The Lord's Supper

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body (1 Cor. 11:23-29).

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them (Acts 20:7).

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is (Heb. 10:25).

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God's Hand Divine

A misty veil envelops early morning,
The sun peeps over billows edged with gold;
God blows his breath through silvery veiling,
And reaches out earth's beauties to enfold.
There is music on the harps among the tree tops
And clouds of joy seem floating all about;
When shadows fall and twilight creeps around us—
It is then we know God's hand is reaching out.

The lesser lights—the stars come twinkling in the sky,
In deepest awe we watch God's glory shine—
The firmament is showing his handywork,
A new day drops—God reaches out his hand divine.

SHIPS IN THE NIGHT

Bubbles in the air, gay rose-colored glasses,
The years rolling on, how swiftly time passes;
Searching each day for gay baubles so bright,
Hoping my ships won't pass in the night,
Unless they are filled with longings and fears,
Or with broken hearts to be mended with tears—
If so let them pass—may a faith fill my soul
With contentment and peace as the years swiftly roll.

TIME

When I was a little girl
Walking among wild flowers;
I used to sit and wonder
What became of the hours.

And then when I became fourteen,
Assuming teacher's ways,
I began to wonder calmly
What became of all the days.

The days and hours slipped away,
I have known both joys and tears;
Within my mind there is a poignat cry—
What has become of the years.

HEAVEN'S WINDOWS

I like to go out in the hush of the night,
And look at the stars in the blue;
I like to think they are heaven's windows
And God is looking through.

And there I feel so near to him,
I breathe a little prayer;
That he may look into my soul
And find his image there.

FAITH

If I can take the bitter with the sweet
As I each day life's little problems meet,
If I can keep sweet hope within my breast,
If I, alone, can stand the crucial test
Of keeping courage fine in face of woe;
If I can love my enemy, my foe—
Then I have kept a faith that's truly fine—
A faith in God whose wisdom's sure, divine.

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WORDS
I wounded a heart with a careless word
Like the broken wing of a lilting bird,
I lightened a heart with a word of praise
Like a blooming rose on the bleakest days.
When I wounded a heart my heart broke, too.
When the hurt of another came in view.
When I lightened a heart my heart was gay
Like a blooming rose on the bleakest day.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." (Psalms 19:1).

GIRLS OF TODAY
Tressie Clift

The July sun shone brightly down on the earth which had been drenched in rain an hour before and the clouds rolled away leaving a clear sky again. Out across the meadows of alfalfa a little stream rippled over the stones making a peaceful roar as the water rushed on to the river far below, and the young weeping willow trees which fringed the banks of the creek seemed to drop tears of joy to find themselves refreshed with rain after the long hot days.

Jerry, Kay and a number of other young people drove slowly up the driveway and stopped near Kay's home. They were returning from a picnic and fishing trip on the river and felt tired and happy to be returning home.

Kay's mother met them at the door and invited them in. They sat on the cool vine covered porch while Kay and Betty served homemade ice cream and cup cakes. After they had finished their refreshments Kay's mother returned saying, "I have some bad news but don't be alarmed, it is something we all have to face. Mr. Jones passed away out at his home this morning at 4 o'clock, and his wife and two children are out there away from any close neighbors. Would you folks care to drive out there and take a cake and some chicken which I cooked this morning? Then I will go and stay with Mrs. Jones and the children tonight. It would be a Christian act for you to help cheer the grieved family."

"Yes, we will go," Jerry answered.
"My Dad's car is here and about seven can ride with me."

"We will take our car too for Dad and mother think we are spending the whole day on our picnic," Ralph stated.

They went in three cars and fifteen young people went quietly into the home of the bereaved family and offered words and prayers of sympathy, taking flowers, the cake and chicken and some song books which they used to practice singing some songs which Mr. Jones had requested to be sung at his funeral, for he had also requested congregational singing. So they were all asked to help sing.

Then the young people went outside under the trees and sang softly
the songs Mr. Jones had requested so they could be sure of making no mistakes when they sang at the funeral.

Marvin and Dorothy came out and wept as they listened. When the singing ceased Dorothy said, “I am thankful Daddy was a Christian. He obeyed the gospel of Christ when he was a boy and has been a faithful Christian since. But it grieves me that Marvin and I have never become Christians, we just neglected our duty. So Daddy said at his death that he could die happier if we were Christians,” she said sadly.

“Well, don’t worry, he knew you would sometime and that he had helped teach you right according to the Bible,” Bobby answered.

“But how I wish we had not put off what God makes so plain as our duty, and Daddy knew that Dorothy and I might die before we obeyed the gospel,” Marvin declared.

“Then you won’t neglect it much longer will you, Marvin?” Jerry asked kindly.

“No, we won’t, for death can cause anyone to realize what it would mean to face the judgment unprepared to meet God,” Marvin said.

Two weeks later the young folks were attending a gospel meeting out in the country under a large tent and people were coming from many miles around. There had been several baptized and the interest very good. Jerry, Kay, Ralph, Linda, Bobby, Betty, Jackie, and Joan had attended every night and took other young folks along.

On Thursday night Jerry and Kay drove by Marvin and Dorothy’s home and took them and a boy named Eddie who was not a Christian also a girl of another religious belief named Wanda. As they drove the ten miles Jerry and Kay talked to them on the subject of “God’s Plan of Salvation,” and as he drove along Jerry would ask Kay to read aloud the following scripture:

1. “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). “... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15, 16).

2. “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1; Also Heb. 11:6; Mark 1:15).

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3; Also Acts 17:30; 2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 2:38).

4. “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10; Also Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37).

5. “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water...” (Matt. 3:16; Also Acts 2:38; Eph. 5:20; Acts 10:48).

They heard a very good sermon preached by James, their young friend, and as Ralph led the invitation song, Marvin, Dorothy, Eddie, Wanda, and four others came forward and confessed Christ as the Son of God like the Ethiopian did before he was baptized, Acts 8:37, and they were baptized immediately after the church service dismissed.

The little river was moon lighted and they also shone car lights out on the water where they were baptizing. Then they heard the preach-
er’s voice as he prepared to bap-
tize each one. “In obedience to God’s
command upon the confession of
your faith, I now baptize you in the
name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

The crowd of Christians returned
to their homes with prayers of
thankfulness in their hearts
for the work which the Lord had helped
them to accomplish for him.

AN OLD AND WISE PHILOSOPHER
HAS GIVEN TO US THESE
PRACTICAL RULES
FOR A
Happy Married Life
Never both be angry at once.
Never talk AT one another, ei-
ther alone or in company.
Never speak loud to one another
unless the house is on fire.

Let each one strive to yield ofen-
est to the wishes of the other.
Let self-denial be the daily aim
and practice of each.
Never taunt with a past mistake.
Neglect the whole world besides
rather than one another.
Never make a remark at the ex-
 pense of each other . . . it is mean-
ness.
Never part for a day without lov-
ing words to think of during ab-
sence.
Never meet without a loving wel-
come.
Never let the sun go down upon
any anger or grievance.
Never forget the happy hours of
early love.
Never forget that marriage is or-
dained of God, and that his blessing
alone can make it what it should be.

"KEEPING CHRISTIAN WOMEN-CHRISTIAN"

Myrtle A. Thompson

There are two questions to be
studied at this time. One has to
do with a woman’s relation to God,
and the other is one of a more tem-
poral nature. The first one is con-
cerning prayer. I have been trying
to fill this place in our publication
for many years, and as I recall, this
is my first question on the subject
of prayer. The question is direct
and given in these words: “When
should a woman ever allow her
voice to be heard in prayer or
thanksgiving?” The question is
further advanced in these words,
“We have Christian women who,
in the absence of men refuse, to of-
fer thanks before their meals and
many never pray with their children.
And what about prayer in a worldly
home for the sick, when you are the
only Christian present and are re-
quested to pray?”—C. S. Tenn.

