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THE "ONE GOD" THEORY

Since it was announced in the initial number of the little paper six years ago in this month (Sept.), that one of its features would be to warn the saints of God against false and erroneous doctrines and teachings, doing so of course in the right spirit—not trying to unChristianize any one, therefore we hope you will understand us in a few remarks at this time along a doctrinal line dealing with a teaching that has been going forth for some years among certain of the so-called Pentecostal, or Apostolic ranks, which is styled as the "Oneness" doctrine, which is "Jesus Only," in theory. This doctrine tries to do away with the personality of a three-fold Godhead—that is, they do not teach the existence of three separate, individual, personalities of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, but holds to the theory that these three are all embodied in the one personality—Jesus, or hence, "Jesus Only." In water baptism, which they practice by immersion, they do not adhere to the worded command of Jesus in Matthew 28:19, that is, they do not use the ceremony of, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," but instead, they use the form of, "in the name of Jesus" (or to this effect), claiming that the terms, "Father," and "Son," are not names, thus feeling they have established a point of doctrine. (And upon this, their theory of water baptism, involving the use of the name of Jesus, instead of the worded command as given to them by the Saviour, we wish to have a special thought in next issue, the Lord willing.)

Now since there have been two articles gone forth in the little paper some time ago on this line, by two different ministers of the faith, yet we do not wish to drive from your memory the good thoughts they expressed, but only feel like taking a few passages of scripture, the Lord willing, and by His help, which appeal to us as being so plain, and such conclusive proof that Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Ghost, are NOT all of one personage, but that they are THREE separate, distinct individuals—that even God the Father, and Jesus the Son, have distinct minds from each other—though they all work as one—they are in harmony, or unity—spiritually ONE, thank God—and pass the same on for your consideration.

First, we might begin, the Lord willing, with a thought expressed in 2 Cor. 5:19. wherein Paul tells us that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself," etc. Please note here, beloved, that the apostle did not say that "God WAS Christ," but simply, that "God was IN Christ." Now if you have God in your life, such does not make you to be God, nor make God to be YOU, does it? The two may have this close relationship, and yet be of two personalities. Next, even as a grammatical standpoint is it evidenced that God and Jesus are not the same person. Let us therefore note Paul's words to the Corinthian brethren (1 Cor. 3:23.): "And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." Or, in other words, Paul is telling them that they BELONG to Christ; and that Christ BELONGS to God—not, therefore, that they ARE Christ; neither, that Christ WAS God. Note the possessive case—the spelling—G-O-D with an apostrophe "s," plainly denoting possession of the one over the other, or, in other words again, that Christ was not God, but that He simply belonged TO God. Why, for just common sense proof, as you might call it, the mere fact of the Bible term, "Father," is evidence within itself that an offspring has been in evidence, as well as the expression herein of "Son," denotes the fact that a Father must have been in existence. Now, can the words, "Father," and "Son," in their deep meaning, be construed as having the same meaning? Looks as if there is enough evidence in this thought alone—the Bible references to Father, and to Son—just the meaning of the two words—to convey the idea to our understanding the individuality of the two—that they are no more just ONE individual than are an earthly father and son the selvesame individual.

Now beloved, please do not fall out with us if we do get a little plain along this line. If you have an experience with God in reality, and happen to be caught in the folds of this false doctrine, we (Con't. on page 2.)
only hope that a little plainness of speech will the rather tend to help you see the falsity of this theory, and that you may be recovered from the danger of deception. Remember that the first admonition the Saviour gave the disciples as He began to unfold to them the signs of His coming, and of the end of the world, was, "Take heed that no man deceive you." (Matt. 24:4.) And if people are not deceived who can see no distinction between the Father and the Son, but who esteem them to be the self-same individual, just what would you call deception, any way? As for ourselves, if we be correctly informed that one has to first believe, or, accept this doctrine, and then the "revelation" comes—or the understanding of how it is—how that it is just "Jesus only"—how that He is the only one—that instead of the Godhead being composed of three separate and distinct individuals, that just the one individual composes the entirety—we'll just have to say that such theory reminds us of the principle advanced by the Christian Science teaching—that one has to deny sickness before getting "healed!"—for us to do this, would be for us to tell a story, for when we have the headache, we HAVE the headache, else WHY would we be seeking relief?

Now for a continuation of the thought:

In Luke 18:18, we have as good illustration as needs be, given by the Saviour himself, establishing the fact that HE was NOT God, and in this incident of the Saviour's instruction to the rich ruler, He corrects him for doing, in a sense, the VERY same thing that those of the so-called One God, or Oneness movement are doing today—referring to Him (Jesus) as being the "Good Master," or, being just Jesus only, and not recognizing and honouring the One above Him, which was God the Father. So we are more than quite sure, if such degree of sureness was possible, that if Jesus would not receive such recognition in that day—accept something that would have theoretically placed Him as being God (for this ruler addressed Him as the "Good Master," implying the thought, virtually, that He was good just of Himself), thus dishonouring His Father, we are JUST as sure that He accepts NO SUCH recognition today, no matter how much stress some group of people may put on the subject in these last days wherein Satan is making his last stand, so-to-speak, against God's cause, with both deception, open sin, and rebellion! Amen. Satan had just as not catch you in a "religious" trap, baited with false doctrine, as to catch you in a "thief" trap, baited with your neighbor's corn; he's not so particular of ways—it's YOU he wants!

