

"The Lord is King."

Psalms 10:16.

"Bind up the testimony, seal
the law among My disciples."

Isaiah 8:16.



"To the law —

REVELATION 18:1-4.

— and to the testimony."

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A Higher Experience

By MRS. E. G. WHITE

WE NEED constantly a fresh revelation of Christ, a daily experience that harmonizes with His teachings. High and holy attainments are within our reach. Continual progress in knowledge and virtue is God's purpose for us. His law is the echo of His own voice, giving to all the invitation, "Come up higher. Be holy, holier still." Every day we may advance in perfection of Christian character.

Many have a twilight perception of Christ's excellence, and their hearts thrill with joy. They long for a fuller, deeper sense of the Saviour's love. Let these cherish every desire of the soul after God. The Holy Spirit works with those who will be worked, molds those who will be molded, fashions those who will be fashioned. Give yourselves the culture of spiritual thoughts and holy communings. You have seen but the first rays of the early dawn of His glory. As you follow on to know the Lord, you will know that the "path of the righteous is as the light of dawn, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Preparation for Christ's Coming

"I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3.

THIS blessed promise was first given unto the disciples of Jesus just before His ascension into heaven. It is one of the most precious promises found in the Word of God. Let us for a moment consider the circumstances under which this promise was given. The Saviour had dwelt among his disciples for three and a half years. His love toward them was very great, and they in return had learned to love their Saviour. Now, at once the hour was there where Christ told His disciples, "I go away;" in other words, "the time for My departure is here." These words struck the disciples, and they were filled with sorrow, but at the same moment, the words fell from the lips of our Saviour, "and come again." This promise was received by the disciples in faith.

Every child of God at the present time who believes that the promises of God are sure, will wait for the coming of the Lord. The promise first given to the disciples will soon be fulfilled. But, if we look around us into Christianity, and even among professed children of God, we find but very few who really believe that Christ soon shall return. There may be many who profess to believe in the soon return of Jesus, but by their works deny this faith. All who really *love* the Saviour's return, will, by their works, bear a living testimony to this end.

A Preparation Necessary

One of the most important characteristics by which one may know that we believe in the second coming of Christ is a thorough preparation for that great event. The apostle Peter speaks to us in the following words:—

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:14.

From these words one can readily see that a preparation for Christ's coming is necessary. The apostle gives the admonition, "be diligent" that ye may be found *ready* when the Lord shall appear. He explains further the condition in which we must be found in order to be ready, "in peace, without spot, and blameless." The greatest battle every individual Christian must fight is a struggle against their own sin. If we want to see Jesus as He is, we must be pure, "even as He is pure." The spirit of prophecy sustains this fact in these words:—

"We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be *earnestly* seeking that *preparation necessary* to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence."—"Early Writings," p. 71.

"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 69.

The question then must press close home to each of us, Are we diligently seeking for this likeness now? Do we believe the Spirit of God is waiting our co-operation to manifest His power to reproduce this likeness in us, and thus hasten the Saviour's coming? Let all remember that only those who reflect the image of Jesus fully will ever dwell in His presence.

God's People To Know the Times

The people of God are to know the times—the meaning of passing events. The word of God makes clear to them that which is mysterious to others. Like the ancient Israelites who had light in their dwellings when the plague of darkness covered the Egyptians, so the true people of God are not in darkness concerning the end. As Paul wrote the church at Thessalonica—

"Of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thess. 5:1-6.

So the true church of God is not in darkness concerning the coming of the Lord. His people are called "the children of light," and the day of the Lord will not overtake them as a thief in the night. According to the Word of God, all those who will be found unprepared when the Lord shall come, are called the children of darkness, no matter how high their profession may be. The church of God knows not the day of His coming, but it knows the end is near; it knows the meaning of passing events, and sees clearly what is coming upon the earth.