God has given many blessings to
woman. The first is the avenue of
prayer and the second the oppor-
tunity, as a child of God, to walk down
this avenue and make our requests
known to God as our Father. There
are many instances of prayer in the
New Testament where women are
mentioned. There is a prayer-meet-
ing in the house of Mary, the moth-
er of John Mark (Acts 12:12). While
the apostles awaited the orders
from heaven regarding the es-
tablishing of the church, it is re-
corded that they continued with pray-
er and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren (Acts 1:14). Paul's first contact in Europe was with a few women, who had met for prayer, and it was a woman who became the first Christian there as far as the record goes. When Paul was returning from this missionary journey he visited the Christians in Tyre, and upon his departure the Divine account is: "... And they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore and prayed" (Acts 21:5). When Paul was a persecutor of the church he said he bound and imprisoned both men and women (Acts 22:4).

That women had a part in the worship and services of the New Testament church is affirmed in the Divine record. From this same record we can see her limitations as well as her possibilities. Our question is: "When may a woman's voice be heard in prayer...?" Our answer is: Anywhere and everywhere that she may pray audibly and not be usurping authority of man. That definitely excludes the public worship if there is a man present, as it also excludes the general family worship if a Christian man is there. The same rules hold in giving thanks at the table in the home or at the Lord's table in the worship. A woman has no more Divine authority to usurp the rights of her Christian husband in the home, than she has in the church. He is head of his house as Christ is head of the church. At mealtime or in the family prayers the mother must take over in the absence of her husband, unless there be a Christian son. If the son be young she must guide him. There is no dividend that yields so much as a praying mother. A mother came to me with a broken heart over the fact that her only son could not adjust himself in school and was threatened with being expelled. He had been taught at home and was a regular attendant in the Bible school, and, she was at a loss as to her next turn. We talked it all over and she decided to have a pray-er with him each morning before he left for school. She was a wise mother. She made the child to feel she needed the strength herself, and ask him to help. He would read the scripture and together they would pray. It brought about a marvelous change for the better and finally a proper adjustment for all of life was made. Mothers pray with your children as well as pray for them. The same rules would hold true in a sick room or anywhere.

The second question is one that we have tried to answer many times. And always this department is happy to help in any way possible. As the first question, this one is very much to the point: "Where, if ever is a Christian woman justified in wearing slacks or jeans?" Our querist furthers the question in these words: "You city women possibly feel that the day is past when farm women take an axe and go to the woods for wood, posts, etc., or have to harvest berries at home or gather wild berries which requires the wading through thickets and briars...?" Now we are at a loss to know how many city readers we have, but we do know for a certainty that one has roamed those Tennes-see Hills gathering berries, sticks, etc., so your words rang a familiar note in one heart. I must admit

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this was long before world war one and two and the appearance of slacks was brought in by Dame Fashion. It is interesting to recall an article, not so long ago, as to the appearance of slacks in woman’s apparel. When the tailors were at a loss as to what to do with so much men’s wear, in cloth and in the making, when so many men were dressed by our government, the idea was advanced to use it for women’s wear. The idea was given the stylist, and, as the war effort took so many women from homes and into the various fields of labor, they found no trouble in selling their surplus to the womanhood of America. And perhaps they have a place in the wardrobe of a Christian woman. Maybe far back against the wall of the wardrobe where she would not wear them only when the occasion demanded. And in the light of God’s statement that it was a shame for a woman to put on that which pertaineth to a man or a man that, which pertaineth to a woman; let us ask ourselves where is it a pair of slacks or jeans can go that a dress of the same material cannot be worn. Woman is an odd creature, I know, I am one of them. We seeming cannot take a new style in a moderate manner. So when this style came, we over stepped the practical measure and demanded more elaborate slacks and dressy jeans until now it is no unusual thing to see women attired thusly in any gathering. The slacks are now being made for evening wear in satin and beaded. This style of women left a surplus of the gay flowered material on the merchants hands, so now our men are having to wear the gay flowered shirts. Odd creatures we are indeed.

Christian women: let us dress as becometh Christians and then there will be no common comment or question. Why buy a piece of apparel that can only be worn in the woods or in the garden, when a denim dress can be worn there, give the same service, cause no comment, raise no question in our minds, and can be worn to town, services or anywhere? We all know that is a sane procedure for a Christian woman (1 Tim. 2:9). Box 378, Denton, Texas.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God help me to be brave and strong
And shoulder trials that come along;
To smile when eyes are filled with tears,
And laugh away the needless fears;
To take each hurt and ache and pain
And turn them into joy again;
To hide the disappointments and the fears
To know not my will, but thine
Can heal an aching heart like mine;
God help me to be brave and strong
When all the world seems very wrong.

—Mrs. H. D. Fielden

Misfortunes one can endure; they come from the outside. But to suffer for one’s faults—ah! there is the sting of life.

To continue love in a marriage is a science. It requires so little to kill those emotions and illusions which form the charm of life; and it is so difficult to maintain a man at the height on which an exalted passion has placed him, especially when that man is one’s husband.
In verses 27-32 of Matthew 5 Jesus is using the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," as the second illustration of the superiority of his law over that of Moses, and Jewish traditions. In verses 27-30, which we studied last month, he shows that his teaching deals with the heart, from whence adultery proceeds, rather than with merely external acts, condemned by the Mosaic law. In verses 31-32 he sets forth another difference between the Old Law and the New; and gives some plain teaching on marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Get your Bibles and read these verses, together with the other passages which I shall cite in this article.

The Old Law of Deut. 24:1, 3 is restated in verse 31. It provided that if a man decided to put away his wife, for any reason at all, he was to give her a formal document to that effect. Many Jews took advantage of this means to get rid of their wives, salving their consciences by simply giving them a paper to show that the marriage had been dissolved. Consequently the women had little protection against the whims of temperamental and unprincipled husbands.

In verse 32 Jesus reaffirms God's original law (Gen. 2:24) and adds his authoritative, "I say unto you," contrast with what Moses had "permitted," or "suffered" because of their hardness of heart. In view of the great importance of this subject and the misunderstanding concerning it, we shall try, to the best of our ability, to make clear the teachings of Jesus in this verse and in the companion passages of Mt. 19:3-9 and Mk. 10:2-12. I trust that each of us will study all these passages with a heart full of love for the truth and completely free from prejudice.

Marriage, as designed by God from the beginning, is the union of one man and one woman "until death do them part" (Mt. 19:6). It was instituted for the benefit of all mankind. It is for the comfort and pleasure of the marriage partners; and for the propagation, preservation, and training of the human race. A broken home always means unhappiness, frustration, and disaster. Young people taught that the one exception which Jesus gives here is the only thing that can dissolve a marriage, would not be so likely to rush into this sacred and serious relationship with such lightness and frivolity. Instead of gayly stating, "If I don't like him (or her) and things don't go to suit me, I can get a divorce," they would give the matter careful and prayerful consideration. If this advice were heeded before marriage; and troubles were taken to the Lord, instead of the Judge, afterward, more marriages would last. God joins husband and wife in marriage (provided the marriage is in harmony with his laws and in obedience to his will) and no man should put them asunder.

Divorce is the destruction of God's institution of marriage. It is the breaking of solemn vows and agree-
ments. It is one of the things which God hates (Mal. 2:15-16). Even during the time when God “permitted divorce he hated it. What then must be his attitude toward it now, in a dispensation when he has absolutely and unequivocally outlawed it (except for one cause)? Think on these things.

