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In making this our initial appearance before the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, we are doing so in the fear of God, and to the best of our ability, to His glory and honor, we trust.

It has long been our desire to publish a small gospel paper devoted to the cause of God, in the Apostolic Faith movement, and at last, after some years of waiting, it seems our desire is being realized. We fully believe God has undertaken by placing in our hands the material and equipment for the publication of a small paper, which we trust will go forth in the purity of the gospel, and in some manner be a blessing to some one.

For years, it seems we have felt that God's people should be drawn into a closer relationship and a better understanding of each other, and we feel, that being lawfully used, this little paper which shall be known as THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSANGER, will serve as an instrument in God's hands in doing so. We are going to need your prayers and co-operation in this undertaking. Remember how the children of Israel held up Moses' hands all day long while the battle was being fought. So, while we do not feel in comparison to Moses, yet we, sincerely, feel the call of the prayers and co-operation of God's people in all the talks of life. We feel more than one motive for the publication of the little paper other than helping to draw the saints of God of the Apostolic Faith into a closer relationship. Among some of the other reasons we feel that the time is near at hand when our presence at home, and with our parents is going to be necessary more than in the past, especially through the cold winter months, as some of you will know and understand that our father mother are not young any more, even as you and I are ageing every day. So we feel, that while we may be held at home a bit more closely in the future, yet, through the medium of the little paper, we can reach many whom we otherwise might not be able reach at all, and thus we can continue to carry on the work, which is in part, we feel, the work God has laid upon our hearts to do. And another feature which we feel is of great importance to God's people, which the little paper can, by God's help, be instrumental in doing, and that is to warn the saints of God against the many false and erroneous doctrines and teachings which are going forth in these last days, which are intended to mislead precious souls and to destroy the purity of the bride.

It shall not be our intention to try to unChristianize any person through the columns of the little paper, for it's already a lamentable fact, that to-day, there are too few Christians, but it's our desire to see more, and better Christians. Yet, in doing our duty before God, it will doubtless become necessary to be very plain and to the point in exposing false teaching and doctrines, and in doing so, remember it's not our aim to destroy the souls of mankind, but the things that are being preached among them which is aimed at their soul, that's the thing we, by God's help, are after. If sin is found in any church, there's the place to begin by exposing and denouncing such, for nothing is so destructive as sin. [Just imagine a church going hand-in-hand with sin!]

Many to-day are building their hopes on some church organization to carry them through to the glory world. Remember that the Bible said in Colossians 2; 20-23:

"Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not;) "Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men; "Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh."

We realize, as well as you doubtless, yourselves understand, there are many false doctrines being preached to-day, and many, indeed, have a "shew of wisdom in will worship and humility," etc., as stated above, and by such means (Continued on next page.)
are deceiving precious souls.

God's word says in 2nd. Peter 2:1-2, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

"And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

So we see that false teachers shall be among us; therefore it's somebody's duty before God, to watch out for such, and warn the people.

We have been told there was 41 kinds of Holiness, or thereabouts, being preached among the people. If such is the case, it's a sure thing that 40 of those doctrines are in error, or false, one, in view of the fact that God's Bible says "there is one faith," etc.; and Jude tells us to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

So dearly beloved, our aim in general in the issuance of this little paper, is to continue to bring God's word before you in it's purity; to lift up a standard for the people; to expose false doctrines and teachings; to be an aid in drawing God's people into a closer relationship and better understanding of each other; to bring something concerning God's plan of salvation before the people from time to time; to report meetings; to possibly get the saints more interested in the missionary work in foreign fields; to watch for prophesy fulfillment, and report the same; to give you a chance to tells others far away, of what God has done for you, if the Lord should lead you that way; to bring before you, as God may lead, exhortations on the daily Christian life, and in substance, that 2nd. Timothy 3:16-17, may reach you and be fulfilled in your life, which says: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

"That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

We will publish the paper at no set time, but hope to get out an issue at least once a month, the Lord willing, or more often, should God lead that way.

