


GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS



"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it"

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The last day in the life of one man named, Jesus, the Christ. The Jews day started in the evening. From evening, or sundown, to sundown, was a day.

Now when evening was come, He was sitting at meat with His twelve disciples.

He said unto them, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer."

There arose a contention among them who should be greatest. He said, "He that is greatest among you, let him become as the younger: and he that is chief, as he that doth serve."

As they were eating, Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, one of you shall betray me, even he that eateth with me." And He was troubled in spirit.

"The same that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me."

Judas answered, "is it I Rabbi? He saith unto him "Thou hast said."

After the sop, Satan entered into him. He went straightway out.

(Jesus) took bread and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave to them saying "This is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." Likewise the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, this do as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

He laid aside His garments and girded himself with a towel, pored water in a basin and began to wash His disciples feet.

Peter said unto Him "Ye shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Peter said "Lord, not my feet only, but my hands and head."

He saith "...Buy a sword."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the Mount of Olives.

They came to Gethsemane.

He prayed ... and being in agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat became as it were drops of blood.

And straightway Judas came with a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priest.

Now he that betrayed Him gave a sign, saying, "Whosoever I shall kiss, that is He; Take him." But Jesus said unto him, "Judas, betray thou the Son of Man with a kiss?" And he saith, "Hail Rabbi," and kissed him.

Simon Peter having a sword, drew it and smote off the high priest's servant's ear.

And He touched his ear and healed him.

They seized Jesus and bound Him and led Him to Annas.

They asked Jesus of His teachings.

He answered, "Why asketh thou me, ask them that heard me, what I spake unto them."

One of the officers' standing by, struck Jesus with his hand.

Annas therefore sent Jesus bound unto Cai-

aphas the high priest (his son-in-law).

Now the chief priests and the council sought witness against Him and found it not.

Two said "This man said I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

The high priest said "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ."

Jesus said "Thou hast said."

Caiphas rent his garments, saying, "He hath spoken blasphemy. What further need have we of witnesses; What think ye? He is worthy of death."

They spit upon Him.

They blindfolded Him and smote Him with their hands, saying, "Prophecy, who is it that struck thee?"

And many other things spake they against Him, reviling Him.

Peter denied Him before all, "I know Him not!"

Again Peter said, "I know Him not."

Peter again denied Him.

The rooster crowed.

Peter went out and wept bitterly.

In the morning, the whole council held a meeting. They led Jesus away into their council asking Him, "If thou be the Christ, tell us so."

Jesus said, "If I tell you, ye will not believe. But henceforth, the Son of Man shall be seated on the right hand of the power of God."

They all said "Art thou the Son of God?"

He said, "Ye say that I am."

They said, "What further witness need we? We have heard Him from His own mouth."

Judas repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver and cast them into the temple saying "I have betrayed innocent blood."

They took the money and bought the Potters Field to bury strangers in.

Judas falling headlong burst asunder in the midst and all his bowels gushed out as he hung himself.

They bound Jesus and brought Him to Pilate.

They began to accuse him saying "We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He is the Christ the King.

Pilate said "Take Him and judge Him yourselves.

They answered "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death."

Pilate asked Jesus "Art thou the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answering "Thou sayest. My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews."

Pilate: "Art thou a king then?"

Jesus: "To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness of the truth."

Pilate: "What is truth?"

Pilate to the priests and multitude: "I find no fault in Him!"

When He was accused of the priests and elders,

He answered nothing.

Pilate: "Answereth thou nothing?"

When Pilate heard that Jesus was a Galil an he sent Him unto Herod who was at Jerusalem.

Herod was exceedingly glad when he saw Jesus, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. And he questioned Him with many words.

But He answered nothing.

The chief preists and scribes vehemently accused Him.

They arrayed Him in gorgeous apparel.

Herod returned Him to Pilate.

Herod and Pilate became friend with each other that very day.

Pilate: "ye have brought unto me this man, as one that preverteth the people, and I have examined Him before you and have found no fault in Him, nor yet Herod. I will there fore chastise Him and release unto you the King of the Jews."

While Pilate was there, his wife sent unto him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him."

The multitude said "Away with this man and release unto us Barrabas;" who was cast into prison for murder.

And again Pilate saith unto them, "What shall I do unto Jesus which is called the Christ?"

They said, "Let Him be crucified."

Pilate: "Why? What evil hath he done?"

They say: "Let Him be crucified. We have a law and by that law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was more afraid and said unto Jesus, "Whence art thou?"

Jesus answered him not.

Pilate: "Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to release thee, and I have power to crucify thee?"

Jesus: "Thou hath no power against me except it were given thee from above. He that delivered me unto you hath the greater sin.?"

Upon this, Pilate sought to release Him.

The Jews: "If thou release this man, thou art no friend of ceasar."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and said unto the Jews, "Behold your king!"

The Jews, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate: "Shall I crucify your king?"

Cheif priests: "We have no king but Ceasar."

Pilate took water and washed his hands saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man."

The people: "His blood be on us and on our children."

The Pilate released Barrabas unto them.

He scourged Jesus. (Whipped Him)

Then he delivered Him to be crucif

The soldiers took Jesus into the common hall

and gathered a band of soldiers and stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe.

They platted a crown of thorns and put it on His head and a reed in His hand and they bowed on their knees before Him, and mocked Him, saying "Hail King of the Jews."

They spit upon Him.

They took a reed and smote Him on the head.

And He bearing His cross went forth to the place where they crucified Him.

They parted His garments and casted lots among them, and it was the third hour.

They sat and watched Him there.

They crucified two thieves, one on His right and one on His left.

They that passed by, reviled Him, wagging their heads saying, "Thou that destroyeth the temple and buildeth it in three days, save thy self. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

With many other words, did they revile Him

One of the robbers cast upon Him reproach, but the other rebuked him and said to Him, "Remember me when thou comest in thy Kingdom."

Jesus: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

When He saw His mother, He said to John, "Behold thy mother, and to His mother, "Woman, behold thy son."

When the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land, until the ninth hour.

At the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST FORSAKEN ME?" (the prophet had said that) "For a small moment Have I forsaken thee " and "I hid my face from thee for a moment."

One ran and took a sponge and filled it with vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink.

The rest said, "Let be; let us see whether Elijah cometh to save Him."

Jesus with a loud voice said "Father, into thy hands commend my spirit," and gave up the ghost.

There was an earthquake, and the vail of the temple was rent in two, tombs were opened and saints who had died were raised.

A soldier took a spear and pierced His side and there came out blood and water.

Joesph of Arimathea and Nicodemus took His body and laid it in Joespeh's tomb, about sundown.



A spiritual people...

Br. Jack Denson of SCOTTSBORO has been telling the saints that the Lord showed him a vision and in it the Lord told him that the old ship of Zion (The Church) was "Getting off course." At Tiftonia on the 1st Thursday evening of the New Year he was striving in the ministry to get it back on course. Most of the saints here said they never heard preaching like this before. I knew many of the old preachers and since they fell asleep I have not heard this type of preaching either. Here is part of it:

BR. JACK DENSON: "...I prayed and I prayed saying, 'Oh God, what is it that caused that old ship to get off course?' I was wanting to know. He carried me to the fifth chapter of Hebrews, and I began to read, and it seemed like a little voice spoke to me, just as plain as could be. He said 'My people are trying to worship me in a natural mind.' He showed me a picture. I could see them from the north to the south, ... of God's people wants to come out to the church and

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get up and shout a little bit, and then go home. That ain't what He said do. No it ain't. As Uncle Hodges said down there at home, he said to pray IN the Holy Ghost. I believe he said, Build up on your most holy faith.. That's the first thing you've got to have is Faith. He says *BUILDING UP YOUR SELVES IN THE MOST HOLY FAITH, PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST*. And you know it's the truth today, you can't hardly get people to pray any more.

Now, I want you to listen. I know when I can talk, and I know when I can't. We ain't got it made yet. It says, *Blessed are them that die in the Lord FOR THEY SHALL REST FROM THEIR LABORS*. How many of you are laboring. What is labors? Works! *And his works doth follow him*. Is your works a following you? Are they? If you don't bring thirty fold, before you leave this old world, God will withdraw His Spirit. Yes He will. And when you die, you'll not die in the Lord. Why? You don't have enough works! How long have you had the Holy Ghost? Are still a baby? If you are, you're the awfulest looking thing you ever seen in your life. You don't stay a babe in this Way and look right. You've got to grow. Now, if you have desired the sincere milk of the Word that you might grow thereby, God will send preachers up here. He'll send some help if you desire it.

