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MAKING A VESSEL

[By Bro. Earnest Buckles.]

So often we have heard the illustration about "the potter and the clay." A sentence in a song is like this: "Thou art the potter; I am the clay." Then we read in Isaiah 64:8, these words: "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand." The illustration was never so impressive to me as it was upon our visit to a pottery in Colorado in 1938. There we saw an aged man standing proudly over his "wheel." The wheel was turned by foot power, and appeared to be of some kind of stone. It was, of course, circular in shape--similar to a round table top, flat, and very smooth.

First, by way of operation, the potter would cleanse the wheel by washing with water. A lump of clay would then be placed on the flat surface of the wheel, and the process of making something out of that lump would begin. While revolving the wheel, the old potter would press his hands about the clay, and by various operations, it would begin to assume the shape of a vessel--moulded by the work of his hands. At times there would be an inside operation to make the outside look differently. Some times a pressing down operation was necessary in order to give the desired height.

Even so when the Lord is "shaping" us, His hand is pressing us into proper proportions as the potter did the clay. The moulding and shaping of our lives may change our looks and actions, that we may be the vessel He wants us to be. Are we His workmanship? The Potter may have to even "press" us down a little! And the "inside operation" is very necessary, that the "outside" may look as it should. (Look holy!)

In a great house there are vessels of honour, and of dishonour. (2 Tim. 2:20.)

If we are so yielded to God, as is the clay to the potter, then He can make of us just what He wants us to be. May the Lord help us to be as submissive in His hands as the clay. At times when God is making a needed vessel of some individual, that person is not willing for God to mould their lives as He wants; but they desire to be "this or that." He wants a submissive person. We need to be such--as being helpless--in His hands--yielded--completely given up--consecrated to His will; and having great confidence in Him, that He is making of us, the vessel He needs.

Now go with me into another room of the pottery. There we see a huge furnace that can be heated to several hundred degrees of heat. Here is where the moulded pottery is taken to be heated, once--twice--or the third time, depending on the quality desired in the product. The first time through the furnace, a certain quality is obtained; the second time, more beautiful, valuable, and superior qualities are produced; the third, likewise. The better qualities are brought out by increasing the heat each time; and by keeping the vessels in the furnace for longer periods. The furnace is where God makes us to brighten as gold when it is tried in the fire. In Malachi 3:3, the Lord is referred to as a refiner. (See also Zech. 13:9.) Then we read in Isaiah 48:10, that God has chosen His people in the furnace of affliction. The furnace test may come through sickness, peril, trouble, and other trying times in our lives. One outstanding furn-

ace test is set forth in 1 Pet. 1:7: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

Another room in the pottery was the display room. The world is viewing OUR lives. We are as a city set on a hill, that cannot be hid. If the real true values have been produced in the furnace, they will show, and the effects will be manifested in our lives. From this place the pottery was sent all over the world. "Go ye into all the world." Those vessels are as useful ANY place they are sent as they are "at home." Can we be of use to the Lord anywhere He may call? or do we just have to be in certain places, and surroundings suitable, if we work for Him?

One thought which impressed my wife was the "name" of the pottery, which was strongly emphasized, stamped on each vessel. Is the name, "Jesus," stamped on YOUR life?

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"The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

"Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

"Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel." (Jeremiah 18:1-6.)
BEARING THE CROSS

Just sitting here alone this afternoon, thinking of all the WONDERFUL blessings of God, and of the many, many, times His loving hand has so tenderly soothed our troubled soul, and given us grace and courage to keep fighting the great battle against sin as never before in our lives; standing for the truth; the whole truth; and nothing but the truth.

Yes, surely this is a day of great battle—not only of nation against nation in taking the lives of thousands; but this is a battle against Satan and all his powerful host of demons, evil spirits, false prophets, hypocrites, "Jezebels," etc. This is the day when every saint of God must look up, and plead for strength to be an overcomer through His precious Blood.

Now to the cross.

As you know, Jesus has said for us to take up our cross and follow Him. Are we doing this as we should? Are we? I'm afraid not—in every instance.