As stated elsewhere in this issue, this little paper is published free; our support coming through tithes and free-will offerings, and any amount you might feel led of God to send for that purpose, you can rest assured will be spent to the glory of God and his cause, in the furtherance of the Gospel. So asking you to:

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

"Withal praying for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

"That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.—Colossians 4:2-4, and again asking your co-operation and your prayers in this undertaking, directed to-ward the upbuilding of God's cause, and His kingdom; for the perfecting of the saints; and we hope, also, for the salvation of some poor, lost soul,

We are your weak, unworthy brother in Christ, still standing for the old-time Gospel, in it's purity and it's power.

O. H. Bond.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

With earthquakes almost daily throughout the world; fighting and bloodshed as an aftermath of the world war still going on in various countries; political unrest and social upheavals holding sway; with accounts of horrible murders, debauchery, lusts, robberies and crimes of henious natures occurring almost daily; with increasing diseases among humanity and pestilences stalking the earth destroying crops of all kinds, and bringing disease and destruction to live stock; with famine conditions taking thousands every year, and becoming alarming the world over; with distress and perplexity of nations in general, it looks very plain that we are entering into the time of sorrows (the tribulations) spoken of in Matthew, the 24th. chapter. Yet, for all this, the world is rushing on, pleasure mad, and filled with greed and the satisfaction of lust, and giving no heed to the warning call of the end.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

"For as the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.——Matthew 24:37-39.

Some professed Christians will possibly say they believe in "giving the devil HIS dues;" yet they are robbing God in tithes and offerings. For shame!

BIBLE VERSE:

Therefore turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.—Hosea 12:6.
OUTWARD ADORNING

"Is the wearing of neckties by Christians condemned through the Bible?" you ask. So in reply we will also ask a question. What does the scripture mean in James 1:21, which reads: "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls?" It surely has a meaning, and in part it is referring to that which is superfluous, or as Webster says: "More than is wanted or sufficient; rendered unnecessary by superabundance; unnecessary; useless; needless; excessive." While we are not trying to class the necktie as a superfluity of "naughtiness" by use of the above scripture, other than as Mr. Webster defines the word "naughty" in part, to mean "worthless," hence we would find the combination "superfluity of naughtiness" could easily be seen to apply to "unnecessary worthlessness," etc.

While it's not our intention to be so-called "narrow," nor fanatical along the line of the wearing of neckties, which are primarily worn for the sake of ornamental purposes and style in by far the most cases, yet we do feel a sincere conviction along this line, hence our few words of discourse on the subject under the heading of "Outward Adorning," and also see if God's Word does not by precept, treat on this very line. Many will say "Oh, you can't find so-and-so in the Bible," as tobacco, for instance, not considering that the Bible is a book of principles, and should every known transgression of both the Prophets' and Apostles' time, as well as the latter day sins of our time have been singled out and called by name, the Bible would have certainly been an enormous book, entirely too large for practical use, hence the assertion in Isaiah 28:10, "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

Now, the word 'precept' means 'Any commandment or order intended as an authoritative rule of action; especially, a command respecting moral conduct; an injunction; a direction to be followed,'—Webster. Being also synonymous with the word 'principle' or 'doctrine,' we find then that by precept, or doctrine, the Bible treats of many evils, not calling them by name, but through principle only.

Now we find in 1st. Peter 3:3, speaking of the woman's adornments, this: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel." Now if the necktie is not for adorning purposes, and also if the wearing of it is not 'putting on apparel,' we'll confess our ignorance, but after having worn ties for years prior to our experience in sanctification, some 15 years ago, we feel in position to know just why they are worn—as an ornament. Again we read in 1st. Timothy 2:9 "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold or pearls, or costly array." According to the amount of material in them, they link up well with 'costly array.' Some men preachers will no doubt preach the above scriptures to the women of their congregations, exhorting them along the line of plain, modest dress, and they themselves all fixed out with a nice piece of neckwear—tie—and wearing it for the same identical purpose the sister wore the gold ring, pin, or bracelet for, or 'fussed up' her hair.

PRIDE alone—and trying to look pretty, when God's word has said, "in vain shalt thou make thyself fair." So inasmuch as there is no respect of persons with God, and as in Christ Jesus there is neither male nor female, but we are all one in Him, then it's to be conceded that the Bible teaching on the ornamental question would be just as binding on the man as on the woman.

Just what is the necktie mainly worn for? Is it not purely for ornamental purposes? Just be honest and say 'yes.' Isn't it then superfluous?

