BIBLE PERFECTION

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48.

The mere mentioning of "perfection" as pertaining to a Christian experience, is counted next to blasphemy by many claiming to be Christians themselves! But the above text, spoken by the Saviour Himself, and addressed to His disciples—saved people—by way of commanded exhortation, in that well-known, and oft quoted by all Christian denominations, "sermon on the mount," is neither preposterous, nor a thing incredible; but is as much a Bible doctrine, and teaching, as is John 3:16, or any other scriptural portion.

To begin with, let us turn to the words of Paul, in Hebrews 6:1-2—

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

"Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

In this, and the few verses following, it is plain that the apostle is referring to backsliding—that for us to get to a place before God where we can stand, and not be forever getting into something, and having to repent out! and concludes with the grim warning against "falling away" after having received the Holy Ghost in our lives. He makes it plain in the two verses above, that God would have us to be established in Christian living and doctrine. Not as some, saved today, and backslid tomorrow; standing on Bible doctrine today, and then on the compromise, or following off after some erroneous teaching on the morrow. God wants us to be perfect—dependable.

Just What Is "Perfection?"

Some might want to know, "Just what is 'perfection' from a Biblical standpoint?" It is just what the word implies in any other form of usage—without fault; only in this particular sense—before God. So far as the world is concerned, no individual has, in it's estimation, lived a perfect life—not even the Saviour—they crucified Him as a impostor; they branded Him as being "a gluttonous man, and a winedrinker, a friend of publicans and sinners!" But God deals personally with His own, and knows when they are pleasing Him. He said to Abraham on this wise, "walk before me, and be thou perfect."

God knew it couldn't be lived as such in the eyes of the world; but He knows the hearts of His people, and when they are doing—His complete will. The person may be doing the very thing God wants them to do, and as a result, the Devil will roar—people will make remarks, say hard things, falsely accuse, and maybe go so far as to persecute bodily; but such never alters the reality of a perfect life before God—in His estimation.

"And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." (Rev. 14:5.)

How Is It Attained?

"How do we attain to a state of perfection before God—is it an instantaneous work of grace?" we may ask. The answer would be, Yes, and, No. In Hebrews 10:14, we read: "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Here we note the connection between sanctification and perfection—that perfection is associated with a sanctified life. Then as sanctification is an experience that brings us into a definite condition of holiness before the Lord, and then comes that "growth in grace”—not "into" it, as many try to believe—even so it is with perfection (which, after all, is just another name for a sanctified life, when lived as God intends for us to live it)—we must grow along the way, if we would ever bear the proper fruit thereof. We hear Paul again, in Philippians 3:12-16—

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, that if I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one
thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

"Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

"Nevertheless, where we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

Here Paul is referring to perfection as experienced in his life—he was yet "following after"—going on—not stopping, and saying, "Now I am perfect"—such would have sounded boastful; but he was continually "reaching forth" for the things that lay before him—though he did feel his completeness in God's will, yet he realized that to maintain that standing with God meant for him to not stop, and settle there, but to be as though he had not attained there-to—but to keep pressing on.

Though we may right now have a deep "Amen" in our hearts to God's will, and possibly doing all we know to do for Him—walking in all the light that has been shed across our pathway, doing so with a perfect heart—gladly—willingly—yet there will always be deeper depths, and higher heights, for us to attain to, so long as we are in this Christian life. We will always have lessons to learn, new experiences in self-denial, etc.; so at this point we get the thought of how that perfection also means our "pressing on to perfection!" and we are quite sure the individual who is "thus minded," will be about as free from the things of this world, and as deeply consecrated to God as was Paul; and which thing is not at all impossible, if we only have a genuine experience in old-time sanctification, and then walk in the light thereof—not some of the "stream-lined" experiences of these fast days, wherein they couldn't tell you anything they had to do to get the "blessing," neither could they tell you anything in reality that it did for them! They might say, "Well, I know I'm sanctified." Any body could have that for a testimony; but the Bible declares, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Therefore, if many, today, looked and acted less like the world, they would appear more like they were sanctified!

