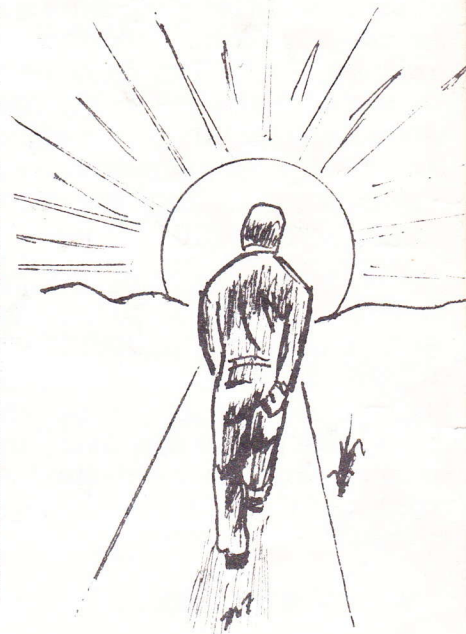
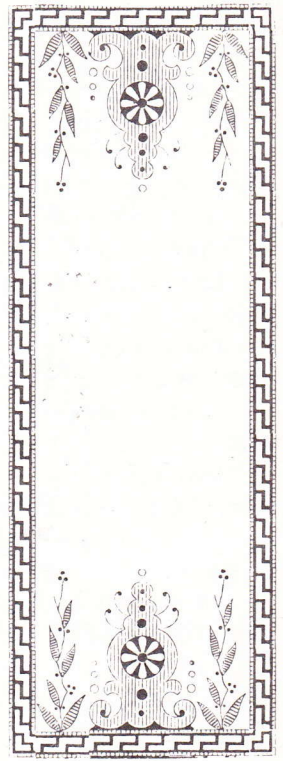


GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS

Church World

The Church and the world walked far apart on the changing shores of time;
 The world was singing a giddy song, and the Church a hymn sublime.
 "Come give me your hand" cried the merry world, "And walk with me this way."
 But the good Church hid her snowy hand, and solemnly answered-"Nay!"
 "Nay, walk with me but a little space," said the world with a kindly air,
 My path, you see, is a broad, fair path, and my gate is high and wide.
 There is room enough for you and for me to travel side by side."
 Half-shyly the Church approached the world and gave him her hand of snow;
 The old world grasped it and walked along, saying in accents low:
 "Your dress is too simple to suit my taste; I will give you pearls to wear;
 Rich velvet and silk for your graceful form and diamonds to deck your hair."
 The Church looked down on her plain, white robe and then at the dazzling world,
 And blushed as she saw his handsome lip with a smile contemptuous curled.
 "I will change my dress for a costlier one," said the Church with a smile of grace;
 Then her pure white garments drifted away, and the world gave her in place,
 Beautiful satins and shining silks, and roses, and gems and pearls;
 And over her forehead her bright hair fell, crisped in a thousand curls.
 "Your house is too plain," said the proud old world, "I'll build you one like mine;
 Carpets of Brussels and curtain of lace, and furniture ever so fine."
 And he bought her a costly and beautiful home-splendid it was to behold;
 Her sons and her beautiful daughters dwelt there, gleaming in purple and gold.
 And fairs and shows in the halls were held and the world and his children were there;
 And laughter and music and feasts were heard in place that was meant for prayer.
 The Angel of mercy flew over the Church, and whispered, "I know thy sin."
 The Church looked back with a sigh and longed

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to gather her children in.

"Your preachers are all to old and plain,"
said the gay old world with a sneer,
"They frighten my childrn with dreadful tales
which I like not for them to hear.
They talk of a place that should never at all
be mentioned in ears polite.
I shall send you some of the better stamp,
brillant and gay and fast,
Who will tell them that people may live as
they list and go to heaven at last."
The sons of the world and the sons of the
Church walked closely, hand in heart,
And the Master who knoweth all could tell the
two apart.
Then the Church sat down at her ease and
said,"I am rich and in goods increased;
I have need of nothing,have nought to do but
to laugh and dance and feast."
The sly world heard her and laughed in his
sleeve, and mockingly said aside,
"The Church is fallen, the beautiful Church,
and Her shame is Her boast and and pride."

LOVE LOVE LOVE . . .

BR. BILLY PARKER: "If we love one another, we
won't step on one another. If we love one another, we
won't talk about one another. If we love one another,
we'll want our fellow man always to do good. Ever
since Jesus said that (to love one another) people
have tried to interpet it. Just take it for what it
says. Why, I can tell if you love me, and I can tell
if you don't love me.

I looked around and thought about there are alot of
different people from a lot of different places. A lot
of times those who are in authority, or who take
authority don't want the common people to be free.
They want them to do as they want them to do. They say
you can't worship with somebody that goes here. You
can't worship with those who go there. But we
supposed to love one another.

You know, often young folks are asked where they
got the Holy Ghost. When they would tell 'em, they
would say, "Oh." They would ask me about it, caused
to worried them. I said, "When they asked you
where you got the Holy Ghost, tell them, "I got it from
God." That's where we all got the Holy Ghost.

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Br. Bill Yancey of IDER has "The Word Of Wisdom,"
to work with Him. At RISING FAWN he exhorted the
saints to build the foundation of the Lord's church,
on love. To humble down instead of trying to see how
big you can get, or instead of trying to get the
biggest name and the most honor, to see how low you can
become. Once, he asked the Lord if he could do
something for Him? The Lord's answer was to "Help your
brother!"

NOT LIKE NOW

Shortly after Harvard College was founded in 1636,
the trustees of the school wrote, "Let every student
be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to
consider well that the maine end of his life and
studies is to know God and Jesus Christ... and
therefore to lay Christ in the bottome, as the only
foundation of all sound knowledge and learning."

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THE WORD OF WISDOM . . .

Br. Denny Moore tells about the selling of the
HARVEY church in Illinois. How that some time later a
number of the younger brethern wanted to again have
meeting in that area. How many pros an cons of have
service again were raised. The brethern in the north
finally met, these brethern and those from BLACK OAK
and SOUTH HAVEN, to decide on whether they could have
meeting. It was going very one sided, on not to let
them. Br. Charlie Brown at the last, asked Br. Luther
Stilwell if he wanted to say something: "He said,
"Well, I don;t know, Br. Charlie, if I need to say
anything." Br. Charlie said, "We'd like for you to,
if you would." He said, "For whatever it's worth," I
wish I had the next five minutes on tape. I've never
heard anything more prettier in all my life. When he
finished saying what he did, there was a different
feeling thru that house. Those little ill feelings
that were there, were gone. That peace and love that
belong to us had took over again.

One thing he said I want to mention. He said,"
Brethern, I can't see no reason why it would be wrong
for children of God to meet out, without a leader, to
worship God, and to give Him praise, that they might
recieve strength one of another."

That's the reason we are important to one another.
Every one of us, no matter how little you feel, if
you've got the Spirit of God dwelling in your heart
you are necessary!"

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M E R C Y . . .

BR. JR. STEPHENS: "LORD, ... WHAT EVER YOU DO, ...
HAVE MERCY ON THEM.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL
OBTAIN MERCY."

A lot of people can't have mercy, because, they
think they are so right. When I know something on you
that will hurt your influence, that's where I can have
mercy. I just hear a little on, Br. Kenneth, and I
could strow it and kill the boy's influence. he could
cry and beg, ... it might take a year, ... and he
might never get over it. There is more than just me
in here. We are all in here together. Let's love the
right thing.

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LUKE: "He said unto them, TAKE HEED: AND BEWARE OF
COVEIOUSNESS: for a man's life consisteth not in the
abundance of the things which he possesseth.

This will be the last issue of Glad Tiding. (At least for now). After much soul searching, we have decided to stop putting it out. We are not as young as we used were when we started this in 1972. We don't get around as much as we did. As a result, we don't get as much news as we used to. People used to send us a lot of good things, but now many are afraid of men and don't do it. There are other reasons, but silence here is probably golden.

We apologize to those who have been faithful to support us from so many different places. We appreciate all you have done. We hope God rewards you for your good love.

Bryant Finlayson

BR. RANDALL STONE: "I worked in law enforcement. I really like that. But the Lord worked this out for me. Something was missing. I loved to fish. I'd go fishing with my friends and I come in. I couldn't even enjoy fishing. I'd say, "Somethings missing." She would say, "You know what it is?" I knew what it was. She put up with me for ten years without the Holy Ghost. I was in Louisiana. I went to New Mexico. Got set up. Met some nice people. Got me a good job. Got to making some real good money on an oil drilling rig. It wasn't too long, I got these fingers smashed. I went to the hospital. I got to do some serious thinking. I'd done a lot of things, but the Lord put a stop to every bit of it. I told my wife I was going to Alabama and I'm going to sttle down.

