

PSALM 23

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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Nineteen years ago this past February, God in all of His tender mercies and loving grace came to my life and spoke to my troubled heart. He told me of His great love for me and that if I would give Him all of my life, that He would be my God and my Saviour. My mind still cannot fully understand such a great love such as God has toward the lost. I shall never forget the feeling of peace with God and the knowledge that my sins were forgiven, never to be remembered against me any more. Time can never erase the moment when the burden of sin was lifted. I'm so thankful for a know so salvation. One that makes us to know that we have passed from death unto life. Since that time, what has God meant to me? He has been more than I could have possibly ever know. He's been my guide when I didn't know which way to go, He's been my light when I couldn't see the way, He's been my shield when Satan's darts have been hurled, He's been my teacher when I needed to learn, He's been my rock when I needed a foundation. He's been the bread of life to satisfy hunger, He's been my truth when so much falsehood was around. Words fail to express all He's been to me. My life has been complete walking with Him. I would not want to walk one step without Him leading the way for surely I would stray. I look back over the last nineteen years and see how good that God has been and I know that as I stay faithful unto Him He will be even so much more—my soon coming King. Praise His Holy Name!

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Superintendent's Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

We thank the Lord for continually blessing in the school as we approach mid-term. Recently Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon were with us in revival. They had a hard time getting here because of the bad weather which also hindered many from attending the services. Nevertheless, the Lord was with us in every service. Everyone was blessed and many prayed through to deeper blessings in the Lord.

March 3-16 the Bible School will be on choir tour. All are anxious to get started on this tour and are working diligently towards it. We would like to see each and every one of you, if possible, at one of our concerts. Pray with us that we can be a blessing everywhere we go.

Plans are still being made concerning Convocation, April 11-12-13. We want everyone to feel welcome to join us in these three days of special services. Places to stay will be provided in the dorms for singles and there will be a limited number of rooms made available for married couples. Some hook-ups for travel trailers are available and the area also has many motels. If you plan to stay here at the school, please contact us ahead of time so we can reserve a space for you.

We appreciate each of you and pray that God is blessing you abundantly.

Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent

From The Girls' Dorm

The girls' dorm has been a very busy and exciting place since you last heard from us. We have had many incidents happen to us. One night the girls spent the night in the basement of the Chapel, because we were afraid to stay in the dorm. We thought we smelt gas, but we really weren't for sure. Nothing happened to anyone. We know the Lord had his hand over each and everyone of us protecting us that night. We just Praise His name.

We had some good services with Bro. and Sis Floyd Lamunyon. Even though the weather was bad, the Spirit of the Lord was with us in every service. There were many victories won, and many prayed through to deeper blessings in the Lord.

Everyone has been busy with homework and also getting ready for our choir tour. We pray the Lord would help us be a blessing where ever we sing. That our light would shine for His glory.

I would like to say a special thanks to Sis. Janae Harris. She is staying in the girl's dorm and has been helping me out alot. I thank the Lord for her life. And I thank the Lord for letting me have a helper like Janae. THANK YOU JANAЕ.

We ask an interest in your prayers for the school, students, and faculty. That we all may be lead of the Lord in whatever he would have us to do. We just praise the Lord for his many blessings on us. Praise His name.

Dean of girls
Tony Bartel

Testimony From The Boys' Dorm

I want to thank and praise the Lord for everything He has done in my life. The Lord, out of His infinite love and mercy, dealt with me for many years to receive Him as my Lord and Savior. I was fortunate enough to be raised in a home that feared and loved God. I received important religious training, that I was never able to get away from.

In 1975 I graduated from high school. After this, I was to go to Bible School. Instead, I rebelled against my parents and went to a junior college. My purpose in going to college was to see the other side of the fence. I had been raised in a christian home and I wanted to see what I had missed. The Lord had a job for me and Satan knew it. Everyone is important to God. God has a job for us all and Satan knows that. Satan will try to destroy anything or anybody that God wants to use. I was no different, consequently he tried to destroy me. I feel sure if it had not been for the prayers of my mother, father and christian friends, I would not be here today. My mother has testified of how many times she would awake in the middle of the night with a perfect picture of me in her mind. She would not know what else to do but pray. God has given parents a promise on which they can stand.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." If you have some children who do not know the Lord, just continue to pray, believe the Lord and honor His promises. It took 21 years before my parents' prayer was answered, but God wasn't late.

I enrolled in Bible School on August 21, 1977. I was feeling scared, alone, confused, under conviction and trying to quit a cigarette habit of a pack and a half a day. The whole school and many friends knew I was unsaved and started praying for me. Now, try to imagine 25 believing students and many other christians in one place, praying for one thing, in one accord, for one person . . . now that brings conviction! Needless to say, I only lasted one week in my unsaved condition. On a Sunday night, August 28, 1977, the sermon was "This could be your last chance!" I was never so glad for an altar call in my life. I was hardly on my knees when the entire school was beside me, praying for me. In less than 15 minutes Jesus had rolled my burden of guilt and shame away.

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I had tried to quit smoking by myself many times, but was unable to do so. But, Praise the Lord, the precious blood of Jesus Christ was able to break those chains of Satan, and set me free. I, by myself, was helpless against the devil. But when Jesus came in, Satan had to leave. As it reads in Acts 26:18 "He opened my eyes, and turned me from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that I may receive forgiveness of sins . . ." I changed this scripture to be more personal because when Christ came in, no one had to tell me, I just knew.

I left that altar of prayer that night and never even felt a desire for a cigarette for six months. My friend, if you have gone to an altar of prayer and gave your life to the Lord, asking forgiveness of your sin, then continued with your tobacco or drinking habit, my advice to you is to get back to that altar. Jesus Christ doesn't do a half-way job. The blood of Jesus doesn't just cleanse part of you, it cleanses everything. This cleansing happens at salvation, not with sanctification. If you are saved, then there is going to be a great change. In Luke 4:18 Christ said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath appointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach **DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES**, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Christ has come to turn us from the power of Satan unto God as spoken of in Acts. If you are claiming to be a Christian and still smoke or drink, I would examine my heart carefully to see if Satan had not deceived me.

Going on, about a week later, Jesus sanctified me as I consecrated everything to him. He cleansed me by His precious blood and set me free from all the filthy dreams and lustful desires. II Cor. 10:4-5 "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" Praise the Lord that through sanctification, I was set free from my adamic nature and was purged by the blood of Jesus Christ. I strongly believe sanctification is a definite work of grace. I can't help but feel a little ashamed to see some of our preachers and layity no longer preaching or believing in the precious work of sanctification as a definite work. I am ashamed because we have had the privilege to hear the full plan of God and yet we will not receive it. Many people today have received a spirit of deception rather than the true Holy Spirit, because they did not and would not honor the protecting blood of Jesus Christ. May God help us to stand strong for everything in His Word.

