The Power Of God.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all saints who read the little Messenger;

Greetings in Jesus' dear name:

Tonight there is a text in God's Bible bearing upon my mind in the 12th. chapter of St. Mark, and the 24th. verse, where Jesus confuted the Sadducees, and it reads thus:

"And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?"

This question, asked directly by the Son of God himself, should be sufficient, it seems, to convince people of the power of God; and that Jesus himself recognized there being a power given by God to people, to direct them aright, even though they be unlearned, in a sense, of the scriptures.

Some people are astonished, in a sense, at the progress some people make in a Christian life, though they be often times almost totally ignorant of the word. These people, however, are people who come in contact with the mighty power of God, and are willing, with a humble heart, to follow the leadings of the Spirit (not spirits); while on the other hand, there are people who have made a study of the scriptures for years, and yet are not able to rightly divide and expound them. Why? Because they are not acquainted with the power of God.

First Corinthians 2:9-14 reads: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. In the concordance of my Bible, the word "spirit" is defined, "power of God; immortal part; inspiration." Therefore the Sadducees, according to Jesus' question, must have been a people who lacked this power and inspiration. Do we ever meet the same class today? Yes, indeed—people who know nothing of this inspiration, or power of God, trying to interpret the scriptures, and when they hear some person who knows the power of God expounding the Word of God, if they make a mistake in their language, we often hear of the person who has made more of a study of correct English than they have the correct interpretation of the scriptures, (because they can accomplish more there since the natural can touch the natural, and the spiritual can touch the natural; but the natural cannot touch the spiritual) hence we hear them commenting thus: "I believe people should know English before they put themselves out before the public." While I'll admit I like to hear good English, but as a little sister said here last summer, I would much rather the minister who stands before me know God than to know language perfectly, and NOT KNOW the power of God, for Jesus says, "Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?" which implies to my mind the thought that he who knows not the scriptures thoroughly, yet knows the power of God, has a chance for Heaven; but according to Paul's statement, the natural man—however perfect in language—could not receive the things of God, because "they are (Continued on next page.)
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foolishness unto him.”

The individual who knows God and His power, can give to the hungry heart of man more soul food and help in five minutes, than the natural man to whom the deep things of God are foolishness unto, can in a life time.

Give me the prayers and support of a people who know God in this life and His power to guide and keep, and the blessed old Bible that the Spirit and power of God is able to interpret to our yearning hearts and keeping the determination I have tonight to obey, and I believe the Glory Gates will swing wide for me when I reach Heaven’s portals.

I covet the prayers of all who read this that I may always be humble and obedient to God’s will.

Yours in His service,

Phryne Hulse, Route 1, Oakgrove, Ark.

No Excuse

If the Christian obeys the Bible in Ephesians 6:10-20, concerning putting on the whole armour of God, and as it herein teaches, “above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked,” (note it says a-1, or, ALL, the fiery darts) where will there be an excuse for sinning every day, as taught by so many, since the act of sin only comes through yielding to the tempter?

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” (Jas. 1:12.)

Harvest Time, or Gleaning Time—Which?