Some advance the theory they are needful to hold your collar in place. Just hold on there, a moment, your argument won't work! You say, "Why?" Because we've tried it, both ways. For some 15 years we've not worn one and our collar stays in place quite well, thank you.

The reason we use to wear them was because we thought they added to our personal appearance, or in other words, made us look pretty. How about yourself? No one even preached our necktie off us, but after God had wonderfully sanctified this boy, one night on the way to church, acting upon the reproof we felt from God, we pulled off our prized necktie, a beauty, we thought, at the time, and until this day we've never had one on, and best of all, with the necktie, went the desire for them, and the victory holds good to-day, thanks be to God, Amen!

Why, saints, it's even brought the victory in our soul by even the thought that we was free from such, and while having no desire whatever to go back to such things, we would be afraid to do so, for we hear the Apostle Paul say in Galatians 2:18, "For if I build (Continued on page 5.)"
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This little paper is published free, and to the glory of God, for your benefit. Our support comes through tithes and offerings, and for your understanding we mention this, as some may wonder just how the expenses are met since it is a free publication, and they may want a part in helping to carry on God's work in this manner. We are not making an appeal to you for aid further than to let you understand our means of support.

Wife and myself have been in the Gospel work over 15 years, and we have stood uncompromisingly for this Gospel during that time, and have traveled hundreds of miles, and in all kinds of weather, going to many out-of-the-way places, so-to-speak, and endured privations as well as enjoyed the better circumstances, all as a labor of love, and as a duty and devotion toward God, as He had wonderfully called us to such; and never one time have we asked for an offering for ourselves, neither have we asked others to do so for us, or hinted such, nor have we solicited tithes from the brethren, but we have found God's promise to be true wherein He promised you and I in Philippians 4:19, "to supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." There may have been times we have felt the want of some better means, but God has promised us only our needs, and doubtless some of our wants, in some instances, have come through our own mismanagement of affairs, and then it would mean for us to "hit the heavy," so-to-speak, to recoup our loss.

We realize the fact there is sometimes slackness among God's people in watching over the support of the Gospel, and thereby bringing mighty close times to the workers, yet it doesn't alter the promises of God, though the preacher sometimes as a result of such neglect, is reduced to very meager conditions, for we hear the prophet of old say in Joshua 1:5, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee," and again in Isaiah 33:15-16, "He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; "He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munities of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Again we hear the Psalmist David say, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."—37:25. God kept Elijah during the great drought by the brook Cherith, and the ravens brought him bread and flesh, both morning and evening, and he drank water from the brook;—1st. Kings 17:1-7, and when the brook finally dried up by reason of the prolonged drought, God still had a plan by which to keep him; He told him to "Arise, get thee to Zaarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there (if saints of God would only go every time just where 'God tells them, and 'abide' there—you'll understand what we mean) behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee." So Elijah obeyed God, and God blessed the widow's store of provisions so that the very meager amount of meal and oil—enough to make just one more meal for her and her son, which she was going to prepare for herself and the boy to eat, and then die—kept lasting. So when Elijah called for bread and water, and she obeyed, and prepared food for Elijah, from her scanty supply, God blessed that food supply, that there was sufficient for them all, even until He stopped the drought, and sent rain again upon the earth.

Beloved, we had rather have the promises given above and the precepts to go by, than to have a bank account in Wall Street, for the bank and all Wall Street could easily fail, but God's promises can never fail, thank God forever. Amen! So if some true child of God is a "little burdensome" to you, and especially if times are a little close, just think of how God sent Elijah to the poor widow in hard times, and how He commanded her to feed Elijah, and in obedience, how they were all blessed!

So beloved, in conclusion, let us say, though like the Apostle Paul of old, we know both how to abound, and to be abased, yet after 15 long years in God's cause, we've found His every promise sure, and never a one to fail, and this boy firmly believes, though it reaches a time similar to Elijah's, that if men and women will absolutely walk uprightly before God, that He will care for them, though He has to resort to similar means of Elijah's case. "God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."—Acts 10:34-35. So after all, we only wish to leave this testimony with you, that God has been good to us.
OUTWARD ADORNING

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again the things which I destroyed, I make my self a transgressor."
You may think it a mighty trivial matter, and of no consequence at all, but the little things sometimes are the most destructive. The little foxes, we are taught in the Songs of Solomon, 2:15, destroy the vine.

