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

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*He Is Risen
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“O, safe to the Rock, that is higher than I,
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly,
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine, would I be;
Thou blest ‘Rock of Ages,’ I’m hiding in Thee.”

THE DONKEY TRIP TO EMMAUS

As this is a holiday and I could not get my Bethlehem letter off will have to tell you of our trip to Emmaus. First let every reader of the paper turn to the 24th chapter of Luke and read every word carefully and you will see of what importance this trip was considered. Friends in the Hotel here had said they were getting up a donkey party for the trip. I said, "Oh count me in as I think that one of the most beautiful events of the Bible."

Promptly at eight o'clock our guide was at the door with the donkeys all decorated out for the occasion. I wish you could have seen us we all mounted and following our guide like ducks to water. We wound our way out into Prophets Street; behind us ran a donkey boy who walked or ran all the way to prod up any donkey who might get lazy. It is about eight miles the way we went, we were soon off Prophets Street on a fine paved road to Joppa. It was all easy going as it is all down hill; you know Jonah went that road too. After about two miles we suddenly turned off this road through the wall and then struck a stony trail most of the way hardly passable but for one donkey; down, down we went almost on our heads to the bottom of the mountain into a deep canyon, or wady, as they call it here; yet on the side of the mountain were lovely Olive trees. All the mountains in Palestine are or were terraced from the bottom to the very top showing that in Bible times they were all under wonderful cultivation and like hanging gardens and the valleys show that one time they were exceedingly fertile. Now they are finding soil and replacing the rocks in these old terraces and tilling the soil again. Every where the early spring flowers were blooming, daisies, narcissus, dandy lions and the wild tulips were up above the ground so that in every nook and corner was a flower of some sort.

At the bottom of the canyon our faithful sure footed Fords began the climb of that great mountain and soon we had struck sort of a ridge trail and on and on for miles over the rockiest impossible trail I ever saw, yet men, women and camels were coming and going. Now and then came a man riding a donkey while his wife carried a baby and a load of stuff on her head was walking behind,

of course she is one of his beasts of burden here. Then we saw women thrashing on a house top beating the wheat out and then gathering off the chaff. Every where they were plowing with a one beam plow and a share like those on American corn cultivators but only one to a plow; drive one donkey and one cow as they say the cow minds better. Then we saw a man in a little field sowing his wheat some was falling on stony ground, some among the thorns, that had already sprouted and then at the lower end of the field on very good soil. Could you believe it the Bible lived over here right before your eyes daily. At last we arrive at a lot of great fine buildings among a lot of ruins, these are the Nunn's school and many fine buildings on the spot where it is said Jesus eat the supper with those two disciples. We all dismount which of course is not far from the soil any way and enter the beautiful gardens and find our way to the Church which I suppose cost about one million dollars wonderfully, beautiful. As we enter it was almost bare of seats as few come here to worship. On the arch over a magnificent pulpit they have inscribed in Latin "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread." on the north side of the room hangs a great Picture probably 4 feet across and 6 feet deep, an oil painting of fine work representing Jesus at the Table with the two breaking bread. Oh how their faces shine as they recognize Him! It was all so real that Rev. Underwood said let me read the 24th chapter of Luke and then asked me to lead in prayer, we had a real spiritual feast there. We then ate our lunches as it was past noon and found our way back to the city of God, wondering about the two of old and thinking as our hearts burned, truly HE IS RISEN.—Chas. F. Parham, Jan. 1928. Jerusalem, Palestine.

As of old He walked to Emmaus,
 With them to abide:
 So through all life's way He walketh,
 Ever near our side.
 Soon again we shall behold Him,
 Hasten, Lord, the day!
 But 'twill still be 'this same Jesus,'
 As He went away." —Selected

CHRISTS' AT HIS COMING

(By A. B. Stanberry)

The second coming of Christ is a great event pending, for which we should be looking for which we should be ready. The world first hears from us when we are born; and sees the last of us when we die. What we do here in life is called deeds; good, bad and otherwise. We are saved by grace and judged by and rewarded for our works. Quality of deeds determine character, character decides destiny. We are not consulted relative to the time, place or manner of our entrance into this life; neither are we supposed to know the how when the death angel will knock at our chamber, yet we know it must come. The mode of spending life, however, is a matter of serious individual responsibility and great personal obligation. Good and evil is before us, and the power of choice is ours. To be Christ's at His coming, we must choose Him as our Savior now. Such is our conviction of accountability to God. Such is our sense of sinfulness before Him, and such is our knowledge of our own incapacity to recover ourselves, that we feel we need a super-human Savior.

God sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. In Him we find the "Desire of all Nations."—a perfect remedy for the power and penalty of sin, and a deliverance from its love and practice. The Christian ethics is admittedly the best moral code ever given to the world. It contains the highest ideals of life every field of duty and devotions—everything that makes men happier by making them better! wherein we find the sweetest preparation for the life to come.

If the manner in which we spend this life is our responsibility, God's plan for us now, is our opportunity. If universal provision has been made, and a universal invitation has been extended, then "whosoever will" may accept. Any man, anywhere, every man every where, may become His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. True religion shown itself in every part of our conduct; it is like the sap in a living tree, which permeates the most distant branches. Profession and possession belong together.

