THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

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"...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

BEWARE THE LEAVEN!

"Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."—St. Matthew 16:6.

No doubt but there are precious souls today, who have drifted from the old paths, by failing to pay heed to the above scripture; not considering, possibly, that it's just as necessary to be on our watch today; and that there are still manifestations of the old Pharisaical spirit, as well as that of the Sadducees, in the world today. (Such admonition would naturally apply to ANY false doctrine.)

The Savior spoke the above words to his disciples just as they were about to start on a journey that would lead them among these kind of people. They misunderstood His meaning, and thought He was warning them because they had taken no bread on their journey; but the Savior, perceiving their misunderstanding, informed them he was not referring to the bread, that they should "beware the leaven," but that he was referring to the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (see verse 12.)

So, beloved, it still stands as a warning to you and I today, for we hear the Savior say "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch," (St. Mark 13:37.)

It's well enough—and we should show a spirit of friendliness toward ALL people—but bear you in mind that God's Bible teaches there to be but ONE, faith; and our friendship should be confined to personalities only; and not become too intimate with the strange doctrine. Jesus warned the disciples plainly against certain doctrines, and it's well enough that we, today, take warning ourselves.

We hear the Apostle Paul say in 1st. Cor. 5:8, "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" So, if we do not want to see the whole band of saints under our supervision and control, led away by an erroneous doctrine, or teaching, it's best that we should not be too free with extending pulpit privileges to preachers of an erroneous doctrine. "Be careful for nothing." (Philippians 4:6) is a mighty good admonition for us in this respect.

No doubt, as above stated, there are people of this movement—or, in other words, were once of this movement—who were one time stout against organization; the so-called Finished Work; and the One-God movement, etc.; but who, through an over extended courtesy and freedom of the pulpit, and their own too freely personal mingling with such, have both themselves, and their congregations, become "leavened" (tainted) with the erroneous doctrine; and today are stoutly fighting against the Faith wherein God one time wonderfully used them, and blessed their souls.

You may say, "Oh, I'm not afraid; I'll never let down on the standard, or weaken on the plan of salvation." When you say that, you surely need to take to your self Paul's admonition in 1st. Cor. 10:12, which reads:

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Do you THINK your are standing, today, beloved? (We hope you are.) Then you TAKE HEED, lest YOU FALL!

No preacher, nor lay member, so-to-speak, has ever reached the place in this life but what there was danger in their being over-persuaded by the enemy, and failing miserably of the grace of God. Solomon, in all his glory and wisdom, was overcome by out-landish women, who caused him to sin. (Nehemiah 13:26.)

There are those who have departed from the doctrine, who did not boldly do so; but, step by step, they gradually declined, until they reached the place that darkness was taking the place of light, and then, naturally, they could not see so much wrong in the condescending doctrine; and the next thing they are persuaded that it's all right; and lastly, they've embraced it, and gone out from the true faith.

The man down in the ditch—drunken—doubtless never started drinking, with the ditch as his goal; but, step by step, he was overcome, until the habit finally had such control over him, that he found himself powerless to break away, and abstain.

We hope you will understand our real meaning in these few thoughts, and take heed unto your.

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The Devil -- A Roaring Lion.

I feel like writing a little for the little Apostolic Faith Messenger, that I may drop at least a thought that may do some one some good, by the help of God.

Text: "The Devil--A Roaring Lion."—1st. Peter 5:8.

We find, that in these last days, that evil is present; and evil influences are abroad in our land.

The Devil has been deceiving folk's ever since the Fall—when he induced our foreparents, in the Garden of Eden, to disobey God; he deceived many all along the ages, and caused many a heart-ache and disappointment; and the Word declares that seducers will wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived; (2 Tim. 3:13.) and it is under the influence of the Devil, that this is being done—and in these last days Satan has so many more ways of deceiving folk's.

I will endeavor to mention a very few of the many devices that Satan has, of leading folk's astray. Satan is the most subtle, and cunning, in putting out his bait and allurements, to draw the attention of folk's, as he called the attention of Eve, in the Garden of Eden. When she yielded, it caused the fall of all of God's creation.

As the trapper, or hunter, puts out baits—or allurements—so does Satan put out baits and pitfalls for God's people.

