SHALL HE FIND FAITH?

"... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8.)

Almost two thousand years ago, was sung out the sweetest story that ever fell upon human ears, as that heavenly host appeared to those lowly shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night, on those Judean hills, heralding to them, the glad news of the birth of the Saviour of the world! "Fear not for, behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The blessings of those intervening years can never be told—the joy of that salvation that has changed the hearts and lives of millions; that has affected homes, nations, and helped shape the map of the world. But now our ears are attuned to the heavens, so-to-speak, awaiting another message—not again the announcement of the birth of a Saviour—but the glad cry of a coming King!—HIS coming back again, not any more as a babe in a manger, to grow to manhood, labour, toil, preach the Gospel, heal the afflicted, relieve the oppressed, and be rejected and crucified by men—but coming this time as King of kings, and Lord of lords; to execute vengeance upon the ungodly—and above all, to take with Him to dwell forever, those who have faithfully followed Him here! The next cry will be, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Shall we with gladness, hear that cry?

The Christmas story not only will NEVER grow old—it CAN'T grow old! But the principal thought upon our heart at this time is something of vital interest concerning this second call the world, or better say, God's people, are awaiting, and which is em

GREETINGS TO YOU...

Though the dark clouds of war are hanging over the world, and hearts are heavy, yet we have reason to rejoice in the knowledge of the fact that He, who's birth we remember at this season each year, yet lives, thank God, and is coming again—soon!

To all our readers—saints and unsaved friends—we extend to each of you, our Best Wishes for a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

May the dear Lord richly bless and encourage you—everyone.

Your unworthy servants in the Lord,
Bro. and Sr. Bond, and Sr. Genell Moore.

bodied in the text above—When He comes, will He find faith on the earth?

In the beginning, Jesus came to do God's will. He taken upon Himself the form of man, that He might serve as an example for man—assumed the form of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. He lived, moved, and had His abode with men. He was subject to every trial and temptation of man. There was surely a purpose in this—He hereby proved that by the power of God, man can live before God as He should live. He overcame; and through Him, we too, can overcome, thank God. "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted," says the apostle Paul, in Hebrews 2:18.

So when we review the works of the Lord—His life, His teachings—In general, the example He set for us, and lastly, LEFT IT HERE for us to follow—then view the condition of affairs today, within the ranks of professing Christianity—when we see so many, even professing the highest experience this side the Glory world, are failing, we are helped the better to understand the deep meaning of the text—"Shall he find faith upon the earth?"

First, we want to note something of the example He left us of just the everyday life that He lived. He lived clean for God—His every act, His conversation, His occupation before the days of His Ministry, His religious devotion, etc., was just what it should
have been. Can we follow in His steps in these things? Surely, by faith we can! But we can't always do that, if we take some compromising professor as our example!

In sickness, what should be our stand? It should be, God first; and God last! But where is faith today? In an ever increasing number of cases, we see saints of God failing--losing faith. Where one time people feared the Lord, today, it seems easy for them to resort to the weak arm of flesh, and before the world, practically turn down part of the very Gospel teaching. When He comes, we wonder who He will find trusting Him right down to the end in sickness--both for themselves, and for their family? or will He find many in hospitals, or otherwise under medical care? We are most sure some are going to trust Him all the way through--but as it seems in general, Shall He find faith? So much failure along this line; and, apparently, so little thought about it!

Regardless of what may seem to be good intentions on the part of any nation, yet if we are to regard the Bible as truthful, we are bound to admit the time to come wherein the WHOLE world--ALL nations--are going under the power of absolute dictatorship for a period of forty-two months, or three and one-half years, during which time religious persecution is to be severely imposed upon saints of God, even unto death; and that no man might buy, or sell, except he have the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. This according to the 13th chapter of the book of Revelation --the last book in the Bible. And all the difference between dictatorship, as the world today refers to such a rule, and that of beast power, as referred to in the Bible, is merely a matter of words--in spirit, they are the same. For illustration, the prophet Nahum called them "chariots;" but to us of today, we refer to the chief mode of conveyance as the automobile--cars.

So while we do not say that the beast power has come in it's fullness as yet--those people are taking the "mark" today; but as we have preached for some years back, and as has always been our policy, with all due respect to the powers that be, that many things have, and now are transpiring, that are, in our feeble understanding of God's Word, only stepping-stones leading up to the genuine. And for this reason alone, have we felt like warning God's people, especially, to be careful along the line. We all realize, or should, how that "one step leads to another;" and in view of the fact, that some easy ways of getting by have been held out to the people; and on the other hand, most every way you turn, we are faced with government rules, regulations, and restrictions, most all of which necessitates a "signing up" if one participates, or in cases, allowed to operate--all of which only stands out to the spiritually minded as a shadow, or type, of that which is to come. For instance, when the time has come when the farmer can no longer raise wheat on his own farm, sell the surplus, have bread-stuff ground for his family, etc., without having signed-up, so-to-speak--having a "card," and so on--just what are we to think of such, only as pointing to something? Just what would we call such procedures in Europe?