"Watch and Pray"

Another important characteristic which will be seen in the lives of those who wait for the coming of the Lord is to "watch and pray." So often the Master exhorts His followers with these words. As long as we are in communion with God through prayer, we shall also be found watching. The greatest danger for the people of God today is to become indifferent. Satan knows very well that his greatest success lies therein, to make God's children believe that the day of the Lord is still in the far future. The unbelieving proclaim, "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 Peter 3:4.) And many professed children of God say in *their heart*, "My Lord delayeth His coming." (Matt. 24:48.) This class, represented by the evil servant, is outwardly devoted to the service of God, while at heart they have yielded to Satan. They do not openly deny the truth, but reveal in their life the sentiment of the heart,—that the Lord's coming is de-

layed. (See: "Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 101, 102.) Now we must prove our own heart if we do not say in our heart "My Lord delayeth His coming." May God help us to stand firm against the delusions of the enemy, that we might be found watching when He shall appear. The reason why many believe that the Lord's coming is delayed is found in these words:—

"The very beginning of the evil was a neglect of watchfulness and secret prayer, then came a neglect of other religious duties, and thus the way was opened for all the sins that followed. Every Christian will be assailed by the allurements of the world, the clamors of the carnal nature, and the direct temptations of Satan. No one is safe. No matter what our experience has been, no matter how high our station, we need to watch and pray continually. We must be daily controlled by the Spirit of God, or we are controlled by Satan."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 102.

These are solemn words. Our only safety is to heed the counsel of our Saviour, and watch and pray. "Pray without ceasing" my dear brother and sister, and you shall be found ready when the Saviour comes.

"Be Ye Ready"

The Bible speaks of those who love and wait quietly for the appearing of our Lord Jesus. Their only desire is that Jesus may soon return. Their prayer is with John the apostle: "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20.) Are we able to join that prayer? Would we be ready if the Lord came today? We have heard time and again the words repeated to us, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." (Amos 4:12.) Praise God that probation still lingers, that we can still prepare to meet Him, but soon probationary time will have past, and then we must be found ready. O, may the solemn words uttered by our Saviour "be ye ready" impress our hearts.

True believers of God's word know that that promise "I will come again" is soon to be fulfilled. The apostle Paul has given us this message of inspiration, and we would do well to heed the solemn counsel—

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:36, 37.

Jesus is longing to come and take His beloved ones home. He is waiting that His character might be fully reproduced in His people, for then, the promise is given, will He come. Let us surrender our all to Jesus that He may mold us into the likeness of His image.

Which Side Will You Be On?

There will be found only two classes when the Lord comes—one, the faithful, who have lived in view of that hope, and have shaped their plans, their lives, their characters, in harmony with the principles of Christ, and who will be able to say—

"Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.

What a privilege it will be to belong to this class. It is the privilege of every one who is willing to pay the price. There will be joy and gladness in those who are ready to meet Jesus.

But on the other hand we find a class who has lived in disobedience to the Word of God, who have trampled under their feet His divine law, who have loved the pleasures of this world, and they in great contrast to the others will cry—

"To the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb." Rev. 6:16.

May God help us now to make our calling and election sure, that we may be able to stand without spot or wrinkle at His coming.

Our Duty in This Time

If we really believe that Jesus is coming we will sound this message to others. It is our duty to help save those who are willing to be saved. The message of Christ's soon coming should stir our heart. Soon, yes soon, dear reader, He will come, and will not tarry. But it is not enough to know that Christ is coming soon, we must know that He has already come into our hearts, and that because of our message He is coming into the lives of others. Let us heed the admonition given by the spirit of prophecy—

"The return of Jesus to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message." Testimonies," Vol. 6, P. 406.

Jesus said to His disciples, "I go away, and come again." He has gone into the heavens to prepare a place in that kingdom that is about to come. He has sent out His messengers, He has sent out His message to reach your ears, and to come into your hearts, so that even now you may become subjects of that kingdom which He has prepared only for those who love Him.

I am waiting for the coming
Of earth's long expected Lord;
For the signs are now fulfilling
That He gave us in His Word.
I am watching, I am waiting,
For that promised happy day;
Yet I do not cease my working;
I must work as well as pray.

We are nearing home. We cannot afford to miss our way. Let us look up and watch.