So in a word, perfection before God only means that place we may have reached in his sight, wherein we love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as our self, as we are taught in His Word; and having reached this point, and now pressing on in such, striving daily for a continual yet closer walk with Him—what more would He require of His children? In the world, 100% is a perfect score. With God, it would be no less!

Let us not associate perfection with the unreasonable. Our text in no manner implies that we be as perfect as God—but merely that we be perfect in OUR sphere of Christian living, even as God is perfect in HIS existence! If the Bible teaches any thing at all, it teaches a life of perfection for God's people. Jesus died that we might attain it. In Hebrews 7:19, we hear the apostle Paul speaking in this very respect. He says: "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God." And Jesus was that "better hope," thank God. Then as above, let us not associate the thought with the unreasonable; but let's remember that to make simple mistakes is human. Paul used wrong judgment one time in not allowing himself to be more burdensome to a certain church. He asked their forgiveness for the same. (And churches today some times are "spoiled" in this very respect.) Yet Paul's heart was still right in the sight of God. (Note 2 Cor. 12: 13.) But there is another thing for us to remember—we can't "push" every thing off as just a MISTAKE!—we hear the Bible say in James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." So if and when we begin to do the things we know are not right, we can't excuse ourself with the thought that such was just a "mistake"—the Bible has another name for it! even as Paul, again, tells us in Gal. 2:18, concerning how that, if we go back and pick up the things we once had to lay aside for the Lord—go to doing the things we once felt condemned over (and here let's be careful that we don't now term as "ignorance," that which, in that day, we was assured was spiritual reproof!) ---that to do such, makes us to become "transgressors." Such "mistakes" as these are far from Bible perfection!

So in conclusion, we demand perfection in everything else—we want our wives to be perfect ladies; wives want husbands to be perfect gentlemen; we want the old car to "hit" perfectly; the cook wants her cake to turn out a perfect cake; we admit the world is full of "perfect" sinners---so why not some perfect Christians?

"And he gave some, apostles;
and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;"
(Eph. 4:11-12.)

And again, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Note here that the apostle is referring to "them that ARE.", present tense, "sanctified," as being "perfected"—that they are in such state of completeness before God as long as they possess the Biblical experience of holiness in their lives—not those who once had the blessing, but now possibly backslid, or as far from God as they were before they made their consecration. So then, after all, a life of perfection is only a sanctified life lived in all its meaning, and fullness, before God—and that assuredly means much in the light of the Gospel.

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." (Col. 3:14.)

DARK DAYS AHEAD

Though it has been told, and re-told, yet the story bears repeating again, of the troublesome times awaiting God's people when the beast power comes to it's full, for a three and one-half years reign throughout the entire world—especially what it will mean to those who are not trusting God for their healer. When the time comes that one can't pass through the doors of the hospital can't buy a bottle of medicine at a drug store, or have a physician call at the home, except they have the proper identification—"the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"—one of the three—such will be a trying hour for somebody, when the fever is possibly raging, the pain becoming unbearable, inflammation setting up, and death apparently closing in—will we be able to stand the test—or, will we, in that crucial hour, do as often before—pray to a certain point, and then

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AN APPEAL

On account of the very unhealthful location of their present place of living, and prompted by the fact of the recent most severe illness of two in the family (many of the saints and friends are aware of the recent critical condition of both Bro. Neil, and Sr. Josephine, their eldest son and daughter, respectively, though better now, yet well by no means), and to insure them of a more comfortable place, ere the coming of extreme hot weather, some of the leading ones among the saints have taken it upon themselves to come before the saints and friends throughout the Movement, for financial aid to help secure a new location—a horse place—for Bro. and Sr. P. A. Henegar and family, and have requested that we make this appeal to you through the little paper, which we are gladly doing.