We are rather of the opinion that some people professing holiness are void of the difference between harvest time and gleaning time. The Bible plainly teaches that following the harvest of that day, there was the gleaning time—some going after the harvesters and gathering up the fallen heads of grain, gathering around the remote places where the harvesters could hardly get with the reaping hooks, etc. Their showing was small, indeed, in comparison to the amount of grain brought in by the reapers. The Bible compares the harvest of the field of that day to the spiritual harvest—the gathering in of souls, as during the revival season. So then, such is a type of the spiritual condition of the world today—the harvest. that is, the main reaping time has surely past, it seems, and there remains only a bit of labour in the gleaning process; yet it seems that some are yet gathering large bundles of grain,(!) and declaring, “What a wonderful harvest we reaped this time!” We can’t help but be a bit skeptical along the line, and wonder if a goodly portion of such wonderful “grain” in these last and closing days of time, is not tares, or else “cheat,” a plant closely resembling wheat; first, because of the fact that that we are living in that dispensation of time wherein the Gentile age is fast coming to a close—the real spirit of conviction for sin being no longer in their lives as it was a few years ago; also, so many times following some big “gathering in,” after a brief period of a few weeks, there is possibly hardly enough of the new “converts” left to conduct a prayer meeting. We are not here speaking in positive terms, but it seems to be the condition among so many. With so many of today, most every profession is counted a “sheaf of grain,” when as matter of fact, in view of the awful spiritual condition of the world, so much deception being palmed off as holiness, etc., together with the Bible teaching of a gleaning time following the harvest, we are fearful that some are so elated over a “big harvest” that they are binding into bundles both tares and cheat, and really knowing no difference—all of which calls to our mind an incident occurring only a few years ago, wherein a brother went fishing in company with some other parties, and in seining a lake that was slowly drying up, they pulled to shore in the seine, among other fish, a goodly number of “hickory shad,” a nice looking specie, but one which spoils so quickly when taken from the water (some converts (!) last but a short while after being “landed”) as to render it unfit for food. So this brother in question was so highly elated over the prospect of so many nice fish, he eagerly began to gather them into the sack until others began to laugh, and then told him the kind of fish they were, and explained to him how they were unfit for food. He hated to see such nice looking fish refused. So do some preachers (and others) seem to hate to reject any one today who professes salvation; so with them every thing is counted—“hickory shad,” and all—and the word goes forth of a wonderful “gathering in,” when as a matter of fact, if all the tares, cheat, “hickory shads, etc., were removed, some might then realize we are in the gleaning, and not the harvest, time.) We thank God for a few precious souls scattered here and there, who are getting through on Bible lines, and who are bearing fruit for Him.
OBITUARY.

Mrs. Louisa A. Thrasher was born September 2nd, 1852, and departed this life at the home near Goodman, Mo., on February 7th, 1932, at the age of 70 years, 5 months, and 5 days.

She was married to Benjamin Thrasher, May 25, 1881. To this union were born eight children; three girls and five boys, of whom five are yet living—four sons: Bro. Pete, Bro. Lyford, and Virgil of the home address; Bro. Charles, of the Pleasant Grove community, southwest of Goodman; and the daughter, Mrs. Sprague, of Deer-trail, Colo. Two daughters, one son, and her husband, having preceeded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her death, the five children, seventeen grandchildren, (five grandchildren also, having preceeded her in death) and a countless number of friends and neighbors who mourn her loss as a mother, friend, and Christian, as she enlisted in the cause of Christ at an early age and lived a consecrated and victorious life; the last years of her life being the brightest and most fruitful. She bore her suffering patiently, and went out to meet her Pilot face to face, at eight o'clock in the morning of the date above.

Funeral services were conducted at the home about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, February 8th, after which she was laid to rest with her friends and loved ones in the New Bethel cemetery, near Anderson, Mo.

"BEYOND."

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country, the Beyond;
And yet not strange, for it
has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am most fond;
That makes it familiar,
and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant countries near.

So close it lies that when
my sight is clear
I seem to see the gleaming
of that strand;
I know I feel those who have gone from here
Come even near enough
to touch my hand.

I often think but for our veiled eyes,
We would find heaven
right 'round about us lies.

I cannot make it seem a
day of dread
When from this dear earth
I shall journey out,
To that still dearer country
of the dead
And join the lost ones so long dreamed about.

I love this world, yet I shall
love to go
And meet the friends who wait for me. I know.
I never stand above the bier
and see
The seal of death on some
well loved face
But what I think—one
more will welcome me
When I shall cross the
intervening space;
Between this land and that
one over there;
One more to make the
strange Beyond seem fair,
And so to me there is no
sting to Death.
And so the grave has lost its
victory.
It is but crossing, with
suspended breath

And white, set face, a
little strip of sea,
To find the loved ones on
the other shore
More beautiful, more
precious than before.

