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Lift up a standard for the people.—Isaiah 62:10

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God Our Sufficiency

God knoweth well our every need
He has promised to supply;
Then don't forget His Word to heed,
And on Him to rely.

He says, On Me cast all thy cares, I'll bear them all for thee; I'll take away thy every fear, And leave thee light and free.

Lean not thou on the arm of flesh, Lean on My strength, I say; My promises are tried and sure, They never fade away.

I'll heal and bless you here below, All needs I will supply; I'll give you power to reign o'er sin, Then you shall dwell on high.

Our friends on earth can often help, And oft they're kind and brave, But from all dangers near and far God's hand alone can save.

You'll tempted be, I know you will,
For Satan says God won't fulfill
His Word, but brother, you assured can
rest,
God ne'er will fail you in the test.

So trust Him, cast away all fear,
Walk by His side, keep very near;
Then 'mid the trials manifold
He'll not one needed thing withhold.
—Selected.

BE YE ALSO ENLARGED II Cor. 6:13

True believers often long for a power that they might live holy in Christ, have a closer fellowship with Him, overcome worldly aspirations, personal ambitions, fleshly appetites, secret sins, man fearing, disobedience, timidity and laziness.

God knows our every need, and has provided in and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, grace to meet all emergencies of life and every service till Jesus comes again.

Growth and development are outward evidences of life and a coming state of maturity. We delight in nature's marvels and beauty on every hand. Man endeavors to improve the work of his hands and bring to a state of perfection the product of his labor.

God the great Masterbuilder, longs for and watches over His own dear children, seeking in every way possible to mold and shape their Christian lives into vessels of honor for Himself.

One of many, if not the greatest helps the Christian has, is the Word of God which, if carefully and prayerfully read and obeyed, will enlarge our spiritual life until we shall be as our Master. St. Luke 6:40.

If the desires of your heart are in conformity with the first verse of this article, let me apply the Scripture as a sure remedy for your every ill. As the human body demands certain food for nourishment in order to thrive and grow, so the soul must feed upon the life-giving Word of God, or soon our spiritual life and strength will ebb away.

Peter exhorts us "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." I Pet. 2:2.

Little babies require food quite often and cry for it. If God's little ones would become as children and cry out for more—more—and still more of the light and truth of His Word, they, too, would grow, take on weight and be enlarged.

Paul's charge to the elders of Ephesus, (Acts 20:32) reveals the part that God's Word does in development: "And now, brethern, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. No doubt but what the word of

God will accomplish its purpose if given full freedom and right of way in our lives.

The tearing down and building up process is constantly going on in our physical being. In like manner the soul life raises or lowers in the balance of God's Word.

These are days of confusion and distraction, in and outside of the church, disruption and error — scattering influences are operative. Christian convictions must be sharply defined, the Christian soul fortified, the Christian thinking clarified, for the spirit of apostasy is accomplishing untold harm; hence safe guarding the souls of believers from blight becomes a matter of major concern.

As ships that sail vast oceans, with many dangers beseting their voyages, so we are traveling heavenward, compassed about with seen and unseen perils, with a hope and confidence that our landing shall be safely made in the harbor or city of God.

As there are definite means used as guides by seafaring men, such as chart and compass, so our journey is so carefully mapped out in the Holy Bible. The more we scan its pages and become acquainted with its danger signals and learn to obey the Holy Spirit—"This is the way, walk thou in it"— the safer becomes our voyage.

Paul speaks of the grace of God which was given unto him. As a wise Masterbuilder, he laid the foundation, and we are building thereon. I Cor. 3:10-11.

The Wisdom of God as revealed in His holy Word is one of our greatest needs.

There is no limit to knowing God and in searching His Word, a verse must oftentimes be read and re-read and read again before the wonderous message of love and power that God has put into it begins to appear. Words must be turned over and over in the mind before their full force and beauty take possession of us. One must look a long time at the great masterpieces of art to appreciate their beauty and understand their meaning; and so one must look a long time at the great verses of the Bible to appreciate their beauty and understand their meaning.

When you read a verse in the Bible ask yourself, what does this verse mean? Then ask, what does it mean to me? When that is answered ask yourself again, is that all it means? And don't leave it until you are quite sure that is all it means for the present. You may come back at some future time and find it means a great deal more.

If there are any important words in the verse, weigh them, look up other passages where they are used, compare the passages together, and try to get their full significance.

First of all make up your mind that you will put some time every day into the study of the Word of God.

That is an easy resolution to make, and not a very difficult one to keep, if the one who makes it is in earnest. If you want to grow in knowledge and faith and be enlarged in your Christian life, the forming of that resolution and the holding faithfully to it will add very much to your growth—it has been the turning point in many a life.

Many a life that has been barren and unsatisfactory has become rich and useful through the introduction into it of regular, perservering, daily study of the Bible. This study may not be very interesting at first; the results may not be very encouraging, but, if one will keep pegging away, it will soon begin to count as nothing else has ever counted in the development of character, and in the enrichment of the whole life.

Store away the Scripture in your mind and heart. It will keep you from sin (Ps. 119:11) from false doctrine (Acts 20:29; 30,32; II Tim. 3:13-15) it will fill your heart with joy, (Jer. 15.16), and peace (Ps. 85:8), it will give you victory over the Evil One (1 Jno. 2:14) it will give you power in prayer (Jno. 15:7) it will make you wiser than the aged and your enemies (Ps. 119:100, 98, 130), it will make you "complete, furnished completely unto every good work." (11 Tim. 3:16,17). Try it. Do not memorize at random but memorize Scripture in a connected way; memorize texts bearing on various subjects in proper order. by chapter and verse that you may know where to put your finger upon the text if anyone disputes it. I improve spare moments in Bible study.

