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"Stand For The Right"

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will *stand for the right* though the heavens fall."—*Education*, p. 57.

"God calls for men and women of stability, of firm purpose, who can be relied upon in seasons of danger and trial, who are as firmly rooted and grounded in the truth as the eternal hills, who cannot be swayed to the right or to the left, but who move straight onward and are *always found on the right side*."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 75.

"To every one of His appointed agencies the Lord sends the message, 'Take your position at your post of duty, and then *stand firm for the right*.' To all I am instructed to say: 'Find your place. Receive not the fanciful sentiments of men who are not taught by God. Christ is waiting to give you insight into heavenly things; waiting to quicken your spiritual pulse to renewed activity.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. p. 203.

"In the final victory God will have no use for those persons who are nowhere to be found in time of peril and danger, when the strength, courage, and influence of all are required to make a charge upon the enemy. Those who stand like faithful soldiers to battle against wrong, and to *vindicate the right*, warring against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, will each receive the commendation from the Master, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 327.

"It is in the time of conflict that the true colors should be flung to the breeze. It is then that the standard-bearers need to be firm, and let their true position be known. It is then that the skill of every true *Soldier for the right* is tested. Shirks can never wear the laurels of victory. Those who are true and loyal will not conceal the fact, but will put heart and might into the work, and venture their all in the struggle, let the battle turn as it will."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 272.

OBEY—Acts 5:30

PRAY—Luke 11:13

TARRY—Luke 24:49

RECEIVE—Acts 2:4

“RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST”

“To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. 8, page 20.

“Lo, I am With You Always”

By A. W. DOERSCHLER

THE BURDEN of Jesus' last hours with His disciples seems to have been the one of impressing their hearts with the truth that His presence would continue to abide with them. He told them that He would be betrayed into the hands of wicked men, die, and rise again. But these last remaining hours with His loved ones were used in reiterating in different ways, and enforcing by striking illustrations, the comforting assurance that He would live with them, and that they would dwell in Him.

“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you. . . . If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” John 14:18-20, 23.

Shortly before taking His departure, Jesus said, “If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.” This, we are told, “spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given.” (John 7:37-39.) Not until Pentecost was the Spirit bestowed in His fulness. The early disciples had first to make room for Him. When they realized their helpless and hopeless state without Christ and confessed their sins, then it was that “they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:4.)

And this promised blessing brought every other needed blessing with it. It was by reception of the Holy Ghost that the love of God was shed abroad in their hearts. (Rom. 5:5.) They now manifested a love which had never before been witnessed. They themselves were conscious of the great change that had taken place in their lives, for they saw reflected in each other the divine life. No glory was given to man. Paul declared that he no longer lived to himself. “The life which I now live in the flesh,” he

said, “I live by the faith of the Son of God.” Christ was enthroned within, living His life and manifesting His faith through Paul. To Christ, not to Paul, belonged the glory.

The burden of believers from that time forth was that others should have a similar experience. When on the day of Pentecost the multitude inquired, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Peter pointed out to them the way by which they, too, might become partakers of the same divine Spirit and power:

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” Acts 2:38.

The reception of the Holy Spirit was to the apostles the all-important object. Everywhere they preached, this was their theme. When at Ephesus a company of believers was found who had been baptized with water, but who were not conscious of the presence of the Holy Ghost, Paul could not rest until they, too, had received this heavenly gift.

Today, as then, this should be the objective of all our teaching. Every member of the church of Christ should be pleading with God for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. “Ye have not, because ye ask not.” “Every one that asketh receiveth.” (Luke 11:13, 10.) After this promise is claimed, the language of the heart must be, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” (Gal. 2:20.)

“Abide in Me”

Jesus has given us an illustration to help us comprehend the blessed, all-important truth of His promise. He set forth the vine for us to study. “I am the vine, ye are the branches.” (John 15:5.) We know there is a life-giving current running through the vine into the branches.

No one can explain all the qualities and virtues of this nourishment; but every one knows that no branch can live severed from the vine. Cut off from this life-producing current of the vine, how soon it withers and dies. "He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5.)

"'Abide in Me, and I in you.' Abiding in Christ means a constant receiving of His Spirit, a life of unreserved surrender to His service. This union with Christ, once formed, must be maintained. Christ said, 'Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.'" This is no casual touch, no off-and-on connection. The branch becomes a part of the living vine. The communication of life, strength, and fruitfulness from the root to the branches is unobstructed and constant. Separated from the vine, the branch cannot live. No more, said Jesus, can you live apart from Me. The life you have received from Me can be preserved only by continual communion. Without Me ye cannot overcome one sin, or resist one temptation."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 676.

This is the only way we can live the victorious life. It comes by our abiding in Him. The praise and glory for it all is due "unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

The Greatest Need

What is the greatest need of today? If you could make but one request of God, for what would you ask? Would it be for money, for pleasure, for honor, for long life, or for the blessed power of the Spirit of God to cleanse the heart and keep you from sin?

