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*I will sing unto the Lord
as long as I live:*

*I will sing praise to my God
while I have my being.*

Psalm 104:33

God In Time Of Trouble

by Mrs. Paul Gaston

....“When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.” Isa. 43:2.

We understand that this passage of scripture was addressed primarily to God's ancient people Israel. Nevertheless, these words have been a source of comfort to numberless saints of all ages in the hour of sorrow. The course of the church on earth has become especially characterized by trouble one way and another. Often the choicest saints are caused to pass through the furnace of affliction. Abraham in his dream beheld a smoking furnace, type of Israel's suffering in Egypt, but with it also appeared a lamp—the lamp of God's deliverance. We know that under certain circumstances, the Lord permits distress to come into the lives of His people, but He has promised to be with us and watch over us, that no harm will leave us defiled. Even though we pass through the waters, they shall not entirely overwhelm us; or through the burning fires of trial and testing—with His presence, we may come forth, as did the three Hebrew children without the touch of fire upon our garments.

The Lord declares: “I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.” Isa. 43:3. These Divine titles, when understood, convey a meaning that should be sufficient to sustain us in any hour or need, and to make us realize that He is infinitely greater than any opposing force that can come against us. Praise His most wonderful name. Many of the most comforting and intimate words of Scripture are those addressed to the saints of God in the hour of adversity. This is a day of trouble in many lives, and we need to listen and hear the Lord's word of comfort, “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I

will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” Isa. 41:10.

Trouble constitutes one of the many mysteries of life and often is the occasion for either doubt or rebellion on the part of professing Christians. It is by no means an indication that God does not love us. He allows trials to come, but through them we shall be refined; that we shall not become weakened through fear or unbelief on the one hand, nor hardened by our resistance on the other. It is far better for the soul to pass through sorrow with God's presence, than to be free from distress without Him. Trouble may be permitted sometimes in order to correct faults in our lives, or to manifest the Christ life before an unbelieving world as a testimony of the power of His grace. Unless we recognize the Lord's presence with us at such times, and commit ourselves to Him, —there is ever the danger that the soul will be swallowed up with a flood, or burned hard as by fire.

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and reapeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.” Psa. 126:5,6. Every Christian hopes to receive a reward when the harvest is gathered and the sheaves are brought to the Master. Too many people, however, are spiritual sluggards, willing to reap and receive, but unwilling to plow and sow. God help us that more and more we shall sow in tears. Help us to see that many of our sorrows are from His hand, as He seeks to bring us to Bethel, where we will put away our strange gods, and where our eyes may be turned from the things of the world and fixed on things eternal. Then—in time of trouble, we can rely on the promises of God and words of comfort found in the many passages of scripture as Psalm 138:7 and many others.

Sowing in tears on bended knee,
When harvest comes at last, shall we,
Bring in our sheaves, at the setting sun,
Hear from the Master's voice,
“Well done”.

I VOTED TO CLOSE MY CHURCH

Last Sunday I voted to close the Church; not intentionally but carelessly and laziness, indifferently. I voted to close its doors that its witness and its testimony might be stopped.

I voted to close the lips of the minister.

I voted that the children of the Sunday school no longer be taught the stories of Jesus and no longer lift their small voices in singing, “Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so.”

I voted for every missionary to be called home.

I voted to close the Open Bible.

I voted for every native worker who is supported by the Church to stop the work, cease preaching and come home.

I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance, and the curse of selfish creed again to settle their damning load on the shoulders of an already over-burdened world.

HOW?

By staying away from MY Church, and by with-holding my financial support from MY Church. For you see, I could have gone, but I DIDN'T. I could have joined in prayer and praise to God, but I DIDN'T. I just want God's hand—outs . . . but not HIS Hand! I voted to CLOSE THE CHURCH.

PLASTIC YEARS

They pass so soon, the days of youth:

The children change so fast:
Quickly they harden in the mould
And the plastic years are past.

Then shape their lives, while they
are young:

This be our prayer, our aim—
That every child we meet shall bear
The imprint of His name.

Martin Snell Nicholson

If you are in step with the Lord,
you will be out of step with the
world . . . AND VICE VERSA.

Christ's Empty tomb is the shining gateway to Heaven!

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FROM THE

Associate Editor

Summer has settled down over our land. With it has come the harvest month of many of the small grains. I have watched the big machines racing back and forth reaping the harvest product. There comes to my mind with this operation the scripture, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?, Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest". John 4: 35.

And again Jesus spoke these words, "Then saith he unto his disciples, The Harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matt. 9: 37-8.

I always hate to see a farmer loose his crop, maybe because I was one time on a farm, the son of a farmer, or because I know his

With summer drawing to a close, let us relect how our busy lives measured up to Gcd's word. It was a time of vacations, youth camp, and camp meetings. Did we forget our obligation to our church and the work of the Lord? We find ourselves so busy that we neglect our church and service to God. We find ourselves going night and day and soon we forget His commandments.