I can picture in my mind, this afternoon, an old, white-headed, faithful saint of God, with shoulders bent low with the toils and burdens of this life. Yes, the persecutions, too, that he has borne for Jesus' sake. He is bearing a heavy and rugged cross, blood-stained from the many battles for Jesus. THANK GOD, many times we have to carry a cross that seems so terribly heavy to bear. Maybe we don't understand; but by and by we may understand. Then this same old faithful soldier of the cross goes on to battle again for Jesus. This is the life of the saints of God—one battle after another; not fighting for a name in this life as do some—no, a thousand times no! But thanks be unto God, he is battling for the right, as against the wrong, lifting high the Blood-stained banner of Jesus that others may look upon it and be healed. He is fighting with the sword of the Spirit, the true Word of almighty God. He is fighting for the victory that shall be his at the end of the way. Praise the dear Lord.

Listen, dear readers, the saint of God surely has something to do. Think of it—carry a heavy cross, and fight with all his strength against the evil powers of darkness. Oh, how evil is this old world! how steeped in sin! such a falling away from the faith. So many are fighting the good old fashioned way of holiness, and taking up the new way. God pity! Old filthy preachers standing behind the sacred desk, fighting a good, clean; sanctified life! God have mercy. I'll tell you, brothers and sisters, it's high time to take a stand against such. Let us have on the whole armour of God, arrayed as for battle. Oh, it's going to take it. And wherever we go, let's stand four-square for the good old Bible way. I know this is the only thing that will ever save my soul in the end.

This is part of our cross; and, Oh, how heavy it seems at times. How dark the clouds may look; seemingly, not a ray of light. But thank God, I'm glad that I can say from the very bottom of my heart this afternoon, that I have really and truly found, before too late, the good, old-fashioned, Holy Ghost way. I love Jesus with all my heart. Praise His dear name. As I go to other places of worship, I find there is something lacking. I say this with all due respect to churches of other faiths, for I love them. But when once you have found the good old-fashioned way of holiness, there can be nothing else for you.

But the most BEAUTIFUL thought is this: When the precious saint of God, with the help of Jesus, has carried his heavy cross the last mile of the way, it is then he can lift up his hands that are all calloused and worn from many battles in this life; but they are holy hands, thank God. Praise His good name for ever and ever. It's the sweetest thing in this life, to live a good clean, holy life every day. I feel His WONDERFUL power just now. Glory to His precious name! Saints, move on for God.

When I first started out in this good way of holiness, I felt rather out of place dressed in holiness clothes—plain, neat, modest attire—felt rather shy when with so many of my worldly friends. But now it's so different. Thank God. I'm glad when I go, and wherever I go, and the people begin to stare at me, and point me out to others, it is then I can look up to Heaven, and thank my God that I am one of those "peculiar people" spoken of in the Bible. [Titus 2:14.]

Back to the saint of God again... We see him as he comes to the end of life's journey, after having struggled all the way. Then the cross will be lifted forever from his weary shoulders, and a beautiful crown of life will be placed upon that once weather-beaten brow. But not so now. GLORY! I'm persuaded to believe there will be no aged, feebleminded, or anything of this type up there. Bless the Lord.

Saints everywhere, who read this, please pray that I will never do or say anything that might bring a reproach upon the good way of holiness.

Then after we have crossed over to that beautiful City, whose builder and maker is God; after we have each lain down our heavy burdens carried all through our Christian life; then have placed upon our unworthy brow, a beautiful, glittering crown of life; there to look upon the face of our loving Saviour, who gave His life for us all—won't it be wonderful then, to bask in the sun light of God's love for ever, where every thing will be holy, holy, holy, ever more! There will be no holiness fighters in Glory, will there? Sometimes when we meet together here with God's people, and feel that sweet fellowship while singing, praying, testifying, and preaching, with the sweet Holy Ghost hovering about us, it surely is wonderful. But say, beloved, many talk about a REAL HOLY GHOST meeting—that will take place in the air some day! Praise the Lord. I want to be there, don't you? When we all begin singing that new song in Glory, it will surpass any thing we have heard here, thank God; and with all the saints in one accord; nothing to molest, or defile. Amen.

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Like A Watch

"A Christian should be like a good watch: Open face--busy hands--pure gold--well regulated---full of good works." ---Sel.

"All that I have seen, teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." ---Sel.

