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A PSALM TO READ FOR EVERY OCCASION

Contributed by Mildred Wilkerson

- Psalm Six in time of sickness.
Psalm One when you are happy.
Psalm Forty-one when you feel poor.
Psalm Twelve when you are oppressed.
Psalm Forty-six when you are in trouble.
Psalm Twenty-three when you are strayed.
Psalm Ninety-one when you feel lonesome.
Psalm One Hundred Two when you are destitute.
Psalm One Hundred Twelve when you are prosperous.
Psalm One Hundred Thirty-one when you are humble.
Psalm One Hundred Twenty-two when all is peaceful.
Psalm One Hundred Seven when you are thankful.
Psalm One Hundred Twenty-eight when you are blessed.
Psalm One Hundred Twenty-three when you feel contemptible.
Psalm One Hundred Forty-seven when you are well provided for.
Psalm One Hundred Twenty-six when discouraged about your work.
Psalm One Hundred Thirty-nine when you are in doubt as to your sincerity.
Psalm Thirty-seven when you don't know where to find the month's rent.
Psalm Twenty-seven when you are down with the blues.

OTHERS

Contributed by Mildred Wilkerson

We need the lives of others to make our own complete,
It takes the smiles of neighbors to light our humble street;
And all the joys we treasure would cold and sordid be
Unless another waited to share our victory.
For on a desert island where man must live alone,
Though heaped with gold and silver which he could call
his own,
The stuff would lose its value and he would cease to care,
And he would sigh for someone with whom his wealth
to share.
Fame were an empty glory without the friends who praise,
From others came the splendor which crowns the toil
of days;
There's none so great or humble but what at night must
find,
That with the lives of many, his life is entwined.
We must have kindly neighbors, we must have loyal
friends,
On them and all they give us the joy of life depends;
The thing called Self is trifling, it makes success, defeat;
We need the lives of others to make our lives complete.
-Edgar A. Guest.

NOT OURS

"The battle is the Lord's" (1 Samuel 17:47).

The battle is the Lord's! If you can get that realization into your heads and hearts, there is no need for any further sermon. It is the secret of the overcoming life, the helpful life. The battle is the Lord's. . . Drop your wrestling, my dear people, and exercise your faith—that sweet, child-like, resting faith. The battle is the Lord's!—that is what we are here to know and prove, and then go and tell throughout the whole of life.—BISHOP TAYLOR SMITH.

WHO EATS FIRST?

By the Editor

The question of eating, with many people, in these unusual times in which we are living, is a serious one. Of the 125 million people who live under the Stars and Stripes in this great nation of ours, 50 million or more receive a part or all of their living from the government. This in order that all may eat; but WHO EATS FIRST?

And besides the poverty and hunger that exists in this great country of ours, there is unrest, perplexity; support is given to innumerable projects in a vain effort to cure our nation, which is, oh, so sick! and there is a fearful looking for something that cannot be defined; and there is the greatest preparation for war in the history of the nation. These same conditions are much worse in some countries of the world than in ours; but they prevail in all countries except the land of Palestine, where there is prosperity, and no idle men. In all these projects and schemes the favored officials are well paid; those who labor receive less, while the cost of living goes higher and higher. As with the Old Age Pension law in Missouri: After fat salaries are paid to the army of favored officials and field men, how much pension will the old folks get? In all these things, WHO EATS FIRST?

Go into our cities, or into our towns and villages, and you will find "Welfare Agencies," where needy people apply for help, and where the unemployed apply for work. The story goes that a colored man was making application at a welfare agency, seeking work. He had given his name, address, and certain other information when the man who was in charge at the agency inquired, "Do you have a telephone?"

"No suh," he replied, "I ain't got no telepone. You see, suh, I don't believe in lettin' no telephone eat befo' I does."

It is a common fault with too many people—they let so many things eat before they do. For example, the family that has been letting an old automobile eat ahead of them for the past year. They have bought gasoline when they couldn't afford to, and have gone without food (or asked the grocer to credit them) to keep the old car running. We don't mean that everyone who runs a car is going

wrong; for the car is a fine thing, if it is used right: it is indispensable to some people, even to preachers.

The car that is not necessary is just one of the many things that are allowed to "eat first"—People spend money for pleasure, for drink, for luxuries, for vile reading matter (some of it too bad to have a place in any home), and many other things (some that would not look good in print). It isn't any wonder some church members have no money to give for the support of the church, not even enough to take their church paper. In all these things it is the carnal man that eats first; and the spiritual man goes hungry.

The all-wise God knew what He was doing when He made man in His image; and He knew what He was talking about when He said to all of us through His prophet, Isaiah, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness" (Isaiah 55:2).

Thank God for the spiritual minded men and women who eat that which is good, and whose souls delight themselves in fatness: they are the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

But it is sad to note the large number of professed Christians who are carnally minded and spending money for that which is not bread, and their labor for that which satisfieth not.

Paul says, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

In the Bible are set forth three classes of people: The spiritual man, the carnal man, and the natural man.

The spiritual man is a born again or regenerated person who has "put off the old man with his deeds" (Rom. 6:6; Col. 3:9), and has "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24). He is a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), "walks not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:1), and does not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Gal. 5:16); "his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psa. 1:2).

Notice that this spiritual person is

born of God, and has quit the ways of the world; neither does he eat the bread of sin and death with the world: but eats the bread of life, and Jesus says, "I am that bread of life" (John 6:48).

You know that all the people on earth are divided into two great families: God's family and Satan's family. God's children are called sheep, the others are called goats. The goats: like briars and weeds, but if the sheep try to live on briars and weeds, they soon die; and the Christian is on the sure way to death when he starts living as the world lives.

The carnal man is a person who is born into God's family, but walks not after the Spirit, but after the flesh: the carnal man eats carnal things, and the spiritual man starves. This means that the spiritual man becomes carnally minded, and to be carnally minded is death (Rom. 8:6). Now, this may not sound pleasant, nor encouraging to some who may read these lines, but the greater part of the professing church today is carnally minded: how much better off are they than the natural man who has never been regenerated?

Of the seven churches of Asia, whose record is found in the second and third chapters of Revelation, just two of them, Smyrna the church that suffered, and Philadelphia the church of brotherly love, had nothing pronounced against them. And just two of these churches exist today, Philadelphia and Laodicea.

Notice that the message to the Philadelphia church says, "Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev. 3:8). Yes, the true children of God are few in number, but they are true to their Lord and His word, and shall be pillars in the temple of God (Rev. 3:12). These are the "little strength" of the Philadelphia church. These are the people of earth today who know the Lord, and are "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

And notice that the Laodicea church says, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing:" but the Lord says, "(Thou) knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Rev. 3:17). This is the modern, formal church of today.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

October 22, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

When I was a young man I lived in a sparsely settled section of the hill country where few churches could support a pastor. Nearly all of the sermons were preached by itinerant preachers. When no minister was available the people met and held prayer and testimony services. Several conversions resulted from those meetings.

Usually there were two classes of persons that took part in those services. One class was made up of over-zealous members who delighted in painting vivid word pictures of the depth of sin and depravity into which they had sunk and of their miraculous rescue through conversion. I doubt that such testimonies served any good purpose. People have less confidence in persons who boast of conversion from a life of profligacy than they have in those who have always lived decent and orderly. Mock-heroes is out of place in the house of God.

