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"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

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ON JUDAH'S HILLS

On Judah's hills one blessed night,
While shepherds were on duty,
There shined a wondrous glorious light.
With such enchanting beauty.

Oh, what is this? What does it mean?
For fear had seized upon them,
To see this great unusual scene
So suddenly surround them.

While in amazing fear they gazed
With apprehension sore,
An angel stood and spake to them
That they should fear no more.

"Fear not," said he, "be not afraid,
Tidings of great joy I bring."
And when the message they had heard,
Gladness in their hearts did spring.

"For unto you is born this day,
In David's town—in Bethlehem
A Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord,
To ransom fallen man He came.

"The heavenly babe ye there shall find:
For an humble birth He chose,
Lowly and in a manger lying,
And wrapped in swaddling clothes."

"Glory to God," the angels sang,
"And on earth be peace,
Good will to men," the chorus rang;
Oh, may it never cease.

The shepherds went with haste and found
The Savior. Have you found Him too?
They spread the joyful news around,
If you have found Him, so can you.

Then let us sing the joyful song
Of "peace on earth, good will to men,"
May we with joy the chorus prolong
Until the Savior comes again.
—Ulysses Phillips.

JESUS THE SON OF GOD

The subject of the divinity of Christ is very dear, to us, for on this fact depends our salvation, and our hearts burn within us and are filled with love and praise as we think of how Christ, "being in the form of God," "took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men," (Phil. 2:6-7) to bring us this wonderful salvation. "Behold the man!" Behold the Lamb of God, human and divine! Because Jesus was the Son of God. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, came to the world by a miraculous birth to proclaim His divinity.

We learn from history that at this time, the religious condition of the Jews had been greatly affected by political affairs and they were looking more for an earthly kingdom than a spiritual one, hoping for deliverance from the rule of the Romans. During Christ's life, the land was in a constant state of political tumult. The Pharisees were still teaching the religion of Moses but in a narrow, barren, unspiritual way with a cold worship. The Sadducees were aristocrats more interested in politics than in religion, but the Jewish people were still a religious people. They knew the Old Testament, which was read in their synagogues and taught to their children and the ceremonies of God's worship were carried on with great magnificence in the temple at Jerusalem, so there was a religious interest as well as a political unrest.

But God had a spiritual people, especially among the humbler class who were looking for a Savior to save them from sin, and it was to one of these pious, God-fearing circles that Jesus came. The Messiah, from the natural, was to be of the tribe of David, so we learn that Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Joseph, the humble carpenter. His legal and supposed father, were both descendants of David: but Jesus was miraculously conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, the Son of God, taking upon Himself the form of man.

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21). Christ is from the Greek Christos, anointed, corresponding to the Hebrew, Mashiah, anointed Messiah.

There was no room in the inn, so a stable, a supposed cave near Bethlehem, became the humble birthplace of our Lord, and Mary laid Him in a manger (Luke 2:7). Unknown and

unrecognized by the Jews or the busy world, angels proclaimed His birth to the shepherds watching their flocks by night, in a field near Bethlehem, and they found the Babe, as the angels had told them.

In Luke 2:24 we read Mary brought an offering of "a pair of turtle doves, or young pigeons," which according to Lev. 12:8, was the offering of the poor, or those who were "not able to bring a lamb," but Simeon, led by the Spirit into the temple, recognized in the tiny Babe, the Messiah, the hope of Israel. Anna, a prophetess, also testified to the divinity of Christ, so though a stranger to the world, He was known and honored in the house of His Father.

"Behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him,' (Matt. 2:2) I am glad that God is "no respecter of persons" and the Gentiles were also shown that the Savior was born and were permitted to worship Him and present their gifts, "gold, frankincense, and myrrh," the most precious things they had to offer.

For the protection of Jesus from the cruel king Herod, He was taken to Egypt, and God showed them when they could safely return, thus fulfilling the Scriptures, "Out of Egypt have I called **My Son**." (Matt. 2:15.) (Hos. 11:1).

"And He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets. He shall be called a Nazarene." (Matt. 2:23—John 1:45-46—Acts 24:5). How we would like to know more of Christ's home life, but about it the Scriptures gives us very little knowledge, simply telling us about His trip to Jerusalem, and "He increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:40-52).

