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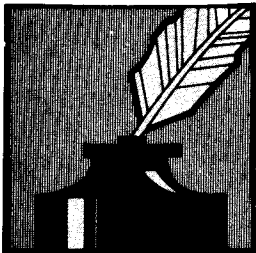
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Her Children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband
also, and he praiseth her.

Proverbs 31:28



EDITORIAL VOICE

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 91



PLACE OF SAFETY

Several years ago as a new Christian I found myself battling a spirit of fear. I didn't really know what I was afraid of but I had fear in my heart. One day I was reading my Bible and I read the 91st Psalm. From that day until this, it has been one of my favorite passages of scripture. If we take each verse and study them carefully we find that there is no place for fear when we submit all to God. When I think about dwelling in the secret place of the most high and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty, it makes my heart to rejoice and praise His Holy name for the opportunity and privilege to be a child of the King. We all need a refuge and a fortress in the days we are living in. I wouldn't want to live without the protection that he gives unto his children. We think about the 4th verse and it brings to our minds of how he keeps us covered completely and gives us his truth as our weapons. God provides all of our needs as we keep our trust in Him.

We realize that there is much darkness around us and Satan would desire to cause us to fall, but again God has promised that if we have made the Lord our habitation, or our dwelling place, that no evil shall befall us and he will give his angels charge over us to keep us. My heart rejoices when I think of all that my heavenly Father has done for me when I have done so little for Him. I am so glad for the day that God dealt with me and gave me the chance to serve Him. How I pray that I will never take this wonderful calling from God lightly or irreverently. He has been more to me than I ever could have known.

The 15th verse tells us that when we call on Him, He will answer, deliver and honor. He will bless with long life and shew us his Salvation. So you see it will be worth it all when we see Christ. Our problems, trials, tears, fears are all taken care of if we but place everything at the feet of the Master. Let us stay close to our "dwelling place" and He shall give us victory over every foe and life eternal throughout the ages.

Thank you Lord for being all to me. .
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M O T H E R S

Mothers, are you worn and weary?
are you almost tired of life?
Do you long to cease your struggle
in the battle and the strife?
Cares that never seem to lessen
and your burdens grow each day
And your work is never finished
as you plod along your way.

Books are lost and slates are broken
caps are gone and mittens too.
One child cannot find her grammar,
the other has lost his overshoe,
Baby is crying, it must be rocked,
and your head is in a whirl;
Until sometimes you almost think
that you wish you were a girl.

Do you wish they'd grow up quickly,
so they'd women be, and men?
But the time is surely coming,
when you'll wish them back again.
That dear son may leave your fireside
with some fair girl by his side.
And the son of some fond mother
claims your daughter for a bride.
Some little forms lie sweetly sleeping,
beneath the white untrodden snow.
Some may go as missionaries
where the winds of India blow.

Cruel thorn may grow, and thistles,
where we looked for lillies fair,
But the seed that mothers planted
surely must be slumbering there.
Waiting for the blessed sunshine,
and the gentle falling rain.
God will send it, precious Mothers,
and those seeds will live again.

Author Unknown



You can hardly bear the clatter
of the little restless feet,
Nor the ceaseless, childness prattle
made by baby lips so sweet.
O'ft you stumble o'er the play things
scattered around upon the floor,
On the windows and the doors.

Mothers, do not crowd your children.
keep them with you while you can.
Nestle them within your bosom,
silent home comes all too soon.
Soon enough they'll learn life's hardships
Hear what you have borne and more.
Soon enough your house is empty.
with no playthings on the floor.

Mothers, you have now the POWER,
by the HELP and grace of God;
To plant seeds which grow and blossom
when your forms lie nigh the sod.
Plant them quickly—do not falter,
deep within each childish heart,
When they're old, the Bible tells us—
from the way they'll not depart.

Mother, how we need the SAVIOUR
to give us wisdom from above.
To teach us when to chide our children
teach us how to chide in love.
Often in our human blindness,
we know not what is best to do.
But when looking unto JESUS,
we will find a pathway through.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1.

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace
wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
Romans 5:2.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none
other name under heaven given among men, whereby we
must be saved. Acts 4:12.

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as
certain also of your poets have said, For we are also His
offspring (Acts 17:28).

Forasmuch then as we are offspring of God we ought not
to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or
stone, graven by art and man's device (Acts 17:29).

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as
the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be
troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27).

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His
name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins.
(Matthew 1:21).

Saving Grace

By Opal Ferry

Oh the touch of the Master's hand
Will lead in a weary land.
He comforts and extols in His name;
Abinding, healing, moving mountains into plains.

Give me Jesus every day and night,
For He is the Way, the Truth and the Light.
Grace for the hour, strength for the test;
Help me, oh God, to do my best.

Lead me through that I may sow
The heavenly seed here below.
Bring forth fruit that will remain,
Expelling the night, the promise to claim.

Help the fallen, comfort the weak,
Pointing them to Christ Jesus to seek.
All they need, Jesus can provide;
In Him, the Rock of Ages, hide.

Preachers' Wives Retreat

The 1978 Preachers' Wives Retreat began on Tuesday, April 4, 1978, when the wives met at the Bible Education Building in Canyon, Texas, for coffee, punch, and cookies before travelling, in vans, out to the beautiful Ceta Canyon. We were soon settled in, and had our evening meal served by the camp personnel.

Our Tuesday night meeting included a ministry by the "Just Seeking" group of Pampa, Texas . . . who sang through their entire program, and then just continued to minister as the Holy Spirit directed, and we joined with them in singing praise to the Lord. The evening was concluded with an exchange of "prayer names" for the Retreat, and Charlene Barker led us in our bedtime devotional.

Wednesday was spent in singing together, led by our preachers' wives . . . sharing testimonies . . . listening to a tape by Ruth Carter Stapleton (supplied by Rose Blythe) on "Inner Healing" . . . hearing West Texas State University professor, Dr. Arthur Johnson, speak on the subject of "The World and The Christian" . . . and having Bertha Gamble draw from her years of experience and sacrificial living as the wife of a missionary to the Alaskan Eskimos to encourage us and inspire us to BE all that we CAN be for the glory of God, as a proper helpmate for our husbands . . . it was a GREAT day!