"And he said unto them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." ---Luke 9:23.
DARK DAYS AHEAD

Without any reference to the purely political situation in our country, as politics was once exemplified by the two outstanding parties that also "use to be," no doubt but saints of God are viewing the future with dire apprehension, well knowing that but one thing awaits—thet the hour of absolute dictatorship is drawing nearer, and nearer, at hand. With ALL due respect to our officials from the least to the greatest, we well know that promises mean nothing anymore, because God's Word has declared that in the last days men would be truce breakers. (2 Tim. 3:1-5.) The Bible is right. We have seen enough of this very thing between nations, and within nations, to make us know such is a living reality in these last days.

The recent presidential election has no doubt meant much to this country. If the same policies followed in the past, are exercised in the future, it will be but a question of time until one-man rule will be predominaing. (And this prediction is not only coming from the pulpit, but many of our leading statesmen, from the ranks of both old political parties, are seeing and warning of this very thing!) It may yet be called, "Democracy," when this time arrives, but the effects will be FAR different!

May God help His people to be ready—prepared against the day to come, that is to try the whole world. Shall we, in this country, escape the test? Let us ask you one question—Have our brothers and sisters in the Lord, in war-torn, and dictator-controlled Europe, escaped? (We surely have some over there!) Possibly if we knew some of the exact conditions of many dear saints in Germany, Russia, France, Spain, Italy, and other smaller countries—some of the things THEY have had to, and are possibly NOW suffering for righteousness' sake—we would realize THEY have not escaped! Then are we better than they? No, in no wise. God is no respecter of persons.

It can only be a question of time until we will not be permitted to speak even as plainly as we have herein spoken. So we feel it certainly behooves each of us who know the Lord, to be busy, and very busy, about our Master's business. It seems we feel an urge in the past few months as never before, to be doing all we can for God.

It is possible we have seen the last presidential election we shall ever see. There have been elections in Germany—but how? Dictatorially controlled; or, knowing there was but ONE way to vote. In a figure, an election anywhere, is not a FREE election when dominated by a political machine, or otherwise wrongfully influenced. No, we are not in politics, beloved; but national affairs have their place in Bible prophesy; and to keep abreast of the times, in prophetic light, it is proper to take note of some things. God commanded Ezekiel (Ezek. 33.), that, when he seen the sword coming, to warn the people; and failure on his part to do this, would result, should the unsuspecting be destroyed by the sword, in their blood, then, being upon his (Ezekiel's) hands. So God would have every watchman to be on the lookout for danger, national, or otherwise. Saints need to be very careful. Influence is a great thing. Many precious souls are going to be beguiled, if they are not careful. Many things in progress right now, by way of commerce, labour, and agriculture, that we feel saints of God should not be aligned with. A little partaking here, and a little there, and presently you will be unable to see real danger. Other saints as poor as YOU, have come through this thing, by God's help, thus far, and have "signed up" to nothing! If God's grace and power be sufficient in their case, why not in YOURS? If not careful, somebody will be "signing up" to the wrong thing some day! If people expect to trust God to the end, now is a good time to begin showing a little faith in Him.

So may God bless, and preserve you, beloved, who know Him, until Jesus comes, or calls. Our surroundings may become dark; but there is a Light that shines from above, thank God, that can illuminate our soul, and guide us on to the dawning of that new Day. Stand true; hold on; press on; and God will carry you through. Praise His good name for ever. Amen.

President Roosevelt is reported as going back into office for another four year term, with more individual power than ever. The New Deal now dominates the political party that launched it into being. A greater major-ity in Congress for the party, so-called, in power.

Something the world does not understand—That which is to bring prosperity to the world, will also cause saints of God to have to suffer—and that is the beast reign. Daniel (8:25) says of such, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand." This is why coming events—the centralization of power; governmental control, etc., though glittering with promises—causes God's people to view such with dire apprehension. In Daniel 12:10, again we read: "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." This is in reference to the last days—the anticchrist era. So the world shall not understand; but God's people shall. Amen.

"And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

Doctrine

We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, work, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and of soon coming. We teach the personality of the threefold Godhead; and contend that the very same Gospel in its purity and fulness as was delivered by Paul, and the other apostles, to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification is that act 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 17:16, 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 householder of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and at Ephesus [Acts 19:5]—that of speaking in other tongues [or languages], as the Spirit gives utterance. Note also Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:21, 22.