In Doctrine class, the first semester of the 1978-79 term of Bible School, Bro. Pletcher taught, very thoroughly, on divine healing as taught in the Bible. During this first semester the Lord began to deal with me about trusting him for my healing as asthma. I had used medicine for a long time and it really became a crutch to me.

About nine days before Christmas vacation, I knew I just had to pray through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Lord continued to deal with me and convict me of my need. Then one day Sister Pletcher and I were in the Old Home and she casually asked me how I was doing. At this time, I was under conviction so much that I was about to bawl and I blurted out, "I just have to pray through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit before I leave for Christmas!" She calmly

referred me to I Thess. 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." She told me that she felt I would have to accept my healing, before I could pray through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, because we have to sanctify spirit, soul, and body. Well, I could have just cried, because there was no way I could pray through on healing and the Baptism in just nine days.

I went back to my room just as low as I could be mentally. I was depressed, scared and worried. The Lord continued to convict, and finally, I just gave up. I threw my medicine in the trash, assured the Lord that I didn't understand divine healing, that I couldn't do it by myself, and that I was scared. You know, Christ never told us to understand or figure out how he heals, but for us to just repent and believe. Just repent and believe, that's all. In proverbs 3:5 He tells us to "lean not unto thine own understanding," but to simply trust in the Lord. It took four days of fasting and prayer, but in a Saturday night tarry service, Jesus filled me with His precious Holy Spirit. He was the greatest experience I had ever known and it was a wonderful time with the Lord. When I got up from the altar someone said, "well, now you have your healing." I thought, "Well, I never felt any dynamic virtue of calvary flow through my body and I wasn't knocked down or thrown across the room. I guess even if I wasn't healed, I couldn't use any medicine because I had promised the Lord I wouldn't if He would fill me with His Holy Spirit." I am very thankful to report that it has been over two months and I have not even needed the medicine. These two months have been the worst time of year for any person with asthma. I know now beyond any doubt, that I have been healed by the virtue in the stripes of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. I do not boast in the fact, because I know I am nothing and did nothing. The faith was given to me by God to accept my healing. It wasn't anything I could muster up. all the glory goes to Jesus Christ who truly is the "Healer of His People."

I have been around some name it, claim it people, some mind over matter, and some self hypnosis. All of these are devices of Satan and there is no scriptural backing for any of them. When the devil brings up a symptom of asthma, I immediately know it is a lie of the devil. First in John 8:44 we find that the "devil is a liar and the father of it." Second in Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of peace was upon him: and with His STRIPES WE ARE HEALED." I was healed by the stripes of Jesus Christ. In I Peter 2:24 "whose stripes ye were healed.", we find the virtue in the stripes also. Isaiah looked forward to the cross and Peter looked back to the cross. When we honor the blood of Jesus Christ, Satan cannot deceive us with false doctrines. Therefore we can enter in to accept the healing power of the stripes of Jesus. When the devil brings a symptom up to us, all we have to do is rebuke him in the name of Jesus and honor the blood over our life. James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. you." You don't have to work yourself up to a place of emotional frenzy, but just simply resist the devil, honor the blood of Jesus, and then let the Lord take control.

I again want to thank and praise the Lord for everything He has done for me. Serving the Lord is real and trusting Him to meet our needs is real.

May God richly bless you,

Savoy Grimmer

GOD IS A GOOD GOD

by Bertha Stimson

In Amos 7:7-8 we read of God's plumline. Matthew 7:14 tells us that the way is straight and narrow. We must be careful to stay on the straight and narrow way and be careful not to get on a detour as we travel this life, or we will be lost. If we take Jesus as our partner he will lead us safely through. God's line is right and he is all that we need. Let's trust him for he is able to keep us. He is rich in houses and land, he owns the cattle on a thousand hills, all the gold in Kentucky, oil in Oklahoma, flowers in Florida, diamonds in Arkansas, apples in Washington, rice in Louisiana, cars in Michigan, potatoes in Idaho, peaches in Georgia, lakes in Minnesota, coal in Pennsylvania—he's the best real estate agent in the world. He knows all about our business. He knows our hearts and minds. He wants us to put him first and to have the mind of Christ. We have no time to waste for what we do must be done quickly. Unless time is cut short no flesh will be saved. If we know to do good and do it not we are in danger. Enoch testified that he pleased God, John did the thing that was pleasing in his sight, Paul said, "I have fought a good fight," and so can we. If God be for us who can be against us? He is the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star, the great I am, the great shephard. Let us search our lives and put him first. Let us trust him, he is our only hope. That is my desire. God bless all of you.

Pearls Of Promise

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

II Timothy 2:19

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HEAVENS

How many heavens are there? I do not know. However, we are told the heavens declare the glory of God, speaking of the blue and the sun, and moon and millions of stars above us. Paul speaks being caught away to the third Heaven—perhaps this is God's home, the place Satan cannot enter. There would therefore remain the second heaven—is this the place that caused the wrestling of the angel over the body of Moses. Is this the abode of Satan today? In the end you know he will have great wrath because he knows his time is short and his last domain and strong hold shall vanish and he himself shall be destroyed in the Lake of Fire. No, he is not master of Hell or those that go there, but all shall perish and be utterly destroyed together. Lifted up in pride because of his beauty, he fell. You know beauty must be dedicated to God or it can become a curse. The Belle of the evening may reign today, but the servants of God may someday outshine the sun.

My frail ship set sail one day
Upon the sea of life.
Before I'd travelled very far,
I'd met with storms and strife.

Disaster would have fallen
Without the Master by my side.
He's an ever present help in trouble.
He's our ever seeing guide.

Jeanie Mullins

STRIVE—STRIVE

by Essie Beaver

"Strive to enter in at the straight gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." St. Luke 13:24.

Websters dictionary gives the meaning of strive as to endeavor, to devote serious effort or energy. Youngs concordance say's to agonize or contend. The question is are we as Christians really striving by study, prayer, and daily seeking his will in our lives? Do we put God first in our lives? Or is it our jobs, the daily cares of life, that come first? Are we slack in trying to draw closer to the Lord and his divine will in our lives? Matthew 6:33—"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Again strive or put forth an effort. In 1 Chronicles 28:9 God instructed Soloman to know the God of his fathers, "And thou, Soloman my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thought: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever." That is also for us today. We must all strive and seek to find him "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" Ephesians 4:13. We must strive to know and be in touch with the Lord, and lift up the name of Jesus in praise, by our daily walk, striving to know him better. We must strive to be sure our hearts, minds, thought, and actions are sanctified by the blood of Jesus in a definite experience of sanctification, cleansing and setting us apart, and letting the Holy Spirit have full power in our lives enabling us to be overcomers and resisting the power of the devil. He will destroy us unless we strive to serve God. Know this, that there are wolves in sheeps clothing going about to destroy and deceive. Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." They are bringing in the things of the world that do not belong in the house of God. We must strive to know that he who comes preaching any gospel other than that Paul gave the Galatians let him be accursed. Worldliness will not pass thru the strait gate. And if we think we can do or accept worldly things we will be as in 11 Peter 2:17, "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever." May we each one strive to enter into the strait gate and obtain eternal life.