"We are homeward bound. He who loved us so much as to die for us, hath builded for us a city. The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. There will be no sadness in the city of God. No wail of sorrow, no dirge, of crushed hopes and buried affections, will evermore be heard. Soon the garments of heaviness will be changed for the wedding garments. Soon we shall witness the coronation of our King. Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 287.

May God so move upon your hearts that you may be ready to meet the King who is to return and take His people unto Himself.

W. O. WELP.



"God has His workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man."



Our Homes and Our Health



A Few Pointed Truths on the Subject of Divine Healing

"THE Lord's promise, 'They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover,' is just as trustworthy now as in the days of the apostles. It presents the privilege of God's children, and our faith should lay hold of all that it embraces. . . It is our work to present the sick and suffering to God in the arms of faith."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 226.

"But only as we live in obedience to His word can we claim the fulfillment of His promises. . . If we render to Him only a partial, half-hearted obedience, His promises will not be fulfilled to us."—Id., p. 227.

"To those who desire prayer for their restoration to health, it should be made plain that the violation of the law of God, either natural or spiritual, is sin, and that in order for them to receive His blessing, sin must be confessed and forsaken."—Id., p. 228.

"When wrongs have been righted, we may present the needs of the sick to the Lord in calm faith, as His Spirit may indicate. He knows each individual by name, and cares for each as if there were not another upon the earth for whom He gave His beloved Son."—Id., p. 229.

"We all desire immediate and direct answers to our prayers, and are tempted to become discouraged when the answer is delayed or comes in an unlooked-for form. But God is too wise and good to answer our prayers always at just the time and in just the manner we desire. He will do more and better for us than to accomplish all our wishes. And because we can trust His wisdom and love, we should not ask Him to concede to our will, but should seek to enter into and accomplish His purpose. Our desires and interests should be lost in His will."—Id., pp. 230, 231.

"When we have prayed for the recovery of the sick, whatever the outcome of the case, let us not lose faith in God. If we are called upon to meet bereavement, let us accept the bitter cup, remembering that a Father's hand holds it to our lips. But should health be restored, it should not be forgotten that the recipient of healing mercy is placed under renewed obligation to the Creator."—Id., p. 233.

"Those who seek healing by prayer should not neglect to make use of the remedial agencies within their reach. It is not a denial of faith to use such remedies as God has provided to alleviate pain and to aid nature in her work of restoration. It is no denial of faith to co-operate with God, and to place themselves in the condition most favorable to recovery"—Id., 231, 232.

"Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power,—these are the true remedies. Every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them."—"Counsels on Health," p. 90.

"Some, I saw, had erred in praying for the sick to be healed before unbelievers. If any among us are sick and call for the elders of the church to pray over them, according to James 5:14, 15, we should follow the example of Jesus. He put unbelievers out of the room, then healed the sick: so we should seek to be separated from the unbelief of those who have no faith, when we pray for the sick among us."—Mrs. E. G. White, "Present Truth," Nov. 1850, p. 86.

Life's Opportunities

"OUR time here is short. We can pass through this world but once; as we pass along, let us make the most of life. The work to which we are called does not require wealth or social position or great ability. It requires a kindly, self-sacrificing spirit and a steadfast purpose. A lamp, however small, if kept steadily burning, may be the means of lighting many other lamps. Our sphere of influence may seem narrow, our ability small, our opportunities few, our requirements limited; yet wonderful possibilities are ours through a faithful use of the opportunities of our own homes. If we will open our hearts and homes to the divine principle of life, we shall become channels for currents of life-giving power. From our homes will flow streams of healing, bringing life, and beauty, and fruitfulness where now are barrenness and dearth."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 355.

*Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.*

*Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early list His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.*

*Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the Sacred Word,
And live but for the skies.*

"MANY who are now only half converted on the question of meat eating will go from God's people, to walk no more with them."—Mrs. E. G. White, "Review and Herald," May 27, 1902.

**BRIEF NEWS OF THE REFORM
AND THE REFORMERS**

**NORTH DAKOTA FIELD CONFERENCE
REPORT**

Meeting Convenes May 31 to June 8, 1930

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High. . . . O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory." Ps. 92:1; 98:1.

