Sec'y. Mrs. Myrtle Jones
Treasurer Mrs. Rose Dillon

The two District Auxiliaries have voted to meet April 16, 1953 at the Johnston City F.W.B. Church to organize a State Auxiliary.

Meeting was dismissed by prayer and an old fashioned hand shaking.

Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Cor. Sec'y.

NEW HARMONY MISSION

The New Harmony Mission met with Mrs. Allie Peterson in Kirksville, Missouri, March 17, with 20 members, one visitors and four children present.

A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all at the noon hour.

The devotions were opened by singing, "The Haven of Rest" and, "Showers of Blessings." Prayer by Allie Peterson. Roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture. Seven hundred three Bible chapters were reported read, 47 sick calls made, and 48 cards sent since the last meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Leona Thompson. President, June Thomas, read I John 5:14-15. Topics on "The Light of Truth Shines on Prayer" were given by Edith Swanson, Ruby Dittmars, Bernice Thomas and Myrtle Lay. An offering of \$12.50 was received.

A surprise birthday card shower was given in honor of the hostess' birthday on Sunday. The group sang, "Happy Birthday."

It was decided to meet at the church March 24 in the afternoon to do some work in the basement. The next regular meeting will be with June Thomas, April 7, for an all-day meeting.

June Thomas, president
Myrtle Lay, sec'y-treas.

POCAHONTAS (ARK.) W.A.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Arkansas, met March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Will S. White, with Mrs. Ruth Swan serving as co-hostess. Twenty-five members were present. We were very glad to have Mrs. Birdie Potter and Mrs. Carrie Broadway visit us.

Mrs. Earl Smith, President, was in charge and the meeting opened by singing, "The Haven of Rest." Mrs. Ernest Jones directed our prayer.

In our business session the following reports were given: The 1st vice president, Mrs. Robert Counts, who serves as chairman of the enlistment program, gave a number of prospects and asked the members to make personal

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contacts. Our 2nd vice president, Mrs. Reford Wilson, gave a very interesting report of the work with the young people. They are planning to work on a project to provide some recreational material and to support a number of our denominational programs. The 3rd vice president, Mrs. Johnnie Sago, gave a report on the stewardship program the Auxiliary gave at the church. The 5th vice president, Mrs. Veral Jones, reported a large number taking part in the benevolent work the Auxiliary sponsors.

The quilting committee reported the completion of two quilts for the Auxiliary, and are working on others.

Our dues were \$8.25 and a Co-Laborer Band offering of \$5.30 was received.

Our program for the month was, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Mary Mitchell conducted our devotional period.

"The Need of Prayer" was discussed by Alta Lee Miller. "The Spirit of Prayer," by Eunice Dulger. Mrs. Reford Wilson sang, "An Evening Prayer." Discussing "The Simplicity of Prayer," Ella Crays, and "He Hears and Answers Prayer," by Leona Jones. For meditation Hazel Earley gave "A Morning Prayer." Mrs. Earl Smith gave a very vivid summary of our lesson and the need of prayer. Mrs. Reford Wilson gave a poem on prayer which she remembered from her work at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, after which the hostess and co-hostess served delicious refreshments.

are praying as you have never prayed before. The Devil has tried in every way possible to weaken our faith. The prize awaits us at the end of the Christian race, when we can hear Jesus say, "Thou hast been faithful in a few things, come now and enter into thy rest."

The Lord has wonderfully blessed in our devotional services. The Lord does not like a coward: He wants us to be brave.

We are sending three subscriptions to the Gem paper.

In closing I will continue to tell of the blessings of the Lord on our work this past year. This is not to boast, but that it may help some one to work at our Auxiliary and Mission work with greater determination to carry on for our Lord and Master. Money received for the year, \$884.00. We first paid our tithes. We paid for hard wood floors in the parsonage, a gas range for the kitchen, a hot water heater, gave \$10.00 of the \$30.00 on a medicine cabinet for the parsonage, and a number of other good things. The Lord has blessed us with work piled up, waiting. We quilt. We also had two lovely bazaars last year.

So I will say again to our good sisters and workers, may the Lord bless you. I hope to see you again at the State Association.