There were also fun times of getting to know each other better; a style show presented by our own group was extremely entertaining as "suggested appropriate fashions for preachers' wives" were modeled. Wednesday evening lasted quite late as a more serious exchange of ideas and helpful suggestions for effective ministry in our churches was shared . . . followed by our evening devotional and "prayer and share" time.

Thursday morning we gathered back in the Fireplace Room for a time of praise and worship in song, testimony, and devotional time. It was the unanimous decision of the group to plan another Retreat for 1979 . . . and many voiced the feeling that we wish more of our preachers'

wives would participate in the Retreats . . . it is a truly uplifting experience because of God's presence and blessing . . . and a beautiful happening each year as we learn to know and love each other better, and to share each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The preachers' wives who were present for the 1978 Retreat are planning a reception for ALL our preachers' wives (and any other ladies working in the Lord's vineyard as ministers themselves, or gospel workers) to be held on Tuesday, June 27th, during the Laverne campmeeting, at 3:30 P.M., or immediately following the afternoon service. The reception will be held in the Laverne church Fellowship Hall, and it is our hope that every preacher's wife, or worker in the vineyard, will be present for this time of "sharing." WE NEED EACH OTHER. We look forward, with great anticipation, to our 1979 Retreat, and we praise God for a time of real blessing in our 1978 Retreat.

Report submitted by Barbara Waterbury,
Retreat Secretary.

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Salvation and its Rewards

By DORA BEYDLER

When sin entered into the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God gave the promise of a Savior, Genesis 3:15, to redeem mankind from that sinful state into which he had fallen. It is very possible, as some believe, the skins with which God clothed Adam and Eve were taken from animals whose blood was shed for their sin offering. God undoubtedly taught them at that time of the necessity of a blood sacrifice for sin. Cain and Abel offered a sacrifice unto God in Genesis 4:1-8. Cain's was not a blood sacrifice and therefore was not acceptable to God while Abel offered from the firstlings of his flock and God accepted it. Mention is made of Noah offering sacrifices unto God when he came off the ark, Genesis 8:20. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all built altars and offered blood sacrifices upon them. Though the patriarchs offered sacrifices from time to time there was no particular instruction recorded for the manner of sacrifice until the erection of the tabernacle. Chapters 4-7 of Leviticus give detailed instructions for the sin offerings. After it was slain the blood was taken to the tabernacle; part of it was put upon the altar and the rest of it was poured upon the ground. Certain portions of the sacrificed animal were burned on the altar and the balance was taken without the camp and burned. Leviticus 17:11 reads, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Hebrews

9:19-22 tells us, "----Without the shedding of blood there is no remission".

Now let us look at Hebrews 10:1-4. The law given to Moses was only a shadow of that plan by which God would redeem mankind from sin. The blood from those sacrifices which were offered every year only covered their sins for a year then another sacrifice must be offered for a covering for the next year. It was not possible for the blood of animals to take away or blot out sin. Galatians 3:24,25 calls the law a schoolmaster which was to bring us to Christ. The keeping of the law was a show of faith in the coming of a Savior which was yet to come.

John the Baptist bore witness of that Savior when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," John 1:29. Jesus, who was one of the Godhead in the creation of the world (John 1:1-3) became, through reincarnation, the son of Mary. Throughout the Old Testament He was the Messenger of God. Matthew and Luke give the account of His birth into this world to bring the message of a real salvation. Mark and John also relate this message and all four write of how He shed His blood on the cross that we might be redeemed from sin and come back to God. In I Timothy 1:15 Paul says "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;---".

Under the law given to Moses the High Priest had to offer sacrifices for his own sins before he could enter the Holy of Holies in the presence of God, once each year, in behalf of the people. Hebrews 9:11-15 tells us Jesus is become our High Priest and by His own blood has obtained eternal redemption for us. Because of this He is the only Mediator between us and God. Peter boldly spoke before the council saying, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved", Acts 4:12. Jesus is quoted in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".

Though Isaiah 55 is an invitation to Israel to return to God it is also a prophetic chapter with an invitation to all who will heed it. Verses 6 and 7 have a special message for today when we read, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." One writer, David Kimchi, gives for this passage, "Seek ye the Lord, because He may be found: call upon Him, because He is near. Repent before ye die, for after death there is no conversion of the soul".

Salvation for the soul is found through repentance, Matthew 4:17, and taken by faith, Galatians 3:22. It is a definite experience which changes a person's life. II Corinthians 5:17 reads, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. "We who are converted through Christ,"--have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him", Colossians 3:9,10.

But to be saved from our sins through the blood of Christ is only the beginning. Matthew 13:3-8 gives us the parable

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of the sower and verses 18-23 give the interpretation of that parable. Let us concern ourselves with verses 8 and 23 where it says the seed which fell on good ground bore fruit. Note also the ground is all the same but part of it bore more fruit than other parts. The amount of fruit we bear, as Christians, depends entirely on our submission to Christ and the way we let Him work through us. Jesus said in John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

To repent, believe in Christ for the saving of our souls and take it by faith is to become a thirtyfold Christian. A person on this plain is regenerated. Titus 3:5 reads, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost". According to Strong's Concordance, regeneration as used here means a spiritual renovation. Our lives must speak of the new life and the old way of life is no longer a part of us. "And this is the record, that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life", I John 5:11,12. "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 me", Revelation 3:20. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, He comes into our lives and since He is eternal, as long as He dwells within we have eternal life. But if we push Him out either by sins of commission or by sins of omission, we push eternal life out because He is our eternal life. If we continue to live in this thirtyfold state until our natural lives shall end we will be resurrected in the second resurrection to stand before God in the white throne judgment. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil", Ecclesiastes 12:14. For a period of time before the last seven years of this dispensation the christian world as a whole will see a serious time and even much persecution. According to Matthew 24:9-14 this time of tribulation will include all christians. They will be hated of all nations, deceived, hated and betrayed by one another, many will be killed. Revelation 12:4 says one third of the stars of heaven (the christians) will be cast down even before the last seven years begin. At the beginning of that seven years, known as the week of the great tribulation, Jesus will appear in the clouds, Revelation 1:7, to catch away His elect, Matthew 24:30,31. But due to their failure to deepen their christian experience the thirtyfold class will be left behind and will be on the earth during the first three and one half years of the reign of the anti-christ. They are called "the remnant of her seed" in Revelation 12:17 where we read, "And the dragon (the antichrist) was wroth with the woman (the church or sixtyfold class) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ". This is the time of the mark of the beast when all who will not worship the antichrist or take his mark shall be killed, Revelation 13:15-18. This will be the final test. If they remain true to the Lord and give their lives for His cause, they will have made a complete consecration to God and will be in the first resurrection, Revelation 20:4,6. They will be among the kings and priests to reign with Christ for a thousand years.

