A CHANGING PEOPLE

"I am the LORD, I change not." (Malachi 3:6.)

I am so glad today for this old-time salvation, even though we are living in a "changing day."

Yes, people are constantly changing. We are facing a dark and terrible day; now in the midst of an uneasy time. People's hearts are disturbed, seemingly, as never before. Evil devices are present on every hand; and wickedness increasing at a rapid speed. Yes, even "spiritual wickedness in high places" (in churches Eph. 6:12.). People are going at break-neck speed, so-to-speak, towards eternity. Gross darkness is casting its shadow across the land. Millions are groping as blind, seeking for pleasure—in the dance hall, theater, ball parks, night clubs, beer joints, roadside inns, bathing resorts, and such places. And many of these are professed Christians. But the pleasure found in such places lasts but for a short time; and saddest of all, the final end is coming, and how bitter will be that end.

But do such as seeking above find PLEASURE? No, not REAL pleasure for a weary soul. There is but ONE place to find rest for the troubled heart, and that is at the feet of Jesus. There is where I found rest for my sick soul—when I turned away from Satan, and came to Jesus. So I praise His holy name this morning for the old-time way.

Yes, most every thing in this old wicked world has changed in some way or other; and is continually changing as time goes on. Just how long God is going to permit man to go on in his headlong way, defying the Word of His holiness, and trampling under foot, the prayers of the faithful, He alone knows. But there is one thing of the which we are sure today—and that is, our God never changes—He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

People use to walk to church, go on horseback, in wagons, or any way to get there. But nowadays, many will not go unless they have a nice, "closed in" car. Men used to be content to wear overalls, and women plain, cotton house dresses, when they went to church. Now, in this changing world, too many have to have silk, or near silk, dresses, and a fine suit of clothes, or they think they can't go—they have to dress like the rest of the saints[?]! People use to be glad for their friends to come spend the night, or maybe the entire week-end. Not so much that way now. They have changed. Not many are even willing to give the preacher a night's lodging. Their excuse is, "I'm not able in body to take care of them;" or, "We can't afford it." I know this to really be true. Many saints of God have money to keep up a nice, shiny car; a fine table; and nice clothes for the family; but some how they just can't seem to get enough ahead to pay tithes! Listen, dear ones, one-tenth of every dollar we earn, or gain, BELONGS to God. Read Malachi 3:8-10. "Will a man rob God?"

What do you think about it? Don't you think that even Holiness people are changing? I certainly do. We are supposed to hold up a high standard. Are we doing so?

Every thing we possess comes from God. Even the very breath we breathe; the good cool water we drink, etc.—none of it is ours—it all comes from Him. Here we have our peaceful little homes among the beautiful wooded hills of the Ozarks; we have plenty of food; clothes: our families; friends; loved ones. We are yet in a free country, and have the blessed privilege of worshipping God in the beauty of holiness. Surely, these are all wonder-ful blessings from God. Yet, I'm wondering how many of us praise Him for these things as we should? Do we thank Him when we sit down to a table laden with good things to eat? Remember, we are none too good to sit down to even plain bread and water—such is more than we really deserve.

As it seems, the world has just about left God completely out of the picture, so-to-speak. And many so-called Christians—some, professed Holiness—are doing the very same things. Are people changing?

God's wrath is now being poured out—tempered with love and mercy; He is yet giving people a chance. But my dear friends, the day is soon coming when He is going to say, It is enough. Then will His wrath be poured out without mixture. It surely looks the part of a dark picture to me. Just see the condition of blood-soaked Europe today! Rulers seeking more and more power. But their power will some day fail, while there is ALL power in Jesus! Amen. I am wondering today how many souls have gone out to meet God with blood on their hands! Just suppose those cruel rulers should try to "wash" innocent blood from their hands—they would be as Pilate of old, as he turned Jesus over to the howling mob to crucify Him.

"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be upon us, and upon our children." [Matt. 27:24, 25.]

So it will be that every man or woman who rebels against God, will stand in the Judgment with Pilate, and just as guilty as he, though he was directly guilty of the blood of our dear Saviour. He could not "wash" THAT Blood from his hands; and neither can WE, except we get right with God in this present life. So the only way to escape, is to get right with God, and live a good, clean, holy life; give up the world, with all it's fashions and folly, and CHANGE NOT. Let's follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. [Hebrews 12:14.]

Saints, I wonder how many of us would stand the test of faith today, without changing? There's Stephen of
old, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost—they stoned him to death. As he kneeled down, passing from this life under their cruel hands, he asked the Lord to not lay that sin to their charge. As they looked on his face during his trial, his face shone as the face of an angel. Did he change? NO! He stood true, though he had to pay with his life. It's going to mean much to stand true in those days, and keep sweet in our souls in all things. As Jesus did, we must drink the cup our Father has given us to drink. It will be bitter many times; but Jesus, on the cross, only asked the Father to ‘forgive them; for they know not what they do.’ He did not change!