Surely our greatest need at this time is a fuller measure of the power and efficiency of the Spirit of God, for it is through this mighty agency that the heart is made clean and the soul strengthened against temptation and overmastering passions, that the power of sin is broken and an indwelling Christ enthroned in the heart. We have been instructed that "this promised blessing, received by faith, brings all other blessings in its train."

Under the administration of the Holy Spirit after Pentecost, a great work was quickly done. Men's hearts were touched; a deep conviction of sin resulted; believers were added and multiplied by thousands; those who were possessors of this world's goods, instead of buying more land, and increasing their deposit in the bank, sold out and put their property into the cause; the church was cleansed from hypocrites who made vows and failed to fulfill them. Cripples were healed, and even the dead were raised to life.

This was the result of the "former rain" in the early church. In the remnant church the "latter rain" is to fall, and a similar work to be accomplished.

"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3.

"The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was the former rain, but the latter rain will be more abundant. The Spirit awaits our demand and reception. Christ is again to be revealed in His fullness by the Holy Spirit's power."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 121.

If the presence of the Holy Spirit was necessary in apostolic times in order that the gospel might be carried to all the world, it is our greatest need today when the mystery of God is to be finished, when the power of the Spirit must be manifested in our own hearts.

"Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fulness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 671.

The Endowment of the Holy Spirit

To all who will make and maintain this full and constant surrender the Holy Spirit is promised as a blessed endowment, affording to the believers both physical and mental power.

"All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God, will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of omnipotence."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 827.

It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. If we are willing, He will cleanse the heart from every defilement.

Think of it! The God who stretched out the heavens, and spoke into existence the earth and all the shining orbs on high offers to come in unto us and take His abode with us! This seems too wonderful to be true. But here is Jesus' promise made to us before He left the world, that it should be even so with the one who truly loved Him and kept His words.

Endure For Christ

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"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph 6:18.

AS WE CONSIDER this verse the apostle Paul presents for our encouragement three very essential elements which we must possess if we would experience that fulness of "a more abundant life" in Christ Jesus. He admonishes us to pray, to watch, and persevere.

The last point is a very important one, and it cannot be over emphasized. Perseverance, suggests consistency, a rugged determination to pursue a known duty, sincere desire to accept and follow truth in spite of adversity.

Very few professing Christians possess this virtue. We are more inclined to give up, instead of holding on. Frequently, we let go when success is almost ours. We are always seeking the easy way, and for preference select the pleasanter tasks, forgetting that by so doing we are weakening our spiritual life, and retarding our spiritual development. We thrive on self-pity, and love to think our position is infinitely worse than our neighbors. By looking at ourselves and excusing our condition, we become so self-centered that we are unable to appreciate the blessings of God, that we constantly receive from the bountiful hands of our Heavenly Father. In this attitude of uncertainty, indecision, inactivity, and doubtful speculations, we forget that our lot is cast in pleasant places, and that if we would only take the time to look around we would see others whose position is worse than ours, from whom not a murmur is heard, nor a complaint offered.

When you are weighed down with the cares and the burdens of the day, do not doubt the leading of the Lord. Endure with patience the trial of your faith. We should never allow circumstances to shape us, we must fashion the circumstances to our will. Let us never forget that trials are the means in the Lord's hands to refine our lives, and ennoble and enrich our characters. They should provide us with an outlet for the development of many latent talents that have laid undiscovered until the quickening power of the Holy Spirit has energized our spiritual life, and strengthened our powers of application and discernment.

This constant agitation of our physical and spiritual life, should make us realize as never before our high calling in Christ Jesus. With every new experience there should come a firmer desire to reach after the highest and the best, and with determination "press on towards the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

As our hearts respond to the tender leadings of the Spirit of God, there will spring up within us a new desire to equip ourselves to render to God a more effective and efficient service than we have ever done before. This urge to apply ourselves more earnestly in service for others can only be achieved as we consecrate our whole body, soul and spirit, to the Master's service. Dr. Grenfel of Labrador, has truly remarked, "That History shows that fear to follow, not inability to comprehend has been the fatal factor in the experience of many professing Christians."

Down through the years the church has been refined in suffering, and though sometimes forced to seek refuge in the rock vastness of the Piedmont valleys, the church of the Living God refused to submit to discouragement and despair. By persevering and unwavering faith in their God-given mission, the noble bearing of these champions of truth, was daily enriched by the thought, "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28.

The following testimony admirably conveys the thoughts that I have endeavored to present.

"So long as we are in the world, we shall meet with adverse influences. There will be provocations to test the temper; and it is by meeting these in a right spirit that the Christian graces are developed. If Christ dwells in us, we shall be patient, kind, and forbearing, cheerful amid frets and irritations. Day by day and year by year we shall conquer self, and grow into a noble heroism. This is our allotted task; but it cannot be accomplished without the help from Jesus, resolute decision, unwavering purpose, continual watchfulness, and unceasing prayer. Each one has a personal battle to fight. Not even God can make our characters noble or our lives useful,

unless we become co-workers with Him. Those who decline the struggle lose the strength and joy of victory."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 477.