In almost every man's life many minutes each day are lost, while waiting for meals or trains, while riding on the cars, etc. Carry a pocket Bible or Testament with you and save these golden minutes by putting them to the very best use listening to the voice of God. Be

systematic. Do not take up subjects for study at random. Have a carefully prepared list of the subjects you wish to know about, and need to know about, and take them up one by one, in order. If you do not do this, the probability is that you will have a few pet topics and will be studying these over and over until you get to be a crank about them, and possibly a nuisance.

You will know much about these subjects, but about many other subjects equally important you will know nothing. You will be a one-sided Christian. Be ye also enlarged, in Bible study as in any other Christian experience.

Be thorough. When you take up a subject do not be content to study a few passages on this subject, but find just as far as possible every passage in the Bible on this subject. The Word of God is its own interpreter, that is one Scripture will bear witness to another Scripture.

The Spirit of God Who caused the Bible to be written is the only One who can reveal its meaning to the human heart. The Spirit and the Word agree. The chief way that the Holy Spirit reveals the Word of God to us, is by line upon line, here a little, and there a little: thus comparing Scripture with Scripture, ever opening up new and brighter light on the truths of the Word.

Be exact. Find the exact meaning of every passage on any subject. The way to do this is simple. In the first place note the exact words used, in the next place get the exact meaning of the words used. This is done by finding how the word is used in the Bible.

Then notice what goes before and what comes after the verse. This will oftentimes settle the meaning of a verse when it appears doubtful. Finally see if there are any parallel passages. The meaning of many of the most difficult passages in the Bible is made perfectly plain by some other passage that throws light upon them.

Your study of the Bible can become so interesting that your whole heart and life can be taken up with God's Word and it becomes our daily bread. Purpose to begin today, a regular study and meditation upon God's truth.

May you be enlarged as never before.

William Bacon,
Present address for
1930, Roswell, New Mexico.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

When we were young people we lived upstairs over two Spiritualist mediums who wantus to join them. They told us it was a wonderful work with which they wished we would become acquainted, as we "would make good mediums."

So a date was set and we attended a seance or "table walking." We became interested and kept going as it seemed amusing to sit around the table see it walk, jump, climb the wall and similar stunts.

But there came a time when I began to study for myself and every time we attended a seance, the "evil spirit" as they called it, would come first. This was not pleasing to me, as the spirit that usually answered was that of a negro in Texas who had stolen a little girl and killed her by tearing her limb from limb.

'This aroused my curiosity. I thought if it was a work of God, surely good spirits would come first at least a part of the time, instead of evil ones. And I wondered and studied how I should find out, but one day when I was pondering over the matter it occurred to me, why didn't I pray and ask God about it. I was startled at the suggestion, for I was not a Christian, nor was my husband—we still were in sin.

But the thought never left me and I made up my mind I would get on my knees and talk to God about it—even if I was a sinner—and I did, off and on all day. Getting on my knees I would ask God to teach me right and not let me be deceived and carried away by the devil's work.

That night we were to go to the home of my husband's parents where we were to sit around a table with our hands on it. I hadn't said a word to anyone, about my doubts, but kept talking to God all the time in my heart.

To the great surprise of those present, the table didn't make a move that night. However, I was sure what was the matter, but mentioned it to no one. A few nights later we attended another meeting, still praying though a sinner—and the table made no move that night.

This convinced me that God was not in the work and we quit going after I told my husband what I had done. From then we never at-

tended another meeting except for unintentionally getting into one sometimes, but the thing never would work as long as we were present.

The Spiritualists couldn't understand why, but decided we were Jonahs to them, and were glad to be rid of us.

About eighteen months later I was converted and served the Lord as best I knew, in the light I had. For a year or so the Lord impressed me to read I Cor. 12. I would read it and then look around at the churches I attended and where I used to attend Sunday school years ago, but could find no place where they taught that Scripture. They claimed it was done away with during the time of the apostles; would laugh at me and say I had gone "bughouse" on the Bible.

That didn't turn me, however and I kept on trusting the Lord to see these things come to pass, especially talking in tongues or other language, as the people term it.

Eleven years later the wonderful work of the Lord was manifested in Carterville, Mo. in a meeting held by Brother John Hockersmith. I was told of the people "jabbering like geese," and "why wasn't I up there?"

As I didn't know anything about the meeting the information aroused my curiosity to know what was going on. (I had been almost an invalid, unable to walk at times, but some time before had quit taking medicine, as the more I took the worse I became.) So I called the children in, told them of the meeting and that if they would do the work that day and let me rest, I would go to church that night, to which they were glad to agree.

That night Sister Annie Kirkland (then) talked in three different languages and others spoke in other than English. A wonderfully good sermon that night fed my soul that was starved almost to death. It was wonderful just what the Word said.

I was unable to return for two or three nights, but when I did go. Brother Hockersmith preached on the healing of the body as well as of the soul, it being the first sermon I had heard about healing. I was prayed for and still claim the victory over my afflictions.

Next Sunday morning Brother Parham preached about evil spirits and demon forces and showed us what they would do and how they acted. I took all of that sermon as a

God-send to me and praised the Lord for it and that it was all mine.

Going back to the beginning of this letter, I will say in regard to going to seances and dealing with familiar spirits: Even after I was converted and had not worked with them for a long time, they still tormented me day and night, until I scarcely knew what to do, and often would wonder if I ever would be delivered from those tormenters. They would knock on the door, like a visitor, or cry and screech in the yard as if the children were being hurt. I would investigate and finding nothing would be disgusted and ask the Lord how much longer I must put up with this.

The Sunday morning that Brother Parham preached on the subject, I asked him how I could get rid of the tormenting forces. I explained it to him and he prayed for me and told me to plead the blood of Jesus, in Jesus' name, and they would leave me alone—which is the Word of God. Since that time I have had freedom on that line. Praise His dear name!