We often hear the expression “a scriptural divorce,” but a broken marriage is never scriptural for both partners. Adultery on the part of one, makes it scriptural for the innocent party, provided he was in no way responsible for the unfaithfulness of the guilty party; but, since the adultery, which caused the divorce, is a sin, the broken marriage can not be scriptural for the guilty one. Notice that Jesus makes the breaking of the marriage a sin, whether or not either party remarries. Mt. 5:32 clearly shows this. Then the one who has divorced the other for any reason, except for fornication, has sinned in that he has exposed the other partner, as well as a third person, to the temptation of adultery. Of course, the act of putting one away does not make the one put away guilty of sin, but a divorced person is liable to be driven by economic, or other reason (1 Cor. 7:9) to remarry. In this case, the one demanded the divorce in the first place would be making the other an adulterer, or an adulteress. If there is a completely unscriptural separation, both parties must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to each other (1 Cor. 7:10-11).

If, however, the innocent is divorced on account of fornication committed by the other, the innocent partner is scripturally divorced and he (or she) is free to marry again. The word “except” proves this. If it were otherwise the “except” would have been omitted from Mt. 5:32; 19:9. But if divorce is granted for any reason except fornication, and either party remarries, a third party is also caused to commit adultery.

Another thing we should notice right here is that if the divorce is the only thing that can free the innocent; and of course the guilty is never free to marry another. A man might get a divorce without Bible grounds, causing his wife to remarry (1 Cor. 7:5) and feel that he himself was then perfectly free to remarry. This is untrue. The cause of divorce is the determining factor and not subsequent action.

Though a Christian may be forgiven the sin of fornication (or adultery), the same as any other sin, provided he truly repents and prays God, he can never marry another with God’s approval. People often become confused on this point because they do not distinguish between the guilt of sin and the consequences of sin. Forgiveness removes the guilt of sin, but it does not prevent the consequences. It is possible for an adulterer to be forgiven the guilt of sin and saved eternally; but he must henceforth live out of wedlock, as a consequence of his sin unless perchance his former partner is able and willing to take him back.

Many make the mistake of thinking that God’s laws along this line do not apply to alien sinners. They think a person may be married, divorced, and remarried as many times as he desires, before becoming a Christian, provided that when he
obeyeth the gospel he continues to live with his current partner. The Bible does not so teach. God's law of marriage and divorce is the same for alien sinners as for Christians. The entire human family belongs to God; and his moral laws apply to all. God's law concerning the relationship of husband and wife was given in the beginning, as we have already mentioned, and intended for everyone. Moses' law did not change this, but only made a concession because of the hardness of their heart. To say that this law does not apply to sinners would mean that nothing God ordained from the beginning would apply to them. For example, "that man shall eat by the sweat of his face, that he shall be the head of his wife," etc. If a sinner becomes a Christian certainly any unlawful relations with the opposite sex will be forgiven (after true repentence), just as any other sins will be, and just as the sins of the Christian cited above; but do not forget that one must "bring forth fruit worthy of repentance." A thief cannot continue a thief; neither can an adulterer continue in his sin. He must cease to practice such things and break up all his sinful relationships. On the other hand a sinner who obeys the gospel is not to break an existing marriage tie which is according to God's original law.

Some think that Paul taught that remarriage was permitted for a second cause (1 Cor. 7:13, 15); but let's notice the true meaning of this passage. Remember that the people under consideration here were both heathens when they married; and later one obeyed the gospel, while the other did not. The unbeliever refused to live with the Christian if he remained true to the Lord. Therefore the only way for the believer to stay with the unbeliever was to be in bondage to him and give up Christ. Paul is saying that the believer is not to be under bondage to the unbeliever, but let him go and remain true to Christ. To interpret this passage to mean that the believer may marry again would be to contradict the teaching of Christ in Mt. 5:32; 19:9. We know this must not be. Naturally the condemnation of the believer to a single life is hard and entails the dangers of temptation, but the same may be said of those unlawfully divorced according Mt. 5:32; 19:9.

I realize that people get themselves into some complicated situations; but nevertheless God's will must be obeyed regardless of circumstances. Innocent people will have to suffer. This is very sad. All should seek a cure; and I sincerely believe the best way to cure all these problems is to prevent them. Furthermore the best way for Christians to prevent them is to heed the commandments of the Lord found in 2 Cor. 6:14 and 1 Cor. 7:39. If every true Christian was careful to marry a true Christian so many difficulties, heartaches, sorrows, and spiritual hindrances would be spared them. Moreover God always intended for his people to be separated from the world (Deut. 7:1-5; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1). God's way is always best. O, that we might learn this fundamental lesson! This is the course of wisdom. However, if we do not follow it from the beginning and problems arise, we must solve them as above.

In closing, just a few words to combat the mistaken idea that the
only way to commit spiritual adultery is to forsake Christ and embrace false doctrine, or denominationalism. True this is spiritual adultery, but it is not the only way to be unfaithful. One who forsakes Christ for worldly pleasure, power, wealth, or wisdom is also an adulterer. A worldly Christian is an enemy of God. Anyone who does not put God and his righteousness first (Mt. 6:33) in his life and affections is guilty of spiritual adultery. Let us examine ourselves!

THE GREATEST BOY IN THE BIBLE

Part 2

At the time Jesus lived upon the earth, the people of the country in which he lived paid tribute unto Caesar, just as we pay taxes today. When he was in the city of Capharnaum, with Peter, James, and John, his brother, the men who collected taxes came to Peter and asked him if his master paid tribute.

Peter said, "Yes."

When he came into the house where his master was, Jesus stopped him. He asked Simon Peter, of whom did the kings of the earth take taxes, of their own children or strangers?

Peter told him, "Of strangers."

Jesus said, "Then are the children free." He must have meant that since he was the child of a king, that is a child of God, that he ought not to pay taxes. But to keep from offending the tax collectors he told Peter to go to the sea and throw in a hook and take the first fish he should catch. He told him he would find a piece of money in its mouth and to take it and give it to the tax collectors for both of them. The piece of money which was found in the mouth of the fish is thought to have been a stater which is worth about sixty cents. So this miracle is called the miracle of the stater.

Jesus taught the people by parables. A parable is a short story that might have happened, that is easily understood. It is used to explain something else that is not so easy to understand.

All of these parables are recorded in the Bible. We can read them today and learn the same lessons Jesus taught almost two thousand years ago. We learn that to be a Christian is like owning a treasure or a goodly pearl, even though we have to give up everything else in life to possess it.

We learn that the faithful will be rewarded and the unfaithful will be punished. That we should use ourselves and what we own in the service of the Lord. That when we sow the seed of the kingdom, that is, when we teach God's word, that it will grow as rapidly as a mustard seed, which is one of the smallest of seeds and it will change the lives of people as leaven or yeast changes bread.
We learn, too, that we should do to others as we would have them do to us, just as the good Samaritan did.

In the parable of the ten virgins, we learn that we must always be ready because we do not know when Christ will come.

Jesus began preaching when he was about thirty years old. When he was about thirty-three years old it became almost time for the feast of the Passover and the chief priests and scribes tried to find a way to kill Jesus. Judas talked with them and made a bargain to betray him to them.

After the Jews crucified Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea who was secretly a disciple, asked for his body and Pilate gave it to him. He and Nicodemus took the body and prepared it for burial with spices, as was the custom of the Jewa.

There was a garden in the place where he was crucified and there was a new sepulchre in the garden. They laid Jesus there.

The third day after he was crucified, which was the first day of the week, he rose from the dead. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome or Joanna came to anoint him and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. An angel told them that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Jesus appeared to two of his disciples and later to the eleven. He told them to go into all the world and teach the gospel, but to tarry or stay in Jerusalem until they were given power from on high. Then he led them out as far as to Bethany and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Jesus has said, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

(If Ye Love Me) Love

Jno. 14:15

Betty Beaman

"Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting" (Daniel 5:27).