**I'D
LIKE
YOU**

**TO
MEET
MY**



**HE IS STRONG AND MANLY
FRIENDLY AND SOCIABLE
ATTRACTIVE AND MAGNETIC
HE STANDS OUT IN ANY CROWD
HE IS FEARLESS AND FIRM
BUT LITTLE CHILDREN AND
STRONG MEN ARE DRAWN TO HIM**

He is a perfect example of gentleness and kindness, of humility and courtesy; but his whole being reacts with severity against injustice, hypocrisy, and irreverence.

He seems to understand people and is specially considerate of the poor, the lonely, the sick, the forgotten—even the ugly and disreputable.

In fact, he seems to see some good in everyone.

He shuns no one, looks down on no one, seems to believe that every person in all the world has infinite worth in the sight of God. And somehow the lowest and the worst feel this way, too, when they look into his face.

You always feel safe with this friend of mine, sufficient for whatever comes. You feel that he understands, that he believes in you. You'd rather have his friendship than anything on earth. You desire his approval more than anything the world can give.

THIS friend of mine has come to mean a lot to me.

He has promised that he will never leave me. There have been many times when I have failed to be loyal to him, but his faith in me has never weakened. He has been marvellously forgiving. This has always inspired me to strive harder to measure up to his expectation.

The wonder and power of his love have been a purifying force in my soul. Somehow I've felt his goodness and strength poured into my being. His very life has become my life. Since I came to know him, I have been different.

I learned about God from him.

He knows God in the most intimate sort of way, like a son knows his father when the two have but one common purpose.

He made God real and near. In fact, God is so much a part of him that I became a friend of God, and more—a true child of God.

When I talk to my friend I feel like I'm talking to God.

I owe everything to him. He showed me the meaning of life. He made me want to be good. He fired my soul with high purpose. He gives me strength to overcome evil. He has taught me that, no matter what comes, I can depend on God as my Heavenly Father.

This friend has shown me that love never fails. His friendship is the explanation of every good thing in my life.

MY FRIEND has unlimited capacity for friendship. He is the friend of many, many people who feel toward him as I do. Their lives have been changed by his friendship.

His friends are the best friends I have. They can be depended on. They are the best people in the world. It must be that they have caught the dynamic of his personality, that they have been mastered by his purpose of love for all mankind.

Some of them are changing the world's history. They are creative forces in building a worldwide fellowship of love. They have gone literally around the world to tell people of all races and nations that this friend can help them find God. They have shed blood, sweat, and tears in order to do this. Some have been imprisoned, some banished, some killed because they dared to do his will.

This friend of mine, you see, is both loved and hated. Millions of people refuse his friendship. I wonder why. Can it be that they don't really understand who he is?

That, surely, is why men killed him. He had done no wrong. His only offense was to be incarnate truth, purity, and love. But they put him to death.

There was something in him, however, that overcame the power of death. The grave could not hold him. He lives, having conquered death. Because he conquered death, he is able to conquer evil. And because he is able to overcome evil, the world will someday be a better, happier place.

THERE IS A BOOK that tells about this friend of mine. I like to read it more than any other book. Every time I read it, I learn more and more about him.

The book radiates his presence. You feel his heartbeat in it. It tells of his magnetic power to draw all men into his circle of friendship and of his purpose to make peace reign in all the earth.

This friend of mine would change the world if only men would follow his way of truth and love.

When I think of this friend, I wish that every person on earth could know him.

I believe, if I could help you to know him, that you, too, would want his friendship above everything else, and count it life's highest joy to serve him.

He will not force his friendship on you. But if you will accept him as your dearest friend in wholehearted commital, he will go with you to the end of life's way.

He will make your life a spiritual adventure and a transforming companionship.

He will make you happy, daring, triumphant.

His friendship will provide the resources for noble and victorious living.

He will turn emptiness into fulness,

fear into courage,
weakness into strength,
heartache into joy,
turmoil into peace,
dulness into radiance,
and death into life.

I'd like so much for you to meet my Friend.

His name is Jesus.

One afternoon, while watching a third grade student class, on television, one little colored girl answered "If I would have been there, I would have been a gonner" One little girl answered and said "It looks like to me, the LION's are very nervous and wish he was not in their company. Another little girl answered and said "He was a good man who loved the Lord and they put in the prison because he prayed. Several gave expressions of their feelings as the TEACHER, who had taken them to Washington D.C. and in exploring the famous paintings in the Nation's Art Gallery, wanted to know each of their individual reactions to the paintings, and this one was of DANIEL IN THE LIONS DEN.

A little more than 600 years before Christ, defeat came to the children of Judah. Along with all the TREASURED VESSELS taken captive was Daniel, Shadrach, Meshak and Abendego. This King, (even tho an enemy) liked these young boys so much, that he invited them to share with him some of the food that was prepared for himself. Nothing good had happened to Daniel and his friends since being taken captive, and now THIS invitation to become favorable to the King was of no attraction to him. Daniel's "worship" and religious practices had become a part of his every day security, and for him to CHANGE never came to his mind. Never the less, not too long after claiming his decisions, the KING still inquired of him "In All Matters Of Wisdom and Understanding" and even TEN TIMES GREATER than the magicians and astrologers of "his own kingdom."

There used to be a saying, we used it quite often when fighting opposing forces, that, "WE ARE IN THE WORLD, BUT WE ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD" Our parental teachings emphasized there being a RIGHT and at the same time there was a WRONG. That, we should do the 'RIGHT' and shun the 'WRONG'. The Godly convictions of young brother DANIEL was already cropping out. To the extent that he was willing to DEFY the kings meat. (Young men have always desired good food, and can really eat) Still, the decision seemed easy for Daniel to make.

