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

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The Twenty-third Psalm



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He restoreth my soul. Psalm 23:3.

ENDURANCE.

(By William Bacon)

The survival of the fittest has been a great subject. I want to apply endurance to the spiritual man. We need something to take us through. When Jesus spoke of seed being sown in different soil He mentioned the weakness of one soil, saying it endured for a season. Hindrances are what cause a Christian to take a firmer hold on God. There is a cross to be borne, there is a fight to be fought.

The Word of the Lord endureth forever, as we find in I Pet. 1; 24 and 25. "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower there of falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." When we as Christian look for the things that endure, we look for spiritual things. When men look for enduring things they look for stone, cement, iron steel etc., something that will resist storm, rain, heat and cold. In the mechanical world they pick out the very best materials. These materials are always tested and tried. They have testing tracks where they try out machines in every condition. The very best materials are put into an automobile. God has such a plan for His children; as we go through the trials and testings of life it gives us this endurance. The heathen build out of straw. In Africa they build out of sticks and mud, but these materials do not last. In the civilized countries they build their large skyscrapers, etc., of stronger material and they endure for a great length of time, yet all these shall pass away, but God's Word shall not pass away. The Word endureth forever.

His righteousness endureth forever, Psalms 111 3 and 4. "His work is honorable and glorious; and His righteousness endureth forever. He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion." We are to partake of that enduring substance while on earth. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Our works fail, our ambitions may go down, our greatness as individuals may cease, but if we have His righteousness, it remaineth.

Thy name endureth forever, Psalm 135; 13, "Thy name, O Lord, endureth forever; and thy

memorial O Lord, throughout all generations. In Heb. 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to day, and forever." Thus we have the word, His righteousness and His name which endure forever.

The truth of the Lord endureth forever. Psalm 117;2. "For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We have a living Christ today.

Praise endureth forever. Praise brings victory.

The four and twenty elders praised God and the angels praised Him. Revelation 5;8 to 14. "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having very one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth forever and ever.

The judgements of the Lord are sure. Psalm 119; 160. "Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgements endure forever." In Sodom and Gomorrah only two or three were found worthy. The Lord judged and His judgment at that time remains as a monument. In Noah's time God's Judgment came upon the earth. "If the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the sinner

and ungodly appear." Thus we have the Word. His righteousness, His name, the truth and praise which endure forever.

The Lord chastens those whom He loves. A Christian left to himself bringeth the Lord to shame. We would soon bring reproach upon the cause because of our naturalness to go our own way. We correct our children because we want them to learn. I fear in these days many are sparing the rod and spoiling the child. Some people murmur at the chastening of the Lord and say, "Oh why do I have to go through this." But we must endure in order to learn our lesson.

We must endure grief. A great deal of grief is caused by misunderstanding, criticism and false reports. Anything making trouble causes grief. A great deal of our persecution used to come from the outside world, but now our trouble is among the brethern, right in the family, close at home. The devil has a seat next to the pulpit today and is nagging things on. 1 Pet. 2;19 and 20. "For this is thank-worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently this is acceptable with God." It is the truth that hurts. If we have anything told about us which is not true, but believed as the truth, we have a right as Christians to deny it. The reproach falls on the church as a body. Christians should say, "I am not guilty" and should stand before the church and tell them so. If they are guilty they should be humble enough to confess openly and ask prayers of the saints. If you "do" and "don't they talk, if you "Are" or "are not" they talk, but your conscience is what to go by if our conscience is clear before God and we endure, we got our reward afterward. We are rewarded for the suffering we go through that we are not guilty of. Jesus let God be His judge and rectifier. He rose triumphantly from the grave. He went to His death as a Lamb to the slaughter, dumb before His shearers.

We must endure temptations. Heb. 10;32, But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions.

If you don't endure temptations they will get

the best of you. Temptation is not sin. If you are tempted to do wrong you have not sinned. Jesus was tempted. It is one of the measures that measures us out to see how strong we are for God. The first love that comes into a sinner's heart makes us love everyone.

That illumination period is responsible for us enduring a great many things. If we don't endure now as we did then we have slipped along the way. The first love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. It is the illumination. Saints will be evil spoken against. We all suffer with those who are persecuted.

We are building for time and eternity; spiritual trials and afflictions are now building us for eternity. We endure by His grace alone. Our hardest trials are yet to come. It is the survival of the fittest. Saints endure and fit themselves for the harder trials, if we don't endure, then we are losing ground. Husbands and wives need it, the love of home life is ebbing away. The ones with the most endurance have the most patience. Endure things that come your way and go through.