So when we see, or hear of, professed saints of God standing in the "commodity line," with a sack under their arm, awaiting their turn; or having "signed up" on some "easy money" proposition; or possibly to some deal that curtails personal liberty, etc., then we can get another thought from the text--"Shall He find faith on the earth?"

Saints had just as well make up their mind that the world is not going to provide a way for them to get their well-being, right down to the end, unless they come the way of the world. So then danger for them lies in their step-by-step partaking, until when the fateful hour arrives, it may catch them unawares, as well as unprepared--they have indulged so long, and felt they "got by"--then at the really crucial moment, they, if not careful, will still "see no harm" in the thing!

Some may say, "Well, what is one to do? I've got to do this and that," to make a living for my family?" Well, when the real comes, will somebody yet be looking for an excuse? Hasn't God power today? Some have come this far with God, and have not "signed up" to a thing! If God can keep a few, can't He as easily keep many? Let us remember that David, though dead, yet speaketh--"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Psa. 37: 25.) And we are afraid some of you will not like our next thought--but with many, they look to earthly physicians in sickness; to the government for "daily bread;" to the burial association in death; and some, to a life insurance policy to care for their family after they are gone, whereas God tells us through Jeremiah (Con't. on page 11.)
THE GREAT "BLACK OUT"

The suddenness with which our nation has been plunged into war---just some three days ago we were of an entirely different feeling---reminds of just about how another event is going to come to pass some day---and that is, when the sixth seal is broken (Rev. 6:12-17.), wherein the world will not be shocked by the ruthless act of some aggressor nation, but by a heavenly phenomenon never before seen, and preceeded by an earthquake of universal proportions---when this old earth shall rock to and fro, from pole to pole, as a drunken man staggereth in walk, the violence of the shock so great as to level mountains, and cause islands of the sea to be moved out of their places! then the sun suddenly becomes black as sackcloth of hair---think how dark!---it's warmth-giving rays to no longer gladden the heart of man, or invite little flowers from the cold earth in spring time! the moon becoming as blood---it's mellow glow gone forever! the stars, also, which have been the child's delight, and which have guided the mariner by night on the boundless ocean---these shall fall from their orbits, to no longer jewel be-deck the great canopy of the heavens---never again will one guide a group of lowly shepherds, or pilot a company of wise men, to where a little babe, in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger, has come to bless the world---if they would but let Him in! Picture all of this in it's gruesome horror, yet the saddest of all is yet to be portrayed---think now of business houses, office buildings, factories, shops, and homes of every description; yea, the theaters, godless road houses, schools, colleges, and Christless churches---think of all these as pouring their screaming multitudes out into the streets, and into the highways, as panic breaks out, and the universal cry bursts forth from the lips of the unsaved of every walk of life---the rich, the poor, the learned, the illiterate---all alike---as they ask for the "rocks and the mountains" to fall upon them, to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand!"

Think of the horror of such a scene that is to be enacted throughout the entire world, as the sinner and the ungodly come to the end of the way---LOST, LOST, FOR EVER! ---without hope; and without God! but NOT without warning!

So just as suddenly, beloved, will the horrible events pictured in this scripture above, take place some day, as did the enemy strike at our own country a few days ago, and with much less expectancy, so far as sinful man is concerned; yet God's people are, or should be, on the alert, well knowing the truth of the scriptures, and fully aware of the time in which we are living---the last days!

In the event pictured above, may we not imagine the anxiety of man as never before, as the radio, and the telegraph, are possibly attempted to be brought into action, incidently for the last time, to flash news around the world, or to gather reports from elsewhere---anxious to know how far reaching is this great catastrophe! For one time, science will fail to quet the fears of the people; for ALL time will the arrogance of the proud cease; forever will the boastful man be silenced; suddenly will the man of wealth be worse off than the righteous pauper! Much is said of "black'outs" in these days of aerial warfare; but dear ones, these temporary hours of darkness for towns and cities in danger zones, now sorry to say, in even our own beloved America, are in no minute comparison to the time that will be, when the great God of Heaven looks down at the end of His tolerance on a world steeped in abominable sin and shame---a world that has rejected offered mercy, and would none of His reproof, but who are saying by the millions, of His Son, as on that day when He stood before Pilate ---"Away with him; let him be crucified," etc.---no, they don't care for Him today---when that fateful hour arrives wherein man's own choice has brought about his destiny---then will a Just God, the creator of the heavens and the earth, and of man in His own image, order a "BLACK OUT" that will convince sinful man that He, after all, was the God of the Bible! Amen.

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

"And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer!" (Rev. 10:5-6.)

Though we may not be versed in the depths of prophecy; we may not understand all mysteries, nor have all knowledge, as pertaining to deep Bible subjects---but there's one thing easy to learn, and that is. It's going to take a clean life, if we make it through to Glory!
BROTHER McNABB

George Washington McNabb, son of Dave and Emma McNabb, was born in Jasper county, Missouri, on August 4, 1888. He departed this life in a fatal accident in his coal pit, near Catoosa, Okla., on October 10, 1941, at the age of 53 years, 2 months, and 6 days.