Not too many believers in Christ get the opportunity to share in a DECISION of this magnitude. (My father used to say, when preaching to his church members, There are plenty just ORDINARY CHURCH MEMBERS. What the lord needs is EXTRA ORDINARY church members.;...In not having the power to interpret the DREAMS of the king, the KING knew that his astrologers, his magicians, his sorcerers were not able to satisfy him or to save his kingdom from falling. Again DANIEL was brought into focus, and as an INTERPRETER OF DREAMS he could feel the GOD OF ISRAEL was slowly but surely making himself the RULER in the heart of a very UNRULY PERSON. All Bible history relates of a "MAN OF GOD FOR THE HOUR". The message to man, From God To Man, is still communicated thru His Holy Spirit and so often it is today as so many times in the past. "THRU MEN OF GOD". Having a desire to share his blessings is just as natural as for smoke to upward fly. So, the question come's to us again "WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE"? I withhold no embarresment when I venture to say that the CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES are the sustaining powers of nations, kingdoms and pov'ers.

It has been said that the reasons the LIONS did not eat DANIEL, was because he was TWO THIRDS GRIT and the other THIRD, GRISTLE. Well, its too bad but after many years and many successes for the lord, even in a strange

"If I Would Have Been There, I Would Have Been A Gonner!"

by Bennie Stanberry

world, interpreting many dreams, making a foreign nation a success, "LETTING HIS LIGHT SO SHINE", one of his intrepreted dreams did not please the king, so DOWN into THE LIONS DEN did he go. O what faith. O what courage.

Uninvited by the LIONS, was probably like UNEXPECTED COMPANY. Ever have that FEELING? The one little girl said, as she viewed the paintings on the wall, "IT LOOKS LIKE HE MADE THE LIONS VERY NERVOUS" Well at least, for some reason they just were not HUNGRY. What would have happened had we have been a MR. NOAH What would have happened had we have been a DAVID What would have happened had we have been a JOB

We have not PASSED this way before but we are not out of reach of the POWERS OF DECISIONS. GOD WILL BE NEAR AND SUSTAIN EVERY CHOICE THAT IS MADE IN HIS FAVOR. After the DECISION come the VICTORY. A VICTORY without a BATTLE is yet to come.

GOSSIP TOWN

Have you ever heard of Gossip Town,
on the shore of Falsehood Bay,
Where old Dame Romour with rustling gown,
Is going the livelong day?
It isn't far to Gossip Town,
For people who want to go,
The idleness train will take you down,
In just an hour or so.

The Thoughtless road is a popular route,
and most folk start that way;
But it's steep down grade, if you don't watch out,
You'll land in Falshood Bay,
You go thru the valley of Vicious Town,
and into the tunnel of Hate,
Then crossing the Add-to-bridge, you walk
Right into the city gate.

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I've Heard is the public well,
And the breezes that blow from Falsehood Bay,
In the midst of the town is Tell-tale Park,
You're never quite as safe while there
For it's owner is Madam—Suspicious Remark—
Who lives on the street Don't Care.

Just back of the Park is Slander's Row,
'Twas there that Good Name died,
Pierced by a shaft from Jealousy's bow,
In the hands of Envious Pride.
From Gossip Town Peace long since fled.
But trouble and Grief and Woe,
And Sorrow and Care you'll find instead,
If every you chance to go.

REDEMPTION

By Dora Beydler

Redemption is a word often used to mean the rapture of the one-hundred fold class of the christians who are called the first-fruits caught up to God and His throne. Redemption means the act of redeeming; state of being redeemed; deliverance or reclamation. We are redeemed, delivered or reclaimed from sin through the blood of Christ and the word can apply to being saved from our sins. However to use the word redemption interchangeably with the word rapture, to mean the 144,000 caught up to God, means to be redeemed from this earth; redeemed from further trials and persecutions as we commonly use the word. Rapture means the act of transporting or fact of being transported. The 144,000 christians, who are to be those caught up to God before that last seven years of tribulation, are also called the Elect of God. Elect means chosen or select.

Now, let us look at some scriptures which tell us about this selected people who make up this number of 144,000 called the elect of God. There is much misunderstanding about this number. The majority of people today seem to believe and even teach that all christians will be redeemed from the earth before any of the tribulation begins. This teaching is not scriptural. First of all, to be caught away to God and His throne is the highest award given to man, and is to be given to those who are the first fruits. Matthew 13:23 says, "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty". There are many people who are christians but have never made any further commitment to God, therefore, they are of the thirty fold christians and will receive eternal life, at the judgment, as their award. If we want anything more from God than just eternal life, we must commit ourselves into His service, in what every field of service he calls us. Some may be called to carry the gospel into the deepest jungles while others may be called upon to stay at home and carry a burden of prayer or help to support the preaching of the gospel at home and abroad. This consecration will bring the blessing of sanctification and we become a part of the sixty fold christians. This makes it possible for us to be of greater service to God and will bring a greater reward. The sanctified will be in the first resurrection and a part of the ruling class during the millennium. To be in the redemptive class we must first have the baptism of the Holy Ghost but that is only the first added requisite.

Revelation 14:1 says this number of redeemed will be 144,000. This group must not be confused with the number of 144,000 told about in chapter 7 where it mentions the Israelites who will be sealed in the natural body. These Israelites will be sealed because of their race, not because they are christians through the blood of Christ. They will go through the reign of the anti-christ and will see the plagues of the wrath of God in those last days but will be spared from

the sufferings of those plagues by the seal placed upon them by the angel of the living God, Revelation 7:1-4. In chapter 14:1-5 we find the 144,000 mentioned there are redeemed from the earth, they are virgins which means they are pure, and while we generally apply the word virgin to a chaste maiden, the Greek Lexicon says that in this place it applies to the male sex. They will be spared even seeing the plagues of the wrath of God upon the wicked during that last seven years when the anti-christ shall reign. Verses 4 and 5 read, "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God". Some believe all who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost will be in the rapture but this again is not scriptural. True, the baptism is a requisite, but only the beginning. We must build upon that blessed experience by following the Lamb wherever He leads. There must be no guile in our mouths which means to say nothing which would mislead. The dictionary gives defraud, deceit or craft for the meaning of the word guile. The redeemed must live without fault before the throne of God or in His presence. The women mentioned in verse 4 means churches. The first fruits will not be hindered in their work for God by man made doctrines and creeds of churches but will be governed in all phases of life by the Holy Word of God. Their foremost desire is to please God and do His will.