We have many examples of endurance. The young men who recently stayed up in an airplane 553 hours as an endurance test. Yet these things soon pass away. We endure many things in life yet there is an end.

Jesus and Job were two examples of endurance. James 5;10, 11 "Take, my brethern, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering, affliction and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

Job sinned not but was true to his faith and God. He said, "I shall behold my Redeemer" He endured to the limit. Jesus held fast His faith His confidence and His consecration unto the end: He counted all things loss that He might win. He despised the shame, took up the cross and was obedient unto death. We shall reap if we faint not and at the end receive a crown of glory.

Abraham was faithful. Heb. 6;13. "For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He swore by Himself. It takes patience to endure. Trials test our faith and endurance. When we yield to

God and say, "Thy will be done," we have gained the victory there. Many are not enduring because they are not willing. Abraham was commanded to offer up his son as a sacrifice, yet he believed that God was able to raise Isaac from the dead. But God provided another sacrifice. In our greatest trial God will open a way where there seemeth to be no way. I myself needed patience when seeking the Holy Spirit, I wanted it right now. I tried to pray, cry, be still and shout through, but every way I tried I slipped back. But after making 100 per cent consecration I prayed up to the mountain top and prayed through. It is so easy if we patiently endure. Endure fault finding, trials, and criticism until the end. The churches are being sifted and tried but the ones who endure to the end will be saved. We cannot pin our faith upon an individual, preacher or church. If so in time of trouble we will run here and there and everywhere for advice and instruction. Moses looked beyond the natural and behold by the eye of faith Him who was invisible. The essentials take us through. Christians of today do not respect the Lord and His promises and blessings as they ought; if so they would serve Him better. Moses renounced all the reward laid up for him in Egypt. Heb. 11; 24, "By faith, Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; By faith he forsook Egypt, he endured, seeing Him who is invisible. Faith takes us through when feelings fail. If we anchor our faith and confidence in God we will endure. Moses suffered the rebuke and correction of all the people under him, he was a meek man and when God would have destroyed the people and raised up another, Moses prayed God not to destroy the people but rather blot out his own name out of the book of life.

Paul had the burden and care of all the churches and the burden of carrying the message to the Gentiles. He suffered for His name sake, he endured. 2 Tim. 2;10, "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." We haven't much suffering to go through after all; others burdens are much harder than ours. Men should not look on things of their own but

on others. When we go through trials some one is watching us, they say if we can go through, then they can. Paul said, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. He endured all things for the elect's sakes. We ought to be considerate of other christians in the way of righteousness and afflictions. 2 Tim. 4;5 "But watch thou in all things endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist make full proof of thy ministry."

Job pinned his faith and confidence in God; that is the best way to endure. We can put our faith in Him as our Healer.

Endure hardness. 2 Tim. 2;3 "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." This may mean to sleep on the ground and have a crust of bread. The trials afflictions and temptations that we have harden our Christian experience and give us muscle and fiber to endure the harder trials which are coming.

IS THIS YOURS?

A minister says that for many years he had pleaded with God for a revival, but no revival had come. Finally, in despair, he gathered his church around him, and rolled the burden of his anxiety upon them saying: "I have done all I can. It is now for you to consider your attitude toward God."

Then there rose up in the church a gray-haired elder, much respected. He said, "Pastor I do not wonder that there is no revival in this church; there never will be as long as Brother Jones and I do not speak to each other;" and before all the people the old man went down the aisle to where his brother sat, and said: "Brother Jones, forgive me; for ten years we have not spoken. Let us bury the hatchet." They made peace and he came back to his seat, bowing his hoary head between his hands.

In the great silence that was on the people another officer of the church rose and said, "Pastor I think there will not be any revival in this church as long as I continue saying fair things to your face and mean things behind your back. Will you forgive me?" The pastor forgave him. He says that for twenty minutes in the awful stillness of the place, men and women rose and went to square up old accounts, with those with whom they were at feud; and then the Spirit of God came down like the sound of a mighty rushing wind.—Sel.

No Man Can Serve Two Masters.