By a friend and sister in the
Lord, who had the privilege to
say the last rites for her here, and
who is looking forward to our next
meeting in the morning of the
Great Resurrection.
(Mrs.) Phyrne Hulsey.

AT EVENING.
(From "Pearls From Many Seas.")

There she sits, the old Christian
mother, ripe for Heaven. Her eye-
sight is almost gone, but the
splendors of the Celestial City
kindle up her vision. The gray
light of Heaven’s morn has struck
through the gray locks which are
folded back over the wrinkled
temples. She stoops very much
now under the burden of cafe she
used to carry for her children. She
sits at home, too old to find her
way to the house of God; but while
she sits there all the past comes
back, and the children who forty
years ago tripped around her arm-
chair with their griefs, joys and
sorrows—those children are gone
now. Some were caught up into
a better realm, where they shall
ever die, and others are out in
the broad world, testing the excel-
leney of a Christian mother’s dis-
cipline. Her last days are full of
peace; and calmer and sweeter will
her spirit become, until the gates
of life shall lift and pass the worn-
out pilgrim into eternal springtime
and youth, where the limbs never
ache nor the eyes grow dim, and
the staff of the exhausted and de-
crepit pilgrim shall become the
palm of the immortal athlete. —

TALMAGE.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints — Psalms 116:15.
TOO MUCH PRECISION.

People can very easily become too precise in the use of language. We believe we have seen the person in testifying, possibly miss a blessing, or an anointing from God, by reason of the fact they were so very precise in their language—they watched their words so closely that their mind was on their correct English more than upon God.

As a result, their testimony bespoke a training in English much more than a spiritual testimony. We feel God is looking down into the heart of the man or woman who is standing before the public, declaring His goodness, and pleading with souls to accept Jesus in their lives, much more than He is taking note of the grammatical construction of their exhortation, or testimony. Bunyan has said, "When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words, than thy words without heart." So it should be with the individual in the pulpit. The language of the Son of God, as He plead with men and women, exhorting them to a walk with God, was not in every particular correct according to the present day standard of English. He said in St. John 10:36, "I and my Father are one." His use here of the personal pronoun "I," (putting Himself first) would not pass the college test today; but such language was acceptable in the courts of Heaven, thank God!

"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) Glory!

"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." —1 Cor. 4:20

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER.

FROM MORRIS, OKLA.

January 12, 1932.

To all the readers of the little paper;

Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Lord:

—Just feel like writing a word.

First of all this morning, I truly want to say that I am yet saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, thank God. I still have a determination of going on, and then when this life is over I want to be able to say like Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling. Who will go and work today? Fields are white, harvest waiting: Who will walk the narrow way?

Dear ones, there is need of workers on every side, when sin is so strong each way you look. Some think times are too hard for a meeting; some think they can’t preach unless they are sure of their pay. But dear ones, it isn’t what we think, but it’s as “Thus saith the Lord,” and He said in St. Mark 16:15, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” “Oh,” say some, “we haven’t the car fare.” Well, He is the very same Jesus today that was speaking in St. Matthew 10:9&10—

"Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses. Nor script for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat."

"Oh,” say some, “you are a little fanatical along this line.” Dear ones, I never gave that commandment, but it is the language of Jesus. "Well,” some will say, "that was to His apostles.” That is true—but, He is the same Jesus today. The Bible say that He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever; and that God is no respecter of persons. All right then, if He cared, and provided a way then, Why not today?