So just briefly—Note how the Saviour replied to the rich ruler when he addressed Him as being the Good Master—He asked him: "Why callest thou me good? there is none good, save one, that is, God." Notice how the Saviour made it very plain that it was not He, himself, that was good, but that it was Some One else—another individual entirely—that it was God, which carries us back to the thought again in 2 Cor. 5:19. of how that "God was in Christ," etc. So it was God that was in Christ that made Him what He was—good, etc., the same as it is God in your life that makes you that which you are, peradventure you are that which you should be! So IF Jesus was also God—if there was no distinction between them—then He would have been the author of His own goodness; the rich ruler would have been right in his manner of addressing the Lord; and among other scriptures, we would not have Matt. 19:17; Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19. But Jesus was not God—He was only the Son of God, as the Bible plainly teaches—except it be in the case of a deceived person—to them it is not clear.

And plainer yet, is the Saviour's own words in Mark 13:32, wherein He is speaking of His second coming, that He and His Father are separate beings:

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."

In this, the Saviour makes it plain that He and His Father have separate, or individual minds, in that, according to the statement, God is holding a secret, not only from man and angels, but from Jesus himself. And that secret is concerning the day and hour when the Saviour is to leave the courts of Glory and come to catch away those who are ready. (Matt. 24:44.) So as God alone knows when this time shall be—that Jesus declares of Himself that He DOES NOT know of that time—can't you plainly see that the Father and the Son ARE NOT the self-same individual, else if they were, Jesus, being God, would have known of that time—when it was to take place? This thought as expressed by our Saviour ought to be plain enough to convey to the unbiased mind the fact that two workable minds are here in evidence, mak—
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ing it clear as to the existence of two separate and distinct Beings. Even the thought contained in the foot-note on opposite page—“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.” (John 15:1.)—contains enough proof, it seems, to convince of the fact that the Father and the Son are separate Beings. Surely your intelligence will let you understand the difference between a vine—a plant, and an husbandman—a caretaker of a vine! Think on this for a moment. Amen.

(A continuation of this subject in next issue, D. V. Editor.)

THE FILTHY WEED

Basing the estimate on the withdrawal of $42,028,006 worth of revenue stamps on cigarettes for the month of June, this year, there were 14,008,714.350 small cigarettes manufactured during the month, according to a report by the bureau of internal revenue. This just being the tax on cigarettes, represents the millions of dollars that were to be paid out for them by the consumer in the form of the purchase price, and then add to this the amount spent for tobacco in other forms!

Possibly men today who think they can’t pay their taxes, but who are spending more per year to satisfy their craving for this filthy weed, than their taxes would amount to. And worse yet, think of the amount consumed by professed Christians!

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Cor. 7:1.)

It is no wonder that Satan hates the doctrine of holiness so badly—it strikes right at his enterprises!

“An Era of Sudden Deaths”

Of just recent date, a Catholic priest, in conducting a funeral mass for a reputable citizen and member of the Catholic church in an Oklahoma city, who had died suddenly, remarked in his eulogy:

“This is an era of sudden death. It behooves all of us, in view of the pressure of our time and the perils so prevalent, to be as he was, ready for the summons.”

Possibly never before has a period of time existed wherein has been noted a like condition in this respect, as that which prevails today. Death from heart failure is at an alarming rate today. It is noticeably striking among the ranks of prominent personages, as well as taking a toll among the other classes.

News of this sort is a most daily occurrence in the daily papers. That this era, or period of time, is only in line with Bible prophecy, and that in connection with the soon coming of the Lord, is evidenced by that which was spoken by the Saviour concerning conditions to exist prior to His coming. So while all heart attacks cannot be attributed to the same cause—the riotous, dissipating, and gluttonous manner of living indulged in by multitudes today, is taking it’s toll in human life; but without doubt, the outlook upon life in the midst of this, the most distressful, perplexing, and trying time in national and commercial affairs, the strain and anxiety has been too great with some, and as a result, the heart gives away under the pressure.

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

“And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with power and great glory.”

(Luke 21:25 27.)

So this era of sudden deaths has it’s place—an important one—in line with other events, in calling our attention to the days in which we are living—that Jesus is coming soon!

PALESTINE

It is reported that over 60,000 Jews have entered Palestine within the past year.

While England, who holds a mandate over Palestine, the homeland of the Jew, is at present, and has been for some months back, having trouble with Arabs in that country who are opposing the return of the Jews, with the result of much rioting, and the loss of some lives in the clashes between the two races, yet it is only a question of time until the opposing powers will have to give way to the inevitable will of God, and the world shall see the Jews firmly established in their own country, united together in a nation of their own. And when the last vestige of Gentile authority and power over Jerusalem shall have been broken, then of a fact will the Gentile age have come to a close.

“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”

(Luke 21:24)

THEN AND NOW

Though it is more of a faith route today, yet we believe God requires the same careful life of His people as was evidently more manifested by them some years ago when the power was falling more mightily in our midst. It seems that saints were more careful in those days about their conversation, avoiding more the use of slangy, foolish, and idle words, than is altogether practiced today; they were more careful about their personal appearance—there was a more humble spirit shown in their manner of dress—more of a picture of true holiness was shown in those days, than is altogether in evidence these days. They loved—not just endured—possibly, the straight preaching of the Word along these lines. But today, too many are “broadening” out on lines wherein they were once careful. This ought not to be. If such was the standard of true holiness in those days, we are quite sure that God has not lowered the standard for today.