Now, He took me to Hebrews and showed me

how the children of God were missing it. They were a drifting. They were going in the wrong direction, because they did not have their senses exercised. How many of you are asleep tonite. If your asleep you are past feeling. Did. you know that? Did you know that you can go asleep spiritually? Do you know that you can come to this church house so drunk that I can pinch you and you can't feel it? He didn't give us the spirit of fear but of love and joy and of a sound mind. You got a a sound mind, Br. Andy, and got to keep that too. How many times when the Lord comes by and you can just feel the Lord everywhere. It just draws the people up off their seats and there will be some setting back with their head down. Can't even feel nothing. That's one of your senses. Well what's the matter? You've got past feeling. Well you're the one who got yourself into it. If a man exercise his senses he'll be full grown. Of full age. You won't be getting up saying 'I'm just a baby, I can't do no thing. I don't care if you've had the Holy

Ghost forty years and you're still a babe, Brethern you're in pitiful shape. You aint got no business trying to tell nobody what to do. You oughta get yourself shaped up. How many of you are just as natural as corn bread? When you get to testify everybody in the house goes to sleep? You are just about as far from God as a man can get. We've got people who get up to tesify and they got more power than a freight train. But when it comes to prayer they can't hear you mumble out nothing. Going to pray for the sick. I'll let two or three of them pray. I'll get back here. You'll look on. Don't hear you say a word. See if anybody's gonna lay hands on.... But you get up here and shout the roof of this house. The bible talked a lot more about praying then it did testifying. And that's what were needing. You know why? Because you're growing wrong. Aint that right??? A man that has his senses excercise can see it. But a man that aint can't see it. Blinded. Paul said we have many words that were hard to utter. Why? Because they were dull of hearing.

When people don't desire the Word of God ... there's a brick wall there. You try to feed somebody that don't want it, it'll just splatter everywhere. Just a wasteing it. But somebody here tonite is desiring it.

You've got five senses in your body, and when they are gone, you are dead. Those senses you got spiritually are down in your heart and when they are gone, you've got a dead church. Now,

that man that is full age, he's got his senses exercised, the bible says he knows good from evil.

Now then, what kind of advice have you been giving these folks??? "I'm gonna tell yu right now, they don't believe in this!" (But someone says) "I don't care what they believe in, that's alright. You go ahead, it's alright." That person's eyesight is dim. They can't see danger.

Forty-four years ago when I got the Holy Ghost, you know what they taught us? Young girls, do you know what they taught you all. They taught me TO RESPECT THE ELDERS and ESPECIALLY THIS WORD OF GOD. They taught us TO DRESS WHERE WE'D BE REPECTED. And if any the girls came around

“And if any the girls came around with their eyebrows plucked out, they got a whipping!”

around with there EYEBROWS PLUCKED OUT they got a whipping for it. (Br. Hodges spoke up, "They gought to have one now!" Amen!) But you've got these instructors among us that will say "It's alright. Cut 'em a little bit." Girls, if you want to stay on the old ship, you'll have to abide in what will stand. "Oh, you mean Br. Jack, I'm going to have to leave off my make-up? I tell you, I look awful with-out it." Bless your heart, you are going to look awful, sure enough, when you get down there in torment. That's the reason the old ship is getting off course, we're letting these things get by. But there is going to be a few make it. I was taught to PRAY AT NIGHT BEFORE I WENT TO BED. I was taught that before I set down to some corn bread and gravy To ASK THE LORD TO BLESS IT. I done what I was taught.

You suppose to have just as much power in your praying as in your testifying. You know where you're at? You don't have your senses exercised. ... You know the kind of Power we need? Not this kind (stamping his foot). We need the kind that when you ask God for something, it'll happen. We're needing some power from above. But we aint a getting it.

We are trying to worship God naturally. We don't hardly have time to pray. 'There is a ball game on and I sure do want to see that. You pull out your little book and say 'Hey, who's gonna win today.' If there is any Holiness boys around, you don't want them to see you and you aint prayed a spiritual prayer in two years. Did you all know sports is of the world??? You basket ball players, you football players, if that is where your interest is, you will never make it. It's gonna take all you can do without fooling with that. It says to meditate day and night (in the laws of the Lord).

Not on ball games, or fishing, nor hunting. These deer hunters, if you say anything about it they say, 'Oh, but I'm going for the meat.' Some of them have been going ten years and aint got any meat and they are still going. You know who their fooling? They are fooling theirselves. Yea, you've got preachers that will take their gun and let meeting go, and go hunting. You can got tell them, I don't care. Brethern, I'm gonig to tell you some thing. I've been leading services since 1959 and I aint had a vacation to go nowhere and have a good time in my life. They kept talking about the Smoky Mtn, and me and my wife thought we'd drive up there, and I got my eyes

full in one night. All I wanted. I will just be honest with you. I didn't have a satisfied feeling and it was thru the week. But they will go up there and stay a week at a time and get 'em a room, and just lay out of meeting, go a swiming and all that kind of stuff. And me and my wife since we've been married neither one of us have ever had on a bathing suit. Where there is couples, boys and girls, even if you are married, going off and going swimming together, you are out of your place. I was taught better than that. I was taught that if God come along that I would not be ashamed.

Grace and peace be mulitplied unto you though the knowledge of God. What? Thru the instructor? Through the knowledge of God. Not the knowledge of me? No sir! Thru the knowledge of God.

You'll see boys every once in awhile after they get the Holy Ghost and don't know the difference, they'll come to church with their shirt tail out, no belt, I've got them around the neck and whispered in their ear, nobody knew it but me and him, and told him not to do that. Now then, you boys got on a sweater with no shirt underneath, when you get out here to testify and hold your hands up, it'll just pull up here, it's as embarassing as can be. Boys, wear clothes out here that if you fell in the floor or have to shout a little, or what ever you have to do, don't let your clothes fall off of you.

This IS a spiritual way, and you MUST worship God in the spirit and in the truth.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature ... What is a nature? That is the way you act, the way you look, the way you do. You've heard people say 'I don't like his nature.' *Divine Nature!* We'll have a nature like the Lord. And we'll be spiritual. If I take a notion that I want to start running across this house, you all will

say 'Oh, Br. Jack is happy, aint he?' Now that's Br. Jack out there running. That aint that divine nature ahold of him. But you let the spirit of God get ahold of him, that's the nature of the Lord. Now, if I just keep a coming up here and I get up and talk, kept a talking, and I'd pray and you couldn't feel nothing, and you would just sit and look at me, 'I wonder what is the matter with Br. Jack?' - Br. Jack just didn't have the divine nature a hold of him.

I've seen people just stand in their tracks, never move out of their tracks, and the power of God all over them. And I've seen people just stand in their tracks and just kill the meeting. I does look like people could look over the house and see when they was killing the meeting and sit down. That's right! This is a spiritual Way. When the spirit of God get ahold of Him, it'll work with you, and it make you want to get a little closer. I've scooted up on the end of my seat, the five senses you got the Holy Ghost, one of them was tasteing, I set on the edge of my seat when they was out there testifying or preaching. It was a tasteing good. Tasteing is that Love of God. That food that is coming... Now, if you can't taste, you're in a pretty bad shape.

"Get that praying done up, and when you come out here, it won't be near as hard to testify."

Who's a feeding you? He said that we would come up as calves of a stall. He that has got that calf in the stall will feed it excatly what it needs. It'll look good too. And when he turns that calf out, you talk about running around and kicking up it's heels, and looking good. There's life about it.

We used to live over there and we milked cows. We'd take the cream off and save it and take the skimmed milk and feed it to the little calves and they would get pot bellied and little weasely legs. And when we turned it out of the barn and it would walk out there and stand there. It didn't have no strength. It didn't feel like running a bit. If you don't get the right stuff to eat, that's the way you look. And that's the way you act.

If you aint been in the Spirit and you aint been over there where God can free you good, get over there. If you aint been praying like you ought, you do it. You do as much praying as you do testifying. Get that praying done up and when you come out here, it won't be near as hard to testify. Cause when you exercise your senses, you know what exercise is? Staying in shape. Then when you come to church, they won't have to beg you to tesify. Then you won't have to wait to the last one, when every body is ready to go home and say 'Wait a minute I want to say a few words (Ed: Oh Me!)

That divine nature. That's the nature you will have if you live for the Lord. And if

you've got that kind of nature, will you have patience?