Though even at the age of twelve years, Jesus knew He was the Son of God, and longed to "be about His Father's business" but He returned and was subject to His mother and Joseph. He was raised in a godly family who observed the religious customs, etc., but nevertheless they must have been very different to His spiritual, sinless nature and He surely knew what it was to be lonely and misunderstood, and how often must have been grieved by the

wickedness of the business and political world. Most of Christ's life was spent in the home, as a carpenter, earning His living by the labor of His hands.

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered." (Heb. 5:8). We believe this is true of His home life as well as His public ministry. How much it means to us that Jesus knows about the cares and sorrows of this life, and that He, though surrounded by sin, lived a victorious, sinless life. (Peter 2:22—Heb. 4:15). Dear reader, are you the only Christian in your family? Think of Christ's life in the home, and be encouraged. As we wholly yield our weak, human lives to Him, He will again live His victorious divine life through us. (Gal. 2:20).

When Jesus entered His public ministry by being baptized, John recognized the sinless one who had no need of repentance. (Matt. 3:14—John 1:29). But in His baptism we see our Savior as bearing the sins of the world, consecrating His sinless life for sinful humanity, the Father and the Holy Spirit, giving their approval and witnessing to His divinity. (Matt. 3:17, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22). The Father also spoke to His Son at the transfiguration. (Matt. 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35.)

When Jesus was "led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil," God's approval was still upon Him but He did not make His presence manifest. There alone Jesus conquered the world, the flesh, and the devil. The spiritual overcame the natural flesh; the Son of God conquered the Son of man, the victory was won. "Then the devil leaveth Him and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him." (Matt. 4:11). Many times we must go through our trials and temptations alone, then the blessing will come.

Jesus told the woman at the well that He was Christ, the Messiah. (John 4).

John the Baptist, cousin and forerunner of Christ, had proclaimed Jesus, the Son of God, caused many to follow Him, prophesied and seen His own work decrease and Christ's ministry increase without any jealousy, but John was yet human and in his last lonely hours wanted one more testimony from Christ of His divinity to reassure him that his life work had not been in vain. Christ sent him the desired message, telling him of the miracles being

wrought and referring John to the well-known prophecies concerning Himself. (Matt. 11:1-15 Isa. 61:1-2, Luke 4:17-21).

Jesus prayed, "O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:1-5) When God said, "Let us make man in our image after our likeness." (Gen 1:26) who could He have referred to but His Son? No wonder Jesus loved to go to the mountains to pray; looked upon the lilies of the fields and sparrows of the air and spoke of His Father's loving care, drawing spiritual lessons in parables, from the things of nature.

Jesus, the Son of God, had power over all creation. He changed the water to wine (John 2:9) caused the fishermen to catch a great draught of fish where there had been none (Luke 5:16, John 21:6) created tribute money in the fishes' mouth (Matt. 17:24) stilled the waves (Matt 8:26, Mark 4:39, Luke 8:24) walk on the sea (Matt. 14:25, Mark 6:49, John 6:19) fed the five thousand (Matt. 14:15, Mark 6:41, Luke 9:12, John 6:5) fed the four thousand (Matt. 15:32, Mark 8:8) cursed the fruitless fig tree (Matt. 21:19).

Jesus healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, raised the dead, and cast out devils. The devils know Jesus and declared Him the Son of God. (Matt. 8:28-29, Mark 3:11, 5:6-7, Luke 4:41, 8:28).

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt, the people recognized the Son of God and cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." (John 12:13) But because He was the Son of God, He was despised, rejected and crucified by an ungodly formal church and sinful world.

The final great proof of Christ's divinity was His resurrection (Matt. 12:40). God did not suffer His Holy One to see corruption. (Psa. 16:10.) The spirit and word agree, and if we have ever really "had a glimpse of Jesus," we will not deny His divinity, but we can say by divine revelation, as did Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:16).

I wish you a happy Christmas and may God bless you through the coming year.

—Sarah E. Parham.