The other class testified not of themselves but of Christ. It was while listening to one of these that I experienced a conviction of sin. He who gave the testimony destined to effect a change in my life was a tottering white haired man. As I remember he began his testimony by saying that he sometimes felt as if he should keep silent, for the reason that for forty years he had repeated in substance the same testimony over and over. He said he had not added much to the first testimony he ever gave, because when he first found Christ His blessing was so full and complete that little was left to experience save to live on in the joys of a great salvation. He said that while his testimony might irk sinners the story of Christ's wonderful love was ever new to His followers, and that he would continue to repeat it until he was summoned to stand in His presence. Amen, to such sentiments, thou transported preacher of righteousness!

"Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love."

Many years have passed since that testimony was given and the faithful witness for Christ has long since gone to share the ineffable joy of His presence, but the mist of time has not

obscured from my memory the face of the one whose testimony led me to repentance.

Doubtless there are times when most Christians feel as if they should like to hold their peace. In Rev. 4:8, an interesting account is given of the "living creatures" in the presence of the great white throne. It says, "They have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." Should we grow weary of testifying for Christ in this short span of life while in yonder world they have no rest day or night? Rather let us say with Wesley, "O happy unrest!" Breathe a word of prayer for me at this time.

W. J. Edens.

CASSVILLE, MO., Oct. 14, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have just closed a four weeks' meeting at Notch Mound church, near Centralia, Kans. We had a good meeting, though we were handicapped with bad weather. I don't think I ever saw Christian people more blessed and revived. We had three conversions.

The church started their praise services again and are going to try to get to where they can have a pastor. I recommend that our preachers help this church; this people needs your help. Bro. Farris Crain and Sister Elda Crain helped me in this meeting and were a wonderful help, words cannot express how thankful I am for their help. May God wonderfully bless their work wherever they go. We thank this people at Notch Mound for their fellowship and the help they rendered us during the meeting; may God bless you all, is our prayer.

Pray for us.—Rev. L. R. Black.

SANTA ROSA, MO., Oct. 17th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

Would give your unworthy brother a place in your beloved paper for a brief report of a meeting held with the Philadelphia church in the Northwest Missouri Association? I have been called to this church again as pastor, making my fourth year with one-half time work, first and third Sundays.

We were blessed with the privilege of having Eld. J. S. Damon of Bethany, Mo. with us in this meeting. Bro. Damon joined this church and the Association in August, coming to

us from the United Brethren church. He has served a number of churches in that denomination, but decided to join the Free Will Baptist, and we are thankful for him. He is an able and strong preacher, and you would make no mistake in calling him, if you need a preacher.

Our meeting resulted in nine conversions, fourteen additions to the church, twelve baptized. I did all the baptizing, and Bro. Damon did all the preaching.

We feel that this meeting has been a wonderful blessing to our community. Eight of the converts were married folks with families, from 20 to 60 years of age. We have received eleven fathers and mothers into this church since August, ten in this meeting, and Bro. Damon at the Association.

We have had a hard struggle and fight in this country, but God knows all, and in it all He is blessing the work. I am glad that we have a God that knows our heart and life, and that the howlers may howl, and the growlers may growl, but it is our privilege to march on to victory in His name.

I wish we, as a people, would live just a little nearer our covenant, and be careful of our brother's happiness and character. I am sure we would be more successful in His service and have more power with God and man.

I am sorry that I did not get to attend the State Association at Flat River this time as planned, but I was summoned to attend court at Maysville on that date, therefore could not go.

May the Lord bless you one and all.

—Eld. W. R. Rush.

FLAT RIVER, MO., Oct. 23, 1935

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I take pleasure in writing a few lines once more, as I have not had much news from our church of late, until the State Association at the Flat River church, October 14th to 19th, which has no doubt caused many to have a new vision of God's people as a church. Our people at Flat River are so lonesome since you all left here, that all they can talk about is the next State Association, when it will convene at Macedonia church in October, 1936.

Sunday night our church was almost full (seating capacity) and our league had an attendance of 125%. We are sure the State Association has been a

blessing to every one who attended, for souls have been revived outside the church.

Plans are being made for the National Conference which meets at Nashville, Tennessee November 5th. We are trusting that the good spirit will still grow, and we will see a world-wide revival soon.

We are not only for the spiritual blessings, but we are glad for the social blessings of the people we had the pleasure of meeting, and the acquaintance of so many good people and fine preachers that we did not know, the beautiful songs rendered on the program by Brothers Winford Davis, Selph Jones, Noel Turner and F. C. Zinn, and many others too numerous to mention, or have room to print. We are living in hope of attending the next Association when it meets with Macedonia church next year, and we pray God's blessings on all of you, and desire the prayers of all God's people. —Raymond La Brot.

OUR GREAT STATE ASS'N

By Eld. Winford Davis

The Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Missouri State Association is a matter of history; but the precious memory of it will ever linger in our minds. It was indeed wonderful. The Lord was with us and peace and harmony prevailed.

One important move was the election of a state field worker to solicit subscriptions to the Gem, and to solicit funds for the purchase of entertaining equipment for the Association, such as cooking and serving utensils, the balance of the machinery of the Gem office, and for the erection of an office building. These needs are keenly felt, and the Association felt that a solicitor on the field would be a long step toward the desired end. Elder F. C. Zinn of Purdy, Missouri was elected. Bro. Zinn is an able competent man and you can depend on him.

The enrollment of the Association totaled 31 ordained ministers, 13 licensed ministers, 17 ministers' wives, 29 deacons, 59 delegates and 29 visitors, making 179 in all. The large spacious auditorium of the Flat River church was packed to overflowing each evening, also the business sessions were attended by large crowds during the day. The League and Mission had splendid sessions Monday night and Tuesday.

It is impossible to tell you how royally we were entertained. My

home church, Macedonia, has the State meeting for next year, but we never expect to be able to exceed in entertainment, what we received at Flat River this year.

The outlook for Missouri state work is very bright; and I am sure, had you been there this year, you would feel the same way about it. All our financial obligations were entirely liquidated. So we are surely ready now to take hold of something else.

It seemed the Lord just gave us such splendid weather throughout the week. On Friday folks began saying good bye for another year, and early Saturday morning the balance of us took our departure early, just about daybreak. No we didn't have to go without our breakfast, for the good Flat River folks and their cook had our breakfast ready at the church by 5:00 o'clock a. m. May the dear Lord ever bless you dear people there. Hope how soon we may meet again.

Yours for the speedy advancement of the best cause on earth.

Winford Davis, Clerk.

HARTVILLE, MO., August, 1935

Dear Editor and Wife and Readers of the Gem: I am thinking just now of what a wonderful thing love is; and just to think, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to die, that we might live and, oh, how little the world appreciates this wonderful love.

In John 14, Christ comforteth His disciples with the hope of heaven, and in verse 6, professeth himself to be the way, the truth, and the life, and one with the Father. Their prayers must be in the name of Christ to be effectual (verse 13).

He requesteth love and obedience, saying, "If ye love me, keep my commandments: if ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

He tells us to remember, that is, in other words, don't forget. How often we have told our children, Don't forget to do what I tell you to do and be good till I come back. Here he says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it; and no longer than the sabbath day last Sunday, as we came home from the church, we saw some men threshing wheat, some hauling wood; we can see on the sabbath almost any kind of work going on.

"The Lord preserveth all them that

love him: but all the wicked will he destroy" (Psalm 145:20).

"A friend loveth at all times, and having loved his own, which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."

Jesus said, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Jesus said, "Blessed are they that DO his commandments." If He had said, "Blessed are they that have the commandments," I suppose most every one has the word of God in the home and has them, but he said, "Do them!" Help us Lord, to do thy biddings.