Many people when asked if they are Christians about the best or only answer they have to offer is, "I think I am"—"I trust or hope so" This seems to be about the height of their conception or knowledge of God's saving grace. On the other hand, many of God's children never seem to have a praise for God, but have a testimony of trouble, misery and woe. Friends, God has something better than misery, woes and troubles for His people. God heard their groaning, and God, remembered His covenant, and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land, unto a good land flowing with milk and honey Exodus 2:24 3:8. Say, we are not servants of the Egyptians, but servants of the God of all mercy. Many times we think, wonder and weary not only ourselves but weary our God. We don't know just where the next dime, or meal is coming from: then we begin murmuring and disputing with God. Behold the fowls, of air: your heavenly Father feedeth them, are ye not much better than they? Oh, ye of little faith. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in His way: I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread. Psalms 37:25. Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord. If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land, but if ye refuse and rebel, then what? Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price. Isaiah 55:1. According as His divine power hath given unto us. All things (did you get the word all) that pertain unto life and godliness. 11. Peter 1:3 for ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich yet for your sakes He became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich. We can apply this Scripture to our temporal need as well as our spiritual. If the old picture has begun to look bad, my advise would be to turn the picture over the other side and it might be brighter and better. Let's get out of this mud and get on the highway of holiness, rejoicing in our salvation, instead of fault-finding, com-

plaining and murmuring. Christ purchased something better for all. He purchased a heart felt salvation full of joy and peace. Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. Rom. 8:3. Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesied saying, Thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins. Luke 1:76:77. Jesus went throughout every city and village preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. Jesus tells Nicodemus ye must be born again; except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. Hear the same words to day from our Master; that a clear cut experience of regeneration is not a spiritual luxury for the few but an absolute necessity for all if we ever see the kingdom of God. Ye can not too strongly emphasize the divine side of the new birth but the human side has been over emphasized, until in many cases we have a natural religion void of supernatural life and power. Israel, tired of bondage and slavery, was saved by the blood of the lamb and power of God: they were willing to be delivered but could not deliver themselves, but God brought them out with a strong arm. Even so the new birth is by redeeming blood and divine power working in the soul, awakened to its lost state and who has voluntarily surrendered all, trusting God's grace and power alone to save. The need of the world and each individual is life, divine life, eternal life that is freely offered through Christ. No effort at reform will suffice, we must be transformed. No degree of attainment will answer. God says, we must obtain salvation through Jesus. Let every moral agent know, every son and daughter of fallen Adam, that they are lost until they have a new birth. No religion, creed, no theory about God and heaven; no religious activity can save, only God can save and He saves only by new birth; a new heart, a new spirit, a new creature. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus Rom. 8:1. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. Rom. 8:16, 17. Oh, wonderful day when the music of heaven burst through our stormy horizon and every note in our being gives one burst of harmonious praise to God for His resurrection, power quickening us so that we may walk in newness of life. Evidence of the new birth; we know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. From cold indifference or downright hatred we are changed by the incoming life of Christ to spontaneous love for every other child of God as well as all mankind. It is a love that is natural, you do not have to be educated to it because we are taught of God to love one another and it works automatically as we walk with Him and by this shall all men know that you are my disciples. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. I John 3:1 Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. 1 John 4: 13. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His son into your hearts, crying, Abba. Father. Gal. 4:6. Here is the direct personal testimony of God's Spirit with our spirit. No room for uncertainty here; God surely is able to witness in a way to make us positive and certain we are His. Again, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus. Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Rom. 4:25. That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life Titus 3:7. There is nothing more precious to a sin-burdened, heavy laden soul than divine peace. Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28. Another evidence of the new birth is joy, pure holy heavenly joy. We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus. Real joy is a constituent part of all real salvation. How could we restrain the promptings of joy. Trust in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

Let's spread the glad tidings of sunshine and joy, and not grief, and be more determinate

with a greater determination, like Philip of old; and preach Christ, and there was great joy in that city.

As ever yours in the service of our soon coming Lord Jesus Christ.

J. K. Seber, Katy, Texas.

ENMITY

For the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (Rom. 8-7)

When I was a child, I often wondered why they put Jesus to death and otherwise treated Him so cruelly, but later, through the above verse of Scripture, I found that sinful man could not tolerate moral purity, and as his own sinful nature began to revolt, he felt that he must destroy absolute goodness or Godlikeness from the earth. So bitter is the heart of sinful man toward God that he cannot endure divine nature on the earth.

Jesus always went about doing good, neither was guile found in His mouth. He who fed the hungry, bound up the broken-hearted, healed the sick, cleansed the leper, opened the eyes of the blind and did many wonderful and helpful things for humanity was a "Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Though He had the gentlest nature this world has ever known, yet they crucified Him.

Many godly men and women have been imprisoned, beaten and burned at the stake because sinful men could not endure having their own lives being condemned in contrast with a pure godly life.

Old satan can always find a tool to carry out his nefarious work and in a more subtle form he is using weapons today to destroy the character and by vile slander and accusation is driving the nails in one by one until the gentle, Christ-like nature of the godly man succumbs to the terrible strain, and God in His great mercy and compassion calls them to rest.