Hebrews 10:21 tells us "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, . . ." I feel this is very important in our services to the Lord. This is a commandment that has been given to each of us. If we want a **full spiritual** life with the **REAL APPROVAL** of the Lord on our lives, and want Him to answer our prayers when we need Him, **THEN**, we need to remember Him . . . our services to Him by being faithful to each church services which includes our mid-week service.

profit is gone, often needed badly or perhaps I know the substance of the bread is gone and the eater must have his bread and that includes me. How much more precious is the soul of man? Do we think very much about it when we see soul; drift? I think that we should. Storms of wind and rain and flood take the natural crops to destruction, and the terrible wave of sin, vice, and crime are rolling over humanity, sending them, too, forward to destruction.

While there is life there is hope, and these two great invitations remain to who-so-ever will. "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with

Pens

of the Editors



We find the Bible tells us in Joshua 24:1' that the Lord said He was a jealous God. He does not want our service divided between Him and the world. He expects all or nothing. In the book of Revelation, chapter 3, verse 16 **Jesus said**, "Because thou are lukewarm, and neither hot or cold, I will spue you out of my mouth." When we are cold He can touch our hearts; if we are hot, we can be in touch with Him. But He is sick and tired of lukewarm, half-hearted Christians. He cannot touch us when we are satisfied in ourselves and see no need of more. There has to be a hunger. May the Lord help us to see a need of more of Him.

We want to thank our churches and people for the way they have stood behind the Report. It is by your prayers and support that we have been able to keep this work going for the Lord. Again we say a big "THANK YOU."

Howard Whiteley

me." Rev. 3: 20 and the second is, "And the spirit and the bride say, come.. And let him that is a **thirst** come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22: 17.

There it is, the harvest, the grain, in danger of perishing; the big fields, the few labors, and night is coming and yet the invitations remain. Come to the Lord this day and let your soul delight itself in Him.!

May God bless you and yours. Keep praying for us, for the coming camp meeting here in **Baxter Springs**, and for the **Apostolic Faith Report**. Keep busy for the Lord: that is so important. With Christian love and fellowship

Gail W. Schultz

NEWS from the CHURCHES

PINE HILL, ALABAMA.

We feel refreshed from attending the Youth Camp and Camp Meeting in Mississippi and it was a real boost to all our people who were able to attend.

Currently Bro. Dennis Huff is holding a Youth revival assisted by Bro. and Sis. Earl Malone and Fred Huff. One teen-age girl has been saved and the services have been a rich blessing to the church. We thank God for sending these fine laborers our way.

Continue to pray for the work here. We hope to begin work on the class rooms and parsonage in the basement of the church soon. We appreciate the Report coming each month.

Jim Arnall, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS

As we begin another year of labor among the people here, we wish to thank God for His blessings which He has showered upon the church during this past year. Several have been saved and others have deepened their lives in the Lord. We are thankful for the new ones coming but we are asking God to give us even more fruit during the next year with a greater spiritual awakening of God's children.

Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell were with us the Sunday preceeding Camp Meeting. God gave us two outstanding services for which we praise His name.

We desire your prayers that God will continue to bless and lead us in every part of our work for Him.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

ALVIN, TEXAS.

Our church has declared "War" —yes, we are in a war against Summer Slump and soon our glorious summer session will all too quick- draw to an end. Once again our church folks will all be home from vacations, youth camps, etc.

We especially miss our young people who God so graciously has poured out His Spirit upon thus using them in His great Harvest fields. The Botter boys, Jimmy and J, plus "Mama" have been gone to Mississippi attending a music school at Pass Christian for a month.

Our pastor Bro. K. Kerr has accepted our church to pastor for another year. At present the entire church has missed the Kerr family who have been away visiting in Oklahoma and Texas. Rev. Raymond Barker from Katy has taken charge of the services in Bro. Kerr's absence. The chart lessons have been indeed appreciated and makes us all realize our need to hold fast to our Lord's unchanging hand so that we will not be deceived along with the very elect in the last days. Sis. Dona Barker accompanied by her mother, Sis. Jessie Tucker, has brought some beautiful numbers in song. We truly thank the Lord for these lives that are dedicated to Him.

Sis. Hazel Klein announced Sunday morning that the Ladies Prayer Group planned a foot washing at their regular Tuesday morning service and are excepting God's blessing. Our DVBS is scheduled for August 16—25. Please pray for this endeavor.

Bob Cannon, reporter
K. Kerr, pastor

WESTMINSTER, COLORADO.

Greetings in the Name of the Lord. We are happy to report that we were not affected by the floods which hit the Denver area recently. After seeing some of the damage, it makes us so grateful to the Lord for His protecting hand.

We are having services in our home as yet and desire your sincere prayers that we can see the work accomplished here that would be pleasing to Christ. The Bill Allen family has been such a blessing to

us since coming to Denver as we don't have many visiting ministers.

At this time our plans are indefinite as to whether we can attend Camp Meeting, but we will be praying for God's guidance on each service. We are seeing the need for such a harvest of souls; the Lord's coming surely must be near. Pray for the work here.