His mother passed away when he was but thirteen months old. At the age of ten years, he came with his father to the then, Indian Territory, making his home with his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Sites, near Catoosa. On September 2, 1911, he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Ellen Francis. To this union was born two sons, Frank, and Elmer (Bud) McNabb.

He was converted in the Apostolic Faith Holiness Church in the summer of 1921, and to which faith he held unto the end.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, two sons, five grandchildren, one sister---Mrs. Lizzie Sites, and a brother, William McNabb, all of near Catoosa, Okla.; and another brother, Wesley McNabb, of Salinas, Calif.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services, in the presence of a large concourse of people, were conducted in the High School Auditorium, in Catoosa, by Bro. Jimmie Ford, of Coweta, Okla., and assisted by Bro. P. A. Henggar, of near Ramona, Okla. Interment was made in Timber Ridge cemetery, beside that of his father.

Bro. McNabb was a man of advice---never being too busy, or too burdened, to listen, and to give advice along spiritual lines. His last advice was to a young minister working in the pit, and by his side at the time of the accident. It was: "Go for God. Let nothing get in your road---money, or job, or any such like; but go for God."

We of New Hope church, near Inola, Okla., can express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones over the loss of our kind friend, and to his family, and to all who knew him during his long and faithful ministry.

SISTER CLAWSON

Sister Sarah Ann Clawson, wife of Francis M. Clawson, passed away at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Paul Pollard, in Wilburton, Okla., on Tuesday evening, October 28, 1941, following a short illness.

Sister Clawson, who was a pioneer citizen of Wilburton, had moved there with her husband and family on December 30, 1898, was 85 years, 10 months, and 1 day of age, at the time of her passing. She was a native of Crawford county, Arkansas, and was born on December 27, 1855.

On October 28, 1877, or exactly 64 years, to the day of her death, she was united in marriage to her now bereaved husband, and to which union were nine children born, two of whom preceded her in death.

For many years she had been a consecrated Christian, of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith. The late Bro. E. A. Buckles was a son in law.

Those left to mourn the passing of this dear loved one, include her aged and feeble husband; four daughters: Mrs. Paul Pollard, of Wilburton, Mrs. E. A. Buckles, of Mulberry, Kans., Mrs. Roy Bowman, of Drumright, Okla., and Mrs. Murt Patterson, now of Leesville, La.; three sons: Frank, of Lake Charles, La., and Walter and Lark, both of Wilburton; forty-seven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one sister: Mrs. N. E. Widders, of Fayetteville, Ark.; and two brothers: J. M. Burnett, of Little Rock, Ark., and Chas. Burnett, of Tahlequah, Okla., Also, many other relatives and friends.

All of her children, and one brother, J. M. Burnett, were in attendance at her funeral, which was conducted by Bro. J. H. Sut­miller, in the home of the daughter, Mrs. Pollard, in Wilburton, on Thursday afternoon, October 30. Burial was made in the Rutie cemetery.

SISTER NORVELL

Emma Elizabeth Sansing was born on November 19, 1871; departed this life November 21, 1941, at the age of 70 years, and 2 days.

She was united in marriage to Thomas D. Norvell in 1890, and to this union was born seven children, all of whom survive her. They are: Mrs. Miles Dees, Mrs. Rupert Roberts, Mrs. Oren Bryant, Charlie, Clarence, and Bigie Norvell, all of Harrison, Ark., address, and Ernie Norvell, of Kansas City, Kans.; also eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Columbus Sansing, of Harrison, Ark.; and a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her departure.

Sister Norvell united with the Methodist church a number of years ago, but later in life affiliated herself with the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, and continued a devoted Christian life until the end, leaving the testi­mony behind that she was ready to go, and was only awaiting the summons to a better Land, where pain and suffering were unknown.

She was loved by all who knew her, and was a kind and loving mother; and a friend to all. We feel that our life was made the better by having known her.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. T. B. Usery, of Lead Hill, Ark., on the afternoon of Saturday, November 22, at the chapel of Milam cemetery, near Harrison, Ark., and with burial at that place.

A friend,

Mrs. Glennie EDMUNSON.
DELAY IS DANGEROUS

A lot of people professing salvation, but who have never as yet received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, yet for some years past having professed they wanted the experience, remind us of the old story of the grasshopper who merrily danced and sang all through the nice warm summer months, but when the chilly wintry winds blew, and the ground frozen, he went to beg food from the busy little ant, who, through the summer season had been diligent to gather, and store away, ample supplies for the long winter ahead, but he was refused! This, in turn, helps us to think again, of Matthew 25:1-13, wherein the five foolish virgins neglected obtaining that extra supply of oil in time, and when the crucial moment arrived, found themselves unable to go forth with the others to meet the Bridegroom—their lamps had GONE OUT! and they, too, were denied this necessity of those who had been careful to prepare themselves against that day! But the original warning thought we have in this respect at this time is, not that saints just be ready to meet the Lord at His coming, by having the genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost in their lives—that “oil in their vessel” (Matt. 25:—a plainly taught Biblical requirement in our lives, if we are able to meet the Lord in the air—but our mind at this time goes to the possibility of what saints of God are liable to have to face before long, in being brought before kings and rulers, etc., for a testimony for the Lord, in view of the grave situation now facing us here in America, as well as the rest of the world. If there ever was a time when men and women—young and old—need the real power of God in their lives, it will be in such time! We are told in Luke 12:11-12,

“And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

“For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.”