HE WAS BORN

Glad tidings speed across the land from time to time to announce the birth of a little baby and it brings joy at the beginning of life. But the message that stirred the world, brought gladness and shouts of praise, given forth so long ago, is heard abroad to-day, Jesus was born. How can it be, yet it is true that there was encased in human flesh the power of God. Given to the world the greatest gift, the plan of God is revealed and the pathway of the world's salvation is proclaimed. His birth was announced by angels, witnessed by humble and wise understood by the holy, proved by the Bible, and graced by the Father in Heaven.

Christ was born and a new day is here. The man of God knew as he read that old laws must pass. Love must reign, grace and faith must win. In this Christ-child was so much glory that it was written of Him, "He shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

Years, decades and generations since that time have slipped by and the teachings of Jesus have spread to every land. Homes of the rich and the poor, the languages and nationalities mingle, they come as one to Christmas a day of worship, a day when all men say one to the other, "Jesus was born". Now we are free, now we are happy and, God's will has been wrought out among us.

So this year may each one be strong in faith, firm in duty and loyal in belief. May Christmas mean more than ever, until our risen Saviour, born so many years ago, comes back to earth to reign, we shall be glad for Christmas day and know it was then He came to take our sins away. With joy we say "Merry Christmas" to one and all.

Gail W. Schultz

"House of Prayer For All Nations" Faith
Mission, Los Angeles, California

By Elvin Lankford

God has risen up one of the most outstanding and fruitful faith works of the decade in the foreign district of Los Angeles,, solely through the faith, perseverance, and spiritual fortitude of one consecrated individual, Sister Ella Clark. It was founded in May 1932, as a result of great self-denial, defeated struggles, tears and hardship. She began by walking the streets preaching the gospel,—penniless and homeless. As the first seeds were being sown in needy

hearts, God opened homes for her to enter, where souls were saved and many healed. After a year of such unselfish persistence, a little cottage was opened for her benefit, costing nothing. This encouragement proved God's hand was in the work; open-air cooking, candle light, and donated water supplied the bare necessities for a time. Attention then became directed to such a zealous Christian, and free-will offerings paid the rent, turned gas and water on. Many calls came for sick to be prayed for, and many miraculous healings crowned her efforts; even the hopeless and dying were raised up, and are today perfectly whole. (James 5:14 15).

Rank sinners have been saved by the score, as the cottage is discreetly located in a needy section, where God's word would otherwise never be heard. A sentenced convict was saved from the gallows last month in answer to prayer, and is now a new man. Chairs, reed organ, and books were next donated and Sunday School is now held weekly. Informal service is held daily at 9 A. M., 12, and 3 P. M. Everyone, regardless of belief or race, may worship and help in this Old-Time Religion Prayer House, which is always an ABSOLUTE FAITH WORK. Anyone, anywhere may have a part in this Lord's work, as it is supported solely by free-will offerings. Tracts and Gospels, also in other languages, are distributed, resulting in the removal of immorality and dens of debauchery and sin Heb. 4:12. Visitors from far and near declare they have never seen a faith work to match it, with such stupendous fruitfulness. [I Cor. 3:6, 7.)

Truly it is a living, fruit-bearing example of the potency of Phil. 4:19, I John 3:22, and Mark 11:22—"Have faith in God", the sign of greeting over the door. Any tithes, offerings or gifts are greatly appreciated and wisely used for the extension of His Kingdom and righteousness. With Haggai 2:4 as the incentive of the House of Prayer, we are fighting to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

May God bless all the faithful readers of "The Apostolic Faith".

"All Nations House of Prayer"

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THE GREAT HIGHWAY

There is a highway that is plainly marked and easily found, one that is open in all weather and when other roads cannot be traveled; a road that has been talked of and written about more than any other road in all the world. And yet, even the eye of the bird has not seen this road, and the wise men of this earth, neither the foolish, have passed over it. But I found it one day, and determined to know where it led: it proved to be long, but ever straight, sometimes it would be very narrow, sometimes the ascent so steep it seemed it was all I could do to press on; then, coming out of the hills, I would find a great plain before me where I could run and not be weary, and where I beheld a clear vision of things I had never even glimpsed before. And then I followed on to a pathway strange, and yet more strange, although there were signs all along the way that others had passed this way before. And then--I came to a place of quiet and peace and rest, where one could feel a Presence breathing joy and freedom; as I tarried, and marvelled at the things I had seen and heard and felt, as I had come; a Voice within me said, "This is the place thou seekest." And lo! I had found that which my soul desired; It was the Secret Place of the Most High; I was under the Shadow of the Almighty; I had found a Refuge and a Fortress. A shelter in the Time of Storm; the place where no evil befalleth, and no plague cometh; It was the Place of the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity, whose name is Holy.