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. —Heb. 10:38.
"HEADY"

In Paul's second epistle to Timothy, in chapter 3, verses 1 to 5, he is foretelling of conditions as they would be in the last days—how that perilous times would come—telling of the conduct of the world in general which would go to make up those times. And that we are right now in the midst of perilous times by reason of these things existing, is beyond question. So among other things that Paul tells us would be in evidence in these last days, is that men would be "heady," which means they would be willful, rash, hasty, ungovernable, etc. Or, in other terms, as such disposition is possibly more commonly called, "having a head of their own," "headstrong," etc., or people whom you can't instruct—can't tell them anything, as it were. Now while this condition is prevalent in the lives of the worldly class—especially is it predominant among the younger generation, and helps to make up the criminal element—yet a sad part of the thing is, that just such a disposition is sometimes found right within the ranks of God's people—professed saints of God sometimes showing this very spirit.

There are some today whom you will find, who are professing the highest experience this side the glory world, to whom the preaching of the Gospel has little effect upon them—except it be some particular part, or parts, which corresponds with their ideas—possibly something to which they can easily line up. But when you begin preaching along lines touching some short coming in their daily life, they won't have it—they seem to be set in their way. Go among some, doing no more than just giving them the Bible, so to-speak, on how they should control their children, and possibly the message never reaches their hearts—on account of their heads! We have met about this spirit, in our feeble preaching on how saints of God ought to raise their children up under control: "O, Bro. Bond, you don't know what you'd do," in reply to our general stand that children should be raised up to mind their parents, properly be have, etc.—making such remark because of the (sham) battle going on at their place with a family of unruly children, and of the fact that we have no children in the home, to which we can only reply: "Well, I know what I would do if I did what the Bible said, and that's all you know to do!" Now the next question is, Just what would be their excuse, or argument, in case the one bringing the message to them was the parent of an obedient family of children? Amen. Remember, Paul gives the fathers instructions along the line of how they should rear their children, and he was not a man of a family. And let us take special note, that Paul's instructions are addressed specifically to the father! So if fathers in the faith would give the proper time and care in looking to the welfare of their little ones as they are instructed in the Bible to do so—bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4.), things might take on a different aspect in some instances—both at home, and abroad. We hope every guilty father will see this—that he will realize his responsibility, along side of possibly a tired, and worn mother; and if not too "heady," neglectful, or, spiritually, too shiftless, that he will try to fill his place in this responsible position. How are parents going to expect to feel in the Judgment, who have ignored God's Word along this line; or who, possibly, have heard, but have neglected? Though some might rather hear something else preached, but this is part of the Gospel, and souls are going to give an account unto God how they hear.

Then there is another thing—that thing which, possibly, certain of the "heady" class among the saints wishes wouldn't be mentioned so much—and that is, Pride.

(Wonder if some of the "heady" will read farther!)

If the Bible condemns a thing in the line of sin, it condemns pride. We are even taught in Prov. 6:16, 17, that a proud look is an abomination unto God. Possibly some who are decking themselves with outward adorning—maybe gone back to some very things they one time had to lay down when they were seeking God for the blessings—will contend that they do not mean to be proud, to whom let us say, that if such is the truth of their heart, they should, then, have respect unto God's commandment in 1 Thess. 5:22, wherein it says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." So beloved, though you do not intend to be proud in heart, how is the world going to know the difference? Remember we are told in Colossians 4:5, to "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without." So in either event—whether we mean to be proud, or whether we do not, we are breaking a commandment of God when we adorn ourselves, or act, like the proud. And who knows but what if the real facts were known, that we have those among us today, who were one time manifestly humble enough to come down from their pride in their manner

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BE CAUTIOUS!

Some few of the saints are no doubt readers of a religious magazine, purporting to be of a prophetic nature, called, The Defender, published at Wichita, Kans.: and to them we want to sound a word of warning, that they be not too engrossed — carried away with the prophetic teachings of the editor of this magazine, who, in his endeavors, is taking a hard stand against our chief executive — President Roosevelt. We know how the Bible teaches us concerning our attitude toward the rulers of our country. It is plainly enough manifested that this magazine is opposing the president, if for no other reason, on the grounds of the theory it seems, that the President’s activities are leading towards Communism, Dictatorship, etc. Be that as it may — here is the thought we wish to bring before you: If the editor of this magazine in question is as well versed in prophecy as it might appear to some that he is, and being aware of the fact that the coming beast power is going to include the entire world, and that we, as a nation, are going to be taking our place with the other nations of the world in this great upheaval, WHY can’t he realize that the program of events in our midst today, are only links in the chain of events leading us to our place in the world-wide “New Deal” — or preparation to receive the beast of Revelation 13? And next — the essence of the thought — if he be as deep in the scriptures as his “teaching” would have it appear that he is, WHY can’t he realize that God has a hand in Bible fulfillment, and WHY then, would he seemingly attempt, through influence exercised by his writings, to hinder through the power of the ballot box, or any other means, the progress of Biblical prophecy fulfillment? The ballot box will never have power to stop the coming of the beast, nor to keep the United States out of the program — and, surely, if this man knows anything about God as he ought to know, he knows this is right. Then why should he be opposing something, and doing so in the name of the Lord, that is surely in line with Bible prophecy? We feel that his activities would be the better if directed along the line of exhortation to the people that the beast power IS coming our way, regardless, and for them to get right with God, and be prepared against the day of it’s coming.

So far as Communism is concerned, who knows but what it could be an instrument that may tend to promote the influence of Nazism, and of Fascism, through their possible final overthrow of the same, thus paving the way to the hearts of the great majority, which in turn, could be the final opening up of the way of the beast, who is surely going to have a religious coloring, and emanating from Rome. Think.