How much do we weigh spiritually? The day will come when we shall be very conscious of this, and the time to think about it is now while we can adjust that weight. For some of us, our spiritual milk diet has kept us at practically the same weight as when we were born into Christ, although it may have been years since that birth took place. Our solution to this is to eat the meat the Scriptures offer us for our consuming, and develop our spiritual bodies into mature, healthy frames, capable of resisting the diseases of the devil. When we let our physical bodies run down below par, we become susceptible to every disease germ that comes our way. Yet if we properly care for ourselves, our bodies throw off those germs without receiving damage from them. Science has taken such marvelous steps in controlling disease; and we in this day and age are so careful to guard our health. That is well and good, because God gave us our bodies in his likeness, and we are to care for them. But when shall we waken to the fact that he also gave us a more prized possession than he gave any other of his creations—our soul? When will we open our eyes to its real value and

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feed it and maintain it in a way which will be pleasing unto him? "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:12-14). We are to grow in grace, adding to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. If we have not done this, then we are "blind and cannot see afar off."

If we were called today before our God, in what things would we be found wanting? 'Brethren, the time is short,' and none of us know exactly how short the time actually is before we shall be called. None of us have assurance of tomorrow in this earthly tabernacle, and what we weigh today may well be the weight with which we meet our Saviour. What a pitiful specimen we shall be if we are granted more years here upon earth and yet at the end of that time still weigh no more than we weigh today!

In the words of the rich young ruler, "What lack I yet?" I am sure that there is one thing which all of us need to increase, and that is love. Regardless of how much love we may have in our lives today, there is always room for more; for love has no bounds. When we reach spiritual maturity in love, we have all; without it, we have nothing—regardless of what else we have in our life, or what else we have added to our faith. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." What despair to be a tinkling cymbal to God's ear! "Though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profitteth me nothing." I may have faith to remove mountains, but without love, I am nothing! Love is the axis upon which our entire service to God rotates. It should be the motivating power in our lives; for without it there will be no account of our service on the ledger of God, even though men may call us great because of our work on earth—and I speak of spiritual work. "For in Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." (Gal. 5:6) Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! God will accept no labor but the labor of love.

If we love Christ, nothing shall keep us from obeying him. Many times we may say we love Christ, but our love is nothing if it is not more than our love for all other things and all other people. God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him! "Herein is Love" . . . If God so loved us, then how could we give an acceptable service unto him without some of the same brand of love in our own lives toward God? When Christ gave ALL, how can we soil our lips with the confession that we love him, if we will give nothing? "And hereby do we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in

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him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him (1 Jno. 2:3-5). “If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us” (4:12). “God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world (4:16, 17).

If we have the love of God, nothing will be too much to give up for God; no task will seem too great; we will fully believe and realize that his commandments are a ‘reasonable service’, that he asks nothing of us that we are not able wholly to do. We will study to find what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God; and having found it, do it with our entire body, heart and soul. ‘For love’s sake’ we will seek those things which are above, and daily take our ration of meat from the scriptures and build our spiritual bodies into maturity, ready to present them a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. We need never fear we might ever become ‘over-weight’ spiritually. For even then we shall be ‘unprofitable servants’. Let us strive to gain such a stature with God that we need not fear his balances!

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous (1 Jno. 5:3).

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

In great action men show themselves as they ought to be, in small actions as they are.

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house did look "lived in," and Daddy was in his work clothes, anyone who came was treated royally. Mother could always put more plates on the table, add another can of corn to the pan and put another cup of milk in the hot chocolate. And she was always perfectly at ease.

"Have we gotten too far away from this idea? Have we become so conscious of our furniture, food, and clothes that we have forgotten people? Entertaining can be a great chore, or it can be a great blessing. Which do you make it? We are really all alike when it comes to visiting other folks. I truly enjoy going into a home where toys are on the floor, the newspaper and magazines are lying around, when the man of the house has his shoes on, or just has his shoes off. The old-fashioned parlor, or sitting room was just what it was named. Now we call it a living room. Are we letting it live up to its name?

"Company can feel welcome in the humblest or the richest of homes. As a preacher's wife, I have had the privilege of being in both. In either case, it wasn't the surroundings that made us feel welcome, but the people in the surroundings. If you have been thinking of having a family over for dinner, or a group of young people, don't put it off until you get that new divan, those new curtains, or a few more chairs. Those things are nice to have, but they are so minor, when it comes to making friends feel welcome.

"The first time my husband and I had a gathering for the young folks, soon after we were married, we had a great shortage of chairs. That didn't bother the boys and girls though. When they arrived they noticed a sign on the front door "Please remove your shoes, come right in, and have a seat on the floor." Our party was a success because the young people were relaxed and happy from the beginning.

"Next time your daughter wants to have a group over, let her. If the house looks "lived-in," that's all right. That's something we all have in common, and that is as it should be. Your son will feel it's his home if he can entertain in it freely. Let's have company, but make that company feel like homefolks. There is no better way to show your love for others."

One sure sign that little boys are growing up can be seen when they refuse to have anything girlish in their rooms. We were putting new decals on the boys' repainted furniture but they insisted that we cut the girls' pictures off the decals. I realize that this is only a temporary stage they are going through!

We were a bit relieved to see a small exception to this policy when they requested that we give them framed copies of their sister Jane's latest photos to hang in their room. Naturally they don't consider our three-year-old as an ordinary girl!

Many of our personal friends have inquired about my mother, Mrs. A. B. Finley. She took a job March first as a housemother at Carpenter's Children's Home in Wichita, Kansas, P.O. Box 844.

She serves as "Mother" to about fifteen little girls age three to ten. She also enjoys being near my
brother and his family who live in Wichita.

**THE LONG ROAD**

A long, long road before me, 
Endlessly stretching ahead; 
Far away in all the future, 
Far away the “me” that’s dead.

Beyond me are many crossroads; 
Beyond me awaiting my choice 
Are roads that I shall travel 
Decided by my own voice.

I must make a wise decision 
At every road I meet— 
Consider what seems best for me 
To follow with my feet.

Then as another and another 
Decision has been made, 
I’ll tread the path of life until 
To rest I have been laid.

I’ll remember all the scenery 
I’ve passed as on I plod. 
For each blessing I shall touch there 
I’ll give my thanks to God. 
—Mrs. Jean Brumbaugh

**KITCHEN SUPPER**

It’s getting time to hurry 
And run downstairs. 
To open out the table 
And push about the chairs.

To lay the gingham cover, 
Checked white and red, 
With plates and glasses 
And jam and bread.

The new setter puppy 
Is scratching at the screen, 
The cat in the laundry

Has washed her kittens clean, 
As I make ready 
For one, two, three 
Dirty little schoolboys 
Coming home for tea. 
—Sara King Carleton

**LET’S STRIVE TO BE MORE REVERENT**

Dear friends could we but realize, 
When we meet on the first day of the week, 
That Jesus is our unseen guest, 
Would we more softly speak?

Would we laugh, talk and greet our friends, 
As though it did not matter, 
That the unseen Christ is in our midst, 
And keep up the noisy chatter?

Would we give our favorite recipes, 
Or talk about the weather, 
And everything else under the sun, 
But why we’ve come together?

What must our Saviour think of us, 
When we ignore his presence, 
And fill the room with confusing sound, 
When we should bow in reverence?

I’m sure if each one realized, 
That our Lord is really there, 
We’d take our seats in silence, 
In meditation and in prayer. 
—Mrs. C. R. Ballon

I never had a piece of toast 
Particularly long and wide 
But fell upon the sanded floor 
And always on the buttered side.
(PARENTAL) INFLUENCE

I am sure that many of our readers are aware of the influence they can have on their children. However when we see the things that many parents do we feel that an article along this line will not be amiss. This applies not only to parents and their children but to anyone that can have an influence over another.

We all know the story of the man who went for a walk in the deep snow, and hearing a noise behind him saw his little boy, with great effort, trying to step in his tracks. If parents could only realize how much a child sees of their actions whether they seem to notice it or not. I am sure that they would be very careful what they do and what they say. Not only that but actions that might seem to misguide.