HEALING FOR THE BODY—The Bible teaches divine healing for our physical bodies, just as it teaches salvation for our souls. Divine healing was purchased for us in the Atonement. Psalms 103:3. Isa. 53:4, 5. Matt. 8:17. Mark 16:18; James 5:14-16.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going away. Acts 1:9-11. John 14:3. Preparation 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 points us to. 1 Cor. 15:51-53; 1 Thess. 4:15-18.

WATER BAPTISM—Water baptism by immersion [single], in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, being preformed as the answering of a good conscience toward

God, is unmistakable the form set forth in the Bible. The word baptism is taken from a Greek word meaning, "to dip." Jesus was baptized of John IN Jordan. Matt. 3:15, 16; 29:3; Acte 10:47, 48. Mark 16:16. 1 Peter 3:21.


WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET—Jesus said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another'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.

THE TRIBULATION—Jesus prophesied a great tribulation, such as was never from the beginning of the world. Matt. 24:21, 22. Rev. 13th. and 16th. chapters. Also note Daniel 7:1-12; 8:15-16; 9:20-27; 11:20-45, and 13:1; Isaiah 28:20, 21.

Upon authority of Matt. 24:8-9, by virtue of recent past, and now current events, the world has already entered into the "beginning of sorrows," or the great tribulation period, which is to be climaxied by the three and six years judgment of the beast power prophesied to us in Rev. 18.

THE MILLENNIUM—The Bible teaches a 1000 years peaceful reign with Jesus upon earth. During this time Satan will be bound. Rev. 20:1-6. This will truly be a day of rest for God's people. Hebrews 4:1-11. Note Isaiah 11:1-12; 65:17-25; Hosea 2:18; Zech. 14:9, 20; Isaiah 2:5.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—All nations shall be gathered together, and there shall be a judgment. Rev. 20:11-15. Of all the dead, 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 25:41-46. The wicked shall be cast into everlasting fire, while the fire itself is burning with brimstone forever and ever. Rev. 14:10, 11. Luke 16:24; Mark 9:43, 44.


Romans 7:3, 4.

RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never stone for any sin that we can make right. We must have a conscience void of offense toward both God and man. Restitution means making the thing right wherein we have wronged our fellow man, giving back, to the one who has been wronged by our delinquency, just compensation, or better, paying for the goods obtained by fraud, etc.; paying, etc., dowels, returning things borrowed, etc. Ezekiel 33:14-16. Luke 23:34.

Other confessions sometimes have to be made.

WAR—It is in our human conception, 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 6:38-48. Also Rev. 18:10. Luke 18:18-20. Hebrew 12:25, 26.

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 "We ought 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 3:7-12. 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, as did the work (Nehemiah 10:14-17), which answers to the ministry of today. Now under grace, Jesus and Paul both speak regarding tithing. Matt. 23:23; Heb. 7:5; 8:12. And again, if tithing was did away with at the end of the law, WHY is the penalty still being imposed upon the nations 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. I Cor. 12:27. We get into the church through a spiritual birth. Ps. 87:5, 6. John 3:3 to 8. 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 denominations today. God's plan is not for us to divide ourselves on the ground of human tradition, but that there should be but one group, and all working in harmony. This is one body." etc. Eph. 4:4.

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. —I Timothy 4:6.
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We stand for, and endorse, the three-fold plan of salvation—that is, Justification by faith; Sanctification through the Blood (a second, definite, work of grace); and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance. Teaching for doctrine, those principles taught by the people of the Apostolic faith since the outpouring of the Spirit in the beginning of the latter rain dispensation (Topeka, Kans., 1901; Los Angeles, Calif., 1906).

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Respectfully,
The Editor.

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another."—1 Cor. 12:25.

With the Editor

LAMENTABLE

It is lamentable, indeed, to behold a condition that has come to exist within the ranks of God’s people today, and at a time when, as never before, should we all be seeing eye to eye, and standing shoulder to shoulder, in this great conflict against sin and utterly false doctrine that is sweeping the earth in these swiftly closing days of time.

When we refer to “God’s people,” we mean, to be exact, those of us who are purportedly standing for the old-time Gospel in its purity—the three-fold plan of salvation, unorganized, and embracing the demonstrations of the Spirit in old-time shouting, dancing, etc., as manifested in the lives of spiritually clean, and sincere, men and women of God.

And that which is “lamentable,” is the fact that so much division is prevalent over certain doctrinal issues. Of these teachings in question, two of the outstanding ones are those of so-called “Free Holiness,” and that of the “Catching away of the Bride.”

