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<td>To many people, the report of an earthquake, a pestilence—disease, destruction of life or property—famine, threatening war, is nothing more than the common run of ordinary, and almost daily news; but to the child of God, such events are only heralds, or signs, of the soon coming of Jesus back to this earth to catch away His waiting Bride—the church, and a few years ago, such news would have been startling indeed, but as these signs are so gradually being fulfilled—God in mercy permitting such—it seems the world is becoming so accustomed to such as to give the same scarcely more than passing notice so far as their importance is concerned. Jesus is coming soon; each automobile and airplane passing by; every earthquake, pestilence, etc., is only another reminder for the saint of God to be in readiness— just another literal warning of the great Message of Preparedness for His people. As the nations believe in preparedness for war, even so do God's true children believe in preparedness for the soon coming of Jesus, and they should therefore watch closely each sign of His appearing.</td>
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<td>It is usually little things that cause us to stumble. I do not fall over a barrel, but I slip over a piece of orange peel. I have never stumbled over a bale of cotton, but if one flaw in the pavement project a third of an inch I may be brought to grief. I can avoid the bigger things; I need to be careful about the trifles. &quot;Look carefully how you walk;&quot; life is made up of steps and incidents and trifles. — Dr. J. H. Jowett.</td>
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<td>The lawmakers are trying to prevent sin through legislation, but it can never be done; nothing short of the Blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse men's hearts, which alone sets them free from sin. — Reader, if you are not now ready for the great day of His coming, get right with God, ere it be too late. &quot;Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.&quot; — St. Matthew 24:44. [Notice, beloved, He is coming at the VERY HOUR we are least expecting Him. May God help us to be ready for that hour.]</td>
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| Thou Judge of quick and dead, Before whose bar severe, With holy joy or guilty dread, We all shall soon appear,— Our cautioned souls prepare For that tremendous day And fill us now with watchful care, And stir us up to pray. — Charles Wesley.
FROM DRUMRIGHT.

Feb. 2, 1931.

Dear Bro. and Sister Bond;

Greetings in the name of the Dear Lord, this beautiful morning:

Will try to drop you a few words of gratitude to you, and to God, for the little paper, and hope to show it in a different way as soon as able. Thought I would of before now: had some sickness, and not able to work, so we had no income. Husband and three of the children have had the small-pox, and was quarantined for almost a month. The Lord has been wonderfully good to me; I am trusting Him for the keeping of my soul and body. Bless His name.

Well, I just feel like I want to testify for Him to the saints, and the world. I am so glad I am saved this morning, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, and trusting God for all things, and looking for His sweet appearing. I feel this morning I would like to see His sweet face. I am so glad my hopes and affections are not in this world. If in this world only I had hope, I would be of all men, most miserable, but I am glad this world is not my home; if father, and all, forsake me, I'll journey on—don't intend to look back; when I started, I meant to go through on the grace of God, and I know that will carry us through, if we lean upon Him.

A sister and I were talking a few days ago, and she said she wondered sometimes if she would be able to go through when the hard testing times come. I told her that I believed, that, as the times got harder, every day, as grace was needed, He would add to us, daily. I think if we are fully trusting Him, though we may need lots more grace tomorrow, than today, He has got it in store for us—any amount of it, His grace never fails; present help in every time of need. Bless His holy name. I sure do love to trust Him. The harder I suffer affections, the better I feel to trust Him; have been trusting Him for 12 years; have suffered severe things for His precious name, by His grace—no good thing within me, but His grace.

I ask all saints to pray God for me, that I'll always have His grace in my life to trust Him, whatever comes upon me; I don't want to fail Him, since He has kept me, and been so good to me, for so long.

I can't tell how thankful I am for the little paper; pray God's blessings upon it, and upon the editor, and upon all of its readers.

We are having wonderful little cottage prayer meetings for ladies, and ask all saints to pray for our meetings, that God will have His way in them, and that we will stay at His feet, where He can use us.

Pray for me, that I'll be what God wants me to be at all times, and in all places, until He comes, or calls for me.

Your unworthy sister in Christ Jesus,

Maudie Barto.

Gen. Del.

Drumright, Okla.

A GOOD WIFE.

What you want in a wife, O man! is not a butterfly of the sunshine, not a giggling nonentity, not a painted doll, not a gossiping gadabout, not a mixture of artifices which leave you in doubt as to where the humbug ends and the woman begins, but an earnest soul—one who can not only laugh when you laugh, but weep when you weep. There will be wide, deep graves in your path of life, and you will both want steadying when you come to the verge of them, I tell you. When your fortune fails you will want someone to talk of treasures in Heaven, and not charge upon you with a bitter "I told you so." As far as I can analyze it, SINCERITY AND EARNESTNESS are the foundation of all worthy wifehood. Get that, and you get all. Fail to get that, and you get nothing except what you wish you never had got.—Talmage.

