

The Apostolic Faith

Honor thy father and thy mother; that the days may be long upon the
land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12.

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Memorial services will be held for Charles F. Parham June 2 at the West End Apostolic Faith church, 909 Knox Street, Houston, Texas. There will be three services and basket dinner at noon. Come and enjoy the fellowship of God's children.

SANCTIFY THE LORD GOD

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15. This verse of Scripture can only be understood by knowing the meaning of the word, sanctify, as it is used throughout the Bible. We affirm that sanctification is a cleansing by the blood of Christ, from the nature of sin inherited from Adam, and is a "second work of grace"! "How readeest thou?" The writer to the Hebrews says, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, where-with he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite to the Spirit of grace? Heb. 10:28,29. Notice the last clause of verse 29 calls the sanctifying by the blood a Spirit of grace. We can be forgiven for our committed sins or trespasses: but the sin of nature we did not commit, and we are not to blame because we were born in sin and so cannot be forgiven for it; that law of sin must be cleansed out by the blood. If we confess our sins (trespasses) He is faithful and just to forgive our sins, AND to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (or sin nature) 1 John 1:9 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose SIN is covered (by the blood) Psalms 32:1. He that hath clean hands (committed sins forgiven) and a pure heart shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or stand in His holy place. Psalms 24, 3, 4. Under the law of Moses there was both a sin offering and a trespass offering, both requiring blood. With out the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Luke 24:47, Heb. 9:22.

We see Jesus in the garden praying and shedding or sweating as it were great drops of blood. Satan enters Judas at the last Pass-over supper (Luke 22:3) changing him from a whining, bickering, treasurer to a mob leader. Knowing the place of prayer he leads the mob into the Garden. He had sold his Lord for a paltry sum of silver but had not reckoned on the bloody face of his Lord that he was to kiss as a betrayal signal. Neither had satan reckoned on the blood that was to be his undoing. He was again reaching for the Throne of God,

which he has ever coveted since sin was found in him.

Judas in kissing the Lord, comes in contact with the blood, and satan with in Judas must take to other quarters, while Judas repented himself and took back the price of Him who was valued, and confessed to the priests that he had betrayed innocent blood. Had he confessed to God, we wonder if this particular Bible story would not have been written differently, as far as Judas was concerned. However the blood on the face of Jesus took the mob leadership out of Judas, yet Jesus must suffer without the gate to sanctify the people from their sin (sin nature). Let us go forth therefore until Him without the camp bearing His reproach.

You ask how can we sanctify the Lord God when He is pure, holy, undefiled and the embodiment of all perfection by nature? You must remember that sanctification has to do with purifying from smudge or defilement put upon us by another, and for which we are not to blame. A diamond will sparkle in the dark, but throw mud on that diamond and it cannot be seen in the bright sun light. To "set" that diamond "apart" will not make it any more visible than it was ere it was "set apart" if the mud is not washed from it.

If "setting apart" was the idea our text would have to read, set the Lord God apart in your hearts . . . whereas we believe He will do His own setting apart while our part is to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. I have an old black iron kettle set apart for cooking: it had served twenty years in another household ere I bought it and had set the last three years of that time in a cellar. I was assured that it was a perfectly good kettle that had served its owner well but as it set in the cellar it collected dirt and rust that required sandpaper, Dutch Cleanser and a steel brush, propelled by elbow power until the collected dirt was scoured away. Was I through with one operation? I was not! It must needs be washed. After which it was ready to be "set apart" for use in its new environment.

In Ezek. 36:17-27 we read of God driving Israel out of the land for their defiling the land by their own way and doings; He scatters them among the heathen where they again profane His great name and He tells them He has pity on His great name and not for their sake but

for His great name's sake He would sanctify His great name that they had profaned among the heathen. He goes on to describe the process by which He will remove the reproach from His name. He will sprinkle clean water upon them and they shall be clean from all their filthiness and idols (transgressions or committed sins) A new heart and a new spirit would He put within them; He would take away the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, after which He would put His Spirit within them. They were then enabled to walk in His statutes in place of their own way and doings as described in v. 17.