I'm glad that I love all of God's good people. I'm sure there are good people in other churches; yet I am persuad-ed to believe we will ALL have to live clean, holy lives, if we ever enter Heaven. Oh, I'm so thankful for the clean and beautiful way of holiness! Praise the Lord! I know there will be a few who will really be living for Jesus when He comes. How glad I am to REALLY KNOW that I am saved right now, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and trying to do my very best for God and His good cause until He calls me home to Glory! Praise His holy name. I know we are in a great changing time; but I mean, by His help, to CHANGE NOT my faith and belief in God!

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ANOTHER GREAT CHANGE

In connection with Sr. Pierce's good article above, there is another thought that comes to our mind—one that concerns the sab-
bath, or the Lord's day.

We are made to greatly wonder ---yes, FEAR, how it is going to be with many, today, professing old-time salvation, who once would not have worked at all on Sunday, but who now will do that very thing. If it was ever wrong

to work on Sunday, we are quite sure it is yet wrong to do so---God never changes!

There are good people who, in their home communities, would not work on the Lord's day, but will take a job in the great agricultural and fruit sections of the west, the industrial regions of the east and north—or maybe right here in the middle west, which means Sunday work, or no job! So their plea is, they have to work on Sunday, or lose their job. That being the case, just how do they expect to fare when the time comes when requirements at the hands of the co-partners of the god of mammon (riches) compels one to have the mark, the name, or the number of the name of the beast, before they can buy or sell ---what about a job in those days! Let's compare such with Jeremiah 12:5: "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?" etc. So it is---if we can't stand out against some of the so-called lesser things of today, how can we expect to take a stand for the right, when the universal testing time comes, beloved?

So we are really fearful that the lure of "big" money is going to cause many of God's people to swerve from the right path, and to pursue, even to them, questionable courses---such has already sunk the world, so-to-speak. But some will say, "Well, I've got to make a living for my family; and you can't hardly get a job any more without working on Sunday." True, one can scarcely find work any more, in the great agricultural and industrial regions, which does not include Sunday labour; but if Sunday BE the Lord's day---a day so long honour-
ed of God as a special day of gathering together of His people for praise and worship, as exemplified by the disciples of old, immediately following the resurrection of Jesus—a day that has long been so peculiarly sacred and reverentially dear to God's people ---a day of years ago when Sunday morning church bells so clearly rang out in cities, towns, villages, up and down the hills, and across the dales of the country side, breaking the stillness of a quiet morn in summoning people out to the house of God—if Sunday yet be THAT day in the sight of God---there is but ONE answer to the question---God would have you to regard the day as of old! Better it be, dear ones, that we get by on less fare, and have the victory in our souls, than to take chances with God in the matter, gradually losing our zeal for the good way, though possibly living in a much easier financial manner.

Let's be careful for the good ad-monition given us in 1 Tim. 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

So our sentence is, beloved, Let's take a stand for God, and the teachings of that Book, regardless; He is able to provide the necessities of life for you and family in SOME manner in a way that is unquestionable, and above all reproach. Personally, wife and my myself seen the thing tested years ago, and we prospered over it, when we refused Sunday work ---and we were needing work---and never lost the job we were on! Had we, it would have been the same, by His grace—He is al- ways able to provide! Amen.

"And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

[The Beast Power]

Daniel 7:25.
COUNTING THE COST

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?"

"Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

"Saying: This man began to build, and was not able to finish." (Luke 14:28-30.)

We see many instances of the above scripture in the Holiness movement today. We have heard of many getting saved in wonderful meetings, and in just a few weeks later, they have given up and turned back. They possibly "laid the foundation," but when they began to check up on the amount they had to pay—what they were going to have to do—how they were going to have to live—to keep saved, they decided the price was too great, and consequently, turned aside—gave up the race. The Bible says, in 2 Pet. 2:21, "For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

The old time saints (25-40 years ago) were told what they were going to have to give up in order to be saved. The preachers told them the price of their ticket to Glory; and they knew what they were going to have to lay aside in many instances, and something about how they were going to have to live, before they even went to the altar. So when they did make the start, they were already determined to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily beset them, and run with patience the race set before them." Today, we see them go "flying through," and get the blessings (?), and never hear a word about what to lay off; or maybe put on! So after the meeting is over, they look and act very little different from what they did when it started. It is because they have not been taught.

"How shall they hear without a preacher?"