If parents attend every service of the church and love it, then they may expect their child to do the same, but if they just go when there is nothing else to do and when they go, are so critical of everything and everyone, then and there they put a distaste in the mind of their child. I know that there is an argument that we should let our child be free and easy in his choice when it comes to religion. But we are strict when it comes to the public school and other things of less importance. We expect our child to go to school as soon as he is of the proper age, and before that we have been interested in teaching him his letters and numbers and many things that will develop his mind in that direction, yet when it comes to the most important thing in life, that of learning about God and how to become a Christian and why we should be Christians, we want to leave it all to his decision. I know that there should be much heart and conscience connected with becoming a Christian, yet how do you expect him to have that if he is not trained along that line. If your child is trained by example and teaching, you may expect him to become obedient to the gospel as soon as the right age is acquired.

Not long ago a young boy was arraigned in court for speeding and making a turn which took the life of an officer. Later it was developed that in his younger days his father had made a hurried trip to the station to meet a train and being perused darted down an alley to escape the officer. He didn't kill the officer but he made an im-
pression on that young boy that was sitting by his side. Later the boy was trying the same thing.

Some people on their vacation, as a lady told me, were approaching a toll bridge. They had three little children in the back seat. The mother told them to get down on the floor and she covered them with a quilt. They saved fifty cents, but what an example they set before their child! We remember the scripture, "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

When I was a very small child, my mother and I visited my older married sister. Her husband was a carpenter and he had a folding rule that fascinated me very much. On our way home we crossed a pasture and had to climb a fence. When I climbed the fence that rule fell out from under my cape. At once my mother made me retrace my steps and give this rule to my sister and tell her how sorry I was for taking it. That made an impression on me that stuck. It was a hard thing to have to do, but I had to do it. My mother said so.

I believe that with the very best of teaching there are times when a child is tempted to do just such things. Parents, never be too proud to have your child make right any wrong he has done. My grandson was visiting me and we had a big snow, believe it or not in Texas, and he and some other boys were throwing snow balls and Glen happened to hit an electric light on the porch of a neighbor. It was suggested that the boys run but not Glen. The lady happened not to be home but he watched and when she came he went and told her what he had done and offered to pay for the bulb. This was a little touchy when you could see tears in his eyes but he did the noble part.

We all make mistakes but the beautiful part is to have a penitent heart and do the right thing about it. Our teaching will not go very far unless we back it up with example. Don't you think for one minute that those little eyes and ears are not on the alert as to our actions about a matter. If we will be true to ourselves and to God we may expect our child to be that way, of course there are exceptions, but they can usually be traced to associations that we have allowed in times past. Be prayerful, be patient, be teachers of God's word and you will have less to worry about as to influencing your child.

Early in life I ran across the following poem by Howard Arnold Walter, and memorized it and have always held it in my heart as a motto. Won't all our young readers imbibe this in their heart.

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift.
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift.

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Comments from Our Readers
Mrs. B. T. Durham, writes:
Many thanks for being so patient with me for not sending my remittance sooner. You are doing a good work for God in the publication of Christian articles. I know of one individual who was led to Christ because someone sent her one of your books when she was recovering from the loss of a child. She started attending worship services and soon obeyed the gospel and is a faithful Christian today.

Mrs. W. J. Goffinet, writes:

Words cannot express my appreciation for this good paper for women. Many outside of Christ have read this booklet and it is a “must” in my home. Good luck and God bless you all.

(I could go on and on but these two are enough to show appreciation.—Ed.).

(WHEN IS THE LORD WITH US?)

Mrs. Ben J. Olbricht

Through the ages the Lord has promised to be with those who love and serve him and against those who forsake his ways.

Is the Lord with us when we have impure souls? (1 Peter 1:22). “Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth... Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation.”

When is the Lord pleased with a family? By studying the people of God in the Old Testament, we can have a better idea of how a family can please God. Some one may wonder why the comparison is not made with nations since kingdoms and nations are mentioned. While nations are made of families, the application seems more practical to most of us homemakers if we apply the comparison to our own family. 2 Chronicles gives some very good results of a king's success who served the Lord and of the failure of those who forsook the ways of the Lord.

At first “Solomon was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly” (2 Chronicles 1:1).

“For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God... And Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and went not fully after Jehovah... Wherefore Jehovah said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant” (1 Kings 11:4).
Families of today who do not serve the Lord are in danger of becoming broken homes. Those who do not marry in the church are in danger of being turned away from keeping the commandments of the Lord. God is not pleased with broken homes and that is why husbands are told to love their wives; wives are told to obey their husbands; children are told to obey their parents and those who commit adultery are condemned. Marrying out of the church may keep one from serving the Lord as Solomon's wives who worshipped idols kept him from serving the Lord.

Because Solomon did not worship the Lord and none other, his kingdom was divided after his death. His servant, Jeroboam, ruled ten of the tribes. However, Jeroboam divided the worship of the house of God so that the people would not have to go to Jerusalem. He set up altars at Dan and at Bethel. A prophet of God came and denounced the altars Jeroboam had built (1 Kings 13:1-6).

The Lord does not approve of division in worship to him. Jesus prayed that his followers might all be one. Occasionally in a family, one child goes to one denomination, the mother goes to another and the father goes to another. The Lord is not pleased with such division.

The Lord is with us when there is unity in the family and unity in the church and when we do that which is right in the sight of the Lord with a perfect heart, we can then know, the Lord is with us.

You can have neither a greater nor a lesser dominion than that over yourself.
hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven. . . .” (Matt. 5:43-45).

We also find that God is a merciful God. Paul says, “But God, who is rich in mercy” (Eph. 2:4). The Savior said, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Matt. 5:7). And again, “Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father is also merciful” (Luke 6:36). The apostle Peter said, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Pet. 1:3). God is a merciful God; but, if we expect him to have mercy on us, we must show mercy to others. This principle is taught in the lesson on the unmerciful servant (Matt. 18:24-34). James says, “For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy. . . .” (Jas. 2:13).

Longsuffering is another quality possessed by the Lord. The apostle Peter says, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). We also find that Paul included longsuffering in the list of the “fruits of the Spirit” (Gal. 5:22). Hence, to be like the Savior and bear fruit of the Spirit, we must be longsuffering.

To be able to forgive those who mistreat us is another requisite in the life of Christians who possess godliness. God has shown his readiness to forgive his people all down through the ages as soon as they turn from their sins and follow him as he directs. He showed his willingness to forgive all humanity when he sent his Son into the world to suffer and die on the cross for the sins of the world. The human race has sinned over and over again; yet, in love for mankind, he makes it possible for all who will obey the terms of the gospel to be saved. Christ was also ready at all times to forgive those who mistreated him. While hanging on the cross, he said of those who had crucified him, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. . . .” (Luke 23:34). Therefore, if God and Christ could forgive so many and so terrible offenses, we should be ready to forgive all those who sin against us when they repent, and we MUST do so, if we are to be like them in this particular.

To keep busy is another quality which the Savior possessed. When he was just twelve years old he was found in the temple with the “doctors” answering their questions. When his mother reproved him for causing them so much anxiety, he said, “. . . How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?” (Luke 2:49). He said later, “I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4). When we are busy working for the Lord, we are too busy to be allured by the wiles of Satan.

If we are to follow in the steps of the Savior, we must be a praying people. Jesus gave much time in
prayer to his Father—even prayed all night. The record says, “And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God” (Luke 6:12). In Gethsemane Jesus prayed three times that he might be relieved of his suffering, if it was the will of his Father; but he said, “Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done” (Luke 22:42). Therefore, if we are to be like him, we must spend much time in prayer, and always say as he did, “Not my will, but thine be done.”

I understand that all these qualities are applicable to all Christians, but I want to especially point out some of the ways they are so aptly applicable to the lives of all Christian women. The young Christian girls need these qualities so much as they mix and mingle with their associates. They have such a great opportunity and duty to impress by their lives and conduct in general these principles. They can draw the line between the ways of the world and the ways of a true Christian. They cannot do the things of the world which are not conducive to living a pure Christian life. The girls can show by their dress that they cannot partake of the evils of fashion of the modern day. They are taught in the scriptures to dress in “modest apparel” and to let their adornment be that of a meek and quiet spirit. These things, the apostle says, are of great price in the sight of God.