We have great cause to praise the Lord through these lines. If we look back into the experiences which we were permitted to make during the past weeks and months, we must proclaim with David: "O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things." The enemy has done her uttermost to hinder the cause of God, but the Lord has done "marvellous things" in behalf of His people. All those who understand the great miracles which the Lord performs, will also sing a new song—a song of their experience. The remnant church will soon stand on Mount Zion and sing a song which no one can learn, except the 144,000, and they will tell about the wondrous things which the Lord has done in their behalf.

The Lord of host has given us the blessed promise that He will finish His work and cut it short in righteousness. We believe firmly that all His promises are "yea and amen," and no earthly power will ever be able to destroy the cause of God on earth. We have seen with our eyes that God is leading His people, and we know that He will accomplish His work gloriously. Through those souls who are fighting against this movement the Lord has a double purpose to perform: on one hand, the shaking out of those who are not firmly established in the truth; and on the other, to ground the faithful ones more deeply in the present truth. We know that the final shaking is taking place in the true church of God, and the Lord will cleanse His church from the unbelieving element till it is clean, pure, and white, and then He will endow them with power from on high, and they will receive the "latter rain."

Through God's grace, and His divine leading, we were permitted to begin our field conference in North Dakota, on May 31. A long time before, it was the prayer and desire of all brethren and sisters that the Lord might open the way for this gathering, and we give here all honor and glory to God who has so wonderfully blessed. A goodly number of souls from near and far came out to the meeting with this one aim in mind, to receive the special blessing which the Lord is so willing to bestow on such occasions.

Our dear Brother Doerschler opened the conference on Sabbath morning, and he praised God that He made it possible for so many to attend the meetings. He expressed great joy that the Lord had brought us together, and it was his desire that the Lord with His spirit might dwell among us in a marvellous way, and make the conference a success. The Brethren Welp, Kramer, and Kurtz spoke on this oc-

casation a few words of encouragement, and praised the Lord for His goodness toward His children. After this Brother Doerschler held the Sermon, and the Lord dwelt with His spirit among us.

On Sunday morning our first business meeting was held, and the Brethren of the American Union made the motion that North Dakota be organized into a conference. This motion was readily accepted by the conference.

The nominating committee selected the following officers and committee for the new conference year, and these selections were unanimously sanctioned by the conference:—

Officers

President, Elder D. D. Kurtz; Treasurer, Sister A. Liek; Secretary, Sister L. Kurtz.

Conference Committee

Elders, D. D. Kurtz, A. Reiley, Brethren J. Haas, A. Liek, and J. Meier.

Different resolutions and plans were made by the committee which shall help to further the work in N. Dak., and we praise God that He is with us. All officers selected declared that they would do their best to help the cause that it may progress.

The conference continued for nine days, and during this time we had also the privilege of holding public meetings in the evening. The Holy Spirit worked mightily on the hearts of those who had previously studied this reform message, and they were led by the Holy Spirit to take their stand with God's people. Some dear souls were found to be ready for baptism, and on Sabbath of June 7, we held a great feast of joy. All



A Group of Reformers who attended the Field Conference held in Cathay, North Dakota.

those present at the conference marched in a train to the place selected for baptismal service, while singing songs of praise, and in this way we could bear a testimony for the truth. On Sabbath afternoon all souls willing to take their stand were given the right hand of fellowship, and following this solemn act we held the communion service. It is our prayer that the Lord may keep those souls faithful to the end.

After having spent precious days in the fellowship of the Lord the time drew near when we had to separate again. But we can also say that the last day of the feast was the greatest (John 7:37) because the great love which was manifested among us during the entire session, was now seen in a wonderful way. The spirit of perfect unity was present, and every one brought a heartfelt testimony to the glory of God. It was the desire of all that if we do not see us again on this earth, we may see us again in the new earth which the Lord has prepared for those who love Him.