The pathway to the city of God is hard, rough, stony, steep, and very narrow, but we should not permit these things to deter us, we must not be side-tracked by what may appear unsurmountable obstacles. Let us remember the Lord has passed through all these trials, and successfully triumphed over them. When we accept the Lord Jesus, and faithfully resolve to serve Him, we must be prepared to receive the same treatment as He did, for He says: "The disciple is not above his master." "Ye shall be hated of all men for My names sake, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matt. 10:24, 22.

By way of comparison, and for our encouragement, let us think of some of the experiences that God's chosen vessels were called upon to face, and though the opposing forces threatened to crush them they continued to serve God rather than compromise with sin for a season. Consider the trying ordeal that Joseph was called to endure in Potiphar's house; through the wicked suggestions of Potiphar's designing wife, Joseph lost his position and was cast into prison. His faithfulness however, was rewarded, and later on he was released through the providences of God, and given a more exalted position, by having conferred upon him the Prime-Ministership of Egypt. David was hunted by Saul, but he remained true to God. Jeremiah could not be deterred from doing God's biddings, and despite bitter opposition and persecution, he maintained his confidence and fidelity to God. In the face of death in the loathsome pit, he continued to hold fast to the arm of the Lord. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death for no other reason than that he persistently declared to the Pharisees and Jewish leaders the fact that they had cruelly condemned to death the Son of God, "The Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world." Paul was imprisoned, beaten, bruised, maimed, but his testimony was that "he gloried in tribulation." John was banished to the Isle of Patmos for the word of God, but from the solitude of this lonely and desolate place, he wrote his master-piece;—The book of Revelation. These examples clearly illustrate that in perfecting a Christian character, it is essential to persevere in right doing.

"None who receive God's word are exempt from difficulty and trial; but when affliction comes, the true Christian does not become restless, distrustful, or despondent. Though we can not see the definite outcome of affairs, or discern the purpose of God's providences, we are not to cast away our confidence. Remembering the tender mercies of the Lord, we should cast our care upon Him, and with patience wait for His salvation. Through conflict the spiritual

life is strengthened. Trials well borne will develop steadfastness of character, and precious spiritual graces. The perfect fruit of faith, of meekness, and love often mature amid the storm-clouds and darkness.—*Christ Object Lessons*, pp. 60, 61.

Let us weigh carefully the solemn words of admonition that Jesus gave to His followers as He outlined to them the scenes that would herald His second coming. He informed them that a theoretical knowledge would not save them, they must experience a close personal relationship with Him and by pain-staking effort, endure to the end if they would be saved. The thought of enduring unto the end is a very solemn one, and indicates very definitely that we,—follow on,—and lean on the Lord, and place our destiny in His hands. "Casting all our cares upon Him," we will be sustained, and encouraged to press on the upward way. Jesus is very interested in every one of His saints, and He will not be satisfied until He sees a perfect, peculiar people, "Without spot or wrinkle or any such thing."

"Christ is seeking to reproduce Himself in the hearts of men; and He does this through those who believe in Him. The object of the Christian life is fruit-bearing,—the reproduction of Christ's character in the believer, that it may be reproduced in others."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 67.

Holding on to the Lord, involves more than a fitful spasmodic effort. Good intentions are not sufficient. We must develop that tenacity of purpose, and demonstrate a confidence in the Lord that cannot be shaken. We may be called upon to pass through deep waters of affliction, sorrow and distress may be our portion, but these comforting words of our Lord should enable us to maintain an intimate relationship with Him. "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end"; has been the consolation of His people in all ages, and the import of these words are just as true today.

Paul admonished the Corinthian believers, "Quit ye like men be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13. He recognized that the Christian life is one of great mental and physical strain, which calls for endurance and self-control. The forces arrayed against us are bent upon our destruction, and in our own strength we would be overwhelmed by the uneven contest; but the Lord has made ample provision to meet all our needs, for He has said:

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteous." Isa. 41:10.

The sentiment of this well known hymn affords us much to contemplate upon.

"I'm Pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
'Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.'"

The desire of the Christian to go forward, clearly indicates progress and an earnest longing to "follow on to know the Lord." This calls for persevering work—a sustained effort on the part of the Christian. With this thought before us we should check-up on our experience, and over-haul our technique. This demands a spiritual stock-taking, that we might correctly compute our standing before God. The Lord requires of us a full surrender. A half and half service is not acceptable to Him.

"True holiness is wholeness in the service of God. This is the condition of true Christian living. Christ asks for an unreserved consecration, for undivided service. He demands the heart, the mind, the soul, the strength. Self is not to be cherished. He who lives to himself, is not a Christian."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 48, 49.