If this editor in question has no more understanding of things spiritual than to be trying to oppose something that is surely in line with prophesy, it is well that people consider his teaching in a very cautious manner. The movement that he represents does not teach the full Gospel as we of the Apostolic faith endorse, but to the contrary, in this respect, at least, they teach, by virtue of comment on the International Sunday School Lessons (lesson for July 5, 1936, on page 25, Vol. 11, No. 2, of The Defender, under the lesson subject of, The Coming of The Holy Spirit in Power, giving the scriptural references of Acts 1:6-14; 2:1-47) the following, as concerning the receiving of the Holy Ghost:

“The Holy Spirit is received by all believers when they are saved. This occurs simultaneously with conversion (38).”

In this last issue (Sept.), is an article by a preacher who has visited Germany, and he is landing the progress in that country — spiritually, morally, and commercially, under Hitler’s nazi control. And as to whether you feel that Nazism is pointing towards the coming beast power, or towards the kingdom of God, judge ye!

So beloved, we should be careful in the stand we might take in our attitude toward ANY ruler, if for no other reason than we might be found to be fighting against God in doing so, for look how God raised up Pharaoh, that through him He might shew forth His power (Gen. 9:16.), even as He raised up Moses to be an instrument in His hands at the same time; and remember, Moses DID NOT try to dethrone Pharaoh!

And not only is this editor attacking just the president, but he goes so far as to hold up members of his family before his readers in a criticizing manner, all of which we will just have to say, is not done in the spirit of the teaching of the Gospel; and for your further information, let it be known unto ALL, that our few remarks in this matter is NOT prompted by ANY political influence — God saved us from politics, as well as from other things, over twenty-one years ago, and our activities are now directed along another line, thanks to His good name. Amen.

The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will. —Prov. 21:1.
We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, works, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, ascension, exaltation, and His soon coming. We teach the personality of the three fold Godhead; and contend that the very same Gospel in it’s purity and fullness as was delivered by Paul, and the other apostles, to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification is that part of God’s grace which makes us holy. It is a second, definite work, wrought in the heart with the Blood of Jesus [Heb. 13:12], by the Holy Ghost [Romans 15:16], through faith. Heb. 2:11; 13:12. 1 Thess. 4:3. John 7:15, 17; 1 John 1:7. 1 Peter 1:2.


And when we receive the experience, we also receive the same sign, or Bible evidence, as did the disciples on the day of Pentecost [Acts 2:4], at the house of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and at Ephesus [Acts 19:6]—that of speaking in other tongues [or languages], as the Spirit gives utterance. Note also Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 12:14, 22.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going away. Acts 1:9-11. Hebrews 9:28. And for His return was the message He stressed to His disciples, Matthew 24:44; and such event was that which Paul looked forward to, and pointed us to. 1 Cor. 15:19. Hebrews 10:37-38. Titus 2:13-14.


WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET—Jesus said, “If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash another one’s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.” John 13:14, 15. Teaching us humility.


Upon authority of Matt. 24:6-8, by virtue of recently past, and now current events, the world has already entered into the period of the great tribulation or the great tribulation period, which is to be climaxed by the three years and six months reign of the beast power prophesied to us in Rev. 13.

THE MILLENNIUM—The Bible teaches a 1,000 years peaceful reign with Jesus in the earth. During this time Satan will be bound. Rev. 20:1-5. This will truly be a day of rest for God’s people. Hebrews 4:1-11. Note Isaiah 11:1-12; 66:17-25; Hosea 2:18; Zech. 14:9, 29; Isaiah 2:1-5.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—All nations shall be gathered before the great white throne of God for eternal judgment. Here both small and great among men will be judged according to their works. Daniel 12:2. Matthew 25:31-46. Rev. 20:11-15.

NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH—The Bible teaches that this earth, which is polluted with sin, shall pass away, and that there shall be new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Peter 3:12, 13. Rev. 20:11; 21:1-3.

AN_ETERNAL HEAVEN, AND AN ETERNAL HELL—The Bible teaches that hell is as eternal as heaven. Matthew 25:46; and that shall be cast into a burning hell—a lake of fire burning with brimstone forever and ever. Rev. 14:10, 11. Luke 16:24.

Mark 9:43, 44.


Romans 7:2, 3.

RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never atone for any sin that we choose to ignore, and the blood of Christ has the science void of offense toward both God and man. Restitution means making the thing right wherein we have wronged our fellow man—taking back, giving back, offering full satisfaction for goods obtained by fraud, etc.; paying up old debts, returning things borrowed, etc. Ezekiel 33:14-16. Luke 19:8, 9. Other confessions sometimes have to be made.

WAR—It is our firm conviction, supported by the Word of God, our conscience bearing us witness, that we cannot take up arms against our fellow men, however great the provocation or however just the cause might seem; it being the teaching of the spirit of the gospel presented by Christ in His sermon on the mount. Matthew 5:38-48. Also Rev. 13:10. Luke 18:18-20. Heb. 12:14.