After the close of the conference we visited Cleveland, and Lehr, N. Dak., and in both places we had the privilege of holding public meetings which were very well attended. Especially precious were our experiences in Lehr where we found a number of dear souls ready to take their stand with God's people on earth. These souls with those taken in at the conference amounted to fourteen, and we praise God that He has wrought so mightily. It is our desire that all brethren and sisters throughout the field may remember them in their prayers, that God may give them strength to remain faithful till the end. Despite the fact that the old Denomination did everything to hinder these souls to take their stand, the Lord overruled, and we give Him all the glory.

Here in Lehr many souls from the various churches visited our meetings, and it is our prayer that God may bless the seed sown, and gather every honest soul into His fold before it is too late.

The Lord has promised: "Ye children of Israel shall be gathered one by one," and we see this promise fulfilled in our day. Today the Lord is gathering his children "one by one," but soon the day will come—after the outpouring of the "latter rain" that He will do a quick work, and thousands of honest souls will leave the fallen churches and take their stand with the remnant. May God grant that every one of us may have a part in this great closing work, and receive the "refreshing."

Once more we praise the Lord for all the blessings we received in the work in North Dakota. We praise Him for the spirit of love and unity which is prevailing among his faithful ones, and it is our prayer that God may bless this newly organized conference abundantly.

Your brother in Christ,

W. O. WELP.



FIELD CONFERENCE REPORT

Held in Baltimore, Md., Aug. 8-10, 1930

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. . . . For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand." Ps. 95:1, 2, 7.

WITH the above precious words of David our conference was opened in Baltimore, Md., on Aug. 8. Dear souls had responded to the call to be present at this feast of joy. Especially do we praise God that all souls had made a thorough preparation in order to receive the blessing. While the days and hours were spent in blessed studies of the Word, through which we received wonderful counsel, our hearts were time and again filled with praise. The reason to glorify and praise God was the same one which David had; "For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture." Our experiences during the past year have shown us more than ever that "the Lord is God" and therefore we say to every soul: "Consider it in thine heart." (Deut. 4:39.) "Know that the Lord hath set apart him that this is godly for Himself." (Ps. 4:3.)

The spirit of love and unity dwelt among us in a marvelous way, and we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. O, how we rejoiced to see dear friends of the truth bear testimony to this end. The text found in John 13:35, was brought to our remembrance. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The Sabbath proved to be a special day of joy and gladness. Many wonderful experiences were told in our praise and testimony meeting, and these were a refreshing to all. It was also our privilege to make fellowship with four dear souls, who were found to be ready to take their stand with God's people. It is our prayer that God may give them strength to remain faithful till the end. A number of other souls are standing in their decision, may the Lord grant them power to soon come out in the open for the truth. Already we received word from the little company in Baltimore that these souls want us soon to come back and labor among them, and we believe that there will be a harvest of souls when we shall have the privilege to labor again in their midst. It is our prayer that the Lord may also bless the seed which was sown in our public meetings.

In the business meeting we could speak about the progress of the work, and the reports presented from the past conference year were very encouraging. Despite the fact that

we had to pass through many difficulties, by which especially the eastern states were affected, we can say to the glory of God that He has blessed in a wonderful way, and has destroyed the work of the enemy. Brethren which once were standing on the side of truth, were so deceived by the enemy as to take up their weapons against the church of God. The work of these deceived souls was done under the pretense of calling for a more spiritual reformation. Great errors were accepted and taught by them, but it was not long till some of them did overthrow their whole faith, and even began to work on Sabbath. This will always be the course of those who fight against God, they will be taken by the delusions of the enemy. Might God help us to be faithful to His truth under all circumstances, that we may receive the promise. Let us heed the counsel of our Saviour and "watch and pray" in this time where the battle between truth and error—light and darkness—has reached its height. May God grant that we belong to that company which was seen by sister White in a vision, which despite the dark clouds round about them, had fixed their eyes steadily on Christ. (Early Writings, pp. 269, 270.) If we do this, then we shall be able to discern between the true and the false, and even if Satan comes down as an angel of light we shall not be deceived. It was our desire to stand firm upon the platform of truth, and do our uttermost part in the salvation of souls.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, we had some blessed Bible studies which strengthened us in the faith. We praise the Lord for the showers of blessing which He bestowed upon us during the conference. O, what a blessed privilege do we have to walk in this present truth. In the evening the conference was closed with another praise and testimony meeting. It was very hard to separate again, and we all sanctioned the testimony given by one dear sister: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." (Matt. 17:4.) Knowing that our greatest battles are still in the future we looked up in faith to Jesus, who has promised to be with His children till the end of the world. We ask all brethren and sisters throughout the world to look up with us in faith to the precious promises given us by our dear Saviour.