We are aware of the fact that some people, especially "professors" will consider this subject as an outburst of ignorance or a streak of fanaticism, but just what are we going to call the act of wearing gold, pearls, costly array, etc., so plainly forbidden in the scriptures referred to in this article? Shall we call such hypocrisy, or is it just ignorance of God's word, lack of understanding, or what? We sincerely hope it's not the first reason mentioned, yet we see the churches houses in most places filled, as it were, with members adorned with these very things.

Your next argument will possibly be that those ornaments are not real gold, or pearls, etc., Just remember the Bible says in 1st. Thess. 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil." So that takes in your cheap, 10-cent store "rope of pearls," gold-looking jewelry, etc.

Now if the Bible, from a standpoint of principles, condemns pride, superfluity, and ornaments, just where are you going to list the necktie in your justification for wearing one? Is it your ill-fitting collar? God being our helper, we've appeared before both the business world and some very large congregations minus a tie, and we've felt the approval of God and found favor with the people.

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"HEAR AND OBEY"

Generally speaking, about one of the best sermons we've heard of in these last days, was delivered by an old man as his testimony during a meeting being conducted in a small town in southwestern Missouri, some time ago.

As the story was given us, the old brother arose during testimony services to witness for the Lord, and all he could speak was just three words, "Hear and obey!" said he could not say anything else, only just "hear and obey!"

He repeated that a few times and sat down, feeling very discouraged, thinking he had made such a failure at trying to testify. During the next day he was standing on the streets of the little town, leaning against a telephone pole, and still feeling blue and discouraged over what he thought was such a failure at trying to testify the night before. While standing there he overheard a conversation between the banker of the little town and another individual, and no doubt but what God permitted the old man to hear the conversation to encourage him, and the conversation was something like this; the banker remarked: "Well, I heard the biggest sermon last night I ever heard," and of course the other party wanted to know what it was, and the banker said: "Why, when that old man got up in meeting last night, and all he could say was, 'hear and obey!,' he said, 'that covered it all.'"

So it is, dear reader. It does not always take a lengthy discourse to convince you of the truth, if you will be convinced. Jonah's message to Nineveh consisted of only the eight (8) words, 'Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown,' but it was effective because, first, God sent it, and then because the king, on his throne, acted very wisely, in that he 'heard and obeyed.' In 1st. Samuel 15:22, it reads in part: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Many will sacrifice time, loose sleep and go to expense to attend service and help support the gospel, and then only listen to the message and never obey it. So the old brother no doubt was in direct line with God in his very brief testimony, after all, for it's of no avail, so far as the listener is concerned, though the preacher declare the truth night after night in a long series of revival services, if the listener does not obey. So, possibly, it came at a very appropriate time, when the old brother admonished with the three small words, "hear and obey," for, possibly, that was the very thing the congregation was needing at that time. Possibly the preacher had delivered his soul, and now God was sending the final exhortation to them, the very thing they now needed, which was to "hear and obey." Reader, have you as yet, "Heard and Obeyed?"

HOW ABOUT YOUR LIFE TO-DAY?

How many of you, beloved readers, who are professing godliness, can say truthfully, right now in your hearts, that your present manner of dress; your conversation; management of your family; business dealings, etc., would pass genuine Bible inspection?

If God's Word is against your present moment of living, it will that sure be against you at the Judgment, if you continue in the same way.

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.—Excl. 5:4

ARE YOU DISCOURAGED?

Read Psalms, 34th, Chapter

If you haven't been very much interested of late in any special scripture, and feel a bit discouraged, and would like to just read something encouraging or that just fits you case, turn to Psalms, chapter 34, and read the entire chapter. We believe it will do you good. We have just read it, and "it seemed good" to us.

It teaches us to praise God; calls to our mind how we once sought God, and how He saved us from "all our troubles;" tells us how the Angel of God encampeth about them that feareth Him, and delivereth them; tells us to taste and see that the Lord is good; teaches us to fear Him; teaches us that those who seek God shall not want for any good thing; shows us how, if we desire life and love many days, to bridle our tongue and keep our lips.