Among the more spiritual communities of Christian believers, it is gratifying to note the

extent to which love the acid test of true discipleship, is being preached and practiced—yet not practiced enough perhaps.

Behind the clouds of the present times, there is a bright ray of light flashing, and its gleam comes from the star of hope we see rising in the scriptural efforts of faithful ministers to encourage the value of religious co-operation in community work. Those who hope to be Christ's, a His coming, should be "laborers together with Him" in the extension of His kingdom here and now. Egotistic, wrangling factions, sparring with each other over some dogmatic differences, gives the world a poor sample of brotherly love and Christian unity.

Religion and finance would both go farther and do more, especially in over-churched places with more Christ and less creed and greed. Working together in this Christian spirit will do much toward smoothing over with glorious impartiality the inequalities of life. Brother would be brother, whether he be of high or low degree, and the strong would recognize the fact that **they are only** stewards of their strength for the support of the weak.

Christianity never cast a shadow upon a home, never wounded a human heart, and never wronged a human soul. It is never deaf to the cry of the needy, never blind to the want of the deserving and its broad and noble heart promptly responds to the call of the erring, and a cry for life from any of its kind. It broadens the human heart and makes it capable of including in its sympathies, not only those of our own standards and convictions, but all who are of the "Household of Faith."

It is the greatest force today, working for the upbuilding of the human race, not only in warding off the outward ills which touch the body or the comfort of the home, but also those evils which reach the very vitals of true manhood; the temptations which fight against the life, and the lusts which war against the soul. May internal troubles be reduced to the minimum thus enabling the fellow citizens of God's common wealth to face with solid front common foe, that the alien hands that strip the soul of its robe of purity and righteous character may be restrained, thus blessing and be blest, may we be Christ's at His coming.

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it."

"I WILL GIVE AT LEAST THIS MUCH"

Will a man rob God? Where in have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Mal. 3-8. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thy increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Prov. 3-9-10.

What does the tithing movement mean? Perhaps this question can best be answered by indicating first, what it does not mean. It does not mean that the Mosaic or the Levitical requirements with penalties attached, are to be introduced or forced upon Christians, but as I understand the New Testament specifically commands that we shall give one tenth. Jesus indeed recognized that tithing was a duty under the old dispensation and in speaking to the Pharisees gives it His commendation: but I believe all will agree that the New Testament standard of ownership is that all of our property belongs to God. We ourselves belong to Him and the Christian obligation requires that we shall give to the Lord whatever He requires of us in the material good things which He has bestowed upon us. One tenth of the annual income therefore does not at all exhaust our Christian obligation so far as the ownership of property is concerned. Our obligation to God extends to the utmost limit of our possessions.

Christian stewardship means that all we have is held at the disposal of our Lord and Master. Why then should the Christian man be asked to give at least one tenth of his income to the cause of Christ to put it in the other form, why should the Christian himself adopt one tenth as the minimum of his giving? The reply to this question is that the tithe or tenth was widely recognized throughout the world among other nations then the Jews before the age of the Mosaic law. There are instances in the Old Testament where one tenth was given long before the requirements of the Mosaic law were given. Abraham gave a tenth. One of the most interesting example of the giving of a tenth is the vow of Jacob after his remarkable dream and his vision of the ladder set up between heaven and earth with angels of God ascending and descending upon it. Genesis 28-22.

It will be seen by referring to this passage that the next morning Jacob vowed that hence-

forth he would give the tenth of all his increase. In this instance there was no legal requirement so far as we know. There was no previous command of God and there was no priesthood or temple service to be maintained. There was no penalty attached to failure to make the vow to give a tenth. The vow was simply the voluntary and free act of God's servant whose heart was filled with gratitude for the mercies and blessings which he had received. Jacob did not exhaust his obligation to give in vowing to give Him a tenth but he did make his giving definite and practical. Thousands of Christians have made the same kind of vow and received the blessings of God and have found that the divine mercies increase continually with the gifts. The motive behind what is called the tithing movement therefore the strong conviction on the part of Christian people that the Christian should give no less than the Jew gave. If the Mosaic dispensation required that the Jew give a tenth and especially if the Jew gave a tenth before that dispensation in its legal form took shape, surely no Christian man can be content with anything less than a tenth. The tenth therefore is merely a minimum. It is the servant of God saying, "I will give at least this much." Many of God's servants do give more. Many of them give several times a tenth of their income. Some of them devote all their profits, except enough to live on, to the kingdom of God. On the other hand if there is no standard of giving, no minimum below which one will not permit himself to fall, the whole question of giving is vague and indefinite. The doctrine of stewardship means that everything we have belongs to God and this in the hands of the avaricious man may at once be translated into giving in the most inadequate way, unless there is a definite standard or minimum for giving. What is to hinder the covetous man from withholding practically all his increase from the Lord's cause? The human heart then becomes the interpreter of duty and encouragement is given to the carnal nature to retain for self rather than to give for the cause of Christ. Ananias with Sapphira, his wife, kept back part of the price of the land. Acts 5-2. One of the most remarkable results of the practice of giving a tenth of the income has been the prosperity of those who have adopted the rule. Great prosperity coming to those

who thus deal in a definite and faithful manner with the Master.