"Now the Saviour's eye penetrates the future; He beholds the broader fields in which, after His death, the disciples are to be witnesses for Him. His prophetic glance takes in the experience of His servants through all the ages till He shall come the second time. He shows His followers the conflicts they must meet; He reveals the character and plan of the battle. He lays open before them the perils they must encounter, the self-denial that will be required. He desires them to count the cost, that they may not be taken unaware by the enemy. Their warfare is not to be waged against flesh and blood, but 'against principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.' They are to contend with supernatural forces, but they are assured of supernatural help. All the intelligence of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 352.

May we see in this wonderful testimony that the promises of the Lord are "yea and amen." We read in Matt. 1:23: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Greetings from your brother in Christ,

A. W. DOERSCHLER.



THE man who puts his determination, his will power, his decision, on God's side, and says, "Lord, I will be worked; work me now"—that man receives the Holy Spirit.



"WE shall not have to plead very long with God for the outpouring of His Spirit when we have square our lives with His."



The Children's Friend

For Parents and Children
who would follow Jesus.

Suffer little Children to come unto me.
LUKE 10:16

When the Well Dried Up

RENE was so thirsty. There was not a drop of water to be found anywhere. For many, many days there had been no rain. Not a cloud had crossed the sky, and the fierce African sun had scorched the whole land over hundreds of square miles. The rivers and streams had dried up, and now at last the deep well close to the farmhouse had run dry too.

Rene's daddy did not know what to do. He had worked very hard for many years to build up that home and to develop his land. Now it seemed that he was about to lose everything. His crops were withering away, and, worse still, his cattle were parched with thirst, for there was no water to give them. What could he do?

Calling his family together, he told them how serious the situation was, and that he was going to ask Jesus to send rain.

So they all knelt down,—mother, daddy, Rene, and her baby sister,—and together they prayed as they had never prayed before. Father and mother both prayed very earnestly that Jesus somehow would send rain to save the crops and to spare the herds of cattle.

When it came Rene's turn to pray, she did not say just what mother and father had said. She said, "Dear Jesus, if You don't send rain, please send some water into the well."

Daddy smiled, because he couldn't see how water could come into the well if it didn't rain. But Rene did not think about that. She believed that Jesus could do anything; and when they all got up off their knees, she said she was quite sure that Jesus was going to answer her prayer.

Father and mother went about their various tasks around the home, but Rene disappeared. She had gone off to the well to watch what Jesus would do.

She pulled and pushed at the cover, and finally moved it enough so that she could look down. But it was so deep and dark that she could see nothing at all. Picking up a stone, she dropped it in. There was a moment of breathless waiting. Then—

"Splash!"

The next instant she was off to the house like a flash.

"Jesus has sent the water!" she cried. "Jesus has sent the water!"

Father wouldn't believe it, but came running to the well to see, with mother and the farm workers close behind. He dropped in another pebble, and there was another splash.

A moment later he had the pump working, and out from the well there was soon pouring a stream of clear, cold water.

How happy and thankful they all were! And, do you know, from that day to this, that well has never again run dry. Of course, some people say, "It just happened so." But little Rene knows better. She says Jesus sent the water in the well and answered a little girl's prayer—and I believe she is right.