Jesus said "I sanctify myself" John 17:19. He who knew no sin but was made sin for us must suffer without the gate to sanctify Himself and the people for their sin. But how can we sanctify Him from the reproach we put upon Him by our doings, profaning His name by not walking in His statutes? We must right about and do His will and keep His name where it belongs; above every name and His word where it belongs above His name. Psalm 138:2.

It is through faith we obtain the promises which are still "yea and amen" but God is not going to say both the "yea" and also the "amen." God says, (yea) "I will remove your sins from you as far as East is from the West"; our part is to say, "Amen, Lord I believe." God says (yea), "If we walk in the light (which a sinner cannot do) as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin." 1 John 1:7. Our part again is to say Amen.

Again God says (yea) "I am the Lord that healeth Thee. "Do we sanctify His great name and say "amen" or do we send for the doctor?"

The sum total of the whole matter is that after we have proved and obtained the promises through faith we are able to give a reason for the hope within us with meekness and fear.

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Wichita, Kansas.

Claude and Lula Parham left Baxter Springs, Kansas, Friday (May 3) and had services at Caney, Kansas, that night, then going on to Cheney, Kan. They will hold services there and in that vicinity as the Lord leads, before going on to other fields of labor.

OTHERS MAY! YOU CANNOT!

If God has called you to be really like Jesus in all your spirit, 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 may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and attempting it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may brag on themselves, on their work, on their success, on 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, a helpless dependence on Him, that He may supply 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 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 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 Christian 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, and 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 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, 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.

—Selected.

AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT

On the sunny island of Jamaica some colored people were holding a missionary convention. "Now, brethren," said one very earnest man, "I propose that we proceed according to rule and in the most regular way."

"First: Every person shall give something.

"Second: "Every gift shall be according to the man's wealth.

"Third: Every gift shall be cheerfully given."

Then this practical man sat down by the collection box to see that each gift and giver fully met all the three rules.

Soon a man known to be more prosperous than his brethren walked up the aisle and laid two dollars on the table.

"Take it back, brother, it will not do. It meets the first rule but not the second," said the faithful watcher.

Back to his seat he went but in a few minutes came forward again and threw down a twenty dollar bill saying testily, "There, does that suit you better?"

"No," said his friend, "It will not do. It meets the first and second rules but not this last one—it is not cheerfully given."

This time the giver was angry as again he returned to his seat. For a long time he sat deeply thinking. Then suddenly rising he rushed down the aisle with a beaming face. This time he dropped a one hundred dollar bill on the table and said, "Take this, brother, I give it most cheerfully to my dear Lord Jesus."

"That is better," quietly replied the treasurer. "This last gift meets all the rules of this convention. May the Lord bless it and bless the cheerful giver."—Sel.

THE MOTHERS WHO HAVE GONE AWAY

By H. A. McGinnis

This is the day we set apart
On which we shall a blossom wear;
A silent tribute of the heart
Unto all mothers, everywhere.
And as we pause in memory,
We would especial honor pay
Unto those mothers, well beloved,
Who from our homes have gone away.

There is no love like mother love,
Which love was ours before our birth;
And goes with us where e'er we be,
By night or day, o'er all the earth.
For whether we have played our parts
And life for us be good or ill,
And men shall praise us—or deride—
She is our loving mother still.

We miss so much the busy hand,
The cheery word, the patient smile;
The house now hardly seems a home
Since she has gone from us, a while,
For though we love our mothers well
When they are with us day by day,
They seem, somehow, to dearer grow,
When they from us have gone away.

While we rejoice with those who place
In mother's hands some fragrant bloom,
And needs must feel the loneliness
Of empty chair and vacant room;
In memory our mothers, too,
Shall dwell with us again today;
The dearest mothers earth has known
The mothers who have gone away.

My Mother-in-Law

Today we sing praises
Of the dearest mother on earth
She's mine—she's mine—she's mine
I cannot tell her worth.
But there is another mother
That to my heart brings joy,
'Tis the mother of my mate
I sing her praises with her boy.