David said of these men; "They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. (Psa. 140-3) How careful we should be that we keep our tongues from evil, and our lips from speaking guile, lest we be guilty of driving the nails into our fellow Christians and thereby wound, and cause heartache and sorrow, and eventually death.

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OTHERS MAY—YOU CANNOT

George D. Watson

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put on you such demands of obedience, that He will not allow you to follow other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others will be allowed to succeed in making money, or having a legacy left to them, or in having luxuries, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold and that is a helpless dependance on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord will let others be honored, and put forward, and keep you hid away in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade.

He will let others be great, but keep you small. He will let others do a work for Him, and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He will let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He will not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle your reason in His dealings with you.

He will take you at your word; and if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and let other people say and do many things that you cannot do or say.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not deal with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven.

"What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ"—Phil. 3:7.

Tenderness and Compassion.

How little I know of it. My zeal and energy make me too hard to be tender, loving, forbearing, and considerate of others.

His gentleness made Him great, His compassion produced tears. But mine!—oh! how cold, selfish, formal, narrow. Would that one tear drop from His cheek dropped onto mine, and made a fountain to produce a flood that would burn into and warm my heart.—Selected.

DON'T LOOK AT IT.

A story is told of a man who once asked an eastern king if he could tell him how to avoid temptation.

The king told the man to take a vessel brimful of oil, and carry it through the streets of the city without spilling a single drop.

"If one drop is spilled," said the king, "your head shall be cut off." And he ordered two executioners, with drawn swords to walk behind the man to carry out his orders.

There happened to be a fair going on in the town, and the streets were crowded with people. However the man was very careful, and he returned to the king without having spilled one drop of oil. Then the king asked:

"Did you see any one while you were walking through the streets?"

"No," said the man, "I was thinking only of the oil; I noticed nothing else."

"Then," said the king, "you know how to avoid temptation. Fix your mind as firmly on God as you fixed it on the vessel of oil. You will not be tempted to sin."—Sel.

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We have been sorry not to have the means to put the paper out each month lately, but in talking to a preacher who had been publishing a monthly paper, he told us, (though he had a set price on his paper) he had been compelled to discontinue it because of lack of funds. He also told of others who because of the present hard times, had given up their papers. Many have said they thought it was wonderful that our paper had been continued as regularly as it has, without even a paid subscription. With deep gratitude we praise God for the marvelous way He has blessed and we also thank our readers for their faithful support. We feel greatly encouraged to press on for God and our confidence is in Him that if it is His will to continue the paper through the year, that He will provide.

Many have said that they have had Mr. Parham's books, "A Voice Crying in the Wilderness," and "The Everlasting Gospel," but have loaned them to others and failed to get them back and want another copy. We are hoping to be able to have these books reprinted. Will you join us in prayer that the Lord will provide the means to do this, if it be His will?

We have greatly enjoyed being with our friends and loved ones in California and have

felt God's blessing on our lives, but expect to be returning home soon.

Yours in the service of our soon coming King
Sarah E. Parham.

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"Lift Up a Standard."

"Brethren, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and to exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 1:3.

God heals to-day as of old, all manner of diseases. He heals without respect of persons, who sincerely repent and consecrate to Him.

Some say all are not healed who pray or are prayed for.

Divine healing is in the atonement. "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness." Matt. 8:17. "With His stripes we are healed." If all the world died it would not disprove it any more than if the whole world went to hell would disprove that salvation is in the atonement. If healing ceased with the apostles then salvation did, for they are everywhere mentioned together and co-equal and proven so by the work of Jesus. Ps. 103:3. His blood was shed for sin but His perfect body was broken for our imperfect bodies to bring us to perfect health.

In the last commission He did not say these signs shall follow you, my apostles, and stop with you, but sending them to teach the truths that would make believers to the end of the world said "these signs shall follow them that believe." Mark 16:14-20. So James to the church says. Read James 5:13 16.

Some say we do not need miracles to-day; people believe the Bible without. I want to say there never was a time in the world when they were needed more to convince an infidelic and ungodly church and world. The people are tired of being taxed to keep in position a vast army of preachers who teach spiritual things but offer the oppressed of earth no temporary relief. Ho, ye nations, buy life, health, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost without money and without price.—C. F. Parham.—Published in his paper, "The Apostolic Faith" at Topeka, Kansas 1898.