In Christ, The Rev. Amos Harris
family

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH, LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

We are glad to report the Lord is blessing in our services and we know there is more in store for us as we press on and stay faithful to Him. Several of our young people verne, Oklahoma. We are glad they attended both Youth Camps at La-received wonderful blessings. Some prayed through to the Holy Spirit, and some were baptized in water. All these things help strengthen our church.

The church has purchased a new electric organ. This will be a great help to our services. Sunday, July 11, the G. K. Kerrs were in our morning services. Bro. Gary Kerr sang a solo and Bro. K. Kerr preached a wonderful sermon. We had a wonderful altar service with Christians reaching out for a closer walk with the Lord.

Our church people are looking forward to the special services that will be held in a tent at Elmwood, Okla., the last of August. All workers of the Faith are invited to visit us any time.

Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon, repoter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

HUFSMITH, TEXAS.

We are thankful for the blessings of God in our services. We always welcome visiting ministers to visit us anytime.

A. B. Stanberry, pastor

CHURCH NEWS— DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

Just a few lines to let you know we do enjoy and appreciate the Report very much. Our VBS was held June 7-11 with Bro. and Sis. Earl Malone assisting Sis. Betty Welsh, director. Attendance was pretty good and several new families were contacted. Bro. Malone brought the morning message on June 13th. We will be working with the church here another year and ask that you pray for the work that God may be glorified and more reached.

Larry Welsh, pastor

BAPTIST FORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

Rev and Mrs. F. E. Waterbury and family conducted a week's revival the last of June which was a Real Blessing to our church. One visible move was made but the crowds were good each night and our church received many benefits. We feel our church has been spiritually advanced.

Our VBS had an average of 74 and proved to be very good again this year. We know God's Word does not return unto Him void.

We have seen our church grow both in number and spirituality over the past years.

Four years ago the first addition of 3 class rooms was added to the church with the 2nd addition of a nursery and an additional class room being added about 2 years ago.

We ask for your prayers that we might continue to see God's work progress here.

Alford Whiteley, pastor

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA.

We at Laverne are enjoying God's richest blessings upon our lives. We have had some wonderful times around the altar seeking the blessings of God and preparing our lives for the coming of Christ back to earth. Our church was really blessed through the recent Vacation Bible school and Youth Camp.

At the present time we are in the process of building a new church here so our services are being conducted at the Mid-West Camp grounds. We are very thankful for

the co-operation of our people in this undertaking. The church will be a T-shaped construction which will include an auditorium, eight class rooms, a nursery, a pastor's study, and a 46x24 ft. basement. The frame work is finished, the roof is on, the duct work and wiring is about done, and by the time you read this article, we will be putting sheet rock on the walls. Pray for us that we may ever be faithful in the Lord's work.

The old church was bought by Bro. L. J. Ehrlich and moved to Shattuck, where he is working to establish a new work.

M. D. Methvin, pastor

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

Our work on the church is now completed and our new lawn is beginning to grow. Our attendance has been very good throughout the Spring and we're looking forward to camp meeting. Our church is coming along fine with several being saved in our regular services. We do appreciate the Report very much.

Edwin Modrick, pastor

(Ed. Note: Word has been received that during the last week of the Laverne Youth Camp, vandals broke into the Guymon church smearing the new pews, new carpet, new paneling, and new piano with blue paint.)

AMARILLO, TEXAS.

God continues to bless in our services. Bro. and Sis. Walter Jacobs were recent visitors in the church. Sis. Jacobs presented a very spiritual sermon which was a blessing to the people.

We are looking forward to having the church bricked within the next few weeks. We praise God for His goodness to us, and we desire your prayers that this work will go forth for His glory.

Neil Ragan, pastor

The "straight and narrow way" leads through the stations of self-denial and sacrifice, but terminates in the Canaan of reward and victory!

What you will be tomorrow may be decided today!

TOO YOUNG TO LEARN?

"But preacher, my child is just too young to learn, so I do not bring her to Bible classes yet. She would be so much trouble you know until she is old enough to learn."

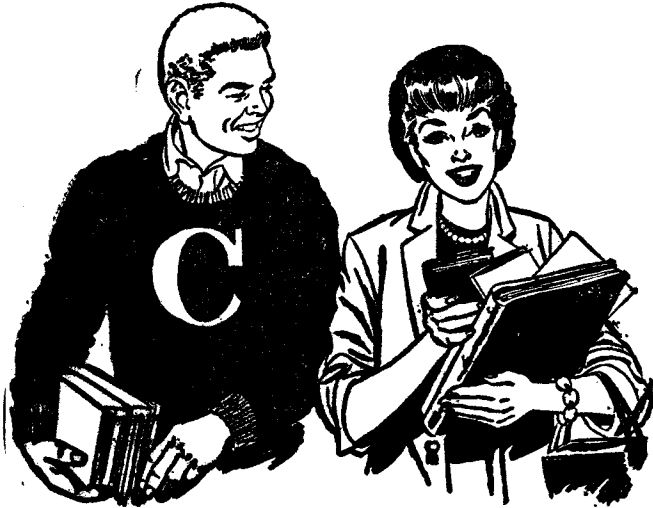
"Isn't she cute tho? She recognizes Santa Claus, and she can recite 'Twinkle - Twinkle Little Star' and not miss a word."