How many of you brethern out here want to be an elder? (A number of hands went up)

Alright, how many of you know where the signs are at? (Not many hands)

Seewhat I'm talking about. We're not as well off as we think we are.

You know that I hadn't had the Holy Ghost six months til I knew where the signs were at. I knowed where to defend myself on free from sin. I knowed where the bible told me I would have to have the Holy Ghost.

Boys, you can't qualify for the elder.

A man that's is an elder will know how when he is asked about that hope that is in him, he will know how to answer. And a man that can not answer for that hope in him, you'd better try to study and learn a little something instead of watching a ball game.

You're on some milk now, but when you grow up a little bit you can eat some meat. When you can eat meat, you can tell a man wاهر he's a missing it. You can see it. You's have your senses exercised.

Help me boys. We've got to get this ship straighten out or we're all gonna perish.

Don't go talking about me. No! Pray for me. Help me.

By the fruit ye shall know them, Now the fruit is love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, goodness,... A lot of people says 'Oh, there's lot more then love, joy, and peace. but let me tell you one thing when you have it that will be in you. Why did so many people want to follow Jesus around? Because there was peace around Him.

If that old ship, bless your heart, if we can get it back on course, we'll make it. But if we don't, we won't (Make it).

May God bless you.



BROTHER
JACK
DENSON

LOOK FOR MORE TROUBLES

Br. McCoy Wooten told of a few years ago he was in a union in Chattanooga. They were on strike and he walked the picket line. Br. Dewey Barrier talked on this in church. Br. McCoy thought he knew about it and thought he ought to have come and talked to him concerning this, but never-the-less he told his wife he'd better move up to it. Went and got what they owed him, and a short time later he went to work within a mile or so of home making the same money per hour as he did driving fifty miles for. (OLD SARDIS)

Br. Jimmy Eason made a good illustration of faith. "A man's little boy asked him what faith was? He told him to give him a little and he'd tell him. Later the son wanted to go to him. He told him to come on, he was in the cellar. Told the son to jump thru the hole and he'd catch him. The boy was scared for it was dark and he couldn't see his dad down there. The dad said 'Have I ever let you down?' So the little boy jumped and his dad caught him in his big arms and set him down on the ground. The man then told the son 'That's faith.'"

"Br. Dewey Barrier read and talked from Genesis, where Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent. He said that the serpent was the devil and he was still beguiling people. He told how important it was for husband and wife to get along at home. If a woman did something her husband didn't like, he should not be all the time nagging her or trying to correct her. If the husband's doing something the wife didn't like, pray for him. The Lord could straighten him out better than she could. And the same to the other way around.

Br. Elton Brazier made an illustration of two boys playing got his attention. The boy had something the older wanted. The older boy begged, asked, pleaded, tried everything he could to get him to give it to him, but he wouldn't. Finally the older boy was going to take it from him, but Br. Elton stopped him, said, "No, you couldn't get him to give it to you, you're sure not going to take it." He said, "Satan can't take the Holy Ghost from us!"

Patience is a word that carries a lot of WAIT.
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Sis. Cynthia Smith and Sis. Jenny Little rec'd the Holy Ghost at Starnes Chapel on October 24, 1981. Sis. Becky Tawbush came to the Lord here about the first of October.

BE THANKFUL for the troubles of your life.

They provide about half your income. Because if it were not for the things that go wrong, the difficult people you have to deal with, and the problems and unpleasantnesses of your working day, someone could be found to handle your job for half of what you are being paid.

It takes intelligence, resourcefulness, patience, tact and courage to meet the troubles of any job. That is why you hold your present job. And it may be the reason you aren't holding down an even bigger one.

If all of us would start to look for more troubles, and learn to handle them cheerfully and with good judgment, as opportunities rather than irritations, we would find ourselves getting ahead at a surprising rate. For it is a fact that there are plenty of big jobs waiting for men and women who aren't afraid of the troubles connected with them.

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Br. Jack Denson told the saints that if they would stop all trying to instruct and start testifying about the goodness of the Lord and what he had done for them, the church would pick up speed.

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BR. CHARLIE BROWN told the saints at NILA how he awoke early one morning with "Orderley" on his mind. Over and over "Orderly, orderly orderly," and the scripture came to him, *let everything be done decently and in order*. This order was pressed on him concerning our "Altar Calls". He then took it to the church and commanded them to put our altar calls back in order. That service was still going on and until the dismissal to keep things in Order. For children to be kept quiet and in their place, and adults to keep their mind on the Lord, and if they were not praying, to set on their seat and not carry on conversation of everything but to keep their minds on god.

We hope all will take heed to this, we here are going to do better. At the Nila altar, forty-six souls have rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1981, so Br. Charlie must know what he's talking about.

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"That was a tough exam," said one of the students coming out of a college classroom. "Yes, it was a hard test," agreed another, "But it was a good one, it helped me find out what I don't know yet."

SIS. LILA GUFFEY: She tells how she has been concerned about people who hadn't been to meeting in a long time. The Lord gave her understanding that they wanted to come back but there was a spirit working with them and it wouldn't let them come back. That if they would over come that spirit and get back in service, that they'd be alright." (AMEN!)

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Sis. Jackie and Br. Larry Whitley

Sis. Jackie Whitley was at OLD SARDIS telling about their son Wayne losing his glasses. They searched and searched for them and it was getting dark outside where they were looking. She turned the outside light on but it only shined so far. Still she looked and searched. She told the Lord that she wasn't going back in 'til You show me where they are..... A Little later a puppy that was bad to carry things went by with a rag in it's mouth. The Lord told her to watch the puppey. "It'll lay down beside them glasses." She watched the puppey and went where it lay down and there were the glasses. They were just outside of the edge of the light.

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Br.Horace Williams was ahold of the Lord at TIFTONIA on the 3rd Saturday eve of February. He was talking on "The seven Christian graces," and Charity. He helped the church in the Lord.

"The Lord has really been blessing at SKY-line. Some children of God who have needed strength are getting it. The Lord has given us some young children of God to help us hold up the ways of the Lord, and their doing a great job of it. They testify good and help in the singing and it sounds so good. Br. Jr. Stephens and Br. Horace Williams had been thinking about having a few nights of services. So on the 5th weekend of January, they gave out meeting for Monday nite. On Sunday nite, Sis. Paula Arnold (Br. Paul and Sis. Sadie's daughter) came to church and asked the Lord if she was gonna get the Holy Ghost that nite, to let someone lay hands on her. Br. Dale Parker was the one the Lord spoke to when he got up from praying and he was obeident to the Lord because this built up Sis. Paula's faith. When she came to the altar, there was a feeling that came thru that carried her "Glories" up to the Lord and He accpted them and gave her the Holy Ghost.

Sis. Sue Miller(dau. of Sis. Ruth and the late Br. B.H.Roberts) had been "Close" to the Lord for a few weeks. On Wednesday, just her and the Lord were at home and He gave her the Holy Ghost. We're so glad for these sisters.

On the following Saturday nite was our Communion service and like most of the time, some didn't come. Somehow we didn't get to take the Lord's Supper that nite. Br. Jr. Junior told us when he started to dismiss that nite that he believed he would bring the Supper back on Sunday nite and see if the Lord would bless it then, but not to tell anyone, so everyone would be there. On Sunday nite when Br. Jr. began putting the Supper on the table some wanted to know what he was doing setting Communion on Sunday nite. They were surprised to see it. When the service began, the Lord began to bless toward the Supper. When Br. Eugene and Br. Jr. began breaking the bread, Br. Wayne Moore, began singing, Oh What A Savior, and what a feeling came with it. Tears were flowing from the children of God's eye's and as we began washing feet the Love of God could be felt flowing all around. The children of God were hugging necks and shaking hands and it was a great meeting for both young and old.

Sis Lila Guffey was overheard saying that it was the best Communion service she could ever remember being in."

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The Lord has been using Br. Jack Denson in the minisrty of the Word exceeding of late. Word comes in from all quarters how he has been bringing the spiritual Word that so many among us are starveing for. Thankx the Lord.

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What If It Had Been The End?

A great many people had fun yesterday talking about the "Jupiter Effect," the supposed violent consequences to the Earth of the conjunction of nine planets within an arc of about 96 degrees on one side of the sun.

Not many people really expected it to be the end of the world, but a few wondered, thinking there could possibly be some ill effects from the combination of the planets' gravity. There was no reason for fear, since similar things had happened with closer planetary concentration in the past with no major ill effects.