Jesus Christ The Messiah

At Christmas time, a spirit of expectancy, a thrill of anticipation seemed to fill the hearts of men and women as at no other time of the year. Why was it everyone was so influenced by this spirit? You will say "It is because Christ was born on Christmas." Now we are not at all sure He was born at Christmas. Many learned men have disputed this and some say He was born in March, others in April or May and still others say it was in June or possibly later but that He could not have been born in December. To us this should have little bearing as we are taught to celebrate His birth at this time of the year and because we do celebrate it, God answers our confidence in Him and His word by blessing us, when we rejoice over the birth of His only begotten Son.

Just what day and month He was born should not concern us were it not for the fact that history proves God's Word to be true. It should be of far greater importance than anything else in the world, this fact that He is the Messiah promised by God in the Old Testament and given to us in the New.

You ask me how we are to know He is the Messiah, and I must answer you by asking you first some questions. Do you believe the Word of God? Are you a Jew? Do you believe the Old Testament? If you do, surely you believe that the holy men of old, wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost and these men were Jews, or Hebrews you will say.

Moses by an eye of faith looked forward to the coming of a Messiah when he wrote (Num. 24:17) "I shall see Him, but not now; I shall behold Him, but not nigh; there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel—"and also in (Deut. 18:15) "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethern, like unto me unto Him shall ye hearken." Moses knew that a Messiah would come, a Saviour, a Redeemer. God never does anything without a reason for doing it and I do not believe that He left Moses groping in the dark about the reason for the Passover Lamb, a type of redemption from the curse of death, neither was he obeying blindly God's command about the sacrificial altar with it's offerings for sin and peace. Moses knew the Messiah would not come in his generation, but he like Job of old

looked forward to a time when He would come and when he should see Him, in His glory. Job said of Him; (Job. 19:25-27) "I know that my Redeemer liveth (now) and that He shall stand in 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 see for myself and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

Abraham too believed in the resurrection of the dead, this father of the Hebrew people, without a Bible, a prayer book, a preacher or a song book, he knew that if he offered Issac as a sacrifice that God was able to bring him back from the dead.

It is so wonderful of God. He never leaves an earnest seeker after truth in doubt. (James 1:5) "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God" (Psa. 119:105) God's Word is a "lamp to our feet and a light to our path," and (John 5:39) tells us to search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me," so if we desire to be really wise concerning the Messiah we have only to ask of God, search His word and see just what He has given us as proof of the fact that there will ever be a Messiah, and we find that God has given us His promise, not only that there will come a Saviour but the time and place and some of the events so we need not be mistaken.

Moses and Job both prophesied that He would come, and Isaiah takes up the thread of the story and tells us how He would come. (Isa. 7:14-16) "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (God with us) Was not Isaiah looking back to the place where the Lord had said in the garden of Eden to the serpent, the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head? So much controversy has arisen over the divinity of Christ and so much division has come because modernists declare Him to be the son of Joseph that it is wise to call your attention to some facts we find in the Word of God, that prove to us that Jesus could not have been the son of Joseph and also the Messiah. Let us look at the book of Luke (Luke 1:32-33) "He shall be great and shall be called The SON OF THE HIGHEST, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David; and

He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there shall be no end." Now if Joseph were really His father by nature, this promise could not be fulfilled unless God revoked the curse He had put upon the royal house in the days of Jechoniah the King of Judah who reigned before Zedekiah. (Jer. 22:24-30) This man Jechoniah or Coniah so displeased the Lord that He cursed him and his seed forever.

"As I live" saith the Lord, "though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence" (verse 30) Thus saith the Lord, "Write this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: FOR NO MAN OF HIS SEED SHALL PROSPER, SITTING UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND RULING ANYMORE IN JUDAH." Now let us turn to the book of Matthew, in the first chapter where he gives a record of the house of David from Abraham to Joseph. Verse eleven tells us that Jechoniah (or Coniah) was in the royal line of kings and that Joseph was born of this royal line through Solomon, and under the curse pronounced on Coniah and his seed neither Joseph or his son could have reigned on David's throne. But David had other sons, one of whom was Nathan. Nathan never did reign. David gave his sceptre to Solomon; but Nathan was of the royal house and when we are searching for truth we find God has not left us to grope in darkness; Jesus was to come from the tribe of Judah and carry the sceptre, so God gives us another record of the lineage of Christ in the third chapter of Luke. This record does not correspond with the one in Matt. and has confused many people, but there is nothing confusing about it when we realize that in Bible times there were no records given of women, only of men, and the Greek New Testament makes this plain to my mind, Luke's record is that of Mary and Jesus, that in Matt. is the record of Joseph. If you realize this is the record of Mary, and because she is married to Joseph, it gives his name instead of hers, as that was customary in those days you will see that God's Word is true, Jesus was born of a woman (a virgin) as God said He would be. It would be impossible to belong to both Nathan and Solomon and Luke 3:31 says "the son of Nathan which was the son of David" Matt. 1:6