"You know she can tell when I'm trying to slip away from her and leave her with a baby sitter. She's such a little helper; she can put her toys away just like a big girl. But the other day she said the naughtiest word—don't know where she heard it. We always look to see if she's near before we say some things. We really mean to start sending her to Bible study before long—just as soon as she's old enough to learn".

"But while you are here I wish you'd talk to my older girl—she is ten now, and she doesn't like to get up and get ready to go to Bible study at all. She always wants us to go with her, can you imagine? And if you will say something to Junior. He is fifteen now and you know that boy hasn't been to worship for more than a year, us telling him all the time he ought to go. It just worries his father, and he hasn't been baptized..... And you ought to see some of the boys he has so much fun with. And they all seem to enjoy doing so many things nights and week-ends. But say something to him as long as you are here for we really think a boy that old ought to at least be baptized, don't you? I wish you would say something to him".

Really folks, what would YOU say? What the preacher thought was—poor, pitiful worldly parents who have ruined the lives of three children. How CAN a preacher or anyone in a few words correct 15 years of sin, neglect, and spiritual ignorance. Via "The Messenger", Springfield, Missouri.

Great truths are the simplest; so are great men.



Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: Will those whom God has used to fulfill His plan such as Judas, be lost?

To answer this question satisfactorily, one would have to know the mind of God, and this is impossible while we dwell in the flesh. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." (I. Cor. 13:12) "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." (I. Cor. 13:9,10).

God used certain men to fulfill His plan, but why did He use these particular ones? Doesn't it stand to reason he would choose the ones who would react in the way that they did?

It depends upon the nature of the product as to how it will respond to heat. Gold melts in the fire and becomes pure. Peter likens our faith to gold that is tried in the fire. Clay becomes hard and unyielding when placed in the furnace. Was it the perfect will of God or the quality of clay that hardened Pharaoh's heart? There was a Pharaoh you know, that was kind to God's people and Joseph blessed him. There was plenty in his land in the time of famine.

When it was time for the children of Israel to go back to the Promise Land, God had to drive them back. It is not human nature to leave a

land of plenty for the hardships of a new land without reason. God puts up who-so-ever He will and puts down who-so-ever He will. No doubt God chose the man for Pharaoh whose nature would harden by the miracles of God and by so doing caused the children of Israel to return to their land.

On the stage of life a great drama is unfolding. All humanity is being used to fulfill the plan of God, if not His Perfect Will. God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance". (II. Peter 3:9) It was not the will of God for Lucifer to fall nor man to follow him to destruction, but he doesn't force us to serve Him. He could do that.

In this drama of life we choose

the part we play. If we will take up the cross and follow Christ, we are chosen to prepare our lives to live in the New Heaven or earth. If we rebel at the love of God, we are still used of Him in various ways to carry out His plan in the lives of other people, the nation, or the world.

Judas, no doubt, was chosen for the part he played, not because he had no power of choice, but rather because he was one who would not respond to the love of God.

Although Peter didn't betray Christ, he denied him. Both men were sorry for their actions, but how differently they sought a way out. Peter **repented** and became a staunch Christian, suffering martyrdom for the gospel. Judas sought to return the money and thereby wash his hands of it all. Failing this, he took a cowardly way out and took his own life. He **did not repent** to God. In fact, I know of none who was used to try others, ever to repent with a godly sorrow.

Our psychologists know how people will react under certain conditions. Then why should we marvel at the wisdom of God in such matters.

It behooves us to keep our hearts responsive to God, lest we become one to fulfill His plan rather than His Perfect Will. Remember, He has never taken advantage of His power to make us serve Him. He sets before us life and death . . . and We **CHOOSE** for ourselves.

It is better to spend **TIME** on your children . . . than **MONEY!**

Do you have a problem or a question which you would like to have answered? Then send it in to our panel and your answer will appear on this page in a future issue. All names will be kept confidential so that you will feel free to ask any question that is troubling you. This "question and answer" column belongs to you young people and it will be for your benefit. We feel we have selected a panel that will give your questions much thought and prayer. Let us hear from you soon.

The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

Yesterday, today and forever
 Jesus is the same.
 Praise, Glory, and Honor
 Give to His Holy name!

Tunde Learns A Lesson

Tunde faced the white missionary out in front of the mission station. The missionary was looking at her with such a sad face that it made Tunde feel wiggly.

"Tunde, why aren't you doing your work in the dormitory?" Miss Cunningham asked

"Olorun", Tunde swore and lifted her hand to heaven because she was caught. She had hoped to run off to play without Miss Cunningham finding out.