We read so much about mean men: doing all kinds of crimes, and they are described so that they may be caught, then I wonder why they will not choose good rather than evil. Love will cover hate just the same, if we will love as God loved.

I have been reading in the Bible what is said about a good man: "A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with judgment. . . the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."

"A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved" (Prov. 12:2, 3).

"The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself" (Proverbs 14:14).

"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things" (Matt. 12:35).

Joseph was a good man: "Behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor: and he was a good man and a just: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre" (Luke 23:50, 53).

"And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him (Jesus): for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people" (John 7:12).

Barnabas was a good man, "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they

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TULSA CHURCH REPORT

October 24, 1935.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

After a silence of two months, we are back with a report for our Tulsa church. We have not slackened our pace for God, but have really found more places than ever before to work for Him. But realizing that Brother Brown's paper is small, we wanted to give some of the other good reports a chance to get in.

At this writing we are having special prayer services for a revival to begin on November 10th; and we are calling out to all who read this to offer a prayer for the lost in this vicinity, and for Tulsa church members, that they might become awakened and realize that time is rapidly passing—that sin abounds on every hand—that Satan is working over time, and that time may be short for us to work.

Two of our young preachers are now holding a revival at Owassa, with six conversions so far. Another revival is in progress at Red Barn; will everyone pray for the success of these meetings?

Bro. Melvin plans on attending the National Conference at Nashville, Tenn. next week, if health improves sufficiently to make the trip.

We are looking forward with keen interest to the coming together of our dear brothers and sisters in the quarterly conference which meets here at Tulsa church on November 21, 22, 23.

Our Mission Mothers meet each Tuesday at the church for all day work. Some are piecing the blocks while others are busy quilting.

The young married people's class meets on Wednesday in the homes. They are making and selling beautiful hand made lunch cloths and pillow cases. This band of workers is doing a great work—each member turns in the names of unsaved friends or loved ones, and they devote thirty minutes to prayer some time during the day, and are now reaping results by seeing some of these lost ones saved.

Bro. Melvin has organized a children's chorus, using twenty young girls from ten to fourteen years old. They have made one appearance at the Owassa revival this week, and we are trusting that they will all continue to do the good work and be real soldiers of the Cross.

We conclude by asking an interest in the prayers of all Christians.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

STAHL, MO., October 27, 1935

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' name:

As we are now beginning a new year's work, after our yearly Association, which was a great gathering for all present. After such a feast on God's word and His love we should start this year with a greater determination to make this year the greatest success for God that is known in our history, because the world's condition requires everybody on duty to try to win souls from all evils that now tempt the present generation.

We wish to report our quarterly meeting of leagues and missions in Northeast Missouri Association. On Sunday, September 29th, we met with the Stahl church. Feasted on a message from God's word at eleven o'clock, which was delivered by all ministers present. The subject was "The Builder on the Wall." At noon a bountiful dinner was served to our physical bodies.

The afternoon service was called together by singing, "A Shelter in the Time of Storm."

Prayer by Bro. C. E. Mann.

Sister Wellbaum, President of the mission, took charge and a very good program was given, and business was transacted.

Miss Esther Peterson, President of the leagues, then took the stand and minutes from our last meeting were read. Reports were read and approved. We have only two leagues at present, with a membership of 41. The leagues are located at Green Grove and New Harmony churches.

It was decided that we begin our quarterly meetings on Friday night and end them Sunday evening. We then can transact our business on Saturday instead of on the Lord's day. Bro. Archie Cooper was appointed to preach the Friday night sermon at our next meeting, which convenes with the Sibley's Point church.

Miss Melba White gave us an interesting talk on mission and league work, which was full of truth, and may we always show by our works for God that we believe the things that were told us by His messenger.

Pray for us, that we may always be willing to work for the One who died for us.

Ruby Lawson, Secretary.

CARING FOR OUR MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION.

By the Editor

Our State Association was so large

last year that provisions for caring for its annual meetings were considered, and a resolution was passed That a central location be selected and buildings be erected for a permanent place to hold our annual sessions. But no place was found, and the plan has been given up, since practically all of our people now prefer to hold our annual sessions with our churches in different parts of the state.

This year it was still larger, and it was no light thing for our Flat River church to care for it, but they did it in fine shape, and, while the expense was quite heavy on them, there was absolutely no complaint on their part, but they rejoiced in sacrificing for the Lord's work.

But caring for the annual sessions of our State Association is too big a job for any of our churches to carry out alone. Cooking vessels, a stove or a furnace arrangement for cooking, knives, forks, spoons, pans, plates, cups, and a lot of other things must be provided. At this year's session it was decided that the Association ought to provide all these things as property of the Association; and Bro. F. C. Zinn was elected to go on the field and solicit funds for this purpose. He is also to solicit funds for the purchase of the rest of the equipment at the Gem office, and for a building to house our printing plant. He is also to solicit subscriptions, advertising and job printing for the Gem.

Bro. Jim Miller of Flat River has given us a list of the things used in feeding this year's delegation. All those who ate there during the four days of the Association will remember something about the good feeds provided, and the crowd that fell into line and received generous helpings at the cook tent three times each day. A count was made of those who ate dinner on Thursday and the number was 453.

Following is the list of the things consumed during the four days:

Meals served	5,500
Baby beeves	3
Chickens	57
Bacon, lbs.	55
Flour, for noodles & dumplings, lbs	150
Bread, loaves	400
Irish potatoes, bushels	13
Sweet potatoes, bushels	2
Garden peas, cans	54
Cabbage, in slaw, lbs	140
Canned tomatoes, gal.	22
Sliced tomatoes, bushels	1
Macaroni, packages	35
Salt, lbs	55
Pepper, lbs	1 1/4

Canned fruit, gal.	32
Cobbler pies	40
Pan pies	55
Cakes	60
Corn, cans	45
Rice, lbs.	6
Oats, boxes	36
Pet milk, cans	100
Whole milk, qts.	40
Green beans, qts.	35
Cucumber pickles, gal.	16
Beet pickles, gal.	10
Gravy, gal.	34
Soup, gal.	160
Crackers, lbs.	100
Coffee, gal.	160
Butter, lbs.	25

EUCHA, OKLA., Oct. 27, 1935.

Dear Gem Family, One and All:

I will write a few lines this morning to our dear little paper, for I do appreciate reading our Gem so much, I get so much good from reading this paper, and feel that it helps me.

There's lots of Bible in the paper, and we can hear from so many and know what the churches are doing in other places, which I wouldn't know if it wasn't for the Gem.

There are not many Christians here to attend church and Sunday school; it seems to us sometimes that we had as well give up and quit trying to have church and Sunday school, but I know we should hold on and not give up. I just pray how soon the dear Lord will send some God called man to this country to hold us a revival, and get the unsaved out of these ruts, for it's drink, gamble, dance on Sunday nights, and so on. My, my, if ever a place needed a revival, this place does; may God bless the unsaved here and the wide world over, is my prayer to God. If there is a minister that can come to this place and hold a revival it would be appreciated by some folks, I am sure. There are three denominations here, the Christian church, as they call themselves, the Indians have Missionary Baptist church, and the Church of God is here. I go to all of them, but mostly to the Church of God, and help all I can, and work in the Sunday school, but sometimes we are so few in number we can hardly have services, but we go ahead with our work as if a large crowd were there. We all look to the dear Lord for bigger crowds and for more to be interested in church work. God bless Sister and Brother Oscar Williams for their faithfulness in our work. She preaches for us when she can, though someone is always ready to fight a woman preacher, I only

thank God we can have her to preach for us. She is like myself, she knows how we need church services here.