Gussie Hamblen, Secretary

last weekend to our services, but don't get out like I did.

Now I am enclosing a sermon of mine. I intended to send it to my sister who is a Methodist preacher in England. You look it over, and if you can use it would be glad for you to do so.

May God bless you in all your efforts for good. Remember us to Opal and the children. If you come this way, call in.

Your friends in Christ,

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. R. Porter

Editor's Note: Out of great love and respect for Bro. Porter and his good wife, I am compelled to supplement his letter here. Bro. Porter is one of our elder "defenders of the faith of our fathers" among Free Will Baptists in Southern Illinois. His love for the Lord and his compassion for the lost seemed to energize his body and kept him active in the ministry long after most of us would have acceded to the demands of honest years and the toils of earning an honest living by the sweat of the brow. Most of us would do well to emulate him in our service for the Lord. We are quite happy to know of improved health, and look for Bro. Porter to again be active in his beloved ministry for our Living Jesus. See his good message elsewhere in this issue.

AUXILIARY VERY BUSY; STILL MUCH TO BE DONE

First F.W.B. Church
Flat River, Missouri
March 23, 1953

Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys, and
Gem Family:

Greetings to everyone in the name of our blessed Saviour. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Indeed it is a pleasure to write in the name of Missions. On March 5, 1952 we reorganized our Mission with 11 members. By March 5, 1953 we had grown in number through our Lord's blessings to the Mission, and the enrollment was 32. We have a number of visitors each week. We trust that our good sister workers over the State

ABLE TO DRIVE AGAIN AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Benton, Illinois
March 17, 1953

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Enclosed you will find my renewal to the Gem. And may I say I was very proud of what you said regarding this unholy new Bible. It seems to me the National F.W.B. Press is indeed very quiet regarding the same.

We were sorry to know your wife was sick so long, but we are glad she is better. There has been lots of sickness of all ages here. I have not been able since the middle of September, 1952 to do anything or go as I used to anywhere. I took virus infection of the bowels and stomach. I could not lay down, as I could not get my breath. I quit pastoring the church two years ago in the fall. But I am a good deal better now. I even drove my own car

IT'S YOU

If you want to work in the kind of church

Like the kind of church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you
knock your church,
It isn't your church—it's *you*!

Real churches aren't made by men
afraid

Lest somebody else go ahead;
When everyone works and nobody
shirks,

You can raise a church from the dead.

And if while you make your personal
stake

Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your church will be what you want to
see—

It isn't your church—it's *you*. —Sel.

BACK GROUND TACTICS—

Let us take it easy and try to look at some of the tactics that have arisen against the King James Version of the Holy Bible, dated A.D. 1611.

At this date (1611 A.D.) we see the King James Bible in the English tongue, with its banner flying high, with the inscription, "Translated out of the original tongues and with the former translations diligently compared and revised." This revision is commonly known in all English tongues as the Authorized King James Version of 1611 A.D.

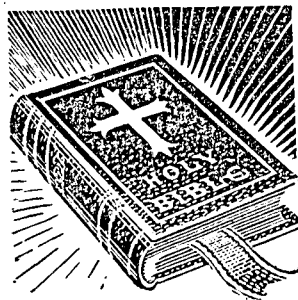
From that date of 1611 to and including 1952 A.D., there has been a Protestant war of some kind being waged by various groups, using every tactic they could scrape up to justify themselves in revising the King James Version of A.D. 1611. Still they are not satisfied. It's pitiful!

Question—Why has this protracted rage against the King James Version been going on by the various Protestant groups at various times? Answer—It is a Biblical, theological fact that the opposers of the King James Version have been doing every thing they can to reduce the penalty of sin after this life is over. Again the question is what penalty of sin after this life? The answer—that penalty the King James Version describes, to wit: the hell of torment for the wicked soul which it shall experience after death has claimed the body, and then after the judgement an eternal hell for the wicked soul and the body, where the fire is never quenched and the worm dieth not, a place where the wrath of God is without mixture forever and forever. What a warning God has given us by way of the King James Version.

And to think of the back ground tactics that have been waged against such a wonderful book, the Book of all books, the Bible—yes, the King James Version of the Bible. And it still stands aloft, above all the opposing powers arrayed against it. It gives me courage to press on.