Wives and mothers can show their godliness in their daily duties in the home, as in all of their association. They have the responsibility of setting the example before the family, as well as the training of the children to be chaste, modest, and obedient to the parents. Her teaching consists of, not only the household duties, but also the training of the children to love things spiritual. She can teach the daughters how to do their work faithfully and in harmony with each other, each having her task to do. Whatever any of us do, we should do it the best we know, in the best way we know, in order to make the task more effective with the least trouble. When children are taught to do things in a systematic way, they will show this training all through life. Any thing done in a haphazard way is not as successful as things done systematically. These things may seem unimportant, but, to me, they are of great importance, since the little girls of today will be the home-keepers of tomorrow. The mother is responsible for the way she prepares her daughter for the place in life she is to occupy when she grows to womanhood. Many homes have been broken because the partners in that home were not taught to do things right, to have the self-control, the patience, and the godliness to endure the adjustments which each couple have to endure in order to from a happy home. Paul, in writing to Titus, instructed him to teach the older women to teach the young women how to act in the home. These young women, who have been taught these things, should in turn teach their daughters. To be “keepers at home” is one of the things included in this admonition. A knowledge of these things makes for a more successful home with more harmony and happiness in that home.
Let us all, old and young, live out these principles in our daily lives, teach the younger ones to be faithful, have the courage to do what they know to be right, use self-control, and be patient under trying circumstances, and possess the godliness necessary to shed forth the true light of the Savior. To do so means a life filled with more harmony and happiness here, and a brighter home after death.

Daniel's Dream

Ruth H. Blankenship

Part Two

Thou, O King, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the King. (interpretation) "Thou, O King, art a King of Kings; for the God of heaven hath given thee a Kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another Kingdom inferior to thee, and another third Kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth Kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the Kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the Kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these Kings (of the Chaldean Kings) shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these Kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. (Kingdom of Christ, Psa. 2:.) Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the King what shall come to pass hereafter; and
the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Could Nebuchadnezzar have lived till now he would see his dream a reality in this Christian dispensation more than twenty-five hundred years since he dreamed it. He did not know that his dream would turn into a reality that would never end, neither did he know that the meaning of the thing was God's eternal purpose, from eternity throughout all eternity. But perhaps he realized the importance of his dream or else he was amazed at Daniel's revelation of it for "Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him" (Dan. 2).

But Daniel dreams again: "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days (God) and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, (Matt 11:27) and glory, and a Kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his Kingdom, that which shall not be destroyed."—"But the saints of the Most High shall take (future) the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever." Daniel had this wonderful dream about Christ and his Kingdom about five hundred and fifty-five years before Christ was born. We know that his dream became a reality,—for we read:—"And the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom." They possess it even now as this day in 1953 is included in the—"forever and ever" as in Daniel's dream that they would (Dan. 7:13, 14, 18, 22). Now we know that Daniel's dream had the same meaning as the one which King Nebuchadnezzar had and forgot and that Daniel had revealed from God in a dream so that he could tell the dream and its meaning to the King. We also know that the dream came to pass, —"for the time came when the saints possessed it." The Kingdom of Christ as in Daniel's dream, was the Kingdom that the saints were to possess and as the dream came to pass they possess it now. How wonderful it is that we are privileged to know and as the saints of the Most High, to possess this glorious Kingdom that will never end! So let us learn more about it as it is here for our benefit.

The prophet Isaiah had said: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established (prepared) in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it" (Isaiah 2:2). Now read (John 14:2, 3) where Jesus promised: "In my Father's house (Lord's house in Isa. 2:2) are many mansions. I go (present I) to prepare a place for you"—This is a continuation of the same subject as of Isa. 2:2. So Christ was the subject of the Dream of Daniel,—"As one like unto the Son of man, and as the stone cut out of the mountain without hands in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, which—"became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."—All people may know about and take advantage of the thing that came of Daniel's dream. But they all won't believe and accept this great opportunity, so it is modi-
fied thus: “And many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; (Kingdom, of Daniel’s dream) and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isa. 2:3).” (This fulfilled in Acts 2.)

Now we have studied a small portion of the prophecy concerning the wonderful dream. Now let us go on and read of the fulfillment. Centuries passed when one night the shepherds watched their flocks by night and heard an announcement: “For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). (One like unto the Son of man in Daniel’s dream.) He was to be given a kingdom, then he, Christ is the kingdom. It has been a dream until after Christ was born and —“grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.”

Now hear Christ as he talks to Peter (promise with determination) “Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven—” In these verses Christ used the words “church” and kingdom interchangeably to designate the same thing, so now we know that he is the one whom Daniel saw, and his church was the kingdom in his dream. This is still in promise. Now let us read a little further to find that it was fulfilled. About one year later than Christ and Peter’s conversation when Christ promised—“I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” Peter preached that first glorious gospel sermon in the church which began on that same memorable day of Pentecost. Thus the church, the kingdom that Daniel saw in his dream so long ago, was now a reality. The kingdom that would never be destroyed. The mountain of the Lord’s house that Isaiah prophesied would be established (prepared). Read all about the fulfillment in Acts 2. How that Nebuchadnezzar’s dream which he forgot, and Daniel dreamed again became a reality. Look about you now to see the glorious church of Christ “which shall never be destroyed” to see the fulfillment of the most wonderful dream that God ever sent to the minds of men. Read how it works in 1 Cor. 2, and the wonderful promise: “Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of men, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (1 Cor. 2:9).

And as it is to be an everlasting kingdom and knowing that the earth is to be destroyed we know that it will have to extend on into heaven and we have this hope: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s (in his kingdom, church) at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority, and power.”

Read about your exalted position as a citizen of Christ’s kingdom. church, his church, to us the glorious church of Christ, in Eph. 2.
Read how that Christ was the theme of it all in Phil 2. How that he established and prepared it in Isaiah 2:2, and John 14:2, 3.

He had said: “To this end was I born.” This proves and brings us to acknowledge him as that devout man Simeon acknowledged when he took Jesus as a babe in his arms and said: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people (Luke 2:30, 31; Acts 2).

Now if we did not have hope of living with Christ in heaven, the dream would end on earth but Christ promised shortly before he went away into heaven: “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” “And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.” John 14: 3, 4. “For mine eyes have seen thy salvation (way) which thou hast prepared before the face of all people” (Luke 2:30, 31).

You can make this beautiful dream come true for yourself if you will obey God and Christ and live faithfully in his kingdom.

Jesus said: “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.” And “verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water, (baptized) he cannot see the kingdom of heaven.”

So I beg of you to hasten to obey him. His commandments are not grievous, but are easily and conveniently obeyed by all who will. Hearing, faith, repentance, confession and baptism for the remission of sins will make you a citizen of the kingdom that Daniel dreamed about so long ago, that will never be destroyed.

KEEPC THY HEART

Mariam Harwell

Solomon said, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee, a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look... straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Remove thy foot from evil” (Prov. 4:23-27).

To keep evil from the heart does indeed require never-ending diligence. We may be able to keep our feet from treading in evil places: we may keep our hands from doing harm to our neighbors: we may turn away our eyes from beholding sinful things: and we may with some degree of success keep our lips from speaking perversely, but faithful are we in keeping unholy thoughts from our minds? “For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Prov. 23:7).

Jesus said, “For from within, out of the hearts of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within and defile the man” (Mark 7:21-23).

We do not always have to commit an act to commit a sin. Jesus said, “Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Matt. 5:28). And, “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:15).

Solomon listed as one of the sev-
en things which are an abomination to God "an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations" (Prov. 6:16-19). In the days of Noah God looked down upon man and saw that "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5) therefore he destroyed all except Noah and his family.

Man is a sensual being, loving sensual pleasures. But man is also an intelligent being, able to exercise self-control, and in order to be pleasing to God he must be temperate in all things. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7-8).