"Tunde, you are just making me feel worse now by swearing. Olorun is the African word for God, and it is wrong to use His name that way".

Tunde, an African girl with very black skin sighed. She kept forgetting. She had been at the mission only a week and there was so much to remember. Nobody at home had every told her that it was wrong to lie or steal or swear.

"I won't forget again, white Mama," said Tunde. "I'll go back to work now."

"I believe you will try to remember, Tunde," said Miss Cunningham. She put her arm around the girl's shoulder for a moment. How sweet "White Mama" smelled, just like the soap with which she was always washing her hands. How soft Miss Cunningham's hands were on the tough skin of Tunde's arm.

All the way to the dormitory she could feel the place where the missionary had touched her arm. The hot path almost burned Tunde's bare feet as she walked along.

"Tunde! where have you been?", cried Mama Judeti, the African matron of the school. There was a frown on her face as she held out a basket of small red peppers.

BIBLE PUZZLE ON LOVE

Complete by matching and placing the correct letter in the blank:

- (—) 1. "He that loveth his brother (I John 2:10)
- (—) 2. "For this is the love of God that (I John 5:3)
- (—) 3. "Love your enemies; (Luke 6:27)
- (—) 4. "If we love one another, (I John 4:12)
- (—) 5. "This is my commandment that ye love one another (John 15:12)
- (—) 6. "We love Him because (I John 4:19)
- (—) 7. "If God so love us, (I John 4:11)
 - a. God dwelleth in us."
 - b. we ought also to love one another."
 - c. abideth in the light."
 - d. He first loved us."
 - e. do good to them which hate you."
 - f. we keep His commandments.'
 - g. as I have loved you."

Key:

1—c; 2—f; 3—e; 4—a; 5—g; 6—b; 7—d

"Here, take these peppers and grind them. Such a girl!"

Tunde took the peppers off to the kitchen. Other girls were working peeling yams, cooking and chopping vegetables on stones. Others were in the courtyard stirring food in black pots that hung over the fire. Everyone was laughing and talking at once. Tunde had never seen such a strange place. She was almost twelve and had never been to school before. John, the boy she was to marry, had sent her here hoping she would become a Christian. John had become engaged to her years ago without seeing her

which is their custom, but had become a Christian since then.

Tunde sighed again. It didn't seem to her that she could ever be a Christian and do all the good things a Christian was supposed to do. Maybe if she had been born white, it wouldn't be so hard. Tunde mashed the red peppers into a soft paste. As she worked she thought about Miss Cunningham with her white soap and her white skin.

"If I could get a piece of her white soap, maybe it would wash my skin white and I could be good too," she thought.

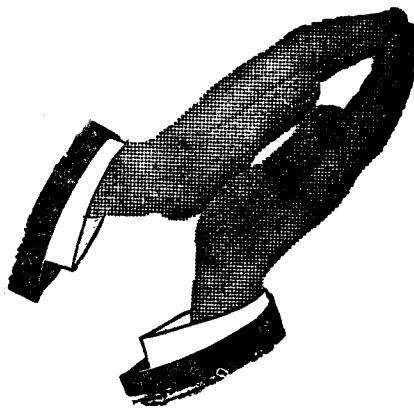
After supper and the playing of games, the girls were called in for evening prayer services. The missionary began to speak. "God, the owner of the heavens, made all of us. He loves us, and it grieves Him when we lie, steal, and swear. God sees and knows everything. No matter how much we fool other people we can not fool Him. His Word says, "be sure your sin will find you out". For example, if you girls should ever leave the pots dirty, you might fool Mama Judeti but you wouldn't fool God."

Suddenly, Tunde did an awful thing. She giggled right out loud! Then everything was quiet—terribly quiet!

"Tunde, was that you?", asked Miss Cunningham. Tunde raised her hand toward Heaven and her mouth formed a round "O" but she remembered in time. She did not swear!

"I am glad you remembered and stopped before you said it, Tunde," said the White Mama. Then she talked awhile longer about God and His Son, Jesus Christ, who died to save people from their sins. "If you give your hearts to the Saviour, He

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Teacher's Notebook

CHRIST'S COMMAND "FISHERS OF MEN"

A great responsibility is placed upon ones life the minute he or she accepts the position of a Sunday School teacher or Youth Director. Christ said in Matthew 4:19, "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men".

All teachers **MUST** be followers of Christ in order to teach His Word. If we are following Christ—then—we are to be "Fishers of Men". Many teachers have taught a class for years and have not lead one pupil to Christ. **Every unsaved person in the class should be won to Christ.** The Gospel, if not accepted, hardens the heart.

Way of Salvation Should Be Taught

At the beginning of each new quarter, a good teacher will look over her material for the 3 months, outlining the aims to be stressed each Sunday. The way of Salvation should be made so plain that even a small child would know the way. Much time spent in prayer each week is necessary (1) asking God to give out His Word annointed by the Holy Spirit, (2) asking the Holy Spirit to convict, and (3) asking for the salvation of each unsaved member, (calling their names individually.)