In closing I wish to say that in adopting the tithing plan, we should never feel that our duty is fully exhausted but should always hold ourselves in readiness to give more if the cause requires it and if our ability enables us to do so. In giving in this spirit we are not pursuing a Jewish method but are putting the spirit of the Gospel into the tithe itself. If all our people would adopt this plan of giving it would undoubtedly supply the needs for which our many causes are so loudly crying. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3-10. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil and honey and of all the increase of the field and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him and said, "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed His people. 2 Chronicles 31-5-9-10.

As ever yours in the service of our soon coming Lord, Jesus Christ. J. K. Seber, Katy, Tex.

DON'T CROWD

Don't crowd; the world is large enough

For you as well as me;

The doors of all are open wide—

The realm of thought is free.

In all earth's places you are right

To chase the best you can—

Provided that you do not try

To crowd some other man.

Don't crowd the good from out your heart

By fostering all that's bad,

But give to every virtue room—

The best that may be had;

Make each day's record such a one

That you might well be proud!

Give each his right—give each his room,

And never try to crowd.

Charles Dickens.

Unsearchable Riches

Recently a very prominent church evangelist said, "I never can tell why a nice, honest little woman has to almost work her fingers to the bone to feed her little flock, and keep the wolf from the door: while a woman just her opposite can ride around in her automobile and do nothing at all, only as her fancy pleases." but he added, "When I get over yonder I'm going to know."

I am quite sure if he would apply the Word of God to his dilemma he would not have to wait until he got "over yonder." We are told "not to fret ourselves because of evil doer," "Fret not thyself because of him that prospereth in his way," "Without faith, it is impossible to please God," He loves to honor the faith of His children. The Word deals very plainly with the provision God has made, both spiritually and materially, and if we but have the mustard seed faith and abide in Him and His Word in us, we may ask what we will and it shall be done unto us. Praise His Great Name. Did He not say, Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you Matt. 6-33 What things was He speaking of? He had just told them how He cared for the lillies of the field and fed the little birds, and said are ye not of much more value than they? Therefore take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink or for the body what ye shall put on, is not the life more than meat? and the body than raiment. Therefore if God so clothed the grass of the field which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven. Shall He not much more clothe you, Oh ye of little faith? Matt. 6-30.

But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4-19. And here is another rich promise.

Oh fear the Lord, ye His saints for there is no want to them that fear Him.

The young lions do lack and suffer for food; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Psalms 34:10.

David said I was young but now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to all good

works. As it is written He has dispensed to the poor. His righteousness remaineth for ever.

Oh the riches of His grace the inexhaustable supply of all good things. And His love and mercy endureth forever and is extended to all who trust and obey.

Now here is the secret of it all. Trust in the Lord and do good so shall thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee, the desire of thine heart. Psm. 37-3-4.

Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure pressed down and running over shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure ye mete, shall it be measured to you again.

What shall we say to these things, If God be for us who can be against us.

He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us. How shall He not also freely give us all things. Rom. 8-31-32.

His disciples went out without purse or script, preaching the Word, rejoicing in Him, giving the honor and glory due to His holy name. Healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind, etc. When they returned. Jesus asked them, Lacked ye anything? "Nay Lord," they said, "We lacked nothing."

Geo. Mueller of Bristol, England, to prove to the world that God's promises were true, opened up an orphanage. Without soliciting funds or begging or telling any man of his needs. With no finances of his own and no financial board back of him, the orphans were cared for, and the orphanage that began with only a few grew until 3000 orphans were housed and clothed and fed. God never once failed to supply all their needs.

Panditi Ramibi of India, opened up a home for the poor abused little widows there. God honored her faith, in Him and all their needs were supplied. At one time some of the girls told her they had slept cold that night and asked if they could have more blankets, "Girls, she said, "You know where our source of supplies come from, may be you ought to talk to our Heavenly Father about it." Seventeen girls went to their rooms and waited upon God until they got their answer. Over in England at about the same hour a woman was praying. Her prayer was, "Oh God show me what I can

do to prove that I love you." Immediately the answer came. "Send a check to the Panditi Ramibia home for \$1200," and it was done.

Today many of God's ministers are going out as did the disciples without purse or script. Never take up a collection, have a pie supper, rummage sale or chicken dinner to raise funds to carry on God's work, and they find their Father is **not bankrupt**, but is a good business partner and looks after their needs and keeps all of His promises. They are clothed and fed, and able through God's grace to help the other fellow and the poor and needy. If they have no silver or gold, they can like Peter of old say, "Silver and gold have I none, in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth arise and walk." thus bringing comfort and cheer wherever they go. Like Paul they have learned to abound or to be abased, counting it a wonderful privilege to know God will never leave nor forsake. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus just to take Him at His Word, just to rest upon His promises, just to know, thus saith the Lord." The prayer of my heart is, Oh for grace to trust Him more.

M. E. Parham, Cheney, Kan.

THE FIRST EASTER

What plan of redemption could God make
For sinful humanity?
What sacrifice for poor lost man?
Doomed for eternity.

Could the world be saved;
Or had it drifted too far from God?
Man had sinned, and now was lost,
There was no remedy but blood.

Who was worthy now to come
And shed his blood for man?
The angels were not pure enough,
So God sent His only Son.

But Christ arose, He conquered death,
On that first glad Easter morn.
Through Him, we have salvation,
Through Him, the saints are born.