It tells us to depart from evil, and to seek peace and follow it; tells us how that God's eyes are over the righteous, and His ears are opened to their cry; how His face is against evil doers; how God is nigh unto them of a broken heart, and saveth them who are of a contrite spirit; tells us, though our afflictions be many, how He delivers us out of all of them; tells that evil shall shay the wicked, and that He redeemeth the soul of His servants, and none that trust Him shall be desolate.

It's all good; read it, and let it into your heart, it will do you good, and possibly encourage you when all around you seems dark as the night. You'll no doubt see something that pertains to your case of either the present or the past; and something sure, for the future—Read the 34th. Psalm.
WHAT WE STAND FOR IN DOCTRINE

In brief, this little paper stands for—and represents the church or people who stand for—the old-time gospel of the Apostolic Faith, and unorganized, which plan of salvation embraces three distinct works of grace, namely; justification; sanctification (a second, definite work of grace); and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, according to Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6, etc.

We are still contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints, and preaching the same points of doctrine that was preached in the beginning of the latter rain outpouring in 1900 and 1906. (Later on, and God willing, we may be able to give you more definite details concerning the outpouring of Spirit, according to Joel’s prophecy, 2:21-32; and more definite details concerning the doctrines then taught, and still being taught by genuine Apostolic Faith people.)

We have no quarrel with the individual who is honestly walking in all the light and understanding of the gospel they have, as we have often remarked that we believe there are people in all Protestant denominations, who have salvation; but we have NO COMPROMISE, whatsoever, with the false doctrines, (and teachers of such who have plainly departed from the faith and received so-called “new light”) which have arisen in these last days that tend to disrupt the faith of God’s people, and deceive the sinner, as those who deny the doctrine of sanctification as a second blessing, or definite work of God’s grace, and who call themselves Holiness people, and yet denying the very experience it takes to bring Holiness into their lives; also those, also professing Holiness, who deny the personality of the three-fold Godhead, or Trinne Being, thus making Jesus his own father. Such teachings, as we have said before, looks like “ignorance gone to seed.” Also, there are those who are teaching the old Jewish Sabbath, instead of the Christian’s Lord’s day, and many of them professing Holiness; and different other erroneous and false doctrines, too numerous to mention at this time. We maintain that God has not changed His plan of salvation, and that “new light,” or “new issue” doctrine is the work of Satan, as one of his many deceptions, promoted and prospering for the sole cause of side-tracking, so-to-speak, those who are standing for the real faith of the saints, and to deceive the sinner.

A brother in this movement once told a party who had asked him which branch of Holiness he belonged to, and his reply was that he didn’t belong to any “branch,” but that he was on the Main Line.

There are many to-day who are professing holiness, alright, and preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, but whose everyday life is but little different from the ordinary church member. In dress, they follow the fashions of the world; their church services are becoming very formal; and so “starchy” they need a good application of the latter rain power to limber them up, and make them fit for God’s service.

We may be a bit peculiar and old fashioned, but we’re still praising our God for old-time salvation, and old-time salvation doesn’t seem to just fit-in with present-day ideas, beliefs, styles, “new light,” etc.

“Tis the old-time religion,
And it’s good enough for me.”

JAMES M. CHAPPEL

James Monroe Chappel, son of Charles and Matilda Chappel, was born in Grundy county, Missouri, March 28, 1859; passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1930, about 5 o’clock P. M., near his home, about four miles southeast of Fairland, Oklahoma, from a sudden heart attack; age, 71 years, 5 months and 5 days.

On November 8, 1883, in Dade county, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Jones, and to this union was born eight children, seven of whom now survive; one son having passed away at the tender age of two years.

Of the remaining children, all who were present at the funeral except the eldest son, Police Chief C. W. Chappel, of Raymond, Wash., are Sherman Chappel, Mrs. Vida Austin, Mrs. Monta Roberts and Mrs. Ruby Goins, of near Fairland; Mrs. Corda Armstrong, of near Anderson, Mo., and Mrs. Genevieve Lacey, of Miami, Okla.

Besides the widow and children, he leaves to mourn his passing away, twenty grandchildren; one brother, Chas. Chappel, of Vinita, Okla., and a sister, Mrs. Fromia Kifer, of Jericho Springs, Mo., and a large host of friends and other relatives.