We maintain the highest regard for our flag and teach absolute respect for the laws and officials of our country according to Romans 13:1-7, and 1 Peter 2:13, 14, as long as it does not violate our conscience for us to obey God rather than men.” Acts 5:29. We hold the unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

TITHING—Tithing is an ordinance of God. Malachi 3:7-10. Some claim that tithing was under the law, and hence, it is not a requirement today. This is an error in teaching. Men paid tithes long before the law was given. Gen. 14:20; 28:22. Then under the law the paying of tithes was imposed as the support of the priesthood and singers, who did the work (Nehemiah 10:14-10), which answers to the ministry of today. Now under grace. Jesus and Paul both taught regarding tithing. Matt. 22:29; Heb. 7:8.

And again, IF tithing was did away with at the end of the law, WHY is the penalty still being imposed upon the Christians for robbing God? We see the very things happening today in the way of crop destruction that God promised through Malachi to rebuke, if His ordinance was kept. When a law is repealed, the punishment for violation is thereby automatically repealed. Think.

THE CHURCH—The Bible teaches that Christ’s body is the church, and that we are members in particular. Ephesians 1-22, 23. 1 Cor. 12-27. We get into the church through a spiritual birth. Ps. 87-5, 6. John 3:3. Note also Acts 2-47. This is not an organized institution—man-made organizations divide God’s people, as clearly evidenced among the many different churches. We maintain a divided and sectionalized Christianity, but that there should be but one group, and all working in harmony. “There is one body.” etc. Eph. 4:4.
“Whitewashed, or Washed White?

An individual (a preacher) professing the full Gospel blessings, but who is not in reality identified with the general ministry of this movement (though he has been active for a number of years around the "edges," so-to-speak), has of recent months been brought into question concerning his personal conduct. Fact is, a reputed thing in his life has been a matter of concern for some time. But of more recent date, developments have occurred whereby the interest of this movement has become involved; and this person in question, in a statement to one in authority, declared himself to be "clean" at that time, (referring to the unbecoming thing in his life which had surely been of a Biblically long-standing period of time) but "didn't know what he might do!"

We just want to say, beloved, in the fear of the Lord, and the Judgment, that such confession is NO good, whatever! This party, and the one to whom he thus confessed, should both know that such manner of coming out of a thing that was wrong, was not in harmony with the Bible teachings along this line. They ought to know that one COULD NOT get the blessing of old-time sanctification along such lines—that, though they had given up something for the Lord, yet "they didn't KNOW what they MIGHT do!" This sounds more like a "white washed" proposition, than it does of something that is washed white! If, as a party said to this effect, they would have declared, "Now I am clean, and by God's grace and help I mean to stay clean"—such confession would have been of more weight. People ought to know that the individual cannot get through to God on any grounds of reservation. Momentarily forsaking sin will not bring the blessing of justification into our lives; neither will a "just for the time being" consecration, bring about the experience of sanctification. All who have ever received genuine experiences along these lines, have been those who have gone down before God in reality, and with a willing heart, paid the price—given up everything that was of a sinful nature, and presented their very bodies a living sacrifice unto Him. So if one is bound by some wrong habit, or appetite, all they need to do to get deliverance, thank God, is to just go down before the Lord in humility, with a willing heart—actually wanting deliverance, and willing to quit the thing to His glory, then immediate and lasting victory will be their's. But sometimes real willingness to quit a thing that is wrong, is a big thing in some people's lives. The rich young ruler just lacked one thing in his life that would have brought him into perfection before the Lord, but evidently not being willing to measure up along that line, he went away sorrowful from the presence of the Lord, with no evidence on record anywhere in the Bible that he ever came back. (Matthew 19:16 22.)

Now some may want to censure us for making any mention of such things in the little paper. Possibly it would be best. But we hope that all who read will be fair-minded enough to realize that any regretful thing within the ranks of a religious movement, is not sufficient evidence within it's self to cast any reflection upon that movement as a whole. Jesus had the traitor, Judas, betray Him. And remember that Judas was at one time numbered with the apostles. What denomination of people is there today, who hasn't within their ranks, those who are more of a hinderance, or a burden—maybe and out-and-out reproach—than they are a blessing? And our sentence is, that if all saints who are aware of discrepancies in the lives of those professing the full Gospel experience, would give them to understand they had to come clean, or find no endorsement, such attitude would come nearer causing the guilty one to straighten up—if they had any thing about them that caused them to want to live for God—than would a too sympathetic, or compromising spirit, shown them. In the end, such action would then prove a blessing to them. But so long as saints will hold on to a guilty party—let sympayehy, and love for personality, override duty, which, after all, is real Bible love—just so long as churches extend freedom of the pulpit to questionable preachers—as long as some can get others to be "on their side"—just about that long will some go on in disobedience, and the true cause of holiness have to suffer that much more reproach. So a little genuine Bible action on the part of those concerned, might be the cause of some one straightening up, who otherwise might never come clean. And in event of it being hardly possible to Bibically reach a preacher in a case where he did not profess to be of one soul with us, so-to-speak, yet action could be taken to protect churches and individuals of the faith against the influence of such an one—see that they hold together in a stand against the wrong doer, or else take a Bible action against them according to 2 Thess. 3:14. Amen.

Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. —1 Corinthians 7:24.
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THE RELIEF QUESTION

As we preach, beloved, that if God can keep the individual free from sin for one day, He can keep him two days; and if He can keep him two days, He can keep him three days; and so, on and on. Then so far as the relief question is concerned, if God can keep one individual—provide a way for his, or her, support, that they do not have to go on the government relief rolls for sustenance—He can as easily keep two; and if He can keep two, He can keep a whole nation! where they put their sole trust in Him—and this would mean a lot—mean for that nation to live for Him.

