"Consider Your Ways." 

Haggai 1:2-7.

IN THE BOOK of the prophet Haggai, we read the following:

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.

"Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?" "Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways." "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put into a bag with holes." "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways." Now beloved, the general thought we get from this lesson is, that some seem to be content to live in their own ease as far as possible, and let God's cause be neglected; content to dwell in their own "ceiled houses"—good comfortable homes—and let God's cause suffer for need of aid. It also shows some of the things that will befall the people who will do this. Note that this will be a scarcity of harvest; insufficient food, etc.; insufficient clothing, for warmth; and last, but not least, the thing that is oftimes so puzzling: "He that earneth wages earneth wages to put into a bag with holes." It is upon this last thought that we wish to dwell for a moment. Did it ever happen to you in a like manner—you were possibly earning fair enough wages; or your income from your business, or the proceeds from the sale of your live stock, grain, produce, etc., was fair enough, possibly, yet it just seemed that your money got away from you, and you could not see where it went, even though you tried to be careful not to spend it foolishly? Beloved, possibly you were putting your money into a bag "with holes" in it! You will no doubt begin to wonder where your money is going; and why the cause of it's getting away from you in such an unaccountable manner. Possibly the first step for you to take to figure out the situation, would be for you to "Consider your ways!" Are you really consecrated to God and His cause? Are you delaying to do the thing you need to do, and know that should be done, that God's cause might prosper? Are you looking to your own interests first, and letting God's cause "lie waste?" In the case of the people referred to in the above scripture, they seemed to think that the "time was not come that the LORD'S house should be built." So it seems with so many of today—they possibly intend to do so-and-so, but there's time enough yet, they think; and after a while, we will do 'this and that.' As has often been said, "Procrastination is the thief of time," and in such event—waiting until some other time to do the thing that is needed in God's cause—you are greatly hindering the progress of the Lord's cause, possibly, (and doing so that you may first enjoy your own surroundings) then can one expect anything else except to suffer, and to pay the penalty of such disobedience: and such penalty may be one, or all, of those listed (Continued on next page.)
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If riches increase, set not your heart upon them." (Psalms 62:10)

If God sees fit to prosper us, He is doing so that He may ultimately be glorified thereby. Then if we set our heart upon such, and suffer His cause to go unseeded while we are content to dwell in our own "ceiled houses," we can only expect in due season, to begin to realize the things spoken above to begin to make their appearance in our lives. There is no doubt but what many who will read these few lines, can look back (if not at the present) and see where they experienced just such a thing—their money seemed to be put into a bag with holes in it—just got away from them, and that unaccountable, if they will only "consider their ways," it is possible that they were too much taken up with their own affairs, and letting God's cause be neglected. So if it be your experience, beloved—your money going into a bag, "with holes," just stop and consider your ways—even all of them, for you are possibly failing God somewhere. It may be to stop that leak, you will need to take a good sized "patch" of consecration, and stitch it tightly over the hole in the bag, with a stout "thread" of obedience!

Read carefully the 9th., 10th., and the 11th. verses of this same chapter. It gets very plain that on account of God's cause being neglected, that He sends the drought upon the land. Of course, one person's obedience only, in being mindful of God's house, will not bring relief unto the entire nation; but one person's obedience toward God will bring relief to THAT one person concerning the leaky pocket book! Now do not be confused, and understand us to say that obedience along the lines mentioned above will guarantee a "full" pocket book; (the just have to suffer the drought with the unjust on whose account such things are sent) but the thought here implied is simply this: some one's wrongful ways is the cause of that which DOES go into his purse to almost vanish without his knowledge of where it goes. You will surely understand our crude way of bringing the thought before you. It is simple, very simple, indeed: you earn money, or sell produce, etc., for money, but it is spent somehow, and you have—or can see—nothing, practically, to show for it! Now you get the thought? If then, such is your case, God's Word has said for you to "Consider your ways," for in SOME respect you are not pleasing Him. Get on Bible lines, and then follow the same, and note the change in affairs.