A survey of our requirements demand that we experience a closer walk with the Lord. Every faculty that we possess must be consecrated more fully to Him. Our spiritual perceptions need to be quickened that we may detect sin, and abhor it. We should jealously guard every avenue to the soul that the evil one may not gain an entrance. It means that our entire outlook must experience a change, and the whole fabric of our spiritual make-up be daily vitalized, and re-energized, by the power of the Spirit of God. The dynamic—the constant urge that impels the Christian forward, is that power which comes from above. "All power is given unto Me." All the boundless resources of Omnipotence are available to all who place their life unreservedly in the service of the King of Kings.

The reason we have very little success in our Christian life is because we attempt little. We succumb to discouragement for the slightest provocation. We excuse ourselves from engaging in those spiritual exercises that would build us up in the most holy faith. We cannot retain our place in the army of Christ and do nothing. To remain static, and adopt a neutral position we dishonor our Lord, and deny His power and leadership. We must be alive to our responsibilities, and seek daily to faithfully carry out the duties that have been assigned to us. By drinking large drafts from "The fountain of living waters," we shall be sustained and encouraged to attempt seemingly impossible things in the name of the One who has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." 2 Cor. 12:9.

"Christian life is more than many take it to be. It does not consist wholly in gentleness, patience, meekness, and kindness. These graces are essential; but there is need also of courage,

force, energy, and perseverance. The path that Christ marks out is a narrow, self-denying path. To enter that path and press on through difficulties and discouragements, requires men who are more than weaklings. Men of stamina are wanted, men who will not wait to have their way smoothed and every obstacle removed; men who will inspire with fresh zeal the flagging efforts of dispirited workers; men whose hearts are warm with Christian love, and whose hands are strong to do their Master's work."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 290.

There is absolutely no need for us to fear the future, let us proceed full of confidence in the knowledge that, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14. Keep your eyes fixed on the eternal realities of God's word, and with a firm resolve set your mark high. Heaven is the desired haven of rest. There we shall receive the rewards of our labors, and in recognition of faithful service the Lord's approval shall be expressed in the words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Throughout His long term of service Paul never faltered in his allegiance to his Saviour. He stuck to his job and completed his task through prayer, faith, and perseverance, he was able to declare before he laid down his life that the gospel had been preached to the then known world. "Be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister." Col. 1:23. The reason for His success is contained in these lines that he penned to the Philippians:

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:14, 15.

The noble example of this man of God should inspire us to emulate his excellent record of faithful service. "Paul carried with him the atmosphere of heaven. All who associated with him felt the influence of his union with Christ." This experience we should strive to cultivate, that our life might be more useful and fruitful in our labors for others. Be not satisfied with a low standard. Seek earnestly to retain your first love experience. Hold fast, to the blessed hope, and with vision undaunted by unpleasant surroundings and discouraging circumstances, keep your mind single to the purpose of God, and courageously press on towards the eternal city of our God.

"Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is pitiful, and of tender mercy." James 5:11.

Our Homes and Our Health

Medical Missionary Work

By E. J. STABEL

"Medical missionary work is in no case to be divorced from the gospel ministry. The Lord has specified that the two shall be as closely connected as the arm is with the body. Without this union neither part of the work is complete. The medical missionary work is the gospel in illustration.

But God did not design that the medical missionary work should eclipse the work of the third angel's message. The arm is not to become the body. The third angel's message is the gospel message for these last days, and in no case is it to be overshadowed by other interests and made to appear an unessential consideration. When in our institutions anything is placed above the third angel's message, the gospel is not there the great leading power." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 240, 241.

THIS TESTIMONY, so frequently quoted by professed advocates of medical missionary work, is probably one of the most misconstrued testimonies ever written by sister White. The unusual thing is that they usually only refer to the first paragraph and omit the second. It is not my desire to write against the medical missionary work, as it is divinely appointed and greatly needed, but we must keep on the sane, sensible and right side of the question. The "medical missionary work is in no case to be divorced from the gospel ministry." But let us remember that "the arm is not to become the body." The method of attack of critics who say that we have not promoted the medical missionary work runs true to form. They make the arm the body and when one cautions them to combine the gospel and healing you are considered as being opposed to health reform. Time has proven that in fields where over zealous advocates of health reform are in great numbers the minister is handicapped for two reasons. Firstly the arm is made the message by these reformers and if the ministers pursue the same course the message becomes one-sided and unbalanced. Secondly if they endeavor to pursue the middle road they are accused of neglecting their duty.

It is often urged that institutions must be established. This is true. But then again the underlying nature is the physical end. This can be dangerous. The over-emphasizing of the physical angle has caused the denominational institutions to lose sight of Christ. The Spirit of prophecy offers this counsel on this subject:

"It is to save the souls, as well as to cure the bodies of men and women, that at much expense our sanitariums are established. God designs that by means of these agencies of His own planting, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, shall find the bread of heaven and the water of life."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 470.

We often forget that sin is the cause of disease and until sin is eradicated diseases will exist.

"Godliness does not conflict with the laws of health but is in harmony with them. Had men ever been obedient to the law of the Ten Commandments, had they carried out in their lives the principles of these ten precepts, the curse of disease that now floods the world would not be."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 627.