I read an article by a Methodist preacher. He said the Methodist church was formed to spread the doctrine of holiness over the world; and that he had been affiliated with them twenty-five years, and in the last ten, he had not heard a message on holiness! I wonder how long it has been since some of YOU have heard a real, old-time "sanctified" holiness sermon? And did you measure up? or did you get all "puffed up!"

Isaiah 3:8-10, says:

"Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: "That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: "Which say to seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits."

This is why the standard has been lowered—many of a like spirit today—people who don’t like to have their "nest stirred;" the thorns push through and stick. Glory! They ought to get away from the thorns!

We need more sanctification (real holiness) preached today, than ever before. The enemy has introduced a compromising spirit among God’s people, and they have picked up weights. "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" We need to show the people that there is more to this Christian race, than to merely "repent, and be baptized"—we need to preach, teach, and lift up the standard of holiness in all it’s purity. Jesus did not compromise with the people, but plainly called them "hypocrites," when they were not living what they were professing.

Peter preached a wonderful message, and 3,000 souls were added to the church; but the Lord raised up Paul to have the burden of the churches—the care of them—and to tell them how to live. We need more "Pauls" today—preachers who will not compromise, but who will preach a little strong meat along with the milk. Milk will fatten; but it takes meat to make them strong. So more preachers are needed who will tell the people something about the cost of their mansion—how to live a true Christian life, unsplotted from the things of the world, because as the Methodist preacher said, "It is holiness or hell!"

Are YOU counting the cost?

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[Editor’s Note: Bro. Bobby is one of our young ministers, and among those ordained this summer at C. M. Conference. And his timely article above—to God be all the glory—we felt was quite suitable for this paper; so we are passing it on to you now, rather than hold it until next Young People’s paper. God bless him. We need more of this kind.]

A good test as to where we stand with the Lord—Do we feel that we are ready to meet the Lord just as we are—without another single prayer? We may have to go that quickly some time!

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. ---John 8:12.
SOMETHING MANY NEED

We get a good thought from a Biblical quotation seen in one of our exchange papers (Herald of Hope, Los Angeles, Calif.), found in Prov. 31:26. The quotation was, “in her tongue was the law of kindness;” but the entire verse, which is a portion of the description of what we might term a real Bible wife, seems to so fittingly appeal, that we herewith quote the entire verse: “She opened her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue was the law of kindness.”

We get much good from this; and am sure there is something worth while in the entire verse for every one—and that without any long drawn-out attempt at discourse, if you will only take time to think and reflect on it’s deep meaning—“the law of kindness,” which should be the governing law of every conversation—even a stern rebuke should be delivered in a spirit of kindness!

Then think of the times many of us, doubtless, have spoken when the thing uttered was FAR from wisdom—had better been listening, thinking, or praying, rather than saying that which we were saying! “She opened her mouth with wisdom.”

This short verse has already “preached” us a little sermon along the line—God help us; and now may it be a help to others. Read it again. It would make a fine motto for the walls of any home. Amen.

“Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!” (James 3:2.)

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” (Prov. 25:11.)

CONDEMNED ALREADY

Of many things openly condemned in the Bible, the wearing of gold is one (1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:3); yet right in the face of this very teaching, you will find people—professed saints—wearing gold, and saying, “Well, if the Lord ever condemns me, I’ll quit it.” What’s the Bible for? How much plainer need it be? If it brands a thing as being wrong, it is wrong in YOUR life, believed, feeling, or no feeling! And we are sure this applies to wedding rings, the same as to all forms of ornamentation, or any other cherished keep-sake.

Some may hold their wedding ring as next to something sacred; but how about their attitude sometimes toward the one who placed it on their finger! Any way, God has said, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” The Lord wonderfully taught me a lesson some few years ago, regarding “cherished treasures,” when fire partially destroyed the old home, consuming our father’s medical diploma, and picture of his graduating class—two treasured keep-sakes that, to us, proudly adorned the walls of the home, where father, a short while before, had passed on to Glory.

So while we have singled out the wearing of gold because of the plainness of the subject, remember, the theme applies to any other question. There are those who are possibly using tobacco, wearing bobbed hair, or other forms of worldly dressing, etc., who claim they will quit such if God ever condemns them. The man or woman in deeper sin, has as much right to the same argument; but we wouldn’t accept them, would we? So don’t wait for further condemnation, beloved; for what the Bible condemns, is condemned already!

PAYING AFTER ALL!