My husband was healed of consumption and then converted in the same meeting. He has been converted 21 years now and the healings and deliverances we have experienced are too many to mention they would make a book.

Even broken bones healed in 26 hours; almost killed in a wreck two years ago in July and God healed for a sign to the people here.

Ellen Danner

HELP SOME POOR LOST SOUL TO GOD

Use your money while your living

Do not let it be your God You can never take it with you. There no pocket in a shroud. Gold can help you on no further

Than the grave yard where you'll lie And though rich while you are living

Your a pauper when you die.
Use it then some life to brighten
Help to spread God's Word abroad
Place your bank account in heaven,
And let others hear of God,
Help to spread this glorious Gospel
To the rich and to the poor
Put some money in the paper

That will help some soul to God.

-Contributed by Jennie Evans.

FAITH

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1.

Let us take up this subject of faith and see what it means to have the faith of the apostles restored unto us again in these later days. Now we know that to have faith we must look beyond the natural and realize that God is super-natural and holds this Universe in the palm of His hand, and is able to do whatsoever we ask in His name.

So many people of today are wondering and asking, "If the Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever," why is it we see no more miracles, or healings as are recorded in the Bible as in the times of the apostles?" Many are saying today that in those days they had no money to build hospitals or no doctors that were specialists in their profession. And, that was fine for the people in those times, but today we have surgeons and specialists on all lines so we do not need such men as Peter, James, Paul, and the rest of the men of God. But I find that the only reasonable and correct answer that might be applied to that question is. 'The lack of faith in God.'

Now the people of today are in such a mad rush on the downward track, that they say, "Away with this one who is called the Christ, we don't want Him." And even the Christians of today are so taken up with the cares of the world they do not pray as they should. For we are commanded to pray without ceasing and watch and pray lest at any time we enter into temptation. Matt 26:41.

To have faith in God we should live so before Him as to know, and have the witness that Enoch had of old, that he pleased God. Then when called upon to do something for God or humanity, there would be no doubt in our minds that God would hear and answer as we prayed unto Him.

Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for we read in James 1:6-7, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." And if we do not please God how can we have faith in Him?

Let us take the prophets of old. They worked their miracles by faith realizing that, what-

soever they ask of God would be granted.

Did they pray? Yes, each one relied not upon their own strength, but upon Jehovah God, Who through these men of old, subdued kingdoms, brought righteousness, stopped the mouths of lions, and raised the dead. Coming down to the New Testament we have the Apostles who did mighty works and deeds through faith in Christ who, when upon this world gave Himself a ransom for us and died upon the cross. But He came forth from the tomb, triumphing over death, hell, and the grave.

Coming down to this present time, Christ asks, "When I return will I find faith upon the earth?" It is for each one of us to answer this question individually, and faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17. Let us study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed and declare the truths of this Gospel in the face of unbelievers, and also "contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3.

We must as children of God show forth our faith by our works for we must be doers of the word and not hearers only. So let us declare in the face of athiest, sceptics, infidels and others that, "By faith the world was made by God, so that things which are seen were not made by things which do appear."

I praise God because, He has given us power to have faith (if we accept and believe) in Him who gave His only begotten Son, that we might by believing on Him, have everlasting life. And if God gave His only Son for us, how much more ought we to give our lives unto Him and let our lives be such that we might be able to have the gift of faith (for such it is. 1 Cor. 12:9) and know that whatsoever we ask in His name in faith believing it shall be granted us. Then again could we see the Hand of the Lord in the working of miracles, and the healing of the halt, the lame, and the blind.

My prayer is, "Let us contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints." William Yeakel.

Do not talk your doubts, but declare the power of Christ, then your doubts will go.

Accepting Christ means the loss of the world, but the gaining of heaven.

THE NEW JERUSALEM Abbie C. Morrow Brown

"And they come from the East and West, and from the north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." Luke 13:29.

The God who is able to do exceeding, abundantly, above all we can ask or think, loves to have us sometimes think of the joys that may await us in the ages to come. So I love to "think of the home over there," in the heavenly Jerusalem.

- 1. That stupendous city 1500 mi. long, 1500 miles wide, 1500 miles high, with streets above streets, each street 1500 miles long. Such a city here would cover the land from Maine to Florida and from the Atlantic to Colorado.
- 2. That splendid city, with its twelve foundations of twelve immense separate jewels, its twelve gates of twelve pearls, and an angel guarding each gate so that no evil can enter.
- 3. That satisfying city, prepared by the God of all grace for the Bride, the Lamb's wife and forever lighted by the Shekinah glory.

And I love to think that if I will be a full overcomer, I may not only share the throne of my Lord, but have a home where some day I can entertain Enoch and have him tell me about that walk with God up into heaven.

Entertain Noah, and learn how he could be so patient and faithful as to preach 120 years and not have one convert, except the seven members of his own family that he took with him into the ark.

"Sit down with Abraham," the friend of God, and father of the faithful, and have him tell me of the beautiful life of his son Isaac, while presecuted by Israel.

I love to "think" that some day I can send a broadcast to all Sunday school teachers, evangelists, pastors and authors who helped me in my progress to the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And to broadcast another day to those whom the Lord used me to lead to Him,

Perhaps the first to come will be that colored girl who sat opposite me on the train one day. She seemed sad and I handed her my tract for girls, "How There Came To Be Eight." After reading it she looked over to me with such a hungry, wistful face that I sat beside her and told her the old, old story of Jesus and His love, and she accepted Him as

her Savior, and when she left the car, turned back to me her face radiant with the light of a life begun with God.

Perhaps the next to come will be the little boy, who sat beside me on the bench that early morning hour, as we waited for a delayed motor. The story of the love of Jesus moved him, and he threw away his cigarette and promised never to smoke another and to follow the Savior. Some one wrote me afterwards that he was a changed boy, had been baptised and joined the church.