There is much we can do to alleviate suffering caused by intemperance, but let us ever keep in mind the basic motive must be "Go and sin no more." To live this sinless life we must have Christ. Obedience to every physical law can never bring a soul to heaven. It must be "Christ the hope of glory" in us. In accepting Christ we desire to present our bodies as "a living sacrifice" to God. No doubt there will be many people in the kingdom who never knew one tenth of healthful living as we do. But there will be no one there who has no knowledge of Jesus as a sin pardoning Saviour. Keep in mind that "godliness does not conflict with the laws of health but is in harmony with them."

Health reform embraces far more than eating and drinking. Why do we not hear some advocates of health reform encourage people to dress properly, both for physical and moral reasons. Many who make high professions as to eating and drinking plainly show by their dress,

conduct and lack of other health reform principles, that they have never tasted of the good gift. To such Jesus would say "you hypocrites." They should have ate and drank properly but should also have dressed in accordance with this high profession. We must stress the need of fresh air, proper ventilation of homes, plenty of sunlight, exercise, sufficient rest and frequent bathing. There must be an all around health message.

"Our words, our actions, and our dress are daily, living preachers, gathering with Christ, or scattering abroad. This is no trivial matter, to be passed off with a jest. The subject of dress demands serious reflection and much prayer."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 600

Surely it is appropriate to use the "entering wedge," in approaching those who have no knowledge of our present truth. But when speaking to our own people to be continually dwelling on the subject of eating and drinking can do more harm than good. It is possible to develop a "holier than thou" attitude. Please note these testimonies:

"There are many who try to correct the lives of others by attacking what they regard as wrong habits. They go to those whom they think in error, and point out their defects, but do not seek to direct the mind to true principles. Such a course often comes far short of securing the desiring results. When we make it evident that we are trying to correct others, we too often arouse their combativeness, and do more harm than good. And there is danger to the reprover also. He who takes it upon himself to correct others, is likely to cultivate a habit of faultfinding, and soon his whole interest will be in picking flaws and finding defects. Do not watch others, to pick at their faults or expose their errors. Educate them to better habits by the power of your own example."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 451.

"Let no one think himself a criterion for all—that everyone must do exactly as he does."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 156.

"There is real common sense in health reform. People cannot all eat the same things. Some articles of food that are wholesome and palatable to one person may be hurtful to another. Some cannot use milk, while others can subsist upon it. For some, dried beans and peas are wholesome, while others cannot digest them. Some stomachs have become so sensitive that they cannot make use of the coarser kind of graham flour. So it is impossible to make an unvarying rule by which to regulate everyone's dietetic habits.

Narrow ideas, and overstraining of small points, have been a great injury to the cause of hygiene."—*Counsels on Health*, pp. 154, 155.

"The consciousness of right doing is the best medicine for diseased bodies and minds."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 628.

Avoid False Standards

"While we would caution you not to overeat, even of the best quality of food, we would also caution those that are extremists not to raise a false standard, and then endeavor to bring everybody to it. There are some who are starting out as health reformers who are not fit to engage in any other enterprise, and who have not sense enough to take care of their own families, or keep their proper place in the church. And what do they do? Why, they fall back as health reform physicians, as though they could make that a success. They assume the responsibilities of their practice, and take the lives of men and women into their hands, when they really know nothing about the business."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, pp. 374, 375.

Let us take to heart these words of inspiration and relate ourselves to God as He would have us in my prayer.

"Brethren and sisters, we need the reformation that all who are redeemed must have, through the cleansing of mind and heart from every taint of sin. In the lives of those who are ransomed by the blood of Christ, self-sacrifice will constantly appear. Goodness and righteousness will be seen. The quiet, inward experience will make the life full of godliness, faith, meekness, patience. This is to be our daily experience."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 633.

Live Christ!

Live Christ! and though thy way may be
In this world's sight adversity,
He who doth heed thy every need
Shall give thy soul prosperity.

Live Christ! and though thy path may be
The narrow street of poverty,
He had not where to lay His head,
Yet lived in largest liberty.

Live Christ! and though thy road may be
The straight way of humility,
He who first trod that way of God
Will clothe thee with His dignity.

Live Christ! and though thy life may be
In much a valedictory,
The heavy cross brings seeming loss,
But wins the crown of victory.

Live Christ! and all thy life shall be
A sweet uplifting ministry,
A sowing of the fair white seeds
That fruit through all eternity.

—John Oxenham.

Righteousness by Faith or Christ Our Righteousness

By OSCAR KRAMER

"In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our righteousness." Jer. 33:16.

THIS SUBJECT, "Righteousness by Faith, or Christ our Righteousness," reminds us of Jesus. It would be impossible to write on this subject if Jesus had not given His life for us at Calvary. There was no way for the sinner to escape the guilt of sin, except through Jesus. This was already by Isaiah—the prophet of old—so beautifully illustrated, for he said: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53:6.) Jesus alone was able to take away the guilt of sin, therefore we call Him our Saviour, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. How wonderful it is to dig into this subject now, since we know that He has made a way of escape for us. Our only hope is therefore in Him who died in our behalf.