N. G. Patton, Picher, Okla.

Song Books

The song book entitled, "His Praise in Song" is being used by many of the evangelists and in the Apostolic Faith Missions and Churches and is a splendid book for revivals. It contains 295 songs and we greatly appreciate the special selections. Special prices will be given on quantities and sample copies mailed on request. Write Robert L. Parham, Box 6, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

SOMEHOW GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Sometime when I have tried in vain, and seem about to lose, to fail, there comes to me assuring peace: The Truth of God will win, prevail. Or when it seems that everything gives only trouble and more care, I turn to God, I think to pray; and find somehow God answers prayer. I need not tell Him just the way to answer when I call; my faith assures me: He'll not fail when in my trust I yield Him all. And when I think of only God, to Him alone in faith repair, it matters not how hard my task, I know somehow, some way, God answers prayer. Somehow God answers prayer when otherwise I'd be afraid. 'Tis then He gives me added strength; a THOUSAND hands come to my aid. I need to think less of the lack to know that He is everywhere, to just appropriate the good and question not His way of prayer.

Houston, Tex.

D. V. L.

A FEW POINTERS FOR PREACHERS

(By Franz Victor)

Don't form an opinion on a subject and then hunt up all the Scripture that you can find to bolster up your opinion. First read all that the Word has to say on it, then ask God to give the truth concerning it, "Thus saith the Lord," is a million times more important than what you or some one else may think.

Never use the pulpit as a means to get even with some one in the audience. If you have a bone to pick, pick it privately. Remember that the one you are lambasting has friends and they are going to take sides. Not seldom some one it was never intended for will take it and you will be surprised (and distressed) at the outcome.

Take time to be holy. Wait on the Lord in private devotion. God is real and He will surely become so to you if you will cultivate His friendship. All prayer is not on the knees. Talk to God as you walk, as you ride, in your bed room, in your study. He will talk back to you, if you are not too busy to listen. Enoch "walked with God." We need more walkers with God.

In your preaching use words that people can understand. Real learning and genuine wisdom consists in using words easily understood to explain big things so others can grasp them.

When you preach, know what you are talking about. Taking a large subject and then show-

ing your ignorance of it, disgusts your audience. Get the things clear in your own mind before you try to pass it on to others.

When a big man gets a big job it makes him feel small. When a small man gets a big job he puffs up and wants the whole world to know how important he is. Brother, if you occupy any office of importance let it become a responsibility before God, and act accordingly. Use your authority (I Peter 5:3) as a father to the younger ones and as a brother to the others. Get their confidence. Be such a friend that they can come to you with their troubles and problems and pour out their hearts. When a burdened heart unloads to you, never betray that confidence.

—Selected by H. L. Watkins.

"A PRAYER HYMN"

(This hymn is said to have been written by a nineteen-year-old servant girl. It was read to a large congregation by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan at one of his services last summer at Westminster Chapel, London.)

Lord of all pots and pans and things; since
I've no time to be

A saint by doing lovely things, or watching
late with Thee,

Or dreaming in the dawnlight, or storming
heaven's gates,

Make me a saint by getting meals, and washing
up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have
a Mary mind;

And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy
sandals, Lord, I find.

I think of how they trod the earth, what time I
scrub the floor;

Accept this meditation, Lord, I haven't time
for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love, and light it
with Thy peace;

Forgive me all my worrying, and make all
grumbling cease.

Thou Who didst love to give men food, in room
or by the sea,

Accept this service that I do—I do it unto Thee.

—Selected.

Sunstrokes affect the head, sinstrokes the heart.

MEDITATION AND VICTORY THROUGH GOD'S WORD.

While sitting in a down out car during a down-pour and electrical storm Satan said, "Now look at the fix you are in. You should have stayed at home. You came 32 miles for nothing. You saw the clouds gathering. You knew it was going to rain."