In the earlier days, people hunting turkeys, would dig a trench, and bait the trench—then watch, and when the turkeys would get to feeding from the trench, the hunter would fire, and kill several at one shot. So it is when folk's get their eyes blinded by the glaring lights of the things of the world—such as picture shows, dances, and the appetites for the things that satisfy

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: (Matt. 7:12.)
FROM WILSON, OKLA.

Wilson, Okla., Oct. 28, 1930.

Dear Bro. and Sister Bond, and Saints:

Though the hour is growing late, just felt like writing a few words tonight, to express my thanks for the little paper, though small in volume, I believe is large enough in teaching of the truth (which every Christian ought to love) to strengthen our desire for heaven; renew our courage for the fight; and help us to "enlarge and broaden out in the deeper things of God. To receive the first copy was one of my prayers answered, and long cherished hopes realized.

Just to hear from the saints that are still on the battleground in the different places is encouraging, if it contained nothing more.

I thank God right now, for victory over sin and the devil, and for the good WAY OF HOLINESS. I am still saved, (justified in His sight) sanctified, (a second, definite work of grace, wrought in my heart with the blood of Jesus, by the HOLY GHOST) and filled with the precious Holy Ghost, and healed tonight, Praise the Lord!

We were called this evening to pray for one of the sisters who had taken bad sick, and soon after our arrival, the Great Physician arrived, and she was able to go to the table and eat supper, and was sitting up, visiting, when we left. "He's the healer of all our diseases."—Psalm 103:3.

We had some good services while Bro. Buckles, and Bro. and Sister Lewis, were here; but the rainy weather hindered the last three nights of the meeting, but we thank God for those we had. Bro. Henegar wrote as though, the Lord willing, he might get to visit us in the near future. We sincerely hope he does.

We aren't great for numbers in Wilson, but that's according to the word; and we're striving to be, in every sense, what God demands of his children, and grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.

Our service nights are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday nights; with Sunday School and 11 o'clock services Sunday.

Our Mission is located at the extreme east end of Main street.

We like good, straight preaching, and clean living; and any of the Full Gospel preachers, with a clean life, are welcome in our midst, and to our pulpit; also to the saints of God—we extend a hearty welcome.

Yours, in the Master's service,

(Mrs.) Phyrne Hulsey,
Box 763.

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things.—Proverbs 28:5.
YOUR PATIENCE BEING TRIED?

If God is using some hypocrite, beloved, to try out your patience, why, about the time you can say a deep Amen in your heart—in that you've consecrated to the point that you mean to, in spite of Satan, bear patiently with them—notice how quickly things will take a change.

When our patience is perfected on a certain line, then we are going to find a relief. Remember how the angels came and ministered unto Jesus after He had withstood Satan in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:11)

There may be a return of the trial, later on, to see if we are still standing firm; but if in our hearts the consecration is still perfect along that line, God will quickly see and understand, and we'll then find the overcoming of it to not be so severe.

God is going to have a tried people, and if it's your patience with a hypocrite you lack, then beloved, just make up your mind to have to contend with one. But if you'll purpose in your heart to overcome, and keep sweet in your soul, you can soon shout the victory over them, and in looking away from the cross to the crown awaiting you Over There, then with joy you can face EVERY trial of life along this line, and then life will be sweeter for you.

There's two things that will stop Satan: God will only suffer him just so much power; and when Satan sees you ARE determined to resist him, and hold on to God, then he lets go.

We were reading once of a man—Christian—who was going thru a hard trial—on the rubbing board, so-to-speak. He finally reached the place that he WAS determined to hold out for God, so he remarked: "Satan, you rub, and I'll shine." Said right there he got the victory. (At such place you too, beloved, can get the victory.)

So Christian friend, whether it be God is especially trying out your patience, or whether it's purely Satan tormenting us—in either case—HOLD ON TO GOD!
The Bible says: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." —James 4:7 So if God is permitting Satan a liberty with us, why, when we can resist him, it's then we've consecrated to the point God was trying to bring us to; so victory ours, after all—thank God for ever, Amen!

So brother—sister, let's reach the place before God that we can count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations, as the Bible says for us to do; (James 1:2.) and remember it also says: "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." —James 1:4.

Wanting NOTHING!