UNCHRISTLIKE.

Hundreds of women, wearing their dresses knee-length, painting their faces, wearing ornaments of gold, pearls, etc., (contrary to the Bible—see 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4; Jeremiah 4:30; Ezekiel 23:40; 2 Kings 9:30; Proverbs 31:30.) and with their once beautiful hair cut to a fashionable bob. (Read 1 Corinthians 11:9-16) and possibly smoking cigarettes, and an expert card player, and all the while claiming to be a Christian—belonging to a church, and endorsed by the pastor. We fail to see ANYTHING Christlike in such conduct, but on the other hand, such manner of living is an abomination unto God. (See Prov. 6:16-17.)

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. —Psalm 119:2.
PROMISES TO THE OVERCOMER.
(By Sr. Phyrne Hulsey.)

As a band of Christian followers today, in a world steeped in awful sin, and filled with many crimes too horrible to mention, and almost too bad to believe that a being that God had created in any likeness of himself, would commit, yet we find Satan today walking to and fro through the land to resist the children of God in every good undertaking; also going as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour of God’s real BLOOD BOUGHT CHILDREN. He’s not worrying about the hypocrite, for he knows hell is their doom. Also, he sees God is turning away, to an extent greater than we realize, from the Gentile people, so possibly not many more will get saved anyway, of the sinners, so Satan has turned his machine gun so-to-speak, of fiery darts, on God’s children. “If I can overthrow them, I can count my work successful,” he says. He sets about his task, and traps for the strongest, and leaders, first, knowing through them he can quicker deceive and get the rest, and truly he knows he hasn’t much longer to work, according to Rev. 12:12.

As a result of such conditions, what can we see taking place today? Men and women failing God by the numbers. Some poor weary souls listen to Satan in his slick-tongued talk, and say, “I can’t OVERCOME any longer, so I’ll just have to give up the race, or go with these people over here who say we can’t overcome and live to the standard.” Brother, sister, do you not know that from the earliest moment of our Christian experience in this gospel age, the promise is ONLY TO the OVERCOMER! Where are our hopes if it isn’t in overcoming?

If we can’t live to the standard which God’s Bible teaches when the promise is to the overcomer, then why step over here with the person, or body of people, who say we can’t live to God’s standard? Did God demand something of us we can’t do? Is that a God of justice? Then, if God won’t demand something of his children they can’t do, then there is a way to OVERCOME and really live to the standard of God’s Bible. You might say, “How are we to overcome?” Listen to the Word as to how HE (Satan) has been overcome; “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11.

Now to the promises: Do you want to share in these wonderful promises that have sustained the martyrs of ages, and will sustain you and I, in every trying time—even unto death, if God wills it to be?

First: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Rev. 2:7.

Second: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that OVERCOMETH shall not be hurt of the second death. Rev. 2:11.

Third: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. Rev. 2:17.

Fourth: And he that OVER-
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God's Requirement.

If you would know just what God requires of you, read Micah 6:8. Then search the Bible carefully to fully understand the meaning of doing "justly," and of "loving mercy," and "walking humbly." A mighty big message in this one verse of scripture, given us by one of the holy prophets of old. Read it; it will surely do you good.

Inasmuch as some Christian people dread to see certain preachers come among them, by reason of the preacher's straight, plain expounding of God's word, we wonder (?) how they will love the appearing of our Saviour, who will also judge every one according as their works shall be?

is to the OVERCOMER.

Written by one who desires to overcome to the end; and I sincerely ask an interest in the prayers of God's redeemed people for myself; also, for the work here at Wilson.

Box 763, Wilson, Okla.

The Gospel According To You.

There's a sweet old story translated for man,
But writ in the long, long ago—
The gospel according to Mark, Luke, and John—
Of Christ and his mission below.

Men read and admire the gospel of Christ,
With it's love so unfailing and true;
But what do they say, and what do they think,
Of the gospel "according to you?"

'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love,
As it shines in the Christ life divine;
And O, that it's truth might be told again,
In the story of your life and mine!

You are writing each day a letter to men;
Take care that the writing be true;
'Tis the only gospel that some men will read—
That gospel according to you!

(We are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men. — 2 Corinthians 3:2.)

Apology

We wish to apologize for the oversight in letting the heading on the first page go into print with the word "APOSTOLIC" being misspelled. Such was due to having "pulled" a letter from the heading, and failing to replace it.

God will sometimes literally forsake a place of worship on account of disobedience toward Him. For an example, read Psalms 78:56-72. In verse 56, we find His reason for rejecting them—they tempted and provoked Him, and kept not His testimonies. Because 'where two or three are gathered together,' doesn't always signify 'they' have sincerely gathered in His name!