Now for some questions based on the King James Version, which has said that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Has all the worldly wisdom of all the earth combined proved it not so? They (the opposers guising as scientists) would indicate that they have. Again we read

that the wicked shall be turned into hell. Has it been proved it will never be so? Can any man or cult point to a single prophecy that was to be fulfilled in the by-gone days that has failed to come to pass? Hasn't the King James Version proved itself to us to be the Inspired Word of God in every detail? And again, we believe that God inspired holy men of old to write the Inspired Word for all nations to know, believe and obey. To be so stupid as to believe that God's guiding hand had not yet revealed our part to us in understandable English would



be a reproach to God, and to His only begotten Son. It is theological to state that after the writers completed the last of the New Testament writings, in a minority of languages, that God purposed that the writings be collected and translated into all languages of the earth. And that is exactly what God did by way of the King James Version given to us in English, recording all the particulars of the inspired writers of the 66 books, known to us as the written Gospel in full.

Besides the recordings of the King James Version as given to us, there is no other Gospel for us in English writ—nor ever will be!

Again, I, F. E. Crain, would not erase one jot or tittle, or belittle one "est" or "eth" suffix on a verb for all the world, for I fear God Almighty.

Who was the attacking party that attacked the King James Version and came out in 1901 A.D. with a book they called the American Standard Version? Well, at any rate, they flayed, ridiculed, and condemned the word "hell" and various other things, and came out with a book suited to their notion, and exclaimed it as the American Standard Version, dated 1901 A.D.

Yes, they had revised the King James Version? But remember that the old King James Version still stands with

its banners high, translated out of the original tongues.

And when 51 more years had passed, we arrived at 1952 A.D., and were notified that a revision of both the American Standard Version and the King James Version had been made, and they had a new book they were calling the Revised Standard Version.

The Revised Standard Version has an introductory they call a Preface. From this we read (to this effect), "The Revised Standard Version is a revision of the American Standard Version of 1901, which was a revision of the King James Version of 1611." But the fact is that the American Standard Version and the King James Version were both revised, especially the 1611 version.

According to this Preface, the King James Version was itself a revision rather than a translation. Then they point to William Tyndale of 1525, the Great Bible of 1539, the Geneva Bible of 1560, the Bishop's Bible of 1568, and the Latin Vulgate by Roman Catholic scholars of 1582, and then affirmed that the translators of the King James Version "took into account all of these preceding versions."

In another tactic used in the Preface they say the King James Version of the New Testament was based upon a Greek text that was marred by mistakes containing the accumulated errors of fourteen centuries of manuscript copying. Please read that again.

Still another tactic of the Preface says that another reason for the revision of the King James is offered because of changes in English usage since 1611. From the above plea, what do you think about changes of useage? Is it possible that we are living in an age when the English is so highly refined that some of the earlier English words of the King James' day have lost out in meaning, and are now meaningless? These attackers have declared that there are more than 300 useless and meaningless words in the King James Version, (read the Preface and see for yourself). No wonder they want hell out of the Bible! (Am I getting too sassy?)

I, my wife and Elda were at the table and I said, "I wonder if there are any hypocrites today." My wife said, "No. They have it all educated out."

Near the close of the Preface they say, "It not only does the King James

translators no honor, but is quite unfair to them and to the truth which they understood and expressed, to retain these words, which now convey meanings they did not intend." The above clause was pleading for the King James Version to be remodeled for King James' sake, and have it all straightened up o.k. in the style of a brand-new Revised Standard Version, dated 1952 A.D., so (I suppose) that King James would be happy when he comes back. Did any one ever read about the wonderful kiss that Judas gave Christ while posing to be a friend of Christ, and still doing all he could to kill Christ?

According to the above quotation from the Preface, isn't it a theological evident fact that the Revised Standard Version staff made a confession of the truth, understanding, and expressions correctly made in the English language by the translators of the King James Version as of 1611 A.D.? And if the King James Version in English as of 1611 was the very truth in expression and understanding 341 years ago, how can an English word of today slay an English word of then? Such an approach is only a subtle attempt to blindfold and seduce the U.S.A. to get rid of the King James Version and sail in after the Revised Standard Version (Satan's false gospel).