Yes, beloved, ALL who have the light on the same, DO pay “tithes” after all—those who are honest and sincere, with one-tenth of their substance, as the Bible teaches; but those who are too close with their finances—who persist in “robbing” God—they also “tithes” after all, though they do so at the behest of some of the many “collectors” God is sending around! If not careful, they will lose more than what their tithes would have really been, in the form of something—sickness, accidents, thefts, loss of work, etc. So if “bad luck” is constantly following you, possibly you need to do some measuring up along the line!—surely you are failing the Lord in this, or some other way of disobedience. (If the “collector” hasn’t yet called, remember, he may even now be on his way to your place, and it may mean a fine horse, or cow, to get killed, or lay down and die!) So if you know that tithing is right, why not honour God with your substance, as the Bible teaches, and thus avoid many possibly undue and excessive losses, burdens, etc. Remember James 4:17?

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is—what?”

Seems that some good saints of God—though possibly having been in the good way of holiness several years—just can’t refrain from using the expression. “O Boy!” in their conversation. Try to imagine the Saviour, or the apostles of old, using such manner of speech!

One of the good teachings of the Bible: Where little knowledge is, there little will be required; and where much has been given, much will be required. (Luke 12:47, 48.)

But this does not justify the one of lesser understanding in walking behind the light they DO have; nor in not seeking MORE understanding from God concerning His will and doctrine. We all need to read and pray. If unable to read, such person could pray—"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” —Luke 6:46.
THE MONSTER---WAR!

While the terrible conflict now going on in Europe is theoretically called war, yet in reality; it is more a merciless "butchery," than combat between civilized (?) nations. It seems that reports of 2,000, 3,000, being killed in battle, is sent out, and received by the public, with as little concern, seemingly, as though such were no more than so many sheep, cattle, and hogs, slaughtered in a day's time by some of our big packing concerns. Now while such ruthless taking of human life is terrible---most beyond comprehension in the minds of God-fearing people---yet the keynote has not yet been sounded in the terrible price that is being paid from another standpoint---think of the souls---precious souls for whom Jesus suffered and died---who are being plunged, daily, into torment! It is terrible to think of even the many horrible ways of death suffered by soldiers in the air, on land, and on sea---of the pain, torture, and possibly long-drawn-out suffering endured---the real truth of such misery possibly not reaching the ears of the outside world---paint the picture in the true colors of gigantic war, using known facts of World War No. 1, as a posing model, adding a few touches of colour in the form of the now cowardly slaughter in air raids, of the aged, the sick, defenseless women and children---innocents---think of all this as composing the horrors of war, and death on the battle field, and yet you have nothing to compare with the scene to be portrayed in torment, where teeming millions will be cursing, screaming, grasping their teeth, praying---yes praying!

(Remember, the rich man could pray after the flames had enshrouded his body, and it was too late!) and writhing in agony---this scene to roll on for ever and ever! Yes, it's terrible to think of the slaughter in war---of the millions who have been killed in just the past few years since dictatorship has sprang to the front; but it is far worse to think of such precious souls sinking into torment---forever lost! If there ever was a time when people ought to be thinking about salvation, it's in these terrible closing days of time, wherein the wrath of God is evidently being poured out, and sin running rampant throughout the world. But this is all according to prophecy. God has amply forewarned the world. He has told us back yonder across the ages, through the Psalmist David (Ps. 9:17.), that, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." he first deals with us as individuals; and then as a nation as a whole. And beyond doubt, the time is here when civilized countries have forgotten God---if not in word, evidently in deed. The two major nations now in war---Germany and Russia---are both Godless nations. It's no wonder they are locked in the bloodiest combat of all ages. Not only did Russia some years ago legislate God out of her government, but stooped so low as to blaspheme God, and Jesus, and ridicule religion, saying it was the opiate of the people, etc. Now they are begging religious nations, so-called, to come to their rescue, since one of their own kind is about to crush them! Hypocritical cowardice! In Bible times God would sometimes allow some wicked ruler to oppress people of another nation for their rebellion and sin. Therefore, we should not think it strange, or a thing incredible, if the same thing occurs today. Am glad we have our right to think so, and yet to publicly declare such, that in the case of Hitler's persecution of the Jews in Germany, that God allowed him to do so on account of their possible indifference toward His plan for them in restoring the Palestine country back to Israel—at any rate, in some respect, concerning prophecy relating to the Jewish nation. And further more, it's highly possible that God is right now suffering Germany's invasion of Russia as a Biblical retaliation for sin and ungodliness; and other dictatorial activities of this ruthless agent of Satan as a means of punishment upon those who are falling under the rod of His wrath. And we speak this in the fear of God and the Judgment, and without any thought of such thing as that of propaganda, thank God, but viewing such from a scriptural point alone. So far as Hitler, of Germany, or Stalin, of Russia, are concerned, the world will be none the better off, to our understanding, regardless of which one shall win! And as for Hitler, his hour of judgment is coming from God, just as all other sinners, and godless oppressors.