God bless you with understanding, beloved; and may you be touched by the convicting power of God to the extent that you will stop for a moment, and seriously consider your ways before God, and move up in the line of obedience that will bring the approval and blessing of God upon you in all the ways of righteous living before Him. A very short message is the three words—"Consider your ways;" but how wide the scope of territory it might cover when applied to ALL the ways of one's life! Amen.

WE WOULD NOT!

Being a minister of the gospel by the grace of God, we are quite sure of one thing, and that is, If we did not believe in paying tithes, we would not accept tithe from those who do pay tithes. Yet, we are afraid somebody may be guilty!

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. ---Lamentations 3:25.
MARGRET M. FRIEND.

Mrs. Margret M. Friend was born March 12, 1872; and passed away at her home, south of Goodman, Missouri, February 4, 1932, at the age of 60 years, 10 months, and 22 days. She was married to Harve Friend, December 23, 1887. To this union were born ten children—five boys, and five girls, of whom six are yet living; Mrs. Mae Owens, Mrs. Marie Thurston, Mrs. Louise Harrison, George, Mont, and Lee, all of Goodman. Two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren, besides her husband, having preceded her in death. She leaves the six children, myself, a widowed daughter-in-law, thirty-one grandchildren, and a host of friends and neighbors, to mourn her loss as a mother and friend. She was saved in a cottage prayer-meeting, in the year of 1927; and was baptized July 24, of the same year. In the last few weeks she seemed closer to the Lord than she had been for some time. Funeral services were conducted in the home by Bro. Joe Evans, of the Barlow community, about 1:30 o'clock, on the afternoon of February 6th, after which she was laid to rest in the New Bethel cemetery.

Weep not for me when I am dead; Strew simple flowers o'er my lowly bed; And shed for me pure friendship's tears; Let none but friends crowd round my bier. When in my quiet grave I'm placed, Let only these few lines be traced.

On marble slab, or engraved on wood: She ever did the best she could. Oh, do not toll the bell since I am gone; But just remember me, and do not mourn. But know 'twas God called me to rest; He doth all things for the best. No more the lonely, weary hours: And may God's will be done; not ours. Her weary feet have now found rest, In Eden's fair home of the blest. (Mrs.) Maude Friend.

COINCIDENTLY WITH THE DEATH OF MRS. MAUDE FRIEND.

Coincidently with the death of Grandma Friend, was a desire of years of both herself, and Grandma Thrasher, (who's obituary was in the last issue) that they would both leave this earth at near the same time. Grandma Friend passed away but a few hours before the passing of Grandma Thrasher; in fact Grandma Thrasher was so weak, she was not informed of the death of her sister-in-law, and childhood playmate. Among the deceased of Grandma Friend's children was the one we knew—Brother Ben Friend, and surely a devoted man of God, and husband of the author of the above obituary; and who's few short months, so to speak, in the Christian life, was a blessing to his home community in the Saviour's cause. May God bless the memory of Bro. Friend. ---Ed.)

Best Life Insurance Policy.

"Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me." --Jer. 49:11.

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. ---Proverbs 16:3.

GOODMAN, MO.

March 28, 1932.

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

I want to send in my testimony, by the help of the good Lord.

Am still saved, and know this evening my desire is to serve God. He is so good to me.

I want to run with patience the race that is set before me, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, bless His name; for I know if I gain Heaven, it is just going to be through the help of the Lord. But He has promised His grace is sufficient; and that He would not let us be tempted above that we are able to bear. Realizing also the promise of eternal life is unto the ones who endure to the end, so dear ones, my desire is to stay true to God; be honest before God, and man; endure the trials and tests—strive lawfully, that I may enter into His rest.

Want to request the prayers of the readers who really know the worth of prayer.

A little sister,
Hazel Divine,
Route 1, Goodman, Mo.

Beloved, endure with patience your lot in this life. Remember, as you bear each cross here below, all the brighter will Heaven be, some glad day. Don't forget how that the precious old Book—the Bible—has declared:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13.)

Think of times in the past that God has helped you, beloved; best of all—He is yet able and willing!
Last Days.