One more question and I will quit for now. Is it not a reproach to God and His only begotten Son to portend as though the Gospel of Truth has been kept hid (in understandable English) until the 40 Council of Churches and their employed staff brought it all to light as of yesterday (1952)?

From an ordained Free Will Baptist preacher 69 years young.

Yours truly,

F. E. Crain
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MISSOURI STATE LOSING ANOTHER FULLTIME PASTOR

South Side Church
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Dear Gem Readers:

The ladies of the South Side Church had a nice turn out for their chicken supper recently. The chicken was delicious, only not enough of it. Every

one enjoyed themselves (ask Rev. Bonnie Hughes of Nashville, Tenn. He came that weekend for a trial service).

The ladies also had a rummage sale for the building fund. All in all they had a nice sum to give to the fund.

We are going to have a pre-Easter revival, with one of our own boys, Rev. Bill Hill, now of Myrtle, Missouri. We are looking forward to a good revival, Bro. Bill.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill is leaving the South Side Church, April 12 will be his last service here. May the Lord bless you in your new field of work, and that many souls may be saved through your ministry.

Also, for Sylvia, we the ladies of the church wish you the very best of everything in your new home. I know that where ever you are you will be working hard for the Cause of Christ. We are going to miss you very much, Sylvia.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill is going to Elizabethton, Tennessee, to pastor a church there.

Remember us in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Olive M. Reeds, correspondent
Rev. Harvey E. Hill, pastor

THEY STILL LOVE THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

I guess you have been wondering what had become of me, since it has been so long since I last wrote to you and our Gem paper. Well, we live in a town where the only Free Will Baptists are ourselves. Then I have not been able to fellowship with our people as I would love to, and often lose contact of things that happen. But just the same I still love the Free Will Baptist way and God has been good to us as usual.

When we become hungry for the right kind of spiritual food, God so wonderfully guides us to His table and richly blesses our souls to overflowing; then we are encouraged to keep pressing on, as the Apostle Paul, toward the many blessings God has in store for us. Oh, how I love Him and wish I could do more for His cause among lost mankind. At this time, through God's great love and mercy, we are driving 69 miles a round trip to be in service with people of our own spirit-

ual family, the Free Will Baptist Church of Marble Hill, Missouri. We are now members of that church and desire the prayers of all our friends that we may be of some help and a blessing to them in service for our God. I know those good folks are a blessing to us already, just being together.

I mentioned above about the right kind of spiritual food for us when we are hungry. You know there is a right kind and a wrong kind: one will corrupt and eat until ones very soul is dried and shrunken with coldness and no longer craves spiritual feeding, while the other will feed the soul, making it grow from a tiny spark into a flaming torch that reaches outward and onward, overflowing to all it comes in contact with. And in these later days how we, as Christians, need to be on fire for God. Souls are in need of the Gospel all around us, and every Christian is an evangelist whether we realize it or not. So pray for our family and our lost sons who need God's love.

Let us unite our prayers as one, and pray God's will be done in overcoming sin and shame in this great land of ours. Let us move in and possess it for our Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

Inclosed is a sub for my daughter. May every Free Will Baptist become a supporter of their paper.

May God continue to bless us as Free Will Baptists.

Madeline McFarland

GIVE UP

*Give up because the cross is heavy;
Sink down in weakness 'neath its load.
Give up and say you can't endure it—
Too rough, too toilsome is the road.
Ah, no, rejoice you have a cross,
A cross which none but you may bear;
Why, you are rich, when by that cross
You earn your right a crown to wear.*

*Give up while there is still in heaven
A God who notes the sparrow's fall;
Give up when He so longs to help you,
But only wants to hear you call.
He clothes the lilies, feeds the birds;
Would He to you, then, pay less heed?
Look up to Him with prayerful heart;
He will supply your every need.*

—Selected

They always talk who never think. Prior

THE YOUTH SECTION

HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED

Dear Gem:

I am sending in a few things this morning for the Youth Section. I have been sick and in the hospital with para-typhoid, and haven't been able to do much writing or anything. I only came home yesterday evening, and I don't feel very well yet.