Had you ever thought, beloved, that to actually reach Heaven and immortal glory, that we are going to have to reach the place where the Architect can say of us—complete—WANTING NOTHING! And such is only going to come through us "letting patience have her perfect work, etc., and the trying of our faith "worketh patience." And in-as-much as the Bible says, "In everything give thanks," then just look up and begin to, from the deep of your heart, thank God for the hypocrite, (or whatever it may be that's trying your patience) and notice how quickly a change will come!

We read this in a religious paper, or about these words: "Did you ever notice how, that just about the time you began to welcome a trial, just about then it began to disappear?"

Try it, beloved; it works to the glory of God!

Are you in everything giving thanks? If not, no wonder you're having a "hard time."

So after all—"In your patience possess ye your souls."—St. Luke 21:19.

THE 'NO GOD' DOCTRINE

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."—1st. John 4:15.

What of the individual who disbelieves in the personality of the three-fold Godhead, and who, thru such teaching, tends to make Jesus, and God, His Father, and the Holy Ghost, all one person?

We refer to the so-called "One God" movement, who are sometimes known as the "Oneness" people, but whom we had rather call "No God" people, for virtually they deny God as being a separate and distinct individual.

So from the above text we find that if they will not CONFESS that Jesus IS the SON of God, then God is NOT IN THEM—hence the appropriate title, "No God."

Again, in 2nd. John, we read this in verse 9: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

Now Jesus, in his doctrine, taught that God WAS His Father, and that his Father sent him. So if we abide not in such doctrine, we HAVE NOT GOD; (verse 9.) but if we DO ABIDE in such doctrine, then the Bible says that we have BOTH the Father and the Son.

Webster's Unabridged says the word BOTH means:

"The one and the other; the two; the pair or couple, without exception of either."

Such teaching goes to prove a spirit, or power, accompanying a false doctrine—in entangling intelligent people in it's meshes; and from a human standpoint, looks like "ignorance gone to seed."

No wonder the Savior warned His disciples to "Beware The Leaven." (Doctrine) (see article elsewhere in this issue.)

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven."
NO WONDER

It's no wonder that many people are losing interest in the principles of old-time salvation, when such teaching as the following is being instilled in their minds:

"The message of one day is not necessarily the need of another. The faith of my fathers is not enough for me. I must have a new message to fit the new needs of my day. It is only in it's final essence that all messages of authority are one."

The above quotation is an excerpt from a message delivered by Bishop A. Frank Smith, presiding officer of the Okla. conference of the M. E. Church, South, in session in Tulsa, Okla., on Nov. 2, according to report in Tulsa World, on Nov. 3, 1930.

The old-time message was good from the Apostle Paul's time down until the Wesleys, founders of the Methodist church; and there was possibly some "new days, or new needs," as the Bishop possibly terms such, with the people during that period of time; and, from historical accounts, it seemed the "message of old" rejoiced the hearts of those Christian people.

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We might wonder just where the Bishop is going to get his "new message:" not IN the Bible; but probably OUT of the Bible; or, FROM the Bible. (And, in either case, it will possibly be a good- ways FROM, or OUT, of the Bible, because RIGHT IN the Bible we find the following quotations: "For I am the Lord, I change not; . . ."—Malachi 3:6; "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."—Heb. 13:8.)

And again, we might wonder what's so grossly wrong with the Bishop, or with this age, that the Blood of Jesus, as an atonement for sin, and the Grace of God, to keep us free from sin, is not quite sufficient for their spiritual needs.

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THANKSGIVING

Today, there are thousands who eagerly look forward to this season each year, not altogether for the purpose of assembling themselves together, so-to-speak, according to the usual proclamations of our Governors, and our President to return thanks unto God for his blessings upon our Nation for the past year; but for the purpose of celebrating with a big foot-ball game, dancing, feasting, etc.; and we fear that not much of a volume of thanks unto God accompanies such.

To the real Christian, every day is one of thanksgiving, and we are commanded in God's word to: "In EVERYTHING give thanks." That would include then just as thankful hearts toward God, for the barren field, as for the bountiful harvest; for sickness and distress, as well as for health and safety. "Why?" you may ask. Because God, who holds the destiny of our Nation in His power, and meets out to us our own measure whereby we have measured, and who does all things well, and who makes no mistakes—but who renders unto every man according as their works are— is worthy of ALL praise, and is therefore entitled to receive from us, thanks in everything.