Truly, the baptism of the Holy Ghost is an enduement of power from on high—not only to preach the Gospel, and to witness for the Lord, but to do so with boldness, thank God, e’en though one be in the very shadow of a cross! Think of the grace of Stephen, in the moments just preceeding his death—he was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost; and he not only faced a martyr’s death, but asked God to not lay such sin against his tormentors! Then let us remember the boldness and determination of the apostle Paul—how that he pressed on toward Jerusalem, well knowing that “bonds and afflictions” were awaiting him there; and from there on to Rome, where, according to history, he at last gave his life for the Lord. While before the various rulers, he could always with boldness, and a convincing manner, witness for the Saviour.

Yes, beloved, we need this blessing in our lives—an experience God has provided for His people, equipping them as better witnesses and ministers, and also giving them power to stand in the face of the trying times of these last evil days. And we fear, that if not careful, there will be some precious souls go through the “summer months” of peace and security, and then come down to the “wintry blasts” of trials and persecutions, not having provided for that day—wanting the blessing in their lives, but not having been “hungry” enough to earnestly seek for the same. Well, one good way to create hunger in the natural, is to roll up one’s sleeves, so-to-speak, and get to work! and without doubt, a like effort in the spiritual would bring about corresponding results! God tells us James 4:8, to draw nigh to Him, and He will draw nigh to us; but this no doubt, will never be accomplished by brief seasons of heartless prayer! If people ever get any where with the Lord, they are going to have to get in intense earnestness before God—engage in some prevailing prayer—determined enough to do some fasting and praying to get through to the experience! Amen.

WISDOM NEEDED

In serious times such as are now facing our own country—a state of war declared to exist between the United States and Japan—saints of God usually suffer persecution, more or less, regardless of how careful they are to show a Christian spirit in such matters. But sometimes the remark, or action, of the fanatical, overzealous, or otherwise unbalanced professor, will cause real saints of God to have to suffer unnecessarily, because the world, not knowing the difference, is prone to judge ALL—professed holiness of an Apostolic or Pentecostal name—as being the same. Therefore, our advice to both the ministry, and the lay-members is, that each of us be careful to main—

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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 that the very same Gospel in its purity and fullness as was delivered by Paul, and the other apostles, to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


Restoration is godly sorrow for sin. 2 Cor. 7:10.


**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 17:15, 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 7:38, 39; 14:15, 16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8. And when the believers 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 housewife 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.


**THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—**The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going away. 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 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 in Jordan. Matt. 3:15, 16, 28:19. Acts 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, you 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.


Upon authority of Matt. 24:6-8, by virtue of recently past, and now current events, the world has already entered into the "beginning of sorrows," or the great tribulation period, which is to be climaxed by the three 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 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 4:11. Note Isaiah 11:1-12; 65:17-25; Hosea 2:18; Zech. 14:3, 9; 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. 20:11-16.

**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. The wicked 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.


**RESTITUTION—**The Blood of Jesus will never atone for any sin that we can make right. We must have conscience void of offense toward both God and man. Restitution means making the thing right wherein we have wronged our fellow man, whether it be paying back, or paying for, stolen articles, setting free for good a product obtained by fraud, etc.; paying up old debts, returning things owed, etc. Ezek. 34:14-16. 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 their violation 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. Rev. 13:10. Luke 18:13-20. Hebrews 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 "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 law of the priesthood and singers, who did the work (Leviticus 19:30-34), which answers to the ministry of today. Now under grace, Jesus and Paul both speak regarding tithing. Matt. 28:29; 1 Cor. 9:14.

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 say 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 baptism. John 3:5, 6. Acts 8:12. 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 a divided and sectionalized Christianity, but that there should be but one group, and all working in harmony.

"There is one body." etc. Eph. 4:4-6.

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. -1 Timothy 4:16.

Romans 7:2, 3.
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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

We will not be able to plead "kinfolks," at the Judgment, beloved, and get by with such as an excuse for not having obeyed the Lord. Remember how that Adam tried to shift the blame off on Eve, his wife, for his first failure, away back there in the garden of Eden, but it didn't work! And we are sure that God loved His first created children just as much as He loves you and I of today.

The preacher cannot preach the FULL Gospel, unless they preach divine healing; and we are sure the individual cannot preach such unless they are practicing the same.

Much is going to be required of this generation at the Judgment. Surely we have had the Gospel preached to us in all it's purity—with an unctiion sent right down from Heaven; but how many today, are actually, you suppose, walking in all the light they have ever had?