Salvation Only Through Christ

In the book of Acts chapter 4:12; the apostle Paul writes: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." That name is Jesus! Only in Him the sinner will find salvation full and free. Jesus, His name embodies truth and righteousness. Righteousness for those who accept Him as the truth, the way, and the life. Truly, He is our all and in all, for without Him we are utterly lost. This truth is also set forth in the following clear language by the Spirit of prophecy:

"It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin in which we are sunken. Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them. . . . There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 20, 21.

Now we may safely ask the question: If Christ then is our all and in all, if we have sal-

vation only through Him, yes, if we are saved only by grace, is there than anything to be done on our part? Let us consider this question in the light of truth. Jesus said: "For without me, ye can do nothing." (John 15:5.) These words state definitely that without Christ it is impossible to do anything, but on the contrary they teach also that with Christ we can do all things. This was the firm belief of the apostle Paul after his conversion for he said: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened Me." (Phil. 4:13.) These words leave no room for doubt that it is necessary on the part of a true Christian to do the works of Christ. We are admonished; "As ye have accepted Christ, even so walk in Him." It was generally known in the days of the apostles that ancient Israel was seeking their own righteousness, without the help of Christ. This they could not accomplish. But that which was impossible for men to do of themselves, was made possible through Christ. This is the secret of salvation. Through Christ we are able to do all things which He requires of us. There is power in the blood not only to cleanse us from all past sins, but to give us victory, to save us from all sins. All those who claim to have accepted Christ, but live a life of sin, deny the power of Christ.

Heaven's First Requirements

Heaven's first requirements is to keep the law of Jehovah. Man alone was not able to meet this requirement. But; "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8: 3, 4.) Since Jesus came it is possible for us to do the blessed will of God. A true Christian will henceforth not walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit. The vast majority of professed Christians of today, believe only half the gospel of Christ. They believe in forgiveness of sin, in grace, etc.

but they do not believe in victory through Christ. They cannot grasp the thought that there is enough power in the blood to make us keepers of His law. The only reason for this unbelief is; because the love of God is not perfect in them, for if we love God "we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous." (I John 5 : 3.)

Lest We Forget

In dwelling upon this wonderful subject, "Christ our Righteousness," realizing the great sacrifice of Jesus, let us not forget to praise Him. Praise Him from whom all blessing flow. Praise Him for salvation full and free. Praise Him for righteousness. Praise Him for strength and victory. Praise Him for peace and holiness. Truly He is our all and in all. By grace are we saved. If God in His mercy and love had not by grace given His only begotten Son, there would be no hope for us. Let us therefore renew our faith in Him. Please notice the beautiful language of the Spirit of prophecy:

"O let us contemplate the amazing sacrifice that has been made for us! Let us try to appreciate the labor and energy that heaven is expending to reclaim the lost, and bring them back to the Father's house. Motives stronger, and agencies more powerful, could never be brought into operation; the exceeding rewards for rightdoing, the enjoyment of heaven, the society of the angels, the communion and love of God and His Son, the elevation and extension of all our powers throughout eternal ages,—are these not mighty incentives and encouragements to urge us to give the heart's loving service to our Creator and Redeemer?"—*Steps to Christ*, p. 23.

May these words impress our minds that we may surrender all to Him who died for us. May we by faith in Him do His blessed will, so that at last we may be clothed with the robes of righteousness is my prayer.

The Life and Character of Christ

WE NEVER become weary in contemplating the life and character of our blessed Lord. The more we learn about him the more we desire to know of him. As we study his spotless character, it awakens a longing within the soul to become like him. The record of his noble self-sacrificing deeds, of his ardent impartial love, touches a chord in the human heart that no other power or influence has ever been able to reach.

He was no respecter of persons. He loved the humble, the lowly penitent, and the poor, as well as the influential and wealthy. All who would meet him on the plane of humility shared alike his love and mercy. He led a quiet, unostentatious life, perfectly free from affectation and outward show.

What a contrast between Christ the pattern of true greatness and those whom the world esteems great! His work was not to lay waste and make desolate. It was to feed the hungry multitudes; to alleviate the suffering; to speak words of comfort to the sad and lonely; to open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf. Instead of destroying life by the scourge of war, he gave back to the living their dead. Then as the last greatest token of love for the fallen race, he gave his own life to span the chasm of death, that all who will, may cross, to be forever beyond its dreaded power. Oh, who can help loving such a benefactor! Does he not deserve our highest praise?

Every one who is seeking a home in Christ's kingdom, must not only admire the character of the Great Pattern, but must let each day contribute something to the formation of a similar one. Taking an active interest in others' welfare will greatly assist in putting away selfishness, and largely contribute to that spirit of love and meekness that so characterized the life of our Saviour. Let us daily seek to become like him by practicing, as far as possible, the noble deeds that made up his life's record—
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Ready

Ready to go, ready to wait,
Ready a gap to fill;
Ready for service, small or great,
Ready to do his will.