I went out further. Two or three years and I was worse than I had ever been.

One day, the Lord began to talk to me and all I could do was cry. I began to say, "Lord, will you deal with me. Will you help me? I didn't know if the Lord would even give me a chance. "Lord. I wish you'd draw me." I'd lay in my bed a t night; "Lord, I'm lost and undone." I wouldn't want my wife to see me crying. I'd lay there and stretch my arms up where she couldn't see me. I didn't know God was dealing with me and I was raised in Holiness. I didn't know how to come to God. I kept on this way for awhile.

Later, I said that my kids need to be in church. I went back... sat there. I was ashamed to pray. I remember holding on to that bench. I prayed, "God you can just dump me down to the altar." But He wasn't gonna do that to me, and I thought, "You can give Me the Holy Ghost here on the bench." He wouldn't do that. It can be done that way, but it's got to be God's way.

The 2nd Sunday that I went, I held onto that bench. The power of God tried to draw me to that altar. I said, "Lord, help me to pray." I was afraid people would see me or laugh at me or something. I thought, and I said, "Lord, everybody is going to pray to you one day. I want to go to God. It don't matter what people think about me..."

A little over two months, I was down in the altar praying. I got victory over what people

thought. The Spirit of God came on me and turned me and laid me down, just as gentle as could be. I left this world for just a moment. The next thing I realized, I was speaking in tongues. I couldn't even raise up. I tried to get up out of the floor and tell them I had the Holy Ghost. I was laying flat on my face. When I did get up, I said, "Thank God for the Holy Ghost!" That's what I had sought for all my life."

IS IT RESPECT OR HONOUR ?

What does the word respect mean?

RESPECT: partiality; favoritism.

What does the bible say about respect?

Three times in the New testament is says: THERE IS NO RESPECT WITH GOD.

BUT IF YOU HAVE RESPECT OF PERSONS (partiality), YE COMMIT SIN.

THE FATHER WHO WITHOUT RESPECT OF PERSON, JUDGEITH ACCORDING TO EVERY MAN'S WORK.

I PRECEIVE THAT GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.

What is partiality?

PARTIALITY: distinguish between; separate; oppose; judge.

BUT THE WIDSOM THAT IS FROM ABOVE IS FIRST PURE, THEN PEACEABLE, GENTLE, EASY TO BE INIREATED, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITIS, WITHOUT PARTIALITY.

AND YE HAVE RESPECT TO HIM THAT WEAREITH GAY CLOIHING, .. ARE YE NOT PARTIAL IN YOURSELVES, AND ARE BECOME JUDGE OF EVIL THOUGHTIS.

I CHARGE THEE BEFORE GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE ELECT ANGELS, THAT THOU OBSERVE THESE THINGS WITHOUT PREFERRING ONE BEFORE ANOTHER, DOING NOTHING BY PARTIALITY.

The word Honour has two meaning.

1. HONOUR; prize; to value; to esteem.

2. HONOUR: glorify; magnify; dignify.

(1) HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOIHER.

(1) GLORY, HONOUR AND PEACE TO EVERY MAN...

(1) BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE: IN HONOUR PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER.

(1) GOD HATH TEMPERED THE BODY TOGETHER, HAVING GIVEN MORE ABUNDANT HONOUR TO THAT PART WHIVH LACKED. THAT THERE BE NO SCHISM IN THE BODY: BUT THAT THE MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CARE ONE FOR ANOTHER.

(1) HONOUR WIDOWS THAT ARE WIDOWS INDEED.

(1) LET THE ELDERS THAT RULE WELL BE COUNTED WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOUR...

(1) LET.. SERVANTIS... COUNT THEIR MASTERS WORTHY OF ALL HONOUR...

(1) HONOUR ALL MEN.

(1) HONOUR THE KING.

(1) GIVE HONOUR UNTO THE WIFE...

(2) HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE, WHICH REC" HONOUR AND SEEK

BR. RICKY HOLMAN: "A Volkswagon cut down... We took off to go up the mountain in it. It would go pretty good for a little ways, but it got to the point where it just wouldn't go. I heard a vehicle coming up behind us. All down thru there, we'd have to just back up and make a running shot to get over some things. Other things, we'd just have to go around 'em. We finally got to where we couldn't go no further, and heard a racket behind us. You know what it was? It was a jeep with a four wheel drive. That rascal was just crawling along. Where we got stopped, it just went right on over the top. It was equipped to go thru anything. I think about a lot of people in the world. They think they got the right thing, and their teaching a lot of things. Everybody saying, "Come follow us. We'll show you the right way. Send us your money now. Be sure you do that. We'll show you the right way." Oh, I tell you, while they promise you liberty, they are the servants of corruption themselves. They just aint got what it takes, but the Lord gave us everything we'll ever need. ... we've got a four wheel drive under there and there aint nothing that can separate us from the love of God."

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BR. DENNY MOORE: "When those people met over there on the Day of Pentecost, waiting on that promise, because, Jesus, told them to go and tarry there until they be endued from on high. The Word of God don't say they were praying. If I understand it right, they was a sitting. But, they were in one mind, and one accord. Every one of them was wanting the same thing. They was desiring the same thing. That was what made 'em in accord. Tonight, children of God, if we're wanting the same thing, we're in accord, and Jesus will be here! But in order to do that, I've got to forget what you think, I've got to forget what I think. I've got to cast down all imaginations. I've got to be willing to let you be whatever you are. You've got to be willing to let me be that. And, when we all get like that, we are in one accord.

The little differences we have, when we come together, they'll be dropped.

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"Br. Ernest Elliot had sought the Lord for many years, but got sincere about it around the end of September of this year(1989). A thought had come to a brother(Br. Clyde Langley), "You need to go see Ernest." Then again, "you need to go see Ernest. If you'll go see him, I'll give him the Holy Ghost." All He knew to do was try it and see. Sure enough, the Lord gave him the Holy Ghost right in his living room, and was he ever happy. This same night, the Lord moved toward, Br. Howard Norton, who had a broken foot. The Lord moved on Br. Clyde to wash Br. Howard's feet. He came in with crutches, but left without using them and has been doing better ever since."

We thank our Lord.

M A I N S T R E A M ? ? ?

Though the word, "Mainstream," may seem harmless to some, when it is used in regard to different children of God, it is deadly, ... was deadly, ... and, will be deadly. Those grounded in the love of God know that its uses causes divisions and dicord. A child of God, is a child of God, regardless of location or certains actions or ways believing of certain issues. If we are born again into God's family, we are brothers and sisters, whether we like it or not. We are members one of another. When we pull back, or cut ourselves off from certains groups or individauls because if certain distinctions, we are cutting our ownselfes from Christ's body. This is outright division and discord. The Word of God condemns such: HE HATETH... THEM THAT SOW DISCORD.

When one feels superior to another, he classifies himself as a Pharisee, "I THNAK GOD I'M NOT AS THIS PUBLICAN... When one is in God's church, he needs those other in the same church's support, prayers, goodwill, and anything else we can give them, or rec' from them spiritually.

Christ said that A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND. The seeds of our fall in this part of the world, have already beensown years ago. And many, instead of refuted it, we contunieve to exploit it. The reason this is so, they are not rooted and grounded in LOVE: THAT YE BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE, MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHND WITH ALL SAINTS WHAT IS THE BREADTH, AND LENGTH, AND DEPTH, AND HEIGHT: AND TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST... We cannot love and reason with one another, 'cause we are not rooted and grounded in the right soil. If we are rooted and grounded right, we can/and will COMPREHEND WITH ALL SAINTS.

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BR. EDWARD REEL: "I've study the bible a lot. One thing I have learned, when you are reading the bible, you need to know who it is talking to. And I have found out, most of the time, it's talking to me!"

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SIS. TINY WALKER: "I want to thank Him, that in the days of my youth, I called on Him when he could be found. In that little country church, not much bigger than this here (a garage in Oklahoma). Br. Frank gave the altar call, and I just knelt down, my hands up to the Lord, and I poure my heart out to him, and He became real to me. I just want to praise Him for what happened to me that day, I've been trying to tell it, but I just can't tel it... One of these days, if I hold on a little longer, when I get over yonder, I'll be able to give Him perfect praise.

BR. WAYNE MOORE: "Off and on I would go. The children of God would get ahold of the Lord, and I would get tore up, and I would go up there and bow down and pray. Sometimes I would feel the Lord, sometimes I wouldn't. I'd get discouraged and I'd quit. Then they'd get ahold of the Lord, and I would start back. You can't go to God that way.