But better than visits from patriarchs, prophets, priests and kings and those who ministered to us and those to whom we ministered; better than looking into the face of the father whose last words were, "God, just God," or the face of the mother whose dying prayer was, "Lord, make my baby daughter a blessing to the people, or into the faces of the four brothers and three sisters who were always loving and kind to me; better than any human fellowship transformed into the Divine, is the fact that,

"Mid the peace and light and glory, Of the Father's home, Christ for me is watching, waiting, Waiting 'till I come.

"O the wondrous joy of meeting All the desert past, O the wondrous words of greeting He shall speak at last.

"He and I in that bright glory, One deep joy shall share, Mine to be forever with Him, His that I am there."

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My horse was very lame, and my head did ache exceedingly. Now what occurred I here avow is truth—let each man account for it as he will. Suddenly I thought, "Can not God heal man or beast as He will," Immediately my weariness and headache ceased; and my horse was no longer lame.

John Wesley's Journal.

Many are sanctified unto a theory or doctrine, but not unto the Lord.

THE WINDOW'S MITE

The following unsigned letter, with a dollar bill enclosed, was received by The News late Monday afternoon.

"I'm enclosing this little mite. I hope it will be accepted, and I believe it will, with the spirit it is given.

"Just a year ago I was the happiest I believe I ever was in my life. Sleet and snow had covered the earth, was much deeper than it is now. One morning I heard a knock at my back door. I opened it. There was a man with a long white beard said, "Good lady, I'd like to shovel the ice and snow off your sidewalk for a bite to eat."

"I said, no you can't shovel snow for me, but you can have something to eat if you will wait till I can prepare it. I fried some eggs and bacon. Warmed the coffee. I looked out of the door that I had left open. I saw the dear old man shivering, wet to his knees, no where for him to sit while he ate what I had prepared. I ask him if he would like to come in and sit by the fire and eat so he could get warm.

"Oh, those thankful eyes that looked into mine. He came in and ate his breakfast. Some of the children in the living room were playing. He looked at them for several minutes and said, 'That's real life. Tears ran down his face. Little did I notice that two little black eyes of a six year old girl were watching it all.

"Thanking me several times he left, told me he was 84 years old. After he was gone my little girl said, 'Mother, we fed God this morning.' I well understood what she meant. I said, why honey. Well the Bible says when we feed any one that is hungry we feed God. I could hardly conceal the joy in my heart. Not for the deed I had done, but that it was recognized by a little six year old girl. Surely God approved it: As oft as you do this to the least of these you do it unto me.

"I have no way of making money except washing. I'm thankful for food and shelter for my children and that I was able to wash and make this dollar to give.

"It is given by one who believes in giving the Bible way. Gol blass Mrs. Snead and give her health and strength. I love her because she has been my friend. I love Ada because I've been here ever cince its birth.

(Unsigned)

-Ada News

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TEACHINGS.

Repentance to God and man which brings Salvation, the knowledge of sins forgiven.

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Baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, upon a cleansed life.

Healing for the body. Second coming of Christ, Conditional Immortality. The destruction of the wicked in the final judgment, the "second death."

We are not fighting men, or churches, but seeking to displace dead forms, and creeds,

and wild fanaticism with living truths.

The Editor endeavors to keep the paper free from grave doctrinal errors, but must not be held responsible for all ideas advanced by contributors elsewhere.

Many have been writing for Mr. Parham's sermons, "Divine Health," and "What will you do with Jesus, which is called the Christ?" which we had printed in the form of a booklet.

We still have some left, however, and will be glad to send them where they will be appreciated and be a blessing. Though it was quite expensive to have them printed, we are not putting a price on them, but what ever contributions are given for them, will be used in getting other sermons printed.

We have received a number of letters asking for other sermons which we have and will gladly have printed as we have the means to do so. Though times have been hard this winter we feel to thank God and all of you who have helped, that our expenses for publishing the paper have all been met up to this month and we are trusting Him for all our future needs.

When the call became so urgent that I should take up the work of the paper again, I felt that it would be impossible for me to do so unless some one would help me. It seems so hard sometimes to "catch the broken threads again," and to take up work that we have laid down.

When I asked Mrs. Daley if she would help me, she very willingly did so and with her help and encouragement we got the paper started.

For the first two months she worked faithfully getting the mailing list in order, etc. Now that there is not so much work to do, she feels that she is more needed in the evangelistic field and that she should answer the call for reapers.

I am sure our readers, as well as myself, appreciate the work Mrs. Daley has done for the paper and I trust all will pray that the Lord will bless her as she goes forth again to gather precious sheaves for the Master.

Any wishing to write her, address—
Mrs. Fred C. Daley, 3001 N. W. 19th St.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ORGANIZED OR UNORGANIZED Are We Sectarian?

Some may wonder why we have put, "unorganized and non-sectarian" both on our editorial page. It is to bring before our minds that it is possible for us to be sectarian in spirit though not organized. We are praying that this paper may be free from a sectarian spirit. We earnestly desire to extend a spirit of love and Christian fellowship to our brothers and sisters in Christ, outside and inside of every denomination, who honor the blood of Jesus Christ and whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Let us guard against that narrow spirit which seeks to gather in clicks and bunches, with just those who believe exactly as we do. Let us not have the same spirit as the man who prayed Lord, bless me, and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more."

Longfellow said, An enlighten mind is not hoodwinked: it is not shut up in a gloomy prison till it thinks the walls of its own dungeon the limits of the universe, and the reach of its own chain the outer verge of intelligence.