Bro. Henegar is, as you know, our Leader, and Conference Chairman; they have quite a large family, and the place where they are now living is a low, almost swampy place, with poor water facilities, and otherwise a very undesirable location—especially in times of sickness; therefore, some of the brethren have taken it solely upon themselves, feeling God was in it, to try and secure a home for them in a higher altitude, with better water, and more healthful surroundings in general. They do not fully own their present place of living—will not come into complete possession of it until in the event of the passing of Bro. John Street, Sister Henegar's father; therefore they can't trade, or sell the place to apply on another. So those launching this move are hereby appealing to the saints, and friends, everywhere—if they appreciate Bro. Henegar, his sacrifice, efforts, and devotion to God's good cause (many will also remember the blessing that Bro. Neil has been to this Movement in his ministry of prayer, music, and song—the sincere devotion of his life to the Saviour's cause), that they will send in an offering just as soon as possible to this end. Give as God lays it upon your heart to give. It has been left up to Bro. Henegar to pick the location, which will presumably be in a rural section, somewhere in the four-state area. So make your contribution soon as possible, the Lord willing. Send all offerings to

BRO. J. C. AUSTIN,
Route 2
FAIRLAND, OKLA.,

---who has been designated to care for this fund.

God bless you.  ---The Editor.
The Apostolic Faith Messenger

resort to the arm of flesh—meet the conditions, get medical aid—and, saddest of all—be lost for all eternity, for such is the doom awaiting those who "worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand," says the good Word of God in Rev. 14:9-12. So NOW is the time we had better be making up our minds to trust God—nor wait until we are so wracked with pain that we can't get our minds on the Lord, or maybe so delirious we know not what we are doing. O, yes, we know it is easy now, while we are well—no fever, aches, nor pains bothering us, to think that we will be able to trust the Lord if and when such time shall come; but let's not fool ourselves—when that time comes, it may be far different with us than it now is! As with the drug addict—when he has a good shot of morphine in his arm, all the world looks rosy—he can stand anything (he thinks); he will even promise himself, or his loved ones, while in his artificially buoyant condition, "O, yes, I'm going to quit this stuff! I'll lay it down!" But in a few hours, when it begins to die in his system—the exhilarating effect all gone, he soon begins to want another "shot" as bad, or maybe worse than ever!—and he will get it, too, if it can be obtained. Sorry to say, but having been over the road, we know whereof we speak. But thanks be unto God, who wonderfully delivered us from the habit these many years ago; and best of all, has kept us free unto this present hour. Praise His good name for ever! Amen.

So beloved, let's remember that divine healing is as much a part of the Gospel, as any other Bible teaching—why not accept it? If we have the light on it, and fail to walk in that light, means that we are failing God just that much. Then how long can we walk behind light, and feel the approval of God upon our soul? Even as the Bible declares that, "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"—even so is it with trusting God for our healer.

---NOW is the time we had better begin to have a little faith in Him who, in the atonement for our sins, also suffered—suffered—that we might be healed! "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa. 53:5.) Then what are we to do with Jas. 5:14?


DESTRUCTIVE FORCES

Looking at it from the natural, it would appear that God had for the time being, withdrawn from the earth, and left the world to its own ability, and the ravages of uncontrolled nature. It is not news to say that we are in the midst of the most disastrous war of all times, and beyond doubt, destined to grow worse, ere the end. In fact, the manner in which it is being fought, demands it be given a more appropriate name—that of barbarous butchery!

It is most beyond compare, to think of giant bombing planes, (and they must be giants!) streaking the skies in the stillness of the night, loaded with death-dealing missiles, to unload their cargoes upon the innocent, as well as what is termed the enemy.