We love Him, adore Him, thank Him
For opening up the way.
Let us all be thankful
On this blessed Easter Day.

Ollie M. Davis, Corona, N. M.

CHURCH FAIRS AND ICE CREAM SUPPER (C. H. Fredericks)

Concerning the multiplied church entertainments, such as fairs, festivals, concerts, tableaux, amateur theatricals, etc., I wish to utter some words of testimony to God's professed people as to their winning the heart and purse of the world.

These methods of raising money for the Lord are all contrary to the precepts and teaching of His Word, and therefore cannot please Him. They are counterfeit methods of giving and they cultivate bogus benevolence. The simple method of freewill offerings alone is approved and all other methods are virtually condemned. Study Ex. 35:5. 21, 29: Matt. 10:8, Luke 6:38. One tenth or more, cheerfully and directly given, was the law of the Old Testament stewardship, and it is the privilege of the New.

What if Moses had instituted a great carnival or bazaar to draw in the surrounding heathen in order to get means to build the tabernacle? How would it comport with the character of the early Christians to read in one of Paul's epistles a suggestion that the saints in Corinth get up some church fairs to raise money for the poor saints in Jerusalem, or an exhortation to Lydia to stir up the godly women of Phillipi to get up a grand fair, festival or baby show? With all our modern devices, man's way may procure more money, but God's way will insure the greater blessing. These worldly devices are belittling, contemptible and dishonest. It is almost a shame to speak of them in detail.

What shall we say? what would the Master say of a bevy of vain and bedizened young ladies accosting and fascinating young men in order to sell them commodities above value, and which they do not want? What of the many devices like grab-bag, fishpond, ring-cake or raffle, involving the gambling principle? What of the Church of God peddling out small wares and fun to the world, or getting up a variety show and milkmaids' drill to replenish her treasury? How belittling to the church, how dishonest to God and how contemptible in the eyes of the world!

The great infidel once said, "I think your God must be in great need of money by the

tricks the churches practice to get it for Him."

Even those who aid and attend the fairs, etc., cannot well approve them. No intelligent Christian can ask God's blessing upon such or expect it to rest upon money so procured. This whole system of supporting religion by the sale of grab-bags and ring cakes is a fraud. A religion that cannot be sustained without such a device is not worth sustaining, and the ministry which is dependent for its support on this sort of backsheesh begged from the votaries of the world, the flesh and the devil, is a disgrace to the gospel which it professes to proclaim. It is almost like sending Christ out begging bread from His enemies. When the Blood-bought church of God, with all her store of wealth, resorts to such miserable shifts to get help from the world, what must worldings, with their lavish outlay for the pleasures of sin, think of the value of salvation? Now, Brothers and Sisters, under the Blood of Jesus, may this mis-sive be a lesson to all, and may we ever shirk this class of money-making for the Church of God, is my prayer.

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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.

We have stated in the paper that we would not put out the paper unless we had the means to do so, but it will be necessary to borrow money this month to finish paying our publishing bill as there is not sufficient means in the treasury and we do not want our readers to miss the paper, especially the Easter number. However, we do not feel that it will be right to continue to do this.

We freely give our time and labor to the paper, but as most of you know, have no income to pay the expenses, except by free offerings. So if you should fail to receive the paper, each month, do not be discouraged, it will be published as the means is provided, for we remain your servants for Jesus' sake.

We do not feel that we have done wrong in not putting a stated price on the paper, for hundreds have been blessed by the paper this winter who would not have had the privilege otherwise. We are very grateful to the friends who have supported the paper so faithfully by your prayers, writings and means.

We believe some have done this at a sacrifice to yourselves, but we are sure the Lord will bless and reward you for it.

Many have written, who do not have the opportunity of attending religious services, saying that it was like going to a meeting to get the paper. It is our prayer that the paper may be real soul food, inspiring and refreshing hungry souls, and giving glory and honor to God only.

We ask an interest in your prayers that if it be His will, He will give us thousands instead of hundreds to spend in publishing this gospel, sending out tracts, papers and sermons to many thousands of homes, while we are now putting them in many hundreds.

We are sure the Lord will loosen the means and increase this work if we will all trust Him and do our part.

There has been many in need this winter for the temporal things of life and there is also a real famine in the land for the real Word of God.

Let us do all we can to preach and publish this gospel while it is called "today" for the night cometh when no man can work."

GETHSEMANE

"In golden youth, when seems the earth
A summer land for ringing mirth,
When souls are glad and hearts are light,
And not a shadow lurks in sight,
We do not know it, but there lies
Somewhere, veiled under evening skies,
A garden each must sometime see,
Gethsemane, Gethsemane,
Somewhere his own Gethsemane.

With joyous steps we go our ways,
Love lends a halo to the days.
Light sorrows sail like clouds afar,
We laugh and say how strong we are.
We hurry on, and hurrying, go
Close to the borderland of woe
That waits for you and waits for me,
Gethsemane, Gethsemane,
Forever waits Gethsemane.