tells us Joseph came from the house of Solomon. Matthew tells us Joseph was not His natural father. When Joseph found that Mary was to be a mother he decided to put her away but God told him not to do so (Matt. 1:18-25) and told him the prophecies in Isa., concerning the virgin and child were being fulfilled in Mary, and Joseph was to take her for a wife. This he did, so when Jesus was born Joseph was supposedly His father, and as the son of Joseph He had a right to reign upon the throne of David in Jerusalem. Being the son of Mary He did not have the cursed blood of Coniah in His veins and God could give him the throne. When modernists claim there was no reason why God need perform a miracle to give us Christ, they surely have not discovered that the royal house of David had been cursed before Judah was carried away and Jerusalem destroyed. Isaiah 9:6-7 tells us the Messiah would have the throne of David forever.

Could you and I have lived in the days B. C. and had even the Scriptures the Jews had, we could have been sure we were not mistaken, that Jesus was the Messiah, the promised Saviour. Isa. 7:14 tells us He would be born of a virgin, verse 16 tells us that both the kingdoms of Israel and Judah would be forsaken (or bereft) of their kings before the child would know to choose between evil and good; this would make certain the fact that both Israel and Judah would be overthrown as kingdoms before the Messiah would make His appearance. Isa. 11:1-10 gives us assurance He will come from the house of Jesse, David's father, why He would come, and that He would restore to the world that which was lost by the curse. Jer. 23:5-6 tells us that the Messiah will come from the house of David and that His name shall be called "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS," that Judah and Israel should be saved.

When Daniel, that wonderful man of God was taken captive with Ezekiel and carried away to Babylon he besought God for wisdom concerning the future of his people and God sent the angel GABRIEL to bring Daniel the information that he sought. Dan. 9:24-27 Seventy weeks (490 years) were determined upon Daniel's people and the Holy City, to finish the transgression (reject Christ) to make an end of sins (Calvary's cross) to make reconcilia-

tion for iniquity (peace between God and man) to bring in everlasting righteousness (Jer. 23:5 6) to seal (close) up the vision and the prophecy (we will have no further need of them) and to anoint (as king) the most Holy (Christ).

Verse 25: "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and three score and two weeks, the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." Verse 26: And after three score and two weeks (62) shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: Remarkable indeed was this prophecy since it was fulfilled so accurately. Just seven weeks of years were consumed in restoring the temple when the Jews went back to Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah, and just 62 weeks of years (434 years) later Christ rode into Jerusalem triumphantly while the people proclaimed Him king (Prince) of the Jews and a few days later He was crucified (cut off) for the sins of the world. There may be still a doubt in your mind so let us read what Moses said of Him (Num. 24:17) There shall come a star out of Jacob" When the wise men went in search of Him (Matt. 2:2) they told Herod the King. "We have seen HIS star (Messiah's star) in the east and are come to worship Him. When Herod gathered all the chief priests and the scribes together he demanded of them where Christ should be born, and they said unto him, "in Bethlehem of Judaea, for thus it is written by the prophet." Micah. 5:2 "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (John 1:1-5)

There really seems to be no excuse for the unbelieving, except blindness. God gave the time, the place the star, from what tribe in Israel, that He would have a virgin birth, be called Immanuel, and many other things concerning Him that are fulfilled in the record of His life. Since both Old and New Testaments are of Hebrew origin and all the things written in regard to His first advent have been literally fulfilled why should we doubt the things that are written by the Jews in the New Testament in regard to His coming again to reign upon the throne of His father David.