We are thankful for our Nation; for the forbearance of our Pilgrim forefathers, who suffered hardships and privations, in order to lay the foundation of our Government; but above all, we are thankful for Jesus, the Great Son of God, who gave himself for us, that we might have life, and it have more abundantly; for His sufferings for us. (not that He had to suffer; but that He was willing to do so for you and I)

If we can reach the attitude before God—recognize him in the affairs of our lives—where we can in everything, give thanks; then we could have a thanksgiving season each day of the year. Wouldn't that be fine!

So we are thankful for ALL God has been to us—His goodness has been to us more than we have deserved, it seems; and our desire is to so live before Him that we will be counted worthy to escape some things that are coming to pass, and to be able to stand before the Son of man. (St. Luke 21:36.)

May God bless you, dear reader; and if not already there, may there arise in your heart, that feeling of thanksgiving exemplified by John, of old, who, when he had suffered the loss of ALL his goods—even the death of his sons and daughters—he said "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

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Who so causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.—Prov. 28:10.

Your character is what you are; and your reputation is what people think you are. —Sel.

(Study the above thought a few moments; it's certainly well said, and full of meaning.)

Inasmuch as the Bible says in Jeremiah 10:2, "Learn not the way of the heathen," had you ever just thought where the white man learned the art (?) of the use of tobacco?

Beloved, are you a Christian in every sense of the word? If not, have you ever thought what it was going to mean to you to meet the Judgment in your present condition?

We might wonder whether some things are done altogether through ignorance, or whether sometimes through meanness—as pertaining to departing from genuine Bible principles and doctrine.

Saints of God, we realize that we're living in very trying times—discouragements on every hand; but remember the words of our Savior in St. Matthew 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." A wonderful promise, and so as the song says, "Just a few more days to labor, watch, and pray." So brother, sister, hold fast your confidence, and in a short while final victory will be yours. Amen.

SINFUL WASTE

There's no doubt but what a great percent of the $90,000,000 reported to be spent annually in the United States for moving pictures, and over $950,000,000 for tobacco, is from purported Christians—followers of Christ.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27.)

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1st. John 2:15.)

YOUR BY-WORD?

Quite a by-word among some people is "Oh, Boy!" Such must have come from the "flapper's" infatuation for the "jelly bean."

Hundred-fold Christians do not use such expressions.

Beloved, if you're guilty of such, For Shame!

"But let your communication be, Yea, Yea; Nay, Nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (St. Matthew 5:37.)

"Oh, Boy," doesn't reflect the speech of our Savior, in the least.

If, according to some, we have need of a "new message," to fit the needs of "our day," then it looks as if we are beckoning God to follow us, instead of us giving heed to God, and desiring to follow Him. You probably couldn't get some of the "learned ones" to see it that way; yet what else can it be? For Shame!

WHO CARES?

Well said are the words of the poet, concerning the attitude of the majority of the world—includ- many, many, Christian professors—evidenced by their attitude toward their fellow-man concerning their interest in his soul's welfare, in the following chorus of the song: "If Men Go To Hell, Who Cares?"

"Oh, Lord, who cares; who cares? While the world rushes on In sin to despair,
If men go to hell, who cares?"

Thank God, though, friends, there's some who really care—the true Christian; and if you, dear one—who is reading this—if you are unsaved, some one cares for you, and is praying for you: won't you pray, and ask God to save you?

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

"Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."—Isa. 49:16.
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Beware of False Prophets.
—St. Matthew 7:15.

We have preachers going over the world today, telling the people they can live above sin; but I declare unto you we can, through Jesus Christ, but not in self. That’s the reason these man-called preachers can’t live above sin—because Jesus Christ is not their guide.

Romans 6:12, “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”

The reason these preachers can’t live above sin is, because they haven’t fell on their knees and been forgiven of their sins they was born in: that’s the reason they still lust after the things of the world.

(Read 1st. John 2:15-16.)