Now beloved, in this we are sure that God is not well pleased. And of these two controverted questions, the latter seems at this time to be standing out a bit more forcibly to our notice. In this, as in all other points of difference between two opposing parties, one thing is for sure—somebody is right, and somebody is wrong— or else both wrong, for both can’t be right, for if so, there would be no division existing! And sometimes the very spirit shown by some one allegedly in error, when reproved or brought into question over such, is worse than the error itself! Then the thing that hurts most in some disagreements over doctrinal issues, is the curbing of freedom in association, and in services.

In 1 Cor. 1:10, we hear the apostle Paul addressing all Christians every where, and naturally, throughout all generations, with this injunction: “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” But as it is today, beloved, this condition does not exist. And we are afraid if care is not used, a lasting rift might ensue over something not wholly essential. We believe in people fearing God, and thus standing firm in their convictions—not in any spirit of lordship; but doing so in charity, considering our brother or sister in the Lord, who possibly loves and fears God the same as we. Sometimes WE could be the one in error! WE are not “know alls” in every case, while there are some points that we are that thoroughly assured and convinced of, that we could freely stake our lives upon such; and of these, our advise would be to never listen to any consideration from the enemy, for instance, as has been done in the past—implored by some one not straight on the doctrine, to “Now let’s go to the altar and pray, and see if you really are sanctified,” which, if the person who once actually had the blessing, will agree to, the chances are greatly, through their listening to the enemy, and doubting God, that they will finally end

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up with a denial of the experience of sanctification as an instantaneous work of grace, leaving off mentioning the blessing anymore in their testimony; but rather let's do as the Bible says—let's "hold fast that which is good;" (1 Thess. 5: 21.) and remember the exhortation in 2 Tim. 3:14—"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"

So our sentence in the matter of doctrinal division between saints of God would be, for them to meet together in a real conference meeting, as exemplified in Acts 15, and there remain before God until a decision was had from Heaven! It can be done, by virtue of Bible precedence. God is not pleased with division. It hinders even the progress of His work. And such condition is far from being pleasant among saints. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," says David, in Psalms 133: 1.

May God bless every sincere child of His; and where division exists, may the truth shine into their hearts and minds wherein honest error may now dwell, that WE ALL may speak, teach, and preach, the SAME THINGS, as Holy Ghost filled saints of God should be doing! Amen.

[The following, though much belated in publication, is yet alive spiritually, thank God! —Editor.]

Lead Hill, Arkansas

September 25, 1940.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

"This leaves us all well, and still trying to live for the Lord. "I love to live for Jesus. He is so good to us.

"I am praising Him for His great love He has for His people. I am so glad that ten years ago, I learned of His great love, and started to live for Him. Ten years ago tonight, He did wonderfully sanctify me. During these few years I have lived for Him, I have enjoyed some wonderful blessings, though we have had to endure some hard trials. But I am expecting the next ten years, if that long, to bring us yet harder trials—and greater blessings! for I am expecting before another ten years passes by, that we, as saints of God, will have passed through the tribulations, and on to the Glory world, where we will meet with no more trials. So I want to be faithful and true, don't you?"

"Let's all take courage, and press on, for the prize is at the end of the race. We are not going through these trials for nothing, if we stand true, for we hear the Saviour say, 'but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.'"

"O, I want to live for Him! don't you? for after we have lived for Him, and the last battle has been fought, and we have crossed over to be with Jesus, and hear Him say, 'Faithful ones, come'—how glad we will be! So pray for me and mine, that we will make it through."

T. B. Ussery,
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WORTH REMEMBERING

“We use to say, 'We need to take a stand for God and His Word;' but now I say, 'We MUST take the stand!'”

—Bro. M. G. Wooten.

“Quit turning over them Big Pieces to find a dime—God is worth a DOLLAR!”

—Bro. Atchley.

"The sham battles have all been fought. The REAL is now on!"

—Bro. Croel Austin.

"We only have the promise of TWO days—Today, and the Judgment Day."

—Sr. Sullivent.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:"

—Apostle Paul. (Heb. 12:14.)

Dalhart, Texas

October 20, 1940.

Dear Bro. Bond:

I feel like testifying to the love and grace of my Saviour, who saved me from a life of sin. Bless His dear name. And He sanctified me wholly; and later on, baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and with fire, giving me the evidence, praise His name.