What Jesus is to Me

He is my Strength. Ps. 77:14; 86:16.
 He is my Righteousness. Ps. 23:3, 119:144.
 He is my Counselor. Isa. 9:6; Rom. 11:34.
 He is my Way. John 14:6.
 He is my Saviour. Isa. 60:16.
 He is my Helper. Ps. 46:1.
 He is my Friend. Prov. 18:24.
 He is my Refuge. Ps. 62:7.
 He is my Rock. Ps. 62:2.
 He is my Provider. Matt. 6:30-33.
 He is my Salvation. Ps. 18:2.
 He is my Defense. Job. 22:25; Ps. 59:9.
 He is my high Tower. Ps. 18:2.
 He is my Redeemer. Isa. 49:26.
 He is my Commander. Isa. 55:4.
 He is my Leader. Same verse.
 He is my Burden-bearer. Ps. 55:22.
 He is my Shepherd. 1 Peter 2:25.
 He is my Beloved. Cant. 7:10, 11.
 He is my Truth. John 14:6.
 He is my Life. Same verse.
 He is my all and in all. Col. 3:11.

Little Things

*Little drops of water,
 Little grains of sand,
 Make the mighty ocean,
 And the pleasant land.*

*And the little moments,
 Humble though they be,
 Make the mighty ages
 Of eternity.*

*Little deeds of kindness,
 Little words of love,
 Make the earth an Eden,
 Like the heaven above.*

—Selected.

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Do You Enjoy A Christian Experience

ARE you serving Christ from sense of fear, or because of your great love for him? Do you pray to him to appease his wrath, or because you love this spiritual community? The Scriptures represent Christ as sustaining many beautiful tender relationships to his children. He is designated by such titles as Father, Elder Brother, Friend, Comforter. Do you know him in these relationships? Is he indeed a father to you? Do you count him as your chiefest friend, and hold with him that fellowship and communion which exists between intimate friends? Is he your comforter? Do you know his comfort in sorrow, in distress, in life's trials?

It is only as you know Christ in these tender relationships that you can indeed joy and rejoice in his service. Then you will labor for him, not from sense of duty, but because the love of Christ constrains you, even as it constrained the apostle Paul. Then you will obey his requirements not as stern, inexorable laws, but because you will be able to say with the psalmist, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day." Then you will pray, not as a Christian duty, but as a blessed privilege, because you love to commune with the One who has entered into your life more fully than any other.

This experience will bring into your life the fruits of the Spirit, represented in "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." If indeed to any of us the service of Christ is one of mere form, of stern necessity, let us seek that renewed consecration, that surrender of heart, that giving up of our way and acceptance of his, which will enable him to come in and work in our hearts his work of grace, filling us with his own blessed Spirit and impressing upon us the seal of his righteousness. There are depths and joys and rich mines of Christian experience to which we have not yet attained. Let us seek for these as for hidden treasure.

GERMAN UNION CONFERENCE

JUST recently we received word from our brethren in Germany, that the Union Conference, which was held during the month of July, has proved to be a great blessing. Quite a number of souls were able to be present, and the Lord with His Spirit dwelt among them in a wonderful way. Six dear souls were found to be ready for baptism, and this brought rejoicing to every one. Wonderful testimonies were given in the praise services, and the spirit of love and unity was felt throughout the entire session. Our brethren report that the work of reformation in Germany is making good progress. May the Lord bless His work throughout the world field is our prayer.

A. W. DOERSCHLER.

WE praise God through this column that He has blessed so wonderfully this year, so that we were able to answer the many calls which came to the office. At present we plan to leave for Oklahoma, where quite a number of souls are deeply interested in the reform message, and we believe that God will give us a harvest of souls. Our brethren and sisters in that part of the field are also glad to see us once more, and it is our prayer that this mission trip may prove a great blessing. We ask kindly all brethren and sisters to remember the work in their prayers.

W. O. WELP.

Our Need

WHAT we need, and can have, and, thank God, will have, is an individual revelation of Jesus—Jesus, who died for us; Jesus, who lived for us; Jesus, who fought our battles for us, and won full and perfect victory, is now offered as a gift to every man. Will we take Him? God entreats us as if it were a great favor done to Himself. His boundless love has made every provision. Shall we take all so freely offered and so easily received, by the simple exercise of our own choice?

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