One night, I was sitting back there in the back of the house. My daddy started a song. My Final Song. It was wrote for Br. Roy Guffey, when he'd sung his final song. I got to applying that to me. I thought, "One of these days, I'm going to go up there my last time. To have my last opportunity to seek Him." I was thinking on that when Br. Jack gave, "altar call." I went up and bowed down. I said, "Lord, I'm not gonna get up 'till I feel You." I meant that from the bottom of my heart. I had never meant nothing, like I meant that. In just a few seconds I felt that goodness come over me. And, I thought, "Lord, I'm not gonna get up 'til I feel just a littlebit more of That. I tell you what, in a few minutes I was feeling so good. Before I knew it, I come to myself. My mind had left me. When I come to myself, I was speaking in tongues.

You know what? I never felt so good in all my life. I had peace that I aint never had before.

That same night, I went home. It was an old drizzly looking night. I was on the back porch of the house. I looked up into the sky and thought, "That same God that's making that rain come down, come into my life!" He cleaned me up. It was like somebody came in and washed my insides out. I felt so clean.

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WHAT IS CHARITY

It is silence - when your words would hurt.

It is patience - when your neighbor is curt.

It is deafness - when scandal flows.

It is thoughtfulness - over others woes.

It is promptness - when duty calls.

It is courage - when misfortune falls.

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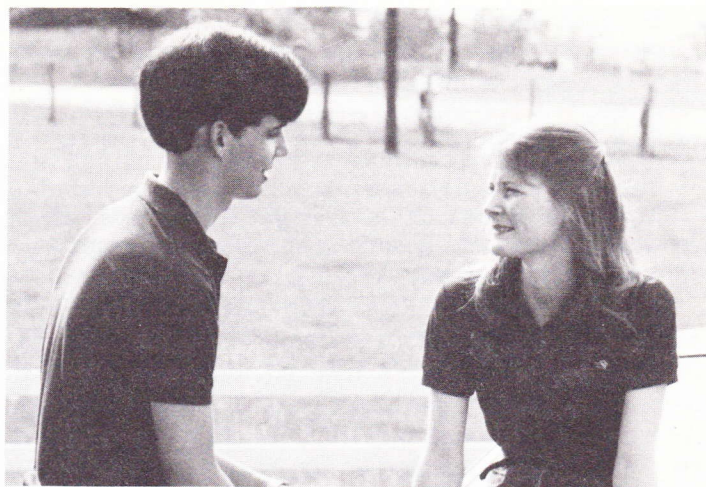
Br. Ben House, who lives in Ringold Georgia, has been hospitalized with cancer. He came home still in trouble. The Lord started working in His own way 'til he had certain people picked to be at a certain place at a certain time. They sang. They testified. They prayed. The Lord moved. Br. Ben was healed. The saints rec'd much needed strengeth. Amen!

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BR. NICKY HOLMAN: "FOR WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN EARIHERN VESSELS, THAT THE EXCELLENCY OF THE POWER BE OF GOD AND NOT, AND NOT OF US.

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SIS. ANITA SHELTON: "If life deals you a lemon, ... make some lemonade!"



Br. Keith Letson had cut part of his thumb off. he sliced almost down the middle with a chain saw. Br. Obie Clark at SKYLINE, got the oil and anointed him in the name of the Lord. The presence of the Lord was enjoyed by all and God gave the increase. Br. Keith's hand was healed.

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Br. David Ashley's wife, Sis. Joan, has been ailing and in pain for a long time, much of it unbearable to those who have not the Well-spring of all endurance. Her kidneys were enlarged and protruding in her back. In December, God had still not healed her, but two holes appeared, one in her side and one in her back that has drained quarts of bad fluid and brought much relief. She is still in pain but can get up and around some. At this writing (2nd wk Jan) she was seen by a family who states; "Though she was still in her chair, she looked like an angel. Her countenance was beautiful from and inner glow." We all hope and pray that God will HEAL her.

WORDS X WORDS X WORDS ...

FEAR: "This word in English has two principal meanings; first, that apprehension of evil which normally leads one either to flee or fight. Second, that awe and reverence which a man of sense feels in the presence of God, and to a less extent in the presence of a king or other dread authority. A child feels the 1st of these in the presence of a cruel parent. The second, before one who is good, but must also be just."

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Br. Sam Bates told Br. Will Guffey; "I want you to listen, Will, to what I tell you. When you get to be too smart, you'll grow to fast, and you'll be out of shape. Just take your time, and what you do, let it come to pass. let it be done with love and joy and kindness."

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Sis. Julie Veal of upper Lookout Mtn loves to tell you how real this salvation is. She says; "It's real! It's really real!"

Br. Kent Hayes of GRASSY MIN has some wonderful testimonies, like how the Lord gave him what he asked for; A dogwood tree right outside his window.

He was bad crippled a goodly part of his life, with leg braces and crutches. Our good Lord healed him of it all.

He also gets the saints attention with his vivid language, such adjectives as, "awesome," "gorgeous," "great," "totally," and, "gross."

The Lord started a car that stopped in a Pizza place. The owner was threatening him to get it out by mid-night. He didn't have any daddy to call for help. He was just helpless, with a stopped car that was going to be towed away until Br. Kent got ahold of the Lord and started the car for him.

He told of a neighbor who had a mean dog. They would throw a sneaker, or what-have-you in it's pen saying, "Sick'em," and the dog would tear into that article. Once while out in the field praying, with the devil harrassing him. he finally got tired of that and told the Lord to, "Sick'em Lord!" He must have, because the wicked one retreated.



Br. Kent Hayes

"It so easy to track in grass in my trailer. I came in and saw the grass I had tracked in and said, "Lord, I thank you so much, that I am able to track in grass." I remember when I was crippled and how doctors didn't know the cause or the cure for what I had. I wanted to walk so bad. I had these braces on my legs and these crutches. All the kids out running! But God, He healed me. Thank God I can track in

I work in plastic; colors; make sure it's right. A lot of technical stuff about it. One day something happened that I really messed up. I mean a big one! The department head called me in his office. He laid it down! He was chewing me out! He was really unhappy! I was sitting there in his office. All of a sudden, this huge bug, I mean it was huge. It had long spindly legs, and it came across the floor. I

had been feeling low and down, you know, just awful. So bad. I believe the Lord let that bug come in that office. I cracked up! I could've just fell apart. I couldn't keep a straight face, if my life depended on it. He took his foot and stamped it, and it just made it just that much worse. I laughed. The Lord let that happen to break the ice

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Br. Jack Denson told them at SCOTTSBORO that television was nothing but Idolarty. He got, "Cold chills," just watching it.

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Sis. Charlotte tells of spending the night at her folks once. A younger sister came into the room crying. She got to telling her about a dream she had. In this dream another sister had died. This sister was a good going to church Christian, who seem always to do and say the right thing. This younger sister, Sherri, was crying, saying, "Why did you take her. She was so good? Why did you take her." In the dream, Sherri went outside and sit upon a stump, still crying, "Lord! Why did you take her?" She looked up and saw this sister. She was surprised and glad. Happily, she said, "How is it —, now that you're dead?" Her sister's reply was; "If I just had one more chance. If I only had one more chance." Then the sister disappeared. In her place was a beautiful highway. This highway went from here off and up into the distance horizon. It was so pretty and clean. It had a sign by the side of it. Sherri went to read the sign but could not understand what it said.

Sis. Charlotte husband who was listening to this dream was moved on by the Lord and told her the name of this beautiful highway: The way of holiness!

AND AN HIGHWAY SHALL BE THERE, AND A WAY, AND IT SHALL BE CALLED THE WAY OF HOLINESS; THE UNCLEAN SHALL NOT PASS OVER IT; BUT IT SHALL BE FOR THOSE; THE WAYFARING MEN, THOUGH FOOLS SHALL NOT ERR THEREIN. NO LIOPN SHALL BE THERE, NOR RAVENOUS BEAST SHALL GO UP THEREON, IT SHALL NOT BE FOUND THERE; BUT THE REDEEMED SHALL WALK THERE.

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A SAD CHOICE

On the table side by side;
 The Holy Bible and the TV Guide,
 One is well worn but cherished with pride,
 (Not the Bible, but the TV Guide).
 One is used daily to help folks decide,
 No! It isn't the Bible; it's the TV Guide.
 As pages are turned, what shall they see?
 Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.
 So they open the book in which they confide
 (No, not the Bible, it's the TV Guide).
 The Word of God is seldom read,
 Maybe a verse ere they fall into bed.
 Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
 Not from reading the Bible, but watching TV.
 So, then back to the table, side by side,
 Is the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
 No time for prayer, no time for the Word;
 The plan for salvation is seldom heard.
 Forgiveness of sin so full and free
 Is found in the BIBLE, not on TV!!



Unity

A Christian does not have the "unity of the Spirit" with someone who is not a Christian! "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Corinthians 6:14-18).

So Paul is speaking of those who are in the body of Christ; they have this unity of the Spirit.

Then why all the separations?