Matthew 25:1-13 is a parable in which Jesus tells us of those who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the time of redemption. He says there were ten virgins; the word virgins here is the same meaning as in Revelation 14:4 where it also applies to the male sex in that it means pure. The oil is used to represent the Holy Ghost who gives that special light that dispels the darkness from our lives. Now, all ten of these virgins were pure, they all knew God and had the oil or the baptism of the Holy Ghost and were waiting for the coming of the Lord, but five of them were wise, or prudent: and five of them were foolish, which implies a lack of judgment or a weakness. The prudent virgins not only have the required oil to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost but they delight in doing extra things for the Lord; they volunteer to go that extra mile. They are like Elisha when he followed Elijah so closely that he was able to receive a double portion of Elijah's spirit when Elijah was taken from this earth. That second portion from the Holy Ghost is the oil the wise virgins had in their vessels besides the oil they had in their lamps. The foolish virgins only have oil in their lamps but they lacked the judgment to keep their priorities in order. They have the baptism of the Holy Ghost but no extra oil; they have followed the Lord but have not kept close enough to be ready to see the things He wants done. When the bridegroom (Jesus) comes in the clouds to catch away the redeemed, those who go with Him will be the ones with extra oil in their lamps. The foolish virgins let their experience with the Holy Ghost leak out because they did not keep their supply of oil replenished. When the Lord comes, they will have lost the Holy Ghost without realizing it until it is too late.

Matthew 24:31 calls the first fruits the Elect. There is an untold number who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost but those to be caught away will be only 144,000 from among them. This number will be taken from around the world and of those who have the baptism of The Holy Ghost and are

living at the time the Lord shall come. They will be chosen or elected from those living the closest to the Lord. All others who have the baptism will be counted with the sanctified, which are the sixty fold class, and will go into the wilderness with them. The Holy Ghost will go back to the throne of God at the time of redemption. God will not take the experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost away from anyone, but if we do not follow on with a continual growth and service to God, we can and will lose that experience when the Holy Ghost returns to God.

Revelation 12:1-5 gives an account of the true church and beginning with verse 2, "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne". This woman, as the true church, includes all christians who have been saved from their sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. The dragon in verse 3 is satan and the seven heads and ten horns represent the political powers used by satan to persecute the church in the last days of this dispensation. The man child is the 144,000 to be redeemed from the earth. There will be a severe persecution period which will be upon the whole christian body (the woman of Revelation 12:1). Verse 2 says she travailed which means she, the church was in acute pain or severe anguish. Matthew 24:21-24 and Mark 13:19-22 give almost the same words for this period and I quote from Matthew, "Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect". The tribulation of these verses have to be before that last seven years because in verses 22 and 24 it speaks of the elect being in that severe time of trouble. Mark uses the word affliction instead of tribulation but also mentions the elect in verses 20 and 22. The woman in Revelation 12:2, though in severe anguish has not yet given birth to the man child class. The whole church, including all christians, must go through this severe testing time. Satan, working through the political leaders of the world, will be watching the church that he might slay the very best and most faithful just as soon as there is any distinction made; and the persecutions of those days will be designed to bring to light each individuals convictions. Mark and Matthew both speak of false christs which shall arise and deceive many. They both say because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Revelation 12:4 says the dragons tail shall cast one third of the stars from heaven down to the earth. Since the woman of verse 1 has a crown of stars and this represents the twelve apostles, it tells us the stars of this verse are christians. How serious it makes us think when we realize this tribulation period will be so severe as to make one third of the christians to fall. No one will be exempt from these trying times and as it was with Daniel, when the kings decree went forth to prevent anyone from praying unless

the prayer was directed to the king; the other presidents watched for him to pray. They were not dissappointed--Daniel continued to pray to his God. Friends, we might think we know what we would have done; but what will you do when satan's ambassadors are watching you for occasions to persecute the christians and to put you to death? Satan knows that if he can cause the elect to fall, it will be a stumbling block to those who have a lesser experience.

Now, let us look at Revelation 12:5 in connection with Matthew 24:29-31 and Mark 13:24-27 Again I shall quote from Matthew, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other". The verse of Revelation 12:5," And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne". This man child is the 144,000 of chapter 14:1-5 who have kept all the bidding of the Lord. Matthew and Mark say this redemption shall take place immediately after the tribulation, which shall be the most severe the christian world has ever known. Matthew 24:21. At the close of the tribulation period, there shall be a great shaking of the constellations of heaven and then shall all the tribes of the earth see Jesus coming in the clouds. Revelation 6:12-17 reads "And I beheld when He had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand"? Verse 12 says there shall be a great earthquake at that time and verse 14 says the heaven shall roll back as a scroll. Then the next verses say the rulers and leaders and all other people who were not ready for the coming of the Lord, will try to find a hiding place from the face of God and from the wrath of the Lamb. Now back to our scripture in Matthew: after the heavens and the earth themselves have suddenly announced the appearance of our Lord in a way that caught everyones attention, the Lord will send His angels and with the great sound of a trumpet they shall call 144,000 to come up higher---to the throne of God, where they will be free from the strife and turmoil of this earth during the last seven years when God shall pour out His wrath upon the wicked people of this earth.

Friends, this wonderful experience will be worth more than all the self denial, trials and persecutions we might need to face, and if I am living at the end of this dispensation, I, for one, desire more than anything else to be in that number. Let us pray for grace to attain that goal.

When you read an article that you enjoy and appreciate why not let the author know? We need to encourage one another to labor for the Master in every way. We have had many wonderful articles sent into us. Let's let the authors know we appreciate their labors.

A Good thing about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him." Nahum 1:7

Jesus:

Saviour of the world
To every race and creed.
Counselor, mighty God,
Friend to man in need.

No respecter of persons—
Deaf, dumb, blind, lame,
Red, yellow, black, or white,
Rich and poor the same.

The power of Satan and sin go out, as Christ comes in.

If you are tempted to lose patience with your fellowmen, stop and think how patient God has been with you.

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Zech. 14:1 through 4, Behold the day of The Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city, read verses 3 and 4.

Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

I think that first of all we need to establish that we are talking about a time and a place, which I believe the following scriptures will bear out, the place we know, the time we do not know.

Since the year of 1948 when Israel again became a nation We have perhaps given more thought to some of these things than before. Now let us connect these Scriptures with others. Why do we say we are living in the last days? Jesus said, in Luke 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." We know that redemption is the next thing that we look for. Jesus also said in Mark 13: 7 "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. be ye not troubled; for such things must needs be: but the end

shall not be yet." Matt. 24:6 said about the same thing only worded differently, "And Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all things must come to pass, but the end is not yet, please read the 24th. chapter of Matt. it tells us many things that are happening every day, and will continue to happen until Christ returns. Much is being said today about peace. Our government is trying to bring peace to the middle east by getting Israel and Egypt to sign a peace treat. I do not say that they will not, but what is a piece of paper if they do not honor it? Jesus said there will be no peace. In my own life time we have fought two world wars besides Korea, Viet Nam, and nearly half of the world today is in war. But back to our thought. Zech. gives us a very vivid picture of Armageddon, but there are many more. Zech. says that the Lord will return to the mountain of Olives as does the accounts of His ascension in the books of the four gospels, Matt., Mark, Luke and John, also Acts 1:9 through 11, so we know where He will return to, and the purpose of His returning, to fulfill scripture and put an end to all sin and ungodliness and to establish His kingdom of righteousness. This will be the only time when real peace will come, I know that people are concerned with a lot of other things also. As we stated above, we think of redemption as a way of escaping the time of the anti-Christ reign, but have we ever thought that all Christians will not make redemption? Only 144,000 will be caught up in redemption, Rev. 14:1 through 5.