I have victory right now over sin and shame. I want to have every weight laid aside, and to run this race with patience.

Please pray that everything we do or say, will be to God's glory, and to the edifying of the body of Christ.

An unworthy brother in Jesus,

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The “Silent” Preacher

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

“Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live sobriety, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”

—Titus 2:11-12.

It is now almost 40 years since the outpouring of the Holy Ghost first occurred—the beginning of the latter rain dispensation (Topeka, Kans., Jan. 1, 1901). Truly, we are much nearer the end, than many are aware of. Have you the oil in your vessel, beloved? If not, why not?

“SAMPLE COPY”

If "Sample Copy" is stamped on the head of the front page of THIS paper, why, it means just THAT. So if you desire us to continue it, let us hear from you, and we shall be glad to place your name on our regular mailing list. We want you to have the little paper, but prefer to know that you want it.

—The Editor.

Remember the Conference Meeting at STILWELL, OKLA., on November 26-27; and the All Day's Meeting to follow, on old Thanksgiving Day, the 28th. Come!
The Apostolic Faith Messenger

Office Notes

November 11, 1940

Bro. Henegar, together with most of his family, are in Webb City, Okla., for a period of time, where he has charge of the church there through a rather reconstruction period. Their P. O. Box is 205.

Bro. Atchley has been in a revival at Old Hickory Grove, near Fairland, Okla., for the past few weeks. He reports a good meeting, with over 30 saved. Was to have had an all day’s meeting, and baptismal service, Sunday, Nov. 10.

Ordained To The Ministry

Bro. Marvin Carney, of Cape Fair, Mo., was formally ordained to the Ministry among us, in the afternoon of the Young People’s Convention, held near Latta, Okla., on Sunday, Nov. 3. Bro. Carney and wife are among the young adult class; and we welcome him among us as a minister of the Gospel, believing him to be a worthy child of God. He has been preaching for some years. May God bless his continued ministry abundantly; and that he will have precious sheaves to lay at the Master’s feet, at His coming. The presence of the Lord was evidenced in the service.

Young People’s Convention

With a crowd of 300 to 400—both young and old—from the four state area of Mo., Kats., Ark., and Okla., the first Young People’s Convention was held with the church near Carmona, Okla., on Sunday, Nov. 2. Due to the size of the crowd—which was far too large for the Mission—services were held in a grove, a little over a mile distant. While the high wind, dust, and coolness of the atmosphere, made it most unpleasant in that respect, yet the results otherwise were gratifying, proving that such services would be a blessing to young and old alike, under more comfortable surroundings.

While it was most impossible to hear all reports, testimonies, special talks, and singing, yet enough was heard to be edifying and encouraging.

The next Convention was voted for Gray’s Point, near Morrow, Ark., to be held the first Sunday in March, D. V. A much larger church building at that place, assuring more comfortable surroundings regardless of the weather.

A more detailed report in next issue of Young People’s paper.

On The Air

Bro. Lee Wheeler, of Marysville, Calif., is now on the air each Sunday at 9 A.M., with a thirty minutes program of song, and preaching—fifteen minutes of singing, which is given free; and fifteen minutes preaching, for which he has to pay. He is assisted in song by other saints.

The broadcast is over station KMYC, at Marysville.

We are surely glad for Bro. Wheeler’s efforts in this broadcast, feeling that he is talented for this kind of service; and we trust that he can remain on the air while in California. So we are going to make this a special appeal to all the saints scattered abroad, to get behind Bro. Wheeler with your prayers, and your finances, that God will bless, and soul in sin be reached with the message of salvation, as well as saints of God be edified. How we wish we could get that station on the radio! If we only had more like Bro. Wheeler, who has the grace to launch out a little for God! So come on, beloved, let’s begin sending our offerings for this work. [Our’s will be going out immediately, D. V. J] His address: Bro. L. L. Wheeler, Rt. 1, Marysville, Calif.

May your response be such that he may be able to give more time to this work, that the Gospel in it’s purity be proclaimed within the reception radius of this station; or that he might be able to eventually get on a stronger station. But as it is, think of the hundreds of homes that can now be reached, that possibility would never be contacted otherwise.