Ready to suffer grief or pain,
Ready to stand the test;
Ready to stay at home and send
Others, if He sees best.

Ready to do, ready to bear,
Ready to watch and pray;
Ready to stand aside and give,
Till He shall clear the way.

Ready to speak, ready to think,
Ready with heart and brain;
Ready to start when He sees fit,
Ready to share the strain.

Ready to welcome the Lord at last
Ready to rest when the harvest's past.

—Selected.

Our Christian Duty

By W. O. WELP

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 221.

IS THE FOREGOING testimony true? Would Christians really if they were to act unitedly for the accomplishment of one purpose move the world? Who will dare to doubt it? This promise is given by inspiration. God Himself has made that promise. And remember He stands back of every promise He has made. There is no failure with God. He is not a God that He should lie. But if we do not see this promise fulfilled today, what is wrong? No doubt we have not as a people met its conditions. It is true that many are doing an excellent work for God, there are even some who overtax their capabilities, but some do not perform their duty, and the cause of God is crippled. Please note carefully the following testimony:

"Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 326, 327.

There is a place for each one of God's children in the plan of salvation. Praise God that there is no unemployment in the cause of God. All those who do not fill their place will never be fitted to enter heaven. There is only a place prepared in the heavenly mansions for those, who have a special place designated on earth where they are to work for God. Everyone has a different duty to perform, but all work for the accomplishment of *one purpose*, and that is: "the salvation of souls."

This work may be compared with that of a construction line in an Automobile plant. Each one on that line has a certain work to do, but they all work to one end. You will readily realize what the result would be if one would fail to do his part. Just so it is in the cause of God on earth. A wonderful example of co-operation is given us by the prophet Isaiah, for we read:

"They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother. Be of good courage.

So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, it is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved." Isa. 41:6, 7.

That was real co-operation. What a joy work will prove to be, if it is done in such glorious harmony. The blessings of the Lord will attend such labor, and it will bear much fruit.

Are you dear reader, doing your duty. Have you a part in the salvation of souls? Or do you stand by the way idle and wait what someone else will accomplish? Do you know if that is the case that God looks upon you with disapproval? Or do you doubt the promises of God. If this is so, then you are fearful, and not prepared for the kingdom. Put away fear, have faith in God, He will fulfill every promise He has made. Prove it yourselves, and you will not be disappointed. Is it not your desire to see the whole world moved by God's children? Then lay your hands on the work, and the result will be glorious.

There are some who see the necessity of performing their duty, but they do it grudgingly? Will the Lord ever accept such work? No, decidedly no. We have one example in the performance of duty, and that is Christ. How did He do the work? He did it cheerfully, and what a blessing did it prove. Why was Christ able to do the work cheerfully? Because His heart was full of love for fallen mankind.

"You have a duty to preform, which is to make yourself cheerful, and to cultivate unselfishness in your feelings until it will be your greatest pleasure to make all around you happy. . . . Remember that Duty has a twin-sister, Love; these united can accomplish almost everything, but separated, neither is capable of good."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 62.

Duty and love must be united. If we do not possess this most blessed characteristic "Love", we will not realize our duty. But if we do possess it, we will not only realize our duty, but faithfully perform it. It will be our greatest

pleasure to make all around us happy. Now we many appropriately ask the question: Who are the most happy ones? Is it not those who have experienced salvation? Those who have found Christ as their personal Saviour, and know that He died for them at Calvary? Are not those the most happy ones? Yes, truly they are. If we then have the greatest pleasure to see people happy, let us work for their salvation, let us bring them to Jesus, let us show them His love for us, and we will make them happy not only for this life, but for the life to come.

There are many who believe that they have done their duty by attending regularly the Sabbath and prayer services; by living up to all the light God has for them on health and dress reform; by paying a faithful tithe, and giving free-will offerings, and other things which are the fruit of genuine conversion. But this is the duty of every Christian, each one has to perform that *same* duty. But besides this we have a certain place and duty to perform in the cause of salvation, each one a different work, but all to the same purpose. It is in this work that we come far to short, and we must correct our shortcomings before it is too late. We find that in the days of Nehemiah the great reformer, "the people had a mind to work." (Neh. 4:6.) They were building the walls of Jerusalem as a united people. How wonderful was the result of this labor. We read that the walls were finished in a short time. The enemy was not able to stop them, and because the people were performing their duty so faithfully the result was, that even they perceived that this work was wrought of God. (Neh. 6:16.)

As it was in the days of old so it will be today. History repeats itself. The work of reform to be accomplished today, will be similar to the work of reform in the days of old. Like methods will bring the same results. The servant of God saw in vision a great reformatory movement. In this movement thousands were seen hastening from place to place to open the word of God. If we rally to our duty in these days we will have experiences which language would fail to describe. As in ancient days all our enemies will be brought low, and the Scripture will be fulfilled; "All men shall fear, and declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of His doing." (Ps. 64:9.)