Down shadowy lanes, across strange streams.
Bridged over by our broken dreams,
Behind the misty cape of years,
Close to the great salt fount of tears,
The jargon lies; strive as you may
You cannot miss it in your way.
All paths that have been, or shall be,
Pass somewhere through Gethsemane,

All those who journey, soon or late
Must pass within the garden's gate;
Must kneel alone in darkness there
And battle with some fierce despair.
God pity those who can not say
"Not mine, but thine," who only pray,
"Let this cup pass," and cannot see
The purpose in Gethsemane
Gethsemane, Gethsemane,
God help us through Gethsemane!

—Selected

I AM THE RESURRECTION

At Easter time, this beautiful spring season when all nature is awakened by the warmth of the sunshine from its seeming deadness for many months, our thoughts are turned to the resurrection.

To some this may seem simply a doctrinal point of no special importance; let the preachers study it out and preach it as they think best. But when death enters our homes, I am sure our thoughts and feelings are altered regarding this subject. When our loved ones, who have been a part of our lives, around whom all our hopes and plans have been centered, leave us: when the place that has known them shall know them no more forever: when the home circle is broken and there is an empty place in the home that can never be filled,—then the thought of the resurrection becomes not a doctrinal point of indifference but an all absorbing question of vital interest. Where is the one who only a short time ago was with us and is now gone? Our hearts cry out to God as did Job.

"If a man die, shall he live again? Job 14:14.

Where are they now? Are our loved ones hovering about us, knowing our blessings, trials and heartaches? (See Psa. 146:3-4 Job 14:21.)

You who have mourned the loss of loved ones know what I am talking about, how these questions will crowd into our hearts and minds.

Where shall we go for comfort to find an answer to our questions?

Many have been cheered by beautiful songs and poems.

The poet says, "Death is the gate to endless joy, the opening scenes to heaven.

How sweet the song, 'Beautiful hands at the gate-way tonight, faces all shining with radiant light.'

If we think of them now enjoying these blessings, how can we be contented to stay here finish our course and run with patience the race set before us? Yet we wonder is this scriptural? or are they just founded on someone's poetical ideas?

Shall we look then to visions and dreams for our answer? Some times visions and dreams are not true. We know, however, that many are of God and are given for a purpose, and must also be interpreted by the Lord to get the

right understanding, as well as parables. In a vision, may not the prophetic eye look away over the hill tops of the ages and see things in the far distant future which we might, with our limited understanding, believe were to occur immediately? Whether it be hymns or poems, visions or dreams, are not our hopes vain unless established and proved by the Word of God?

Search the Scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. John 5:39. Heaven and earth shall not pass away but My Words shall not pass away, Mark 13:b1. We are sure that the great plan of God is being accomplished in a more grand and glorious way than the human mind can ever comprehend.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa. 55: 8-9. The sacrifice was perfect and complete when the Son of God cried, "It is finished," but the victory was not made manifest until He arose, triumphant over death, hell and the grave and became the first-fruits of them that slept.

Jesus said to His disciples: Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me; and as I said unto the Jews, whither I go go, ye cannot come: so now I say to you. John 13:33. Jesus also said, and no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. John 3:13. You may say, "But I heard a beautiful funeral sermon preached for a very prominent worldly man and the preacher said he went at once to heaven. And also another sermon preached for a devoted Christian, and it was made very real that he too had ascended into heaven." But is this true according to the words of Jesus just quoted?

Peter, on the day of Pentecost declared, For David is not ascended into the heavens. Acts. 2:34. Must we not have a "thus saith the Lord" on which to build our faith?

The great plan of God is made and our opinions and ideas not according to His Word will all fade away, as the mist before the brightness of the morning sun, at the glorious appear-

ing of "the Sun of Righteousness." Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Job. who retained his integrity. through such trials will be there for he says.

Thou shalt call and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. Job 14:15. For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though, after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

Whom I shall for myself and mine eyes shall behold and not another: though my reins be consumed within me. Job 19:25-27.

David says: As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. Psal. 17:15.

Unto Daniel, who with a prophetic eye was shown many great mysteries of the last days, was said.

But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. Dan. 12:13. Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. Dan. 12:2-3. We find both in the Old and the New Testament, death is spoken of as a sleep or rest, and the resurrection as an awakening.

Jesus spoke of death in this way. These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus. sleepeth: but I go that I may awake him out of sleep. John 11:11. Paul says, But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethern, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also, which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-

angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain, 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.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

If souls at death go immediately to heaven or hell, when would the judgement or this resurrection take place, which we find all through the Scriptures?

We believe from the reading of these references, that there will be a great Resurrection Day.

God is preparing a great surprise for us, even the Marriage supper of the Lamb. He will call us at the appointed time, and whether dead or alive, (asleep or awake) we shall respond to that call. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand. Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matt. 25:34. "Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay."

Oh, may we all have on the wedding garment, that we may not hear the condemnation spoken to them on the left side.

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25:41. Dear ones, if you don't know the Lord, accept God's offered mercy through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness: but is long-suffering to us ward not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9.

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Ed.

"The winds of God are always blowing, but if you wish to go forward you must keep your sails unfurled."—Old Eastern Proverb.

LET US PRAY

"I advertised that the poor would be welcome in this church," said the minister, "and after inspecting the collection plate I see that they have come."

This glorious Pentecostal Gospel was brought to Africa by missionaries from America.

I came with the second missionary party, and I lived several years in Doorfontem, a section of this great city, where the first party arrived and where they had their first meeting in the Zulu Congregational Church.