Below is given a collection of prophetic scriptures of the last days. Read them carefully, and note that the world has either seen, or at present experiencing, the fulfillment of the majority of these prophecies. Truly, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5:

"This know also, that in the last times perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, prideful, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

HOSUE 3:5.

"Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days."

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-3.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; "Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: "For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

ACTS 2:17.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

2 PETER 3:3-4.

"Knowing this, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, "And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

HEBREWS 1:1-2:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds:"

JAMES 5:1-3.

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. "Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. "Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."

NUMBERS 24:14.

"And now, behold, I go unto my people; come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days."

DEUTERONOMY 4:30-31.

"When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; "(For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them."

DANIEL 12:4.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."


"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountain, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. "And he shall judge among many nations, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. "But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it. "For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. "In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted. "And I will make her that halteth a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever."

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: "Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:20, 21.)

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth — Job 19:25.
"WHEN THE COMFORTER IS COME."

Still glad in my heart for Jesus and His everlasting, never-dying Word.

My soul was encouraged this morning after reading some verses found in 2 Thessalonians, first chapter.

Truly we need the Comforter in this evil day, who will bring to our remembrance ALL things (not just some things, as some would like to have it—but all things) whatsoever He hath said unto us. Today the devil is waging war against sanctification being a second, definite, work of grace, and teaching the people that they are sanctified daily. I am glad some of the apostles’ letters were addressed to “them that ARE sanctified.” And this Comforter, or Holy Ghost, will teach us all things whatsoever He (Jesus) hath said; and he will guide us into all truth, according to John 16:13. All these promises are to those who are in possession of the Holy Ghost right now. (Note the author in both, the 8th. and 13th., verses of St. John 16, says, “is come.”) Some are trying to study the word who never as yet have received the Holy Ghost; and some are trying to preach the word who are backslidden from the Holy Ghost—hence the error. But to those who really possess the Holy Ghost, he is a Comforter, a Teacher; he is also a reprover of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. So I’m glad even in this evil day we can see plainly through His word, the three-fold plan of salvation. Can say from the depths of my heart, the clean, humble, straight, holy way, just suits me.

I feel unworthy to have any space in the little paper; but to the day, no doubt but a great surprise would greet us. There are those of today, who, like Achan of the Bible, will transgress twice—they will partake of the accursed thing—break God’s commandment—and their hide, or cover the thing up; then we have a much bolder sort of “Achan,” who will procure the Babylonish garments and ornaments of gold, and boldly wear the things right out to the house of God, and get up in meeting and possibly testify to even being saved, sanctified, and the Comforter, or the Holy Ghost, abiding within! If they really have the blessed Comforter abiding within, why the desire for worldly attire, in preference to the plain, modest garb, of a true Christian? Also of this class you will possibly find those, who, when God begins to send a few messages along the line, repudiating their worldliness, and denouncing such, they are then likely to change their minds about that preacher, and to begin to greatly desire to hear Brother So and So, “for he preaches it with such great love!” Achanism!

Will some parents allow children to bring trashy literature—sex magazines, etc., into the home, and the parents all the while professing the blessings of Holiness?

DID YOU EVER NOTICE?

Did you ever notice how, that so long as the message was going to the other party, some people seemed to greatly enjoy the preaching, but when it swung around, and began to come their way, reproving them for some of their unBiblical ways, they thought you had, as told of the old colored sister, “He’s done quit preaching the Bible, and gone to meddling!”

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER.
Editorial

There is a vast difference, beloved, in having things in proper form, and in being “formal.” The earth, in the beginning, was without form; (Gen. 1:2) but if you will notice God properly arranged it in placing the water, dry land, etc., in their proper places. So does God want His work today to be in form—each one in their proper place, and doing their duty at the proper time—but never does He want us to drift into formality, for such strict “formal” manner of services might greatly hinder the leadings of the Spirit.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God.” (Romans 8:14)

Possibly the reason you are getting no more out of the Christian life than you are beloved, is because you have invested no more in the Christian life than you have. You must remember that we reap accordingly as we sow.

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (2 Cor. 9:6)

We had much rather that each thought appearing in the little paper be Biblically and spiritually correct, though they lacked in grammatical construction, than to be perfect according to the usage of good English, and then to be blank so far as spirituality and common sense meaning was concerned.