We know that the 70th week of Daniel must be fulfilled. Daniel 9:24 through 27, tells us that there was 70 weeks determined and that 69 of them were fulfilled at the cutting off of the Messiah, (Christ), so we have the tribulation period yet to face in these last days, Rev. 16:16 also refers to the same battle of armageddon as Zech. 14:1,2, some will say, why will all of the armies of the world be locked in a deadly struggle before Jerusalem?, Zech. 14th. chapter tells us it will be there, according to Ezek, Chapter 38 explains much of this, please read Dan. 11:44.

Let us explore a thought that we have always held forth as a reason for the King of the north and the King of the south being in war before Jerusalem. We always thought that it was because of the rich mineral deposits of the dead sea, but as we have watched the development of the oil fields all around the Holy Land we begin to wonder if it could be oil instead. Russia, which we believe to be the King of the north desperately needs oil, as does also the United States and most of the rest of the world, and this is what brings about the Battle of Armageddon.

As we see all of these developments in the world, we are concerned about the way that our churches seem to be so unconcerned and complacent in their worship of God, but the Lord said that there would be a falling away, that unless there was the anti-Christ would not be revealed.

This is something that we are faced with and we need to be concerned about our spiritual condition. Being a Christian and a minister for nearly 40 years it has been one of my burdens and I am sure of many others to see our churches and our people more interested in deeper christian living. It is alarming to see the relatively few christians in our churches who are sanctified and more so the number that have the Baptism of The Holy Ghost. We need to awaken to the fact that we will not always have these opportunities. Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God."

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AN OLD DISCIPLE

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Few men whose names occur in the New Testament have so little said about them as Mnason. His name appears only once: ". . . one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge" (Acts 21:16).

Less could hardly have been said than that he was "an old disciple" and that he was from Cyprus.

But wait! What is said is very significant, for it suggests, among other things, continuance and contentment. After Mnason became a disciple, he remained a disciple. Mnason was an old man, but he was facing the sunset of life with peace and contentment in his heart.

The statement about Mnason also suggests proximity. When Moses, after the long journey through the wilderness, stood on Mount Nebo, he was standing on his last mountain in proximity to the land of promise. Even though he never actually entered Canaan, it would have been hard for him to be nearer without doing so.

Mnason too, even though he is old, frail, and weary, now stands on his last mountain facing homeward, very near the heavenly Canaan—just waiting for the summons to enter.

The names of many persons occur in the Bible in connection with heroic achievements: Adino, Shammah, Benaiah—these men were all national heroes. One of them slew 800 enemy troops with his spear in one encounter. Another defended a field of lentils against the Philistines and slew many of the enemy, winning a great victory singlehandedly. Still another slew a lion in a pit during a snowstorm.

There are others too whose names are associated with special acts of courage. They stand out for what they did. But Mnason is not distinguished for heroics, or for anything he did. He stands out for what he was.

Mnason was not a great preacher like Paul, nor was he eloquent like Apollos, nor famous like Peter. He was simply an "old disciple." The passage suggests he had become a disciple when he was young. But even though many others had done the same, Mnason was different from some because he "endured to the end." Demas, Phygellus, Hermogenes, Hymenaeus, and Alexander—these men had all been disciples at one time. But some had deserted the cause, some had made "shipwreck" of the faith. They grew old, all right—but they were old backsliders, not old disciples.

If we could view Mnason's life in retrospect, we would doubtless discover there had been fierce battles, for such occur in the lives of all God's children. There had been milestones in Mnason's life—like Jacob's: some bright with blessing, others dark with testing.

Moreover, the text suggests that Mnason had been faithful, for no believer attains the status of an "old disciple"

if he has not been faithful. In the sight of God, faithfulness is more precious than rubies, and its reward is a crown of life. Even though a Christian may not possess outstanding abilities, he can be faithful.

Antipas is another disciple about whom little is said in the Bible. He was a "faithful martyr" and died for his religion—because he had a religion worth dying for. Antipas proved that a man can live for God and be faithful even if the devil lives in the next block (see Revelation 2:13).

Mnason was an example of God's sustaining grace also. Moffat says he was a "disciple of old standing." Therefore he must have been quite young when he became a disciple—perhaps he was one of the early disciples of Jesus. The grace of God had sustained him through the temptations of his youth and the trials and discouragements of his later years. He remained a disciple—not because God removed the difficulties from his path, but in spite of them. His perseverance should serve to encourage every young person entering the path of Christian service.

Mnason was now old, but he was honored. In his declining years he was still a blessing to the church and a gracious host, beloved by all the brethren. The greatest preacher of the day, Paul, came to the home of Mnason to refresh himself and rest for the night. A man's character often is reflected in the character of the men who associate with him.

In Oklahoma years ago there lived two old saints—husband and wife. They were so eager to attend revival services being held on the opposite side of the Cimarron River from where they lived that they would wade the river. It was too far for them to walk around by the bridge, and the river was shallow at that season, but the water was ice cold.

One bitterly cold night, as they were wadding across, the wife called out, "John, we are getting too old to be wading in this cold water."

Her husband called back encouragingly, "Come on, Dear. We'll soon be to shore."

His statement was actually prophetic, for shortly thereafter they had both "crossed over" to meet their Saviour.

No physical hardship, inconvenience, or sacrifice was too much to keep these old Christians from the house of God. This is a happy advantage that old disciples have—they have traveled so far on their heavenly pilgrimage that it isn't far to the other shore.

One wonders if many believers today would be willing to walk 2 miles in freezing weather and wade a river of ice-cold water in order to hear the Word of God!

I think the text suggests that Mnason had the victory. No one is an "old disciple" unless he is victorious. What difference will it make, when we have finished our course, whether we were rich or poor, learned or unlearned, well-known or unknown? The question at that time will be whether or not we have been true disciples of Jesus—humble, faithful, and completely consecrated to God. Paul said of the saints of his day, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called" (1 Corinthians 1:26).

If some stranger shall pass our abode when our earthly race is almost run and ask, "Who dwells there?" will some brother be able to say, "I cannot call his name just now, but it is the home of an 'old disciple' "? If he can, that will be tribute enough.