The pastor was away but his wife let those missionaries have the church for meetings, which continued about one month.

In the first service of that meeting the Holy Spirit was poured out upon two white sisters and one brother according to Acts 2:4. Later several native brothers received the Holy Spirit.

The Zion brethren had heard of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in America. They prayed that someone would come to Africa and their prayers were answered. All nations gathered to see the miracles of God, as the signs truly did follow. Many mighty miracles were done in the name of Jesus.

Our leader in Jeppes, who I have worked with ever since, was healed of a broken arm and leg. He had used crutches for five years. Also he had a disease in the head which at times would gather and break with such dreadful pain; he had been afflicted for fifteen years and the Lord healed him. Since then God has used him in praying for the sick in all parts of Africa. God has answered prayer.

Many thought it was best for the whites and natives to be separated. So the whites with these missionaries accepted the open door of the Presbyterian church, as the Zionists were using it. They remained here five years, really the place was sacred.

The rent on the building was raised so they moved two blocks bought the place where now stands the Tabernacle of the Apostolic Faith.

Many smaller churches were opened in this city as well as in all parts of South and Central Africa.

We are now recognized by the government and our membership has increased more rapidly than any other Christian denomination.

Many recognized the truth but can not pay the price. Others have received the full light of God and are channels of blessing for God to-

day. Some have been raised as from the dead
but continue in their former worship.

Yours in His Vineyard
Miss Verna Barnard

P. O. Box 520.

Johannesburg, S. Africa.

WORDS OF LIFE

Words are written by the poet,
Delightful, intelligent and gay.
Declarations given by the orator,
To listen, will give you good pay.

Our hearts are wonderously charmed,
By the words of poetical thought,
But the greatest message that come to me,
Is one that can not be bought.

It comes from the lips of our Master,
From Jesus, our Captain divine,
It is health and strength and whatever we ask,
The message of words sublime.

His strength will forever endure.
His power no limit has known.
He offers to save: He offers to heal,
Our King, by our Father's throne.

Though words of charm or love may fail,
In the end prove nothing to be;
Forever will stand, the Words of our Lord,
As long as the land or the sea.

So I take for my choice of the written page.
His message, that never is past
The writers today can never allure,
God's message is one that will last.

Gail Schultz

Sometimes it seems as if men and women
must meet suffering in solitude. But in the
bitterest pain, that which divides every human
being from every other breaks asunder; they
draw near and comfort and lean upon each other.

ORIGIN

"Man came down from God, not up from the
beast.

Man may make a monkey of himself, but a
monkey can't make a MAN.

Man may be beastly, but a beast cannot be a
man in God's image."—Selected.

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say,
I know something good about you!"
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp warm and true
Carried with it this assurance,
"I know something good about you."

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too;
You know something good about me,
I know something good about you?

OUR DEBT TO OTHERS

Sometime after the Civil War, a man was
seen in the cemetery of a southern state plac-
ing a tombstone at the head of a grave. Some
one asked "Is your son buried in this grave?"

"No," said the man, "he was not my son."

"Was he your brother?" "No, he was not my
brother." "Well, how was he related to you?"
"He was no relation whatever to me," said the
man, "but he died for me."

Then he related that during the war he was
drafted, and not having the means to buy a
substitute, he would have to go to war, leaving
his wife and children destitute. "Then a
young man offered to go in my place. He was
wounded in one of the battles, died in the hos-
pital and was buried here. He died for me,
and I have come to set up this memorial stone
as an expression of my love and gratitude."

The delta of the Mississippi is but the con-
fluence of a multitude of streams draining all
that mighty territory between the Rockies and
the Alleghanies. And so the power to do great
things is **but the confluence** of the innumerable
capacities for little things.

For the Children

CHRIST'S CHILDHOOD

Thy Holy Child Jesus—Acts 4:30

If I asked, "How old are you?" you would give an exact answer, "Eight and a half." Just turned ten, "Eleven next month." Now you have thought of God's holy child Jesus as a little baby, and as twelve years old in the temple, but did you ever think of Him as being exactly your own age? that He was once really just as old as you are this very day He knows what it is to be eight and nine and ten years old, or whatever you may be.

God's Word has only told us this one thing about those years, that He was a holy child.

What is holy? It is everything that is perfectly beautiful and good and lovable, without anything to spoil it.

This is just what He was when He was your age. He was gentle and brave, and considerate and unselfish, noble and truthful, obedient and loving, kind and forgiving—everything you can think of that you ever admired or loved in anyone else, was all found together in Him, and all this not only outside but inside, for He was holy.

Why did He live all these holy child-years on earth instead of staying in heaven till it was time to come and die for you? One reason was, that He might leave you a beautiful example, so that you might wish to be like Him, and ask for the Holy Spirit to make you like Him. But the other was even more gracious and wonderful it was "that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." That is that all this goodness and holiness might be reckoned to you, because you had not any of your own, and that God might smile on you for His sake, just as if you had been perfectly obedient truthful, unselfish and good, and give you Jesus Christ's reward, which you never deserved at all, but which He deserved for you.

He took your sins and gives you His righteousness. He took your punishment and gives you His reward; it is just changed over, if you will only accept the exchange.

"I'm glad my blessed Savior
Was once a child like me,
To show how pure and holy
His little ones might be.