The children of Israel only met defeat at Ai because of sin in the camp! God still demands a clean life if we’d have the victory.

To the saints of God, and the faithful in Christ Jesus:

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Bible Thought

Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. —Job 23:12.

But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. —Job 23:10.
changing, and unerring, hand. It is necessary that we go through the coming experiences, and we know that we shall arise on the other side victorious, if we only obey. The minister often admonishes the candidate to have no fear; (meaning of course if they will follow their instructions) and also to just submit themselves to the hands of the minister, holding the body rigid, etc. By the candidate doing as the minister instructs, it it much easier to successfully immerse them. So beloved, as we enter this period of tribulation, let us hear the admonition of God who is leading us; let us submit ourselves into His hands—holding ourselves in the position, as it were, that He tells us to, and we can then rest assured, thanks to His good name, that we will be successful brought through with victory in our souls! No matter what comes or goes, resolve in your heart to bear the thing for Jesus' sake, knowing that God will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (1 Cor. 10:13) Temptations will increase, for Satan knows he has but a short time to work. But if we will only hold fast to God, He will bring us through as He did the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, without even the smell of fire upon our garments! Isn't it a wonderful thing to know that God cares for His own in every generation! He is no respecter of persons; as He was with Daniel in the Lion's den, and the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, so will He be with you and I; if we will only trust and obey Him as did those tried and true ones of so long ago. May God bless each of you; and may your determination be so anchored in Jesus, and your life clean and pure in His sight, that you will hold on to God, and bear all things for His sake—keep the victory in your souls, and be willing to pay the price whatever the cost may be. We do not know as yet what it is going to cost us to go through; but we do know this—that Heaven is going to be cheap at any price! Give up everything that you know is unlike God; overcome the things which heretofore have been troubling you so much, and let nothing stand in your way of a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward man. Obey God! Die out a deeper death to self and the world, if need be. Let the Spirit of God have the right of way in your hearts and lives. If God leads you, beloved, you will be lead aright. He knows the very path you should follow. The way He shall lead may look peculiar to you—it may look trying, but it is only the enemy of your soul that will make such seem so. Read the 23rd. Psalm, it is for YOU, Christian friend! God was not the God of David only; He is the God of the whole earth. He is YOUR God; therefore all the promises He ever gave to His children are to you, if you will only believe and obey! So we are going to pass to a close by asking you to pray for us. We feel the need of the prayers of God's people. We love God's people; they are our people, and we long many times to be among them personally, enjoying the presence of God in meetings with them. But many of our readers know that we are not permitted to be out in the gospel work as we one time was on account of having to stay with my parents. So many times when we realize that the saints of God at the places where we are familiar, are preparing to go to services on their regular meeting nights, our hearts long to be there and be in meeting with them. Wife and I spend many lonesome hours, as it were, at this place, with no place for services. There is one other Christian home here where we sometimes go for a visit, and where we can have perfect freedom in pouring out our hearts in song and prayer with them. God meets with us on many of these occasions, and we surely thank Him for it; and such a home as that seems an oasis in a desert to us. So in that we are not permitted to be among you personally, beloved; and to the many of our readers and brethren in the Lord whose faces we have never seen, we are truly thankful for the privilege of sending out the little paper to you as God permits—it is our pulpit now, and we hope you will receive it in the same spirit in which it goes forth from us in—in the fear of God, and to His glory. And though times are very close, we shall continue to send it forth as God directs.

May God's richest blessing abide with each of you in all the ways of righteousness living before Him.

Your unworthy servants in His cause,

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bond.

"BY THEIR FRUITS."

When the modern churches of today begin to put on Negro minster shows, conduct church attendance contests, sponsor ball teams, etc., it is only evidence of a drift toward Paganism. Such ungodly practices is only a reproach to the sacred name of Christianity; and also plainly shows the backslidden condition of such church members, if they ever had any thing to backslide from! Intelligent reader, do you feel that God would look upon such "activities" with pleasure and Divine approval? For Shame!
"A NEW CREATURE"

Goodman, Mo.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all the readers of the little Messenger:

Just feel like sending my testimony to the little paper.