Amos 3:3 says, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Therefore, if we are walking hand-in-hand with sin, we have agreed with the Devil; and the Word tells us in St. Matthew 6:24, “No man can serve two masters.” Romans 6:16, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” Verse 18, “Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

Dear reader, don’t think that I am fighting preachers; but I do hate to see a preacher going around with a Holy Bible in his hand, and fighting Holiness. Beware, Mr. Preacher, for you are taking away from God’s Bible; and you know what Rev. 22:19, says!

These few lines are written by one who hates sin in any form, because I was once a bad sinner; but God, for Christ’s sake, forgave me of all my sins, four years ago, last August 20th., at an altar bench, in Gress, Kans.; and two nights after, when I was going to work in my car, I was looking up to

FROM TULSA
Nov. 3, 1930.

Dear Bro. and Sister Bond;

Greetings in Jesus’ Dear Name:

We just felt like writing this morning, and sending our testimony for the little paper.

We are glad because this morning finds us saved from a life of sin, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, and really determined to go all the way: still trusting Him for His mighty healing power.

We are so thankful for the day we heard Holiness preached; so glad because we saw the light, and walked in it.

We was so glad to get the paper you are printing. We read it from cover to cover, and it was real food to our souls.

May God bless every effort you are putting forth in this work.

Well, pray for us, that we will stand true, and go all the way with Jesus.

As ever, a weak and unworthy brother and sister in the Lord,

Will and Florence Aaron,

God, and I had drove about four miles under His mighty power—the first thing I realized I was singing, “I’m glad I’m sanctified;” and, Oh, how glad I was! And four weeks later, I was filled with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4; and above all, I am still glad these blessings still remain within my soul.

We trust Jesus Christ for our Healer. I have a family of wife, and six children; all have been healed by His mighty power, and we give Jesus the praise.

Dear reader, pray lots for me, that I might do God’s will more, and more.

I am your unworthy brother in Christ,

C. E. Lakey,
Mulberry, Kans.

IS IT YOU?

We have received MANY letters of appreciation and encouragement from various ones since the first issue of the little paper; although, there are some of whom we have heard nothing from; and others—very little. We were offered some mighty good encouragements, and were made some promises by some, before we began to publish the little paper—when we were just talking it over with various ones—and now, since we have begun the actual publication of it,—by the Lord’s help, we are failing to hear from some who were—or seemed to be—greatly in favor of it.

Possibly somebody is like those we have heard about who would pray for the Lord to send a preacher to their community, and when the preacher would come, they would say, “Lord, we wanted a preacher, but not this one.”

God’s message is what we ALL need, beloved, no matter through whom it comes.

Just a word from you, beloved, who have not already did so, informing us that you are receiving the little paper, and that you DO desire to receive it regularly—if you really do—would be greatly appreciated by us. So, beloved, if you, from your heart, can do this, it will help us to cease wondering—otherwise, we might go on guessing.

“Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.”—Prov. 19:15.

BIBLE THOUGHT

Be not thou envious of evil men, neither desire to be with them.

For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.—Prov. 24:1-2.

(Ponder this well, beloved.)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Prov. 14:12.
**DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.**

Nov. 13, 1930.

Bro. and Sister Bond;

Greetings to you this morning in the Name of our risen Lord and Savior. Praise His wonderful Name; he is so good to his children!

Well, this morning finds me still saved from a life of sin and shame, thank God.

Something over 15 years ago, God, for Christ's sake, rolled the burden of sin off my weary soul, dear ones: I was miserable—on my road to a devil's hell; but God rolled the burden of sin away.

We were living in the state of Colorado at the time; but God heard my cry—I was lost—and He saved me. Oh, if people today could, or would, accept conviction when the Spirit of God is trying to get them to stop and think where they are going to spend eternity!

(Dear souls you are going to spend eternity some where—in a devil's hell, or in heaven—just the two places, HEAVEN or HELL—which shall it be? Accept the blessed Saviour's wooring spirit when it is talking to your heart. Don't say, "No, some more convenient time I'll accept," for that time may be too late.)

Then something over a year ago, God sent one of his humble servants my way, that I might see the light on Holiness. (Now dear ones, there wasn't a band of saints there, that I might go to, to talk to, and ask what I must do—or not; but Jesus watched over me, and I was led in the Bible paths.)