We all now know in part and prophecy in part, so let none of us feel that we know it all, but kindly exchange light and truth, as we see it, in a humble spirit of love. As has been said, "I may exchange views with you and you may exchange views with me, but when we argue, the devil wins."

So let us not argue to try to prove our opinions and ideas, but let us humbly search the Scriptures to know the Christ, who is the "Way, the Truth and the Light." Truly we have just had a glimpse of Jesus, just a distant vision of the great salvation purchased or us on Calvary, and have just wet our feet in the great ocean of God's love.

Prove all things: hold fast that which is good. 1 Thess. 5:21.

For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers:

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

Who by Him do believe in God, that raised

Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory: that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethern, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter:18—22.

May we earnestly ask God to redeem us from our vain conversation received by tradition, that we may see clearly to read the word of God, aright and with true Christian love, really "love one another with pure hearts fervently."

Some day, Christ's prayer will be answered, all man-made bars will be broken down, and we shall be one. John 17: 21—23.

When Mr. Parham went to California a few years ago, there were several in our party. Mrs. Martin and I decided we would take notes on our trip, as it was the first time either of us had been to California and we had never seen the mountains and deserts of the west.

She and I sat side by side as we wrote our notes but did not know what the other was writing. When we had a little time to spend, we decided to read each others note-books. Though we had seen the same things and had the same privileges on the way, it was rather amusing to see the difference in our stories and discriptions. She had enlarged upon somethings, which I had either touched on very lightly or else entirely left out, while I had gone into details about something which she had not considered necessary to mention. Our stories were so different that perhaps any one reading them might doubt whether either of them were correct; but they were both true, though neither of them complete.

We were both traveling the same way with the same hopes, plans and the same destiny in view. But with our different natures, different-things along the way had appeal to us and seemed worthy of mention. Even the things we both wrote about we discribed a little differently. Dear readers, can we not get a thought out of this concerning spiritual things.

We who love God, have our names written in the Lamb's book of life, and are trusting in the atoning blood of Christ, all have our faces set toward that heavenly city. We may take a few side tracks and have to retrace our steps, but in the main we may give different descriptions and even give different directions to those wanting to know about this great highway of holiness.

We are all "long on some truths, and short on something else," so let us not be surprised or quarrel with each other if we do not all tell the gospel story alike. It is so great, so grand and marvelous, "The half has never been told,"

Let us not find fault with those who do not see as much of the great plan of salvation as we do, neither let us say what a fellow-traveler has seen is untrue because we have not seen it yet. Let us then go prayfully on, with our eyes fixed on Christ, the Captain of our Salvation and ask Him to let the Holy Spirit anoint our eyes with eyesalve that we may see more of the length, and breadth, height and depth of God's great love, and more of the great redemption that was purchased for us on Calvary.

God used many inspired writers, each adding their particular part, to make the Bible complete to us. Whether we belong to any earthly denomination or not, let us not try to compel others to come our way or believe just as we do. Fellowship is not in the head, but in the heart. It is the bond of love and unity of the spirit that makes us one, not organization. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we shall have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, cleaneth us from all sin. If we don't walk in the light we don't enjoy that fellowship. Even though we have had great light, it will become darkness, if we fail to live up to it.

If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness how great is that darkness. Matt. 6:23. Luke 11:35. Should we not, who have had great light, continually search our hearts that this great darkness shall not over shadow our lives, cause us to wander off on a side-track break our fellowship with God's children and let a sectarian spirit enter our hearts bringing with it other spirits of every, strife, malice and hatred, which is murder, Jesus said, "Watch and pray lest we enter into temptation," in a command which means as much to obey, now, as when Christ gave it. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ,

he is none of His. Romans 8:9. Let brotherly love continue. Heb. 13:1.

WHEREFORE

Wherefore doest thou doubt-O soul? Wherefore doest thou doubt? Cannot Christ, thy loving Lord Work life's problems out? Has he not delivered thee Many a trying hour? Is he not the same today In almighty power? Has His blood not purchased thee Art thou not His own? Thru the whelming waters deep Doest thou go alone? Would'st thou know the reason why All these things go wrong? He will show thee by and by Change thy sighs to song. He will surely bring to thee What soe'er is best Guide thee all thy journey through To His promised rest. Doubt Him not, O trouble soul Wherefore be afraid? Arms of love encompass thee Be thou not dismayed!

-"Churchman"

A Call to Prayer Matt. 9:38

A cry of Woe from many lands Throughout our land is sent, But there're no hearts to bear the load No knees in prayer are bent. Our Master trod the way alone; No one could watch one hour. Are we more willing now than they To bear the cross to power? Awake! Hear the Commands He gives. Not only "Go ye," but "Pray" Not just when other tasks are done. But to them and us today. The darkened lands are waiting still Have waited many years; But we're too busy with our cares And turn to them deaf ears. Ears that are deafened by worldliness Hearts with pleasures gay; But when we meet Him face to face What will our Father say? Contributed—Taken from "Other Sheep"

WHOLLY SANCTIFIED

Preserved and Blameless Bodies

THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD,—"And will ye polute me among my people for handfulls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay (send to hell,—the grave) the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive (send to heaven) the souls that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies." Ezek. 13:19, And 22 Verse—"Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hand of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life." To promise to any one future life without being "Born again," is against the teaching of Christ and is sacrilege.

God spake this, to his people through his Prophet Isaiah 26 hundred years ago, to a people who said, "We have made a covenent with death, and with hell (the grave) are we at agreement:—Therefore thus saith the Lord God, and your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell (the grave) shall not stand,—For you have made lies your refuge and under falsehood have hid yourselves."

Since Adams day the germs of death has been in the blood of all his decendents: this death germs were carried by the blood from the seed of Adam and is an inheritance to all his posterity: It is the appointment of death to all men. Thus all men have been dead once. The glory of God is for men to have a body that would not die. Paul said "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23. With the birth of every man or woman came the blood from Adam bearing with it the germs of death which commenced working immediately to bring our bodies to the grave, to the dust: this the wages for sin, which is death.