So we are living in momentous days. It's going to pay people to get right with God; and those who ARE right, to STAY RIGHT! It will pay saints of God to take an occasional journey through the verbal picture gallery of God's Bible, and pause a while before the lurid scenes of torment so vividly portrayed there, and then go away with a refreshed memory of the fact that for THEM, it either means Heaven, or THAT

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THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

Doctrine

We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, works, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and His soon coming. We teach the personality of the three-fold Godhead; and contend for the same Gospel in its purity and fulness as was delivered by Peter, 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 15:6], through faith. Heb. 2:11; 13:12; 1 Thess. 4:3; John 17:15, 17; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:2.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST—The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the gift of power upon a clean, sanctified life. Luke 24:49; Matthew 3:11; John 7:36, 39; 14:15, 16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8. 10:44; 19:1. 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-building of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and of Ephesus [Acts 19:9]—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. 10:7; Mark 16:18. James 5:14-16.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—The return of Jesus will be just as literal as 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 pointed to. 1 Cor. 15:50-53. 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 preordained as the answering of a good conscience toward God, is unmistakably the form set forth in the Bible. The word "baptize," is taken from a Greek word meaning, "to dip." Jesus was baptized of John the Baptist, Mark 1:8-10. Matthew 3:13, 16; 28:19. Acts 10:47, 48. Mark 16:16. 1 Peter 3:21.

THE LORD'S SUPPER—Jesus instituted the sacrament, or Lord's Supper, that we might thus "show the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. 11:23-26. Luke 22:17-20.

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 TRIBULATIONS—Jesus prophesied a great tribulation period, such as was not since the beginning of the world. Matt. 24:21, 22, 29; Rev. 13th, and 16th. chapters. Also note Daniel 7:15-25; 8:15-25; 9:20-27, 11:20-45, and 12:1; Isaiah 11:1-9.

Upon authority of Matt. 24:4-8, by virtue of recently past, and now current events, the world has already entered into the "beginning of sorrows," as foretold by the Prophet Isaiah 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 of Jesus our King, during which 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 11:12-15; Micah 1:8; Zechariah 14:9, 20; Isaiah 2:3-5.


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.


Romans 7:2, 3.

RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never atone 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—taking back, or paying for, stolen articles, setting for goods obtained by fraud, etc.; paying up old debts, returning things borrowed.

Luke 19:8. 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 5:44-46. Luke 14:19-20. Hebrews 12:14.

We maintain the highest regard for our flag and teach absolute respect for the flag and all officers and representatives of the 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 inalienable 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, who did the work (Nehemiah 13:10-14), which answers to the ministry of today. Now under grace, Jesus and Paul both endorsed tithing. Matthew 23:23. Hebrews 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 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. 1 Corinthians 12:27. We get into the church through a spiritual birth. John 3:4-6. 1 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 in the New Testament. Even denominations today, God's plans not for a divided and sectionalized Christianity, but that there should be but one group, and all working in harmony. "There is one body." etc. Eph. 4:4-5.
EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

ORDINATION

An old retired Methodist minister once dropped a thought that has caused us to think more deeply on the important subject of ordination to the ministry, eldership, etc. We had asked him if he knew a certain Methodist preacher whom we, as a boy, remembered. His reply in part was, "Why, I examined him for the ministry." This brought a thought to my mind---"Examined him for the ministry!" Surely, the Methodist people were on Bible lines in such carefulness before laying hands on a man, or woman, and sending them forth in the name of Methodism, to preach the Gospel! This, in part, is in perfect accord with Paul's admonition in 1 Tim. 5:22---"Lay hands suddenly on no man;" and in 1 Thess. 5:12, "know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord," etc. So we feel today, that we, as a body of people, should always show the same carefulness before the Lord, before ordaining any one to the ministry, or other phase of the Gospel work, sending them forth with our endorsement, or recommendation. Being a GOOD man, or woman, is naturally one of the first requirements in the person's life before we feel we could consider them worthy of our endorsement by way of ordination; but this is by no means the only essential requirement---we fully believe that those in authority to ordain, should first be satisfactorily convinced that the candidate really has a call for the place; and next, closely examine them as to doctrine, method of teaching, etc. It is easy enough, by reason of so much erroneous and false teaching as there is in the land today, to find the individual who, though possibly clean before the Lord in every respect, yet may be so greatly in error on even some of the very essential points of doctrine. Paul again admonishes, in 1 Cor. 1:10, that we ALL "speak the same thing," etc. How this part of his exhortation is needed among the ministry of today! And it is needless to say, that the thing TO BE spoken, should be the RIGHT THING---sound doctrine---Bible doctrine! Amen. So we feel it should be fully ascertained that the individual be standing for the doctrine as taught by us, before laying our hands on them in the name of the Lord, to preach the Gospel among us, or do other service in His good cause. If the individual is not with us in teaching, we feel it best to find out such before hand, rather than possibly have something "on our hands" later on!