The sixtyfold christians are those who are sanctified. Sanctification is also through the blood of Christ, Hebrews 13:11-13, and means to be set apart for a holy or sacred use, or to render holy. This is a second definite work of grace. To be saved cleanses us from the sins we have committed while to be sanctified cleanses us from that nature to sin or that desire for the things of sin. Some call this experience consecration. We consecrate or give ourselves to God then when He accepts that consecration He sets us apart, cleanses us from the nature to sin and we are sanctified through the blood. This does not make it impossible to sin, as some believe, but it takes away the desire to sin and therefore makes it easier to live an overcoming life. John 1:12,13 reads, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God". After regeneration (being saved), Titus 3:5, He gives us the power, which means the right or the privilege, to become the sons of God. It is not only God's will that we be sanctified but that we also walk before God and man in that experience, I Thessalonians 4:3-7. Nicodemus believed in Christ and knew He was sent from God but since he wanted a quiet private talk with Jesus, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night. No doubt there was much more of their conversation than we have but in the recorded account in John 3:3 Jesus told him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God". Jesus was teaching Nicodemus of a fuller experience; one which sanctifies and makes us pure in the sight of God. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God", Matthew 5:8. These verses speak of sanctification and Jesus called it the new birth. Paul wrote in the book of Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord". A person can be saved through the blood of Christ and have eternal life but without being born again in Sanctification he cannot come into the presence of God. The sanctified or sixtyfold christians, who have died through the ages, will be in the first resurrection and reign as kings and priests with Christ for a thousand years on this earth, Revelation 20:6. Along with all other christians, the sanctified will see the persecutions spoken of in Matthew 24:9-14. At the end of this persecution period, the antichrist will be the leading political figure and will make a covenant with Israel. Because of this covenant Israel will have the most religious freedom and the church (sanctified) will flee to Judea. Revelation 12:6 says she will flee to the wilderness where they--Israel or the Jews--will feed her for three and one-half years. In the dictionary of the Greek new Testament it says this wilderness is the "wilderness of Judea which is a tract west of the Dead Sea". At the end of this three and one-half years the antichrist will break his covenant with Israel, will set up his image in the temple, and the church will have to flee again. The destination this time is also called a wilderness and the majority believe it to be Petra; which is an ancient city, carved out of the cliffs in a mountain region of Moab, southeast of the Dead Sea. The sixtyfold christians will be sheltered and cared for by God in this wilderness for another three and one-half years. Then we will see the fulfillment of I Thessalonians 4:15-17,"---For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the

dead in Christ (sanctified dead) shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain (the sanctified in the wilderness) shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord". After meeting the Lord and His host from heaven they shall all come back to the Mount of Olives which will divide, making a large valley where Jesus will leave the saints while He goes out to fight the battle of Armageddon, Zechariah 14:4,5. The next we see of the sanctified is at the marriage supper of the Lamb, Revelation 19:7-9 It was a custom in Bible times, when a son was given the reigns of a government, there was a great feast given and the guests were furnished with white robes. At this feast the new ruler installed his new officers and they were married or united as one unit to carry on the new government. At the marriage feast of the Lamb the sanctified will have been made ready to take their place as officers (or kings and priests) in the thousand year reign with Christ.

Now let us turn to the one hundred fold christians. To be in this class the first requirement above sanctification is to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other languages. In Luke 24:49 Jesus told His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. There in the upper room they prayerfully waited until the day of pentecost was fully come. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance", Acts 2:4. When others began to mock, Peter addressed the multitude saying, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh:--' ", Acts 2:14-21; Joel 2:28-32. This outpouring was the former rain spoken of in Hosea 6:3 but through the dark ages and the years following this experience was more or less lost from sight. The latter rain mentioned in the same verse took place just after the turn of the last century. A group of christians in England, another group in India and a group at the Bethel Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, all reported an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at approximately the same time. We are more familiar with the account of the outpouring in the Bible School in Topeka under the direction of Charles F. Parham. There the experience was described as the same as the Biblical account in Acts 2:4. Government interpreters came to the school and identified different languages spoken by the students at that time. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is to give us power to witness, Acts 1:8; He is our Comforter and Teacher; and is a seal (a sign or stamp) unto the day of redemption, Ephesians 4:30. Many, through the ages of both the former and the latter rains, have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit yet died a natural death. These will be in the first resurrection I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 20:6. The promise of redemption is to those who are living at the time of the Lord. However, the baptism of the Holy Ghost is only the first qualification (after sanctification) for redemption. We must keep ourselves as pure and as yielded to the will of God as at the moment of receiving the Gift. The christians with the baptism of the Holy Ghost will have to go through the tribulations of Matthew 24:9-14 along with all the other christians. It will be a great sifting time, "Insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect", Matthew 24:24.

Revelation 12:2,5 reads" And she (the church) being with child cried, travailing in birth and pained to be delivered. 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 will not be a mass disappearance as some believe. Just as a thief is not expected, Jesus will come at a time He is not expected by the ungodly, I Thessalonians 5:1-4, but as christians we will be looking for Him. Revelations 1:7 says, "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." And in Matthew 24:27, "As the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be". Then in the same chapter, verses 30,31, "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". To be among the redeemed is the ultimate desire of all Christians but there is a race to be run, a battle with self to be won. Hebrews 12:1,2 says, "---let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;--". Revelation 14:1 says there will be one hundred forty four thousand who will make redemption. They will be the ones who have walked closest to the Lord. Verses 4 and 5 of this same chapter say, "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". The one hundred forty four thousand redeemed will be with God throughout the seven years of the great tribulation then they will be with Jesus when He comes from heaven to meet those of the first resurrection and the living sanctified in the air and all return to the Mount of Olives as is written about in the latter part of the rewards for the sanctified (in the above paragraph). The redeemed will also be among the kings and priests to be installed as officers at the marriage supper of the Lamb which is the inauguration of Jesus kingdom.