In His service,

Mildred Gilliam

FAREWELL SOCIAL

The Hazel Creek League gave a farewell social for Miss Olena Filkins on February 27. She has taken a position at the Bible College in Nashville. There were 70 men, women and children present. We had a devotional period of Scripture reading and singing, and Olena gave a flannelgraph story which was enjoyed by all. She was given a gift of a nylon blouse from the League. Refreshments were served and games were played and enjoyed by all.

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Fill in the blank letters using as clues the words which fit the blanks in the Bible quotations. When correctly solved the 'horizontal' words and the 'vertical' words will be the same.

- "... come down E R E my child die." John 4:49.
- "... he will make her wilderness like E D E N S (plural). Isa. 51:3.
- "With a great sum obtained I this E R E E D O M." Acts 22:28.
- "And on the seventh day God E N D E D his work." Gen 2:2.
- "But the other holy offerings S O D they in pots." II Chron. 35:13.

WHO IS HE?

Fill in the blanks with the name of the Bible character to whom the following expressions apply.

- As meek as M O S E S.
- As patient as J O E.
- As strong as S A M P S O N.
- As wise as S O L O M O N.
- As impetuous as P E T E R.
- As brave as D A N I E L.
- As old as M A N N A.
- As shrewd as J A C O B.
- As forgiving as J O S E P H.
- As guileless as N A T H A N I E L.
- As faithful as A B R A H A M.
- As zealous as P A U L.
- As false as J U D A S.

ENIGMA—FIGURE IT OUT!

My first is in darkness but not in light;
My second is in black but not in white;
My third is in wind and also in rain;
My fourth is in mind and also in brain;
My fifth is in step but not in stair;
My sixth is in weasel but not in bear;
My whole is a man of Bible fame
Who worshiped and praised God's
holy name.

WHAT DID THEY EAT?

Match the meat served to the correct occasion.

- Served by Jacob to his father. LOCUST
- Eaten by John the Baptist. LOCUST
- Served by Abram to the three men who appeared to him. CALF
- Provided by God when the Israelites wanted flesh to eat. QUAIL
- Served by the father at the prodigal son's return. EAT

- a. Locusts, b. Fatted calf, c. Quails,
d. Venison, e. calf.

Due to the illness above noted and lack of space and time here at the office, the Youth Section is rather short this time. We apologize. We have one nice feature article waiting for this section, but want many more. Editor

DID YOU GET THE ANSWERS?

1. Venison (d) Gen. 27:25, 2. Locusts (a) Matt. 3:4, 3. Calf (e) Gen. 18:8, 4. Quails (c) Num. 11:31, 5. Fatted calf (b) Luke 15:23.

What Did They Eat?

Daniel.

Figure It Out!

1. Abraham, 2. Job, 3. Sampson, 4. Solomon, 5. Peter, 6. Daniel, 7. Methuselah, 8. Jacob, 9. Joseph, 10. Nathanael, 11. Paul, 12. Paul, 13. Judas.

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CALLED TO NEW FIELD; REVIEWS MISSOURI WORK

Dear Gem Readers:

A little better than 12 years ago, I announced my call to preach the Gospel.

In September, 1942, I accepted my first pastorate at the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church, Richwoods, Missouri.

In January, 1944 I, with the help of a few others, organized what is now known as the South Side Free Will Baptist Church, located at 3124 Mt. Pleasant Ave., St. Louis, Missouri. I have pastored there until the present time. During those wonderful years I saw God bless our small group of about 20 until now we have a membership of over 200.

From this little church God has called 12 fine people to preach His Gospel within the past nine years. Some of them are now full-time pastors, while two of them are in our Free Will Baptist Bible College training for greater service. Three of them are in the

service of our country and are still holding true to God.

During these several years I have worked with a group of the finest people upon the earth. My entire ministry has been in the bounds of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting in Southeast Missouri, of which I have served as Moderator and Chairman of the Executive Board for several years. My entire ministry has been in the State of Missouri, and I now am serving on several boards in the State.

I have said all of that to say this, there has now come a time in my ministry when God has said, "Harvey, your work is done in Missouri at the present, and I am sending you to new fields."