If we accept the New Testament as the inspired Word of God, this same Christ fulfilled the Word of Isa. 53 and was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him (Dan 9:25). He rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, Fulfilling Isa. 62:11, Zech. 9:9, in Matt. 21:1-10 He was betrayed by a friend and disciple, Matt. 26:14-16, fulfilling, Ps. 41:19, Zech. 11:12-13. His suffering is foretold in Ps. 22:1-21, Isa. 50:6, fulfilled in Luke 24:26 His hands and feet were pierced Ps. 22:16 Zech. 13:6-7, fulfilled in John 20:7. Lots were cast for His vesture. Ps. 22:18 fulfilled in Mark 15:24 embalmed and entombed Ps. 16:10 Isa. 53:9 fulfilled in Matt. 26:12 Raised on the third day Ps. 16:10, Ps. 17:15 Jonah 1:17 fulfilled in Matt. 12:40 Ascended into heaven Ps. 8:5-6, Ps. 110:1 fulfilled in Mark 16:19. And with all this array of evidence there is one gigantic testimony to His divine origin. We find this in Matt 12:39 and 40 where Jesus speaks of His divinity "But He answered and said unto them. "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Billions of men have died. Some of them have even come back to life, one after he had been dead four days, but there never was a man who came back to life after the blood had been drained from his body as Christ did and no one of all the dead the Word records as coming back to life or being resurrected, ever came back without the assistance of some other person. One man touched the dead bones of Elisha and was resurrected but he died again and Christ came back of His own volition. He did not need the assistance or command of any other earthly creature (John 10:17-18) He said of Him self, "I lay down my life that I might take it again, no man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again, this commandment have I received of my father." No other person ever was possessed of such power. Can you doubt He was divine with all this evidence? Oh friend can you not enter with me into the Spirit that comes to bless every true believer in the Christ? Can you not yield yourself to

worship Him as did the shepherds and wise men of old? If you can you will receive from God's Hands this wondrous gift, a Saviour.

You are anxious to return the kindness of your friend and kindred when they present you with gifts, how can you accept this matchless gift from God and give Him nothing in return? You say 'He has everything, how can I give Him anything?' There is only one thing in all the world that God hasn't my friend, that is the heart of man. Will you refuse to give Him your's? It is only a reasonable return for what He has given you. Give Him yourself let Him possess your heart to it's utmost capacity and in return He promises every good thing for all your future. Oh if you will only do this my friend you will come to understand that great love that caused God to give us a Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

Irene I. Dilworth,
Skiatook, Okla.

BOOK OF DANIEL IN BIBLE IS CONFIRMED BY UR DISCOVERIES

LONDON, Jan. 10—Partial confirmation of the Book of Daniel in the Bible is seen by Sir Charles Marston, British archaeologist, in the recent Ur discoveries near Babylon of an expedition financed by the University of Pennsylvania and the British museum.

Sir Charles, who is a well known industrialist and student of archaeology, cited the discovery of the palace of the Princess Relshanti Nannar, whom he believes to have been a sister of Belshazzar.

"Archaeology proves that the sack of Jerusalem actually happened," Sir Charles said, "and it is quite feasible that Daniel may have seen this place."—Houston Post-Dispatch: Saturday Morning, Jan. 10, 1931.

When Love Says "Don't."

Don't mail that sarcastic, bitter letter which you wrote in any angry mood, and which gave you a feeling of spiteful satisfaction because you thought you had done a smart thing and were going to "get square" with some one who had insulted or injured you—burn it. There is a better way, love's way, Try it.—Selected.

God's Word and the world, will never agree.

For the Children

WILLING AND GLAD.

1 Chron. 29:9.

"Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly."

We thought yesterday morning about giving our members up to God for Him to use. Did you think you would like to give them up to Him? If you did, you will understand this morning's text! David the king asked his people to help in bringing offerings for God's house and service. He said, 'Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?' And God made them all willing to bring what they could. And what then? 'Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord.' And did eat and drink on that day before the Lord with great gladness."

See what came of offering willingly to the Lord—they 'rejoiced,' and everything they did, even eating and drinking, was 'with great gladness.' Never is anyone so happy as those who offer themselves willingly to the Lord. He gives them a thousandfold return for the worthless little self and weak little members which they have offered to Him. He gives them peace, and gladness, and blessing, beyond what they ever expected to have.

But this was not all; it was not only the people who had such a glad day, but 'David the king also rejoiced with great joy.' Those who loved their king, and recollected how much sorrow he had gone through, and how many battles he had fought for them, must have been glad indeed to see him rejoicing because they had offered willingly. And I think our King, your King Jesus, rejoices over us when He has made us able (verse 14) to offer ourselves willingly to Him. Is not this best of all? Jesus, who suffered for us, and who fought the great battle of our salvation for us, He, our beloved King, 'will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing.'

'In full and glad surrender I give myself to Thee,
Thine utterly, and only, and evermore to be!
O Son of God, who lovest me, I will be Thine

alone;

And all I have, and all I am, shall henceforth
forth be Thine own.'

—F. R. Havergal.

GET BUSY

If you have work that's hard to do
Begin it, right at once;
Don't put it off and worry 'round
And act just like a dunce.