Paul tells us, in Ephesians 4, that the Lord gave some in the body various gifts—apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers—"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (verses 12-16).

You will notice, from these verses, that the Lord gave the ministry the responsibility of bringing the saints into the "unity of the faith"; yet, the fact of the matter is, the ministry are the ones, as a rule, who divide and separate the saints!

Why is this?

Paul told the elders from the Church in Ephesus, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:28-30).

"Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." God has never called a minister to draw people after himself! Any minister who has done so, has not done so in the will of God.

"Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (I Corinthians 1:12, 13).

Paul enlarges on this in the third chapter: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who

then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

When men seek to make a name for themselves, when they seek to build a "religious empire," when they seek a following, they will divide and separate the people.

God is the one we are to love with all our heart. Christ is the one who gave Himself to redeem us, He is the "head of the body, the church," and in all things He is to have "the preeminence" (see Colossians 1:18).

The ministry are to do as John of old, point souls to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world," for they are ambassadors of the heavenly kingdom.

Christ is the head of the church, the King of the kingdom, the government is on His shoulders, and He sends His ministers out to represent Himself, and not themselves. The President of the United States would get rid of an ambassador he had sent out if he found the man representing himself and not the interest of the United States.

This is what the Lord says about it: "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 23:1, 2).

There is no place for rivalry in the Church
We are to be workers together with Him, and with one another.

Now I am not referring to fellowshiping sect churches, I am not suggesting we try to fellowship sinners, but the unity of the saints is something precious and we need to work to increase this—not destroy it.

God bless you, as you seek to do His will.

BR. TOSS DABBS: "The song, I Bowed On My Knees And Cried Holy. I got to listening how that guy sirging Thinking about it. Said, "Went down thru the city," then, after awhile, he says, "The angels carried him from mansion, to mansion." Don't you know, people. Don't you know that guy seen a lot of them. But, you know what? What got me, that man said he wasn't satisfied with that. Says, "I wantto see Jesus! I want to see the one who died for me!" Glory to God!

You know people. We get out here seeing things, and we'll stop off at them... These things are gonna pass away.

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Church; you either enjoy it, or endure it.



Chase and Wesley Summers

"I had, I guess, always noticed that my youngest son, Wesley, didn't progress in his speech the way other children did and it bothered me. But I listened to people who said that he's just slow and one day he'll start talking and you won't be able to keep him quiet.

As time went on, I realized that he wouldn't even say things like, "bye, bye," or "da da." So naturally I had him prayed for...

Then my dad heard what the problem might possibly be. He heard that it was evidently common among children, and the earlier you started taking them to a speech therapist the better the chances were that they would do good in school and communicate with people.

They call it, "short circuit," from the brain to the jaw. They say they are intelligence is fine. They want to talk, but their jaw won't function.

My family decided, they wanted me to take him to a therapist. I began to pray and told the Lord, that if He would just look at Wesley at church that I would testify to my lost family about it.

The very next time, I was at church, the Lord started looking at Wesley and I got up and praised the Lord for it, and told the children of God what I thought his problem was. The Lord let the power of God come on, Sis. Nancy Walls. He blessed her on her knees across the altar to lay hands on him.

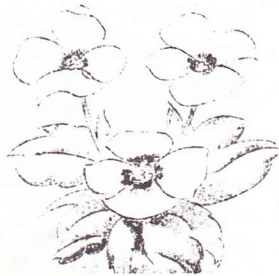
The next day, Wesley, was saying his name, his brother's name. He's been progressing ever since.

Sis. Janet Summers
PULASKI

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Opposition! It is a bad sign for the Christianity of this day that it provokes so little opposition. If there were no other evidence of its being wrong, I should know it from that. When the church and the world can go along comfortably together, you may be sure there is something wrong. The world has not altered. Its spirit is exactly the same as it ever was; and if Christians were equally faithful and devoted to the Lord, and separated from the world, living so that their lives were a reproof to all ungodliness, the world would hate them as much as it ever did. It is the church that has altered, not the world.

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When you rec'd the Holy Ghost, sin is over with. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN...
GOD FORBID. Sin is forbidden. A life free from sin. That's the plan. We can do it.

THE SHEEP KNOW . . .

"A boy was herding sheep for his father. And not far away, across a valley, a neighbor lad was herding his father's sheep. The boys were good friends.

One day a severe storm came up very suddenly, and the boys, with their sheep, took refuge. When the storm was over and it was time to go home, the boys had a problem. They couldn't separate the sheep. Some of them they knew. But they weren't sure about others.

Finally, in desperation, and fearful that they would be scolded, they started for home - one down one path and one down another. And what do you think happened? The sheep just separated themselves perfectly, each sheep following his own shepherd!"

You could take any sheep in those flocks and tell whom it belonged to - by which shepherd it followed. That's the way to tell!

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"THE PATH OF THE JUST IS AS THE SHINING LIGHT, THAT SHINETH MORE AND MORE UNTO THE PERFECT DAY." Truth if we follow it, will shine brighter and brighter. Ever more glorious. Always advancing. Never retreating. Never standing still."

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Chief Pucksinwah of the Shawnee Indian tribe, speaking in the mid 1700's of his faith:

"Do not kill or injure your neighbor, for it is not him that you injure, you injure yourself. But do good to him, therefore add to his days of happiness as you would add to your own. Do not wrong or hate your neighbor, for it is not him that you wrong, you wrong yourself. But love him, for Moneto (God) loves him also as He loves you"

Another thing about their moral code was this:

"the most heinous crime a woman could be convicted was "pockvano-madee-way," - gossip about people.

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UNRIGHTOUS: injustice; unjust; deed violating law; iniquity; moral evil; lawlessness; the rejection of divine law, or wrong committed against it.

RIGHTOUS: character or quality of being right or just; whatever conforms to the revealed will of God: whatever has been appointed by God to be acknowledged and obeyed by man.

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Spell of wealth seen as sometimes enslaving

By **GEORGE CORNELL**
AP Religion Writer

Generated by the drive for profits and possessions, the nation's financial-commercial magnitude is deemed the gauge of its strength and stability, and also the pull of an insistent appetite.

Any disturbance of that monetary focal point shatters the nerves of social structure.

Yet at the financial hub of ancient Jerusalem, Jesus unleashed his most vehement and strenuous attack. Swinging a braided rope whip, he stormed the outer marketing court of the Temple, overturning currency-exchange tables, scattering livestock, merchants and customers.

They had turned a "house of prayer" into a "den of robbers," he blazed. "Take these things away!" The ancient historian Josephus and the Jewish Talmud tell of the profiteering, corruption and greed prevailing at that time in the Temple's operations.

It was the country's civic-financial religious capital, controlled by a Sadducean aristocracy in collaboration with Rome's military rule, employing more than 120,000 in a lucrative industry involving the monied power elite.

In Jesus' onslaught on that financial power center, the armed guards apparently held back, fearing popular support for him there in that half-mile-square trading arena, rimmed by massive marble colonnades.

The foray led soon to his crucifixion by Rome for treason. His action

had struck at the controlling core of that country and of many since. It also struck at what Jesus treated as a pervasively endangering human malaise — the all-consuming shackles of mammon.

unparalleled federal deficit, banks and farms going under, plants closing, the stock market lurching wildly.

A culture "devoted to consumerism, materialism and the pursuit of

"We're trying to acquire possessions when we should be trying to disentangle ourselves."

"You cannot serve God and mammon," he said, explaining that to concentrate mainly on it shrivels higher human responsibilities and capacities, finally obliterating them.

The word "mammon" isn't just a neutral term designating means of exchange, but stems from an Aramaic root meaning "to trust in," thus indicating key allegiance, a binding supremacy, cutting into an end, not just a means.

The result is what Roman Catholic priest-theologian John C. Haughey calls "mammon illness," a kind of numbness that "happens slowly without one being aware of what is happening," turning money into an end, not just a means.

This "mammonolatry" is more common now than in Jesus time, Haughey writes in his book, "The Holy Use of Money," with modern society overwhelmingly preoccupied with consumption and production, distorting beneficial objectives of it.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil," writes the missionary-apostle Paul. "It is through this craving that some have wandered away from faith."

The affliction, along with huge arms purchases and other imbalances, has overloaded and seared the economy of the United States, richest of nations, yet gripped by an

money as its major ends" blocks "the possibility of authentic community," says a 1987 analysis by the United Church of Christ, "Faith and the Economic Life."

It is among six U.S. church evaluations, recommending modified premises in U.S. economic life.

Although this country is at a peak in prosperity and consumption of commodities, variously needed, just wanted or bought unneeded by inducements of advertising, about 33 million of its citizens remain impoverished, 8 million homeless, up to 3 million homeless roaming the streets and soup kitchens.