And if I try to follow
His footsteps here below,
He never will forget me,
Because He loves me so."

—F. R. Havergal.

Leakey, Texas.
March 6, 1930

Dear Ones in Christ:

I am glad to send in a testimony for Jesus.

I am 12 years old. I have been saved, sanctified, and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, January 1930. Praise the Lord. "He's a wonderful Saviour to me."

I am praising Him for the joy and peace I have in my heart.

Pray for me

May God bless all of you.

Cleo Johnson.

Hufsmith, Texas
March 20, 1930

Dear friends:

I am eleven years old and I am in the fourth grade.

I was healed a year ago.

My ear was pretty bad. The doctor did not do me any good, so I made up my mind to trust Jesus and He healed me, now I am so happy. I love the Lord, and the Lord loves me. We say the Lord's prayer every morning at school and the teacher reads the Bible to us. Then we have our lessons and are happy all the day. Praise the Lord.

A friend in the Lord.

Anna M. Attaway.

"Daddy, daddy!" cried the little girl as she roused her father from sleep. "The dog's barking and I am afraid he's going to wake you up."

How often are we like this little girl? We do ourselves what we don't want others to do.

You better live your best and act your best and think your best today for today is the sure preparation for tomorrow and all the other tomorrows that follow.—Harriet Martinean.

Medina, Texas

March 3, 1930

Dear ones all:—

The meeting here closed with great victory, after a six weeks battle. God gave many souls also many were sanctified and healed. The meeting Sunday was wonderful and a blessing to all, some two hundred and forty, passed by the communion in the afternoon, and there was scarcely a dry eye in the house. Christians of every church in this part of the country came. Many Baptists came and for the first time and took communion with others, who had never done such before. Also men and their wives who had belonged to different churches and had never taken the Communion together, came and rejoiced with tears streaming down their faces. Many told me that they had never seen anything in the Communion service before. At the close of the service, an old gentleman who had preached in the Methodist Church for over forty years, asked if he could speak, and I granted him the privilege. He arose and said with tears in his eyes "I have preached the Gospel for over forty years, but I never witnessed anything like this, nor did I ever hear as much brought out in a message on the communion service as I heard today." When he sat down there was not a dry eye in the building, both saved and unsaved were weeping and calling on God. The closing night the building was full, the Theater that was seating about five hundred, every seat was full and many were standing on the side walk and listened to the message, and the wonderful testimonies that were given by those who had been blessed in the meeting, as well as others that were there from a distance of about one hundred miles, who had been coming every Sunday to be in the meeting. Truly we felt that God had rewarded our labors for Him here.

Brother Ben Barker and wife were with us the last two weeks of the meeting, and were a great uplift to us and the people here. They are planning to stay with us for a few meetings. The last night of the meeting Brother Tuckers from Katy, Texas, was with us. We enjoyed very much having them with us, and hearing them sing.

We want every one to pray for this field of labor as there has not been so much of the Gospel preached here.

We are praying that God will bless everyone that is laboring in His harvest field today and that we may all continue to labor on, while it is called today, and get this message to as many as we can.

Yours earnestly contending for the Faith,
Chester Jackson and Party.

Medina, Texas

March 4, 1930

Dear Sister Parham:—

Brother and Sister Chester Jackson and their workers have just closed the greatest revival that has ever been in Medina.

This is the first time the full gospel and free salvation has been preached in Medina. Many accepted it, including Christians and unbelievers.

Sleeping Christians were awakened from their slumbers and have risen from their dormant state "to walk in the light even as He is in the light." Some were baptized in water, some were sanctified and some were seeking for the Holy Spirit, and many were healed of bodily afflictions. Brother Ben Barker assisted in the meeting the last two weeks, and gave us messages that were full of food for our souls. The last day of the meeting was especially beautiful. Brother Jackson delivered a very impressive and explanatory sermon on the real meaning of the Lord's Supper, and the Communion Service was so impressive and sacred that many shed tears.

The praise the Lord for sending Brother Jackson and his workers to Medina. They are leaving behind them a message that will never die.

Sincerely Yours in The Unity of Faith.

Mrs. F. P. Layton.

The work on the book on Mr. Parham's life that I am writing has been hindered in many ways, but it is now progressing rapidly and we hope to be able to tell you in our next paper just when it will be completed.

Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.—Abraham Lincoln.

Gray, Oklahoma.

Carthage, Mo.
March 19, 1930

Dear Sister Parham:

Have just finished reading the March Apostolic Faith and enjoyed it so much that I must write and tell you how the Spirit of God is witnessing through it and encouraging hearts that meet in unity through it. God bless you dear one and give you that which you need most in this great work.

The people at Gray are looking forward to another meeting by Brother Floyd M. Durham. Pray for it. I am sending in "Pearls from Many Seas," that I want to pass on.

"There are nine different qualities: Peace, gentleness, long-suffering, hope, patience, charity, etc., but you can sum them all up and you have one-love. The fruit of the Spirit is in just one word—Love—Joy is love exalted, peace is love in repose, long-suffering is love-enduring, gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battle field; meekness is love in school, and temperance is love in training. And so you can say the fruit is all expressed in one word—L-O-V-E.

Your sister in Christ
Mrs. James W. Sims

Hufsmith, Texas.
March 1930

Dear Sister Parham and friends:

I feel I have much to praise and thank God for because He has been very precious to me for the past four years.