But had it been for nothing? I had just stopped in a home to have prayer; to cast a few crumbs upon the water; To give a little encouragement in Jesus' name.

The battle was on. The lightning flashed. The thunder crashed. Satan said, "What good have you done." Apparently no good had been done; but I had tried, I went to do good.

Then the Lord gave me His word. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The battle was won.

In a little while the Lord sent a man around to give me a push that sent me home. A push that sent me to my Bible, to the book of Eccl. chapter 11, for a message from God!

Give, second verse, Have Faith, fifth verse, and Work, sixth verse.

C. R. Swanson.

Revival at Perryton, Texas.

Sunday, May the fifth, was a wonderful day at our church, because of God's presence to bless. This was the last day of a three weeks revival meeting conducted by Mr. Robert L. Parham and wife, in which numbers were saved, many backsliders reclaimed, several sanctified, some healed, two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Church received a great spiritual uplift.

A very sacred consecration and ordination service was held Sunday afternoon for Bro. Paul Bollinger from Booker, Texas, who has been called into the ministry. During the sermon by Bro. Parham and the prayer service the power of the Lord was so felt that there were few dry eyes in the congregation. Bro. Bollinger's father and mother, who are devout Christians, knelt in prayer with him as hands were laid upon him by some of the ministers present asking God's blessing upon his life and ministry. This service was followed by a baptismal service in which nine were baptized.

The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.—Robert Girouard, Pastor Full Gospel church.

BRIEF MENTION

Bro. Peircy Campbell, pastor of the Booker Apostolic Faith church and Bro. Paul Bollinger will open a revival at Chaney, Okla.

The George sisters of Perryton, Texas, are now with Bro. Robert Parham and wife. Many readers of the paper know these wonderful Christian girls, having heard them sing at camp meetings.

Bro. and Sister Gilbert stopped at Baxter Springs, Kan., May 5, on their way to Anderson, Mo., where they will help in the revival meeting being conducted by Floyd Durham. They had come from Curtis, Okla., where they had assisted Bro. Tica Tabor in the revival meeting held there. They said that we could not realize the terrible condition that the sand storm district was in, yet God had wonderfully supplied the needs during the meeting and was caring for His children. They rejoiced at finding everything so green and pretty here, and said how thankful we should be for the beautiful gardens.

May 5.—Peace to thee. We closed a successful four weeks meeting at Kirby Chapel April 14. Discouraged Christians were revived and 2 sinners got a real experience in the Lord. We began a revival at Oakland, Texas, April 28. This is a new place for this Gospel, but we are having nice crowds and the people seem to be interested. Bro. Jess Ward from Kirby Chapel is with us to play the piano. We ask all to remember us in your prayers. We are laboring for lost souls and if we can be of service to any one please write to us. — Evang. E. W. Dickson, Waldo, Ark., Route 1, Box 84.

Vealmoore, Texas, May 4.—We are in a very good meeting here. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. Two have been saved and sanctified, and three have prayed through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and we are looking for a greater break in the meeting. Pray for us. J. M. and Vera Scott.

Monday evening (April 29) Mr. and Mrs. William Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Parham and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parham motored from Baxter Springs to Anderson, Mo., to attend the tent revival meeting being held there by Evang. Floyd Durham. They reported a good interest and attendance.

Nevada, Mo., April 21.

Greetings in the Name of Our Risen Lord:

Bro. Claude Parham and his wife were with us for our Friday night cottage meeting, held in our house. They stopped on their return to Baxter Springs, Kan., from Adrain, Mo., where they had been having a week's meeting. We are glad to report a very good service. About 30 present, and several from out of town, who were a blessing and inspiration to us. Bro. N. M. Jones, his wife and daughters, Mrs. W. W. Addleman, and Miss Henrietta Gutchall from Adrain, Miss Stella Deffenbaugh of Kansas City, and Bro. and Sister Foreman and family, from Richards, Mo.