There are saints of God, today, who are poor in this world's goods, but who are putting their trust in the living God, refusing to look to the relief agencies, and they are being carried through. They have a real testimony to the power of God to provide.

With all due respect to the powers that be, and proper consideration of any purported good intent in ministering to the proper needs of the people, yet we do not feel that such is God's plan for His people. It is not the present harm attending the relief ministration—unless people be compelled to falsely admit their need, etc., in order to get on the rolls—but it is wherein the thing is leading to, that constitutes the great danger. It is an evident fact that the world is reshaping itself today, getting ready to receive that man of sin, the beast, spoken of in Rev. 13. And to this point, the nations of the world are reverting to the dictatorial forms of government—dictators taking the place of kings, presidents, and other forms of rulers. And when this is accomplished, at least, it will be more easy, if not brought about before, for the beast to assume control, since he will be no less than a dictator—only the greatest the world has ever known—for by this time the people will have been "whipped" into line, so-to-speak, for just such a program—they will have become government subjects in the stricter sense of the word—that is, personal liberty gone, and their professional, commercial, etc., activities will be solely directed by dictatorial power. So this is why we fear the final termination of the relief program—of where it is leading to. To resort to such, is greatly liable to lead to the breaking down of one's faith and trust in God; the individual is looking to the powers that be, instead of to God, for their daily bread; and of the powers that be—we will just leave it with the conscientious Christian whether or not they think such are looking to God in a Biblical reality for help, guidance, or deliverance, in this, the worst time the world has experienced in this dispensation. Amen. Do you feel, beloved, that rulers of the world are exhorting their subjects—the citizenship of their respective countries where they are suffering dire adverse conditions—to turn to God, as exemplified in Bible times? or, are they the rather trying within the scope of purely human power, to cope with the situation? This ought to be an evidence of the trend of affairs. The gods of forces are being looked to, and honoured more today, than is the God of Heaven.

So in all, we are sincere when we say that the present relief program is but a link in the chain of events leading up to something

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"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"—Rev. 6:17.
The Relief Question
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greater—leading people to the place of complete dependence upon, and final submission to, the powers that be, in whatever future demands may be made in a governmental way. And that the spirit of dictatorial power has been feared for our country, is no secret. It is an evident fact that we are headed for somewhere; and that SOMEWHERE is not a resettlement of our country as in normal, peaceful times; but we are headed with the rest of the world toward prophecy fulfillment, and the only escape is in and through the name of Jesus, for we are told in Rev. 13:8, concerning the beast, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Then in chapter 14, verses 9 to 11, we are told of the awful fate awaiting those who worship the beast and his image, and who receive his mark—it means eternal punishment for them—their doom is sealed! Take time to read it.

So beloved, just as the ungodly fashions gradually taken possession of the world—people yielding as an inch at a time, so-to-speak (for if the thing had come in over night, the people would not have yielded as they have) even so is this other thing operating in a manner as to capture the careless and the unsuspecting—they will partake step by step, until they will have gone so far as to not see the harm in the thing. To a certain class, the relief program is about the finest thing, possibly, to their notion, that has come their way—easy money; while to another class—those who have admittedly been hard hit by the depression, but who have heretofore held themselves in prideful self-support—of this class, there is danger of their losing that spirit of independence, or self-reliance, and gradually falling in line, and soon be swept along with the rest, with their once high standard of American idealism now lowered to the ranks of dependents. Men in our parts have laid down the plow handles, and have went on the relief. Remember how John saw the beast (Rev. 13.) rise up from the sea, which, figuratively, means from among the people: and how, as for looks, it was like unto a leopard—or beautiful; a good looking proposition. (To some, government assurance of homes and jobs is a good looking proposition, regardless, most, of whatever regulation may attached thereto.) Next, it had the feet of a bear—soft, padded feet, enabling it to slip in noiselessly, so-to-speak, and have it's place in the midst before it is hardly realized; but the attuned spiritual sense can detect the sound of it's foot falls, thank God. Then last, but by no means least, John saw that it had the mouth of a lion, which denotes it's fierceness...authority! When the lion roars, the lesser animals of the forest flee in terror—the king of beasts has uttered his voice! So after this great, world-wide dictator ascends his throne, then will he utter his voice in authority. It is possibly now but a question of time until farmers in this country will be told how much wheat, corn, cotton, etc., they can raise, as likewise will the stock raiser be put under regulations regarding the number he can raise, even as is the oil production now under legal restrictions, in certain places at least.

Some may say, "How could we get by, if it was not for the relief?" Beloved, how do you expect to get by when the real test comes—when the time arrives that you can neither buy nor sell except you are lined up? If we can’t have a little faith in God now, Why not? Remember, there are some who fear God, who are keeping clear of everything pointing in the direction of this great oncoming storm, and He is making the way for them; and if He can keep them, He can as easily keep ALL who put their trust in Him. Amen.

"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedest, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

Jeremiah 12:5.

LACKS WISDOM

You can watch out for the individual who takes occasion to tell you that they possess one of the nine spiritual gifts. Such person is either exalted within themselves—puffed up—or else bordering close unto such condition. One, for sure, they are not manifesting—and that is the first one mentioned, which is, The word of wisdom.

Surely this old world today is not far behind those wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, so far as sin is concerned.

Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife. —Prov. 17:1.
of dress, and appear before the public in plain, modest attire, having the victory in their soul, but who today would feel embarrassed to appear before the same public, adorned in as plain and modest attire as in former days, yet all the while professing the same spiritual experiences as in the former days, and now possibly a little too "heady" to be shown they have drifted from the good old time standard of holiness, and are setting the wrong example before younger saints?