I worship Him this day for real old time salvation that saves and keeps saved through the blood of Jesus and health through the stripes of the Blessed Lord.

I uplift the Christ and praise Him for the blood of the everlasting covenant that does sanctify today, as it ever did. I really rejoice because I met Jesus at the foot of the cross and took Him at His Word I find that the most important thing in the Christian life is obedience to the will of God.

I find we have nothing to loose by accepting Christ but all to gain in this life and in the life to come.

May God bless His children in the faith in my humble prayer.

I am a friend that's looking for the soon coming King.
—Selma Hirsch.

Dear Sister Parham:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

How are you all this beautiful morning? I have been wanting to write you for sometime. I want to thank you for the paper you send us each month. It sure is good and is food to my soul.

This is a busy time of the year and there are the material things of this life we have to do, but what about the spiritual life? That seems to me more important than anything else. Are we doing anything for the welfare of souls? Some people are blind to the spiritual needs. They put everything else first; their souls needs last, but the need of the human soul is the greatest. If you could sweep over the country in an airplane and look down into the homes you would see many a home going to hell with the speed limit broken. So many parents are too careless how they live in their homes. Lord, give us more praying fathers and mothers. There is so much to do in the Lord's service that no one need to be idle. I'm glad for the ambition we have to "work till Jesus comes." May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Love to all.

Your Sister in His name
Mrs. J. M. Barnes

Portales, New Mexico.

Dear Sister Parham: March 16, 1930

I want to add my testimony in the paper, for I am so glad for the precious blood of Christ that cleanses from all sin. I have been baptized with the Holy Spirit but I want to go on and learn more of God. Many do not seem to want to go on deeper, but after receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, just stop. I feel that I am just starting and want to search the Scriptures; study them over and over till the Lord reveals His Word and makes it plain to me.

When I receive the Apostolic Faith, I often find the same Scripture explained in it and I feel encouraged to know that He is leading me, and that we can know His voice.

The paper is food to my soul, and I rejoice to read of God's children getting closer to Him.

Your sister in Him.
Lucy Walker

Old Time Revival Power Falls in Michigan

We are in Lake Orion, Mich., conducting a city wide revival, sponsored by the Bible Mission, which Mrs. Emma Lang is Pastor.

When we came into town to start the meeting there was quite a lot of opposition but we held on to God for the victory, and the Lord surely heard the prayers of the dear ones here in Lake Orion. The first night there was five at the altar for salvation, and has been continuing with great success every afternoon and night souls being saved and sanctified. We are in the second week and up to now 40 souls have been saved and 18 sanctified, and some very definite healings. One lady who had been paralyzed and not able to move for weeks, can now move her hands and walk. We surely give God all the honor and praise for the work He is doing in this place. We expect to continue another week, and expect many more souls saved and sanctified, and a real out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, closing with a big baptizing. Sunday March 30, in beautiful Lake Orion. We wish all the dear readers could be with us here in this revival and see how the Lord is blessing, some have come as far as 90 miles for the meeting. Pray for us.

Yours in the King's Service,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Parham
(Home Address) Baxter Springs, Kansas.
Box 6.

Camp Verde, Texas
March 19, 1930

Dear Sister Parham:

"The Apostolic Faith" gets better every issue. The good letters from so many different fields are messages within themselves to stir the souls of all who love the cause. Each copy of the paper is carefully laid away until the opportunity comes to pass it on to a hungry heart.

Just a word in behalf of the Jackson Evangelistic Party. They have been in meetings in this part of the country since last winter, and they are God sent messengers and their reward will be a rich one for the work they are doing. Brother Ben Barker and family have been with them for sometime. We are praising God for the Truth that they have brought to the people. They are now in a meeting at Center Point, Texas. The Spirit of Christ is working

wonderfully already, although the meeting has been in session only one week

We ask an interest in your prayers, that many souls will come to Christ for Salvation and that bodies may be healed.

Yours in Jesus

Mrs. L. B. Jones

Wichita, Kansas.
March 11, 1930

Dear ones in Christ:

Just a few lines to praise the Lord for His precious blood that covers my life.

I am rejoicing in His love and praise Him for His healing power.

Yesterday I was suffering with a severe pain in my side. I prayed and the pain has all gone this morning. Two weeks ago last Sunday night my daughter was healed. We went to church that night and Sister Dillworth anointed her in the name of the Lord.

It will be three years ago this coming fall since Brother Mack Wyatt held a meeting here. The Lord sanctified and filled me with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, in that meeting. From that time to this He has been the Great Physician in our home.

I find Him a friend that never fails, when we go to Him in faith believing. Isn't it just wonderful how the Lord will heal our children as well as ourselves, when we let Him. There is sunshine just ahead of every trial if we will only stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

"Oh, I want to be in that number

When the saints go marching in!"
One day I was having a real test.

I seemed to be backed up against an iron wall; oppression was crushing me closer and closer until there was not an inch of room left.

The only way I could turn my face was to "look up." When I looked up and put all my trust in God, the flood gates of glory seemed to open and "the glory of the Lord came down," picked me up and lifted me above the shadows.

Then truly I could say, "It was best for Him to have His way with me.

Pray for me and mine.

Emma Laughlin.