If in the past, before we became Christians, we have sowed to the flesh, we may still sin in our hearts by remembering these things with a secret sense of pleasure (Ezek. 23:19). Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

We may say, "But I wouldn't think of looking back or entertaining wicked thoughts." Perhaps not but let's consider again the things that may be in our hearts. What about anger and impatience? How often do you find yourself "flying off the handle" at some little insignificant matter? "Now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth" (Col. 3:8).

What about prejudice? Haven't you heard people who claimed to be Christians say, "I wouldn't sit next to a colored person in church?" Is there absolutely no prejudice in your heart?

What about grudges? If someone has done you a wrong, do you say "I'll forgive, but I won't forget?" Is that truly forgiving? Remember that Jesus said, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses" (Matt. 6:15; Mark 12:25-26).

What about malice? Are you one of those who repeat gossip, or which is worse still, say with a significant nod or sly look, "There's plenty more I could tell, but I won't?" "Let no man suffer as a busybody in other men's matters" (1 Peter 4:15).

What about envy? Do you feel that your neighbor is more fortunate than you are—that you would give your eyeteeth to be as "lucky" as he is?

What about bitterness? Do you feel that others are happier than you are—that life has dealt you more pain and sorrow than you deserve? "Looking diligently . . . lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you . . ." (Heb. 12:15).

What about pride and deceit? Are you inclined to live beyond your means in order to impress those around you? "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envyng one another" (Gal. 5:26).

What about brotherly love? Are you inclined to feel more friendly toward the well-dressed members of the congregation? "If ye have respect of persons (because of their dress) ye commit sin . . ." (See James 2:1-10).

These things and more may be
found in the hearts of Christians, else Paul would not have so consistently warned us against them. He said, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves . . ." (2 Cor. 13: 5). "For I fear, lest when I come I shall not find you such as I would . . . lest there be envying, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults . . ." (2 Cor. 12: 20). "And grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice: and be ye kind, tender hearted, forgiving one another . . ." (Eph. 4: 30-32).

Paul also said, "If we would judge ourselves we should not be judged" (1 Cor. 11: 31). If we would take time often to take inventory of our own hearts we might be surprised at the things we would find there that are not pleasing to God. We need to recognize our faults and acknowledge them, and pray for cleansing and the strength to overcome them and free ourselves from them.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1: 8-9).

In house cleaning we discard all worthless and unsightly objects, replacing them with things that are useful and beautiful, sweeping, dusting, polishing. Let us also examine our hearts, discarding unworthy thoughts, overcoming weaknesses and shortcomings, replacing them with "whatsoever things are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure and lovely" (Phil. 4:8).

Therefore let us pray as did David, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, my strength, and my Redeemer" (Psa 19:14). And then we can truly say, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psa. 139:23).

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Do we as preachers' families realize that we in a double way should be thankful for our food and shelter? Of course, our first thanks go to God. But when we remember that all our temporal needs are cared for by countless sacrifices of faithful children of God, we owe love and thanks to them, also.

It was so nice to have had the opportunity of hearing Sister Norvel Young's lessons to the preachers' wives at the Abilene lectureship. One thing that keeps coming back to me is how we as preachers' families should love and appreciate our homes furnished us by the churches. Surely our heavenly Father shelters, feeds, and clothes us all, but in this special way does he provide for the temporal needs of the preacher's family. We should not forget to appreciate this.

This nice little house that we have lived in for four years at Springtown, Texas has in every corner many pleasant reminders. I'm sure there will never be another one just like it. If we were to find

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another house just like this one, it would not have the same people associated with it, so it could not be the same.

Just as a gift, no matter how small, is cherished more than something we ourselves buy, we should appreciate the special kindnesses and sacrifices of faithful Christians for our comfort. These blessings should become dearer to us as we know the givers personally and realize how much of self was sacrificed to provide for our needs.

We've loved the quiet church yard through the week, so different from the crowded street in the city. We've loved our winged visitors that have been so unafraid and came so near our windows with their happy songs. We've loved the nice, big windows in this little house, and I think we have loved especially the broader window in the kitchen that faces westward over a meadow. This broad window seems to symbolize these people in their wonderful hospitality and thoughtfulness toward us, for always they've gone beyond the second mile. We know that whoever comes to live in this dear little house in the future will be happy and blessed.

Through these broad, west windows
We have watched the sunset's glow,
And the rolling sweet scented acres,
As the flowers waved to and fro.

O the beauty that has been ours
As we've gazed across the land,—
Through these broad, west windows,
Gifts from our Father's hand.

And as we look on farther west
We see a bright gate gleaming,—
Our Savior stands with outstretched hands,
His matchless love revealing.

Why should our hearts grow weary
As we journey onward west,
When our precious, loving Savior
Has promised perfect rest?

So with high hopes we're looking forward
As we catch glimpses of the blest!
May our feeble steps not falter
When we hear the call, "Come West!"

MY LITTLE NEIGHBOR

Do you know my little neighbor
That lives across the street;
She's the most precious little darling
That ever you did meet.

She's very fair, with big blue eyes
And a smile upon her face;
And you just can't help loving her,
And no one could ever take her place.

You'll know her when you see her
By that charming smile and face;
Right then you'll want to hold her
And give her a big embrace.

Who is this darling baby
This precious little girl
That lives across the street from me—
Her name is Joyce Pearl.
—Arizona Sanders

(Joyce Pearl is daughter of Brother and Sister Paul E. Moore, publishers of "Christian Worker," Wichita, Kansas. Editor)

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him (Psalm 103:13).
This is an S.O.S. calling all women! Did you hear that Russia plans to start war in 1955? That is not very far off and we know full well that we will be involved! Even as God called the women (Jer. 9:17-20), I'm calling all women to teach their daughters the gospel, and prevent the "lamenting and wailing," prevent "death from coming up into our windows" via, war, havoc and destruction!

God was threatening Israel with the sword for the very same thing that is going on today, following false teachers, a perfect blue-print of our day and for our destruction! Needless to say that we are being threatened! But how many know why? Truly God said, Hos. 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." They have to be informed and we have no time to lose either! Listen to God, Jer. 18:7-8, "At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation... to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy; if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them."

I'm appealing to each and every Christian woman Jer. 8:14, "Why do we sit still" and let the night overtake us? Remember Esther saved her nation and jeopardized her life to do it, which we as yet need not do, and God pity us if we do wait that long!

Some think that the end of the world is near, but that is not according to the teaching of the Lord! Christ himself said Matt. 24:14, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Look at the nations today that were not in existence then and he says all the world and all nations. He commanded as he left to "go... teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Mat. 28:19, 20). The gospel was preached to every creature who was here in the apostles time, but this teaching has not been continued to all nations that are now in existence. From the teaching of both of the Old and New Testaments God is getting ready to give us an object lesson for our neglect of his work! History is replete with such but how many know this? They have to be informed if our beloved America is to be saved from destruction and we do not have to walk out and leave all to the enemy, even become their slaves! Pretty dark picture but we would better wake up before it is too late! Prov. 29:18, "Where there is no vision (fore-sight) the people perish." Isa. 26:8 "... when thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." My cry is to every woman, let us learn righteousness and prevent the judgments! This nation is desperately wicked! A million of our young women infected with social disease.