The following poem I wish to pass on to you, for your consideration.

I am, sincerely fighting in this worthy cause.

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TRIBULATION PERIOD IS SURELY COMING.

Tablequah, Okla., Feb. 9th., 1921.

To the readers of the Apostolic Faith Messenger:

A few lines in the precious name of the Son of God:

Mother and myself are here in Tablequah in meeting with Bro. O. H. Bond and wife, and Bro. and Sr. Theo. Kupsick. I am here now, writing in Bro. Bond’s printing office; and we are in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bond, for which we are very grateful.

Our motive in writing this P. M., is to point out the sure coming of the Great Tribulation which is coming upon this old world, and Jesus said, For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. (See St. Luke 21:35; note verse 36—the warning Jesus gives us of being ready for it.)

We note that the last revival recorded in God’s Word, (see Acts, 19th. chapter) was something like twenty-two years after the day of Pentecost, according to Bible chronology; and we note that from this period of time the messages were given by the Apostles to the church, and it seemed that revivals had ended, and that God was sending the message to the church in order to keep them saved, and to get them ready for the Roman persecutions, where many of God’s children gave their lives for the gospel, and for their faith in Jesus.

To my opinion, that is why Jesus gave them the baptism of the sweet Holy Ghost—that they might have power to stand, and give their lives for the faith which they had in the Son of God; and we notice two distinct outpourings, of the Holy Ghost prophesied by Joel, the prophet. (See Joel 2:23.)

We find that the latter rain began to fall on six sanctified Methodist folks, at Topeka, Kans., in the month of January, 1900, and Joel, in 2:23, said the latter rain would fall in the first month; and truly it came to pass in the first month, of the year 1900; and since that time, many hundreds of precious souls have received this wonderful experience—the latter rain, or baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Now, the thing we want to make mention of, is this—that history repeats itself; and this saying is in perfect harmony with God’s Word. (See Ecclesiastes 1:9.) So let us refresh our memory a little; we can just think back to the beginning of the latter rain, and we will have to admit that about twenty-two years of the most wonderful revivals swept the country! But since that time, we don’t see the revivals that we did in the first twenty-two years of this wonderful outpouring; and now it seems that most of the messages given by Holy Ghost preachers, under the anointing, are to the church, and the messages are a warning to get ready to meet Jesus, for he is coming soon; and according to God’s Word, there is to be a great period of tribulation before Jesus comes. (Read St. Matthew 24:29; also St. Luke 21:36.)

Dearly beloved, let us try and keep this precious commandment—St. Luke 21:36: “Watch ye therefore, and pray always”—I desire that God’s children pray much for me, and that many precious souls will find God, get sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, in this meeting here in Tablequah, for I believe God is in it.

Yours for the Master’s service,
E. A. Buckles,
Box 1446. Drumright, Okla.

NEW TRANSLATIONS.

With new translations of the Bible gradually going forth, and each one reading more suitable to the fleshly understanding of the individual, it’s just a matter of time—if Jesus tarries—until the world (not God’s true children) will have a Bible (?) which shall read to suit their own sinful ideas.

The King James translation is undisputedly the true, God-given translation, and satisfied mankind until sin acquired such a hold on the lives of the worldly professor, and it’s pleasures becoming paramount in their lives—yet them wanting to maintain a religious aspect, and realizing that the plain Truth would not be suitable—as a result we have today translations ‘supposed to be more easily understood.’ The great trouble was, and still is—God’s old Book is TOO PLAIN for the hypocrite, and the compromiser: it teaches a life too straight and clean for them; hence, a gradual deviation from the Truth (the masses would not accept a sudden departing) in the form of a ‘more plain type’ of translation, which only reads ‘a very little different.’

Upon your first opportunity, compare the first two or three verses of the 19th. chapter of The Acts, (King James translation) with the same scripture in the Revised Version, and notice misleading thought. In the King James, we read: “Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE ye believed?” (which is in perfect harmony with the rest of the Bible teaching on this subject—the baptism of the Holy Ghost). In the Revised Version, we read to this effect: “Did ye receive the Holy Spirit WHEN ye believed?” One places the experience after conversion, which is Biblical; the other places the experience at, or in connection with, conversion, which is unscriptural.

Beloved, let’s stay with the truth.
Read Isaiah 8:20; Heb. 10:35-36.

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. --Psalms
We recently heard a young sister preaching on the plagues spoken of in Revelations, and among them she referred to the previous sore which is to break out among the people, (Rev. 16:2.) and she remarked that some would probably think they would send for the doctor in such an event; but she informed the congregation that the doctor himself, would likewise be afflicted, and unable to attend his patients. (Read the reference.)

It's our opinion that any individual who wilfully and knowingly, will corrupt the doctrine of our Saviour by deviating from the plan of salvation, will tell a falsehood—plain lying—about other things. Watch for yourself, and be convinced.