The sad part about the people of all these three classes of christians is that many do not keep their consecration up to date. Many who even have the baptism of the Holy Ghost are satisfied to stop there and therefore become involved with works, doctrines and cares of this life. They have failed to go on with the Lord and will not be among the one hundred forty four thousand redeemed but will be rewarded with the sanctified. Many who are sanctified have failed to keep that total consecration, have let ties to people, prestige and things of this earth take the place of putting God first and therefore will receive a lesser reward.

Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as we see the day approaching", Hebrews 10:24-25.



Galena, Kansas

We are so glad to say we belong to the family of God, and are so proud and happy to be counted one of his.

As we write this article, we are in a revival with the 'Jake Pletchers' and their gospel party. Their daughter, Mrs. Sissie Urick from Alvin, and Daryn Beagle from Arnett are singing along with Sis. Pletcher. Sis. Pletcher is also drawing with chalk each evening. Already people have been blessed. The messages have been outstanding and anointed of God.

Bro. and Sis. Lyndel Arnall were with us for both services on Easter Sunday. The Lord's Supper was offered and the Spirit of the Lord was felt. Our attendance also was up. We're glad and thankful to be serving a living Christ. Because he lives, we can live. Serving Christ is not a way of life—it is life.

We're looking forward to seeing Sister Goldie Meyers testimony in the paper before long. The Lord graciously healed her of sugar diabetes, when the doctors gave no hope unless amputation as there was no pulse in either of her feet.

Praise the Lord for all His benefits, God is still a miracle working God of today, the same as years ago.

E. K. Cornell, Pastor

West Purcell Apostolic Faith Church

So thankful God is still on the throne, hearing and answering prayer in the same old fashioned way and that He never changes.

Bro. James Hosler is to begin a revival in Purcell Sunday, April 16th. Please pray that many will be blessed from the bountiful hand of God.

The Lord has been blessing in the regular services for which we are very thankful, otherwise they would be in vain.

Come visit us anytime, all are welcome.

Geo. Hintergardt, Pastor

Liberal, Kansas

March was a very successful drive in church attendance and soul winning. In this month alone (March) there have been 24 saved and still have one more Wednesday to go.

Our growth has been astounding. We have had many filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the last few months.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor
M. J. Martinez, Reporter

Taneyville, Missouri

News! News! News! That's what any church should be sharing with each other. The Lord has richly been blessing his people. It is this time of year that everything begins to bud and turn green. My! How the Lord does show his abundance. We have received much rain, and we are enjoying the creeks and lakes as they are increased in beauty and depth. The weather has been beautiful. What a good time to just sit back and watch the creation of God. The beauty and wonder of it all can bless one's life beyond limits!

Since Convocation, many things have been happening among the church congregation. We have been enjoying the moving of the Holy Spirit in our services. We thank the Lord for the Gifts of Tongues and Interpretation being manifested in our Church. We are expecting even more gifts of the Spirit to occur among the people.

We had one young man leave in January to go to MBI in Houston, Texas. He felt the call of God upon his life and wanted to learn the Word and be in God's will.

On February 22, we enjoyed having the Bible College group—"The Overcomers"—with us. Their ministry in song was a blessing. A fellowship was held for the group after service.

March 13-17, we were blessed by Bro. and Sis. Dean Royce from Anderson, Missouri who brought a Sunday School Training Workshop. We had approximately 40 attending nightly. The church was richly blessed by the inspiration and instruction from the Word, and the great importance of the Sunday School itself. Our church people have been enthused.

We have also added a home missionary to our Missionary Program. Paul and Carolyn (Long) Wilkerson and family are teaching and supervising at an Indian Reservation in Sioux of Missions (Sonny Brown) and Missions to Mexico. It has been a blessing to the Church to have a program the past year and we have also watched both Sunday School and Missionary offering grow. Praise The Lord!

We have recently had a young lady saved. Please pray for her. We also were blessed by Easter Sunday services.

May the Lord richly bless each one of you!

Winston and Alberta Barker, Pastors
Grace Beeler, Reporter

Joplin, Missouri

Our recent revival (March 14-22) with Bro. Jimmy Arnall, was inspiring to all. We appreciated the good attendance held throughout the revival. To end the revival he gave a lesson on the Family and the Home, which was what every family or family-to-be should hear.

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School (May 30-June 2). Also Youth Camp is just around the corner. We urge all interested or otherwise, to attend work days at the Youth Camp. They will be every Saturday until Youth Camp begins. Much work is to be done and your help is needed. We've always heard of being a good example. If you're looking for an opportunity for this, here would be a good chance to leave it to those younger than yourself attending the Camp.

Neil Ragan, Pastor
Carla Nordberg, Reporter

Mt. Pleasant Church, Butterfield, Missouri

We have just closed a wonderful revival with Bro. Jerome Crowhurst as the evangelist. The Lord blessed with an outstanding message nightly. We got off to a good start the first night with Bro. Dan Brattin finding a real experience in Salvation. Everyone was refreshed and revived as we felt the presence of the Lord.

We were certainly happy for our visitors of the area who came to minister in song and worship with us. May God bless you all.

Paul A. Clanton, pastor

Granby, Missouri

Brother Jimmy Wallis, his wife Lavonda, and his son, Randy, began a Revival for us here at the Tabernacle on Tuesday night, March 28, and concluded on Sunday night, April 2. His ministry on Christian growth and in-depth living will be a part of our lives for a long time to come. On Sunday night, he dealt with "hurt feelings", and the young people particularly responded very well. We praise God for victories gained during these special services.

Edwin Waterbury
Pastor

Prosperity, Missouri

Rev. Olen Bachler and his wife Phyllis of Katy, Texas held a real good revival at the Prosperity Church April 2 through 9. Attendance was excellent and we had an extraordinary spirit of excitement and enthusiasm during the meeting. Several from the community that we have been praying for attended as well as visitors from the area churches. Betty Turner has started a children's church on Saturdays at the Dean Black home every week. We also have a good group of young people attending our services. Bro. & Sis. O.A. Busch held a revival in Pine Hill, Alabama April 16-23.

O.A. Busch, minister

Tomball, Texas

We were greatly blessed on March 13, when Bro. Howard Whiteley and the "Overcomers" sang at our church. Everyone enjoyed it very much, you could feel the Lord's presence. We also enjoyed seeing some pictures of our Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas. May God richly bless them in their travels.