One reason there has been so many failures in living a sanctified life, and in otherwise failing God, among so-called Apostolic Faith people is, the doctrine of sanctification has been too lightly dealt with, generally speaking; and instead of the genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost, and fire, there has been, by far, too much of a "hurrah," or plaything, made of this sacred blessing, and power, from Heaven—too many counterfeit professions! And among these, there are also those of one time good experience, who, due to the great compromise spirit now at work in the land, have failed God in some way or other. It is most sad to think of how few real saints there are any more, who are actually trusting God for their healing. You may think us wrong, but it would possibly be a good thing if hospitals were closed against holiness people (which will soon be the case, unless they backslide, and have the mark, the name, or the number of the name of the beast!), for maybe then they would get hold of God for their healing, or be deeply enough consecrated to die on the promises of God, with the victory in their souls! Now some may think we are too hard in this—no, we are not beloved—it's for your good! We hear the apostle Paul saying to the Galatian brethren (5:12), "I would they were even cut off which trouble you." And surely, easy hospitalization, encouragement by word, or example, of those who have failed, may be the cause of yet others to lose faith along the line—a hindering cause. Think. Are we to be Apostolic—the faith of the apostles—in reality, or in name only?

There is a vast difference between "imagination," and a real vision from Heaven.

The words of Paul, in Galatians 5:7, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth," is quite descriptive of many today, who one time started out straight and clean for God—looking and acting just like holiness—but for some reason they no longer present the picture of a consecrated life as they once did—they can now indulge in things they once laid aside, and seemingly not feel bad about the thing. While this condition is bad, indeed,
for themselves, but there is another great harm to be considered—the weakening influence they will have on others—young converts, or even older saints who once possibly had a battle along such lines.

We suspect that a trip or two, and that out on faith lines—for both message, and finances—would just about convince the convincible, whether or not they were called to carry the Gospel. And all that we can call to mind right now along this line, is that message of GO—"go ye into all the world," etc.—not a half dozen, or so, possibly, to sit around in a band, professing a call to the ministry, and scarcely, if ever, getting across the county line in their ministrations?!

People who seemingly can't pay the price—meet God's conditions for the experiences—but who yet try to hold on, if not careful, will later find themselves accepting a substitute doctrine—taking up with some false way; or maybe professing the blessings in the straight way without having received the genuine evidence.

We hear the apostle Paul, in Acts 20:26-27, saying to the Corinthian brethren, how that he was pure from the blood of all men, in that he had not shunned to declare unto them all the counsel of God. Preacher, will you and I have the same testimony at the close of our life in the ministry? Thus far (for over 26 years), by the grace of God, it has been our endeavor; but efforts along this line will not always bring a shout from the ranks of professed saints—no, not in every instance, by any means!

It isn't always the one who seemingly gives in the best testimony today, that will stand the truest tomorrow.

About the latest that we have heard of—and it from a holiness "professor:" Just merely swearing, lying, etc., is not backsliding—when one denies their salvation is when they backslide. This is about as rotten as have heard lately!

It is bad enough for the individual professing salvation to be in some error along the line of Christian living; but it is sometimes worse yet, when they show the wrong spirit if the preacher gets on their "toes" about it!

"MY FATHER IS THE HUSBANDMAN"
(John 15:1.)

It is comforting to think of trouble, in whatever form it may come to us, as a heavenly messenger, bringing us something from God. In it's earthly aspect, it may seem hurtful, even destructive; but in it's spiritual out-working, it yields blessing. Many of the richest blessings which have come down to us from the past, are the fruits of sorrow or pain. We should never forget that redemption, the world's greatest blessing, is the fruit of the world's greatest sorrow. In every time of sharp pruning, when the knife is deep and the pain is sore, it is an unspeakable comfort to read, "My Father is the husbandman."

Doctor Vincent tells of being in a great hothouse where luscious clusters of grapes were hanging on every side. The owner said,

"When my new gardener came, he said he would have nothing to do with these vines unless he could cut them clean down to the stalk; and he did, and we had no grapes for two years, but this is the result."

There is a rich suggestiveness in this interpretation of the pruning process as we apply it to the Christian life. Pruning seems to be destroying the vine, the gardener appears to be cutting it all away; but he looks on into the future and knows that the final outcome will be the enrichment of it's life and greater abundance of fruit.

There are blessings we can never have unless we are ready to pay the price of pain. There is no way to reach them save through suffering. —Dr. Miller. (Iowa Latter Rain.)

Dr. Alexis Carrell, of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, who is perhaps the greatest medical scientist of the day, says that a negative attitude towards miracles can no longer be sustained. He even testifies to the reality of the healing of organic diseases by prayer, including cancer; and that, under strict medical supervision.

In the light of such evidence concerning the factual reality of miracles today, how can people reject the Bible on the grounds that it records miracles which happened long ago?

Just as medical science is endorsing the reality of Bible miracles, even so is the science of archaeology all the while confirming beyond the shadow of doubt, the truth of Old Testament history. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," declares the Saviour, "but my words shall not pass away." —Australian Evangel.
TAKING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," as recorded in Deut. 5:11, is an age-old commandment-text well known to millions—past, and present; but we wonder if it has been correctly interpreted, in every instance, all down the ages?