While that precious man of God was there, I was sanctified wholly, and received the mighty Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit of God gave utterance. Oh, how wonderful this Jesus is, to give us such a blessing! But it is as real as Heaven, itself. And,

---Proverbs 11:7---

...When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

---Eternity---too long for us to comprehend! (Is long the proper word to use, when it has NO ending, and is therefore unmeasurable; and length, then, is out of the question?)

---Eternity---too sure, for us to fail to be ready!

---Eternity---too near, for us to delay preparation!

---Eternity---too awful for description, for the poor, unfortunate soul that rejects God until it's too late!

---Eternity---Find the beginning and ending of the line composing the circle, and you will have discovered a rule, whereby you can measure Eternity!

---Eternity---for you, beloved—where?

---Think!

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---Proverbs 11:7---

dear ones, all these years that I have been serving this Christ, I have never found but that he will verify every promise laid down in his precious Word, which is our way-bill from earth to Heaven. The Word of God is what we will be judged by, when we stand at the Judgment.

Well, pray for me, that I may stand in the Faith—in the same old way; know that the blessings that I got when I first started out, hold good till this present time. Glory to God!

Oh, how I love Jesus, and I want to learn to love him more!

Pray for me.

Your unworthy sister in the Lord.

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Drumright, Okla.
..With The Brethren..

We certainly enjoyed a visit from Bro. Jim Latta, of near Morrow, Ark.,—though brief it was—on the evening of Nov. 4. Bro. Latta is a leader among the saints at Gray's Point, near Morrow.

We were in a few services with that band of saints this past summer, and we surely enjoyed the presence of the Lord in the meeting.

Bro. Lawrence Bergen stopped over with us for a few days, while on his way from Vian, Okla., to a community near Yonkers. He wrote us, after arriving there, that he was to begin a singing school there last Monday night, the 17th. His address, while there, will be Yonkers, Okla., R1, in care of Bill Anderson.

We hope by both word and deed, Bro. Lawrence will also be able to teach them many other good things of God.

We were surely glad of his little visit with us.

Through correspondence from Oakgrove, Ark., date of Nov. 17, we learn that Bro. Atchley, of Lead Hill, Ark., filled his appointment at Boyd school house, near Oakgrove, on Saturday night, and Sunday night. Good services reported. Saturday night congregation small, on account of the weather; but a large crowd on Sunday night.

On Sunday, at High church, he preached the delayed funeral sermon for Grandma Freeman, who passed away some time ago.

Bro. Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., returned home November 4, from Carrol County, Ark., where he conducted a two-weeks meeting at Boyd school house, near Oakgrove. While there were no conversions during the meeting, yet a good interest was had during the last week. The Christian people there—or some, at least—were stirred to prayer, which is a fine thing, and much needed in many places. One brother, writing from there, tells us: "Had a fine meeting. I feel blessed a whole lot by it. . . . I feel good; got some good blessings in the meeting."

On the last Saturday of the meeting, Bro. Croel Austin and Bro. Chas. Roberts, of Hickory Grove, south of Fairland, Okla., together with Bro. Tom Castel, of Lone Star, west of Anderson, Mo., and Bro. Pete Thrasher, of Goodman, Mo., drove down, and were in services until over Sunday—Bro. Henegar returning with them on Monday.

Bro. Atchley and Bro. Jim Wilmoth, of Lead Hill, also came on the same night the other brethren got there. You can imagine how glad and thankful Bro. Henegar must have been, to have these brothers come.

We sure hope that God will continue to bless at that place, and that the Christian people there will go on into deeper experiences with the Lord.

In a letter from Sister Sullivent, of Morris, Okla., to wife and myself, under date of Oct. 28, she reports being in meeting at Akins, Okla. (Sequoia County), near Sullivans on Saturday night, Sunday day and Sunday night. Reported a good crowd Saturday night; not so many at day services, Sunday, but a large crowd Sunday night; good attention.

Sister Sullivent held a meeting about a mile south of Akins, last August, and two were saved during the meeting. She says they seem anxious for her to come to Akins for a series of meetings; and she expects, God willing, to go there next summer for services.

We sincerely hope that God will give Sister Sullivent a good meeting there, and that precious souls will be born in the Kingdom.

She sends 3 names for the little paper.

We learned that Bro. Buckles, accompanied by Bro. and Sister Lewis—all of Drumright, Okla., went to Mulberry, Kans., on Nov. 13, for meeting; but Bro. Buckles was taken sick, and they returned to Drumright on the 16—Sunday.