But it all did raise this question: What if it *really* were the end of the world? What would you want to be doing? The world will end some day. The Bible tells us that explicitly, while also saying that those who try to tell the date of doomsday are wrong, that we will not know in advance. It teaches that we should be ready for it every day, any day, and thus not need last-minute preparations that may be too late.

If "the end" had come yesterday, it would have found some engaging in "going out" orgies. That's an odd trait of human nature. It would have found some doing awful things, like the one who stabbed four people at a "Jupiter Effect" beach party at Key Biscayne, Fla. It probably would have found most of us going about "business as usual." It would have found others on their knees, not fearful but praying with gladness for the welcome second coming of Jesus Christ.

Since no one knows when the end will come (it will be like "a thief in the night"), wouldn't it be a good idea for all of us to live today in the way that would be best for us if this, indeed, were our last day? If it isn't the last day, it would be a pretty good day if we lived it right. And who knows when his own last day will be, even though the last day for the entire world may be far off?

How would you like for your last day of life on earth to be? If we all lived that way, the world would be a better place.

Br. Alvin Bailey's health is not good, probably heart toruble.

Br. Ricky Holman has been very happy and speaking in tongues.

Br. Darrell and Sis. Patty Townson of TIFTONIA are the happy parents of new and big baby girl, Christy Nicole. Their second child. Their first one since they rec'd the Holy Ghost and they had it at home.

Br. Rodney Marbit and Sis. Kathy Trotman were married in March. He is the grand-son of Br. Herman Womack, and she, the daughter of Br. Virgil Trotman.

Br. Charles Willmon of FYFFEE has been preaching "Old time Holiness" this winter.

The Word of God spoke of "Perilous times shall come." We in this generation can now say that "Perilous times have come."

We can either, get discouraged and look down, or do as the Lord said, "Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh."

Br. Cranford Bonds of BONDS CHAPEL has been very ill.

Sis. Hettie Shetters of Skyline has been ill with a stroke.

Br. Glen McAllister of PLEASANT GROVE has not been well.

Br. G. Henry Key of BROWN'S CHAPEL has been ailing for some time now.

Sis. Oma Priest of BRIARFORK has been real sick.

Br. Danny Johnson of ROCKY BRANCH is still ill.

Sis. Estelle Martin of OLD SARDIS is still ailing.

Sis. Wydean Akins has been very sick but the Lord showed mercy and she is improving by leaps and bounds. (LKT. MTN.)

Br. Lloyd White of OLD SARDIS is still ill but still smiling as always.

Br. Clarence Williams is still confined much to the bed.

Br. Roy and Sis. Floy Guffey of OAK GROVE celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Joey Ward was a boy friend of Sis. Janice Brazier. She is Br. Jr. Brazier's daughter and from PLEVNA. He went to a church but got to going to meeting with her, and likeing it. He started cleaning his life up and started seeking for the Holy Ghost. He went to the altar three times. One day at work, he got miserable hearing how the planets were lining up and so much talk about what could happen. He thought that the world might end on Wenesday and he was not ready to meet the Lord. He was feeling so condemned that he asked off from work and got in his 1969, maroon and white pickup truck and started driving slowly home. He was really seeking God. Part of the time he was driving or rather steering with his knees with his hands up pleading with Jesus. He works on second shift and it was about six o'clock as he drove around a curve near home when he began speaking in others tongues as the Spirit of God gave him utterance. He left work a lost boy and got home a born again child of God. And he was happy and still is.

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Br. Jack Denson and Br. Horace Williams are seen together amongst us a lot and the churchs are glad to see them come. They work very good together.

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The saint at BEAN CREEK are in the process of getting land to build a church in Winchester Tennessee.

"We would like to thank all the churches and everyone everywhere for the prayers that were said for our twins Eva Dale and Amy Gale. It is through these prayers that reached our blessed Lord and his great power that we have our precious babies. They were born two months early. The doctors didn't know that it would be twins. He didn't give the baby much chance of living. We were so proud when they were born and that we had twin girls. They were small and had a few problems but was doing good for their size. When they were two days old, the doctor came in and said that the babies brains were too small and had not developed right. She thought they would have serious brain damage. She wanted to run a test on them the next day. It scared us, but we knew what to do. Jerry called Br. Elton and told him about it and to spread the news to everyone to pray. We felt they would be alright in our heart but we were so upset that we couldn't get the faith we wanted. I never felt so helpless before. I told Jerry that this one time I was depending on the children of God to get to Him for help. The next day they ran the test on them. We waited all day for the results. Finally that night we got the news that they are as normal as normal can be. We are so thankful the children of God reached him and He reached down and touched our babies. When they were three months old I carried them to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor examined Eva and told us she had something wrong with her, that she might have cerebral palsy. It broke our hearts. I came home and called Sis. Susie Simmons. She also has twins and knew what I was going through. She had given me a lot of support in the past. She said she would ask prayer for her. After I called Sis. Susie and called my sister and I didn't tell anyone else. I couldn't talk about it. I just wanted to get a hold of God and talk to God, I knew if I even got to the place he could deal with my mind and let me know whe would be alright I could stand on it no matter what. I would walk in the babies room, they would be lying in their beds so sweet. It would break my heart, I wanted to believe she would be alright. I knew the Lord had already helped her this far, and that he has the power to do all things. I was so upset I couldn't get the faith He would do it, till that following Sunday morning. I walked into their room, standing looking at them as I had done so many times before with my heart so heavy. This time it was different. I had a glad and happy heart. I looked down at my babies and said out loud, "There's not anything



wrong with my baby". I could feel the peace of God had felled the room. I was so happy. There was just a few people that knew about her and at this time I looked at the clock. It was a little after noon and I knew Sis Susie had asked prayer and God had heard them. Jerry and our family was still concerned about her. We went to church that night. Sis. Terrie Holman walked back with tears in her eyes and the power of God on her and got Eva. She walked around the altar. She was anointed with oil. Jerry and everyone knew then that she would be alright. It was a month before I carried her back to the doctor.

There was a specialist coming in to see her. We never worried about her again. The day I carried her back I had put Amy in the hospital for surgery. I knew she was going to have to have since she was born. I carried Eva in and the doctor checked her and said he couldn't find anything wrong with her. I went across the street and put Amy in the hospital. She was to have surgery the next morning on her arm and fingers. I felt like I couldn't stand them taking my baby and do surgery on her. One night during our revival I ask prayer for her. The Lord really blessed, hands went on her and me too. There was several preachers there. The baby and myself were both anointed. After that I could accept the surgery better. They came in and got her and took her to surgery. My heart was so heavy as any mothers would be. But God was there with me. Just as he had been all along. When they brought Amy back to me she could hardly breathe. That night she developed pneumonia. She had to be put in intensive care. She was so sick. She was right at deaths door. But once again God came just in time. During this time Jerry had lost a lot of work and we were having a lot of financial problems. There were several children of God that helped us out. One day while Amy was still in the hospital, we didn't have any money at all. Jerry went to the mail box to find an envelope addressed to him. He opened it and inside was a plainsheet of typing paper and three one hundred dollar bills. We knew that God had sent it to us. I'm sure he used one of his children to send it to us. We are so thankful that someone loved us that much. I am so thankful to be serving a God that knows just what we need. I love him so dearly and thank Him every day for my babies. The

doctor could only do half of Amy's surgery. She is suppose to go back for surgery again. I didn't want to take her back. I was afraid she would get real sick again. One night we were at a singing at Nila. The Holman family was singing. The song began to lift up to the heavens. I was standing up and God told me if I would walk out in the altar, offer Amy up to Him that He would heal her and she wouldn't have to have surgery. I began to make my way to the altar. I felt like I was on my own about the first walk around the altar. But I would not be shaken. I knew what I felt. About the second time around the power of God fell. Hands began to go on the baby and myself. Br. Charlie anointed her. I told everyone about her going to have surgery and God had told me he would heal her. I never felt anything so strong. I carried her back for a check-up. He was pleased with her and wants to check her again in two months. I have the faith he won't have to do surgery again. I thank God for being with us all the way. The babies are nine months old in the picture. They are up to their normal weight for their age, and are doing fine. We thank God and everyone for helping us hold on the the faith. they would be alright.

Br. Jerry, Sis. Cathy and
~~Sis.~~ Candy Holman.

THE SNAKE THAT POISONS EVERYBODY

It
topples governments,
wrecks marriages,
ruins careers,
busts reputations,
causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion,
spawns suspicion,
generates grief,
dispatches innocent people to cry
in their pillows.
Even its name hisses.
It's called gossip.
Office gossip. Shop gossip. Party gossip.
It makes headlines and headaches.
Before you repeat a story, ask yourself —
Is it true?
Is it fair?
Is it necessary?
If not,
Shut up.