We recently heard of a preacher going to a nearby band of saints who are standing for the old landmark—the three-fold plan of salvation, and telling them that they preached the same doctrine that these people preached, when such was not the case. The enemy is surely bold in these last days, and will resort to most any means, it seems, to get in on people. If we should go to a band of Finished Work, or Assembly of God, people, and tell them I stood for the same doctrine which they taught, I would plainly be telling a lie, and acting a hypocrite, also. Such rotten practice is a great hindrance to Christianity in general.

UNSCRIPTURAL.

To say that an individual is not wholly, or completely, saved—justified—until they are sanctified, is to infer they are for a period of time, only partially saved—born of the Spirit. Such theory is absurd, and absolutely unscriptural; closely related to gross ignorance; or else prompted by a spirit of meanness.

A BATTLEMENT NEEDED

Christian parents, have you a family altar in your home? Such is a mighty battlement for the soul’s welfare of your loved ones. For shame on the Christian parents who are raising their children without the influence of family prayer. Read Deuteronomy 22:8, and apply such spiritually, (the Law containing shadows and types) and possibly you will see both—your need of such battlement, or family worship, and the responsibility resting upon you for the welfare, or protection of those of your household. It’s possible that some parents, in a measure, will be to blame for the lost soul of their child. And don’t lapse into a cold, formal, observance of worship, but try to reach the Throne each time in prayer; neither allow disorder among the children at such time, but teach them to fear God, and to honor and respect Him, and yourselves, as children should, by kneeling with you in the family circle, so-to-speak.

If there was more genuine Christian living in the home, and having—not bringing—children in subjection, there would be more fruits of Christianity shown in the church house, and publicly in general.

We’ve been in the home where the parents both professed the highest experience this side the glory world, and there could scarcely be order had long enough to offer thanks at the table; and to the stranger, or unacquainted, such conduct, we fear, would not make much of an impression as concerning the fact that there was much of a family altar—battlement, in the home; but on the contrary, the scene would more than likely appeal to him as a “battle ground.”

(The “battlement” of old, was a protective wall built around the top of the flat-roofed house, to insure protection against falling therefrom.)

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. —Proverbs 20:7.
"LOVERS OF PLEASURE"
(By Bro. Slagle.)

In the last days perilous times shall come; men shall be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.
(Read 2nd. Timothy 3:1-5.)

It seems that this spirit is manifesting itself in many ways, today. Some are going to shows, and ball games, to try to satisfy their longing, and will shout for joy, when it would seem fanatical, perhaps, to hear one of God's children shout for REAL joy! Praise God.

While I was down home, (near Anderson, Mo.) I started to see one that was very near to me, and met her on the way to a ball game. She hadn't time to spend a few minutes with me; (for I only had a few minutes to stay) so I went back to town, and heard shouting, and laughter. On inquiring, I was informed they were having a ball game. (This one, whom I went to see, belongs to the most prominent church in town.)

"Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." The question arises: "Why is this the case?" One reason is, the parents manifest the same spirit before their children, and they grow up under the influence of the thing.

There are some parents who like to go to church and have a good time, if they don't have to be bothered with the children. The children like to play and have a good time, and the parents say, They will be a bother, anyway; and, "Your clothes don't look any too good, so you may stay out, today; but now you be a good boy, and don't run off with So-and-So." Well, dad isn't more than out of sight—"Well, dad's gone now; we'll go to So-and-So's house; (the worst boys in town) we'll have a time." "Well, Bill, let's go to Joe's melon patch, (or swimming; or ride the calves; or a fishing) and have some fun. Say, I'm glad dad didn't make me go to Sunday School and Church, this morning."

"How did it come you didn't have to go to Church, this morning, Frank?"

"Well, I guess dad didn't want to be bothered with me, and I'm glad of it."

And it goes on thus, from time to time; and the boys get to where they WON'T go. Next thing they are out smoking, playing cards, taking in the dances, Sunday ball games, and every worldly amusement.

The exciting times come—the revival starts! Then Bill, and Frank, and all the rest of the toughs, go for fun. They hear a little of the Word, and get a bit under conviction; but the Devil says, "You don't want to miss that dance next week; or the theater. Well, they put it off; they come again, and the preacher preaches against things put on for appearance—the ring. (I heard him say you put it on for appearance; if not, it will keep in the chest. While he is preaching against the ring, and stylish dress, he has a big necktie on. Isn't that as much for appearance as the ring?)"

"Well," Bill, or Frank, says, "He is just an old hypocrite, anyway." So the world goes!

"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted?"

Boys and girls today will go into first-class hotels, and restaurants, and puff their cigarette smoke across the table; and if the saloon is brought back in our country, and state—which is the issue of the day; and men spending millions of dollars to get it—our girls will be walking up to the bar, and drinking over the bar, almost as brave as the men.