If there is something that must be done
Do it quick, without a fret;
For if you put it off without excuse
It's sure to cause regret.

A task that seems like a mountain
Turns to a molehill when it's begun;
So smile and hurry to start it
Then laugh for it soon will be done.

—Nellie Patton.

MY MOTHER

My mother always seems to know
Just what is best for me,
And when she says a thing is so
It's always sure to be.

She knows about my work and play,
And cares for me at night;
She safely guides me through the day,
In ways of truth and right.

And when I ask, "How do you know?"
She says it is God's way.
He teaches mothers and they know
Their children, day by day.

—Elizabeth Taylor in Mayflower.

TWO VIEWS

"I cannot do much in an hour," said Jack,
"I might as well waste it, you see:
Just an hour a day is nothing at all,
That is as it seemeth to me."

"An hour a day!" Ted puckered his brow.
"In a year let's see what 'twould be;
Fifteen days and five hours,—too much to be
lost,
That is, so it seemeth to me."

—Adelbert F. Caldwell.

Modesto, California.

In the year 1901, I read in a paper that the students in Brother Parham's Bible School at Topeka, Kan., had sought and many had received the Pentecostal baptism as recorded in Acts 2 and that the Holy Spirit who had been with them had now entered into their prepared hearts and was manifesting Himself in a way that would prove to themselves and the world that Christ's promise had been fulfilled in them as they were speaking in unknown tongues, and I wanted that blessing. I had yet to learn that the baptism of the Holy Spirit was a gift from the Father on a sanctified life.

Not long after, two of the students from that Bible school came to hold meetings near us and were at our home much of the time. They gladly answered my eager questions, as I wanted every blessing that would give me power to live the Christ-life every day.

One day one of the sisters said to me. "Sister Fay, let us wash the dishes while you go up stairs and pray for the meeting tonight." When I had prayed for the meeting I prayed for myself, consecrating anew my life to God. I shook under the power that came joyfully. I returned to the sisters speaking in broken English. Soon after the Holy Spirit spoke a sentence through me in an unknown tongue and the interpretation came like a flash. "I come to thee." Hallelujah; He had come to me. I had not struggled but was seeking to know the way. At first I did not speak many words in an unknown tongue so I told the Lord that if Satan came bothering me saying you did not get the promised gift, I wanted to be able to answer him in tongues. Shortly after I was sitting by my window sewing alone when a voice spoke to me saying: "Ask the Father if I the Holy Spirit may talk through you in tongues." I had not been looking to the one who at the request of Jesus had sent the blessing. The Holy Spirit puts Christ and God before himself and will not give the Bible evidence until we have honored them. I looked to God and He came so near that I could have put my hand on the spot (had I dared) where He was and He said in answer to my request, "Yes Child." Every muscle in my vocal organs expanded and I began talking the words with the brogue of the foreigners as easily as I did the English. God's gifts to man are often counterfeited to do the

devil's work. So with this gift, that we can allow His spirit to speak through us, we must keep so close to God that only the Holy Spirit will speak through us.

The Holy Spirit honors the Christ, and the Father who sends the Gift of the Holy Spirit.—

(Mrs.) Mattie Fay.

Editorial Note—Sister Fay was living near Tonganoxie, Kansas, at the time she received this experience. She was a member of the Friends Church and daughter of Brother and Sister Ballard, pastors of the Friends Church there, who married Mr. Parham and me.

Worth Passing On.

A recent illustration on, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Traversing one day a city street, I was startled by a sharp clanging above my head. On looking up, I found myself directly beneath the tower wherein a huge clock was striking the midnight hour. I took my watch from my pocket, and lo! the slender, over-lying hands were pointing exactly to the hour of twelve. It scarcely seemed possible that that tiny piece of mechanism in my hand could keep time with the huge machinery that filled a whole room of the tower; but the proof was before me, and as I gazed at the two pairs of hands of such diverse proportions, I understood as never before that the most insignificant human being needed only to be clean, in running order and divinely regulated to keep time with Divinity itself—to be perfect even as the Father is perfect.—Selected.

Life's Greatest Sweetener—Love.

Love is the life of God. It is my life. Therefore love shall rule every thought, motive and decision of my life. I shall abide in the heavenly atmosphere of love. When my surroundings are full of centune, bitterness and hatred I shall abide my time in quietness and trust in love to conquer all. Love shall rule—Love shall sweeten—Love never fails.—Selected.

Revival meeting still in progress at Galena, Kansas, the Lord is graciously blessing, 47 have been saved, 36 sanctified and 14 have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Lee S. Drachenberg, in charge.