Sis. Barbara Pendergrass tells they had a television but her husband Br. John wouldn't watch it. And when something that didn't sound right she would change it. Once when she was watching, The Price is Right, and they called a woman's name, and this woman got to jumping up a down and hollering, and Sis. Barbara got so "Tickled" because it was so funney to her. Then, just one word hit her mind, *Reveling*. She then realised what she had been doing.

Sis. Barbara was the one who before she rec'd the Holy Ghost and was going to church with her husband and they'd say, "We hope we have a good meeting, we have sinners with us." Then after meeting, she'd see the same ones lighting up a cigarette and she think, "Huh! Who do he think he is, calling me a sinner!" So when she started to the Lord, she just had to quit her own cigarette smoking. (Amen!)

Her husband, Br. John Pendergrass, has testified about gambling on punch cards, gambling and other things where you try to get something for nothing, put your names in boxes and drawing names and etc. He told how it was against the law, and the way he knew it was, he was arrested three times for doing these same things before he rec'd the Holy Ghost. He talked like if that wasn't co'stousness, he wondered what was? (Amen!)

BR. J.B. PRITCHETT: "God just won't come in an unclean temple. Now He done his part. When you do yours, He'll save your soul. ... God won't give you the Holy Ghost and you sinning. And if you got something else you want to do tomorrow, I just do it. I'd just stay out of the altar and get that done. Because the Lord don't aim for you to have the Holy Ghost 'til you quit that.. God won't give you the Holy Ghost and you a sinning. If you're sorry of your sins and ask God to forgive you, He'll be merciful and forgive you your sins and let you speak in tongues. And everybody who gets the Holy Ghost speaks in tongues. And it'll bring joy! That night that I died out, when I came back, I heard somebody speaking in tongues, and I listened and that stopped me. I went back to praying and I thought, "The Lord has used my tongue.." When I started back praying, the Lord took my tongue and I had no control of it. I jumped up and clapped my hand, and said "I've got the Holy Ghost!"

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Br. Herman Womack has a cancer on his face and has had cataracts on his eyes. One morning this winter he rubbed a cataract out of his eye and is seeing so much better. We all are hoping God will heal the cancer also.

BR. PAUL WARREN at LAKEWOOD PARK: COL. 18:23; *"Wives submit yourselves unto your husbands as it is fit in the Lord"*. If your husband said do something contrary to the Lord, don't argue, just don't do it. Wives that are working, if they ask, do it. But you husbands (with the Holy Ghost) had better not ask. *"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, menpleasers."*

Wives should be at home (in their place) attending to the household. Ex. "Well, we just can't get by!" The Lord will provide that you need. Be home when your children leave for school and there when they return. Pray for your child. They need it going to school this day and time.

BR. JACK DENSON at LAKEWOOD PARK: Telling about that ole ship and getting it to the horizon. Bro. Andy & Sis. Christine Jernigan, Bro. Estell & Sis. Dot Maxwell, Sis. Mildred Laney were visiting Sunday Night. 3rd. Wkend We really enjoyed them. The Lord blessed them. Bro. Estell hadn't been able to get on his knees, even on one knee, but God healed him Bro. Jack read from 2 Tim., 3rd chap. and explained it in a way we understood. And the Lord blessed each and every child of God. It was good.

On the evening of the 17th of December, they had a dinner at the Sylvania School on Sand Mtn for Br. Lloyd White. And they had a crowd, from all the cars there it looked a they were having a baseball game. And Br. Lloyd was smiling as usual even though he has had a stroke. Br. Lloyd and Sis. Helen, we all love you.

Sis. Mahalie Poole of ELKWOOD tells of how they came and cut off her electricity for about a week, yet her fridgerator did not even defrost and nothing in the deep freeze was ruined.

Charles Guffey, the son of the late Ernest Guffey, rec'd the Holy Ghost at HYTOP on the 2nd Sunday night of December. He is the one who was about dead with cancer.

They had good meeting althrough the 2nd weekend of December at HIGDON. Br. Charlie Brown was there on Sunday and it was beautiful to hear him preach on the love and faith in Christ.

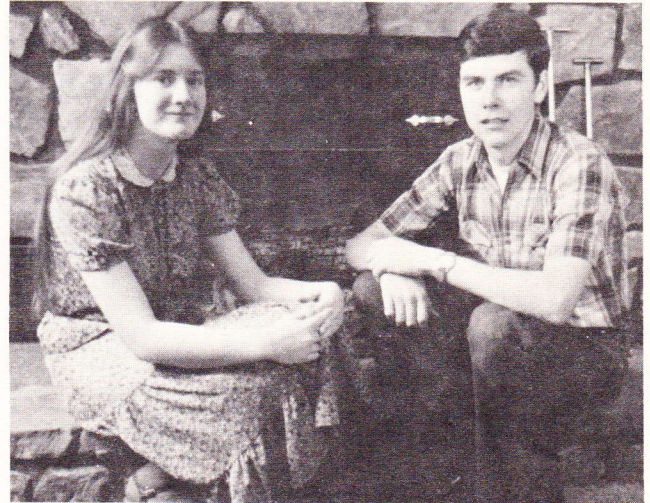
WILLIAMS COVE: Sis. Machell Jones; December 23, 1981.

Sis. Kathy Jo Ann "Jodie" Cooper, at Sis. Mavis Rouse's home, Decenber 25, 1981.

Sis. Kellt Sue (Story) Fowler: December 26, 1981.

These are Sis. Fowlers grand-daughters.

"The good Lord wonderfully blessed us all and Gave Sis. Puline Sanders' daughther the Holy Ghost. Her name is Sis. Charline Smith. This was om February 27, 1982. Our first this year."



Br, Mike Mathew and Sis. Melody Clark we married in February. Br. Mike is the son of Br. Leonard and Sis. Lugene Mathews of Winchester. Sis. Melody is the daughter of Sis. Jackie and Austin Clark of SKYLINE.

Sis. Debbie Summerford and Br. Brett Stephens we wed in February. Sis. Debbie is the daughter of Br. Hassle "Whitey" and the late Sis. Pat Summerford. Br. Brett is the son of Br. Arlan and the late Sis. Mildereth Stephens of SKYLINE.

Sing me a song of paraise and glory,
Help this wandering child to understand,
And when I close my eyes in sleep eternal,
I'll be cling to my Savoirs hand

Sing to me about the Rock of Ages,
Sing about eternity so sweet,
That when I take my last breath of life,
I'll awaken at my Savoirs feet.

Tell me about Paul and Mathew,
Tell about my dear Savoirs birth.
Tell about His trials and tribulations,
While He walked upon this heathen earth

"There is a union where we work and for the last couple of years they have been shifting people from one dept. to another. About a year ago God took a hand and sent one man to the dept. where I work (there are usually several during a change.) It was Br. James Martin of HYTOP. At first he was strange to me--there was something different-but it wasn't long before I could see here was a man easy to like. He seemed something special.

About this time our father was moving on me. I was gradually rearranging my way of life. We began going to a local church at Grant but neither of us was really satisfied. My wife had been raised Methodist and I was Baptist.

One day somewhere in August of 1981 I heard Br. James Martin tell Vernon he claimed the Holy Ghost. Boy did he get my attention. "What's that?" I said. He did his best to tell me. Afterward time to time I would ask him something or he would show me something and it would all be in the Bible. Then one day he said, "Why not come to the church and let them who are qualified answer your questions."

It was two or three weeks before we took him up. My wife was behind it 100% when we called Sis. Vivian Thackerson and went to church with her family at HYTOP. You see we didn't really know the first thing about holiness.

I went off thinking about it for a week thinking of what little I would understand of the Bible. It backed up everything I had seen and heard, and I finally decide this was what I needed Glory to God.

Someone said there was a revival at NILE eight days later, and Monday night found us there. Br. Charles Willmon was directing revival and I found myself begging God to hurry up the sermon so I could get in the altar, but he made me sit right there and listen to every good word. I'm sure Br. Charles noticed I could not be still.

While I was in the altar Br. Charlie Brown, told me that after I did what God wanted and received the Holy Ghost that they would go to work on my wife. She hadn't come to the altar, but was standing watching in tears. After that she wouldn't go back that week. On Thursday she even informed me of all the things she could never give up.