"In the last days perilous times shall come."

They—the saloon men—use to load men in the wagon, and start them home, when they would get too drunk to walk; but what would happen now, with all the cars we have to contend with?

I hope professed Christians will wake up, and take their children to Church and Sunday School, and teach them to love God more than the pleasures of this world.

(Just a few words of an statement made in the beginning. Some might misunderstand me, speaking of the one that had rather go to the ball game, than entertain her brother. Some might think I was placing myself as God; but Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.")

I ask the prayers of all who read this—earnestly pray for me, and mine.

Your Bro. in Christ,

W. J. Slagle,

Box 64.

Augusta, Kans.

"In God's providence, He allows some of His children to be thrown out of their comfortable surroundings that they may learn absolute dependence upon Him."

---Sel.

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Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. ---Prov. 22:6.
Plain Facts

You will no doubt find some people who are professing the highest experience this side the glory world, who stoutly proclaim there IS NO excuse for any individual in not keeping ALL the commandments of God; yet this person will possibly be abstaining from paying tithes, claiming THEY have an excuse—they are in debt, and feel obligated to their fellow man, first. The Bible says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," etc. The Bible tells me that the tithe is the LORD's. Are you going to take that which belongs unto God to apply on your debts, which you possibly need not have made? Don't try to preach holiness over such wresting of God's word. If the other individual is inexcusable before God for violating His law, you are also inexcusable for not paying your tithes. Jesus has said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." If one-tenth (the tithe) of that which your brother earns, belongs unto God, then one-tenth of your earnings also belong unto God.

If the preacher doesn't take the Bible and go into the gospel work, you will accuse, and say the preacher ought to obey God. Jesus said YOU ought to pay tithes. (See St. Matthew 23:23.)

There are people in this, as well as in other movements, who will vote to withdraw fellowship from a brother for walking disorderly, (2 Thessalonians 3:6) and they, possibly, are not paying their tithes, (St. Matthew 23:23; Heb. 7:8, etc.) and are thereby robbing God, and hindering His cause, in that they are not helping support the ministry—those who have had to lay down their former occupation of life, and devote themselves to the call of God in ministering the gospel.

We'd rather not sit in a church meeting, or conference, with those who are robbing God, and see them vote against a disorderly brother, when they are OUT OF ORDER with God in that they are GUILTY of muzzling the ox that treadeth out the corn! We have just this question to ask those who are guilty: Is it right, or wrong; or IS there ANY Bible excuse, for muzzling the ox? Ponder this well before you pull the line down too closely on some one who is doing no more than you are—just missing the line!

Pay God his rightful tenth of your earnings, and take the remaining ninety per cent for your personal use, and you will then be on a Bible line. (We haven't mentioned offerings yet, which are also included in God's financial plan.)

Preachers of this movement have been too easy on this line, and as a result some professed Christians have been spoiled, (and some folk take spoiling so easily along this line!) and almost brought disaster to the movement. There are folks today, who feel (or act that way) that it's perfectly alright for the preacher to look to other means for support and in the meanwhile be diligent in preaching the word. (Right here let us say that the church that doesn't look to the financial needs of their pastor, or those labouring among them—pay some tithes, and take an occasional offering—and not on a "too rare occasion," for them, NEED NOT say, "we love our pastor," for you DON'T, and we've got God's Bible on you, for we read in 1st. John 3:18, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Some will look far in advance, and make preparation for finances (set an old hen, possibly) with which to gratify a desire for some finery in clothing; a better furnished home, etc.; but of this kind, we wonder how many would take similar steps toward the support of the gospel?) The Apostle Paul says, "If we have sown unto spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1st. Cor. 9:11 & 14. (Just how does your pastor's principal living come—through your carefulness, or, due to your CARELESSNESS, from his, or her, own physical labour, or from the Christians scattered abroad? God's word calls by name, in the book of Revelation, the churches who were falling short of His commandments; how would YOUR record look in print? It will be publicly known some day, thank God! Some body may say, "Bro. Bond is throwing that at us." [The important thing is, Did it land close to you? A HINT to the wise ought to be sufficient.] Those who are not guilty will possibly say, Amen; those who are guilty will possibly say, -(f). It's not a question of how much, or how little, you are doing towards the support of your pastor, or the cause in general, but merely—are you DOING YOUR DUTY? Some are possibly not paying tithes—they claim to not have the light on the matter. We fear there are others not doing so because of the PLAIN FACT of what it costs to pay tithes; others not paying them through pure carelessness; some, because they are in debt. The TITHE is the Lord's; (see Lev. 27:30) be honest. Amen.