A. B. Stanberry, Pastor
Oma Seber, Reporter

Enid, Oklahoma

Praise the Lord! We appreciate the Spirit of God that has been present in our services lately. Thank the Lord for young ministers like Bro. David who bring the word of God as it is and in its fullness. There is so much more to look forward to in the Lord, we haven't begun to scratch the surface of God's resources.

We had a great revival with Bro. Paul and Sis. Bonnie Clanton, March 12-19. On April 2 we were happy to have Bro. Stewart Martin with us for services. He brought the service for us Sunday night. God bless you Bro. Stewart.

On May 10 and 11 the College Singing Group, the "Overcomers", will be having services here. All who can are welcome to come and be with us in these services or anytime.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say how much we do appreciate Sis. Naomi Busch and her work on the Report. We also are thankful for people like Sis. Karen Oakes who is willing to do her part in this important work of the Lord. Thanks to both you ladies.

David McCance, Pastor
Sue Phares, Reporter

Dumas, Texas

God is not dead. "He is Alive!" God is alive within our lives and within our church here in Dumas, Texas. Praise the Lord because the Holy Spirit is moving and God is blessing by his Spirit.

We are moving on for God, by His grace, and through the help of his servants sent by the leading of the Holy Spirit. The pastors, Bro. and Sis. Jim Russell are God's blessing to the Dumas Apostolic Faith Church, sent to bring God's word to us and to keep watch over the flock, carrying on pastoral duties. Other workers assisting are:

Bobby Walker, Sunday School Superintendent; Rip Yocum, Youth Minister; Barbara Cooper, Organist; Debbie Fish, Pianist; Deanna Russell, S.S. Nursery Attendant; Lavanda Barker, Worship Service Nursery Attendant; Jerry Barker, Minister of Music; and Calvin Clause, Tuesday Night Bible Study.

All of these help in the singing of special music including Deana Fish, Barry Methvin and Jackie Cornell. Bro. and Sis. Barker have been driving from Amarillo each Sunday and plan to do so as God directs. Other home people are involved in the Sunday School Department and Special Music of the Church. These we give an especially big thanks.

We are certainly thankful for the ministry of Sis. Reda Russell, the new bride of Bro. Rex Russell. She has prior worked for God as a missionary and a secretary for missions to Mexico, directed by Bro. Don Russell. She teaches the Adult I Sunday School Class, has a Sunday afternoon radio program broadcasting in Spanish on a local Dumas radio station, teaches Spanish classes one night a week, and ministers as God directs, in either English or Spanish.

We were glad to have in January, "The Seekers", also Bro. and Sis. Earl Blansit in a community revival involving three churches. Due to these inspiring services there were (11) eleven saved and many victories won. In March seven young ladies from Morehead Minnesota, "Living Water" were with us ministering in song and in testimony. Each of them definitely have a God sent ministry. Also in March we had Bro. Bobby Russell from Ralls, Texas who the Holy Spirit ministered through on Consecration and how we put off until another time to do what God wants of us.

On Easter Sunday morning we were pleased to have Bro. and Sis. Jerry Barker and Sis. Deanna Russell present several appropriate songs, accompanied on tape by Sis. Roberta Grant of "The Royalheirs." We sang "I Should Have Been Crucified," "The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference," "Because He Lives" and the altar call song "Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place." Then Bro. Jim gave the message and all were spiritually blessed. Sunday night we had Candle Light Service with Communion, choruses and testimonies. A glorious victory was received by each one attending.

Our pastor went to be in revival in Ralls, Texas with Bro. Bobby Russell. At the time of this writing we hear God is blessing and the revival will continue through the following Friday. We are praying God will bless.

As the next few weeks go on, we are praying God will be with us and bless us as we grow in Him.

Jim Russell, Pastor

The 4 Walls of a Christian Home

By Harold F. Tuggy

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that built it" [Ps. 127:1].

As four walls are the minimum essential in the building of a house, so there are four disciplines essential in the Christian home. As the walls enclose the house, making it a unit and protecting the inhabitants, these four disciplines hold the home together and protect the family from many deadly temptations.

Christian parents must practice these disciplines in their own lives and prayerfully and diligently seek to build them into the lives of their children. They will not build in vain if they build these four walls around their homes for they are Biblical, and the Lord will build with them.

Reverence

Reverence is the first wall. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God . . . for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few." "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him. O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid" (Ex. 20:7; Eccl. 5:1,2; Hab. 2:20; 3:2).

The home is the place where a child should learn reverence. The father opens the Bible and all reverently listen to the reading. It is the voice of God speaking. Then all kneel in His presence and present their petitions. Even the smallest child can sense God's presence and keep silence.

Once I pinched my brother and laughed with him during family prayer. Father sent me to my bedroom, and when prayers were finished, he came in. I saw tears in his eyes, which gave me to understand how deeply he was hurt by my lack of reverence. He explained to me how serious my offense was, and then he gave me a good old-fashioned whipping that once for all took the fun out of pinching my brother during devotions.

Respect for Parents and Elders

The second wall, respect for parents and elders, joins the first wall to form a corner. As two walls are mutually strengthened by the union at the corner, so these two disciplines are dependent on each other, and each strengthens the other. And where one is lacking, the other will be lacking also. The child who does not obey his parents will much less fear God.

"There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives" (Prov. 30:11-14).

"Honor thy father and thy mother" is the first commandment with a promise. We should also observe that in the law of Moses, the persistent infraction of this commandment carried a death penalty.

This is another lesson that my father taught us. He was a harsh man but rather quiet and gentle—while at the same

time firm and just. When he said something we children understood that he meant it. And if he told us to do something, he might tell us the second time, but it was best not to make him have to speak the third time! And no one ever dared to say, "No, I'm not going to do that."

When we were newlyweds, we lived in a little house in the same yard with another Christian family. A double garage served both houses. The other family had no children of their own, but had an adopted boy. One day the mother and the boy were out in the garage. The mother asked him to help her. He talked back to her and flatly refused. I had learned from my parents that you just do not talk that way!

In the years we have been teaching in Las Delicias Bible Institute in Venezuela, we have seen many students come and go. This we have observed: when one comes who has not learned respect of parents it does not take long to discover it. He is spoiled, ill mannered, "sassy," proud and insolent. If during his first, or at the most his second year in the institute, this defect is not overcome by the grace of God, we recognize that he will not become an effective Christian worker. It makes no difference how much consecration he may profess, he will not be effective. He has not been washed from his filthiness!