Sunday Br. James called and invited us up for church, and dinner and I said no. After I talked with him Jame said, "let's go!" Having decided she wasn't even going back, I was surprised, as was Sis. Elaine and Br. James Martin when we drove up.

That day while I was in the altar I didn't know it but Jame followed me--and God gave her the Holy Ghost. Since I've heard her testify that she probably only said glory four or five times before speaking in tongue.

Two weeks later the Thackerson, Martin, and Bonds families went with us to OAK GROVE our first time. During these two weeks we were at

HYTOP everytime there was service. The following Sunday Jane, myself, and our two children Allen and Julia, went to OAK GROVE the second time for night service.

That night God gave me the Holy Ghost. I was never soproud before.

Jane received the Holy Ghost on Oct. 11, 1981, and God had mercy on me three weeks later. That was eleven and one-half weeks ago. Five weeks after I received it, Sis. Betty Bonds received the Holy Ghost."

Br. Mark &

Sis. Jane Murphy

 We judge others by their actions,
 We judge ourselves by our motives.
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The Woody Wooten family

Br. Woody Wooten from the upper end of Lookout Mtn is telling how the Lord helped them last Christmas. He was laid off from work and his wife, Sis. Joann, was working up at the top of the mountain. Christmas was coming and their daughter, Starr, was wanting a stereo and their son, Dale, wanted a walkie-talkie. But they just couldn't afford it. One day, the lady that Sis. Joann worked for asked her, "I've got a stereo here. Reckon your little girl would want?" Later, the lady was cleaning out her closet and came across a pair of walkie-talkies and asked if her little boy would like them. They were in good shape, just needed batteries.

Their children had Christmas.

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BR. DOUG NANCE:

"We have to be careful what we say. People will let every little thing you say hurt their feeling so bad. We ought to grow up sometime We ahve to treat some people like little kids. I've heard people come to church and you ask them to testify and they say, "I don't feel like it." Some body else get up over there and say "I aint ashamed to tesify," and that first person think you're talking about them. We're acting like little babies."

"People say, "I don't know why God called me?" I know why God called you, to change your way of living, that's why God called you.

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Recently a young missionary famuy moved into our church. The people provided most of the furnishings for their house. Everything but the refrigerator. That night at the dinner table I had a generous idea.

"Our old refrigerator is on its last legs. Why don't we give it to Paul and Ginny and buy ourselves a new one—with an automatic icemaker?"

"You mean," my discerning wife smiled, "why not give God our left-overs?"

"Yeah, dad," our teen-aged Bonnie chimed in, "I thought God was supposed to get the first fruits—not the rotten apples at the bottom of the barrel."

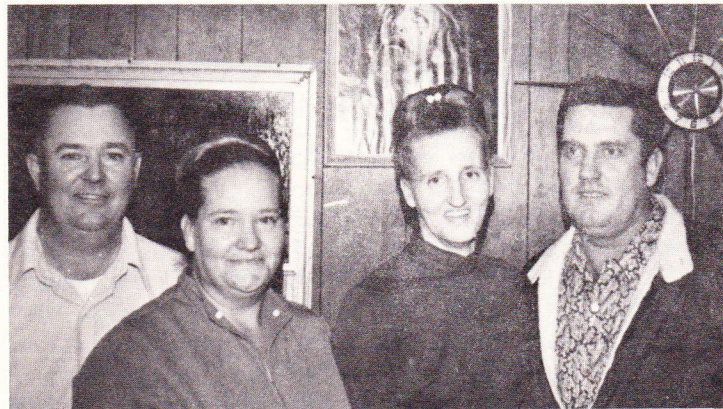
Unfortunately, I'm like the little kid who took two dimes to church—one for the offering and the other for an ice-cream cone. When he dropped one coin down the gutter in front of the church, he said, "Sorry, God, there goes your dime."

Br. Jr Driver who lives near Collinsville has a truck thaat had the motor shot in it. It was knocking bad and they parked it because they didn't have the money to have it fixed.

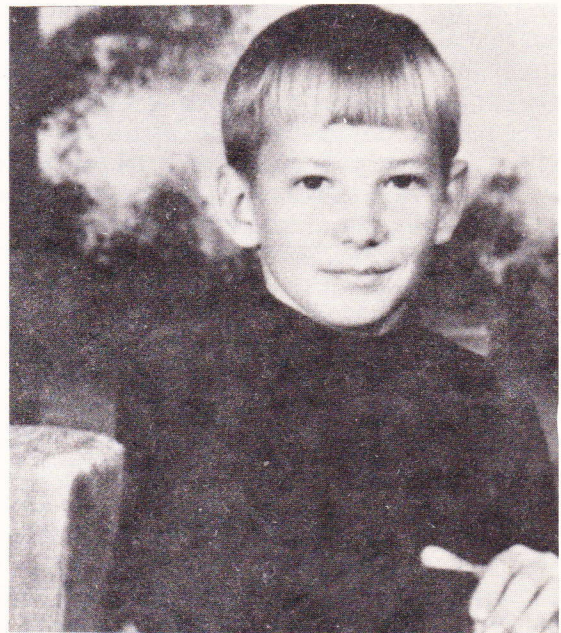
Br. Jr was the one who always got up and went to feed the dogs. On this certain morning, the Lord told Br. Jr's wife, Sis. Opal to go feed the dogs and while you're out there, and hands on that truck. She thought, what will people think, but never the less, she told Br. Jr. that she was going to feed the dogs. But he told her to just let that go, "I'll feed the dogs just as soon as I get thru shaving." She replied, "No" that she was going to do that. Sis. Opal went out and fed the dogs and came by the truck and she was feeling the Lord, but wondering what people would think if they saw waht she was going to do. But she did it, reached out and laid hands on the truck.

Br. Jr. had told his brother to come down there, saying, "We got to do something with this truck. And sure enough, his brother came. He got in the truck, telling his brother to stand out of the way while he started it up, lest a rod fly out or something else happen, it was sounding so bad.

He cranked up the truck and it ran like a sewing machine. And it's still runs like a sewing machine. They drive it to meeting, even up on Lookout Mtn.



Br. Edward and Sis. Polly Whitmire with Sis. Janice and Br. Raymond Croft.



Paul James Whitmire

"Son of Br. Edward and Sis. Polly Whitmire went to sleep in Christ in the spring of 1977. He was eleven years old and was a wonderful child."

Said the Sinner to The Lord

I'm really in a fearful state...
All because, I want to wait.
Jesus is knocking at my hearts door,
But the things in this world,
I care for.
I never thought about being lost,
Or how sweet Jesus, You died on the cross
I thought I was doing well,
I never thought of a burning hell.
And where in eternity, I would spend,
It would never be over,
There is no end.

Good Lord you tried to bring me in.
You called and called,
But I wanted to sin.

"Later" I said, I want to have more fun,
I don't care if you gave your son.

Then.....

I got to thinking
We're in the last days,
Now I've decided to change my ways.

Now Lord, "Suddenly," I'm covered in fear,
I'm praying to you Lord,
But you may not hear.

"Yes" dear Lord, you really did try,
But I wouldn't listen, and now
I cry....

"Oh Lord" would you please,
Have mercy on me,
I want the Holy Ghost,
Look in my heart and see.

I know I didn't love you,
But I've changed my mind.
You told all the people,
To seek and they shall find.

I guess I deserve this,
To never walk through the gate,
I'm sorry Lord, forgive me,
I shouldn't have wanted to wait.

You see my hands are shaking,
And almost to my surprise,
I've done a lot of thinging,
Now I realize.

Their shaking from your power,
Not because of fear.
You're letting me know you love me,
And "Yes" you're really here.

Now you want to save my soul
And make me free from sin.
I've opened up my heart Lord,
Now You just come on in.

Kathy McKenzie.

Sis. Kathy rec'd the Holy Ghost and then
wrote this next poem.....

MY PRAYER

Help me oh Lord, to do thy will,
Whatever comes my way.
Give me strenght o overcome,
my trials day by day.
Give me Courage to walk alone,
When worldly friends forsake me.
Give me FAITH to trust in you
and know you'll always keep me.
COMFORT me in times of trouble
let me know your there.
Give me HOPE when I'm at the end,
to know you really care.
Make me BOLD to do your work
Yet HUMBLE in your sight.
And to the ones still in the dark
Let me be a Light.
Make me BRAVE to conqueor the world
Enduring until the end.
ASSURANCE to know that you're close by
and will always be my Friend.
Help me to walk this narrow road,
guide me all the way.
I ask you now for all these things,
In Jesus name I pray.

By: Sis. Kathy McKenzie



By; BR. HODGES MOORE.