Come to think of it, an appropriate epitaph for an old saint's gravestone would be just this: "Here rests an old disciple."

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THE THREE GREAT LOVES

by Jake Pletcher

As we see here in these three verses, we are privileged to have the abiding presence of the **Trinity**.

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. John 14:23-26.

Great Love No. 1. The first love. Revelation 2:4 the love for a lost world. 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. John 3:16. Our heavenly Father began to reveal his great love for a lost world when he commanded Abraham to take the child of promise, Isaac, to offer him as a sacrifice on the mount. Hebrews 11:17 showing that almighty God was going to give His only begotten Son for lost humanity.

Isaiah 53 tells us His Son would die a terrible death when His soul would be made an offering for sins. I Peter 1:10-12. These prophets inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Again Luke 2:34-35 tells us Simeon, the man of God, worshipped Christ as a babe and speaking of the sufferings of Christ as Mary his mother would witness standing near the cross said (yea a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. Thus almighty God, the Eternal Father helping us to see His great love for humanity in showing us before hand that from His very own heart of love He would send us a Saviour as this. Hebrews 7:24-28. But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; etc. Acts 4:10-12 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. If you believe on the Son of God, you are not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already. Let us accept this precious Son of God and move into the promise of the Father to everlasting life and the first love. How precious is the great love of our Father in giving us such an unspeakable gift, leading us forward to the unsearchable riches of Christ. Praises be unto His wonderful name!

This **God so loved** the world—Love! Sees the lost human race, as being a candidate for eternal life, a potential being for immortality, which God alone has dwelling in the light. I

Timothy 6:14-16 who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. This immortality is given us through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

II Timothy 1:9-10 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Great Love No. 2. John 15:12-13 Jesus said, 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.**

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and **gave himself** for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Oh, the great protecting power of the precious blood of our Saviour that He shed. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people **with His own** blood, suffered without the gate. Hebrews 13:12

This **Greater Love hath no man than this**, is the only real uniting force that can ever bring God's people together in true fellowship. Hebrews 2:11-12. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. This unity under the sanctifying blood of Jesus is repeated several times in the prayer of Jesus in the 17th chapter of St. John. Under this sanctifying power of the blood of Jesus, we find we can be kept from the world, can be made one as brothers in Christ, as the Father and Son are one. We will finally be with Christ to behold the glory that He had with the Father, before the world was. To enjoy these many wonderful blessings we must have this righteousness that comes by faith in our wonderful Saviour's precious blood. James 4:8 speaking of this wonderful double atonement says, Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Revelation 1:5-6 Thanks be unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; a wonderful cleansing from committed, omitted, and inbred sin. Praise our Saviour!

The only clothing that will allow us to come before the Throne of the Great God of all creation are the Robes that have been washed and made white in the Blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14-15.

This wonderful experience of sanctification is an experience definitely received by faith, Acts 26:18, the same as forgiveness and definitely witnessed to by the Holy Ghost. Hebrews 10:14-15 For by one offering "He gave himself" he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us:

The precious lifting of all condemnation and the giving of an assurance of peace with God in conversion, Truth of God, sacred and precious.

Then the night I knelt in my old 30 Model A Ford and consecrated my all and told the Lord I wanted His will for my life, how wonderful the inflowing of the Holy Sanctifying

power of Christ writing on the Table of my heart this "wonderful greater love hath no man than this" experience. Praise our God for His unspeakable gift.

This **Great Love No. 3.** Christ our Lord said, But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: John 15:26 John 16:7-also tells us this third person in the trinity would reprove or convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, thus causing the unsaved to respond to the gospel. Also He would be a guide into all truth, to all that will be teachable, and He would glorify Christ, and show us of His Great Salvation. Isaiah 28:10-12 tells us this experience of being filled with or baptized with the Comforter is the rest and the refreshing. Hebrews 4:9-12 tells us to labour to enter into this rest.

Acts 1:4-5 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Why so important and urgent that they fulfill the prophecy of John the Baptist, Isaiah, Joel, Moses, and Christ, and receive this baptism of the third person of the God Head? After carefully studying and looking at the present and future benefits of possessing this Promise of the Father and Son. Isaiah—a rest and refreshing. Moses in Numbers 11:29 would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit upon them!

Joel 2:28-32 often the Lord pours out His Spirit on **sons and daughters, servants and handmaidens**, God will be mighty to give deliverance to His people from sin, sickness, and the power of the Devil, as the power of the comforter that worketh within, as He that is within your is greater than he, the enemy, that is in the world.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 1:13-14 in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, so being baptized with the Holy Ghost is one of the requirements to be in the redemptive, Man Child, caught up to God, Enoch type class. Also one of the experiences that the woman, Bride, Wilderness Class, will possess. Revelation 12:1

The ministry of Stephen and Phillip the Evangelist, also of the Apostles being so wonderful, was because they were men full of Faith, Holy Ghost and wisdom. Acts 6:3-8 Holy Ghost power.

Seeing the many wonderful benefits of this promise of the Father, no wonder Christ our Saviour told the apostles and 120 to wait and tarry until they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost before they went to witness to the world of so great a Salvation.

John 15:26 The **comforter**, even the **Spirit of truth**, He shall testify of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the **way**, the **truth** and the **life**. This is a deep love for the **whole truth**, that we as children of God may be able to worship the Lord in **spirit** and in **truth**. Without this **great love** for the **truth** of God's word, born of the **Baptism of the Spirit of truth** we can too easily accept different winds of doctrine and fall from our own steadfastness. II Thessalonians 2:10-12.

This great love rejoiceth in the truth. I Corinthians 13:6-11 John 1:4. We need to love God's truth as never before. Only those things that cannot be shaken may remain.

Heaven and earth will pass, only God's word will remain so let us have it written in our hearts.

NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN

St. John 7:46
by Mrs. E. A. Greever

I see my dear Saviour when waking today
With compassion and mercy for travelers on their way
Those beautiful hands, those beautiful hands
Touching blind eyes that opened at command.

His beautiful feet tired and often weary grown,
About the Fathers business with no place to call home
Feeding the multitude lest they faint by the way
Saying I must work while it is called day

Touching the bier of the poor widow's son
Bringing to life on the way to the tomb
Blessing the children mother's brought to him
Rebuking the disciples for disobeying him.

Delivering the maniac who dwelt among tombs
Calming the sea for disciples weary grown
Entering the homes, rebuking fevers and pain
Comforting the sad, healing the lame.

Calling the fisherman, saying, Come follow me
Speaking with authority, setting people free
Looking at his mother, called John her son
Prayed his disciples might all be one.