Around the globe, nearly a billion people, a fifth of all of them, are poverty-stricken on an earth with resources and capabilities of nourishing all, yet about a half-billion suffer chronic hunger.

The gap between "the well-to-do and the poor is widening daily at an all alarming rate," says Episcopal bishops in their 1987 statement on "Economic Justice and the Christian Conscience."

They say economic imbalances threaten disaster both for "the prosperous and the poor" without some deliverance from the idolatry of false priorities — overweening individualism, human avarice and

social irresponsibility."

"In our society today," they add, "the drive for wealth and power simply for their own sakes has become so pervasive that we have created — 'money culture' — an endangering passion growing 'cheek-by-jowl with extreme poverty.'"

As philosopher John Alexander puts it in his book, "Your Money Your Life": "We're trying to acquire possessions when we should be trying to disentangle ourselves from them."

Jesus discerned that deep-rooted deforming passion in various individuals he encountered, advising ways to break free of it.

One case, so severe that it required drastic measures, involved a rich influential young man, a financial whiz who avidly had piled up a huge fortune, yet was vaguely discontented.

He approached Jesus with businesslike directness, using breezily complimentary salutations he had found useful in commercial dealings, "Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone."

The man nodded amiably, ah yes, of course. He arched his brows, wanting a quick-fix answer, not philosophizing, interested only in his own status and frustrations.

"You know the commandment," Jesus said.

Yes indeed, the man nodded impatiently. "All these have I observed."

"One thing you still lack," Jesus understood the man, saw the compulsion that dominated him. "Sell that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me."

The man paled, drawing back incredulously. Clenching his jaw, slumped away.

THE LORD'S SUPPER . . .

BR. DENNY MOORE: "I remember being taught, that you didn't take the Lord's supper, and have feelings against a child of God. Heard that all my life. They use to, when they go to set it, Now children of God, the Word of God said, TARRY ONE FOR ANOTHER. If for some reason you feel that you shouldn't take it, we want to wait on you. If you've got something to fix, we'll wait for you to get it fixed." There was people leave the house. I still believe that. The reason I believe that, more than ever before, not long ago, and I've had the Holy Ghost twenty seven years. . . . We can get in such a shape that we get blinded. We get in a state of mind that the Lord can't hardly deal with us as he ought to. . . . I went and they set the Lord' supper. A few days before this, a child of God had talked to me hard. I mean hard! And, I aint done nothing. Now, I want you to understand, if I smite you and you talk hard to me, I needed it to be rebuked. But when you aint done nothing, and I come and jump on you, and talk hard, I've done wrong. But then, if I get it in for you that done me that way, then I'm wrong. I'm in the same shape he is in, because I have brought schism. There's division there. I made it pretty good for a few days. I thought I had overcome. They set the Lord's supper. I sorta pondered it. I was looking at her, I wasn't looking at me. I hadn't done anything, remember. She was the one that hurt me. Then I had feelings. The wrong kind of feelings. But I justified myself none-the-less, because I hadn't done wrong. The Word of God tells us plainly, Let evry man examine himself. And, I thought I done that. I took the Lord's supper.

By the time it was over, and the foot washing was over, I was s-i-c-k. I had the awfulest load on me, in one sense, that I had ever had since I had the Holy Ghost. I went home and for two or three weeks I prayed and I prayed. I still couldn't see what I had done. I prayed; "Lord, what in the world is the matter with me? What have I done Lord?" I felt like I had lost the Holy Ghost. I had the awfulest burden I had ever had. I prayed, . . . And the only thing that came to my mind, was how I felt about this person.

I still couldn't see where I had missed it. Finally one night, I said, "Wanda, I got to have some help. I don't know what's the matter with me. I need some understanding. I feel awful. Would you help me?" She said, "Denny, what in the world is the matter?" I said, "I can't get ahold of the Lord. I pray and can't get ahold of nothing. I need something?" She said, "Don't you know what's wrong?" And the only thing, was me and that sister. When she said that, I could see myself. I said, "That's it! I know that's it." She said, "You're wrong!" I was unworthy, and I got a whipping.

I picked up the Word of God and began to read this. I don't know what you all think. It don't matter. God showed me this. Listen! 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 OFTEN AS DRINK IT IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. I'm going to back up here; When God raised Moses up to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt, most of you all have read it and knows what happened, the plaques and all... The last thing, the night before they were to come out, the Lord told Moses to take a lamb, of the first year, without spot, without blemish; and not to cut it up, but to cook it whole; not a bone of it was to be broken. It was to remain whole, glory to God!

They took the blood and put it on the door post. The destroyer was coming thru there to kill all the first born of the Egyptians. The blood was over the door of the Jews houses. That angel, the destroyer, passed over them houses, saved them that were under the blood. It was a type of Christ which was to come. It was called The Passover.

He told them to keep that Passover in remembrance that God had brought them out with a strong hand. Delivered them from bondage. And, everytime they eat that, to remember that was what it was for.

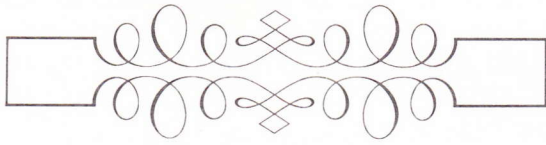
Then several hundred years later, Jesus comes along, and the night before he was to die, like the lamb did. Like they were gonna be delivered from bondage, evil taskmasters, He was to die the next day to free mankind forever more, from the sins of this world, glory to God, to where you could live pure and holy. He was that lamb!

When the Passover supper was prepared, he changed it that night. You see, he was doing the same thing that God had that lamb killed for. He was delivering the people from bondage. That commandment of that body remaining intact; a whole, couldn't be broken. A prophet spoke of Christ, and said, "not a bone was to be broken of His body."

When Jesus hung on the cross, the custom was to break there legs. He hung between two thieves. When the soldier came around, he was dead already. They didn't break no bones. He remained intact.

After he died, we the recievers of that precious gift, we children of God, become that body. That same body that can't be broken. There can't be no seperation, and be pleasing to God. FOR AS OFTEN AS YE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP, YE DO SHOW THE LORD'S DEATH TIL HE COME. WHEREFORE, WHO-SO-EVER EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP OF THE LORD UNWORTHY, SHALL BE GUILTY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD. BUT, LET A MAN EXAMINEHIMSELF ANDSO LET HIM EAT OF THAT BREAD AND DRINK OF THAT CUP. FOR HE THAT EATEIH AND DRINKEIH UNWORTHYILY, EATEIH AND DRINKEIH DAMNATIONIO HIMSELF, NOTDESCERNING THE Lord'S BODY. Discern means to be able to see; to seperate; to understand. HE THAT HE AND DRINKEIH UNWORTHYLY, EATEIH AND DRINKEIH DAMNATION TO HIMSELF, NOT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY. Now, listen; FOR THIS CAUSE, what cause; THIS CAUSE, NOT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY. MANY ARE WEAK AND SICKLY AMONG YOU, AND MANY SLEEP. That's how I got in that trouble. I didn't understand. I wasn't discerning. I wasn't seeing. Now, listen, I'm gonna read what happened to me: FOR IF WE WOULD JUDGE OURSELVES, WE SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED. If I had judged myself right, the Lord

wouldn't have come along and judged me. he did, and he found me guilty and he chastised me. BUT WHEN WE ARE JUDGED, WE ARE CHASTENED OF THE Lord that we should not be condemned with the world.... WHEREFORE MY BRETHERN, WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER TO EAT, TARRY ONE FOR ANOTHER AND IF ANY MAN HUNGER, LET HIM EAT AT HOME THAT YOU COME NOT TOGETHER TO CONDEMNATION, AND THE REST WILL I SET IN ORDER WHEN I COME



BR. FLOYD WILLIAMS: "You let envy and strife get in this church split up. But if the brethern will work together, you know what, this church will prosper and grow. keep envy and strife out. ...WHERE ENVY AND STRIFE IS, THERE IS CONFUSION AND EVERY EVIL WORK. You and me can have our differences, and we could get up here start picking at one another. We might see ourselves and fixit up. But these young ones back here, they may never foget it. It pays us to be careful and love one another, it would cause no chance of these young ones to stumble.

Some can talk to you any way they want to and it don't seem like it bothers them. It don't faze them in no way. God aint pleased with that. Here's what he is pleased with. THE WISDOM THAT IS FROM ABOVE IS FIRST PURE, THEN PEACEABLE,... My dad(Br. Clarence) people were glad to see him come. You know why? He was a peaceable man. We can... if we live Holiness. EASY TO BE ENTREATED, FULL OF MERCY... Until I comitt sin, love me. Have mercy on me. Don't talk about me to this brethern or that one. Back bite me. Have mercy on me. God had mercy on everyone of us.