K. V. S.

TENT REVIVAL AT ALVIN, TEXAS

The revival at Alvin, Texas, conducted by the Parham-Campbell Evangelistic party, came to a close, and we feel that much good has been done, Souls have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. The parsonage has been completed and much progress toward the building of the new church has been made while the revival meeting has been going on.

We praise the Lord for His goodness toward us here and may He richly bless every reader of this paper is our prayer.

Alford Whitely, Pastor

Dear Young Comrades,

"Grace be to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Victory is our report!

Each Sunday evening we meet at the church one hour before regular service. Our services are not always the same, but are similar to this. President Murphy Barnes calls the meeting to order. Choruses are led by Wilma George, and accompanied by Steryl George. Prayer is led by some young person. Secretary Helen Harris calls the roll and the thirty members respond with a Bible verse. (Thirty is about the average attendance).

The leader conducts an open discussion on a subject designated by the president. Our sponsor, Mrs. Harry Erins, leads the Bible lesson. For the past few months we have been making a continued study of the Old Testament. The class have read nearly the entire old Bible and have acquired much knowledge. Next Sunday will end the old Testament study. We believe we know a great deal more about the children of Israel and God's goodness to them.

Several weeks ago we had charge of the Sunday morning service. At first we dreaded it. Finally, after a prayer meeting, we realized that it was the answer to our prayers, "Lord, give us something to do for Thee." God blessed us in the service.

Next Sunday afternoon, November 18, we are going to Booker, Texas, twenty miles from here—if the Lord is willing. A program consisting of sermonettes, special music, choruses, and such like, will be presented. For evening (Nov. 18) we have invited the Gray, Oklahoma, young people to meet with us in our regular service.

On account of these coming events and our daily need we gathered in the home of Mrs. R. N. Enfield for a prayer meeting last Friday evening. Tuesday night we assembled at the church for a tarry service. We are anticipating prayer meeting Friday night. The Lord was very gracious in the two prayer services. Brother Tony Drachenburg and family. Brother Bennie Stanberry and Sister Lee Drachenburg met with us for the Tuesday tarry service. One was sanctified and some expressed the opinion

that it was the best prayer meeting they had ever attended. We praise our Lord for the blessings received. Wish that all you young people could have been with us. These prayer meetings are for young people only. Of course, our sponsor and Sunday School teacher are expected, and visiting Evangelists and workers are very welcome.

We praise God for the young people's work that is established here. We need your prayers, young Christians and old.

May God bless you with satisfaction.

"The Gospel Gleaners, of Perryton, Texas.

EDITORIAL NOTE

We were very glad to receive the above letter and to know of the interest among the young people in their meetings at Perryton, Texas. We trust it will be an inspiration and encouragement to our young people and that others will send in reports of your services, that we may publish one in the paper each month., the Lord willing.

Katy, Texas,

December 11th, 1934.

Dear Sister Parham:

Greetings:

We have just returned from the two weeks revival at the New Salem church, near Rockdale, which closed December 11th. The Lord added to the church, brought strength to believers, and proved that still our God hears the cry of his children. On one Sunday five received the Holy Spirit, and on another five were saved. Each service proved a blessing to some soul.

The day of dedication of the church was most beautiful; the weather was fine. There was about fifty in the instructive Sunday School, others came in all day, coming many miles and packing the house for afternoon and night. The anointing of the Holy Spirit made each part of every service sweet. In the morning the sermon was on the Holy Spirit for today. Then we had a fine basket dinner. In the afternoon the sermon was a description of the beautiful temple of Solomon, the glory of that priesthood and worship, then how to-day we are the temples of the Holy Ghost and must be kept clean through the blood which was an inspiration to all. The ordinance of the sacrament was carried out,

with true fellowship, while tears of joy flowed. As the parents brought children for the blessing of the Lord, His Spirit was there to own them.