Truly, I want to thank God this evening for saving my soul, and sanctifying me, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name forever.

I want to thank God for an honest heart, and for real, old-time salvation; for something that we can feel deep down in our souls; something that makes us talk, walk, dress, and act right, and makes us go to the right places; makes a new creature of us. The 5th chapter of 2 Cor. verse 17, comes to my mind: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Dear souls, it doesn't say if just certain ones be in Christ they will be new; but if "ANY MAN," it says OLD things—the things we indulged in when we were in sin—they have passed away; behold, ALL things have become NEW! So it doesn't leave us any room to hold on to any of the old habits, or appetites, or anything we indulged in, when we were in sin. Many people love to testify to Holiness, but when they get out with sinners, they love to partake of some filthy conversation, or other things which belong to the world. 2 Timothy 2:16, says: "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness." If the devil can get us to take one step on his territory, it is easier for him to get us to take the next one. St. Mark 7:7, says: "He answered and said unto them, Well hath

Esaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written. This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." Heb. 12:12, 13, and 14, says: "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees: And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:"

James 1:27, tells us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Now souls, how can we keep ourselves unspotted from the world, and yet partake of the worldly things? Jeremiah 6:16, reads: "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." Many a soul is saying that very thing—"We will not walk therein," if not," in word, maybe in their actions.

Precious souls, it is going to take a clean life; it means Holiness, or Hell. Now which are you going to choose? the two ways are set before you.

I'm glad for God, and His words, and for what He means to my soul, bless His name.

I ask all the saints to remember me in prayer, that I will ever be humble, and always about my Master's business.

Your weak sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lula Johnson,

Box 77, Goodman, Mo.

CAMP MEETING

In a recent letter from Brother J. W. Wilmoth, of Lead Hill, Ark., they are planning on a camp meeting for that place, or somewhere nearby, for this summer. Look for date and particulars in next issue, D. V.

D. W. AARON.

D. W. Aaron was born April 26, 1846, in the state of Kentucky; and passed away at the home of a son, following a brief illness, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 3:30 P. M., March 17, 1932, at the age of 85 years, 10 months, and 22 days.

He leaves to mourn his death, of the immediate family, seven sons; (so far as known, all are yet living) also 17 grandchildren. A faithful Christian wife having preceded him in death some years ago.

The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Hubert, Okla., on the afternoon of March 18, following services in the open at the cemetery.

As it befell, our lot to conduct the last, sad rites for our former friend, (having known Grandpa Aaron for a number of years) we could not feel that our parting service was one in which we were telling him goodbye, for we feel that we shall meet him in the morning of the first resurrection, when those who have fallen asleep in Jesus shall come forth to meet their Lord in the air: His life, as we knew him, was truly a quiet and peaceable one; and in our soul we could feel the assurance of hope as we tried, in our feeble way, God helping us, to bring a word of comfort to the bereaved ones, among whom was a dearly beloved brother in the Lord, Bro. Will Aaron, and his wife, Sr. Florence Aaron, whose testimony has appeared in the little paper.

May God bless and comfort the hearts of all the bereaved; and may the memory of Grandpa Aaron be blessed to even his children's children.

He was converted at an early age; and truly his long life in the Master's cause was brought to a victorious close.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—O. H. Bond.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

—St. Matthew 5:8.
Beautiful Thoughts

By Sister Sullivan.

The poet says, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go Anywhere." The thought is this: If Jesus stays with me, I'll stay anywhere; and do all I can for His cause, for there are many around us who follow wherever we go. And if we only knew they were walking in our shadow, our light would burn brighter. I know, for the poet has said:

If once all the lamps that are
Should steadily blaze in a line;
Wide over the land and the ocean,
What a girdle of glory would shine!

O, beloved of you, who really know God, and have been sanctified according to St. John 17:19-21,—"that the world may believe," etc., the world is looking for something to help out in this great Depression; and we see the great men of today have failed, so far, to bring relief; and from my way of understanding, there will be no lasting relief until the great Prince of Peace comes on the scene and speaks to the great waves of trouble, and says, Peace!

