That ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.—Jude 3

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."—Psalm 46:1.

Every verse of Scripture is filled with good things; and surely the above Scripture is no exception to the rule. God is our refuge. What a wonderful statement and what assurance and hope it carries to your mind. Our refuge. A refuge is a place of protection from danger or distress. A shelter or stronghold. The writer of the Proverbs declares that "the name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." The story is told of a man who had been so enslaved to the drink habit until he sacrificed everything to satisfy his craving for liquor. A Christian man told him of Jesus and told him when the craving for drink appeared to breathe the name of Jesus. He did it and found deliverance. When the enemy presses sore upon you—when your trials seem hard to bear—the Cross seems heavy and the cares great—remember the name of the Lord is a strong tower and is your refuge. "Casting all your care upon Him for HE careth for you." No matter what the trial may be—you are safe as long as you use the refuge—the reason for many being captured by the enemy of their souls is the fact of their failure to use the refuge. God is our refuge. He's our hiding place. You do not need to defend yourself against the bullets of the enemy. God is our refuge. The Christian that has learned this glorious truth has won a notable victory over the enemy. What truth? The glorious fact that God is our refuge—a safe haven—a fortified impregnable stronghold.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." There's safety—absolute safety—in the refuge. Outside of the refuge you will be swallowed up.

God is our strength: Power to a Christian. POWER. There is an unlimited source. God is our strength. We too many times go in our own strength. We use our own resources. What we need is a recognition of the fact that God is our strength. Isaiah says, "Trust ye the Lord forever; for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." Jesus says, "Without me ye can do nothing." We are powerless without Him. But with Him is everlasting strength. Goliath, the armored giant of the Philistine army, brought consternation and dismay to Saul's army, trusting in their prowess as warriors and their physical strength. Forty days the challenge daily humiliated the Israelites. David, the herder of the "few" sheep in the wilderness, appeared on the scene. A stripling, yes in the natural—but David recognized this fact, God is our strength. Unarmed and with only his sling shot, he started toward the giant Goliath. He declared that He went in the name or strength of the Living God. Unafraid, for God was his strength, he ran to meet the giant and slew him and routed an army. We are helpless, powerless without Him. But with Him as our strength we are well able to overcome any obstacle and any battle, victoriously. The ten spies, looking through the carnal eyes, saw giants and cities walled up to heaven. The two spies, Caleb and Joshua, saw through the strength of Jehovah, walls crumbling as dust and giants as weak as grasshoppers. God is our strength.

A very present help in trouble. I would like for us to look at this statement closely for a few moments. That word "very" adds weight to the statement of fact that He is a present help in time of trouble and assures us that He is a real present help—that He is in a high degree—a present help in time of trouble—an exceedingly—in the highest sense of the term—an exceedingly present help in time of trouble. Not only is HE in the highest degree—the fullest sense—a help in the time of trouble, but a PRESENT help. Instant—at this moment. This very moment HE is an exceedingly present help in trouble. Your trouble now. This instant HE IS A VERY PRESENT HELP. Praise the Lord. I well remember one day when suddenly I was faced with the need of instant help from the Lord. I did not have time to word a prayer. I only spoke one word to the Lord and that was "protection." The

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"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."—Acts 2:4.

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Pottersville, Mo.—Enclosed find money for renewal for the Faith, as I don't want to miss one single copy. It is just like getting a letter from home, and it is truly food to my soul. I am still praising the Lord for ever saving and sanctifying and filling my soul with His Holy Spirit, praise His holy name. Pray for me and my unsaved family. May the Lord's richest blessings be on the editor and all the Faith family is my prayer.—Elta Millirons.

Just before going to press we received a request for prayer for Mrs. W H Turner, of Hong Kong China. Sister Turner has been on the Mission field over 7 years and the terrible strain in China has broken her body and she needs your earnest prayers.

Our Foreign Mission work in China is in need of Sunday School cards. We would be glad to forward your Sunday School cards to this work. Please send in Sunday School cards, either used or unused, Box 762 Okla. City.

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The Taylor evangelistic party are now engaged in a revival at Bartlett, Texas.