*Whosoever committieth sin transgresseth the
LAW; For sin is the transgression of
the Law.*

How do we know sin every time? Let Paul
tell us; *What shall we say then? Is the Law
sin? God forbid! Nay I'd not known sin but
by the Law; For I had not known lust, ex-
cept the law had said, Thous shalt not
covet.*

What then brings the knowledge os sin?
*There fore by the deeds of the Law there
shall no flesh be justified in His sight.
For BY THE LAW IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN.*

What happens now where no Law is? Be-
cause the Law worketh wrath; *For where no
Law is, there is no transgression.*

Is there such a thing as "Sin not being
imputed? (Charge with) *For until the Law
sin was in the world; But sin is not im-
puted when there is no Law.*

Was the Law Holy? And the commandments
Holy? *Wherefore the Law is Holy, and Just
and Good.*

BISHOP: Inspector; In charge; overseer; superintendent; Look diligently.

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

A bishop then must be blameless,
BLAMELESS: Above dispute: uncontradiction: Without blame:

The husband of one (1) wife, vigilant,
Vigilant: Watchful, sober.

Sober,
SOBER: Sound mind: Self control: Moderate as to opinion or passion.

Of good behavior,
BEHAVIOR: Orderly; Modest:
Given to hospitality.

GIVEN: Enslave: Be under;
HOSPITALITY: Fond of guests: Socialable: Friendly;

Apt to teach,
APT TO TEACH: Instructive.
Not given to wine,
No striker,

STRIKER: To smite; Quarrelsome.
Not greedy of filthy lucre,
FILTHY LUCRE: Covetous silver (Money).

But patient,
PATIENT: Mild, gentle, moderate.
Not a brawler,

BRAWLER: Unpeaceable.
Not covetous,
COVETOUS: Greedy of gain.

One that ruleth well his own house,
RULETH: Preside; Maintain; Be over.

Having his children in subjection, with all gravity.

SUBJECTION: Under obedience; Subordination.

GRAVITY: Honorable; Honest;
Not a novice,

NOVICE: Newly planted; Young Convert;
Lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

PRIDE: Self conceit; Be proud; Lifted up;
CONDEMNATION: Judgement; Damnation;

Moreover he must have a good report of those that are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

REPORT: Evidence; Testimony; record;
REPROACH: Disgrace; Cast-in-teeth; Chide;

A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God.

STEWARD: Officer; Manager;

Not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre. But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just,

JUST: Innocent; righteous;
Holy,

HOLY: Pure; Divine character; Hallowed
Temperate,

TEMPERATE: Self-controlled; Strong in a thing;

Holding forth the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers.

GAINSAYERS: Disputers; Talkers against;
Not giving heed to Jewish fables

FABLES: A tale; Fiction; Myth;
And commandments of men, that turn from the truth. But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine.

ELDER: Older; A senior; Part of the presbyter; Bishop;

Elders feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight (Bishopric) thereof, not by constraint,

CONSTRAINT: Must; Have to;
But willingly; not for filthy lucre, but as a ready mind.

Neither as being lords over God's heritage
LORDS: Control; Dominion over.

HERITAGE: Inheritance, lot; part;
But being ensamples unto the flock.

ENSAMPLES: Pattern; Print;
...and ordain elders in every city as I appointed thee.

ORDAIN: To place down; Designate; Appoint: Question? Was this done natural, in the flesh, or was it done spiritually? Did Titus wait on the Spirit of God before he designated a man working in the eldership? We here think it was very spiritual!

If any man be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot or unruly.

ROIT: Lost to principle or decency.
UNRULY: Disobedient: Not put under;

DEACON: Minister: serve; Act as an attendant; Wait upon: Teacher; Pastor; Servant;

Deacon must be grave, not doubletongued,
DOUBLE-TONGUES: Telling a different story.

Not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

MYSTERY: Secret; That which is hid;
And let these also be proved;

PROVED: Tried; Examined; Tested;
Then let them use the office of a deacon being found blameless.

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers.

SLANDERERS: False accuser; Devil;
Sober, faithful in all things.

Let the Deacons be the husband of one wife, ruling their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

THEY REC'D THE HOLY GHOST:

SCOTTSBORO: Sis. Myra Denson, daughter of Br. Ronnie Denson.

IDER: Br. Ken Cooper, grand-son of Br. Carl Coper.

Br. Ricky Hughes, son of Sis. Thelma Hughes.
Br. Calvin Voiles, husband of Sis. Janie Voiles.

Br. Lynell Higdon, son of Br. Phillip Higdon.

Sis. Dee-Dee Veal, daughter of Br. "Red" Veal.

HUNTSVILLE: Sis. Francis Cole, Sis. Peggy Collette, Sis. Sandy Ransey, Br. Martin McGill, Br. Jim Beton, Br. Ross Brewer, Br. Bobby Carnnaly, Br. Steve Krzyzewski, Sis. Renee Brooks, Sis. Virginia Perkins, Sis. Kathy Riggins, Sis. Tammy Underwood.

BRIAR-FORK: Br. Mickey Hereford, son of Br. Walter Hereford.

WILLIAMS COVE: Sis. Michelle Janes, Sis. Jody Cooper, Sis. Kelly Fowler and Sis. Charlene Smith, daughter of Sis. Pauline Sanders.

NYLA: Sis. Gayla Campbell, daughter of Br. John L. Campbell.

Sis. Katrina McLain, daughter of the late Sis. Effie Mae McLain.

Br. Terry Quimby, a boy from Texas.
Br. Mark Teet, son of Br. Dewayne Teet
Br. Gary Hill, son of the late Br. J.W.Hill.
Br. Elgene Gossett, son of Sis. Audrey Gossett.

Sis. Ann Williams, niece of Br. Doc Tom Lawson.

Br. Dale Colbart, husband of Sis. Loretta Colbert.

Br. Rodney Marbert, grand-son of Br. Herman Womack of OLD SARDIS.

Sis. Denise Buckner, daughter of Br. Doyle Buckner.

Sis. Pat Bohannon, daughter of Sis. Betty Bohannon.

Sis. Jana Putnam, rgrand-daughter of Br. Charlie Putnam of WILLIAM'S COVE.

GURLEY: Sis. Annette Dudley, daughter of Br. Bill Dudley.

Sis. Tammy Maples, daughter of Br. David Maples.

OAK GROVE: Br. Floyd Mason, husband of Sis. Mary Lou Mason.

Br. Herman Satpler, husband of Sis. Bonnie Stapler.

PLEASANT GROVE: Sis. Darlene Webb, she is now Br. Jr. Arnold's daughter-in-law.

BEAN CREEK: Sis. Denita Brewer, daughter of Br. Charles Brwer.

TIFTONIA: Sis. Joyce Klien, she worked with

some children of God at the Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga.

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Pine Grove had a wonderful 2nd weekend of October services, with the Lord blessing Br. Leonard Cooper.

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A loose tongue will get you in tight places.

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"As the night of evil comes on the and the world continues it's funeral march, enswathed in the darkness of gross depravity and v-ence, even "Christians" seem caught up with it all.

An old poplar song ought to be the theme song of this generation: "I love me, I'm just wild about myself."

John the Baptist would certainly be out of step with this crowd when he said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Of course he had seen the Lord.

Every man is doing that which is right in his own eyes - but most have eye trouble.

"Don't rock the boat" is the cry of many leaders. We must appeal to the world, and John says, "We know that the whole world lieth in wickedness." Don't wake the baby! Give him a good dose of the soothing syrup of sloppy Agape.

An extreme group gathers on the other side of the boat and says, "Either agree with us and come into our camp, or we will try to wreck your testimony!" These folk call themselves the real seperated Christian, but they are seperated from truth and love.

The chiefs now out number the Indians.

Everyone wants to be heard - wants to express himself - talk-talk-talk give a testimony. Paul says, "And that ye study to be quiet..." "Learn to shut up" would make a good theme.

A few believers are doing all the work while the majority are having a coffee break, singing as they sit. "I'm living on the mountain underneath a cloudless sky. I'm drinking from the fountain that never shall run dry" - which is the coffee pot!

A living sacrifice" means how much do you pay, when do I get a vacation, do you have a pension plan, and what about fringe benefits do I get for serving the Lord? The song, "I will go where You want me to go, dear Lord, I'll do what You want me to do" means in the modern version, "Providing You feel like I do about it, dear Lord, and You really wouldn't want me to hurt myself.""

This was taken from a religious journal. We thought it fit the time and occasion amongst us!