When a place of worship becomes a "cross roads" for doctrine, people worshipping there, and especially, if they be a band of new converts, are not going to prosper in the Lord as they should.

The highway of holiness is a clean way; and it takes clean people to travel thereon. "The unclean shall not pass over it," says Isaiah 35:8.

Ordinarily, those who are of less means, will sacrifice more, accordingly, towards an enterprise in God's cause, than those who are in better financial circumstances will contribute! And this with direct reference---and all respect---to professed saints of God.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. ---Prov. 14:12.
Mattie Jewell Ferguson, daughter of John and Mary Ferguson, was born on December 25, 1905, at Clinton, Ark.; and passed from this life, to forever be with her Lord, on Thursday, August 7, 1941, at the home near Van Buren, Ark. Age, 35 years, 7 months, and 12 days.

On November 8, 1926, she was united in marriage to Jay Whittle, at Van Buren. To this union was born five children—twosons, and three daughters, all of whom survive, except little Mary Ann, who followed her mother to Glory just one week later. They are: James Jr., Dale Lucille, Paul Thurmon, and baby Caralyn Lawan. And besides these, an elder daughter by a former marriage, Miss Lillian Livingston, a nurse in Sparks Hospital, in Ft. Smith, Ark.

Sister Whittle had given her heart to the Lord in 1934; and later was sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost; and stood true to the Lord, trusting Him for both soul and body, until the very end.

Besides her sorrowing husband and children, she is also survived by her aged and grief-stricken mother, of the home; one brother, Cecil Ferguson, of Ripon, Calif.; and three half-sisters; her friends; and brothers and sisters in the Lord, who sorrow at her going, but who rejoice at the assurance of meeting again beyond this vale of tears.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Bro. John Norton, and assisted by the Editor, in the little church in Van Buren, on Friday afternoon, August 8, with Ocker Funeral Home in charge. Interment was made in Gill Cemetery, east of the city, there to await that glad morn when the dead in Christ shall arise to meet the Lord in the air, and to be forever with Him.

Just one week from the passing of her mother, little Mary Ann, age 7, went on to be forever safe in the arms of Jesus. She suffered the same malady that claimed the life of Sister Whittle, and was bedfast at the time of her mother's passing. Funeral services for her were likewise conducted by Bro. Norton, in the church at Van Buren, on Friday, August 15; and her little body tenderly laid to rest beside that of her mother.

Ocker Funeral Home was again in charge.

May God bless those who remain, and whose hearts have been torn by this double grief. And may Heaven some day be a place of glad reunion for this entire family.

SISTER MARY HUGHES

Grandma Hughes, as she was so familiarly known to the saints and her friends, of Mulberry, Kans., passed from this life to meet the Lord whom she confessed and claimed as her Saviour for so many years, on July 27, 1941, at the age of 86 years, 2 months, and 27 days.

She had been in such poor health, and feeble condition, for so long, that the end was not unexpected.

Besides her aged husband, Grandpa Hughes, she leaves a son by a former marriage, David Alberdeen, of the home; a daughter in California; many friends, and the saints at Mulberry, to mourn her departure.

She had lived in and around Mulberry for forty-eight years; and was among the oldest members of the Apostolic Faith band there.

Funeral services were conducted in the Smith Funeral Home, in Mulberry, due to most of the saints being away at the Smith Funeral Home at the time. Bro. Haskel conducted the services.

May God bless the memory of her to all who mourn the passing of a dear loved one. Truly, one by one, they are passing away. May their hearts be comforted through the great and tender love of God, according to His will.

In the destruction of the first world, which was on the account of sin, God saved Noah and his family; and through them was the earth populated to it's millions of today. But the next destruction will be vastly different—somebody will be spared, alright, and again, it will be the righteous—but not this time to again populate the earth, giving sin another chance at destruction; but the judgment of fire will mean the final termination of a world of sin, and the triumph of God over all unrighteousness; and a home in eternal Glory for the redeemed of all ages! Won't it be wonderful there—safe, forever, from the ravages of sin, and with the glory of God eternally flooding the soul, and the blissful grandeur of celestial scenes constantly feasting the spiritual eye! Press on, weary pilgrim—the road may seem long, but the reward lies at the end of the way!
PLACE for all eternity! Yes, it might be well if even some of our own preachers, possibly, would sometimes show less interest in trying to get a shout (?) started in the camp, and take more time in pointing out to lost men and women, and saints of God as well, the reality of that place of torment—and above all, the awfulness existing therein! for after all, it's the prevailing conditions therein that make it a place of both, torture and torment—the mental torture of being lost from God, and possibly, loved ones, forever! Then think of that terrible physical suffering—torment—in the flames! etc. Heaven is truly a wonderful place—much more delightful to talk about; but a mental glimpse into the regions of the lost, occasionally, might help us to press on more zealously for Heaven and immortal glory.