If there ever was a time that we, as children of God, needed to pray, and live humble before God, it must be now, that the world may believe. We read in St. Matthew 5:14, that Jesus says, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." That being true, (and there is not a shadow of doubt in my mind but what it is true) Satan may stay on our track with all his forces, and we may feel sometimes that he almost has us hedged in; but the sweet assurance is, he can't put out our light if we stay true to God, and let God's unchanging hand lead and guide us, praise His name, through this great time of trouble that is in the world today.

If people could only see their need of God in their life; and would only bow to His will—

"Then how all the dark places would brighten:
How the mist would roll up
And away;
How the earth would laugh out
In her gladness,
To hail the Millennium Day!"

These words are a poet's words, but they seemed so fitting I wanted to pass them on, as some one who is unsaved may read this article; then as one who loves your soul, let me beg you, surrender your heart and life unto God. If some one gave you an invitation from the Heavenly sanctuary, bearing your name and address, then you would not doubt. Well, in the Bible is your invitation to come to Christ—"Whosoever will."—that is you; the Bible teaches ALL; that takes in you. It says, "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." That means you, sinner friend. What can be any more sure, or more free, than that!

With best wishes for all the readers of the little paper; and for the cause of our Lord,

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That dark and troublesome times is the outlook for the future, is the expectation of the real saints of God. The great midnight of sin is fast creeping over the earth. Burdened hearts are true witnesses.
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pared to one's keeping their life clean—that is, measuring up to the Bible standard of Holiness. When we lay aside things the Bible condemns; overcome any impatience; bridle our tongue, etc., such is the same as "trimming" our lamp. On the literal lamp wick there often forms a crust, or coal, if the wick is not kept trimmed, which in turn causes the lamp to send forth a poor light. So in one's life—if our lamp is not kept neatly trimmed, the beams it sends forth might be as the neglected oil lamp, they will be called light, alright, but insufficient to properly light the way for those around us whom we would love to point out the way above.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (St. Matthew 5:16.)

YOUR CONVERSATION.

If people (Christians) would only do as the Bible says—let their communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay, there would not be so many expressions fall from some lips as, "I'll bet you;" "I don't mean maybe;" "O Boy;" etc. Such assertions are plainly of the world—NEVER are they prompted by the Spirit of God! Jesus says, "But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (St. Matthew 5:37.)

Beloved, if your conversation is marked by such worldly expressions as those named above, you certainly lack THAT much of being "holy in all manner of conversation," as the Bible commands us to be!

KONAWA, OKLA.

March 5, 1932

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all of the readers of the little paper;
Greetings in Jesus' name:

I feel like sending in a testimony this morning, as God has been blessing our souls so wonderfully in our little prayer meeting, I feel like telling it.

I am glad this morning for old-time salvation that makes us clean up, and straighten up.

I am still sanctified, and filled with the sweet, Holy Ghost, and trusting God for healing, praise His dear name. I love Him above everything in this world.

Dearly beloved, we have had some wonderful times in our prayer meetings. One sister got sanctified on Sunday night; and then received the baptism on Wednesday night in our cottage prayer-meeting, receiving the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost, for which we want to thank God.

We ask all the dear saints to remember us when they pray, that God will see fit to send us a preacher. I still remember He said He would not forsake us; and I believe He will send us help, for there are souls here who are interested.

Beloved, I know it means much for us to stand in these evil days, for there is so much evil on every hand. But I want my life to be my testimony; if I can't preach, I can live the life, glory to His name!

Our children have been awfully sick with influenza, but God has healed them, which we thank Him for. Remember us when you pray, for they have threatened to send the doctor down here; pray that we will stand true, and say just what God wants us to say. I mean to stand for God; if I have to go to jail, I would know that I was doing God's will. I know that we are living in perilous times, and I believe that there are a few people begging for a little more time for sinners; but some of these days God's children are going to cry for Him to deliver us out of this great depression, and then I believe Jesus will burst forth the clouds and come to catch away His waiting Bride; and I want to be ready and watching. Sometimes I get homesick to go home to Glory, where there will be no more sad partings; no heartaches are there; but all will be gladness, bless His name. I am waiting, and ready for His call.