Each one should understand that Salvation is a "gift of God given by grace" and that we can do nothing to earn it, (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 6:23) We are to teach how God gave His Son in payment for our sins and when we accept Christ in repenting of our sins, God will save us.

Holy Spirit Convicts

Our task as teachers is to convince people that they are sinners; then the Holy Spirit's work is to convict and reprove of sin. Show them through God's Word that everyone sins—perhaps not just by murdering or stealing but unbelief. Do not try to scare or work on emotions but plainly show them they are lost if they haven't accepted God's gift. Give the truth of God's love and expect the Holy Spirit to do His work.

Make Time for Decision

No sinner will be saved by merely believing that the gospel is true or that Jesus is the Son of God; he **MUST ACCEPT** or receive Christ. Some, especially children, may not be aware of this. Therefore, Satan does all he can to prevent a person from acting upon his belief and accepting Christ. In view of this as teachers we should stress the fact that they **MUST ACT** upon their belief of Christ and accept Him . . . NOW.

It is not enough to show people that they need to accept Christ, but we **MUST** bring their thoughts to action with "Now is the Time." Delay is dangerous and the teacher

Teachers are always looking for helps and better methods. This is to be your special part of our paper. Send in any ideas which you feel would help someone else and we will be glad to pass it along. We trust this will prove a blessing to each teacher or helper.

is much more to blame than the student if there is delay. It is much more important to give your students a chance to accept the Lord at the close of your lesson than to return to the auditorium on time and perhaps a soul Be Lost **ETERNALLY**.

Know each pupil and when you see the Holy Spirit convicting of sin, be sure to give time for them to accept Christ **then** in class because if they wait, Satan may cause them to wait forever **and** they would be lost.

HOW OTHERS DO IT

One of the best methods of helping those who are too timid to lead in class activities, is the plan of double leadership. Couple together the timid with the more aggressive.

The aggressive one will take the most difficult part of the leadership and after several easier experiences, the timid one may gradually be willing to assume more leadership responsibilities. If not, at least by this method, he is taking part.

NEW WORDS FOR OLD TUNES

"Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me when I'm good,
When I do the things I should.
Jesus loves me when I'm bad,
Though it makes Him very sad."
"Climb, Climb up Sunshine Mountain"

Climb, climb up sunshine mountain
Jesus is the Way,
Climb, climb up sunshine mountain
Follow Him today.
Turn, turn from sins temptation,
Heed His loving call;
Climb, climb up sunshine mountain
One and all."

SPIRITUALLY

Gail W. Schultz

Spirituality is a term used to denote the moral feelings or state of the soul (in Christianity toward God). A spiritual being. One whose decisions for Christ are intact.

There is a constant cry about who is spiritual. As a whole every person who has any relationship with God proclaims himself spiritual. The exception would be the discouraged and disheartened, or the one who looks more to himself than to others. This is not good, for one dishonors the work of the Lord and the other is careless in his estimations. Phil. 2: 1-4. 1 Cor. 10:12.

It is most difficult to measure spirituality. In the first place most valuations are gained from comparisons. I thank God that I am not as other men. Luke 18:11. In our day we might note the things we do, or do not, Our acts deeds and works. Read II Cor. 10:12. It seems a shame to me, and most regrettable, that many false standards are set up. We are given one privilege in the Bible of glorying, and that is to glory that our names are written in the Book of life. Luke 10:17-20.

However, if there is still a desire to know of our standing in God, we might match our spiritual progress with Psa. 1:1. "Blessed is that man that walked not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful". As we walk forth in Christ, are others helped or hindered? Are they saying, I call that a real experience in God, or would they feel more bondage than freedom by our interpretations of spirituality?

Have you ever taken into deep considerations the things we seek. In John 6:27 we have these words, "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed".

I do not think that a lazy person is spiritual, in fact how could they be? These sort are mentioned in

Titus 1:12 as slow bellies or idlers or lazy fellows. Never the less every Christian in his pursuit of a livelihood must take care that he is honest, fair, and careful and takes times to be holy. The missing of regular scheduled services is not a good witness sign. So deep in the cares of life that the word is choked out. It is possible to be left with only the shell of worship while the real kernel of spiritual power has been forfeited.

To tabulate spiritual blockades and pilferers is almost impossible, because what could up set and be set one, would not hinder another. Part of our flinching comes not from a close study of the Word, but rather a lack of it and as products of teaching, it is easy to drift into, "What I think is wrong" and there by be ensnared to a loss of fellowship with God and with one another. Be careful to put God first. The chute and the clutch are ever ready to entice and lead on that downward road. I cannot play religion, it must be real—real in worship, in my home, in business and in pleasure. Above all, keep this scripture in mind. Rom. 14:22—"Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth."

Why not make a close study of Rom. 8: 1-16. Think of its burning warning, calling message that demands of every man a close walk with God if he is to be and remain spiritual. No condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the spirit—The law of sin and death. —who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Carnally minded, what a sin, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. All this and more He gives us, even so much that the Spirit of God dwells in us. That one who has this assurance is spiritual.