The only way that any of us can escape death for our bodies is to by the help of God, and Christ's Spirit that dwells within us earnestly seek, until we obtain whole sanctification, soul, spirit, and body, overcome the death appointment which was the cleansing of their blood of the inherint sin of Adam, and walked with God, lived clean lives, kept the commandmerits, and never did die.

An all sanctified body, Preserved, like Paul

prayed that the Thessalonian brethren might have could not die. Nothing preserved can decay putrefy or die, With Paul we can say "And you who were dead in trespasses and sin." Eph. 2:1. "Hath he quickened" does not belong there, was placed there by man, and was not in the original greek,-Note the itallics. God did quicken the bodies of Enoch and Elijah; their blood, before their bodies were quickened, Before they became new creatures, Before their regeneration through canstificatheir blood carried the same germs of death from Adam. This death in the blood came down to Enoch through six generations from Adam was cleansed. JOEL, 3:21, tells us "For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion."

Most Preachers to day preach an appointment of death for ever man, the regenerated as well as the wicked: While the appointment is on all, there is a way of escape through a whole soul, spirit, and body sanctification with a complete cleansing of the blood, when he will quicken (make alive) our mortal (dying) bodies, by his spirit which dwelleth in us. Rom. 8:11. "It is appointed unto men once to die." Saith the Lord. Heb. 9:27. Thus saith the Lord, again—"This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord. For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth; to hear the groaning of the prisoner: TO LOOSE THOSE THAT ARE APPOINTED TO death." Psal. 102:18-19-20. 1050 B. C. God caused this to be written for people that was yet to be created, a generation to come. Generate and create mean the same thing. He here promises that he would loose the appointment of death, to generated or regenerated, recreated, Born again, people that were to come. Such a one will have his "whole spirit, soul, and body preserved, blameless, to the coming of our · Lord. 2 Thess. 5:23. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 J. M. Barnes. Cor. 15:22.

Those in whom Christ dwells, fell the fill and thrill of His presence.

Those who accuse and condemn others should examine themselves.

1030 South Main Street, Santa Ana, California. January 30, 1930

Dearest Mother and all at home:—
"Peace to thee."

Received your most welcome letter with all the news, also telling us about the nice cold weather you are all having back there. It is just the opposite here in California—all sunshine and beautiful warm weather.

We have been very busy lately, looking after the sick and needy. Although the weather is nice there are a lot of people out of work and they come to us for help.

Oh, did you print any more of Dad's sermons like the ones you sent me Did you print one on "Demonology" Brother Davis was down from Long Beach on Tuesday night and gave his testimony, and I preached on "Demonology." There was a fine crowd, one of the best if not the best Tuesday night crowd that we have had, and the people sat breathless almost during the message. Brother Davis gave a fine testimony telling of many of the terrible experiences that he has went through. It seemed wonderful that he should be giving his testimony just the very night that I was preaching on the subject! It surely encouraged our faith for when a deaf man came up to the altar to be prayed for the Christians surely did pray earnestly for him.

Speaking in regards to the sermons you had printed, mother, I believe that I would like one hundred copies, for right now. They are both wonderful sermons, and the Spirit of the Lord is surely in them. I would like you to send me fifty copies of each of the two sermons. I have spoken of you and Dad many times here in the church, and am all the time meeting folks that used to know Dad. They are good sermons, and I know that the people will enjoy them very much! So please send them to me just as soon as you can. I think that it would be fine to send them all around the country, and really let the people know that they are being published, and as Dad has so many friends, I don't believe that it would take very long before people would send in the means to publish others, too.

The services are coming on quite nice here. Sunday night we had one of our largest crowds yet. The power of God was really present. Alice preached on the "Signs of the Times," and it was remarkable the interest that was shown. There seems to be something about that subject that never fails to attract the attention of the people. We had a good song service and program.

The spiritual tide is fast rising in the church here. The Lord is blessing with souls being saved and the sick being healed for which we are praising His matchless name.

Give our Christian love and greetings to all our friends and loved ones, and tell them all to write to us and we will do the same in return. Lots of love to all and may God bless you.

Wilfred and Alice Parham.

OUR TRUE FRIEND

"A man that hast friends must show himself friendly, and there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18-24.

As the rose gives forth it's fragrance,

As the sun sends rays of heat, So is felt the power of friendship, When with kindred hearts we meet.

As we give so it is given,

Kindly deeds will win a friend, But there's One above all others, Who our cause will defend.

None so far from virtue fallen, But His love does still abide, And tho' all our friends forsake us,

He is ever at our side.

In His presence of that rapture,
When the Sunlight of His grace,

Chases every gloomy shadow, And we almost see His face.

Then His Spirit so enthralls us,

As we feel His love divine, That we long for all God's creatures,

That on them His light should shine. Teach us, O Thou Holy Spirit,

How to let Thy power prevail,
That we always give to others,

Perfect love that ne'er can fail.

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No salvation, no sonship.

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune: but great minds rise above them.

Washington Irving

For the Children

"JOY AND REJOICING" Abbie C. Marrow Brown

"Thy words were found and I did eat them and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." Jer. 15:16.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Text

"The good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." John 10:11.

STORY

Away up on a mountain in Switzerland, a little lad lived alone with his mother. They had a little garden, and a few chickens, and he had a sheepfold, and they were so happy together.

But they had never been to church or to Sunday school. The lad took his flock out to the woods in the morning and led them to the fold at night.

He used to count them with his little crook as they entered. One night a little lamb was missing. He went to the woods again to look for it; In the rain and the cold he called it but it was almost morning when he found it.