I like to hear those Indians preach and sing. Of course I can't understand when they preach, all their sermons being in Cherokee, but I like to go to their meetings. I enjoyed being at their big feast the second Sunday in last month. They had all day services, and took the Lord's Supper in the evening. I like their singing very much.

When I read the letters of those I know and have heard preach so many times, it makes me anxious to hear them again. I enjoy hearing from them, and if I never meet the people in this life any more; I thank God, if we live true we will meet in a far better world than this low ground of sorrow. It is a great comfort to me to know that we Christians who live faithful to God will meet our loved ones and friends in a better world than this, where there are no heart aches.

—Mrs. Bertie Youngblood.

SOUL WINNING

By Miss Elsie Keeton

Solomon said, "He that winneth souls 'is-wise;'" and truly one must be wise if he would win souls for the Master. Since it was through man that sin entered the world and caused his soul to be lost, man is responsible to God for the redeeming of lost souls.

I believe that the first thought and sincere desire of one who has just become a Christian is that he could share this new found joy with others, and this should be the greatest ambition of every child of God. But, although we have this ambition, we can't be a soul winner unless we have assurance of our own salvation thru the blood of Christ. There was never any doubt in Paul's mind as to his experience with God, and so in his epistles he always said, "I know, or "I am persuaded." Let us not be as Thomas and have to see the nail prints before we will believe it is the Christ.

Another requisite of the soul winner is that he must live a separated life and be filled with the Holy Spirit. It was once said of Dr. Fennelson that no one could be in his presence two hours without wanting to be a Christian. Oh, for more church members who really have the Spirit, then there would be far more converts and fewer backsliders.

I sincerely desire your prayers, that I may be a Spirit filled soul winner and not merely a church member.

OBITUARY

ELLIS—Bobby Jean Ellis was born at Picher, Oklahoma, February 23, 1928, and departed this life October 23, 1935, at the age of seven years and eight months, at her home in Carterville, Missouri.

She leaves to mourn her departure her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ellis, one brother, James Loyd, two great-grand parents, four grand parents, and a great number of other relatives and friends who will miss her smiling face and sweet presence.

To know Bobby Jean was to love her and to have her presence was like having sunshine.

It's hard to give her up, but it makes us happy to know that our loss is heaven's gain, and that little Bobby is now at rest.

"God hath not promised skies ever blue,
Flower strewn pathways ever for you,
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain,
But He hath promised strength from above,

Unfailing sympathy, undying love."

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Cecil Campbell, at the home, Sunday, October 27, 1935, and interment in the Carterville cemetery.

"GOD IS LOOKING ON"

By Rev. H. C. Morrison

In Pentecostal Herald, Louisville, Ky.

"THE GOD of this universe never sleeps. He is looking constantly, not only on the outer life, but the inner life, of men. The Lord Jesus Christ taught us that not a sparrow falls without his notice. His knowledge of us is so infinite, Christ tells us, that the hairs of our heads are numbered. Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever you are doing, remember that God is looking on.

"When the candidate for the Presidency of the United States said, "Prohibition is doomed," and the vast underworld, along with the millionaires who had given their money to break down prohibition laws, shouted for joy, God was looking on. When the President said "gold was doomed" the same underworld shouted for joy, and the same millionaires turned pale and wondered if they were still millionaires, and God was looking on.

"When Congress and the Senate of the United States, most of them church-

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OBITUARY

Haslip—Bro. John W. Haslip, who at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. Frank Martin, near Christopher, Mo., fell asleep in Jesus, September 19, 1935, at 11:55 in the evening, was buried at Hazel Green cemetery, September 21st. The funeral was preached to a large congregation at the home by Rev. Farmer of Granby.

Uncle John as a lot of us called him, was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Oak Grove. He was the oldest member of the church, being at the time of his death, 73 years, four months and five days old. As long as he could, he attended church, and when he could no longer go, was real glad when the meeting was brought to him, and even when he got real low was ever ready to pray or talk about Jesus, and for months had been waiting for the summons from on high.

Bro. John made all the arrangements he could for his funeral. He selected the pall bearers, six members of the Oak Grove church, picked out the songs he wanted sung, and picked on Bro. Farmer to preach his funeral.

As Luke says in Acts, "He was a good man." I esteemed him very highly. His sons and daughter and grandchildren took care of him in his last sickness and did what they could for him.

In January, 1935, he dictated the following as his obituary:

Christopher, Mo., Jan. 6, 1935.

The Obituary of J. W. Haslip:

He was born April 24, 1862, in Christian County, Missouri.

He was married to Mary J. Gideon, and to this union six children were born, four daughters and two sons. Three daughters have preceded him in death, one, Mrs. Frank Martin of Christopher still survives, two sons, Tom and Albert, both of Christopher, ten grandchildren living and three dead.

Bro. Haslip professed faith in Christ in 1886, and was baptized in the Missionary Baptist church by Elias Clevenger. At this writing Bro. Haslip is united with the Free Will Baptist church at Oak Grove.

His first wife died in 1920, and three years later he was married to M. Bunny of Neosho, and she passed away in 1930.

Resolution of Respect

We, the Free Will Baptist church of Oak Grove, wish to express our sympathy to the children, grandchildren, and neighbors of our much beloved brother and co-worker in Christ Jesus, Bro. John W. Haslip. How we looked to him for counsel, and how we respected, admired and loved him, because he was so faithful to all his church and Christian duties. The church is sure that God has called him to his reward in glory; and we trust that we also may be as true and loyal to Jesus as he was; and that we may hear as he has already heard: the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Amen.

[Retha Carter,
Committee] {Geraldene Duffield
[I. C. Allen.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of

Uncle John Haslip

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Relatives,
and Friends:

Earth has lost a most precious jewel,
Which can never be replaced.

Dear Uncle John, you had to leave us,
And, oh, how sadly we miss your
shining face.

We hope some day to meet you,
In that celestial city so fair,
For we know that you are waiting,
With outstretched arms to greet us
there.

Your sweet presence forever has left
us,

There's a vacancy in the home,
But in our hearts is the memory,
Of a Christian father gone Home.

Dear Heavenly Father, remember us,
As little pilgrims here below,
And let us follow the Savior,
As Uncle John has always bid us do.

Let us run the race with patience,
And to our God be true,
Let us put our trust alone in Jesus,
And He will guide us safely through.

—Mrs. John Davis.

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would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and faith; and much people was added unto the Lord. . . . And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church

and taught much people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:23; 24, 26).

I am just thinking, that might have been a compliment. I wish I could be at just such a meeting, where they would cleave unto the Lord. Oh, I we could have church in the old fashioned way. Dear readers, please read Romans, 5th chapter, at this time, carefully: "Hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us." "In due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. . . . These things I command you, that ye love one another" (John 15:12-14, 17).

Children, I don't see any way to get around this.

Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Oh, God, I pray you will help us to love one another as we should, then we will love the church and the cause, and will help the Gem by getting subscriptions.

I ask an interest in your prayers, because I feel I need them so much.
Mrs. Lina Claxton.

SOME BIBLE QUOTATIONS

By Miss Lucy Deckard

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Here we have the great invitation to come to the fountain of life.