Just think of as many as 1,500 to 2,000 TONS of bombs—some weighing as much as 8,000 pounds (4 tons!) each—"block busters," they are called—capable of destroying an entire city block—being used in a single raid on a city of thousands of inhabitants! Beyond doubt, the picture of such would be indescribable. Just think of the lives of inno vict women and children, the aged, the sick, and the helpless, that must be snuffed out in such violent attacks, perpetrated in the name of civilization; and then, think of those who escaped death, but whose broken, crippled, and maimed bodies, leave them in a condition most worse than death! Then, too, think of the millions of dollars in property damage—a minor thing, of course—that is being wrought—homes, priceless treasures, etc., being destroyed—can never be restored, or replaced. And ALL THIS on the account of sin! We wonder, if it were possible that the entire wreckage of this horrible conflict could be scrapped together in one vast pile—all the wreckage from the sea—the billions of dollars' worth of sunken ships, aircraft, food, clothing, and other incidentals of war; and then all the destruction on land—the mass of wrecked homes, factories, business houses, schools, hospitals, and churches; the wrecked trains, trucks, tanks, crashed planes, and the torn up country in general—and then top this all off with the millions of dead and dying—let the screams, the prayers, and the curses, of the affrighted, wounded, and the dying, be plainly heard again above the deafening roar of battle—we wonder what the reaction would be, if it were possible for those, both preachers and lay-members, who toy with sin, and stoutly affirm that we can't live without the thing, could look upon such a scene as this—a brief moment would do them!—and then and there have it solemnly pointed out to them, that such mass wreckage of property, human bodies, and souls, was only the finished product of the very thing they have for centuries taught the people that they could not help, but do—and that was, TO SIN! Yes, we wonder if to gaze upon a scene like that for a moment, would help them, in any wise, to reflect on the Bible teaching that Jesus came to save people from sin, and not IN the thing, thank God.

Yes, destructive forces are at work—the fruit of sin. Here in our own beloved America, we are paying the price for sin. While we boast our education, our fine churches, and other termed blessings of civil and social life, yet sin is abounding more and more on every hand. The song is sung,

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Devoted to the interests of the Church of God, of the Apostolic faith.

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, both their's and ours." — 1 Cor. 1:2.

We stand for, and endorse, the three-fold plan of salvation—that is, Justification by faith; Sanctification through the Blood (a second, definite, work of grace); and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance. Teaching for doctrine, those principles taught by the people of the Apostolic faith since the outpouring of the Spirit in the beginning of the latter rain dispensation (Topeka, Kans., 1901; Los Angles, Calif., 1906).

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"God Bless America," and never was America farther from God, in the light of the Bible teaching on righteousness, than we are today---and at that, we feel that we are a step ahead of the rest of the world! While we know it may not be socially right to call it such, but about 99% of what is seen and heard on the streets, in homes, places of business, etc., ranges from common sin, to that which is an abomination before God. One time respect was shown even the travelling public. But this barrier is fast being broken down. By travel today, means a lot to endure, with its pail of cigarette smoke, maybe drinking, and that inevitable horde of slacks-clad females, of the Jezebel type, ranging from the roaming house brand, to the high school, and socialites, with their feet manly, propped up, ingloriously puffing on their cigarettes, inhaling the smoke down into their lungs, and then exhaling it out through the nose, possibly, for decent people to have to breathe! We merely mention this one outstanding abomination before God, which, taken with all its background, is truly representative of our domestic levy; Then what have we to plead God's blessings upon?

So when we are visited by disaster, and at a time as never before, the nation feeling its need of productive resources, unparalleled in the last century, with property and crop damage into millions---the destroying floods of the past few weeks---together with other pestilences stalking the land from time to time, what else can spiritually-minded people think but what the hand of God is beginning to be lifted against sin? Yes, destruction is in the land, on the sea, and in the air; spiritual darkness is settling---the end is drawing near!

ANOTHER UNGODLY FAD
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we mean. We all preach, and so it is, that God's power is the same today. Then why do we not see more of it in evidence? I believe we have some of the cleanest people in the world, spiritually speaking, and even some of them are long time sufferers of some affliction, and have possibly been prayed for many times, and yet, no lasting results. Beloved, there is bound to be a reason. Had you never thought on what God once told Joshua--how that He (God) would not be with them (Israel) any more, except they destroyed the accursed from among them? (Joshua 7:12.) Could not this apply to us, today, as well as God meant for the camp to be clean in that day? Then if pride and immodesty is not wrong in the sight of God today, then just what is sin? And how can we expect the continued favour of God, and go on endorsing the thing His Bible is against, by our acceptance of such---allowing it in the pulpit, choir, and pew? A lesson we need to learn: It doesn't matter how loud people may shout in this life, nor how high they may leap for joy---God may be right then bearing with them over some failure---but how will it be when we come to stand before Him at the Judgment---will our life there be in conformity to His Word? Man, here below, may be accepting us just as we are; but God may be having different plans for us! Amen.