Soon he was feverish and in the morning he could not lift his head.

A minister down in the valley heard of the little lad who was giving his life for his lost lamb and went up to see him.

He asked the lad if he had ever heard of the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep but he never had and neither had his mother.

Then the minister told them the sweet, old old story of Jesus and His love.

Then he took the land's hand and said, "I am going to put some words on your knuckles, and I want you to tell me which you think is the best."

And he put on the knuckles the words, "The Lord is my Shepherd." But the lad did not know which was the best. The minister said, "I think the fourth knuckle is the best, The Lord is My Shepherd. Then he told him he was Jesus' little lamb, and Jesus was going to take him up to heaven to be oh, so happy with Him forever.

The next afternoon when the minister knocked at the door again, the mother said, "Oh, sir, come in and see my little Jamie, lying so peaceful, with his finger on the fourth knuck-

le."

Little Jamie had gone to be with Jesus.

Prayer

Thank God for Jesus' matchless love,
Who came and died and lived above,
To intercede for you and me
That we may ever like Him be
And seek the lost, and keep the weak,
By loving words that we may speak.

5925 La Prara,

Los Angeles.

Laverne, Oklahoma
Dear Friends:— January 28, 1930

I am eight years old, and in the second grade at school. I have been saved about two years. The Lord has healed me several times.

Last winter I was sick and nervous, and couldn't study much in school. During the camp meeting at Laverne last summer, the Lord healed me and now I enjoy every day of school.

I had a gathering in my ear a few days ago, which turned into a boil. It hurt me so bad at nights, I couldn't sleep much. I didn't use any medicine, but kept praying for my ear, and the Lord healed me.

I would be glad to read the testimonies of other girls and boys that have been healed.

Naomi Shuman.

Lovington, New Mexico
Dear Editor: February 11, 1930

I am a little girl eight years old, but I know and love the Lord. God is real to me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized in the Holy Ghost, and have the evidence as in Act 2:4. I received the baptism in Brother Ditto's meeting here in Lovington last winter, and I am still praising God for these mighty blessings and for healing and keeping me.

I have a baby brother, eighteen months old, who has never taken medicine nor knows the taste of it, for God is our Healer.

As this is my first letter to the paper I won't make it very long, and maybe you will let me come aagin. I want to ask all of the Christians to pray that I will do the Lord's will and be kept by Him.

Yours in Christ, Wanda Musette Brewer. Oregon

Medina, Texas Feb. 18, 1930

Dear Sister in Christ:-

A sample copy of your most excellent paper came to our home, which made me feel homesick for the paper, and yet I won't ask you to send it to me, as you have already done more than your share along that line. My wife and I am old and broken in health and our children are supporting us and none of them are wealthy at all.

We have seen and heard Brother Parham preach several times and he sent us "The Apostolic Faith," for several years free of charge. He also wrote us several very kind personal letters which we never had received from any other source. So we can not and do not want to ever forget our dear, precious Bro. Charles F. Parham.

We are clinging to the last Feb. 1929 copy of the Apostolic Faith paper.

We wish you God's speed and success with the paper. Amen and amen.

We are printing the above extract from a letter, that our readers may get a glimpse of our private correspondence, as we receive many letters similar to this. We trust as you, who have given more than, the expense of your paper, read this, you will receive a blessing and a joy as you realize that you have helped to make it possible for the paper to go, regardless of means, where ever it may be a blessing. (Note—The above was printed by mistake in the last issue without the letter it referred to).

" 'TIS FINISHED."

When the Savior said "Tis finished."

Everything was fully done:

Done, as God Himself would have it—

Christ the victry won.

All the doing is completed;

Now, 'tis look, believe and live:

None can purchase His salvation,—

Life's a gift that God must give.

Grace through righteousness is reigning;

Not of works, lest man should boast;

Man must take the proffered mercy,

Or eternally be lost.

—Selected.

If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.

James A. Garfield

Dear Sister Parham:

We received the paper and were glad to get them as we are in a new field, and want to leave something with the people to read of this faith.

We are starting the fifth week of this meeting, the crowds are still increasing. The building we are using seats five hundred, every seat was full and many on the outside that crowded the door way to hear the message. That evening I preached on "Creation and Formation," and it did more to put this meeting over than any message since we have been here. Russelites, atheists as well as many others said that it made the Bible a new book to them so we are glad for the truth that makes God's Word real.

Several have been saved, sanctified and healed in this meeting, also many Christians have come out and stood for this Gospel. We don't know how many have told us they were not satisfied where they were and that this mesage came just in time, as they were looking or something better than they were in. Some that went in to Christian Science, excepted divine healing when they heard it preached. I would like for you to send me some of those tracts on divine healing you have printed, that we may give some out here, (the dollar is for them) Many from other places have told us how much they enjoyed them.

We are glad for the Gospel today and the way it is finding its way into the hearts of the people, and we are glad for the paper that we can leave them to read.

Asking God to bless you and yours in all things pertaining to life and godliness. We remain yours in Him. The Jacksons.

The Love of Jesus

"Oh for such love let rocks and hills, Their lasting silence break.

And all harmonious, human tongues, The Saviors praises speak.

Angels assist one solemn joy,
But when you raise your highest note,
His love can not be told."

A closed church for summer outings gives the devil his innings.

Elm Springs, Ark. February 3, 1930

Dear Sister Parham:

I want to add my testimony in the paper. I am glad for the blood of Christ that covers my life and for the privileges we have in Him.

As I look about and see the awful calamaties that are befalling the world, my soul is made to cry out to God to give the entire world one more call, one more glimpse of the Christ and to cause them to see their awful wicked ways and turn to the Christ and be saved.

The church today is in a time of sleeping, when they seem to say, "The Lord delayeth His coming."