To begin with, it has been generally conceded that "swearing," or cursing, involving God's name, was "taking His name in vain." This is true, alright; but we are made to wonder if there are not OTHER WAYS whereby His good name is not uttered in vain—and that from the lips of those sometimes professing, even holiness; and who, by virtue of their profession, would hardly be heard on the street corner, so-to-speak, cursing and swearing, as the world in general, but nevertheless, get so "stirred," sometimes, that they can practically "grit" their teeth, and in a high-lipped manner say, "BLESSED God," in about the same spirit that the out-and-out sinner would use God's name, only they are honest enough to use the plain expression—not substituting the poorly camouflaged expression of adoration, "Bless," for that little two-lettered implication meaning something else!

For illustration, we heard the true story of the professed holiness parent, who, in having a little difficulty with his son, said: "Bless God, I'll conquer you, if I have to knock your ears down!" We are most sure there would be no "BLESSING" to God in such inhumane treatment of his child, aside from the falsehood he told in his unspiritual threat!

SIMMONS, TEXAS

November 26, 1941.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and Readers of the paper:

Just felt lead to write a few words concerning how we saints are yet going on for God down here at Simmons, Tex. Just a few here, in number; but we still want to stand true to Jesus, and do all we can towards the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

We have services each Saturday and Sunday night. Bro. George Melton is our pastor. We would like a good revival here. So if any among the three-fold plan ministers, of Biblical reputation, feel led to come this way, they will surely be welcomed.

Am sending a little offering to help further the Gospel.

Glad this morning for old-time salvation. Know that I could not be happy without Jesus. Am so glad that I heard an old time preacher tell the whole story about John 3:16, which I gladly accepted.

I feel the time will soon come when no one can work for Jesus. So dear ones, let us be up and about our Master's work while we can.

Please pray for me, that I may stay at my post of duty until Jesus comes or calls.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Ida Mae Cook.
Simmons, Texas.

MADISONVILLE, KY.

October 7, 1941.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all the saints;

Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus:

Just want to send in a few words of testimony this morning. I truly thank the Lord for His wonderful plan of salvation. I'm so thankful for the goodness of God; and that on the 15th of this month, eight years ago, God had mercy upon me, and saved me from a life of sin and shame; sanctified me with His own precious Blood; and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I am not ashamed of the Blessings. Oh, how I praise God for true holiness! and so glad that I feel established in the faith, If I know my heart this morning, I love the Lord above everything in this world. He is a friend in every time of need; One on whom we can depend upon in these evil days, and can find in Him a Friend in every trying hour. Oh! I wouldn't exchange the deep settled peace I can feel right now in my soul, for ALL this world, for some time heaven and earth shall pass away, but God has taught us that His word would stand forever. Glory to God!

Dear saints, we are made to wonder, when we see so many things perpetuated in the name of holiness. So I ask each of you to pray that I will be a true example for others, for we are always an example either way we may take it—bad or good. Therefore, I do want to be a true one. So pray for me, that I'll stand for God wherever I may be.

Enclosed you will find $2.00 tithes to help support the little paper—or for whatever you may need it most in the work of the Lord.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. T. H. Whitfield.
108 Spur Dist. Co.,
Madisonville, Ky.

Esau lost more in a moment of time, than he EVER COULD regain! No wonder we are warned in the Bible of his sad plight—"Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright." (Heb. 12:16).
Wisdom Needed
(Con't. from page 5.)

tain among ourselves, a perfect Christian spirit in our preaching, testimony, or everyday conversation, as pertains to national affairs, which thing is the plain teaching of the Bible, and which consideration has always been observed by the thoughtful and careful among us. During the beginning of world troubles, in the then World War, many of God's people had to suffer real persecution for nothing more than their desire to adhere to the principles of religion as laid down to us by the Saviour's teaching in His sermon on the Mount, as well as other clearly outlined exhortations and commands given us throughout the New Testament scriptures dealing with hatred, strife, etc., towards our fellow man, and for which observance, the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives all religious people the freedom to follow. But during that war, there were those of some professed holiness faith, who no doubt made derogatory remarks about the government, officials, etc., which was wholly unChristian, and possibly helped to stir up feeling against the sincere within the ranks of true holiness. So we surely need to be careful, beloved. In doing this, we do not infer that one should compromise in evading the truth on Bible lines; but let us be careful to stay on the Bible side of ALL questions, then if the time comes when true Christianity has to suffer for righteousness sake—and it has under many circumstance, all down the ages—those affected can bear the cross in much more faith and confidence in the God of their salvation, if their conduct and action has been of true Christian spirit, having the testimony of Daniel, of old—"forasmuch as before him (God) innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt". (Dan. 6:22.)

Real Christianity is not subversive, though if not in accord, many times, with demands made upon it. Jesus suffered in silence. Paul made apology when he realized he had wrongfully addressed one in authority. Stephen asked God not to lay the charge of his death to his tormentors. Amen.

We are glad for one thing, beloved—above the roar of battle, the din and turmoil of a confused, and muddled world, that God is yet on His throne, and can, and will, hear the faintest cry of the least among His true children!