We hope he is alright by this time.

Sister Hulsey sends us a list of 31 names for the little paper—15 being from her home, Wilson, Okla., where she is pastor; others go to Hartshorne, Dillard and Healdton, Okla., and one to Buck-eye, Ariz.—all of which we appreciate, and are thankful for.

Bro. Will Armstrong and family, and Bro. Francis Armstrong, have returned to their homes at Lone Star, near Anderson, Mo., from Colorado, where they have been working. Bro. Will was the leader of the band at Star before going to Colorado last spring.

We are thankful to have them home again. Some day, thank God, we'll ALL be united together, to separate no more—those who stand true to God, and his cause.

Wife and I were in services at Lone Star, near Anderson, Mo., on Sunday night, Oct. 26. God gave a good meeting, for which we are truly thankful—we enjoyed the presence of the Lord, up there.

Bro. and Sr. Austin, Bro. and Sr. Roberts and Grandma Chappel, of Hickory Grove (south of Fairland, Okla.) and Bro. Pete Thrasher and mother, and Sr. Rosa Thrasher, of Goodman, Mo., were there for services. We were surely glad to see them all.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! —Psalm 133:1.
... Bible Lesson ...

(By Request)

TO WHOM SHOULD TITHES BE PAID?

Since the last issue of the little paper, we have received a letter from one of the saints, expressing regret at not finding in the article, "Robbing God," a more plain statement on to whom tithes should be paid, because there were some among the band at their place of worship who did not understand just where tithes should be placed.

So, at the request of this Christian friend, we shall try, God helping us, bring before you the Biblical example—the ONLY authority we have to go by—on this subject.

While we possibly should have made more definite mention along this line in the article in last issue, yet the thought in that article was general in nature, in that we felt God to mention how some were robbing God, and that such was not genuine holiness, etc.; but, however, it would not have been out of order, by any means, to have mentioned this in the article; and we are thankful for having our attention called to the same.

Question: What are tithes for?
Answer: For meat in God's house. (Malachi 3:10.)

Q. Who is the meat (food) for?
A. They that ministered about holy things lived of the things of the temple, and they that waited on the altar were partakers with the altar. (1st Cor. 9:13.)

Q. Should tithes be used to build places of worship, etc.?
A. No. The example we have of repairing God's house, given in 2nd Kings 12:1-12—comparing verse 4, concerning the "money of those passing the account," with Exodus 30:11-15, we find such money was an offering—not tithes.

The tithes were for the priesthood, or those who performed the spiritual services in the house of God (the ministry of today) according to the pattern in Numbers 18:20-24.

The Levites, or priests, had no inheritance among Israel, but were given the tithe, or tenth, for their portion, in that it was their lot (or calling) to minister unto God in their services; and they return, paid, of the tithes they received, the tenth back into God's cause; or, in other words, they paid tithes of the tithe. (Nehemiah 10:38.) (The pattern, also, for the ministry of today.)

Jesus says in St. Matthew 23:23, that tithes ought to be paid. Then the question comes, To whom? The only example we have to go by, is the Bible pattern, (in legal law it would be called 'precedence') and that was to the ones who were serving in God's cause—priesthood of then—ministry of today.

It seems that the singers and porters (a portion of the Levites were appointed as porters—doorkeepers—all God's house—2 Chronicles 23:4.) were included in the support of the ministers of the house of the Lord; (Nehemiah 12:44-47.) and it appears that the portion of the Levites and singers was at one time kept back from them, thereby causing them to have to return to their fields for their living. (Nehemiah 13:10-11.) Many, today, are holding back support of God's cause, and as a result the work is greatly hindered—sometimes causing the minister to forsake the pulpit for "the fields," so to speak; and the very ones who are to blame for such conditions will possibly go to church and testify of old-time salvation.

Since the tithe BELONGS unto God, therefore he has a designated place for them: the offerings being ours, we are privileged to use them where we feel they are needed; but they MUST be used in building, repairing, etc., and NOT the tithe for such purpose, according to the Bible examples, which is the only pattern we have to be governed by. Read ALL the references given, and lastly, note the last assertion in St. Mark 11:15; obey it, and all will be well. Amen.