The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. —Psalms 119:61.
An Appeal

Greetings to ALL the readers of the APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER:

As General Chairman, I do earnestly urge all of its readers to lend a helping hand to make the paper a better paper, and we earnestly request that each reader of this good little paper send Bro. and Sr. Bond 25c, or more if possible. Remember dear ones, it costs quite a little sum to put out each issue, (perhaps around $4 or $5 for paper, postage, etc., alone) and if we expect our paper to come each month, let us help to bring it to ourselves by sending a liberal offering to Bro. and Sr. Bond. In a little while we might spend as much as $1 for candies, etc. Now let us do our duty toward this paper.

The press Bro. Bond now has, is broken in several places, (perhaps six or seven) and he will soon need a new press; so let us come to his rescue by sending from 25c to 1.00, or more if God impresses us to do so. Bro. Bond has not asked me too much mention of this, but I am doing it because I feel it my duty to do so.

Let me urge the pastors of the several churches to urge the saints to respond to this needed call.

Dear ones, I believe that God will bless you in doing this.

Let us respond to this call before the next issue.

I believe Bro. Bond is a worthy man; so dear saints, and all readers, if we enjoy reading this little paper, let us enjoy helping to support it.

May God bless each of you in advance.

I beg to remain your unworthy servant,

E. A. Buckles
Box 1446
Drumright, Okla.

FROM KONAWA, OKLA.

Konawa, Okla.
R. F. D. 1.
3-2-'31.

Dear Bro. and Sister Bond;

Greetings in the name of our dear Lord:

I have just been reading the paper, which was real food to my soul. Praise God.

I just felt like writing some tonight, and tell how wonderful God is to me, bless His name.

I am still trusting God.

Two years ago last New Year's night, the Lord saved my soul; last September a year ago, He sanctified me wholly; then last November a year ago, He baptised me with the Holy Ghost, bless His name. He sure has been wonderful to me. He has healed my body.

I sure am hungry to be in services. I am praying for God to send some one here. The gospel is needed to be preached here.

Praise God, I am looking for His soon coming. What a wonderful time that will be, where there will be no more partings! My heart reaches out for the lost; Oh, how sad it will be for the ones who are not prepared to meet Him. Jesus said strait is the gate, and narrow is the way; but few that enter therein. O, how I love to tell lost men and women, boys and girls, about the wonderful love of Jesus. Praise God!

It is going to behove us to keep on the job for God; Jesus said: "Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockercrowing, or in the morning; "Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." (St. Mark 13:}

TAKES GRACE.

It takes grace, beloved, to carry on God's work. We've seen the time when out on the battlefield, going from place to place, preaching the gospel, that it taken grace to carry on. Now that we are confined more closely at home and reaching the people through the medium of the little paper, mostly, we find periods of depression where it takes grace to carry on; no doubt the Missionaries in the foreign fields often face times of depression—sadness, burdens—where it takes an abundance of grace to carry on; those who are left in their homes—staying by the staff—whose mission is to help support those engaged at the front, no doubt face times of depression wherein it takes grace to carry on. But let's ALL be faithful—do our duty—to God, and to His cause, and we'll always find His grace sufficient, and some glad day His grace will carry us through the LAST MILE of the way, thank God, Amen!

CHURCH MEMBERS, TAKE NOTICE!

Don't condemn the entire Holiness movement because there's hypocrites to be found there. You will find plenty of them—a surplus—in the ranks of YOUR denomination. In fact you'll find them everywhere, except in Heaven, thank God.

...35-37.) Bless His name. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done for me.

I will ask the children of God to remember me when they are praying, that I will stand true to God, and do His will.

So I remain as ever, a sister in Christ, with love to all,

Ethel Hudson.
FROM BONANZA, ARK.

Feb. 5th, 1931.

Dear Brother and Sister Bond:

Greetings to you in Jesus' name.

We have received two copies of the Messenger, and enjoy reading it.

I still love Jesus, bless his name; and am trying to do my very best for Him.

We are at No. 18 coal camp, between Jenney Lynd and Bonanza, Ark. Came here Oct. 15th., and started a meeting. There were six little weak saints here, and no place to worship. We got the school house and started the meeting. It is an awfully hard place, as most all mining towns are; but the saints all got revived, and souls began to get saved. There were nine saved, three sanctified, and two received the Holy Ghost baptism; and, Oh, how the Lord did bless! It seemed like Heaven came down. We had some of the most wonderful meetings that I have been in for years.

There has been six saved since the revival closed, at our regular meeting nights. One night there was a little girl about 13 years old, came to the altar—Oh, she prayed so hard, and she came through shouting the victory; and she shouted and danced in the Spirit for two hours, and the Lord baptised her with the Holy Ghost, and she gave a message in other tongues and then interpreted it: it was to the sinners—pleading with them to come and be saved. It was truly wonderful. It was two o'clock in the morning when the meeting closed.