Dear ones, it is pitiful to hear people begging for some one to come to their settlement and preach for them. “Oh well,” some say, "those people never provide a way for the preacher.” Jesus says, according to St. Matthew 16:24, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” This means through trials, and hardships; and it doesn’t mean, that we will gather flowers all the way, either, so-to-speak; but we are truly glad that the prize awaits at the end of the race. And we must be very careful as we race along life’s highway, for Satan has many pit-falls, and snares, set for the people of God, and it seems to me that one of them is mostly to make folk believe there is no use in preaching and trying to get souls saved. And then he will say, "There is no use in you trying, for there are so many more who can do more than you can.” But the Lord said, "Go . . . and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” I, myself, truly feel like I am one of the weakest of His children; truly want the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer, to hold me up to the Lord that I will always be found doing the little things He would have me do, that I may be able to encourage others to seek God; and while you pray, pray for the unsaved children, that in some way they will see the need of a Saviour. I desire to see them saved, and not only my children, but fathers and mothers; and sons and daughters of others who need Christ.

Well, I must close.

With best wishes for all the readers of the little paper for a happy new year,

As ever,

Mrs. Amanda Sullivan

Box 351

Morris, Okla.

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. —Psalms 97:1.
"SKINNING THE WIRE."

I was in Washington some time ago, riding on a street car. It was one of those cars with an underground trolley. I observed that the motorman could easily make that car go slowly or make it go fast. When we would come to a cross street, I noticed that by the touch of the handle the car would almost, and yet not quite, stop but just go creeping along like a snail. Then all at once the motorman would touch the handle again, and the car would go almost at the rate of a mile a minute. I got curious to know how the thing was done and ventured to go out on the platform and ask him.

"Why," he said, "when I squeeze the handle, I open the mouth that grips the trolley. When I want to go slow, I open the mouth that grips the trolley and it just touches it. When I want to go fast, I turn loose, and it grips the trolley and gets all the power in the power house. We call the first 'skinning the wire.'"

I said to myself, "I have two thousand members in my church who are just 'skinning the wire.' They never have done anything else but 'skin the wire.'"

And you know about nine-tenths of our churches—I say this with intense sadness—nine-tenths of the churches in this country are 'skinning the wire.' But there is the power house; all the power of heaven is there. --Broughton.

(From "John Three Sixteen.")

(Note: While the above carries a wonderful thought, and we would not detract therefrom, yet we would like to add another thought we get from it's good lesson, and that is this: Too many 'motormen' (pastors) need to quit 'squeezing the handle,' but preach the full Gospel to their congregations, give them a chance at the 'power house!'"

OUR BELIEFS.

Those who do not believe as we do are watching us to see what difference our belief makes in our conduct. If our beliefs do not show in our words and acts, then they conclude that there is nothing to what we say we believe.

People across the seas—in Africa, India, and China—are weighing our words and deeds to see if our particular brand of religion makes a difference in us. Do they want to be like us because we are what our beliefs have made us?

Basing his words on his own knowledge of contacts between so-called Christian people and the people of other lands. Kipling has said,

By all ye will or whisper,
By all ye live or do,
The sullen, silent peoples,
Shall weigh your God and you.

---Forward.

That "Winning Personality."

Concerning an attainment some people seem to have in their lives which tends to make them so popular with many, commonly called a "Winning Personality."—if one could sometime see the cloak pulled from the lives of some such people, you might be surprised to find that "winning personality" to be only a spirit of hypocrisy in disguise! A natural attainment along this line is perfectly alright; but look out for the acquired—or "practiced until perfect"—kind. Sometimes the preacher can beat the congregation to the door of the church, and shake hands with them as they pass out, and at the same time, possibly, care no more for mankind than their money, and farrantry of his sermon's, goes. We like cordiality, and to see people sociable, alright; but we detest palaver!

Let not thine heart envy sinners; but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long. —Prov. 23:17.
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(See 1st. Cor. 1:2.)

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BIBLE THOUGHT.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.
(Ecclesiastes 12:13.)

For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: —Eph. 2:8.
FROM FAIRLAND, OKLA.

February 21, 1832.