Dear saints, remember my children that are out in sin.

May God bless Bro. and Sr. Bond in their work. I do enjoy reading the little paper; and most of all, the testimonies of those whom we know.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Nola Hudson,

NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.

With God there is no respect of persons. (Romans 2:11.) Preacher, how is it with you in regard to your recognition of your brother-minister—one who is living the life, and straight on the gospel?

"To have respect of persons is not good: for a piece of bread that man will transgress." (Prov. 28:21.)

To the person who one time received light on paying tithes, and then later on "saw differently," (?) We wonder what they will "see" next time?

It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.  —Prov. 18:5.
Office Notes.

We are regretful to be so late again with the little paper. This makes the fourth time we have combined two issues into one since we first began to publish it a year ago last September. We hope to never have to do so again; however, we had better not make any promises along the line. We are expecting to continue sending it forth as long as God shall undertake; and we see no quitting place in view; but on the other hand we feel the leading to continue on in helping spread the gospel in this manner. We have received some 15 new names for our mailing list since the February issue, which shows that a few, at least, desire to receive it, for which we thank the Lord. We receive many letters from people in different parts of the country, voicing their appreciation for the little paper, and we mention this, in part, that those of our brethren who have heretofore manifested an interest in it's going forth, that they might know their efforts along this line have not been in vain. May God bless each of you; and we beg of you to please pray for us in our weak effort to obey God in sending forth the little paper.

Bro. R. J. Smith, 316 North M Street, Muskogee, Okla., spent a night with us a few weeks ago, while on his way to Lead Hill, Ark., for a meeting. Other callers have been, Bro. McKisson, of below Tablequah; Bro. Hackler, of Tablequah, accompanied by a Bro.

Robert Parham, of Baxter Springs, Kans; and Bro. Porter, of Sallisaw, Route 1, has spent one night with us, and brief visits on two other occasions.

We have received word from Bro. C. A. Gleason, of the arrival of himself and family in Borger, Texas, where he has gone to take charge of the work at that place. This is Bro. Gleason's first charge. He has been living near Drumright, Okla., for some time, and gave up his job with an oil company to go into more active services for the Lord. Our prayer is that God will bless Brother and Sister Gleason, and their family, in that place; and we ask all our Christian readers to uphold them in prayer, that their effort toward obedience will be wonderfully blessed of God. Their address is Borger, Texas, General Delivery.

Word from Sister Henegar states that they are expecting to go back to their former home, near Ramona, Okla., sometime from the middle to the latter part of May, from their present address, Wilson, Okla., where Brother Henegar has been pastor of the church this past winter. We hope that some other straight, clean minister of God will feel the call to care for the little church at Wilson. May God bless, and send them another pastor as Brother Henegar takes his leave.

We are in receipt of a letter from Bro. S. Crutchfield, pastor at Coweta, Okla., containing the obituary of one of the little band of that place—a sister, who died as the result of burns when her clothing caught a fire from a stove. The obituary will appear next issue, D. V. Such occurrence must have been sad, indeed. May God comfort the hearts of the bereaved.

DEATH ANGEL CALLS.

Sadness has again entered the ranks of the brethren in the removing from our midst of Grandpa Roberts, of the Hickory Grove community, southeast of Fairland, Oklahoma.

Not having all the particulars, we are able to give only a meager report of his death which occurred Saturday, March 5th., about 9 P. M., following an injury received on the Thursday morning before, by being crushed against the wall of the barn by one of his cows.

Grandpa was quite an aged man: possibly somewhere in the neighborhood of 80 years.

He is survived by his wife, and six sons; Albert, Ed, Robert, and Bro. Charlie, of the home community; Arthur, of Montgomery; Will, of either North or South Carolina; and a daughter, Mrs. J. F. Faber, of Afton, Okla., address.