One night a young man and his wife got sanctified, and what a wonderful time we had!

While we have had some wonderful times in the Lord, the Devil has never failed to make his appearance, too; and sometimes he gives us some trouble; but praise God, He won't have anything but a tried people!

Oh, how I love Him; and the plan of salvation just suits me. I wouldn't change it one bit, if I could.

We have the Lord's Supper, and wash feet, the first Sunday in every month.

We have Sunday School at 10 A.M.; meeting Sunday night, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

May God bless you both, and your little paper.

I remain as ever, your sister in Christ, and a handmaid of the Lord.

Mrs. Dora Winn,
Route 1.
Bonanza, Ark.

Preacher, did you ever have some one tell you upon going some where to begin a meeting, "Well, if you get a good meeting started, let us know: maybe we'll come over." Such a statement is no surprise, but what would almost constitute one, would be for them to offer to go along and help you pray, and labor for a good meeting. Lots of people think they have their shoulder to the wheel, so-to-speak, when as a matter of fact they are just merely "leaning" against the load.

Satan well knows there is a place of eternal punishment for both himself, the beast, and the false prophet, and ALL the wicked; but he is doing his best to get people to disbelieve in such a place.

In conduct do not make trifles of trifles. Regard the smallest action as being either right or wrong, and make a conscience of little things.

—Spurgeon.

FROM BRO. BUCKLES.

Drumright, Okla.,
Box 4446.
March 19, 1931.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and Readers of the little paper:

Greetings to all of you, in the sweet name of the Son of God:

A few lines this P. M. We are all up, and best of all, we are enjoying old-time salvation, thank God.

Old Drumright is getting another chance for salvation. Our dear Bro. P. A. Henegar, of Ramona, Okla., is here, and the people are stirred again. One man got saved last night. Bro. Henegar is doing some good preaching.

We are getting some rain this P. M. The gardens are needing rain, here.

Am feeling quite a bit better in body, thank God.

I must close for this time; and I ask God's blessings upon Bro. and Sr. Bond, and upon the readers of the little paper.

I am sending my best regards to the Dr., and Mrs. Bond.

God bless you all. Write soon, and pray lots for us.

Your unworthy Bro. and Sr. in the dear Lord,

E. A. and Birdie Buckles.

One of the finest things in the Christian life is when we are stirred to pray. Prayer surely changes things; and it's the key which often unlocks Heaven to us. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Jesus spake a parable to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Gross immodesty is often portrayed in Christian homes through ungodly pictures hanging on the walls. For shame.

Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee. —Proverbs 20:22.
To The Seven Churches of Asia.

SECOND MESSAGE

THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA.

Under this heading, and appearing in their respective order as given in the Bible, (Rev. 2nd. and 3rd. chapters,) will appear each issue, until all have been published, if the Lord will, the message sent unto the angel (pastor) of each of the Seven Churches of Asia.

While the message in each instance is given directly to the pastor, (or the one in charge) yet the message if for both pastor and flock, and also for those may read it, inasmuch as each admonition ends with this:

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Now, beloved, our object in this is, for you to watch each message, and doubtless you will find somewhere among the seven messages, a description, or picture, of your church. You will notice also, that of the seven churches, there was a grievance held against five of them; two of them being without blame. Should your church be pictured, or described, among the five, of whom there was a grievance held, then note carefully the punishment that was to be meted out to that church upon their failure to measure up to God's requirements in each case; also bear in mind that your church (nor you, personally) cannot escape the same punishment promised them, if you are likewise guilty, and you fail to measure up, because we read in Romans 2:11, "For there is no respect of persons with God;" and WE are ALL brought under the same rule, and are without excuse, because of the closing statement to each church: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Pastors, those in authority, and lay-members, had better get busy; and pastors, or those in authority, especially, for some day you will account to God for those over whom you are placed as watchers.

(Read Acts 20:28-30; Heb. 13:17.)

To The Church In Smyrna.

Revelation 2:9-11.

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive:
9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.
10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye might have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

We have a very short lesson in the message given unto this church. There are NO grievances marked up against them, thank God, but they are warned against a period of tribulation which they shall suffer. Tribulations are a part of God's plan, for we read in Acts 14:22, "and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Tribulations are not merely persecutions we have to suffer, but the Apostle Paul best describes the glory of them in Romans 5:3-5, wherein he said:

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;"

"And patience experience; and experience, hope;"

"And hope maketh not ashamed: because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

The primary purpose of their tribulation period was that they might be tried. (verse 10) Remember beloved, God is going to have a tried people. "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." (Dan. 12 10.) Notice here, beloved, that the trying time is last—after having been purified, and made white. So our faith, patience, etc., is going to be put to the test; and the fact that we are suffering tribulation does not imply that we have sinned, and as in the lesson here, we find souls whose works, and tribulation, and poverty, is known of our heavenly Father, and who pronounces NO reproof upon them, but to the contrary declares them to be RICH! We might wonder in what manner—rich? We read in 1 Timothy 6:18, "that they be rich in GOOD WORKS, etc.,"

Is your church prepared for such a test, beloved; is it worthy? Are you PERSONALLY prepared? THINK, beloved, as for eternity!