So then to the thought that has prompted these few remarks, and which we hope has not been too lightly considered:

Now another "fad" has swept the country, and we understand that holiness is again being "represented" in the ranks of the devotees of this goddess of the world. We will just say this right point-blank, the Lord's will---that the woman, saved, or unsaved, who adopts the custom, either for public, or private use, has an over amount of nerve, or an under amount of shame! One thing for sure---there is not the fear of God in evidence, as should be; nor respect for self, or for the Bible. And the thing we refer to, is the wearing of "slacks!" And "slacks" is quite an appropriate name for this latest step in feminine ungodliness---they wearers of such evidencing a great degree of slackness, indeed, when it comes to a portrayal of womanly, or maidenly, modesty. No doubt but Satan laughs with glee, every time he gets a modest sinner woman, or more especially a profess-sed saint of God, to don a pair of those things! For Shame. Of course he (Satan) has his line of "sales talk"---they are so much more comfortable, easier to get get around in, quicker to laundry, etc., etc. Yes, and so is bobbed hair --- the extreme bob --- more "convenient" to care for; but nevertheless, God intends for women to have long hair, if it does take more time to care for it, as He otherwise ordained that they be in appearance as becometh 

women---and NOT MEN! So as we heard one of our elders speaking upon an occasion, how that he got a lesson from a nurseryman, explaining that the best way to get rid of surplus limbs on a young tree, was, as soon as the "bud" appeared, rub it off with your thumb. Even so we feel that the best way to handle the encroaching "slacks fad," is to simply "nip

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in the bud," such burdensome thing that would be glad of a place among us--give all concerned to understand that we just do not intend to tolerate such--that if their job necessitates that they wear slack, that they seek other employment, or consider themselves as not one of us! Now this may sound a bit stern to not a few; but it may be a soul-saver to somebody, if carried out in the light of the Bible, for just as long as saints of God tolerate such in their midst--even allow guilty ones a conspicuous place in the services--just that much deeper hold will the thing get among us, and weaker saints be led astray; and that much more opposition be felt by the sincere man or woman of God, as they take the pulpit, to declare the Gospel in its purity.

Now some may think that we have devoted too much space to this subject; but we declare again unto you, whether it is ever believed or not, that Pride is one of the outspoken sins mentioned in the Bible; and that ungodliness is often an attribute of pride; and that these two things have caused more loss of victory among God's people, and caused it to be harder to preach the full Gospel, than has the sins of adultery, fornication, thefts, drunkenness, etc. Yet, more professed saints have fallen out with the preacher over preaching against pride, than against any other sin. Let us bear in mind this one thought--drunkenness is counted a great sin, and so it is; but there will doubtless be more souls in torment from this generation on account of pride, than by reason of drunkenness, because more have been proud, than have been drunken! Amen.

SISTER RHODA SPRAGUE

Rhoda Arvilla Thrasher, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Thrasher, was born at Goodman, Mo., on February 11, 1882. Departed this life, after having been a sufferer for several years following a paralytic stroke, at the Colorado General Hospital, in Denver, Colo., at 2:45 A.M., on April 7, 1943, at the age of 61 years, 1 month, and 26 days.

On May 13, 1901, she was united in marriage with James Ira Sprague, to which union was born ten children—nine sons and a daughter. Two sons and the daughter preceeded her in death some years ago.

She was converted at old Split Log, in McDonald county, Mo., when but a girl of 17 years, and lived a devoted Christian life unto the end. She was a faithful and loving wife and mother.


Funeral services, conducted by the Editor, and assisted by Bro. L. L. Wheeler, of near Anderson, Mo., were held at New Bethel, near Goodman, Mo., on April 12, and the remains tenderly laid to rest near those of loved ones in the near by cemetery.

Four sons, Bro. Beuford, Privatees Clifford, Warren and Lavon, together with two brothers, Virgil and Bro. Pete Thrasher, were casket bearers; and the Williams Funeral Home, of Goodman, Mo.; was in charge.