Truthfulness is the third wall. "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" (Col. 3:9).

Here we have a clear command to leave off lying. We are also taught that lying is of the old nature. It is innate in the human heart. A child learns to lie without being taught. The new birth in Christ and death to the old man is the only remedy.

But even in Christians deceit is sometimes found. Brethren, this should not be! For lack of this wall of truthfulness, many homes are also lacking in the walls of reverence to God and obedience to parents. Falsehoods and hypocrisy undermine the foundation. Truthfulness is but honesty to others and to oneself. The Word of God is the judge for honesty in motives, plans and actions. This integrity is the protection and confidence of the Christian home.

The parents must be scrupulously honest before they will be able to teach their children honesty. It is in the home that rugged honesty must be built into the children's characters.

Purity

The fourth wall is purity. "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection . . . But now also put off . . . filthy communication out of your mouth" (Col. 3:5-8).

Moral filthiness is also part of our old nature, and it is everywhere around us. Many comics show the female body almost nude or drawn in an exaggerated and provocative form. Many publications glorify lust and are full of immoral implications. These things have no place in a Christian home. Keep close track of your son's or your daughter's reading material. Don't take anything for granted.

The world is corrupt, Satan is clever, many dangers surround our families. With God's help, let us build solidly and well these four walls to protect the moral and spiritual welfare of our homes: reverence, respect for parents and elders, truthfulness and purity.

To The Youth

By Patsy Waterbury

I John 2:15 says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, for if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him." Although I memorized this scripture as a young person, and have known it many years, the impression of the words seem to be more vivid today than the time I learned it. The definition that is first given in my dictionary of love is: "a feeling of strong personal attachment," or "ardent affection."

Do we love the world? Are we actually thrilled and enthralled by the worldly things going on around us? Oh, I know and realize that we can not shut ourselves up and live apart from worldly things altogether. If we are Christian young people, we are **in** the world, but not **of** the world.

Do we get our biggest thrills from seeing a new motion picture? Are the lives of the screen stars so exciting to us that we can hardly wait for a copy of a movie magazine to tell us another chapter of some glamour queen's new romances? Do we look longingly at the TV personalities and make them our idols? Are these the things we love?

A rich young man, a ruler, came to Christ one time, and because he loved his worldly possessions too much, he could not become a disciple of Christ's without first getting rid of them. What do we love?

I know there are Christian Young People who are actually living for God, but I am constantly alarmed and disheartened by the many who seem to choose the world instead of Christ. Of course the Bible does not specifically say—"Do not go here," or "Don't do this" concerning our modern entertainment places, but it says, "Love not the World!"

To be a youth today, one doesn't have to drift with the tide. You can live for the Lord! You can still choose the places to go that you know would not be displeasing to God! You can still act, even dress like a Christian should!

No doubt the ways of Christ, if He were living on earth today, would seem old-fashioned and out-dated to many. Perhaps the standards of a real Christian are almost disappearing today, but let's don't sacrifice our Christian experience just to be fashionable. It's fashionable to dance, to smoke, and to do many other things of the world, but if these things were once sin, are they not still just as sinful today?

Do we have a "feeling of strong personal attachment" for the worldly things? Or, is our life filled with Christ in such a way that we have no room for the Devil's businesses? The Bible says, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Let Christ fill your heart with joy! Let Him give you a place to work and spend your time. Attend Sunday School every Sunday! Be the first to step to the choir. Testify when you're given an opportunity. Be at every Youth Service and take part willingly; and don't forget mid-week services! These things will help your love for Christ to grow. Give all your time and services to the Lord.

I recently asked a young sailor what the hardest thing about living for the Lord was in the service. He felt that to be excluded from so many things was the biggest trial.

Oh Christian Youth, don't be afraid to exclude yourself from the worldly things. Someday when we all stand before the Judgment Bar of Christ, many, many will be excluded from Heaven; but you who remain true to the end will hear these joyous words as you are included into the Kingdom of God, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Is Sunday 'All Day'?

By KATHERINE BEVIS

One Saturday evening not long ago, my husband and I arrived in another city for a visit. After registering in a motel we called some friends who lived in the city to inquire about the time of Sunday school and the location of the church.

They gave us the requested information and invited us to go home with them after the service for lunch and spend the balance of the day with them.

During the afternoon, my husband asked our host what time the evening service began. After he had answered, his little grandson who was visiting his grandparents for the weekend looked up into his grandfather's face and said, "Oh, Gramps! Do we have to go to church tonight? *Is Sunday all day?*"

His childish query has come to me many times since our

visit. Could it be that some Christians have come to believe that Sunday is *not* all day? Are they Sunday morning Christians only?

Before I retired from *The Houston Chronicle*, one of our reporters told me he drove around our city one Sunday evening and was surprised to find so many churches dark and empty. He asked me if my church had Sunday night services and I was so happy to tell him that we did. And I couldn't keep from adding, "It isn't just the old faithful guard who attend our evening services either; our young people are faithful in attendance. Sunday is *all day* with them!"

How will we answer the Lord when he asks us, "How did you spend your time on My day? What value did you put on My house; on the preaching of My Word; on fellowship with other Christians?"

Let's pray about those sanctuaries which are empty on Sunday evenings. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to professing Christians about this matter. It is inconceivable to think that one who is filled with the Spirit will be unfaithful to the cause of Christ, for to be filled with the Spirit means that the Holy Spirit controls and directs our lives in every experience.

The work of the Lord needs men and women, boys and girls who are consistent in Christian witness. There is no reason for anyone to think that Sunday doesn't last "all day."

Why An Altar?

F. L. Oakes

In the day and age in which we live, we see more and more churches that have removed the altars. We hear comments like "Why an altar?" "God knows our heart, and He knows that you repent before you leave your seat."

Also we hear such comments as "There is no virtue in this old wooden bench. It is just a convenient place to pray." Such remarks may be true to a degree, but is that all an altar means to us? Why an altar? What is an altar for? Let's take a look at some scripture.

Genesis 8:20 "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar."

Genesis 22:9 "And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood."

Matthew 5:23-24 "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

Each of these scriptures express a specific purpose for the altar. That purpose is to bring our gift or offering unto the Lord. All thru the Old Testament and the New Testament, the altar was especially built and used to offer unto the Lord such as was required or such as each individual had to offer unto Him.