Our sentence is, that those who have a message from God to deliver, had better be about the Master's business, for truly the night cometh, when no man can work.

Out of the terrible chaotic condition of the world today, there are two Biblical events to arise—the re-formation of the old Roman empire, which will again rule the world for a given period of time under absolute dictatorship; and that of the formation of the Jewish nation once more—the restoration of Palestine, with Jerusalem as their beloved capital again—may God speed THAT day!

Possibly the dark days now facing us, will cause some professed saints to think more seriously on their spiritual fitness before God, than many of the heretofore Gospel messages preached in their hearing, and by them, so lightly considered—ignored!

GEORGE WEST, TEXAS

October 19, 1941.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

I just want to send in a few words of testimony this evening for my blessed Saviour. I surely am thankful for what He has done for us.

I am still saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost; and expect to go all the way with my Saviour. So glad that we can go to Him in our troubles.

I thank the Lord this evening for the precious way of holiness. Glad that it will cause us to lay aside everything that is unlike God. It will make us talk right, and dress right.

Thank God this evening for our little band of saints at Simmons. Surely are having some wonderful services. The Lord does truly bless. Realize that we are weak and unworthy. Pray that we will do just what He would have us do.

I expect to see my blessed Saviour face to face, some glad day. Have been in the holiness way for about 30 years, and thank God, it just gets better all the time. Praise the dear Lord.

Husband is pastor here at Simmons. Also, remember him in prayer, that he will do the Lord's will above all.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Geo. Melton,
R 1. Box 73.
George West, Texas.

When the Bible speaks of "true holiness," in Ephesians 4:24, it is only evidencing the fact that there is a "false" brand, which thing is easily discernable, if we will but take the time to look around a bit—yes, far more of that brand, than of the genuine!
Shall He Find Faith?
(Cont. from page 2.)

the prophet: “Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in me.” (Jer. 49:11.) So we are glad that God is yet the God of the Bible—the poor man’s Friend—our All in All, if we will only take Him for such; nevertheless, Satan has invented many ways to draw people away. Therefore, when the Saviour comes—and His coming surely draweth nigh—and this is evidently just another sign—
“Shall he find faith on the earth?”

Then in conclusion, let us try and get the lesson the Saviour is trying to teach us just preceding the words of our text, wherein the poor widow did not give up in her petition to the unjust judge to avenge her of her adversary, but “held on” until she got her request! the Saviour then pointing out how that God would hear the cries of His people, “which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them”—that He “will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” or, in other words, after promise, precept, and example, that God hears and answers prayer, shall He, in possibly the simply trying of our faith, or the prophetic battle with the enemy in the last days, find us deliberately holding on in prayer, through faith believing—choosing rather to die on the good promises of God, than surrender to the forces of unbelief—shall he find us with the testimony of Job of old, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him” —that’s the kind of faith God is looking for in our lives—that’s the kind that will bring the victory (To first col. last page.)

“SOAP AND WATER”

When reading such scriptures as Matt. 23:25-27; Mk. 7:1-8; and Luke 11:39, if not careful, we might get the impression that Christ condemns our cleaning up the outward appearance before going into the house of worship. We must not fail to take into consideration the circumstances surrounding the instances referred to above.

If we will go back into Leviticus, and read some of that law, we will find that Moses was very particular in commanding the people to be clean; and instructed the priests to clean their body and their robes with water before going into the most holy place to commune with God.

The Pharisees were like so many people of today—they had followed the traditions and formal ceremonies of their own sect, until they had come to believe (or at least they seemed to believe) that through the washing of their hands and robes, and cleaning the “outside of the cup,” they could save themselves. This was what Christ was condemning in the above scriptures.

I am sure it is entirely possible for men and women to dress themselves “too starchly” (if Brother Bond will forgive my using his expression) to please God; however, I am just as sure that Christ is not pleased with us, when we go to church “dirty,” or in any manner that will bring reproach upon His good cause. (Amen! —Ed.)

Paul, in one of his letters to the Corinthians, said:
“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

There have been many sermons preached against snuff and tobacco, and other forms of “filthiness of the flesh,” and I am not going to try to take any thing from them. We know that tobacco is “nasty,” and that the Holy Ghost will not long dwell in a temple that is defiled with such filth; however, there are many other ways in which we can defile the temple; and I feel that one of those ways is to go about dirty, and dressed in filth!

It grieves my heart for people to get up, and in their testimony say they “love the Lord, and are trying to do His will, and walk in His pathway,” while maybe at that very time they are so dirty you can hardly sit next to them in church; and possibly those little children with which God has blessed their home, have not had a bath in weeks!

I am sure if we take care to see that the “inside of the cup is clean,” the “outside” will take care of itself, if we will be faithful to apply the soap and water, in the proper amount, at the proper time!

I know some will say that “So and So” received the baptism of the Holy Ghost when perhaps they had dirty hands, or clothes. Yes, possibly so; but if on the extreme—you know our thought —I expect God intends for them to “clean up,” just the same as though there might have been other short-comings in their lives, in the which He expected them to measure up.