The Sprague family had made Deer Trail, Colo., their home for the past several years. And as our sympathy went out to these bereaved ones, especially did we think of that one dear boy, Corp. Howard, the last heard from in October, and was in a Pacific island; also, neither Ira J., of San Francisco, nor Pvt. Morris A., of Gulfport, Miss., were able to be at their mother's funeral. Again, may the dear Lord bless all of them. ---The Editor.

IN SYMPATHY

To Sister Minnie McPeters, of Borger, Tex., (for some years past a distributor of this little paper) and other bereaved ones, do we extend our sympathy in the passing of Sr. McPeters' aged mother at Cardin, Okla., on April 9th. It was a great source of comfort to know that her mother was a Christian, and had only gone on before to be with Jesus. Her father is also aged and feeble; and Sr. McPeters was at Cardin, caring for him. May the Lord bless each sorrowing one. ---Editor.

One thing that causes Satan to be moved with concern, is when men and women get to praying in earnest! He knows that God hears and answers such prayers!
KANSAS CITY, KANS.

May 8, 1943.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

I just want to add my testimony with others.

Am glad because I am yet serving the Lord. I want to praise Him for saving my soul two years ago, and later sanctifying, and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost.

Dear ones, I wouldn't take any thing for the experience that I have had in living for the Lord. I feel that if ever the time we needed to live close to God, that time is now. I am looking to Him, and trusting that He will keep me in the center of His will at all times. I love to live for God, and find joy and peace in doing His will. I am glad for the Holy Ghost which gives me strength to be an overcomer. This world holds no charms for me. I have no desire for the things of the world since God wonderfully saved me. Let all remember me in prayer, that I will always be found doing the will of the Father.

I sure enjoy reading the little paper.

So again, remember us when you pray.

With Christian love,
John Daniel,
921 Miami Ave.,
Kansas City, Kans.

YOUR C. M. PLEDGE

Bro. Atchley has requested that we notify whom we can in this manner, all who have not as yet paid in their Pledge toward the support of the coming Camp Meeting, to do so as quickly as possible, that supplies may be purchased while available. Do this---PLEASE!

Address:
Bro. J. F. ATCHLEY,
MORROW, ARKANSAS.

SOME GOOD FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Easter At Stilwell, Okla.

Since last issue, it has been the privilege of wife and myself to attend some good Fellowship Meetings, wherein we got to meet with many of the dear saints and friends; heard some fine messages, good testimonies, and real singing that ought to be soul food to any one. Especially do we remember the Sunday night service at Stilwell, Okla., following the Easter day services. Seems that if we could sit under such singing as we heard that night, rendered by Bro. and Sr. Points and others, accompanied as it was, with the power of God right down from Heaven—seems that if we could feed on such spiritual food as that for a while, that we might get to be like unto "Malachi's call"—"and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall;" and doubtless you know something of the evident feelings of a "stall-fed call!" Together with the good preaching in that part of the country, if people are obeying the Lord otherwise, there should be some spiritually growing saints among them. Bro. Jack Sullivant preached a good sermon that night. The Lord surely helped him. And as for the day service, it was a wonderful time in the Lord. Saints and friends gathered from many different places in the four-state area, and with local attendance, until the house was filled, and some having to stand. It was a General Fellowship Meeting, indeed. The day was spent in song, prayer, praise, and in preaching. A Bro. Hailey, of Broken Bow, Okla., brought a wonderful time of song of both regular choruses, and special quartette numbers, and some two or three hours of praise service, during which time many wonderful testimonies were given in, telling of God's power to save, sanctify, fill with the precious Holy Ghost, to keep, and to heal. Bro. J. F. Atchley also brought a timely thought in a special message, and briefly made mention of some business matters concerning the forthcoming Annual Camp Meeting; and publically launched the move to purchase a home for our Leader and Conference Chairman, Bro. and Sr. P. A. Henegar and family, as outlined elsewhere in this issue. An interesting feature of the praise service, was the good testimonies of Cherokee Indian saints who were present. The meeting ran straight through to a close, and was followed by a fine dinner, as customary, free to all, served on the church grounds, that also afforded a time of visiting, which is always a blessing within itself, when God's people, and friends, get together on such occasions. Bro. R. R. Moon is pas or; and despite the fact that several of the saints there had moved, or gone elsewhere to work, yet the remaining few, in a creditable way, by the Lord's help, arranged, and cared for the meeting throughout. May the Lord bless and prosper the work at Stilwell.