May God help us that we never slight the altar or the magnitude of its true meaning and purpose for us.

In Exodus, Chapter 25, when God instructed Moses in the building of the ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat (the first form of the Grace Dispensation altar). He had this to say in verses 21 and 22.

Exodus 25: 21,22 "And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."

When we come reverently unto the altar of the Lord and offer unto Him our sacrifice of sincere praise and our offering of our lives and the fruits thereof, then will the Lord hear from Heaven and meet with us and commune with us and pour out blessings upon us that our vessels cannot contain.

Let's never sell "that old wooden bench" short of its true value.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

An intercessory prayer is defined as an humble entreaty addressed to God; a request made to God; spiritual communication to God in behalf of another.

There is a ministry of intercessory prayer. Paul in Romans 12:4-8, advises us that have different offices in the church and different callings to be busy at our calling. Those of us that have a ministry, whether it be public speaking or the ministry of prayer, we are to wait on our ministering. Be diligent with our ministry of prayer. Just because the ministry of prayer is not in the public spot light, it does not lessen its importance.

Examples:

Ex. 32:25-35—because of Moses' intercessory prayer, God **lightens the Punishment** of Israel from slaying to a plague.

Numbers 12:1-13—Because of Moses' intercessory prayer, His sister Miriam was **healed** of leprosy.

Numbers 14:11-25—Because of Israel's unbelief and provoking of the Lord, God said he would smite Israel with pestilence and disinherit them, making Moses a mighty nation, greater than they—but—thru Moses' intercessory prayer, God **pardoned** Israel. Of course he only allowed those 20 years and under to enter the promised land.

Duet. 9:7-29—Again Israel provoked God and he speaking said He would destroy the nation of Israel, blotting out their name from under Heaven. Moses spends 40 days and nights in fasting and prayer in behalf of Israel, **God changed his mind and spared Israel.**

I Sam. 7:3-14—**Israel delivered** out of the hands of the ravishing Philistines because of the intercessory prayer of Samuel that God heard.

I Kings 13:1-6—The man of God entreated the Lord in behalf of Jeroboam and Jeroboam's **hand that was withered, was restored.**

I Chron. 21: Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel, which was displeasing to God. God smote Israel but immediately David takes full responsibility of all the sin and asks God to punish him instead of the people of Israel. Again **intercessory prayer spared the nation of Israel.**

II Chron. 30:13-27—Because of Hezekiah's intercessory prayer, many of the Israelites, who had not sanctified themselves and were prepared for the Passover, were able to partake and their prayers came up to God's holy dwelling place, even unto Heaven. **Lives were changed and prepared to worship God** because of intercessory prayer.

Job was rewarded because he prayed for his unbelieving friends. Job 42:

Eph. 1:15-23—Paul ceased not to pray for the church at Ephesus and (note) the faithful in Christ Jesus (even us)

Psa. 106:23—Moses did not just mention Israel's name in prayer but he put his life on the line in intercessory prayer and God honored his prayer.

Bible Lesson given at the Midway Country Church on March 8, 1978 by Reverend Bob G. Taylor

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God's Answer to A Skeptic

By Sanford G. Shelter

On the side of a tomb in Hanover, Germany, is found this strange inscription, "Dieses auf ewig erkaufte begrabnis darf nie geoffnet werden (Bought for eternity—shall never be opened)."

Behind this inscription lies the strange story of a man who defied the very existence of God by having his body encased in a solid tomb that should never be opened! Yet how foolish a thought that man had.

Years passed, and a little seed from a birch tree fell into a fissure of the foundation. A tree grew out of it and opened the tomb!

God needed not to wait until the day of judgment, when all that are in the graves shall be raised, to prove His existence and to undo this man's evil design. He left it to a mere fragment of His creation—a tiny seed.

Undisputed evidence that there is a God is unmistakably demonstrated by the threefold testimony of nature, revelation, and conscience.

William Cowper wrote, "Nature is but a name for an effect whose cause is God." Another poet, Joyce Kilmer, wrote years later: "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

Dr. John Harvey Furbay, a naturalist, has said: "Nature is one of God's living parables. In it man finds revelations of God himself. To love nature is to love God, and to study nature is to study God in all His divine versatility."

David said: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard" (Psalm 19:1-3).

Paul in addressing a heathen audience at Lystra spoke of the voice of nature when he said: "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

The Bible is God's revelation of himself to man. There is no book like it in all literature. Its words are words of authority and its pages have brought comfort to untold millions. However, the Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God. It merely asserts the fact of His existence.

"For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:18). Those who disbelieve are found lacking in wisdom. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14:1).

In Romans 1:18-20, the heathen world of Paul's day was warned of coming judgment, and was told they were "without excuse" inasmuch as they had not only the evidence of nature but also the testimony of conscience. He said, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them: for God hath showed it unto them" (Romans 1:19).

In our most solemn moments we are bound to be brought face to face with the fact of God. Yes, there is a God, and some day all must meet Him to give an account of the time spent here on earth. Sealed tombs will be opened, the sea will give up its dead, and all must meet God.

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I'm The Only Mother My Children Will Ever Have— I'd Better Be A Good One

By Ruth Vaughn -- taken from Good News Broadcaster
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I HAD ONLY ONE MOTHER -- and she was a good one! The memories I retain of life at home are warm and good.

She gave herself to the task of motherhood. She penned in her diary: "Training my children is the most important task I have while they are under my care and nothing shall interfere with that training. The housework, church demands, social obligations--all must be subservient to my children's welfare."

This she practiced.

Despite the demands as a busy wife, she always found time to spend with us. Under a large tree she would tell us stories from the Bible. She illustrated them in the sand, using rocks and stones for houses and mountains. She used twigs to represent the patriarch of old. Mother captured our imaginations; and our heroes became David instead of Fabian, and Mary instead of Liz Taylor.

We were taught to pray before we could say much else. Before we started to school we could recite the books of the Bible in order, the 12 disciples, and quote more Scripture than many ministers. We grew up with the Word of God as a part of our lives.

The only mother I ever had, penned in her diary: "The sculptor spends hours in shaping the features of the face; the painter labors to give color to the hair or expression to the face. Their work is to stand for ages to come. But I, as a mother, am shaping substances more imperishable than canvas or marble. I can afford to be patient and wait long for results. I have all eternity in which to watch development."