If any are guilty of bringing reproach on the good name of the Lord by going about in an offensive manner, let them not become offended at these few words along this line, but the rather get alone with God somewhere, and talk it over with Him, and learn all that Paul meant when he said, “Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit.” Amen.

Jack Sullivent, Box 324. Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Note: In the above, somebody may feel as the story told of the colored sister in bad—“That man’s dun quit preachin, an gone to meddlin!” But, our Amen! —Ed.
---the kind that will take us through! So when poverty stares in the face; when sickness and disease overtakes; or when persecution arises for the Word's sake, then's the time to tighten your grip, beloved--hold on with a confidence firm. Remember, God is on the other end of the line! Live right, and Heaven is ours!

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Ephesians 6:13.)

"Shall be faith on the earth?" If we don't live it, we can't have it, nor preach it, can we? Amen.

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OFFICE NOTES

DECEMBER 17, 1941.

Bro. Pete Thrasher, pastor at Zinville, Okla., reports about fifteen saved in a recent revival conducted there by Bro. Wilson Henegar, and helpers.

Work has begun (some weeks ago) on the Tabernacle on the Camp Meeting grounds, near Stilwell, Okla. This is another reminder about OUR pledges!

In view of the perilous times now confronting us, one never knows what a day may bring forth. However, it is our intention, by the good help of the Lord, to continue on in the publication of the little papers just as long as we can. Already do we feel anxious to get started on next issue of A. F. M. As for the material side, news print paper, due to war conditions, is most sure to advance in price, as well as become scarce. Already is the government admonition to business concerns, about conservation of waste paper—not to burn it.

Wife, Genell, and myself, plan to visit several of the churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Arkansas, the Lord willing, during the holiday season, as well as call in the homes of saints and friends.

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Bro. Wayne Bateman, of Stilwell, Okla., was in a few services in Springfield, Mo., last week. Bro. P. A. Henegar was in services with the saints at both Oak Grove (near Stilwell, Okla.), and Gray's Point, near Morrow, Ark., while helping on the Tabernacle construction, just recently. . . . Bro. Jas. Moon closed a revival at Van Buren, Ark., a short while before Thanksgiving (old), and Sisters Goldine Claunch and Jessie Ann Deweese, (Y. M.), started another meeting there after the holiday. Sr. Chrystal Claunch, pianist, was with them. . . . Bro. Ottis Green reports being in a meeting at Stilwell, Okla., prior to Dec. 7. Bro. Claudius Blevins was back at Mulberry, Kans.—possibly for the winter. Bro. Gordon is one of our good young ministers; and Sr. Deloris plays the guitar and sings. . . . Understand Bro. B. R. Moon, pastor at Stilwell, Okla., was to go to Oklahoma City, for a meeting, some week or ten days ago. . . . A new son—Arthur Dale— to Bro. and Sr. Wheeler, on December 6. Nine and one-half pounds. . . . Bro. Wheeler and family expect to move to Lone Star Dist., near Anderson, Mo., Rt. 2, after Jan. 1. D. V. . . . Sacrament services and feet washing at Branson, Mo., on Sunday night, Dec. 7. Bro. Pierce, of Forsyth, Mo., is pastor.

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Revival At Boyd

Bro. Ussery, of Lead Hill, Ark., was with us at Boyd school house, near here, in a two weeks revival which closed Sunday night, Nov. 30. While the visible results was not as much as all would liked to have seen—only one claiming to have gotten through—yet we are impressed to call it a successful meeting, in that God wonderfully blessed Bro. Ussery in preaching the good, straight, clean Gospel, which caused both shouting, and feelings otherwise! Amen. There was conviction on the people. All had a chance to seek the Lord. A real feast to the soul. We could have sat through a few more weeks of such good preaching. To God be all the glory. Amen.

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Killed In Accident

We were terribly shocked, and tearfully saddened, when we were informed a few days ago of the death, in a car accident near Abilene, Tex., of Corp. Teddy Kupsick, of Tahlequah, Okla., on early Saturday morning, Dec. 6, as he and a soldier companion, also of Tahlequah, were returning to their army post in Texas.

Many among the saints will remember his parents, Bro. and Sr. Kupsick, of Tahlequah, Bro. Kupsick, or Bro. "Teddie," as he was so affectionately known to many, passed on to be with the Lord, some years ago. Sr. Kupsick, with the other children, save the eldest, a son, resides on the old home place near Tahlequah.

Always known to us as "Little Teddie," he was 25 years of age, married, and one or two children; had a host of friends in Tahlequah; and well liked, and of good report among the army boys—those under his command. He was a Corporal in Company M, 150th Infantry Regiment, enlisting in the National Guard in September, 1938.

May the dear Lord bless and comfort those of his loved ones who mourn. There are five sisters, and three brothers.

We shall always remember his kindness and thoughtfulness of us.

"I'm afraid they're deeper in the scripture, than they are in the Lord." ---Bro. Ussery.

Just 18 days from this date, until Young People's Convention, at Drumright, Okla. Let all who can, go!