We firmly believe that God would have us launch out with the Gospel over the radio, the same as using the automobiles, the press, or any other means of reaching the people. Too long have we been neglectful in this respect. All that is needed, is some preachers and singers, with grace in their lives; praying saints, to uplift them in prayer; and some sanctified pocketbooks! So what is YOUR part? We are sure YOU would be glad to listen in! Amen.

Good Fellowship Meeting

Wife and myself surely enjoyed the Fellowship Meeting at Van Buren, Ark., on Sunday, October 6. Not as large a representation as from other places as there should have been, yet the Lord was on the scene, and poured out a blessing on His people. A fine praise service, led by Bro. Jim Latta, of the Gray’s Point band, near Morrow, Ark., interspersed with good singing, occupied the forenoon. Then after another of those wonderful dinners spread in the old-fashioned way, and a time of brief “visiting” among the saints, services were resumed, with the afternoon time given to those who did not get to testify during the morning service, and to the two visiting preachers.

We was glad and thankful on behalf of the Van Buren saints, for the encouragement the day held out to them.

Those who failed to attend, just missed another good meeting, and a possible blessing from the Lord, as well as for their own spiritual benefit. Let’s not reserve our going to the larger places, only, where we might think the chances better for a good service—the Lord is also able, and does often bless in the smaller places! Praise His good name. Amen.

Bro. John Norton is pastor at Van Buren.

A Young People’s Paper

We are now publishing, by the Lord’s help, as an auxiliary to this paper, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSENGER, devoted to the interests of the Young People among us. Hence, no Young People’s Department in this paper any more. Be glad to send you a sample copy; or, to send you a bundle for the Young People of your church, or community. We are expecting to publish it the same terms, and alternating with this paper, D. V. Shall we have your name?

Conference Meeting

A Conference Meeting of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, is called to convene at STILWELL, OKLA., on Nov. 26, for a two day’s session, followed by an All Day’s Meeting on old Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. All who can, are urged to attend this Conference Meeting—Come for the FULL TWO DAYS! All visiting saints and friends will be cared for. Meeting will be held in the stone church, in southwest part of town. Stilwell is on Highways 51 and 59; about 29 miles east of Tahlequah, Okla.; 33 miles north of Sallisaw; and about 34 miles south of Siloam Springs, Ark.

For further information, write Bro. R. C. Oneal, Rt. 2, Stilwell, Okla.; or, Bro. P. A. Henegar, Conference Chairman, Box 205, Webb City, Okla.

All who can, are urged to attend the COMING CONFERENCE MEETING!
THE WRONG ASSERTION

We sometimes hear people say, "I take the Lord with me every where I go." We'll just have to say, brother---sister, it depends greatly on WHERE you go! As for that, you'll sometimes find people engaged in regular "gab fests"—you know the kind—unedifying gossip; or in heated conversation---arguing to the point of strife. Do you think the Lord would be in such? Would He accompany you to the beauty shoppe, waiting while the operator "dressed" your hair; or accompany you to the movies to see your favourite "star" in his or her latest thriller? We are afraid not! Or do you think He would go with you over to the brother or sister's home, there to engage in a line of talk against your pastor, because your pastor is preaching it a little too strait and clean to suit you? We think not. And so on---

We find a good scripture in John 12:26, Jesus speaking, which reads: "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour." In this we find, as in other scriptures, that it is the Lord who is to lead, and WE to follow—not WE to lead, or "take," Him, as such assertion implies.

Some may remark along this line because they are guilty of going to questionable places, and want it understood they can do so without backsliding! and on the other hand, some may mean by such, that they only go to right places. Any way, it is too broad an assertion—not the one to use.

Possibly if some congregations should suddenly present their preacher with some new clothing, help make a payment on a car, buy a bill of groceries, or otherwise come to their assistance in some financial need, such preacher might wonder what it was all about, knowing the millennium is not at hand!

DIRECTORY

("Regular Services" indicate services on Wednesday night, Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night.)


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NOTE

Since we are now publishing a Young People's paper separately from this paper, we hope to make both the "Doctrine," and "Directory" pages, more regular features from now on, D. V. So we are asking the pastor, or leader, of each church listed here, to send us any needed corrections, please. Also, if not listed at all, and desire to, send us your announcement. Let's try to have the Directory complete, and kept corrected up to date.

Thanking you,
The Editor.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." —Psalms 122:1.