Rev. Dan W Evans is to conduct a series of Lectures on Revelation at Checotah for the benefit of Kings College Dec. 2-19.

At our missionary meeting in the Oklahoma City First Church it was announced and many pledged to give a Christmas gift of a dollar to the Lord to be used in Foreign Missionary work, to be given at our next missionary night. I believe this is a good thing and so we are going to pass it on to our readers. The mission fields are very needy at this time and we need to send the gospel faster. Here's the proposition: How many of our readers will send in a dollar for foreign missions as a Christmas gift? The missionaries will receive the full benefit of every dollar sent in. Just send a dollar bill or your personal check or money order for one dollar and say "Christmas gift for foreign missions." Do it now.

We'll Keep It Going.

Carthage, Miss.—I see a blue mark on my paper and that means it is out and I don't see how I can do without it, but I just haven't got the money to send in right now. I am an invalid and have to look to some one else for all the money I have and it don't come very often, but I am going to ask you to please extend my subscription for a while and I will pay all back dues. Yours, all for Jesus.

MRS. IDA GILLESPIE.

Chicotah, Okla.—I praise God tonight for the way of a true salvation. I love the Lord tonight above everything else. I want to live for Jesus and be just what He wants me to be. I am glad that I said yes to God. I am still more glad that I consecrated myself to Him and He sanctified me wholly. I am glad that I am here in Checotah and have my children and husband in King's College. It certainly is a wonderful place. When we parents send our girls there we have no fear of something being taught them that isn't right. I praise God for sending us here. We keep the boys' dormitory. We have about 30 boys and some of the finest boys you ever met. I'll tell you, brothers and sisters, if you have your children in King's College you are making a mistake, for in the worldly schools everything is taught them and they get their minds so full of poison stuff that it is hard to bring out. It makes me hungry to go when I hear the boys tell how God blesses in classes and how the power falls and they don't have to get any lessons at all. I know God has set His approval on this school. I want to ask prayer for my little 3-year-old boy that has worms so badly. They come up in his throat when he is asleep sometimes nearly choking him. Pray for me that I may get the full blessing and keep us ever true.

MRS. IRA FAHNETOCK.

Breckenridge, Texas.—I still have victory in my soul this morning. I feel like traveling on, praise God. Want to be more like Him every day. I know what it means to trust Him for soul and body. Have trusted Him for my healing for nearly six years. I want the saints to pray for the Lord to heal my side. Has been bothering me for over two years. I think it is a growth of some kind. Have been prayed for and obtained relief but not healed. I know that the Lord can heal me and I intend to trust Him. I feel so hungry sometimes to be with the saints that believe like I do. We have the finished work people here and I worship with them, but it doesn't satisfy all the time. Some are sweet and close to God, but they don't seem to have sanctification. I want to be ready when He comes. Still saved, sanctified with the Blood of Jesus. Your sister in Christ.

CARRIE HENLEY.

115 Briggs Ave, Greenville, S. C.—Beloved Saints of the West: Truly, I have much to praise God for, for His untold blessings to me, victory over sin, a clean heart, and the Holy Spirit that comforts me in every trying hour.

I am now entering in upon another term of school in the Holmes Bible School, which I count a God-given privilege, and it lies very dear to my heart. God surely bestows wonderful blessings upon any one who has the privilege of attending this Godly institute, and of hearing our dear Brother Beacham expound the word of God in the beauty of (real) holiness, for there are so many failing to teach the whole truth as God intends that it should be taught these perilous times.

As I enter in upon the new term of school, I want to reconsecrate my life to God and study to show myself approved, for I realize a minister of the gospel needs preparation and wisdom in dealing with the souls of men. My determination is to reach higher heights and deeper depths in God than I have ever known.

I trust that each reader of this paper will ask God to help me to make this the best term that I shall have spent in the Holmes Bible School. There are always two classes in a Bible school, one is the one whose spare time is spent standing around laughing and talking; another is, those whose spare time is spent in prayer and study of God's word. I mean to be classed with the latter.