Dear Bro. and Sis. Bond:

I feel like sending in a testimony to the little paper we all like so well.

Sure love to read the good news of dear saints. I believe we are living the life for God. I am persuaded to believe so many preachers are like some candidates running for office—the one that can deceive the most has the biggest crowds following; but thank God, I find in the Bible that His people are the fewest of all people. I sure want to be with the despised few. Amen.

This leaves me still saved; and sanctified, as a second, definite experience of God's grace—sanctified in the barracks in the training camp, about 3 o'clock one morning; thank God, it is real! Later Jesus baptized me the Holy Ghost, thank God, and it holds good today in my life. It's not what God has done for us, or what we have done for God years ago that counts; but it's what we are doing when the race is run! Sure want to be in the number. I can truly say in my heart I had rather say with Moses, "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." So it sure is going to pay us to strive so that we may receive the reward. We shouldn't count anything too dear to give up for the Lord. Some don't want to give up their proud ways. The Lord even hates a proud look. (See Prov. 6:16&17.) So it is going to pay us to dress as becometh Holiness; and give up every thing that we wouldn't think Jesus would do Himself, if He was here as we are.

Well, I am glad for Jesus and His Word; but when men of God, of old time, told the people the truth, they stoned them, and beheaded John for preaching against adultery, and are still ready to do something to you today, if you preach it like men of old; but I am glad for a salvation that has been tried in our homes; it has been tried in the prisons; in the fiery furnace. Have we been put to the test for God yet? for those are His children who have been put to the test, and have kept sweet in their soul. He is certainly going to have a tried people. Are you bearing the cross, or are you running in vain? All is vanity if we offend in one point—we are guilty of the whole.

"The angel of the Lord encamped round about them that fear him, and delivered them." "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." "O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him." "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." (Psalms 34:7,8,9&19.)

I have found so many who are described in the 7th. chapter of Acts, and verse 53, "Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it." So many will try to act like angels when you are around them; but Jesus says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words," and if we have the Spirit of God, it is going to rejoice in the truth; and the truth will make us free. Dear ones, I have learned the man of God that loves the souls of mankind, is the one that tells me the truth even if it is grievous to me at present; but thank God, if I will measure up, it will yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness. I truly believe we are entering the days of Noah; he didn't have many followers—but doubtless lots of persecutors; but I don't believe he let down on his preaching to suit the people. I thank God for a few "Noahs" yet, who are willing to preach it clean, and straight. The devil knows his time is getting short to deceive in doctrines, and false teachers "wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the excess of riot, speaking evil of you." Yes sir, they are ready to falsely accuse you because you won't be shaken by the winds of doctrine that are going forth to deceive the very elect if possible; but thank God, it is possible, for the elect's sake, to know what is false, and what is real. Glad for the good food He still feeds His children on; it is real to my soul; His grace is sufficient for us.

Remember us in prayer.

Your brother,

C. S. Roberts,
Route 2, Fairland, Okla.

ONE WAY.

One way in which people sometimes change from the real way of salvation to a false doctrine is, to first become "neutral" in their "views;" (possibly you've seen those who said "worship with just any body") then the next step is easy.

A SAD SIGHT, INDEED.

It is pitiful to see any one who is professing Christianity, and not having the blessing; but saddest of all, is the preacher who is bally in need of salvation to begin with, or who has back-hidden from God, yet in the pulpit.

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. — Prov. 14:26.
William E. Penn was born in Young county, Texas, January 24, 1884; passed away February 19, 1932. Age 48 years; 20 days.

He leaves a wife and six children, three boys and three girls; his mother, two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor at the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, Wilson, Oklahoma, February 21st., with internment in the Hewitt cemetery.

There was present at the funeral, all the above relatives mentioned, with the exception of his sister. Two of Sister Penn's brothers, and other relatives, were also present.

The church was crowded with friends and loved ones. Many tears were shed as we viewed the remains for the last time in this world, yet expecting to greet each other soon in Glory.