In Zechariah 13:1, we have these words, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

Now the Spirit is saying, "Come." God's people, which constitute the bride of Christ, the church, are saying, "Come." And Christ says, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

In Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, every one that"
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F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

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STATE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Have just arrived home from the Missouri State Association where we had a wonderful time in the Lord, and find some interesting league reports for the month, for which we are thankful.

Some have asked what the league budget money is used for. This year at our State meeting \$5.00 was given to help defray the expense of entertaining the State Association, and \$2.50 was given on the indebtedness of State work owed to the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting for money borrowed on linotype fund. This debt was completely liquidated at this session.

Don't fail to report your league activities; make your reports brief, but send them often.

Yours for another year as State Secretary. —O. T. Allred.

REPORT OF NIANGUA LEAGUE By Freda Sell, Reporter

We are still progressing in our league work. We had our social Friday night, September 13th at the home of Ansel Alexander.

We have added two new members to our group of which we are proud. There are others very much interested in our work. Pray for us.

REPORT OF AURORA LEAGUE By Leva Hamby, Sec'y-Treas.

Our league is still on the firing line for God and increasing very fast. We have 34 league members now. Rev. Farrell Zinn and wife joined our

church and league last Sunday, and we know they will be a blessing to us, and we hope we will be to them.

Sunday, October 13th, we spent the whole day with the Lord. We had a real old time service in the morning and went to a baptizing in the afternoon; had a wonderful shouting time on the banks of the creek, and Sunday night was the best of all. The Spirit of the Lord took charge; and we all know what will happen when we let the Lord have His way with us. Two souls were renewed and shouting was heard all over the house. We are very fortunate to claim such a wonderful Savior.

Pray for our league, that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have about 30 Juniors and we sure are proud of them.

BLUE EYE LEAGUE REPORT

By Wilburn Taylor, Reporter

Dear League Workers:

I am glad to report that our league work is progressing with good interest among the members. Glad to say there were 37 from Blue Eye attended the League rally at Carterville.

We had baptizing Sunday, Oct. 13th, after which our pastor, Eld. Cecil Campbell and friends left for home, and Mr. Butler brought a wonderful message Sunday night. He is just a young minister, but we all feel that he is a man of God.

May the good Lord bless all the Gem readers, is my prayer, hoping that we may all use our talents for the glory of God and the salvation of lost humanity. I ask for an interest in your prayers, that I may ever be humble and obey the teachings of the blessed Bible and live right and be a shining light to others.

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

By Miss Lenna Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.

For what purpose did Christ come into the world?

"Faithful is the saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15).

God had a great purpose in giving His Son to die for man.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The prophets foretold what Christ would endure. He was oppressed and

afflicted, He was taken from prison and from judgment, yet He opened not His mouth, but for the transgressions of His people. He was stricken.

It seemed as though He must have realized the treatment He was to receive: "Then He took unto Him the twelve and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked and spitefully entreated, and spitted on; and they shall scourge Him, and put Him to death" (Luke 18:31-33).

The burden that rested upon His soul on the night before His betrayal was very, very heavy, and the agony of His soul was very great. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then He spoke these words unto them: "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch with me." Then going a little farther, He fell upon His face and prayed, saying, "O my Father, If it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly, and then His sweat became as great drops of blood falling to the ground.

After He had prayed this remarkable prayer three times: "Behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" (Luke 22:47, 48).

"Then took they Him and led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off" (Luke 22:54).

While at the house of the high priest, Peter denied Him. "And the men that held Jesus mocked Him, and smote Him. And when they had blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face, and asked Him, saying, Prophesy, Who is it that smote thee?" (Luke 22:63, 64).

From the house of the high priest, He was taken into the house or council of the chief priest and scribes. While Christ stood before Herod, the chief priests and scribes were there ready to accuse Him. Then Herod mocked Him and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate.

What did Pilate propose to do when Christ was again brought before him? "I find no cause of death in Him; I will therefore chastise Him and let

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REJECTED LIGHT

By Rev. H. C. Morrison

EDITOR'S NOTE—*The following article (sermon) by Rev. H. C. Morrison is taken from the Pentecostal Herald, Published at Louisville, Ky., of which Dr. Morrison is Editor. He is also President, of Asbury College at Wilmore, Ky., a Christian school of the highest rank, a place the Devil hates.*

Text: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:4, 5).

"These words are found in the introductory to the Gospel of John. They refer to the coming of Christ among men and their failure to recognize him as the Messiah and Redeemer. This seems one of the strangest and most stupid blunders in all the history of the human race.

The Hebrew prophets had so clearly pointed out the coming of the Lord, and had given such minute details with reference to his character, his conduct, and his ministry and the history unfolding about him that it would seem almost impossible for these men who had familiarized themselves all their lives with the writings of the prophets to fail to recognize the Christ.

The only way to account for this blindness of the Jews, and their failure to recognize in Jesus the Messiah for whom they had looked and waited so long, is the fact that they were in a fearfully backslidden state. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. They had only the letter without the spirit of law and prophecy. Jesus said to them, "If ye had known my Father ye would have known me." These Jews knew about God, but they did not know him. This blindness and failure to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah and Redeemer of men was not confined entirely to these Jews or to any period in history or any one people.

With the progress of history, the growth of the church, the countless multitudes who can witness to the saving power of Jesus, we have in the church today vast multitudes of people who claim to be Bible students, who claim to be fully pious, even more pious, than the Jews who rejected Jesus and manipulated the influences and directed the course of events

which finally brought him to the Cross, who also deny the Godhead of Christ and his saving power. This is quite common in our day. Multitudes of people in the various churches are quite as slow to receive Jesus Christ as God manifest in the flesh, the only Savior from sin, as were the Jews to receive him as the promised Messiah of prophecy and the Redeemer of his people. John very sadly records of the Jews of the time of Christ, "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Is this not quite true today? Is Jesus not being rejected as Savior and Lord by multitudes of professed Christians? The rejecters of Christ today have far greater light than had the Jews. They also have the history and example of those Jews who secured the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus and yet they persist in denying his Godhead, his miracle-working power and his vicarious suffering and the atonement he made for a lost world upon the Cross.

If the church loses her touch with God, if she becomes busy with the temporal and material things of the Kingdom, if she is engrossed with prejudice and pride of sectarianism, if she comes to use the holy things of God for selfish motives and for the gratification of the ambitious desires of men, then the church becomes as blind, possibly more blind, to the things of the spiritual kingdom than the world itself.

In the days of Christ on earth certain Roman officers believed in and accepted him as God's Son and representative on earth, while priests rejected and derided him, and even the publicans and sinners heard him gladly, felt the strange and blessed power of his personality and the truths which he preached, while those who were well versed in prophecy and would have been supposed to have received him gladly, were full of hatred and scorn against him. The attitude of Pilate, the Roman governor, at the trial of our Lord, was far more generous than the attitude of the chief priest and his adherents.

There is perhaps no blindness which makes it so impossible to discover the truths of salvation as the blindness of religious conceit, ecclesiastical

prejudice, and the carnal ambitions of those who would prostitute the church from her true bridehood to Jesus and use her for the advancement of their own selfish motives and wicked designs.

Great light had shone upon Jerusalem and Judea, but the apostate church was too blind to behold its radiance and beauty. The calamities which followed were unutterable in ruin and horror. No people has ever been subject to more fearful suffering and utter destruction than were those Jews on whom the light had shone, and who rejected that light.