We know there are spiritual gifts. Led of His spirit. Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." I Cor. 11:1. And in I Cor. 12:1 we read, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet

shew I unto you a more excellent way" I Cor 12:31. If you would be spiritual, don't forget I Cor. 13th chapter. It takes us a long ways on that road to be like Him.

Here is another flag. Col. 3:1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God (2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Think of the next few verses of this same chapter. Your life is hid with Christ. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth. There are things to put off, namely the old man and his deeds. There are things to put on, that is Jesus, the new man. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly—all of this and much more goes together to bring about that spiritual man—the thing we call spirituality. I do not know all of the pit falls, nor the traps of Satan, but I know that we must be careful with our speech—we must not harm another—yet we must stand for and speak the truth. We must be careful about close association with company. We cannot be bound to the sons of Belial. II Cor. 6:14-18 Also I Cor. 6:15-20. O glorious freedom that Christ has given—let us do our best to keep it that way. I am not my own, I am bought with a price.

The need for a practical approach to our religious customs confronts us continually. Are the sick visited? How about the man in prison and the needy? Do they get our attention? I know that Bible reading and prayer hours are necessary, but these are refueling stations for the Christians, and the big wide, wild world, lost and sinking, is the harvest field.

The terms and acts by which we may prove spirituality are endless, but let each of us find our niche and work and serve with faith and hope and love, until He can say, "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

"Be ye eaters of the Word and not sermon tasters only."

If you want to set the world right, start with yourself.

An Open Letter To God

Dear God:

I'm sorry you made Sunday where you did. You see it's like this:

We would attend church more regularly if your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week and we are all tired out. Not only that but it is a day following Saturday night. Saturday evening, you know, is the one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies or a party and often it is after midnight when we get home. Then, it is almost impossible to get upon Sunday morning.

You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School, especially when they have to get there by ten. Then there are the dishes to wash, and we have other things we just have to do. I mean no disrespect, dear God, but you must realize you have picked out the wrong day, because it is the one on which we have our biggest dinner. Not only that but the Church has fixed the hour for worship at the very time we must be preparing dinner.

Then too, you must think of John. He is cooped up at work all week and Sunday morning is the only time he has to tinker with the car and do other odd jobs. When he gets into his old clothes, and his hands are all greasy, you couldn't expect him to be able to attend church.

I am telling you all these things because I want you to get our viewpoint. It is not our fault that we are not able to go to church on Sunday morning. We would like to go and need to go to church, but it must be clear to you the real reason we cannot go is because you have chosen the wrong day. If you will select another day we shall be glad to go to church and Sunday school more faithfully.

Sincerely yours,
I. M. Too Busy

It takes the storm to prove the real shelter.

Mississippi . . . Camp Meeting

Many blessings were obtained in the services at the Mississippi camp meeting this year. Over 100 attended the night services with around 40 campers present for the day services.

Rev. Roy Wooster delivered the morning Bible lessons which were a Real Blessing and Inspiration to everyone. Rev. L. J. Ehrlich gave one of the morning lessons.

Children's Church was directed by Sis. Carol Malone and Sis. Margaret Heil. Dennis and Fred Huff assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone were in charge of the Youth services each night. Bro. Jerome Crowhurst arranged the special songs.

Visiting Ministers were used in every service and God used them to send forth His Word to bless and encourage hearts in the things of God. Ministers from out of the area that attended were: Roland Busch, Olen Bachelor, Carl Pitts, Andy Willis, Earl Malone, Earl Morgan, Dennis Huff, Rene Heil, Edwin Waterbury, L. J. Ehrlich, and Roy Wooster.

One outstanding factor was the faithfulness of the young people in every service — singing, praying — and obtaining the blessings God has in store for each one.

God would not share His glory with Dagon, nor will He now couple the glory of His atonement with man's poor, sinful works.

GEM OF TRUTH

'But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek him.'

Heb. 11:6

And faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Roman 10:17

Mississippi . . . Youth Camp

God poured out His blessings on each service and class in this year's camp. About 43 students were enrolled with an additional 22 workers in attendance.

Several were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Seven were baptized in water at the close of the camp.

Bro. Earl Malone conducted the early morning rallies, Rene Heil was in charge of the noon rallies, and Bill Patterson, Jr., directed the afternoon rallies. The young people were blessed in each rally as well as in the evening evangelistic service.

Young ministers were used of God to deliver His Word nightly. God moved hearts as the Holy Spirit directed the Word to each one. Results of this camp will be felt in our churches in the years to come as our youth move up to take the leadership in teaching, singing, and other leading places in our services.

HOW TO KILL A CHURCH

Don't go unless you feel like it
If the weather is hot, stay home.
When you do go, gossip to your neighbor. Point out how you would run the church if you were pastor.
Be sure not to pray for the pastor or Sunday school teachers.
Make up your mind that you are not going to give anything to support the church.
Be sure to find fault with at least one thing.
And then talk all week about how little you get out of going to Church anyway.