Funeral services were conducted by a minister and old acquaintance, John Benson, in the Old Hickory church, and interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

While the tragic passing of Grandpa was a sad shock, indeed, yet it is tempered by the fact of his continued faith in his Saviour unto the end. He had been testifying of the goodness of God for a number of years, professing the blessing of Holiness in his life. In his last hours he was yet exhorting loved ones to a clean walk with the Saviour.

Many of our readers will remember our beloved Bro. Charlie Roberts; and to him and his wife, sister Monta, and their family; and to Grandma Roberts, and the other sons and their families; and to the daughter, Mrs. Faber, and family, we extend our sympathy to each of them in the loss of one whose place can never be filled.

May God bless and comfort each sad heart left to mourn the passing of a kind husband, and faithful companion for years; and a loving father and grandfather; and an honorable and respected citizen of his community.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. —Prov. 14:27.
Guess

Work.

Some people do not know just whether they are paying tithes or not—though they profess to do so. The reason is, they just guess at the amount of tithing they set aside for God's cause. They do not keep a record of any kind (further than in some instances to trust to their memory, possibly) that they might know whether or not they are actually giving the tenth. They possibly would not be so slack in their dealing with their landlord, or their neighbour, or the merchant. In the event of dealing with the individual, they are sure to want to know they are not paying too much; neither, possibly, that they are receiving too little. But with God's cause, it seems they are content to roughly reckon at the matter; and if they are not giving the full and just amount, it seems to be alright—they do not appear to worry lest they might not be giving that which rightfully belongs to God. Guess work, is poor work, indeed; and especially when an accurate knowledge can as easily be had. You would hate to have to guess about your experience in salvation, would you not, beloved? Then why be content to guess about something that accompanies salvation?

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." (Prov. 22:29)

Which class are you in, beloved?

"He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight." (Psalms 101:7)

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The Same Today.

It is related of one of the early day evangelists—possibly of the eighteenth century—that upon being in a certain home for the night while in the course of his ministry, he was assigned to a room formerly occupied by a son of his host, but who had drifted away from home and out into the world. To the disgust of this man of God, he found the walls of the room to be adorned with some very ungodly pictures. The next morning when the maid went to arrange the room, she found all those pictures stored away under the bed. The preacher proceeded to reprieve the family for allowing such ungodly pictures displayed upon the walls of the home. He told them it was no wonder the son had gone away from home.

There are professed Christians of today, even in the ranks of Holiness, who seem to take no thought along this very line; but you will find the walls of their homes in some instances decorated with pictures, calendars, etc., portraying a beautiful (f) girl in an immodest attire—oftimes tending to almost nudity; or in men's attire, etc. "These same good people would not for a moment adorn themselves in a like manner that the passersby, or visitor, might see them. Why then tolerate such in the home to possibly be a temptation, or a stumbling block, to someone; or for children to gaze upon, possibly making an impression upon them that is far from healthful to their spiritual being? How would some pictures now on display, possibly, on the walls of some professed Christian homes, look upon the walls of their church or mission? Mother, sister—how would you feel to have your photo made in a similar garb as portrayed now possibly in YOUR home, for you sons, and your brethren in the Lord, to look upon? Possibly if you should now go from room to room in your home, you might find a few pictures or calendars which you would not care to invite the Saviour to behold; yet He IS daily looking into your home!

Satan surely worked a trick upon some, when he inspired the artist to draw the nude form of a human being, and called such, art! If such is art, then such brand of art, 1F it belongs anywhere this side of the bottomless pit, it is in the home of his people; but NEVER in the home of a saint of God! For Shame!

Satan, if he can do no more, will slip as small a thing as a beautiful (f) calendar off on you, containing a work of "art"—possibly the picture of a scantily attired girl—and you will suffer such to hang on the wall of the home, with as thin an excuse as possibly—"Well, the children brought it here; and besides we needed a calendar." Calendars are needful, alright; but plenty of nice ones can be had which are free from all immodest and suggestive influences.

You may brand these few remarks as pertaining to a matter of very minor importance; but had you never thought that Satan even uses the little things in life to often trap the unwary, as well as the bigger things? So it will pay God's people to look out for the smaller things of life: and always keep off Satan's territory!

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever. ...Psalms 93:5.