Marriage & Divorce

BR. DEWEY BARRIER: "(He) came into the coasts of Judea by the farther side of Jordan and the people resorted unto him again and he was wont to teach them again. And the Pharisees came to him and asked him, is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? The question seems to be arising now today among Holiness people. This same question, is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? This old Bro. (Bro. Willie Helms) told us last time he was here how long he'd been married. I thought, children of God, when a man and a woman joins hands and stands before whoever has got the authority to join them together as husband and wife; whenever they stand before this and take these matrimony vows, they are married for life. Bless His holy name. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

“What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.”

And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. To my understanding a precept is just a law, saints. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. I see no place for a divorce. The thing is working in the country today, if two people meet and marry, later on they divorce, they remarry to different people and then they receive the Holy Ghost. Then later on the second companion dies. Some people teach them they are free to marry again, but they're not. They're not, children of God. They've still got their first wife. She's still out there and until she dies they've still got a wife. They still aren't at liberty to marry. I believe people ought to know what they're doing when they get married. I believe people ought to pray about it as much as seeking the Lord. If a man is seeking a wife or if a girl is seeking a husband, I believe they ought to pray about that just like they do when they are seeking God for the Holy Ghost. Because to me that's

The second important thing in life, because that is who they're gonna be with the rest of their lives, if they please God. Now sisters, there may be things happen over at your house that you don't like. The husband may not have the Holy Ghost and he may mistreat you and you don't like it. But according to the reading and teaching, each of the word of God, if he wants to leave, you can let him go. But I see no place where you can go yourself. I see no place for a man to just walk out. If the unbeliever departs, then the believer is not bound. I believe if a man's wife, if she didn't have the Holy Ghost, if she was pleased to dwell with him, then I don't believe he's under bondage. If she wants to go, let her go. If she wants to stay, let her stay. He don't have to try to make her stay. But boys when she leaves he's got to remain single. Bless his Holy Name. For this cause shall a man leave his father

and mother. You can read this in the book of Genesis. Moses wrote, said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they be no more twain but one flesh. I talked with a man once who taught that there wasn't but one in the God-head. He said that Jesus, the Holy Ghost, and God the Father, said these are one. Said I'll read it to you.' I said 'Yeah, I read that scripture too.' He said, Well, I have a scripture I want you to read.' I started reading and talking about how he said these two, these twain, will be no more twain, they'll be no more two, but they'll be just one flesh. I said, 'Whenever you see me and my wife come in the door, how many people do you see? He said, 'Why, I seen two, I said, 'It's the same way in the heavens God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son. and the Holy Ghost, there's more than one up there'. Boys, don't let them fool you saith of God. There's more than one. If we could get the scripture divided like it ought to be, its not any mystery. If we can understand what he's talking about. And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, whosoever shall put away is wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. Now this is the part that people are trying to pull. They're saying if the two marries

and later on separates and marries again, rec's the Holy Ghost, that God forgives them. He forgave them for committing adultery against that first wife. He did not kill the first wife. All He done, He forgave that man for breaking his marriage vows, for committing adultery against that woman and gave him the Holy Ghost. But that woman is still out there and as long as that woman lives, then that man is not at liberty to be married again if that second wife dies. I wouldn't risk it people. I talked with a boy who called me on the phone a few weeks ago and he talked I guess about an hour on this subject and I didn't know his situation but I was telling him just like I told you. After awhile he said, "Br. Dewey, If I believed like you did, if my wife died I couldn't marry again." I said "Well I didn't realize you was in that shape, but you know exactly how I believe it now. Saints of God, if we fail to tell them just what we think on a matter like this I believe we're responsible for it Brother. If a man came to you with (his)

"For the woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth. But if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law....."

Br. ELI SMITH: *"But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving (Which means except) for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery, and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced, committeth adultery.* Remember, He did not say you had a right to put away your wife for fornication. If a man did put his wife away and she had not committed fornication, when she went and married another man, she would commit adultery, and he that put her away would be the cause of it, because he put her away. BUT, if she had already committed fornication, she would already be in adultery and he would not be the cause of it. Remember Jesus told the Pharisees, *Moses for the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives but the beginning it was not so.*

God has been against divorce even from the beginning and still is. Some people say in some cases a man has a right to put away his wife and marry another, but that is contrary to the Word of God. Jesus said *For this cause shall a man leave Father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain (In other words, they are no more two) Jesus said What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.* Asunder means separated or apart. In other words, do not put your companion away.

soul at stake would you just go along. One man talking with a woman said "Just let your conscience be your guide." You can't let your conscience be your guide when you're wanting to get married. Bless His holy name. Conscience sorta gets out the window when a man or a woman gets to wanting to marry. All they can see is a wife or a husband and they forget a lot of times about the rights and the wrongs. But if you know what is right and make up your mind what you want to do about it and if you decide that you want to go ahead and show by your actions that you don't care about God. If you're not afraid to risk it with God. But I would saints! *Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another committed adultery against and if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery.* I don't know how to make it any plainer. To me, it's just as clear. Nothing I can add, nothing I could take away. If we would just take it like it's written I believe it would be clear enough.

BR. JACK DENSON: *"For the woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth; But if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.* Now the only way a woman can be loosed from a man or a man loosed from a woman is for one of them to die. *So if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; But if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; So that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.* Now brethren, we are not under the law of Moses.....We are under grace. *What shall I say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law. For I had not known lust except the law said Thou shalt not covet. Wherefore the law is holy and the commandment holy, just and good.* Now then, when he told this man and this woman that they were bound by the law as long as they lived. What law? The law of God. The law that's holy, that law that's just. What is holy? Holy is clean. There aint no sin in it. People try to say that a man can leave his wife and marry another for fornication. I don't believe it. No sir, I don't. In the 7th chapter of Corinthians, *Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband: I say therefore to the*

unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: For it is better to marry than burn. And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord. Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. But to the rest speak I, not the Lord. If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman that hath a husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; Else were your children unclean, but now are they holy.... But if the unbelieving depart, let them depart, a brother or sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. You might say, "Br. Jack, if they leave they aint under bondage, they can do what they want." Do you think the bible contradicts itself? What did I read awile ago. Did I read, If they depart to remain unmarried or be reconciled,....."

The prophet Jeremiah says, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another's man's, shall he return unto her again? Shall not the land be greatly polluted?

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BR. ALVIN BAILEY: "I love the people here. I believe I'd die for them. But brethern, ther's people other where just as good as we are. Don't ever get it in your mind that you are better than anybody else. A lot of people got an Old pride spirit....."

Asleep in Christ

Br. Cecil Holloway finished his journey here in his 56th year on February 20, 1982. He rec'd the Holy Ghost about 23 years ago. (BLACK OAK)

Br. J.W. Hill left us in his 52nd year on January 9, 1982. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at home about 18 years ago. (NYLA)

Br. Paul Smith was almost 68 years old when the Lord took him on January 6, 1982. He came to the Lord in the woods while they were having a revival about 30 years ago. (GRASSY MTN)

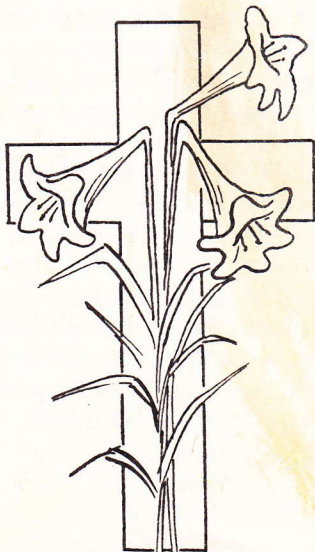
Sis. Myrtle Sizemore passed away on August 25, 1981. She rec'd the Lord under Br. O.B. White preaching 55 years ago. (FYFFEE)

Br. Marvin Bonds was called away in his 57th year on March 2, 1982. He rec'd the Holy Ghost 39 years ago at BONDS CHAPEL. (BONDS CHAPEL)

Sis. Ophelia Tidwell passed away in March of 1982. She came to the Lord about 42 years ago. (Collinsville)

Br. Gordon Peacock was called away on Novemeber 3, 1981 in his 60th year. He rec'd the Holy Ghost in May of 1981. (BL. OAK)

Editors note: To finish this up, the prophet Malachi speaking by the mouth of the Lord said; *The Lord hath been a witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant*(Covenant: a compact, a confederacy or a league). *And did not He make one" Yet had He the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That He might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of thy you. For The Lord God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away. for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: Therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*



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