There are possibly pastors who have felt the effect of this "heady" spirit. Possibly some one or two in the band to whom they are, or have been, trying to minister the Word, who have one of those "headlong" dispositions, who seem to want to hold on instead of letting the pastor have charge. Hope you understand what we mean.

So not only is this "heady" disposition abroad among the worldly class today, but it sometimes manifests itself among the children of God—not only in just the things mentioned here, but in other lines of preaching, maybe, where the message happens to cross their ideas, or way of thinking.

The Most Important Thought

"Some years ago, when Mr. Webster was secretary of state, he was dining with a party of friends, by whom great efforts had been made to draw him into conversation, but without success. At last one of the gentlemen turned to him and said, 'Mr. Webster, I want you to tell me what was the most important thought that ever occupied your mind?' Mr. Webster slowly passed his hand across his forehead, looked over the table, and said, 'The most important thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility as a man to God.'"

—Contributed.

The Camp Meeting


Another camp meeting season has come and gone. Once more has God made it possible for many of the dear saints to meet together, to enjoy the fellowship of each other—some meeting for the first time in this life—and to feast on the good things of God. And to the unsaved who were present from time to time during the course of the services, it appealed to us as being unto them as it was in those days of long ago, when the Saviour passed by a community in person—spiritually, it was. "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

We felt the camp meeting to be as though Jesus was passing by in as much reality, spiritually, as He passed by in person in His days upon earth. And if souls did not get something from Him at this visitation, it must have been they did not call upon Him as sincerely as, for example, blind Bartimaeus, who sat by the wayside, and cried out, despite those that tried to get him to hold his peace, until Jesus granted his desire.

Enormous crowds were in attendance at the night services; and the day time was well given to service periods. First, an early morning service was held while breakfast was being prepared; next, regular services beginning around 10 o'clock, which usually lasted to well past the noon hour; then dinner; then young people's meeting beginning at 4:30, after which the saints had a brief rest period, and prepared for the night services. So it was an almost continuous round of services throughout the day, which is evidently an ideal plan for a camp meeting.

Bro. Henegar, pastor near Ramona, Okla., had charge of the young people's services.

Saints were gathered in from far and near—from as far away as Greely, Colo., Borger, Tex., Lead Hill, Ark., St. Louis, Mo., besides those from other points in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri.

All services were conducted in a nicely constructed arbor which was joined to the east side of the church building, which in turn, having been cleared of seats, etc., was most conveniently equipped for kitchen and dining service. The two meals served daily were free to all. Sisters, Tilda Rush and Faye Dodson, assisted by volunteers, had charge of this part of the camp, and which was surely handled in a creditable manner.

Preaching, and the conducting of testimony services, was distributed among various ministers, and of the laity. God wonderfully blessed in song, praise, and in the preaching of His Word. A baptismal service was held on Sunday afternoon, the last day of the camp. Among others who professed experiences during the meeting, were two who claimed the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the last night's service, which lasted until about 4 o'clock in the morning.

Brothers, T. B. Ussery, pastor at Newkirk, Okla., L. L. Wheeler, then local pastor, and C. S. Morgan, of the local church, were the preachers in charge, and were assisted in other arrangements by other brethren of the band.

Next summer's camp is to be held with the White Oak saints, near Harrison, Ark., if the Lord will, and Jesus tarries. Date to be announced later.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. — Prov. 22:1.
MORE REPROACH

Again has reproach been brought upon God's good cause through the activities of whom a press dispatch refers to as a Holiness preacher, in Virginia, who, just a few days ago allowed himself to be snake bitten three times—twice on the right hand by a copperhead, and once on the left hand by a rattlesnake, in a "faith demonstration" in meeting. The man died the fourth day afterwards. This was the price he paid for belief in a false teaching. We don't know what "branch" of Holiness he might have been affiliated with; one thing for sure, he wasn't on the Main Line—fact is, thank God, there are no "branches" leading off from This Line! Amen. The devil has lots of deceptions in the world, and has both preachers and lay members pulling off some disgusting things in the name of Holiness, but in the midst of it all, we are glad there is a genuine— an experience that stands the Bible test.

The apostle Paul picked up a poisonous serpent—in a bundle of firewood—and was bitten, but no harm followed; but Paul was not tempting God in a public display. The event in Paul's case corresponds with Mark 16:18. Such as perpetuated above, has NO connection with any part of the Bible—except to be included with fanaticism. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS

1. What one thing caused the testimony of those witnessing against Jesus to be discredited?
2. Find in New Testament where two different individuals are referred to as being "good" men.
3. Who was the oldest, Moses, or Aaron?
4. What relation was Abraham to Lot?

(Answers on last page.)

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. —Lamentations 3:24

Our Young People

Not that we feel any attempt should be made toward launching any special movement among the young people of the faith, or those of the unsaved who chose to meet with us in our different services, but since the camp meeting this summer, we feel impressed with the importance of possibly more attention toward a more special interest in their behalf. We do not feel that this interest should lead in any manner toward any programmed form of services, social activities, etc.—no group of offices to be filled, carrying on a cold, formal line of endeavor, which would only possibly have for it's main attraction, just a "getting together" center for young people—just an outlet for social purposes, though carried on in the name of the Lord; but we feel like, the Lord willing, and by His help, that an endeavor along a different line is the thing needed. We see religious movements which are sponsoring special young people's societies, and which are possibly appealing to youth through channels other than those of a purely spiritual bend. If just a desire for a social outlet, or to be publicized—to be seen and heard, etc., is the incentive leading young people into such societies, the spiritual benefit they will get from such will amount to nothing.