It should be borne in mind that the rejection of light brings darkness; the rejection of divine mercy brings judgment; evil follows close and rapidly on the heels of rejected good. Sodom and Gomorrah rejected mercy and fire rained down upon them. Nineveh repented and was spared and blessed. This is the logic of the Kingdom of heaven. This is in harmony with the eternal fitness of things. Judgments follow close after rejected mercy. Those who refuse the light of heaven must eventually be driven into the darkness of hell.

If you take the back track of history and look deeply into the cause of the calamities that have come upon the earth, the downfall of nations, the breaking up of empires and the destruction of peoples, you will find that sin has been the cause, that men have sought darkness rather than light. They have rejected the truth and chosen falsehood. They have hated holiness and loved iniquity. They have sown to the wind, and as sure as God reigns and his word is true, they have had to reap the whirlwind.

When the light of divine love and mercy shines upon men and they reject it, refuse to comprehend, to change their way, to repent of their sins and turn their feet into the paths of repentance, wisdom and mercy, ruin must inevitably follow. It is beyond the power of God to make the wicked happy, to give them peace, to grant them pardon and salvation if they will not repent and change their ways. By and by the fruitless tree must be cut down as a cumber of the ground. This is true of individuals, of communities, of nations, where great light is given and gracious

opportunities are offered and special mercies extended and rejected. Fearful judgments follow. Finally, God must deal with men. In the end, there is one of two things that God in the nature of things is compelled to do with the individual and with the nation; he will pardon or he will punish. Those who will not receive life must have death. Those who utterly refuse heaven choose hell.

It is impossible to build an empire so large, to found a nation so strong, to organize armies so complete, to develop commerce so great and to amass riches sufficient to protect and guard yourself so secure that you may reject the light of heaven, refuse the commandments, counsels and warnings of God and escape his judgment. The highway of history is littered with fallen empires, wrecked nations and ruined cities which have refused divine guidance, refused to listen to the inviting and warning voice of God. Nations and people who have trampled upon divine law, have had their own way with themselves, and have met with inevitable disaster.

It seems hard for humanity to learn the all-important lesson that those who sow the seeds of rebellion against God must reap a harvest of punishment from God. Somehow, men persist in forgetting. By and by they refuse to listen to the voice of the past or to believe its solemn testimony and warning. They say there was no flood; there was no Sodom and Gomorrah; they would like to say there was no Babylon, Persian, Grecian or Roman empires, but here on your bookshelves are the histories, and yonder on the desolate plains are the ruins which prove that when men and nations refuse the light darkness will inevitably follow. It has ever been so and will ever be so.

Infidels are telling us that the Gospel has failed; that it has been, and is now, insufficient to civilize and lift men out of barbarism, war, confusion and world decay. They should remember that the Gospel has never undertaken or promised to save men who reject it. The Gospel cannot produce a civilization in harmony with the character and teachings of Christ when the vast majority of the civilization deny or entirely ignore the divine origin and saving power of the Gospel.

How different the history of the world would be if men from the days of Abraham, with a fidelity like his, had have learned to obey the com-

mandments of God, believe the promises of God and consecrate to him those things which they love best.

Suppose the entire Hebrew nation had surrendered to the Lord Jesus as did the Apostle Paul and gone out with a burning zeal to convert the world. Long ago the banner of the Cross would have waved over every nation. What would have been the result if all England, all the people of the churches in England in the days of Wesley had joined in sympathy, prayer and zeal in a holy consecration for the evangelization of the British Isles with John and Charles Wesley, Adam Clarke, John Fletcher and Richard Watson? Think of what a center of spiritual influence the British Isles would have become, and how that influence would have penetrated and permeated the great nations of Europe and made impossible the ravage, bloodshed and ruin of the World War.

Had Methodism kept the spirit of McKendree, had the Methodist preachers of this nation, North and South East and West, been wholly sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and kept the fires of revival burning everywhere, and before the people the constant call to an entire consecration and the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost, we never would have had any civil war. Freedom would have come without bloodshed and the pages of history would glow with the records of the splendid victories of the Cross of Christ and the salvation of untold multitudes who have gone out in darkness.

Jesus Christ and his Gospel cannot illuminate the darkened souls of men who refuse to receive him, who will not comprehend, who persist in sin, in rejection of the truth, and go forward stumbling on in the darkness and pride of their own wicked hearts. Let those who are rejecting the Gospel with its light today make sure they will find darkness tomorrow. There is no darkness so dense, so black, and so eternal, as that which comes to those who will not receive the Bible. Take warning, fellow being, and make haste to receive the Lord, to walk in the light here, and dwell in the eternal light hereafter."

SOME BIBLE QUOTATIONS

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thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

We spend our money for the perishable things of earth, and give little heed to the great invitation to come and accept that which endureth unto life eternal. My dear sinner friend, have you ever stopped to think of the wonderful invitation that God has given you to come to him and live? "Wherefore spend ye money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" (Isaiah 55:1). Christ offers to you eternal life. He said in John 10:10, "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." Today God's people are inviting you to come, the Holy Spirit pleads with you, and Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and will open the door, I will come in and sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

And again Jesus says, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed" (Rev. 3:18).

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:13, 14).

Sinner friend, let me plead with you, while the Holy Spirit is still pleading, to give your heart to Jesus, and your life and service, that you may be among those whom John saw coming back with Christ in Rev. 19.

THE COVER PICTURE

The Cover Picture is of the ministers who attended the recent session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, held in Flat River, Missouri. They are assembled on the steps leading to the auditorium of the Flat River church. To attend this State gathering was indeed an inspiration.

The Cover Picture Last Month

(Through an oversight the following was left out of last month's issue)

The sixty year old cypresses shown in the cover picture stand on the campus of the American University of Beirut, Syria, overlooking the blue Mediterranean Sea. A Coastal Sailing ship from Sidon is seen beating north toward Antioch and Smyrna.

"Who Then Can Be Saved?"

By Eld. Kenneth Turner

"When his disciples heard it, they were exceeding amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?" —Matt. 19:25.

I wish some one would tell me why so many people in this world fail to take the Scripture word for word as it comes in the Bible, and why they try to make other meanings out of the real and true meaning. When it comes to our saying who will be saved and who will not be, and for us to say that there is a certain per cent of souls born into this world to be lost and it would be of no use for them to put forth any effort to seek salvation, I am made to believe that it shows that we are not willing to try to make preparation for the future. If everyone was willing to take the inspired word of God for their Bible, and not so much of just man's ideas, I believe that we would be convinced that all have a chance, for the Bible plainly makes the following statements, which cause us to feel and know that everybody, one and all, has a chance, and a perfect right to gain the Heavenly Home:

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" (John 12:47).

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved" (1 Tim. 2:3, 4).

"Who (Jesus) gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Tim. 2:6).

"That he (Jesus) by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9).

"The Lord is **** not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 2:9).

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

"****, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6).

"And that he died for all, ****" (2 Cor. 5:15).

Now, after considering these Scriptures, how can we believe anything else but that Christ died for all, and that the Father wants to save all? He has given us all the power of choice, to do right or wrong. Joshua 24:19 tells us, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve ****." The only

one thing of His creation that God gave the power of choice to is mankind.

I know there are people who try to pick out certain characters in the Bible, such as Judas, and say they were born to be lost, and they had no chance. Listen, dear people, Acts 10:34 teaches us that God is no respecter of persons, He deals with all men alike, and I believe from the above Scripture, with other Scriptures, that all mankind has a chance to be saved. If one has a chance, and God is no respecter of persons, then all are sure of an opportunity. (What about Judas then?)