My mother worked patiently and consistently. When we grew older she would pick out chapters and portions of Scriptures, give us scissors, glue, a bundle of magazines, and a scrapbook. Then she would challenge us to illustrate these chapters with pictures from the magazines. We accepted the challenge, loved every minute of it -- and memorized those chapters word for word.

She played Bible games with us. If we ran out of new ones she created some. She would always be counted on for fun, companionship, and --although we were often unaware of it-- religious training.

She told us the Bible stories and then challenged us to live like the heroes we came to adore. We could listen to the story of the sweet spirit of Joseph, the trust of David, and dream that some day we would live like that. But she challenged us to be like that now. She gave to our dreams of service an outlet so they could find fulfillment.

She soothed me when I was sick. She played ping-pong with me in the basement, dolls in the house, and baseball in the street. She listened to my opinions and made me feel important. She made me believe she enjoyed my numerous parties. She joked about it when she had guests and discovered too late that I had used all the sugar the night before in a fudge party. She liked my friends.

My only mother was proud when I won honors, and built me back up when I lost. Her eyes flashed tears of joy when I was happy. Her arms held me tightly when I was sad. My

mother filled my world with happiness, love and God. She kept her spiritual life so lovely and radiant that I lived the splendor of it all of my life.

I had only one mother--and she was a good one! She shaped my life for good. If she had not been a good mother, my life would be different. How I thanked God for my mother and all the mothers who have given of themselves for their children.

I occasionally slip into the nursery in my house and look at the sleeping forms of my children. I am now fashioning their memories of home. I am now molding their adult lives and influencing their relationships with God.

Unless accident comes, I am the only mother my children will ever have. I'd better be a good one!

BLESSINGS

Blessing from the Most High God to a weak mortal like me -- like you -- what more could we ask? Blessings from day-light til dark and protection in that night wherein we are helpless. Spiritual blessings that prompts us to serve all the days of life. Blessings of healing -- or of no healing, the balm that gives strength. I am not my own, I am bought with a great price. Jesus died for us all, let the world acknowledge this potent fact. The blessings that stays hunger, that clothes the body against the elements. Blessings that build great empires and civilizations. This is only a few of His unsearchable riches, because His ways are past finding out. Thank God for His many blessings.

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Sermon 2



HO-KO LAH (Hello)

My name is
Amy Patricia

I weighed a heap big
7 lbs. and 13½ oz. and
measure 21 inches

I share a Tee-Pee with
Paul, Dawn, Eric and Candice
Rev. & Mrs. Wilkerson

Rev. Wilkerson is Dean of Good Shepherd Bible School
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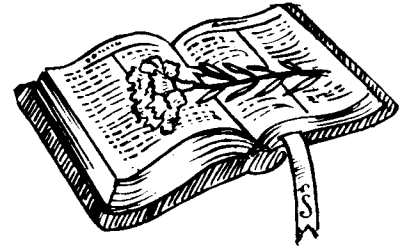
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THE HOPE THAT DRIES OUR TEARS



Obituary of James Barnard

James William Barnard, son of Daniel and Idella Barnard, was born January 15, 1897, at Ragsdale, Texas. He departed this life March 5, 1978, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo, Texas, at the age of 81 years.

His early years were spent with his parents in East Texas and Western Oklahoma. He moved to Borger, Texas in 1926. On June 12, 1934 he was married to Vesta Ballard, in Borger.

Later he and his family moved to Dumas, Texas. It was while living there he was converted in 1950, during the ministry of Bro. John Modrick, in a revival conducted by Bro. Billy Sparks. In 1953 Bro. and Sis. Barnard attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

In 1954 the family moved to their present home, 1419 North Manhattan, Amarillo. Bro. Barnard had a special interest in the establishing of the new church in Amarillo. While still living in Dumas, he brought his family many times to Amarillo to be in the services.

When the new sanctuary was built, he was responsible for a lovely Baptistry built in the church. Also, being a welder and working with metal for many years, he was able to design and build a beautiful cross for the exterior of the church.

On the evening of March 7, 1978, funeral services were conducted in the Blackburn Shaw Martin Road Chapel in Amarillo. The services were conducted by Bro. Neil Ragan, Joplin, Missouri, and Bro. Edwin Modrick, Guymon, Oklahoma. Bro. and Sis. Austin Sutton furnished the music and singing.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Vesta of the home; one daughter, Jamesetta Castleberry of Garland, Texas; three grandsons, Dale and Scott Castleberry of Amarillo, and Brent Castleberry of Garland; a great-grandson Scottie Castleberry of Amarillo. He also left two sisters, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Obituary of Fred Saulter

Fred Martin Saulter, son of John and Mary Saulter was born August 24, 1899. He departed this life Sunday, March 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hamilton, 429 Fairview, Baxter Springs, Kansas. He was converted at the age of 21 and lived a consistent Christian life to the end. He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, having served as Sunday School Superintendent, church treasurer and board member. He taught an Adult Sunday School Class most of his life, having just resigned about a year ago due to ill health.

He was married October 3, 1923 to Gladys Robinson. To this union were born three sons, the two eldest preceded him in death. He leaves his wife Gladys; one son, Johnny of the home at 430 E. 3rd Street; one sister, Mrs. Lovie Hook of Denver, Colorado; and two foster daughters, Mrs. Wilma Hamilton of Baxter Springs, Kansas and Mrs. Lucille Denton of Dickinson, Texas.

Funeral services were held March 23 at the Apostolic Faith Chapel in Baxter Springs under the direction of the Derfelt Funeral Home. Rev. Howard Whiteley and Rev. Jerome Crowhurst conducted the service. Mrs. Naomi Busch and Mrs. Joan Cooper sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go, Dear Lord," and "I'll Have A New Life". Mrs. Yvonna Whiteley was the organist. Nephews served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were Rev. O. A. Busch, Rev. Gene Cornell, Rev. George Hintergardt, Rev. Lyndel Arnall, Floyd Richardson, Volley Rose, Arthur Binns and Sherman Sutton. Burial was in the Lowell, Kansas Cemetery.

Pearls Of Promise

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee:

He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 55:22 * * * Some people complain because * * * God put thorns on roses, * * * While others praise him * * * For putting roses among thorns. ANONYMOUS

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