Deceased was a pioneer of northeast Oklahoma, having moved from Missouri, to near Fairland, forty years ago, and had continuously resided in what is now Ottawa county, with the exception of a few months sojourn in Delaware county, during that period of time.

His passing away was a great shock to both his family and community, and the concourse of people who followed the remains to Afton, Okla., where funeral services were conducted at about two o’clock, Thursday afternoon, September 4, by Bro. O. H. Bond, of Tablequah, Okla., in the Assembly of God church, with interment in the city cemetery, was a mute evidence of the esteem in which this pioneer citizen and his family are held.

Our heart-felt sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones in this, their dark hour of sorrow.
IN SYMPATHY

One of the sad occasions of life occurred on Wednesday night, Sept. 3rd., when we were called to come to near Fairland, Okla.; the occasion being the suddenly passing away of Grandpa Chappel, husband of Sister Mary Chappel, and father of C. W. Chappel, of Raymond, Wash.; Sherman Chappel, Mrs. J. C. Austin, Mrs. Jess Goins, Mrs. C. S. Roberts, of near Fairland; and Mrs. F. A. Armstrong, of near Anderson, Mo.; and Mrs. Avery Lacey, Miami, Okla.

Many of our readers have a personal acquaintance with some of the members of this family, especially with Grandma Chappel, Sister Austin, Sister Armstrong and Sister Roberts.

We have often visited in the home of Grandpa and Grandma Chappel, and the welcome extended to us, and the hospitality shown us, was certainly appreciated; and in the passing of Grandpa Chappel, wife and I feel we have lost a friend; Sister Chappel a true companion of nearly fifty years; and the children a loving father; and the community a respected citizen.

Our heart goes out in sympathy to these bereaved ones, and concerning God’s children, we can “weep with them that weep,” according to Romans 12:15, and may God bless each one who is left to mourn at his so sudden, and with warning, departure, and comfort their hearts with that comfort which God only, can give.

We, together with the church at large, whom we are quite sure will join us as they learn of your bereavement, extend to you our heartfelt sympathy, in this your great and sorrowful loss.

“...the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” —Job 1:22.

BETTER LEARN TO TRUST IN GOD

Saints of God, have you ever seriously considered that when the Beast sets up his reign of three years and six months, according to Revelations, 13:5, wherein you can neither buy nor sell, except you have the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name, that such will mean no services from the physician, nor medicines from the drug store, without first meeting the Beast power requirements! If you cannot trust God now for the healing of your body, what will you do then?

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Many preachers of to-day, (in fact the greater majority) have spoiled their congregations through petting their desire for a brief service so far as the sermon is concerned, and they now just expect a brief discourse of a few moments, and then on their way to play!

WHO HAS THE TRACT?

“GOD’S EAGLES?”

We would like a copy of a tract we have seen, entitled, “God’s Eagles.” If you happen to have a copy of it, we would like very much to get it for reproduction in the little paper, or if you know the address of the publishers, kindly let us know, and it will be greatly appreciated.

ARE YOU FREE?

During the reign of the Beast, which, according to the 13th. chapter of Revelations, will last forty-two months, or in other words, three years and a half, and during which time Christian people are certainly going to have to trust in God, solely, for their living, we wonder, (and yet we don’t wonder) just what about God supplying them with their tea, coffee, tobacco, fancy hosiery, curling irons, fashion plates, powder, Rouge, lipstick, etc. Then it’s going to pay you, Christian friends, to be absolutely free, and measuring up in every respect.

Reader, is your life in conformity with God’s Bible; are you ready for the great tribulation?

In sickness, some Christians get scared and call a doctor; in hard times, some get scared and quit paying tithes or giving offerings. In the one case it is trusting in the arm of flesh; (see Jeremiah 17:5) in the other case it is robbing God. (see Malachi 3:8-9, etc.) Read the two scriptures and then define the difference, so for as obeying the Word is concerned.

Sometimes people have so much ambition, and feel they must do great things, that the humble work of God, which is really the greatest work on earth, begins to pall on them, and we find them later on out of God’s cause, and striving for a ‘mark’ in the estimation of the world, or before some body of just ‘professing’ Christians—a cold group of worldly church members. “Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” is what some need to do, who were one time wonderfully used of God in this movement.