Compassion for the multitude with no shepherd to lead
Calling Zacchaeus from the tree who wanted to see
Comforting Mary who sat at his feet
Saying to disciples let the children come to me.

At the tomb of Lazarus he called "come forth"
Weeping over Jerusalem, saying woman sin no more
Suffering pain and agony, I hear him say,
Forgive them Father they know not the way.

To disciples be not troubled, "I'll never leave thee"
I ascend to heaven to prepare a mansion for thee
Be watching and praying, I'll return for thee
Sleep not as do others, be ready for that day.

Rebuked and rejected, uttering never a word
Carrying his cross, falling beneath the load.
Hanging on the cross, saying "I thirst"
Forsaken and lone, paying sin's cost.

This was the man of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth.

Dear Friends have you found him? When John was in prison he heard of the miraculous works of Jesus and sent two of his disciples asking if he was the one who was to come or should they look for another. Jesus told them to go their way and tell Him of the things they had seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. Luke 7:19-22.

Good news Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever. May we all seek him while he is to be found and call upon while he is near. He is alive forever more.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

IF

If my life were full of sunshine
With never a rainy day
I wonder how I'd greet my Lord
And Just how much I'd pray.

And if all were peace and happiness
With never a stormy sea
I wonder would I live as close
And could He speak to me.

If my heart were never broken
And never a tear I'd shed
Would I search His Word for comfort
And let my soul be fed.

If through life I knew no sorrow
And If my body felt no pain
Would I long for heaven glory
And His coming back again.

My Father knows the answer
And He all my weakness sees
So perhaps He sends the stormy clouds
Just to drive me to my knees.

So that I may fully trust Him
Feel secure from all that harms
So that I may feel beneath me
His everlasting arms.

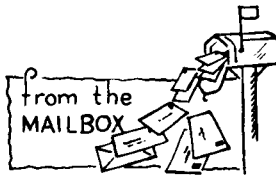
—Rev. Odell Bishop

THIS I KNOW

I do not know what next may come
Across my pilgrim way.
I do not know tomorrow's road
Nor see beyond today.
BUT THIS I KNOW—My Saviour knows
The path I cannot see,
And I can trust His wounded hand
To guide and care for me.

I do not know what may befall
Of sunshine or of rain.
I do not know what may be mine
Of pleasure or of pain.
BUT THIS I KNOW—My Saviour knows,
And whatsoe'er it be,
Still I can trust His love to give
What will be best for me.

I do not know what still awaits
Or what the morrow brings,
But with the glad salute of faith
I hail its opening wings!
FOR THIS I KNOW—that in My Lord Shall all my needs be met,
And I can trust the heart of Him
Who has not failed me yet.



Joplin, Missouri

It seems this has been the whitest winter of our lives. Moisture wise our county has been blessed and that is what it takes to make the country so green. Although the snow and ice has hampered our services number wise the Lord has met with us and blessed in many ways. There has been a lot of sickness in the church but Praise the Lord we can report victory. Our church has been praying for revival and hoping we can have one around Easter time. Also there has been alot of talk of youth camp and camp meeting. Guess spring is just around the corner. We are looking forward to greater things in the Lord.

Neil Ragan—Pastor

Pine Hill, Alabama

A January revival was held at Pine Hill with Bro. Billy Sparks as the evangelist. Several gained deeper experiences and won greater victories in the Lord.

Jack Hopson—Pastor

Kingman, Kansas

For the past several weeks, Wednesday has been set aside as prayer and fast day. It is our desire as a church to continue growing spiritually and also to bring others into the body of Christ. A new class for young adults has begun meeting on Sunday evening prior to the Sunday evening worship services. This class is taught by Mrs. Delmar Cox. A study of the book of Proverbs has been enlightening during mid-week Bible study. We will soon begin a study of the book of Matthew, with each one having his own workbook.

Melvin Shepherd—Pastor
Nyla Myers—Reporter

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Weddings

On the 13th day of January, 1979, at 2:00 in the afternoon in Aurora, Colorado, Mr. Michael Alan Brening and Miss Margaret (Peggy) Ann Gray were joined together in holy matrimony with God as their witness. The couple is attending the spring semester of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Marriage vows were exchanged between Miss Linda Zimmerman and Mr. Kevin Bartel on December 30, 1978 at the Balko Baptist Church. Rev. Danny Robinson of Balko performed the double ring ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bartel of Balko, Oklahoma.

PREACHERS' WIVES RETREAT, "1979"

The annual MINISTERS WIVES RETREAT will again be in the beautiful Ceta Canyon, Canyon, Texas, on April 3-5, 1979. A special program of events has been planned promising an exciting happening for all who attend.

This year, for the first time, the ministers will, also, be asked to attend. Their retreat will be a completely separate one, but will take place at the same time. Many had expressed a desire to attend, this time of R & R, with fellowship and sharing, thus, the decision was made, to invite all preachers, married or single, to come and be a part. So start making plans "NOW"!!!!

Cost for the three (3)-day retreat is \$30.00 per person, and reservations must be made ahead of time for those desiring to attend. For more information, write: Box #844, Canyon, Texas, 79015.

Brother Robert Girouard's book "Selected Bible Studies" in paper back are available. The price is \$3.50 and can be obtained by writing Mrs. Joe Girouard Martin, 2206 Chestnut, Pampa, Texas 79065.



Mrs. Bessie Alice Gregory

Mrs. Bessie Alice Gregory 1311-30th Street, Snyder, Texas, passed away at 8:10 a.m. January 21, 1979 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held January 23, 1979 at Bell-Seale Funeral Home with Rev. S. V. Clanton, pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church officiating and burial was in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Bessie was born March 19, 1901 in Ira, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrier. She married George Robert Gregory Sr., September 11, 1919 at Corpus Christi, Texas. He preceded her in death January 14, 1970. A grandson, Charles E. (Ernie) Shifflett also preceded her in death. Ernie and six of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory's eight children were former students of the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

Surviving are George R. Gregory Jr., La Harpe, Kansas, James R. Gregory, Snyder, Texas, Mrs. E. E. (Evelyn) Shifflett, Snyder, Texas, Elmo L. Gregory, Katy, Texas, Paul Gregory, Boise City, Oklahoma, Mrs. V. M. (Barbara) Smith, Coleman, Texas, Charles Gregory and Ruby Gregory of the home; 23 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters.

OUR DAILY CREED

Let me be a little kinder, let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me, let me praise a little more,
Let me be when I am weary, just a little bit more cheery,
Let me serve a little better those that I am striving for.
Let me be a little braver when temptation bids me waver
Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be,
Let me be a little meeker with the brother that is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbor and a little less of me.

Author Unknown

Cast your cares on God; that anchor holds.

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