Certainly, my heart is heavy as I write this, for truly I love the good State of Missouri and its wonderful people. I am leaving many friends and loved ones and going to a new pastorate in Elizabethton, Tennessee. I do want each of you to know that I have a love in my heart for the many people over this great state that no doubt will bring to me many happy memories. I do want you to pray for me, for surely I need your prayers as I go into my new work in this new state. I do regret having to give up my work here in Missouri, the many boards that I am serving on, such as the Youth Camp Board, the State Sunday School Board, State Director for National Home Missions, as well as the positions I now hold in our local Association. But God has called, and I must answer.

I would be very happy to hear from my many friends over the State, and should at any time I can be of any assistance to your church or to any individual I will be most happy to do my best. My new address will be as follows after April 12, 1953:

Rev. Harvey E. Hill
Post Office Box
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Yours for the Master's Name,

Harvey E. Hill

YOUNG CHURCH GROWING; FINE SPIRIT PREVAILS

Kansas City, Missouri
March 23, 1953

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City has experienced a steady growth since its organization October 5, 1948. The membership is

now four times the number of charter members. I thank my God for the wonderful people He has sent to make up this congregation. They are willing workers, humble and really love the Lord; consequently a sweet spirit prevails at all meetings, and they are a joy to a pastor's heart.

This church has also been entirely self-supporting since the initial donation by the Home Mission Boards, with the exception of about forty dollars per year by the Home Mission Board of the Central Western Missouri Association. We are accepting the Missouri State Co-Operative Plan. We teach tithing and have never seen people so blessed in their giving as these dear ones as they worship the Lord with tithes and offerings from hearts of love.

Rev. Robert Hill and wife Georgia were with us for a revival in November. They were a great help to our church, and any one wanting an evangelist would be fortunate to secure the Bob Hills.

The executive board of Central Western Missouri Association met with us March 1st and an ordaining council ordained one of our fine young men, Mr. Billy Hensley, as a deacon. It was a precious service to be privileged to attend.

We have organized a Woman's Auxiliary and are praying that it will be another step forward at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City. We plan to observe the week of prayer before Easter.

We feel so grateful to our dear Lord for all the promises He has fulfilled for us, and realize we are unworthy of all He has done for us. If left to myself, I would have given up in despair long ago but all along there has been an "unseen power" which has been my support in times of failure and discouragement. Through the laborious years I have been sustained by my faith in God, according to the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus. If I have achieved anything, it's only because God has used me as His instrument, therefore I can claim no credit as my own for to Him belongs the praise and glory. Will you pray for us that we may be more useful servants in the great vineyard of the Lord?

In His name,

Alice Dickey

Stop! Look! Listen! — to the Lord.

ATTENDANCE INCREASED

Free Will Baptist Church
Richwoods, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

We don't have much to report this month. Our attendance has increased. We're thankful, but not content. There are so many people in this community who should and could go to church. We're praying, but we need your prayers to get the "lost sheep" to their "Great Shepherd."

So, in the interest of God and on behalf of our church I ask you to remember us in your prayers.

Vonnie Huff, Reporter

HAZEL PARK, MICHIGAN TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

921 E. Granet Ave.
March 11, 1953

The Gem Family:

By the time you read this in the Gem we will be well underway in the construction of our new church. It is to be a one story masonry structure with space for 10 class rooms, a study, furnace room, vestibule, etc. It is to be so constructed that another story can be added to it in time to come. For the present there will be a large dome with sky light effect over the auditorium which can be removed in later years.

I began my ministry here in Hazel Park on June 8, 1952. And in these 10 short months God has miraculously undertaken in this building program, as well as in all the other programs of the church. The people were anxious to have the new church, but there was only \$600.00 in the building fund. In these 10 months God has given us enough to proceed. No member desires any praise for self or for the church, but we humbly give God all the praise!

We hope to be able to be in the new church by the middle of the summer. We earnestly solicit the prayers of the brethren everywhere. Pray that the Master will lead us in every undertaking.

My warmest regards to the brethren everywhere! May God richly bless you in your labors of love.

In His name,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

WHAT DOES OUR NATION AND THE WORLD NEED MOST?