WITHOUT PARTIALITY. Everyone of us is just as important and the next one. There is no big or little ones in God's Way. WITHOUT HYPOCRISY. If we please God, we'll talk about when we're away from you as we will when we come in your presence. You might like the way I do, but if you love me, you'll let me know it every once in awhile.

We are all looking to get to go to a good place after awhile, and if we live Holiness we'll get to go, won't we? But we'll go there loving one another."

THE LUST OF EYE . . .

BR. JR. STEPHENS: "You watch things today, one time you wouldn't have watched. The devil has got so many inventions. I guess the television one of them. It's getting so pitiful. A brethern told me, the young married people are renting these movies, Playboy, setting down with visiting couples at their home and watching that stuff. I found out any of you are doing it, I'm gonna be at your house, and a talking to you. All that stuff getting your mind. Everything that's going on, its as low down as can be. We are just going to make it anyway, we'd better keep our mind in the right place.

There's people who buy these little games and hook

up in the T.V. ... When you get so interested in that stuff that you sit up the biggest part of the night... Where in the world is your mind at children? Do you ever read the bible? There's a whole lot of pages in it. There's a whole lot of instruction in it. Do you ever get it down and fall on your knees. Pu the bible in a chair and bury your face in it, and start praying: "Lord, I like to read a little bit. I like to understand a little bit.

It would do me good, to come over here and one of these young children of God testify about something they read in the Word of God. It would cause that good feeling to come in. BUT WITH MANY OF THEM, GOD WAS NOT WELL PLEASD AND THEY WERE OVERTHROWN IN THE WILDERNESS. THESE THINGS WERE OUR EXAMPLE, THAT WE SHOULD NOT LUST AFTER EVIL THINGS AS THEY ALSO LUSTED....

BR. ARLEN STEPHENS(following Br. Jr.): "Br. Jr, talking about the bad things on television. The bible talks about the judgement of God is against; NOT ONLY WHO DO THE SAME,BUT HAVE PLEASURE IN THEM THAT DO THEM.

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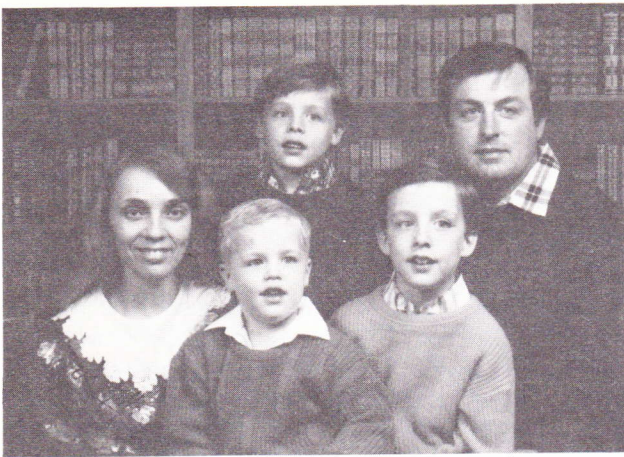


LET HIM
BE
LIKE THEE

"Dear God," I prayed, all unafraid,
(As girls are want to be).
"I do not want a handsome man -
But let him be like Thee."
"I do not need one big and strong,
Nor one so very tall,
Nor need he be some genius,
Or wealthy, Lord, at all.
But let his head be high, dear God,
And let his eye be clear,
His shoulders straight, what'er his stste,
What 'er his earthly sphere.
And let his face have character,
A ruggedness of soul,
And let his whole life show, dear God,
A singleness of goal.
And when he comes, as he will come,
With quiet eyes aglow -
I'll understand that he's the man,
I prayed for long ago."

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SIS. CONNIE HOUSE: I was in California, married, and two children. I was going to the store to pick up something. I was going to walk. I was on the sidewalk. I saw a man in the corner of my eye. I had stepped over where he could get by, when I felt the comfort of the Holy Ghost come down over me. He grabbed me, and I felt something cover me up! I never saw his face, but he turned and ran... Glory to God!



Sis. Pam and Bro. Ronnie Case and sons.

Sis. Pam Case tells about her praying for her husband to quit smoking: "I never did like for him to smoke. My dady had done it. I didn't like it. He had quit. So, he said, "I think I start smoking again." I thought, "Lord, No!" I told him, "I'll pray for you." And I did. ...

Her husband, Br. Ronnie tells his side: "Oh, I loved ciggarettts. It took me a long time to quit. After I quit, I decided i didn't want to quit. I told her (Sis. Pam), I'm going to start back smoking." You know women, she let me know she didn't like me doing that. And I said, ... I'm gonna smoke!" She said, "Well, I pray for you, big boy!" I said, "You just go on, I'm gonna smoke anyway."

I work on second shift. I stopped up there at the Texaco station. I bought a pack of Marlboro and a cigarette lighter. On of them, I payed for 4 or 5 dollars for it back then. I got one and put it in my mouth and lit it up. The m-o-r-e I puffed on that thing, the sicker I got. I wondered, "Lord, what's going on?" I got a headache. It seemed like it was going to explode! Went to work. the longer I stayed at work, the worse I got. When I clocked out, I was a s-i-c-k man!

I seen this down there that siked cigarettes, and I said, "This is a good way to get rid of this." I said, "Buddy, You want these cigarettes?" He said, "Why Ya!" I said, "here's a cigarette and a lighter with it. I'll give you both of them."

When I got home that night, I asked, Pam, "Did you pray for me?" She said, "I sure did!"

I want to thank God for that"

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BR. GEORGE HENSHAW: "I want you to pray for me, that I might indure, because I realize that the one who indures the trials and tribulations is the one who is going to make it in.

I think where it says to; NEGLECT NOT SO GREAT A SALVATION... I know, about 38 years ago, ... He had mercy on me. Glory to God! Glory to God!

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In the spring of '88, it started gett wam. I was going to get a sun-tan. I got out my shorts and sun-tan oil and went to the back yard. But I couldn't get comfortable. I never had trouble like

that before. So back in the house I went. I tried it two or three more times with the same results. I had been thinking about the Lord some. The next thing to go was my pants... I never bought any dresses cause all I wore was pants, but I found some old skirts to put on. I never wore pants again.

I was bad to watch them shows on T.V... I turned it on at 5:30 in the morning and it stayed on til I went to bed. I was trying to pray and the T.V. would get my mind. I want to thank the Lord, it went too. I turned the radio on to gospel music and that help me a lot.

I was having back trouble and it was getting worse. I went to NEW HOPE to get them to pray for me, but I didn't ask pray. Sis. Margie Lamons did. The Lord looked at me.

They started revival and I went. The Lord led a sister to lay hands on me, and I went down to pray. Satan told me nobody was praying for me. I got up and Martha asked me if I was alright? I said "Ya." But I went to the bathroom wanting to cry. I was thinking about go home and not coming back. I thought they were kin folks and they were sticking together. But the Lord wasn't ready to let me go that easy. The next morning, He was still on my mind. I ask Him to show me where I was at with Him, and he sure did! I started laying down whatever came to my mind. My husband, grand-children. Thought about Denial praying three times a day, and I really poured my heart out to the Lord.

I was about not to go to church that night, when my daughter called, asking if I was going to church, and just that fast, I told her "Yes!"

On the way across the river bridge, my wedding band come to my mind. I said, "Lord, I know about this. The things that I don't know, teach me."

Meeting was good with Br. David Jones there. Br. Mickey got up testifying and the Lord led him back there and laid hnds on me. I felt the Lord as my hands went up, and I could see the power of God in them.

Well, I went down to pray... I heard myself speaking in tongues. I opened my eyes and joy brought me up off the floor. The Holy Ghost is joy unspeakable, and I sure do thank the Lord for it.

I wanted to share this.

About my back, the Lord has healed it and other things to. (I rec'd the Holy Ghost May 18, 1988)

Sis. Elizabeth Turk

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All the waters in the world,
However hard it tried,
Could never sink a ship
Unless it got inside.

All the evil in the world,
The wickdness and sin,
Can never sink the soul's craft
Unless it got inside.

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The Lord is dealing with some of our young brethern, and we are so thankful. One of these is Br. Mike Mathews of SCOTTSBORO. He lifts up the Lord, in song, in testimony, and in the precious Word of God. He rightly believes in waiting on the Lord. When he does, and then moves, edification comes thru him. We love you, Br. Mike. Keep up the good fight of faith!

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Br. Glen Walker of TIFTONIA had a "warming experience." He has had heart attacks and troubles that the heart incurs. It is difficult for his blood to circulate. One evening of late, his wife, Sis. Tiny, had put him in a seperate bed, and was piling the quilts on, trying to get his feet warm. It was all to no avail. They couldn't get his feet warm. A little later, after Sis. Tiny had laid down in her bed, a person, or it looked like somebody, stood at the foot of his bed and laid what looked like a cover over his feet and they became warm. Later Sis. Tiny could even feel the warmth.