Judas was one of God's creation. He was an offspring, a descendent of Adam and Eve. Let's study God's creation for a short while, His power and His ability to do such. We know it was and is great. To get a better understanding of the thought, let's think of an invention of some kind, that man has made, the automobile for instance, the man that invented it understood it and knew what it should do. He never invented it and set it forth to break down and wear out, but he knew enough to take that under consideration. The inventor foresaw that parts would break and wrecks would occur, and that repairs would be needed, and as they were needed they were made and bought. And more than that, don't you suppose that the inventor knows how to operate and use his invention, yet that doesn't keep it from needing repairs occasionally. If natural man knows this in his limited mind, and we know he does, how much greater and better able is God the Inventor and Creator of this old world and all that is therein, to understand and foresee all that will take place from the foundation of the world to the end of time.

Even in the beginning God looked down through the ages of time and saw the fall of man, and that Christ would be the One to atone for the fall, and that Judas would be the one who would betray Him. He (God) even allowed it to be prophesied years before it occurred. It was not the will of God for Israel to have a king either, but He permitted it and led to the anointing and preparation of Saul to be king. (Read 1 Sam. 10).

Judas had a chance, Christ could

have been betrayed in some other way, if a betrayal was necessary, but God foresaw that Judas would do it, so it could have been and doubtless was predestinated from the beginning, because God in His divine wisdom knew it would happen, so He allowed it to be foretold. How dare we say that Judas and others were born without a chance to escape hell!

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). What else could this mean than that all who refuse to worship God will be left here on earth after the rapture of the righteous, and that they will worship the beast? And we know that they who worship the beast will be lost. God could see from the beginning that some would refuse to be saved, and that some would choose to be saved; so the names of those that were going to be saved were written in the book of life at the foundation of the world.

Christ even tells us that, "****except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:14).

Another place He says, "****, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).

Who has power or the right to even try to distinguish between two children, their pureness and their innocence. We just can't do it. (The Bible teaches us to judge not).

One child before it reaches the accountable age is just as innocent as the other, and the kingdom of heaven is made up of such, so Christ says. How dare we say that one child is more righteous than another, and how can we say that some children will die in their sinless state and then be rejected by the Heavenly Father, and turned out to outer darkness to suffer in torment? It's hard for me to understand, but we still find people who try to believe it.

Let me quote again, (2 Peter 3:9).

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

And who does ALL include?

GOD IS LOOKING ON*Continued from page seven*

members, with a whoop and a hurrah, voted beer to drain the pockets of the laboring poor, and fill the coffers of brewers and liquor dealers, God was looking on; and when millions of churchmembers went to the ballot box, voted the liquor traffic back on us with its blast of wreckage and ruin to human life for this world, and the world to come, God was looking on.

"When Russia was burning the Bible, turning the churches into halls of blasphemy, butchering Christians and sending others in to exile into the frozen regions of Siberia, God hadn't closed his eyes. He heard every blasphemous oath; he listened to every vile and ugly threat to dethrone him, and he bided his time with infinite patience, but kept looking on. He never forgets. Sin accumulates until the day of wrath. The eyes of infinite searching are never closed; they continue to look on.

"When Germany flung away the Old Testament Scriptures, tore the Cross, the emblem of the sufferings and death of Christ, from their churches, sent the police to break up Sunday schools, robbed the Jews of their legal rights and property, and drove them out of Germany, God was looking on. There wasn't an oath sworn, a bombastic speech made, a banner waved, a threatening march or a brutal attack of a police upon a quiet citizen that God did not hear and see it all. He does not really need a bookkeeper. He never forgets. He continues to look on.

"When professors in theological seminaries, in their jovial conceit, are teaching their students how to manipulate committees on admission into conference and, like wolves in sheep's clothing, to carry their unbelief in Christ, and their destructive teaching into the conference and pulpits of the Church, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his eternal, pre-existent, incarnate virgin-born Son to die upon the cross for the redemption of sinners, hears every word of those hardened skeptics and glib youngsters in their planning and deceit, and keeps looking on.

"When faithful preachers fast and pray, and preach and warn, entreat and urge the people to repent, to seek the Lord for salvation, to be pure in heart, to be filled with Holy Spirit, and to live righteously, to keep the sabbath, to pay the tithe, to forsake the habits, pastimes and amusements

of a lost and wicked world about them, and the people sneer and laugh, and bring up objection and refuse to support the preacher, persecute them and have them moved, God knows all about it. He hears every word; the groan and heartache of the pastor come up before him, and is kept as a memorial; and as the older sisters flock to the bridge parties, and the young people carouse and dance, God continues to look on.

"When the missionaries feel the pinch of support falling off, plan, pray and strive to get on, in spite of the cuts in their support, and finally have to close schools, abandon churches and come home with bleeding hearts, while tens of thousands of preachers smoke their fine cigars, and millions of churchmembers burn up tens of millions of dollars in tobacco every year, God keeps looking on. And there is one thing of which we may be sure—death is not far ahead of any of us; even dictators die; by and by blasphemers stop their profanity and their lips are silent forever. Congressmen and Senators stop breathing after while; the murderers of Russia stretch out and gasp, and with their bloody hands, go to the grave. The cackling young Methodists who passed resolutions for birth control and asked General Conference to pull the bridle off and turn them loose in the pastures of sin, soon cease to curse the Church with their existence. They are gone. Even the brewers, with their millions, and cigarette smoking daughters, and the cheap titled scrubs they have bought in Europe to marry their godless painted wretches, all die. By and by the great God who has been looking on, sits upon the throne of judgment, and this mass of humanity will appear before him for searching and sentence. There will not be one of us whom the great God does not know all about. He has been looking on. He has not only heard the words of their mouths, but he has understood the thoughts of their hearts. How tremendously important that we seek at once the cleansing blood of the atonement made by Christ, before we stand at the judgment bar of God."

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST*Continued from page nine*

Him go" (Luke 23:22).

Now, instead of Christ's accusers consenting to His release, they cried in a loud voice, requiring that He be crucified. Although Pilate had declared Christ to be innocent, he took

Him and scourged Him—"And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! and they spit upon Him, and took the reed and smote Him upon the head" (Matt. 27:29, 30).

After bringing Him to the place of crucifixion, He was offered vinegar to drink: and when He tasted thereof, He would not drink.

Then comes the sweet thought of prayer, Jesus prayed for those who crucified Him, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." While hanging on the Cross, Jesus was mocked by the chief priests and others. They said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." But in their blindness, they couldn't see that He could not save others and save Himself at the same time.

He cried in agony on the Cross, "I thirst." A sponge filled with vinegar was given Him to drink. "When Jesus therefore received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30).

What divine purpose was wrought out in the sufferings of Christ? "For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons into glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through suffering"—Heb. 2:10.

"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed"—Isaiah 53:5.

'Tis midnight; on the Olivet's brow,
The star is dimmed that lately shone:
'Tis midnight; in the garden, now,
The suffering Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight; and from all removed,
The Savior wrestles alone with fears;
E'en that disciple whom He loved,
Heeds not his Master's grief or tears.

'Tis midnight; and for others quiet,
The man of sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet He who hath in anguish knelt,
Is not forsaken by His God.

'Tis midnight; and from ether plains
Is borne the song that angels know,
Unheard by mortals are the strains,
That sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

BAPTISM

EDITOR'S NOTE—This article on "Baptism" was one of the last things our beloved brother, Eld. W. H. York, ever wrote. It was written just before he took down with his last sickness.