The Lord was present in the song and testimony service, and all were blessed as honor and praise were given to the Lamb of God, who is indeed our Passover. Bro. Claude Parham brought us a beautiful message of the wonderful power of our Christ and how He cares for those who put their trust in Him, and supplies His children with the necessities of life. We were much encouraged by the meeting and realize again how blessed it is to know Him of whom Moses and the prophets did write. Yours in His service. R. C. Johnson and family.

God has indeed been good to us in our labors for Him and has verified His promises to us as we obeyed Him. April 28, we closed a five weeks' meeting at Joplin, Mo., with an all day meeting, and many attended from the neighboring towns. The revival meeting has been well attended and a fine interest shown. About twenty-four have been saved, several sanctified, and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Olen Bachler and Lee Brock Evangelistic party.

Bro. and Sister Tica Tabor of Selman, Okla., held a revival in Curtis, Okla. They were assisted by Bro. and Sister Gilbert of May, Okla.,

and Bro. and Sister Moore of Laverne, Okla. They had wonderful victory in the Lord who surely fulfilled His promises. There were sixty converted, forty sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Spirit.

Bro. Albert Durham was at the meeting at Joplin, Mo., Sunday morning, April 28, and distributed bills of the Rockdale Camp Meeting. Those who would like a bill of the Camp Meeting or further information may address him at Stella, Mo.

CAMP MEETING AT CANEY, KANSAS

Arrangements are being made by a local committee for a camp meeting to be held at Caney, Kan., July 4-14—Any desiring further information may write to F. H. Nease, pastor.

NOTICE

We ask those who are changing your address to please write to us, as we want you to receive the paper, and papers are not forwarded unless re-stamped.

We understand that many are leaving the dust storm districts. We do pray and trust that if the Full Gospel people have to move that the Lord will lead to good locations, and where you can be used of Him to spread this Gospel in new fields.

We earnestly endeavor to keep our mailing list correct, so kindly cooperate with us, and if you do not receive your paper, we would be glad if you would let us know.

Mrs. Luck Smith of Joplin, Mo., has gone to Cheney, Kan., to assist in the mission work there.

Heart wisdom is ahead of book learning.

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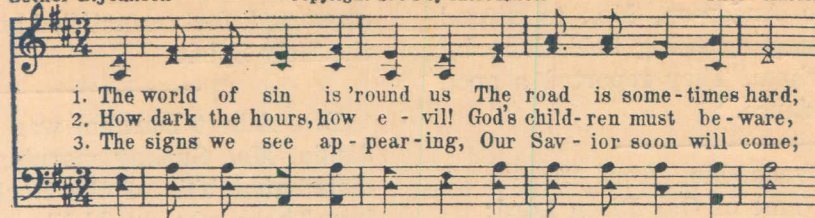
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Encouragement from God

Esther L. Johnson

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1. The world of sin is 'round us The road is some-times hard;
2. How dark the hours, how e - vil! God's child-ren must be-ware,
3. The signs we see ap-pear-ing, Our Sav-ior soon will come;



We give our-selves the warn-ing, "My soul, be on thy guard!"
For snares are all a-round us And dan-ger ev'-ry-where.
He will not long-er tar-ry To take His peo-ple home.



The way we walk is sprinkled By many an earth-ly clod;
We would not cling to treasures Which lie on earth-ly sod;
Lift up your head t'ward Zi-on As on-ward still ye plod;



Let us look up: we shall re-ceive
We'd look a-way to heav'n and gain En-cour-age-ment from God.
Is not His prom-ise "Soon I'll come"



REFRAIN
En-cour-age-ment from God (from God); En-cour-age-ment from God (from God);



Look up in faith: we shall re-ceive En-cour-age-ment from God.

The words of this song, written by Esther L. Johnson, were published in our paper April, 1934, and later set to music by Thoro Harris. In honor of Mother's Day we are dedicating this song to her mother, Rrs. R. C. Johnson of Nevada, Mo., and to all our dear Mothers. May the honor and appreciation of the children given to their mothers, and "encouragement from God" inspire each mother to endeavor to lift up the standard of true Christian motherhood, and be faithful in the battle of life.