I am still saved, sanctified, and the Holy Ghost abides just now.

Your brother in Jesus,

B. E. PARMER.

CHEER UP!

In the September preceding Peter Mackenzie's death, he preached at Whitby, from the text, "And He led them out by the right way, that He might bring them into a city of habitation," and a lady who was present said: "One sentence in that sermon I shall ever remember. The preacher was speaking tenderly of those who thought the 'way' dark, rough, thorny; dark with sickness, trouble, bereavement, and loss. 'Chee-ee-ee-up!' shouted Peter. 'It's only a tunnel ye're in! There's a hole out at the other end!' Often have these words returned with comfort and hope to my heart; and even now, when the darkness shadows close in, I seem to hear the preacher's voice ringing from across Jordan: 'Cheer up! It's only a tunnel ye're in! There's a hole out at the other end!'—Pentecostal Evangel.
answer was immediate deliverance. Two women in the early hours were going to their work. One was a Christian and the other a sinner. Two men with drawn pistols ordered them to get in the waiting automobile. Looking into the gun, the unsaved woman was inclined to yield for the sake of her life. But the Christian woman refused. The highwayman repeated his demands, with the gun pressed against her body. She refused, in the meantime whispering a prayer to God. Suddenly the other highwayman turned on his fellow highwayman and the women made their escape. Indeed, HE is a very present help in the time of trouble.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The First Quarterly Conference of the Ada District of the East Oklahoma Conference met with the Seminole Church, October 22-24, with Superintendent Dan W. Evans in the chair. There were five churches enrolled by delegates: Seminole, Bethel, Ada, Shawnee and Hazel. There were six churches reporting who had no delegates: Burrow, Payson, Oklahoma, Davis, Pauls Valley and Stratford. There were five pastors present, C. E. Neukirchner, B. B. Ryan, T. W. Vaughn, Mrs. C. E. Stone, and A. F. Green. There were five evangelists present, Misses R. V. Kuykendall, J. D. Mahaffey, C. C. Davis, J. F. Nollis and Arthur Williams. Written reports from Arthur Holley, W. E. Harris and B. V. Pendley, evangelists. There were three workers present, A. J. Floyd, W. S. Sneed and Mrs. Alley Nolls. Report from the absent worker, Mrs. Mollie Darnell.

Friday night praise service, conducted by the superintendent of the Texas Conference, Brother Chilcoat, after which Brother T. W. Vaughn gave the message. This was a good service. Saturday night praise service, led by Brother Arthur Williams. This was a wonderful praise service. The power fell. The saints shouted and praised God. The message was given by the writer. Sunday morning service was conducted by Bro. L. G. Chilcoat, during which time many took part in the supper. The Lord blessed, the saints shouted and praised God until about 1 o'clock. This was a blessed service. We were blessed and made happy with the presents of Dr. Ryder and several of the students from the school who rendered much help in the choir with their instruments. May God bless them. Their wonderful testimonies and bright faces made our hearts glad. There were two good street services held which were enjoyed by many. Sunday night praise service led by the Secretary of the Texas Conference, Bro. K. E. Jolliff. This was a good service. We were glad to have Brother Jolliff and his wife with us, after which Dr. Ryder gave us a wonderful message. Brother preachers, you surely missed a treat by not being present.

Quarterly Conference of Enid District convened at Ponca City, October 22 to 24, with Asst. Superintendent N. T. Morgan in the chair. The following churches reported by delegates: Enid, Mrs. Roy Sibley; Galena, Tommy Thornton. Pastors present: Tommy Thornton. Written report, O. C. Wilkins, Mrs. J. A. Campbell. Missions workers by written report, Mrs. May Dodd. Mission workers' license granted to Tommie Thornton, Mrs. Laura Thornton, Mrs. T. H. Hutchinson. Mrs. Roy Sibley was elected Secretary of the conference. The conference was small but God's approval was on every service. Saints, pray that we will be more diligent in business for our King.

John the Baptist might have used smoother language and saved his head from the designs of a wicked woman, but his biography in the Bible might also have been missing.—Apostolic Evangelist.