Then in conclusion, dear reader, had you ever given it a real serious thought, that you have but ONE CHANCE—think of it!—just the ONE CHANCE to miss that place of torment—and that is to reach Heaven!

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

(1 Peter 4:18.)

So war is terrible; but after all, it is but a faint reminder of the incomparable awfulness of a never ending torment! Amen.

The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying. —Selected.

Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. —Prov. 3:25.
OFFICE NOTES
OCTOBER 17, 1941.

For a copy of last Conference Minutes (held during C. M.), send stamp to this office.

Sr. J. L. Sullivent, and Bro. Sullivent, of Okmulgee, Okla., was at Center Mission, near Coweta, Okla., for a revival just recently. Some services were good. Two claimed pardon.

Bro. Wilson Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., has been in a meeting at White Oak, near Harrison, Ark., the past two or three weeks. Some few claiming to have prayed through.

From last report, we understand Bro. Wheeler is in a meeting at Drumright, Okla.

Bro. Evan Brewer and family, formerly of near Stilwell, Okla., have moved to Newkirk, Okla., where he has accepted the pastorate of the church there.

Bro. T. B. Ussery, of Lead Hill, Ark., one of God's good ministers, and our brother in the Lord---writes he has traded for a piece of land near Zine, Ark. We hope---and we don't think it will---that it doesn't turn out with him, like the man in the Bible, who had "bought a piece of ground"---and prayed to be excused!

Many new names have been added to our mailing list the past several weeks, for which we thank the Lord, and are surely glad.

The "Fly By Night" Kind!

We take but little stock in what we shall call "fly by night" revivals---the kind that are conducted with a "flourish;" closed with a "bang;" and then drop with a "thud"---soon as the preacher is gone!---not enough interest, or spirituality left, to conduct the right kind of a prayer meeting.

BRO. GEO. MCNABB

Too late for this issue of the little paper, we received the obituary notice of the accidental death, on October 10, of Bro. Geo. W. McNabb, of near Catoosa, Okla. Bro. McNabb, and his two sons, were quite extensive shallow coal producers, and on the date above, while supervising work in a strip-pit east of Catoosa---warning his men to stay out of the way of where the shovel was dumping---a large rock crushed him to the ground.

Many will remember him as the man who practically sponsored the Camp Meeting near Inola, Okla., in 1940. To Sr. McNabb, and two sons, and all who are left to mourn, we hereby extend our deepest sympathy in their hour of grief, which to them, we are sure, has been a heart-rending shock, indeed. And we could only point them to God, who alone can comfort in such time of sorrow.

Sr. McNabb's address is Rt. 1, Catoosa, Okla.

Obituary in next issue of this paper, D. V.

OUR Y. P. CONVENTION

The Young People's Convention, held Sunday, Oct. 5, at Mulberry, Kans., was, in some respects, about the best one yet. Will try to tell you all about it in forthcoming issue of Young People's Messenger, D. V.

The next Convention will be held in Drumright, Okla., the First Sunday in January, the Lord willing. Seems we are looking forward to this meeting with a degree of anticipation. Plan to go!

HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE CAMP MEETING

With many, it was, "The best Camp Meeting yet!"

The attendance was the largest of any previous meeting.

A count on the first Sunday, showed between 50 and 60 individual camps on the ground, making an estimate of between 200 and 300 persons.

Parties there from the lower Rio Grande valley, in Texas; from the Texas panhandle; from New Mexico; Chicago, Ill.; Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and other parts of Oklahoma. One couple living in eastern Oklahoma, but driving back from Los Angeles, Calif., to be in attendance.

Interesting Bible discussions for early morning services.

Good morning and night services. At times 50, or more, in altar, seeking experiences. Many claiming to pray through on various lines. Some real experiences.

A count one night of 105 who witnessed for the Lord in praise service! Believed more than that number night before.

Wonderful singing! Heaven-sent messages from the pulpit!

Shouting---Dancing---Rejoicing!

Largest gathering of Young People yet. Some wonderful times in the Lord during afternoon services, which was given over to this part of the work.