He was an employee of the Carter Oil Co., for more than six years. He went to work feeling well, and was brought home with a heart attack about 10:30, and fell asleep about 1 o'clock of the same day.

Bro. Penn was a man who enjoyed hearing the Gospel preached in its purity. He was converted about four years ago, and later received the experience of sanctification. We feel today that he is sweetly resting in the arms of Jesus.

I ask the readers of this paper to remember Sister Penn, and her family, in prayer, that as God sees fit in this world to break the family circle, that it will be complete some day, in Heaven.

P. A. Henegar, Pastor.

FROM LEAD HILL, ARK.

February 21, 1932.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and to all the saints scattered abroad;

Greetings:

I feel like sending in my testimony this morning.

I am so glad for salvation that saves from sin. I am so glad Jesus abides within, bless His name. So glad, one time, I heard the still voice of God speaking to my heart, and obeyed from my heart. I thank God for His love, and all His benefits to me, for He saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. He is my healer, and my all in all.

I am truly glad this morning finds me with this scripture on my mind, and the former past in my life, “This saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” (Jeremiah 6:16)

I thank God this morning finds me asking Him for more grace, and more light, and a better understanding of the good way; and that I am walking therein, and have sweet rest in my soul.

Dear saints of God, I desire your prayers that I will be useful in the hands of the Lord, and will always be up and about the Master’s business, doing the things that will please Him.

I am sending my pledge to our little paper with this writing.

May grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, Amen.

Your brother in Christ,

The Depression

As much as the World-Wide Depression is a subject today of chief concern with so many, it will possibly not be out of all order for us to make a brief comment relative to the situation.

Many are the causes to which the present adverse conditions are attributed; and many are the remedies suggested by leading statesmen and others, relative to relief. Our humble opinion concerning the cause of the grave situation the world is now facing can be condensed into a very few words—The world has failed God! and consequently it is now only reaping that which it has sown. So far as relief is concerned, taking Bible examples of old for precedent, (and we are yet accountable to the same God as were those of old) we find in that day when God pronounced a curse upon a certain people, (and such curse was always sent upon them because of their persistent disobedience unto Him) the only way they might escape was to repent of their evil ways, and turn to Him. When it was declared by Jonah of old, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown," it escaped the wrath of God only through repentance; they turned from sin, and sought God—their king leading them—clothing themselves in sackcloth, and sitting in ashes, (even getting so humble before God, and so in earnest with Him, as to cover their beasts with sackcloth) and going into a fast where-in neither man nor beast, herb nor flock, tasted food, nor drank water; and thus humbling themselves, they cried out mightily unto God, "and God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not." (Jonah 4:10)

Beloved, God has a law which He expects people to honour: persistent failure to honour such will bring the wrath of God upon such people. Their only avenue of escape lies in their repentance toward God. That the world today has reached an alarming condition so far as sin is concerned, is beyond dispute; wickedness has become so great as to attract national attention. Penal institutions in our nation alone, are often filled to overflowing with criminals of most every character; and this speaks nothing, practically, as compared to the millions throughout the world, who are open violators of God's law. "The nations are robbing God, (Malachi 3:8 12) and such act has it's part in bringing about such world-wide hard times.

Despite the fact that many learned men (of) the the pulpit have been heretofore preaching that the world was growing better, crime is ever on the increase. Such preaching is directly contrary to the teaching of God's precious old Bible, for we read in 2 Timothy 3:13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Not that they HAD to do so; but that they WOULD do so. The question is, Will the world change it's attitude toward God, that it might obtain mercy as did Nineveh of old? Nay, verily, because God's word has declared—"shall wax worse and worse!"