Aint the Lord good to us?

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ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHIOUSNESS: THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS.

If it aint in the Word of God, it aint our doctrine, or the Lord's doctrine. Tradition if it is not got out of the Word of God, it is not our tradition. Men teach obeying the church's tradition. If the church's tradition is The Word of God, it is to be obeyed. If it does not come from the Blessed Word it is not a GOOD WORK, AND IT NEEDS TO BE LEFT ALONE. We are furnished to be perfectly thru God's Word and not man's tradition that Jesus said, MAKE THE WORD OF GOD OF NONE AFFECT.

The reason for this is simple. God's Word NEVER changes. It the same, yeasterday, today, and forever. Man's tradition changes with the whims and thoughts of each man.

BR. TERRY WRIGHT: " I was driving the drink truck that morning, this side of Stevenson, those two or three little hills you go over. The Lord seemed like He just spoke to me; He said, "Terry, you won't tell a lie. You won't steal. You try as close as you can to being a child of God." He told me, "What are you fooling around for?"

About three weeks after that, I went to SKYLINE. There was a load that fell on me. I never felt that way before. I felt like I wasn't fit to be called nothing. People were testifying and I didn't feel worthy to look up at them. I'd spent my opinion on people, but that day... I surprised everyone that night. I went up there and in a little bit, I got to talking to the Lord, and it was coming from down here... That night, He let me up with the good Holy Ghost. I remember going back in the floor. My back didn't no more than hit the floor when I heard my tongue move. When I heard it, I was ready to get up from there.

The Lord has been good to me these last twelve years.

Br. Jim Miller was running a revival at Happy Hollow in July 18, 1930. I was 21 years old. I had seen a lot of things happen. God sure has been good to me. I've seen hundreds get the Holy Ghost in my time, some didn't hold on very long. Some still living for the Lord. I'm so glad I got what it will take to carry me home some day.

I've seen God heal some with cancer, some broken bones. He's still so real in my life. The closer home I get the more I want to keep going for the Lord. I am too near home now to stop or look back. I guess I just could write a book of what God has done for me and our children and others.

Sis. Volies called me and wanted me to pray for her son. She said the doctor had given him up. They said, Br. Paul, wanted to give him one of his kidneys and they said it wouldn't do no good at all, that there wasn't a chance for him to live at all. He just gave him a few days to live. Virgil was at work. I had to wait until him (Sis. Minnie's husband) and Ray (her son) got home before I could go. So I really did pray all day.. I was ready to go when they got home.

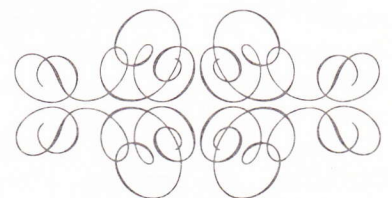
When we got there and on the elevator, Sis Volies grabbed me and said, "Oh, I know now why God told me to come back." She had started home to get some rest. She said, "Sis. Wilbanks, it's too late. The doctor said he couldn't have no visitors. He's still too near gone." She was crying til she couldn't hardly talk. I told her God hadn't give him up. God wants to prove His power. His sister was at the door of his room crying and said the doctor said not to let no one in. Sis. Voiles said this is Sis. Wilbanks and Br. Ray Wilbanks, they are going in. She just moved back and we went in. As soon as he saw me, he just raised up and threw his little arms around me. I said, "You believe God can heal you, don't you." He said, "I know now that He is, for Sis. Wilbanks is here." And God really did. The power of God was so great, seems like if he had been dead God would have brought him up.

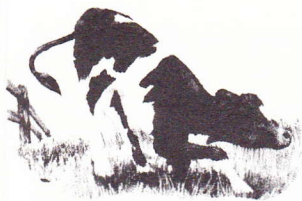
I told him the doctor would be in and tell him he was going to be alright and in the morning he would tell him he could go home the next day. And he did.

God showed the people what he could do. The hall was filled with people when we came out of the room, wanting us to pray for them. I tried, some felt but I had done what God had wanted me to do.

I'm so glad of a real God that can save and heal our old bodies too.

Sis. Minnie Wilbanks





THE CALF PATH

One day, through the primeval wood,
 A calf walked home, as good calves should;
 But made a trail all bent askew,
 A crooked trail as all calves do.
 Since then two hundred years have fled,
 And, I infer, the calf is dead.
 But still he left behind his trail,
 And thereby hangs my moral tale.

The trail was taken up next day
 By a lone dog that passed that way;
 And then a wise bell-wether sheep
 Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,
 And drew the flock behind him too,
 As good bell-wether always do.
 And from that day, o'er hill and glade,
 Through these old woods a path was made;
 And many men wound in and out,

And dodged and turned and beat about,
 And uttered words of righteous wrath,
 Because 'twas such a crooked path.
 But still they followed -do not laugh-
 The first migrations of that calf
 And though this winding wood-way stalked,
 Because he wobbled when he walked.
 The forest path became a lane,
 That bent and turned and turned again;
 This crooked lane became a road,
 Where many a poor horse with his load,
 Toiled on beneath the burning sun,
 And traveled some three miles in one.
 And thus a century and a half,
 They trod the footsteps of that calf.
 Each day a hundred thousand rout,
 Followed this zig-zag calf about;
 And o'er crooked journey went
 The traffic of a continent
 A hundred thousand men were led
 By one calf near three centuries dead.
 They followed still his crooked way,
 And lost one hundred years a day;

For thus such reverence is lent
 To well established precedent.
 A moral lesson this might teach
 Were I ordained and called to preach;
 For men are prone to go it blind
 Along the calf-paths of the mind,
 And work away from sun to sun
 To do what other men have done.
 They follow in the beaten track,
 And out and in, and forth and back,
 And still their devious course pursue
 To keep the path that others do.
 They keep the path a sacred groove,
 Along which all their lives they move
 But how the wise old wood-gods laugh,
 Who saw the first primeval calf!
 Ah! many things this tale might teach
 But I am not ordained to preach.

By Sam Walter Foss (1895)



BR. BILL WALLS: "A child of God, he aint gonna die, he is going to sleep in Jesus.

Think about the day, when Jesus comes back to awake the saints of God up, and we'll all rise to meet Him in the air.

...EVEN TO SPIRIT OF TRUTH THAT THE WORLD CANNOT REC": BUT YE KNOW HIM; FOR HE DWELLETH WITH YOU, AND SHALL BE IN YOU. Listen, I HAVE NOT LEFT YOU COMFORTLESS: I WILL COME TO YOU. YET A LITTLE WHILE AND THE WORLD SEEIH ME NO MFORE: BUT YE SEE ME: BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO. Oh brethern, that sounds sweet to me. Oh, that Comforter, that God gave me one day. I had to work after it. I did! I prayed everywhere I got a chance. I'd get up in them mountains. They had an old barn over there, where they kept cattle and sheep. I'd get up in that old barn loft, and you talk about praying... I pray up a storm! Seems like sometimes I would do no good. Everybody knew Uncle Henry McLain, and I thought he could pray good. I'd try to pray like him. It didn't amount to a hill-of-beans.

I was trying to rec' the Holy Ghost. I wanted that Comforter. Oh, brethern, after awhile that Comforter

come in and I've been happy ever since.

My baby sister call me awhile back, ... she was talking about my son who rec'd the Holy Ghost. She said, "Watch after him. " She said, "It's whole lot easier to lose the Holy Ghost, then it is to rec' it." Think about that! It is. That good Holy Ghost. That good Comforter, will just move out. But it takes you striving to get It in. Striving with all your heart.

The day I got it... there was so much love. Now brethern, where's that love got to? God didn't take it away from us. We ought to still have that love. We ought to love each one dearly. Let our heart go out to each one. That'll get the job done.

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Two church dignitaries were viewing a costly ornate Cathedral. One said to the other, "The day is gone when the church can say, as Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none". "Yes!" replied the other, "and the day is gone when the church can say, as Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk". The perty has gone, and also the power.

NOT THAT HONOUR THAT COMETH FROM GOD ONLY.

(2) JESUS SAID, IF I HONOUR MYSELF, MY HONOUR IS NOTHING.

(2) GIVE HONOUR TO HIM FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME.

REVERENCE: (1) be in awe; show fear.

(2) regard; esteem: value.

(3) awe, bashfulness; shamefacedness; the idea of downcast eyes.

(1) GOD IS GREATLY TO BE FEARED IN THE ASSEMBLY (church) OF HIS SAINTS AND TO BE IN REVERENCE OF ALL.

(1) THE WIFE, SEE THAT SHE REVERENCE HER HUSBAND.

(2) WE HAD FATHERS OF OUR FLESH WHICH CORRECTED US, AND WE GAVE THEM REVERENCE.