Annos

Take a look in the mirror!
The moving van is on the way;
are you packed up and ready to go?

Don't talk "cream" and live "skimmed milk"!!!

The most rewarding faith is FAITH in the Ability of God to choose what is best for us!

In its proper function, music is the language of praise!

Children's Hour

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will forgive you and someday take you to Heaven to live. Heaven will be a wonderful place. There will be no sickness or sorrow there. Nothing but love and happiness."

After prayer meeting Miss Cunningham took Tunde home with her. She wanted to talk to the girl. Tunde was afraid that she would be punished; she had laughed out loud in prayer meeting.

Miss Cunningham said she was giving Tunde a new dress for not using the Lord's name in vain. Tunde could hardly believe she had heard right. While the White Mama's back was turned, Tunde saw the white soap. It was on the table and just what she wanted! Maybe if she used it, her skin would turn white too! Quickly she took the soap and put it under her arm to hide it.

Bidding each other good night, Tunde hurried toward the door. As the soap fell to the floor, Miss Cunningham cried, "Why, Tunde, did you take my soap?"

Tunde dropped to her knees. "Oh, White Mama, I am bad," and tears rolled down her cheeks. "I don't want to swear and steal. But I want white skin like yours so I'll be good."

Miss Cunningham put her arms around Tunde once more. "Tunde, you don't understand. The soap doesn't make my skin white. God caused me to be born white, as you are black. Other people have yellow skin or red which is part of God's plan. However, Tunde, we all must choose what color of a heart we will have. When I was a little girl my heart was black even though my skin was white. You have a black heart too because of the sin there. God wants to make your heart white if you will let Him. Will you ask Him too?"

Tunde was beginning to understand. "God doesn't care if I am black, but He wants me to have a clean heart. That's what Jesus died for, isn't it, White Mama, to take the sins out of my heart. He wants to and I want Him too." So together they bowed their heads and prayed. Tunde knew she had received a

white heart now and she never cared what color her skin was but was very happy her heart was white. Every day she prayed to the Lord and asked Him to help her to keep it clean.

YOUTH RALLIES

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

Galena, Kansas Apostolic Faith Church was host for the July 19th Youth Rally, which opened with congregational prayer followed by choir singing led by F. E. Waterbury accompanied by Miss Linda Williams, pianist, and Mrs. Howard Whiteley, organist.

Miss Cody Scharnhorst, Spring Valley, Calif., was guest soloist from the Joplin church and Mr. Ronnie Martin of Baxter Springs, Kansas sang his testimony in song, "My Song".

Following a short testimony service the young people's trio from Granby sang, "And Then The Answer came".

Rev. Gail Schultz brought the message on "the things we Know" from I John 5. Following the good prayer service the business meeting was conducted with Granby winning the attendance banner.

Linda Bard, Secretary

MID-WEST YOUTH RALLY

Our Mid-West Youth Rally was held at Perryton with 106 present. Balko relinquished the banner to Guymon with 31 present.

Our next rally will be at Spearmon.

Kathy Papay, secretary

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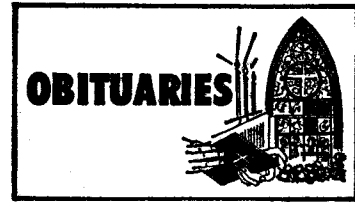
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Mrs. Marie Goodson

Mrs. Marie Goodson was born January 30, 1896, and departed this life May 13, 1965, at the age of 69 years. She was a faithful Christian Worker in The Apostolic Faith church of Hufsmith, Texas, and is missed very much.

The surviving daughters are Mrs. Marzee Ware, Mrs. Myrtle Pettijohn, and Mrs. Merl Swanson; five sons: Alfred, Tommie, Clarence, Cotton and Ray Goodson; One sister, Mrs. Oddie Griffin, and one brother, Fred Young.

Services were held at the Klein Funeral Chapel at 2 P. M. Saturday, May 15, 1965, with Rev. A. B. Stanberry officiating.

Burial was in the Goodson cemetery at Pinehurst.

WHAT WILL YOUR HARVEST BE?

Although the normal planting season is over, everyone of us has definite responsibilities in how and what we plant in our heart gardens. Here are suggestions that we plant. Check this list and see how well your garden is growing.

1. FIVE ROWS OF "PEAS"
 - Preparedness
 - Promptness
 - Perserverance
 - Politeness
 - Prayer
2. THREE ROWS OF 'SQUASH'
 - Squash gossip
 - Squash criticism
 - Squash indifference
3. FIVE ROWS OF "LETTUCE"
 - Let us be faithful
 - Let us be unselfish
 - Let us be loyal
 - Let us be truthful
 - Let us love one another
4. WE MUST HAVE 'TURNIPS'
 - Turn up for church
 - Turn up with a smile
 - Turn up with determination
 - Turn up for visitation
 - Turn up for prayer meeting

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