The article is not finished, but what he has written is so worthy of the careful consideration of our readers, that we are printing it here.

John the Baptist was the first person to ever administer water baptism, that being his divine commission, as St. John sets forth in his writings, saying, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." John fully declares his mission and tells us why he baptized with water, and in St. John 1:31, speaking of Christ, he says, "And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water."

When the people asked why he baptized, if he was not the Christ, he answered them saying, "I baptize with water, but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not. He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose" (vs. 25-27).

Verse 33—"And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

John continued to baptize for some weeks after baptizing Jesus. In the meantime Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judea, and baptized there: and when there were more people going where Jesus was, to be baptized, the Pharisees asked John why the people were doing this. John replied, "He must increase but I must decrease" (St. John 4:30). (Though Jesus baptized not, but his disciples) —St. John 4:2.

We understand that Jesus never baptized anyone with water, for his mission was to baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Then John's water baptism was to pre-figure Christ's spiritual baptism, like the Mosaic law was a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things (Heb 10:1).

Thus we may justly say that water

baptism, which was administered while Christ was fulfilling the law for us (for he fulfilled and did not destroy), "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:4). John's own words ought to convince us that water baptism was only in force as a saving factor during John's administration, which should be in force until Christ's baptism should take its place.

Matt. 3:11—"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." John's testimony here very plainly explains that his baptism by water, which was only temporal, was only a type of that which should follow, which would be mightier, and far exceedingly better. So John's baptism, which was before Christ's mission must be like and with the law be fulfilled. Therefore it was necessary for John to baptize Jesus, though he was John's superior, and thus Christ fulfilled all righteousness (Matt. 3:15), that is, all righteousness of the law. Thus Christ became the end of the law to them that believed the preaching of John and were baptized "unto" repentance, not for repentance, neither as repentance, but "unto" repentance. Thus Christ fulfilled all righteousness, became the end of the law to them that believed, ushering in the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, reforming them from the law into the way of truth and grace, so soon as he should say from the Cross, "It is finished," and they should receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost by the cloven tongues of fire on the day of Pentecost, which according to John's prophecy was the evidence of Christ's baptism, by which he should baptize them. So from the day Jesus was baptized John's baptism had less and less influence and power, until his work was fully blended and transformed into the salvation and light of all men by the baptism of Christ.

To speak of the specific mode of baptism, we would say, while the general method is used by defining the meaning of the word, giving both the Greek and Hebrew meaning of the word, but this method hardly does justice in deciding the specific mode, for we must remember that the word

itself (baptism) was a word already in use before John's advent and up to this time had merely a secular reference, but when John came baptizing, it then had for the first time, its divine reference; so the mode could not be referred to justly, unless that defining of the word with divine reference be used, as would naturally harmonize with the text reference, giving the actual transaction, so to decide: we ask, How many ways or methods were used in the baptism of Christ with water? If only one, then the point is, what method was used? He being our example, it would seem absurd and useless to think he exemplified a confused set of methods, but rather a plain, simple way, that would not confuse but clearly exemplify his own baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

If we say baptism by water is salvation, then we make John the savior of the world through faith in Christ, which is contrary to what John testified; he was not the Christ, but a witness only of him, he only baptized with water "unto" repentance, not into, for, or as, but "unto" repentance. Then Christ would follow after, when John's mission was ended, then Christ would administer, not water, but spiritual baptism, Holy Ghost and fire. Therefore water baptism was a pre-witness in preparing the way of the Lord, of His death, burial and resurrection, and the new life state he entered into (Romans 6).

A general opinion seemed to be in the minds of the interested folk, that because John was baptizing with water, he was surely the Savior, or as the Pharisees asked him (St. John 1:19, 25), "And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizeth thou then, if thou be not the Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?"

The 20th verse says, "He confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ."

Verses 26, 27, "John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose." In these words it is plainly understood, that John wanted the people to understand that

neither he nor his baptism was the Savior to them, but a seal of confession unto him who, coming after him, was to be what they really took him to be. For if his water baptism was salvation, why then must Christ follow, suffer and die the ignominious death upon the Cross? Furthermore, if John or his baptism with water was salvation, that would make John the Savior of all who honored his baptism. Then salvation would of necessity be a product of human administration or application, and John would not allow such misapplied honors unjustly due to human hands, but frankly and plainly said to the people, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." As there were no saving merits in his baptism by water, he did not want them to even think so: sins could only be taken away by the Lamb of God.

With kindest regards to those folks of today who believe in water baptism for salvation, they are merely using Christ as a medium by faith and profession to extol John and his baptism as the savior of the world. Furthermore, unless human hands administer that sacred ordinance, there is no salvation to the believer, and his faith in the Lamb of God avails nothing. For they boldly say, unless you are baptized with water before you die you are lost.

Now, let us reason together a little, who is going to administer that water baptism? You say, our minister. Your minister first asks the candidate if he believes that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God. Now, suppose that candidate should die before the preacher could baptize him. If you say he would be lost, that is to confess that Christ cannot save him unless the preacher baptizes him, which makes the preacher and water baptism his savior. First, and so far as his confession of Christ is concerned, that only becomes a medium by which the preacher and water baptism saves the man, which virtually robs Christ of what John confessed and denied not, concerning the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

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Contributed by Howard Terry

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And I reckon when at last he crossed to the other shore, To live among the angels, and the ransomed evermore, When they led him through the gates of gold as happy as could be, He shook the walls of Glory with "I'm glad Salvation's free."

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS" (Phil. 4:8).

COOK STOVE APOSTASY

Contributed by Clarabelle Roberts

The early church prayed in the Upper Room, the Twentieth Century church cooks in the Supper Room.

Today the Supper Room has taken the place of the Upper Room. Play has taken the place of Prayer, and Feasting the place of Fasting. There are more Full Stomachs than there are Bended Knees and Broken Hearts. There is more fire in the Range in the kitchen than there is in the Pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen, it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the Pulpit. ICE CREAM CHILLS THE FERVOR OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The early Christians were not Cooking in the Supper Room the day the Holy Ghost came, they were Praying in the Upper Room; they were not Waiting on Tables, they were Waiting on God; they were not Waiting for the fire from the Stove but for the Fire from Above.

They were Detained by the Command of God and not Entertained by the Cunning of Men. They were all Filled with the Holy Ghost, not Stuffed with Stew or Roast.

Oh, I would like the Cooking Squad put out and the Praying Band put in; less Ham and Sham and more Heaven; less Pie and more Piety; less use for the Cook Book and more use for the Old Book. Put out the fire in the Kitchen and build it on the Altar.

More Love and more Life; fewer Dinners and get after Sinners. Let us have a church full of Waiters on God, a church full of Servers, serving God and waiting for His Son from Heaven.

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DYING THOUGHTS

By Alice Taylor, Blue Eye, Mo.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like His" (Numbers 23:10).

And in my last, my dying hour,
When riches, pain and honor have no power,

To bear the spirit up,
Or from my lips to turn aside the cup
That all must drink at last;
Oh, let me draw refreshments from the past.

Then let my soul run back,
With peace and joy along my earthly track,

And see that all the seeds
That I have scattered there in virtuous deeds,
Have sprung up, and have given
Already, fruits of which to taste is Heaven.

And though no grassy mound,
Or granite pile say, 'Tis heroic ground
Where my remains repose;
Still will I hope—vain hope perhaps—that those

Whom I have striven to bless—
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