Mother's Day At Tulsa.

Despite the very discouraging prospects on account of the rain as the day dawned for the meeting at the Little Mission at 821 West First St., in Tulsa, and the apparent smallness of the crowd, yet as the day drew on, and the downpour continued on the outside, and plenty in evidence on the inside, due to an unavoidable condition—a leaky roof—-ere the mid-part of the services, the crowd had encouragingly increased, and the presence of the Lord began to be manifested in our midst; and in the end, the report is, A good Fellowship Meeting after all, much to the encouragement of the young pastor and wife. Bro. and Sr. Wilson Henegar, as well as the rest—especially those of us who were from afar to be present for the occasion (and this only included wife and myself); and Sr. Opal Ussery, of near Harrison, Ark.; together with two groups

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from Morrow, Ark. Others were there from Ramona, Yonkers, Sapulpa, and Sand Springs—from in, or near, these places.) The forenoon was given to the regular form of services—song, prayer, and praise, with Bro. Crutchfield bringing a fine message, through the power of the Lord. Then following a bountiful dinner spread on the benches inside, the afternoon was given to the preachers present, and another good service was had, the presence of the Lord in messages given, making it such. And again was our souls rejoiced in some of those special numbers in song rendered throughout the afternoon. They were fine. We prefer the manner in which this Fellowship Meeting was carried out—services in both forenoon, and in the afternoon. It seems to come nearer giving all an equal chance to obey the Lord in whatever may be upon their heart. So may it please the Lord to bless and prosper the work at Tulsa.

May 23, At White Oak.

Then was another good Fellowship Meeting enjoyed at White Oak, near Harrison, Ark., where Bro. T. B. Ussery is pastor, when saints and friends from various places in this part of the state, and those from Missouri, and Oklahoma, met on the fourth Sunday in May, to spend the day together in the worship of the Lord, and in the fellowship of His people. Incidentally, this meeting carried straight on through to a close. Many good testimonies were given in, with the power of the Lord being in evidence, and followed by a good, searching message, by Bro. J. F. Atchley, surely ordered of the Lord; and then followed by an altar service, wherein several sought the Lord for various experiences. And this was another occasion of that good singing we love so well. The saints at White Oak can sing! If you know what we mean. It will truly be wonderful, “When All God’s Singers Get Home,” as the good song says. So I want to be there, don’t you, beloved! Amen.

appreciative readers whom we had never met before. We were glad to meet them. They were from Vendor, Parthenon, and that section, in below Harrison, Ark. Yes, and another one of those fine dinners was spread on seats outside, where everybody thanked the Lord for His bountifulness toward us—and then everyone helped themselves! May God bless His people at White Oak.

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OFFICE NOTES

JUNE 2, 1943.

Bro. Norton, pastor at Van Buren, Ark., was recently in a meeting with the saints at Mulberry, Kans. No report, saving that of some good preaching, and this during early days of meeting.

Following the White Oak Fellowship Meeting, Bro. Jack Sulivent was expecting to go to Wichita, Kans., for a revival, the Lord willing.

We Are Thankful

Despite the fact that we have “dropped” several names from our mailing list, yet, together with some “renewals” among these, and new names being added all along, we will be sending out more papers this issue, than we have at any time in several years. We get many words of appreciation from our readers, for which we are thankful; and we give the Lord all the praise for the same. It has gone into the homes where it was the only source of religious encouragement outside the Bible homes where some struggling saint of God had no place to go to worship. So if our feeble effort, through its pages, helps some soul in this life, in the great battle against sin, we will feel that possibly our endeavor has not altogether been in vain.