(3) LET US HAVE GRACE, WHEREBY WE MAY SERVE GOD ACETABLY WITH REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR.

REVEREND: dread; fear; terrible.

Many have the wrong conception of REVEREND. It has nothing to do with reverence. It is a totally separate word, and it most certainly does not belong being used as a title among human beings. It belongs only to the fearful and most terrible God Almighty.

HE HATH COMMANDED HIS COVENANT FOREVER: HOLY AND REVEREND IS HIS NAME.

In studying these words, it causes us to fear, they are so close in meaning but so far apart in their effect. It is sin to use some of these words wrong, especially when action follows the word.

Concerning them over us in the Lord, the Word of gave us this distinction: THEY WHICH ARE ACCOUNTED RULE OVER THE GENTILES, EXERCISE LORDSHIP OVER THEM: AND THE GREST ONES EXERCISE AUTHORITY UPON THEM. BUT YE SHALL NOT BE SO: BUT HE THAT IS GRESTIEST AMONG YOU. LET HIM BE AS THE YOUNGER: AND HE THAT IS CHIEF, AS HE THAT DOITH SERVE. FOR WHEIHER IS GREATER, HE THAT SITTEIETH AT MEAT, OR HE THAT SERVEIETH? IS NOT HE THAT SITTEIETH AT MEAT? BUT I AM AMONG YOU AS HE THAT SERVEIETH.

In another place, the higer than then the highest said: THE SCRIBES ANDPHARISES... LOVE THE UPPER MOST ROOMSAT THE FEAST, AND CHIEF SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES... AND TO BE CALLED , RABBI, RABBI(a title of honor; master). BUT BE NOT YE CALLED RABBI: FOR ONE IS YOUR MASTER, EVEN CHRIST: AND ALL YE ARE BREIHERN. ..CALL NO MAN FATHER ON EARTH: FOR ONE IS YOUR FATHERIN HEAVEN. NEIHER BE CALLED MASTER...

BUT HE THAT IS GREIEST AMONG YOU SHALL BE YOUR SERVANT. AND WHOSEVER SHALL EXHALT HIMSELF SHALL BE ABASED. AND HE THAT SHALL HUMBLE HIMSELF SHALL BE EXALTED.

From the Word of God we gather, all these special privilidges don't belong among us. Give honour to whom honour is due. He said that we wereall brethern. God gives the gifts, and we honour that and them, but to show respect of person is STILL SIN. That is the main reason the Wordof God is not falling like rain among us. Those who could bring it, lift themselves up as somebody special andGod can't work thru them. It then goes on done and we all sink lower into unbelief.

BR. TIM TAMON: "RESIST THE DEVIL..." It's like a tug of war. To resist is to pull against them. yea, that's the way you do it. If he is trying to get you to hate somebody, try with all your might to love them."

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BR. TONY GRAY: "I started to the Lord when I was sixteen. I was raised in Holiness. I had it all laid up. I thought girls got IT easier than boys. Looked like they did to me. I watched others and I decided it would take me three months. In three months I still didn't have the Holy Ghost. Three years later I still didn't have the Holy Ghost. A year or two later I wasn't even going to church. I got married to a wife with the Holy Ghost. She had to drive 32 miles one way to go to church.

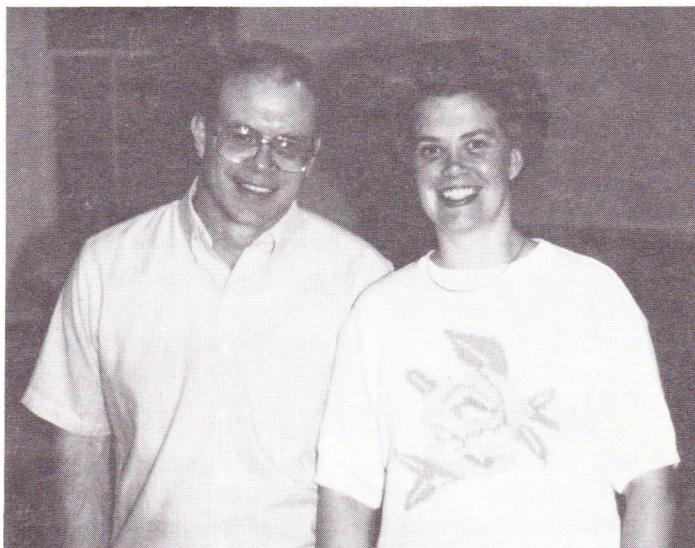
One night she came in and I was just real grumpy. Ill about everything. Life wasn'tgoing to suit me. I wasn't accomplishing what I was suppose to. I wouldn't even look at her. She was running a little late. I thought, "Just don't say nothing", you know.

She came over and sat down by me. I wouldn't look at her. She said, "Mother had a dream about you." I just lay there and wouldn't look at her. She said "Do you want to hear what it is?" I lay there; I had a pretty good idea what it was.

She said "Well, do you?"

I took a breath and said, "Yeah! Tell me what it was."

She said, "She seen you in a casket." And described a suit I had on. I had just got this suit, and she had never seen it before. As she got to telling it, I got where I couldn't breathe good. I got to where I was getting hot. I thought, "That's what I figured!" And I started getting aggravated. She ought no to tell stuff like that! She ought to



Br. Tony and Sis. Dale Gray

know it would bother me. I just laid there, with her looking at me. I knew she was looking but I wouldn't look at her. I acted like it didn't bother me AT ALL. She got up and walked on off. I couldn't breathe

good. I was hot. I was cold. And I realized, if I didn't change, I wasn't going to make it. After awhile I was going to be laying in that old casket without the Holy Ghost.

I said, "Instead of getting aggravated with her, if this is my last warning, I believe I'll change. I hinted around about going to church. A few days later, I rec'd the Holy Ghost.

Br. M.L. Smith, he has got a lot of experience in going to the altar(41 yrs). he found fault with the children of God. The Lord had him cut-off. Know what? Today, he still don't want us to find fault with the children of God. Just because you got the Holy Ghost don't mean you can start doing that. He'll still cut you off. He want us to love one another. That is His commandment. People want ot be strict. If we want to be strict, let's be sure we keep that commandment. If were going to be strict, let's be sure, we love one another. Lot of times, people get so strict, "Nobody living right." Finding fault. Cuts their love off. You never see the Lord bless them. If you don't rec' a blessing, don'tblame other people. Instead of looking around to see what our neighbor is doing, we ought to be helping him. We don't have time to gossip and talk about one another. We need to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

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Blowing out the other fellow's candle will not make yours shine any brighter.

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BR. MARK FINLAYSON: "I have some imput. The other night, Br. Nicky, mentioned about the valley of dry bones. I thought of those dry bones as that bible there. Without the Spirit it is dry, very dry. The love of God as the flesh and blood. The bones were dead, and without love, the bible is dead. But add love (God is love, God is spirit) and it will rise up and walk.

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A FOOD FOR THOUGHT RIDDLE:

Adam, God made out of dust, but thought it best to make me first.

So I was made before man, to answer God's holy plan.

A living being I became, and Adam gave me my name.

I then from his presence withdrew, and more of Adam never knew.

I did my maker's law obey, nor never went from it astray.

Thousands of miles I go in fear, but seldom on earth appear.

For purpose wise which God did see, He put a living soul in me.

A soul from me God did claim, and took from me the soul again.

So when from me the soul that fled, I was the same as when first made.

And without hands or feet or soul, I travel

Someone tried to find out how many promises God made in the bible. The answer was 7,464. That's a lot of promises!

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THE PREACHER'S MISTAKE

The parish priest
Of Austerity,
Climbed up in a high church steeple,
To be nearer God,
So that he might hand,
His word down to his people..

When the sun was high,
When the sun was low,
The good man sat unheeding
Sublunary things.
From transcendency
Was he forever reading.

And now and again,
When he heard the creak
Of the weather vane a-turning,
He closed his eyes,
And said, "Of a truth,
From God I now am learning."

And in a sermon script,
He daily wrote,
What he thought was sent from heaven.

And he dropped this down
On his people's heads,
Two times one day in seven.

In his age God said,
"Come down and die!"
And he cried out from the steeple,
"Where art Thou, Lord?"
And the Lord replied,
"Down here among the people."

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from pole to pole.

I labor hard by day and by night, to fallen man I have great might.

Thousands of people young and old, will by my death great light behold.

No right or wrong can I conceive, the scriptures I cannot believe.

Although my name therein is found, they are to me an empty sound.

No fear of death doth trouble me, real happiness I'll never see.

To heaven I shall never go, nor to hell below.

Now when these lines you slowly read, Go search your bible with all speed.

For my name is written there, I do honestly declare.

Please try to solve this simple little puzzle. The answer is only one word found four times in the bible. ????????