What young people need today, first, and above all else is, God in their lives; and then careful to bear the fruit of the Spirit in all sincerity. We realize that young people today are confronted with temptations in a manner to a more severe degree than were those of a generation ago; and we know that the nature of youth today, is to get out and have a good time, as they call it; but dear ones, there are so many pitfalls along the way—so many traps set by Satan, baited with a lure called, "innocent," or, "no harm," that there is danger on most every hand. So there is only one remedy for the allurements of youth today, and that is found in the salvation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In Him can be found a satisfying portion such as the world cannot give. Therefore we thank God for those of the young people who are among us, who have given their hearts and lives unto God in reality, and who are, in return, enjoying the same blessings right down in their soul as are the older people; and it doesn't take special social activities—ball teams, weiner roasts, swimming, hiking, house, or theater parties, to lure them to the church "fold"—it's the pure, satisfying love of Jesus that leads them on. So may God bless the young saints among us; and may their young lives shine out in this wicked world, so wrapped in sin and shame, as living witnesses of the power of God to save, and to cleanse from all sin. To see young people living free from sin in every form in these evil days, when youthful temptations are so great, is wonderful, indeed. So if the Lord will, we feel like a special effort along this line in the little paper—not that we feel the young people have need of anything other than the old time Gospel—but possibly a little more stress along the line of that part which pertains especially to them. So the Lord willing, we expect to begin in next issue with some special thoughts along the line, which will be directed in part to the unsaved, as well as to the saved, of the young people whom we are glad to have meet with us.

So pray for us, beloved, in this endeavor—we need your prayers. —Ed.
DEATHS

Grandma Roberts

The saints at large will sympathise with Bro. Chas. Roberts and family, of the Hickory Grove community, southeast of Fairland, Okla., and with others of the family, when they learn of the passing away of their mother, Grandma Roberts, whose death occurred Thursday, September 17, 1936, at the home of Bro. and Sr. Roberts, where she was residing. She was very frail, and was suffering trouble with her heart in her last illness.

Grandma Roberts professed faith in her Saviour many, many years ago, and held that hope unto the end. Saw her now departed husband give himself to the Lord after her conversion, and was privileged to see him spend many years—unto his death—living for God.

She leaves six sons, one daughter, grandchildren, saints of God, and friends, to mourn her departure.

She and Grandpa Roberts had lived in that part of the state for many years, and were well known and respected citizens.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 20, by Bro. P. A. Henegar, near Ramona, Okla., in the Old Hickory school (now church) house, in the presence of an enormous concourse of people who had came to pay their last respects, and the remains were laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery, where await those of loved ones who have gone or before, until the sounding of the Trumpet on that glad day to awake the sleeping dead in Christ, into that joyful reunion where partings will be no more.

Grandma Roberts was a friend of ours.

And may it be said that she trusted in the Lord unto the end. May the dear Lord bless and comfort the hearts of loved ones left behind. And we hereby extend to each of the sorrowing ones, our sympathy in their hour of grief.

Also to Bro. and Sr. G. D. McCullough and family, of Webb City, Okla., we extend our sympathy in the loss of one of their children which has occurred since the camp meeting this past summer, according to report reaching us. May God bless and comfort their hearts in their sorrowful loss, realizing the separation is for but a short time, as it were, if they will but hold to God's guiding hand.

Gone to California

As we understand it, Bro. L. L. Wheeler and family, and also Bro. Atchley, have gone to California. Bro. Atchley, we presume, to Oroville, with Bro. Wheeler possibly joining him there in a meeting. Bro. Atchley's family remained at home, Harrison, Ark., Route 4. Two brethren from the home band, Brother Edmundson, and Brother Blevins, we also understand, accompanied him on his westward trip.

Near Cassville

Bro. Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., accompanied by his two eldest sons, went to the Oakridge church, east of Cassville, Mo., on Sept. 26, for a meeting.

ANSWERS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS

1. Their witness did not agree together. Mark 14:55 59.

Meeting at Van Buren

According to report from Van Buren, Ark., in a revival recently conducted there by Sr. Vergie Wesson, of Cecil, Ark., there were several saved, sanctified, and some had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The little band there has surely had a struggle, and we hope the Lord will bless the work there, that they will be able to get a permanent place for worship. At present they have no building, but we understand they are buying the vacant lot where the revival was held recently, and they hope to be able to build. And in this event, we feel that outside saints should be willing to assist them.

Bro. H. B. Bennett is serving them as pastor. He is a good man in the Lord, and was ordained at the camp meeting this summer.

You may hear from us later, the Lord willing, concerning a building proposition for this band of saints, who heretofore have surely had a struggle to keep a work going there—the little group being composed mostly of women upon whom seemed to fall the burden of carrying on. So remember, as the Bible teaches, "we are members one of another." (Ephesians 4:25.)

To correspond with them, address either Bro. Bennett, Gen. Del.; or Sr. Alma Graham. 223 Fayetteville St., Van Buren, Ark.

Remember Bro. Buckles

Saints, don't fail to remember Bro. Buckles—both in prayer, and financially. If you are asking God to supply his needs, as well as touch his body, just how are you responding—are you willing that financial aid come altogether from a source other than your own?

His address: Box 322, Mulberry, Kansas.

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:17.)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. —Psalm 116:15.