Church Improvements

The saints at Stilwell, Okla., had nice new seats for their church building all ready in time for the Easter Fellowship Meeting. This was made possible by a loan from a generous-hearted merchant in that town. On the day of the Meeting, an offering, proposed by an outsider among the saints, amounting to $40.00, or more, was taken, to help pay for their seats. This was a fine spirit shown, all around.

Then the church at Webb City, Okla., is building a two room addition to their three-room parsonage; and, also, they are preparing to move their church building to a location adjacent to the parsonage, located on Main Street. This will no doubt give them a nicely arranged worship center. May the dear Lord prosper the work at Webb City. Sisters Ruby Steele and Isabel King are pastors there; but Sr. King has not been permitted to be there but very little of the time since taking over, due to the serious illness of her aged mother, at Ramona, Okla.

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Resigns Pastorate;

New Work At Pawhuska

Bro. Ben Benefield, for past two years, or more, pastor at Drumright, Okla., has resigned from the work there, and with his family, has moved to Pawhuska, Okla., where, with Bro. C. H. Parks, of that place, they have opened a Mission at 306 W. Main St., to which visiting brethren are invited. Bro. and Sr. Benefield and family live at 1724 West Ave., but get their mail at postoffice, General Delivery. Bro. Pete Thrasher was with them recently, in a two-weeks meeting. We hope the Lord blesses this new effort for Him. Many of the saints are acquainted with Bro. Benefield and family; and others may remember Bro. Parks, who was ordained at Camp Meeting last summer. A fine man in the Lord.
**PRAYER LIST**

**Boys In The Service**

Edwin A. Buckles
Frank McManis
Charles McManis
Walter Ede
James E. Ede
Everett Ede
Harold Wynne
Clayton Wynne
George Lacore
John B. Milligan
Roy Milligan
Frank Watson
Hoy Anderson
James Harvey McAnally
Elmer Scaggs
James Edward Harper
Aurum C. Johnson
John Dangerfield
Thomas Myers
Preston Myers
Elmer E. Emmert
Cleve Sparks
Milford Boren
Waitie Hembree
Monroe Hembree
Frank Russell
Leonard Center
Lonnie Hopkins
Luther Parker
Leonard McMain
William Collins
Golden White
James Claunch
Milford Kulp
Elmo Ingenthrone
Roy Lee Combs
Jack E. Mantothe
Woodrow Mantothe
Billy Emmert
James A. Locke
James T. Cross
Dal Allison
Marvin E. Dunlap
Raymond Lee Blewins
Leonard Wilson
Ralph Shupe
Jerome Gleason
Edward C. Evans

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**OUR RECENT TRIP**

We enjoyed a service at Sapulpa on our recent trip in Okla. It was Y. P. night; an orderly group, and a few older ones present. The pastor, Bro. Rodgers, requested that we preach, following the Y. P.'s. lesson; and can say we really enjoyed the service, giving God all the glory for the same.

Also, we enjoyed services at Tulsa, Newkirk, and Ramona, Okla., and Arkansas City, Kans. Sr. Manual, accompanied by Bro. Manual, and their family, were in a revival at Arkansas City, at the time. And one of two nights we were at Ramona, it was most like a preachers meeting --- about 9 preachers present! and a good service, with about all having something to say. The main subject being the "Church" question ---how we get into it, etc. God was surely in the meeting that night. Bro. Dees was there at the time, in a few nights services, later attending the Fellowship Meeting at Tulsa.

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**FATHERS’ DAY MEETING**

An All Day’s Meeting is announced for Sunday, June 20, (Father’s Day) at the Bro. Street Mission, northeast from Ramona, Okla., some four or five miles, to which saints and friends everywhere, are earnestly invited. May it be a day of rejoicing before the Lord; and a time of real fellowship among His people. COME!

Dinner on the grounds.
Bro. Bobby Voight,
Pastor.

Many new names on the Soldier Boys Prayer List---Keep praying for them!

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**Camp Meeting -- July 23-Aug. 1**

10 Days. 7 Miles East From Stilwell, Okla. Free Meals. Bring Bedding, Etc.