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. Ps.
NOTES.

We have received word from different ones of a wonderful day service, Sunday, Mar. 15th. at New Hope school house, near Bro. Henry Freeman's, northwest of Oakgrove, Ark. Bro. Frank Atchley, of Lead Hill, Ark., was with them Saturday night, and Sunday, and went to Boyd school house for Sunday night, to fill his regular appointment there—being the 3rd. Sunday. We are surely thankful that the dear Lord gave them such a good meeting, which will no doubt encourage some precious soul along the way; and possibly cause some poor lost soul to realize more fully their lost and undone condition before God, and that they may become hungry for real salvation.

Bro. Robt. Smith, of Muskogee, Okla., informs us that he was recently in a good meeting at Watt's chapel, near Sallisaw, Okla. He never gave us any details of the meeting—only a card report in connection with an inquiry he was making about the little paper.

Bro. Henegar, of Ramona, Okla., was with the church at Wilson, Okla., quite recently; and last report, was in a revival at the mission in Drumright. (See Bro. Buckles' letter, elsewhere in this issue.)

Wife and I are in receipt of two good letters—one each from sister Ruby Steele, of Ramona, Okla., and sister Jewell Mattingly, of Arcadia, Kans. (Wish we had room to publish them.) They were in meeting at Red Eagle school house, about 8 mi. s.e. of Wynona, Okla. Five or six reported saved; among them two professed Christians, who in praying for others, realized they, themselves, were not saved; but they sought, and found God. Thank God for honest hearts. The sisters were thinking of going down in Arkansas from there, for meeting, if God permits. Sr. Mattingly is helping Sr. Steele in meetings. May God bless their labour.

Bro. Farris Oneal was in meeting at Choteau, Okla., according to our last word from him.

Bro. Buckles and his mother, of Drumright, Okla., were in Tabler- quash, Feb. 6-21, in meeting; and Bro. Atchley, of Lead Hill, Ark., was then with us 24-29th. There was conviction on the people; one precious soul got back to God during the first of the meeting. God gave us some good services, and some good preaching, which surely was a blessing, and an encouragement to us. We feel that seed was sown, and a foundation laid, for the establishment of a regular place of worship here in Tablerquash. Beloved, please help us pray to this end. We are expecting Bro. Atchley with his tabernacle for meeting here, beginning June 6, God willing. Pray—Come. We were thankful for a very helpful visit from some of the saints from near Anderson, Mo., during the early part of the meeting. May God bless them. At present we are having prayer meeting in the home of Bro. and Sr. Kupsick.

On account of the meeting here, we delayed last month's issue of the paper, and we are combining the same with this month's paper, and we are even late with this issue; and please bear patiently with us. Getting out the paper is no small job. If you've been thinking so. inquire of Bro. Chas. Roberts, of near Fairland, Okla., who has been so faithfully assisting us this week in getting out the remaining five pages. (He previously thought it only a small job; but now he thinks differently.)

We spent last week 15-22, with the saints at Lone Star, near Anderson, Mo. No one saved; but God was surely striving with a few precious souls. Some, it seems, will have to be convinced at the cost of their own soul, that it doesn't pay to neglect salvation. We came home by way of Hickory Grove, and Bro Chas. Roberts accompanied us home, and has surely been a blessing to us in helping us get out the little paper. May God bless Bro. Charley.

The Heavenly Home.

Tho' over the country, a tramp may roam;

Tho' tattered and torn he may be;

While others are living in beautiful homes,

He's travelling o'er land and sea.

He may be forsaken, and wear a frown,

As he tramps along the way,

Making his way from town to town;

But he was some mother's darling, one day.

She tenderly cared for him as a lamb—

Watched o'er him in childhood days;

Not thinking when he grew to be a man,

From the doors he would be turned away.

But there is a door at which he may knock—

The Master has said he may come; And also has said, If you forsake me not,

You shall dwell in that beautiful home.

It's a heavenly home, not made with hands;

Eternally in the skies!

Where the pure shall join the Angel band;

And there will be no more good byes!

The Master has said, Come unto me;

Seek, and ye shall find;

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you—

The poor, the needy, and blind.

And that would mean the poor tramp, too,

If from his sins he would turn away;

And share the same as me, or you.

That beautiful home, some day.

—Mrs May McCreary,

Box 332. Drumright, Okla.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. —Psalms 116:1