The nations are crying, "Peace!" But the Scriptures say, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." 1 Thess. 5:3. I praise God for His abiding peace in my heart and I want to hold fast that which is good, be in the center of His will and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. Your sister in Him.

Mrs. Chas. C. Roper.

Lowell, Ariz. February 6, 1930

Dear Ones in Christ Jesus:

Greetings to you all in His dear name.

I thank the Lord for an opportunity to witness for Him.

When I see the trouble there is on every hand, and the love of many waxing cold and the great falling away, it makes me see it is just going to be those who have the Holy Spirit in their lives and are willing to pay the price that are going through. If it had not been necessary to have the Holy Spirit in the last days, Jesus would have said so.

Let us believe God, dig down until we strike the solid Rock, then when the troubled waves beat against us and the clouds of sorrow and discouragement hover over us, and the devil howls in thunder around and the wild fire flashes, we can look up to Jesus through faith and see the sunshine of His great love and glory, and hear Him whisper in the Spirit "Peace be still." and "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"—Praise His Name.

Pray for me, that God will use me to win lost souls for Him.

Yours in the battle for souls, looking for His

soon coming.

May God bless you all.

Julia Reynolds
Box 3702

Dear Ones in Christ:

Only a few days ago Brother Robert Parham and his wife stopped at our home for a few days visit and to show the pictures here in Rock Island. We were sure glad to see them and now we are praising God that He sent them this way. After living in a back-slidden state for nearly three years, God graciously blessed me in prayer meeting Tuesday morning; and also my wife, and now we have prayer in our own home. Oh, but we are thankful to God and so glad for dear young folks like Brother Robert and wife who are giving God their best.

Now we ask your prayers that God may have His will wrought out in our lives and that we shall have the courage and zeal to give Him our best. May the Lord bless you all

Ted Gaines, 1422 7th Ave. Rock Island, Ill.

Dear Brother and Sisters in the Lord:

Brother and Sister Robert Parham visited our Mission at Rock Island, Ill., and brought to us a message of God's love through some very beautiful pictures of Palestine. While the pictures were very interesting and helpful, the mcssage that was given with them made them more of a blessing. Our Mission is sponsored by the churches of Rock Island, and I feel that every church door, Mission, tabernacle and wherever the Gospel is being preached ought to be opened to these young people. I am reminded of a verse of scripture, that my mother wrote in the back of my Bible and gave to me when I left home. "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, that the evil days cometh not." Certainly young people ought to be encouraged in their endeavor to spread the Gospel. The doors of our mission will be opened to these young folks whenever they come into our city. May God bless them in their efforts G. O. Rodgers.

Rock Island, Ill.

February 21, 1930

Dear friends:

We have been thinking of you and your work with the paper. We are glad for the gospel in print, and we are also happy to get news of the brethren and of their meetings.

I am helping Brother Ditto in another Evangelistic effort at Brooksmith chapel in Houston. The meeting began the 15th of this month and will continue indefinitely. Will you unite with us in prayer that unbelief and prejudice may be lifted from the minds of the people that they may hear the Gospel of the Kingdom?

Sincerely,

Russell Swanson, 1003 Vincent St. Houston, Texas.

Evangelist Floyd M. Durham of Stella, Mo., closed a successful meeting Sunday night, (Feb, 24) which he has been holding in the Mission on 12th St. at Baxter Springs, Kansas for the last two weeks.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in the services during the entire meeting and it was a great inspiration and encouragement to the Christians.

He has now returned to Stella, Mo., and he expects to continue the meeting there which was discontinued a short time ago on account of the bad weather.

Kalamazoo, Michigian. February 20, 1930

Dear Ones in Christ:

We are now in a meeting at Kalamazoo, Mich. God is blessing in a mighty way, two souls have been saved and several healed. We expect to go on another week here, then to Battle Creek for a few nights. Then the Lord willing we will hold a meeting at Orion Lake, Mich. where Mother Lang is, whom many of you know. We truly feel God has blessed our ministry in this part of the country and we earnestly desire your prayers that we may stay in the center of His will, leading souls unto Him.

May God bless you and keep you in our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Parham (Home Address) Baxter Springs, Kans.

Christians alone, follow Christ.

NO CAMP MEETING AT ROSWELL

The camp meeting for Roswell, New Mexico was announced in the Apostolic Faith Paper some time ago. Plans were made, and everything seemed to point to a great time for all, but difficulties have arisen and unseen hindrances have come up that will make it impossible to have the Camp Meeting at 'Roswell. Every one will do well to pray much over about a great Convention and Camp Meeting combined at a place in the reach of every one. Let's make it a subject of much prayer. We need more unity, for in unity there is strength. We are headed for campaigns in Washington. We have urgent calls and for the next few months our work will be in the great North West. Pray for us, God Bless every true Christian every where and help us all to be faithful to the end.

Mack Wyatt and Party.
Box 277.
Wichita, Kans.

Medina, Texas February 17, 1930

Dear Mother Parham:

Just a few lines to you to tell you that we have not forgotten you all in that part of the country.

We have been in south Texas the past four months in meetings. We made the Missions a visit, and did enjoy meeting all the old time friends of the Faith very much. Our last meeting in that part of the country was at Katy, Texas where we had a good meeting. Everyone seemed to be blessed in the services, and truly we found a real Christian spirit there.

We also enjoyed the Christmas week meeting at Hempstead, Texas.

At this writing, we are at Medina, Texas with Brother Jackson. We came this way and found him in a meeting here. It is a new field but he is having a wonderful meeting; several saved, some sanctified and many more under deep conviction.

We are not able to know just where our next meeting will be at present, but we ask for your prayers that we might do the things that will please the Lord.

My God richly bless you is our prayer. As ever for the truth.

Ben Barker,

Elmwood, Oklahoma.