When God has stretched forth His hand against a people, no amount of legislation can prevent the fulfilling of His will. The depression has come from a source that is beyond the power of human hands and minds to remedy. The world is looking for a leader who can bring order out of chaos. Let matters reach a sufficient degree of suffering, and we fear multitudes will yield to most any kind of a controlling power that will only promise them relief. So in the midst of the turmoil and strife of this day, we surely thank God for that one thing, charity, which is necessary if we stand the test, and the Bible has declared that it endures ALL things, thank God, Amen. While we hate to see the world in the condition it is now in, yet we can only say 'Amen' to the righteous judgments of an all-wise, and merciful God.

In Bible times, when matters of such importance arose, the people would implore Divine favour. Do they do such today? Is God taken into consideration in the conferences of our great statesmen—both native and foreign? Ever hear of such meetings being opened with prayer?

While many leading men are predicting all along that prosperity is returning, yet we can't but feel that we shall never see peaceful, prosperous times again; and we're not speaking our opinion from a pessimistical stand point; (claiming everything for the worse) but purely from a Biblical standpoint of prophecy fulfillment. "We are living in the last days, therefore perilous times are upon us; people are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. (Read 2 Tim. 3:1-4, for evidence of last days, and perilous times.) "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34)

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of? —Isaiah 2:22.
"Unorganized"

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Some might think because the word, "Unorganized," appears at a certain fixed place in each issue of this paper, that it signifies what many professors call 'loose Holiness' or, that is, Holiness people running 'loose' without any church government, rules, or order. But we want to say, Nay, verily; but we mean by the word, Unorganized, that we stand against all man-made churches, and are standing for the Bible church, Bible rules and order.

We find no scripture within God's Bible where we, as ministers of the gospel, have any right to 'Open The Doors Of The Church'; neither do we believe we can! We find in the Word of God that Christ's body is the church. Ephesians 1:22, 23, reads:

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church," which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all," also Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:27. We read where Jesus said, "I am the door;" (St. John 10:7) and in the first verse of this chapter He says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door of the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (See also Rev. 3:7&8.) He tells us just how to get into the church in St. John 3:3, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." When we are saved, we become a member of the Bible church, 1 Cor. 12:27. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

A church member once ask me if he would have to be baptized again if he joined the Holiness. I told him if he was actually saved, he was one already. Amen to just come out of the sectarian church, and take a stand for God.

As I have told people many times, I belong to the most beautiful church the world has ever known, thank God! There are no hypocrites in it; no adulterers. Some one might say, "How do you know your members? Because we have fellowship one with another." (I John 1:7). Thank the Lord, we are not bound to a man-made discipline, but we take the Divine Word of God as our discipline. We don't have to, with a bunch of lay members, endorse a preacher living in adultery, for we are not on their roll.

This is what we mean by the word, "Unorganized." We are sorry to see intelligent people deceived, and trying to live for God, and labouring under men's thumbs, so-to-speak. I love to be free for God, yet bound to Him by His love. God's Word says, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Why? We might ask; "That they all might be one." (St. John 17:18&21) If there was no division, any sanctified man could preach in each Holiness pulpit in the country; but what's wrong? Some one joined the church! Away with the doctrines and commandments of man! I know this way is persecuted and spoken evil of; but it is the way for me. Jeremiah 6:16, says, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein," Dear reader, let us walk in the old paths!

I am so thankful that I am yet saved from sin, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The dear Lord has been my healer since the day I found Him. Bless His dear name; and I want to stay true to God all the way.

Remember me when you pray; also the church here at Wilson.

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SOME PRODIGALS

OF TODAY, ALSO...""

In the gospel of St. Luke, in the 15th., chapter, we are given the story of the prodigal son, who, after he had taken the portion of goods befalling him, taken his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance in riotous living. Then after he had lost all, he went and "joined" something—to a citizen, of the country, and was sent into the field to feed swine. "And he fain would have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat."

How true to form with some prodigals of today! After they have backslid, "spent all," they proceed to "join" something; (some organization) and then you can imagine about the brand of spiritual food they are then feeding on!

"And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18:4.)