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100,000 go into white slavery each year and much more from a late F.B.I. report, but more on this later. Let us remember that God told Joshua at a time of defeat that they could not stand before their enemies till the accursed thing was removed (Jos. 7:13). Neither can we! Remember he says, “If they will turn I will repent (turn) from the evil I thought to do to them.” This is the crux to the whole matter, getting them to turn, and this is the burden ahead of us, and it is going to take everything that we can muster to stem the awful tide of wickedness in this land, but it can be done if we set our hearts and wills to the task and get at it and we dare not wait longer. It will call for sacrifice but we are told to make even our bodies a living sacrifice! Do we know the meaning of this term? I trow not! But let us not wait and learn in the caves of the earth as Israel once did and the early Christians too (Heb. 11:35-38). I'm pleading with God (Isa. 32:9). “Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear to my speech.” To accomplish the most in the shortest time this teaching must be gotten on the air, even running with “the sword of the Spirit” as Aaron did to stop their plague, even we must run to prevent ours from starting! To get this over will cost money and that is one thing that I do not have after raising my four children chiefly alone; but I have many lessons ready and the program I have in mind will be tied in with all the churches of the U. S. If we get a national station, so it will offer every one an opportunity to work and teach in each and every way qualified. The work to be done under the supervision of local churches, and those wishing to help where there is no true church will afford a nucleus for a new congregation of our Lord! The gospel is the power of God, not swords and bombs! They have simply got the world atop a Mount Vesuvius ready to erupt! The gospel is still the power and if preached with power as, it was in the beginning it will tear down the signs of man-made churches so-called and erect church of Christ signs in their places, it will even tear down the “Iron Curtain!”

It is known that the enemy has plans for us, to bomb every large city in the U. S., drive us from our homes (those that would be left), and take everything we possess, so is it not much better to sacrifice to save our beloved America and millions of souls in eternity than to sacrifice it all to an enemy. God warned Israel over and over of their danger but they ignored him, then after their captivity, the few left, of Judah and Israel got together (they had been divided too) and went “weeping and seeking the Lord” (Jer. 50:4). They say, fleeing from Babylon, as God’s vengeance is ready to break on wicked old Babylon, “. . . come, let us declare in Zion, the work of the Lord our God.” Yes, they had learned a bitter lesson and were ready to listen to the Lord! Let us listen to him prevent disaster, and save millions of souls from eternal death. God says, (Isa. 48:18) “O that hadst hearkened unto my commandments then had thy peace been as a river.” . . . Is that not what we want? Peace? How may we have peace?
What commandments? (Isa. 54:18). "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression. Fear and terror shall not come near thee."

Here is where we must begin, if we are to escape disaster! First learning the "true and living way" then teaching not only their daughters and sons but all with whom they come in contact.

This truth must be heralded from the house tops to the far flung corners of the earth if desperate grief and sorrow is to be avoided!

Women are the logical ones to get the work started, as they are the heart of the home, and have influence with their husbands and children. By teaching, and getting herself and children to the true church, woman is wielding a great influence on a husband and neighbors. The influence, or power of example!

This work will soon reach into the schools, offering opportunity to teach young women things that perhaps their own mothers will not teach them of the dangers and pitfalls of life, and for godly, fatherly men to do the same with our young men. This has to be done if this awful tide of wickedness is stemmed. If it is not, we are doomed! This may seem like a high goal but if we set a high one we will go much farther than if we set a low one or none at all! Francis Willard was one of the great women reformers. She and her aged mother went into saloons and knelt and prayed and she said often the men left their mugs and stools and knelt with them. She organized the mothers of the world to bring about healthier, happier homes, in her short life of less than 60 years. Then there is Susan B. Anthony, Florence Nightingale and many others, who made great contributions to our country. Shame on us that we are not doing the same! Any who wish to help financially in this work, contact me and I will name a well known congregation to supervise the work. Handle the finances, etc. I pray God that we have not already waited too long! Let us be up and doing ere the night come and we can not work!

"HE SHOWED THEM HIS HANDS AND HIS FEET"

Lord, when I am weary with toiling,
And burdensome seem thy commands,
If my load should lead to complaining,
Lord, show me thy hands—
Thy nail-pierced hands, thy cross-torn hands—
My Savior, show me thy hands.

Christ, if ever my footsteps should falter,
And I be prepared for retreat;
If desert or thorn cause lamenting,
Lord, show me thy feet—
Thy bleeding feet, thy nail-scarred feet—
My Jesus, show me thy feet.

O God, dare I show thee
My hands and my feet?

Sleep is the best cure for worry, provided you do it instead.
TWO THINGS I LEARNED

I thought to rest my aching back,
Lay down my weary load;
I stopped to put my heavy cross
Nearby the narrow road.
I stood it carefully in the ground
With all the greatest care;
I didn't want to have to stoop,
My cross again to bear.
And when my conscience drove me back
To shoulder it once more,
I found that it had taken root...
It weighed much less before.
For it had grown, and sprouted limbs,
And branched into a tree;
If it had seemed a burden then,
What would its weight now be?
For I had lost some of my strength
While resting my tired back.
And I soon found in that first mile
My muscles had grown slack.
And oh, it was a painful job
To trim those limbs away,
And build my muscles to a point
Where they could last each day.
Two things I learned, in deep remorse:
No matter what our woes,
If once we stop, our strength declines
While our cross just grows...
and grows.
—Betty Beaman

THE BIBLE

You can never over-estimate the Bible. To it we are indebted for a knowledge of the best gifts heaven has ever vouchsafed to man. He contains the lessons of true wisdom, as they fell warm from the lips of him who spoke as never man spoke. It alone points out the manner in which man can render unto God acceptable service; and by its decisions, the awards of the last day are to be determined.

THE MORNING'S JUBILEE

In the church yard early mornings,
At the dawn of every day,
There is held a happy meeting,
Tho' we can't tell the things they say.

But we know from all the melody
That rings from tree to tree,
That their hearts are very happy
At this morning's jubilee.

If we're sure of love and mercy,
If from greed and grudges free,
Why can't we sing with gladness,
Like these singers in the tree?

If our sins are all forgiven,
And by faith our homeland see,
Why can't we join in praises,
At each morning's jubilee?

—Mrs. Fannie L. Bentley

Sometimes the "easy marks" are not worth "hitting."
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What once were vices, are now
the manner of the day.

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Sister ORPHA ROBERTS Says---

IF ALL the members were just like me, what would the church of Christ now be? Would there be any use of announcing the weekly services? Would we be glad to have the strength and privilege of attending all of them? Would we listen to learn all of God's word to help us live closer to him or would we pick out all the mistakes that others make and magnify them? Shouldn't we consider that WE ARE ALL HUMAN beings and are likely to blunder? In fact isn't it more likely to cause one to blunder when we feel like someone's critical eyes are on us? Then WHY NOT wait—wait till we do not make any mistakes—then perhaps we might not make the mistake of always catching the mistakes of others?

IF all were just like me—would we be glad to help others over the rough road, OR would we want to give them a kick downward? Wouldn't it be a good plan to watch ourselves and see just how BIG we are? Should we not think of the price Jesus paid for the church? Then if all were like me—would we put our petty feelings ahead of THAT price OR would we say to ourselves—what am I that I could compare with the price Jesus paid?

We are nothing in comparison—so let's forget and boost instead of kicking. We ALL have faults but I trust not so bad—but if repented of—they will not send us to the place we want to miss. Let's REASON together with love, and forgiveness will naturally follow. Let us each esteem OTHERS better than ourselves. It is not an easy job to live a true Christian as we all know—and we cannot live it alone, but God understands and is GLAD to help us IF we will let him.

A Christian with the love of Jesus in his heart always goes about with his eyes open to those in need and does his bit toward the need regardless of how his monthly payments stand and the selfish desires pull against helping those in need. Others look down on the needy in pity—and pass on the other side.
THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

There will be a great marriage in heaven
When our God says that "time is no more,"
The Lord Jesus himself is the bridegroom
For that home on Eternity's Shore.

The church has been busy preparing.
She is bride for that great wedding day;
The blood of the Christ efficacious
Has made perfect her bridal array.

Alleluia, the supper is waiting
All the righteous are robed pure and white
All honor to Christ our Redeemer
Who reserved saints for heaven so bright.

God is love, and he long has been waiting
God's word and the church still say "come"
Not one soul need be barred from the wedding
Who choose for life, the Redeemer, God's Son.

"I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."
"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."