An interesting feature was the late afternoon class for the little folk, conducted by Sr. Dollie Burbridge, of near Cassville, Mo. Her unique manner of illustrated lessons were surely interesting and instructive.

A move was launched to build tabernacle, with near $400.00 being pledged to start with.

Preacher personality may lead some to a profession; but it takes God to change hearts and lives!
In Genesis 3:9, we read a quite familiar quotation: “Adam... Where art thou?” As you know the story, Adam had gotten into trouble through listening unto his wife, Eve, and consequently, had hidden themselves—or thought they had, at least, amongst the trees, in the garden of Eden; but just as it is today—God knew exactly their hiding place, and called for him by name for other purpose than to find out where he was. Poor Adam—he was into it!—he had failed God, and had lost the victory out of his soul; and like many of his posterity of today, tried to lay the blame for his condition on some one else—in his case, his wife; and she, in turn, on the serpent; but again, as it is today, when people having light, as did Adam and Eve—God had warned them—they have no one to blame but themselves!

But from the above quotation, we get another thought, which we feel is of importance concerning the daily lives of the children of God.

Now while Adam had failed God, and was trying to hide from, Him, being both afraid and ashamed, the PLACE he was hiding, and from where he had to answer God, did not figure in any material sense in his case; but the thought we have in mind, and as pertaining to to you and I of this day, it does. It’s like this: We know how that the Bible teaches us not to just abstain from evil, but from the very appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22); and how that, “If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him,” (1 John 2:15). etc. So just suppose God should call by name, some of His professed children in these days, “Son, daughter, where art thou?” we wonder FROM WHERE they might answer Him! Would it be from some unquestionable place, occupation, or line of diverson? Or would it be they would have to answer from the picnic ground, the fair, reunion, rodeo, ball game, show, or some other place of worldly amusement? Or maybe engaged in some kind of occupation contrary to the sound principles and teachings of holiness—possibly out in the timber cutting a particular kind of wood material that is knowingly going into the direct manufacture of whiskey, wine, or beer barrels; or possibly in the transportation of such Satanic material. [If we owned thousands of acres of such timber, we could not conscientiously dispose of a foot of it to as ungodly and soul-destroying enterprise as the whiskey traffic. much less help saw it, or transport the same for the other person, no matter how badly we needed the cash—] to do such would be too much in direct line of helping Satan in his work of misery and woe in wrecking lives, and damming souls for whom Jesus died. This line of work is one of the sins of these beautiful Ozark hills. For Shame. We have faith that God is abundantly able to provide for His people in a far more godly manner. Or would some have to answer from the tobacco patch, or from behind the counter, selling it, while at the same time God was possibly anointing some clean minister of His, in a pulpit somewhere, to preach against the foul stuff! Or maybe the call comes to the sister as she sits before her vanity, spending a half, to three-quarters of an hour, arranging her “home-

permanent curls,” polishing her finger nails, and artistically applying just enough “make-up” to her face to take the shine off!—you know! and this preparatory to slipping into a Babylonish dress, and then away to a holiness meeting, where she has the unaunted nerve to get up in the praise service and testify that she loves the Lord above everything else in the world! SHAME!

Yes, just where you ARE, possibly might sometimes have to do with WHAT you are. It might not be so well to even have to answer from some religious gatherings. [But some, you know, claim they can worship with just ANYBODY! We don’t believe it—worship God; for God is not with EVERYBODY! He is not with the hypocrite, nor those who deny the essentials to salvation, or who are wilfully, or knowingly, letting down on the truth, or walking behind doctrinal light.] Then the call might come in the midst of listening in on the wrong kind of a radio broadcast; hanging over the backyard fence, engaged in too much gossip; or the wrong kind of conversation in general. Etc., Etc.

God help each of us beloved; that our lives, our occupation, our diversion, be such. that should God call, we could answer from holy ground! Hope you get the thought.

“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.” (John 12:26.)

Adam and Eve didn’t “follow” the Lord into that hiding place, did they! Amen.

Carefulness will always pay.

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” —1 Peter 2:21.
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The amount above represents pledges up until early afternoon of Saturday, August 2. Let ALL pledges not paid, be sent in by JANUARY 1—or sooner if possible—that material may be purchased before further increase in prices; and that construction may begin before busy farm season sets in.

Send all pledges, or new offerings—stating clearly in your letter that such is your contribution to Camp Meeting Tabernacle Fund—to **Bro. J. F. Atchley, MORROW, ARKANSAS.**

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**WHAT HAS BECOME OF OUR GOOD FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS? NOT ONE SINCE CAMP MEETING. ABOUT TIME FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT!**

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