TEXT—JOHN 3:14, 15. *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

We notice in going back to the time of the fiery serpent, the people were complaining to Moses, and charging him for bringing them out of the land of Egypt to die in the wilderness. God recommended a remedy for the bite of the serpents. The remedy was within the reach of all within the camp; to look was life; not to look was death, eternal.

This remedy for the children of Israel was type or shadow of the real universal plan of redemption to be offered to the world in Jesus Christ.

First, this bite was incurable by man. It was a deadly disease, or poison. Therefore, if one who was bitten wanted to live had enough, it was necessary to turn and look at the serpent. Not that the serpent itself had any healing virtues, but it was God's plan. Now the shadows and the types are all set aside, and we today are living within the reach of a universal plan or remedy from sin, extended by Grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. We need no more, or no other sacrifice, for in Ephesians 2:14, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." Therefore Christ says in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Then we ask ourselves the question as outlined, "What does the world need most?" Is it gold? No! Jeremiah 9:23 says, "Let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me." Again in Proverbs 11:28, "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."

Is it pleasure that the world needs most? No! In James 5:5, "Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter." The world is drunk for pleasure. Our taverns, our road houses—so called, I call them hell holes—they are places where homes are broken up, children separat-

ed, murders committed, and thousands are sent to hell, all because men and women call it a pleasure to frequent such places. The great tragedy in this nation of ours is that all its churches and membership, and its august members of Congress so far fail to recognize the need of some law that would remove from our midst such places forever. They are not worth five per cent of the government revenue received. They are a blot to good government and good citizenship. There is no end of deaths which can be traced to strong drink. May God awake the Church to cry aloud to do away with this evil in our country. Every time our National Association, our State Association, and our Quarterly Conferences gather, may we voice in strong language and by strong action, our demand to our Representatives to abolish from our midst this national evil.

Then we ask again, "What does our nation and the world need most?" We have reached a place of world apostasy. Ministers who are in large churches and before large congregations deny the Blood, and also the virgin birth. Priests of Baal, they are modernists! They offer a program. If they ever had Religion, then they are backsliders, and ought to be removed from our pulpits or repent. If by joining the church and signing a card one can become religious and a fit subject to go to Heaven, then the coming of Christ was in vain. On the other hand, if the sacrifices of Christ and His shed blood was the only remedy offered to man whereby he can be redeemed, and if it is true as Peter said on the day of Pentecost in Acts 3:19, and Paul in Acts 20:28; also John 3:16 and John 14:6 where Christ Himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Then if I preach any other doctrine, or any other way, I would be compromising on the truth and preaching a program concocted by man. One of our major causes of indifference and apostasy today is caused by modernistic preaching, which is to the church what Communism is to a democratic government—destruction.

What does the nation and world need most? It is not programs but Gospel truth. Not such as silver and

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gold, neither pleasure either in taverns or road houses, nor Sabbath breaking by ball games or horse racing. The largest gatherings of people in any one place to be found on Sunday is on our fields of sport, or in public places of amusements. The churches as a whole are extremely silent. A vast number of preachers pass the evils up. We need a ministerial awakening to our great responsibility. No doubt the truth will hurt. Sometimes we may lose a dollar over it, but our eternal rewards will be due with interest. May God help all of us as Free Will Baptist ministers to declare the whole truth, for if the Son therefore shall set you free, ye shall be free indeed. There is a vast amount of talk about freedom these days all over the world: national, international, economic, financial, industrial, and so forth. We will enjoy all these both individually and collectively only when we know Him (Christ) whom to know aright is life eternal; therefore, again the real need of the world is freedom from sin. As long as any nation harbors within its border, endorsed by law, ungodly and unholy places of amusement seemingly endorsed by a large per cent of church membership, there can be no freedom from sin. Why, if the churches of our land were on fire for God, and we stood on our feet and cried aloud to our representatives and government to clean up, in a short time there would be a change. We are silent. In the pulpits I preach as I am herein writing. I have been ordered out of town on a rail. I still believe it is up to the Church to make the world better. May God have His way with us and may 1953 be among the best real advancement in God's cause that the Free Will Baptist ever had in any one year is my prayer.

Respectfully yours,

Charles R. Porter
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Benton, Illinois