The evening services started with a fine gathering of young people for their meeting, followed by a splendid revival closing service in which the day was crowned in victory. As we bid them a good-bye and God bless you, the church was left in victory and added power for service for Jesus, our Lord.

Schultz-Tucker Evangelistic Party.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Mrs Mary Williams, 33 died Wednesday in a Houston hospital to which she had been confined following an operation. Funeral services were held in the Houston Funeral parlor Thursday. Burial was in the Confederate cemetery in Alvin with Rev. Alford Whitely of the Apostolic church conducting the services, Dec. 13.

Mrs. Williams was born September 7, 1901. She was married to D. C. Williams on May 16, 1921 and since has lived in the Alvin neighborhood on the Alvin-Houston highway. Her husband died in the fall of last year.

She is survived by her two children, Juanita and Anita, who are in school in Fort Worth, and three brothers, Joe, Frank, and Charles Merka.

THOUGHTS FOR OTHERS.—A man went to a minister and said, "I have something against you, and I have come to tell you about it."

"Walk right in," the minister said. "You are one of my best friends, for it is a friend who will come and tell me my faults, instead of telling them to others. But first let us pray and ask God to bless our interview."

They knelt down and prayed. When they arose the minister said, "Now I will thank you, my brother, to tell me what you have against me."

"Oh," said the man, "I really don't know what it is; it is all gone, and I believe I was in the wrong."

Most of our troubles with others and hard feelings toward others would disappear if we prayed over them.—Nell Nash Chandler in Young People.

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BRIEF MENTION

—A Bible School will be conducted at Leakey, Texas, from January 3 to February 3, 1935. The Leakey mission cordially invites all to attend the convocation. Further information may be obtained by addressing H. L. Watkins, Leakey, Texas.

Wilfred Parham and his wife, Alice Parham, assisted by Everett Corl of Houston, Texas, and Aline Hall of Fayetteville, Ark., just closed a revival at Booker, Texas, where Piercy Campbell is pastor. They are now at Houston, Texas and will assist in the services during the convention and then hold a revival meeting at the West-End mission. Their present address is 6403 Washington Ave., Houston, Texas.

The people of Laverne, Oklahoma, announce a "Holiday Convocation December 26 to 31. The revival going on there will close with a watch-night service. Those planning to come are requested to write at once for reservations. Address Jack Barker, Pastor.

Evangelist Floyd Durham writes (Dec. 7): We begin meeting tonight at Granby, Missouri, and expect great things. The church has been praying the last week and several have been saved, sanctified, six have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and some wonderfully healed, so the revival is already on.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Parham, accompanied by Mrs. Charles F. Parham, have been visiting and holding services in the missions of South Texas. They expect to attend the convention at Houston.

Permanent address, Baxter Springs, Kansas.
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Mrs. Hattie Ostrander is now at Cheney, Kansas, and is in charge of the mission work there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott of Magnolia, Arkansas, are now in South Texas in evangelistic work. They expect to hold services at Vealmore, Texas, the Lord willing.

THIS IS A FAITH PAPER

My heart is lifted up in praise to God for supplying the need for this paper from month to month, which goes to so many hundreds of people and is a great blessing.

I wish that every reader would pray for God to continue to supply the needs that our dear Sister Parham may carry on this great work for the glory of God.

A faith paper like this merits a portion of the tithes of every reader. Yours in Christ, a reader of the paper.

THE NEGLECTED GUEST

I do not know the reason—false or true,
Which ruled the heart of him who kept the inn.
It was enough howe'er to shut the door,
And answer that there was no room within.
How little did the keeper realize
What privilege and honor waited there,
Brought by the strangers to his very door,
If he but open it and room prepare.
It was not that he sought to do them harm;
In turning them aside he had not plot.
His time of visitation waited him,
The tragedy was that he knew it not.
What reason rules the keeper of thy heart?
Are all the doors unbarred and opened wide?
Its room prepared for Him who waits without?
Or do you answer still—"no room inside"?
It is not that you wish to do Him harm;
It may be that you hold Him in respect.
But even so if he remain outside
You suffer fatal loss in such neglect.
Then open wide the door and make Him room,
He comes to give thee peace and joy within.
Let open hearts be made His natal place
That he might reign as King within the inn.

—John Wright Follette

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