The Spirit of prophecy declared: "No church can flourish unless its members are workers." (Test., Vol. 2, p. 121.) How true this statement is. But how sad indeed that those who have been in the truth for a long time take up so much time of God's servants. Consider the following instructive testimony:

"I saw that the servants of God should not go over and over the same field of labor, but should be searching out souls in new places.

Those who are already established in the truth should not demand so much of their labor; for they ought to be able to stand alone, and strengthen others about them, while the messengers of God visit the dark lonely places, setting the truth before those who are not now enlightened as to the present truth."—*Early Writings*, p. 104.

It is by using the talents entrusted to us that we receive more talents. If we only rely on the ministers and trust that they will do all, the work will never flourish. Each one has to do its part faithfully. Those churches that have been established in the truth long ago, should not require the time of the ministers. The members of these churches should themselves be sufficient laborers in Christ's vineyard. I shall quote here one more testimony which speaks about the greatest need of today.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold;

What are you doing for Jesus,
As you journey through life?
Sowing the grain for the harvest,
Or scattering seeds of strife?

What are you doing for Jesus?
Are you striving each day,
By little acts of kindness,
To brighten some ones way?

What are you doing for Jesus,
Soon comes the setting of sun;
Hasten to tell the glad tidings,
Lest you leave some work undone.

men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."—*Education*, p. 57.

We are nearing the close of the world's history. The condition prevailing in the earth today is appalling. The whole world lieth in wickedness, and is going on to destruction. If ever men were needed to arouse to action it is today. We know that time is short, shall we stand idle? Or do we want to be as faithful to duty as the needle to the pole? May God grant it. Great will be the reward of those who have proven faithful in their duty. Angels of God we are told, are now preparing crowns of glory for them. Every one who wins a soul in the kingdom of God will be given a wonderful star in these crowns.

But we may now ask the question: What will be our fate if we do not accomplish our

duty. Terrible will be the judgments upon those who have been unfaithful. Of them we read:

"Those who have had the light of present truth, and yet feel no spirit of labor to warn their fellowmen of the coming Judgment, must give an account for their neglect of duty. The blood of souls will be upon their garments."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 11.

"The blood of souls will be upon their garments." Will it be possible for them in such a condition to enter heaven? No, they will be lost, O, how terrible will it be to those who have professed to serve Christ, and will be found wanting. Therefore we must enter upon the work now whole-heartedly, and we will receive the reward.

The Reward of Earnest Effort

By Mrs. E. G. WHITE

"IF ANY MAN'S work abide, . . . he shall receive a reward." I Cor. 3:14. Glorious will be the reward bestowed when the faithful workers gather about the throne of God and of the Lamb. When John in his mortal state beheld the glory of God, he fell as one dead: he was not able to endure the sight. But when the children of God shall have put on immortality, they will "see Him as He is." I John 3:2. They will stand before the throne, accepted in the Beloved. All their sins have been blotted out, all their transgressions borne away. Now they can look upon the undimmed glory of the throne of God. They have been partakers with Christ in His sufferings, they have been workers together with Him in the plan of redemption, and they are partakers with Him in the joy of seeing souls saved in the kingdom of God, there to praise God through all eternity.

My brother, my sister, I urge you to prepare for the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Day by day cast the love of the world out of your hearts. Understand by experience what it means to have fellowship with Christ. Prepare for the Judgment, that when Christ shall come, to be admired in all them that believe, you may be among those who will meet Him in peace. In that day the redeemed will shine forth in the glory of the Father and the Son. The angels, touching their golden harps, will welcome the King and His trophies of victory,—those who have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

A song of triumph will peal forth, filling all heaven. Christ has conquered. He enters the heavenly courts, accompanied by His redeemed ones, the witnesses that His mission of suffering and sacrifice has not been in vain.

The resurrection and ascension of our Lord is a sure evidence of the triumph of the saints of God over death and the grave, and a pledge that heaven is open to those who wash their robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Jesus ascended to the Father as a representative of the human race, and God will bring those who reflect His image to behold and share with Him His glory.

The Joys of the Redeemed

There are homes for the pilgrims of earth. There are robes for the righteous, with crowns of glory and palms of victory. All that has perplexed us in the providence of God will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying. As we realize the tender care of Him who makes all things work together for our good, we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Pain can not exist in the atmosphere of heaven. In the home of the redeemed, there will be no tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning. "The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." Isa. 33:24. One rich tide of happiness will flow and deepen as eternity rolls on.

We are still amidst the shadows and turmoil of earthly activities. Let us consider most earnestly the blessed hereafter. Let our faith pierce through every cloud of darkness, and behold Him who died for the sins of the world. He has opened the gates of paradise to all who receive and believe on Him. To them He gave power to become the sons and daughters of God. Let the affliction which pain us so grievously become instructive lessons, teaching us to press forward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ. Let us be encouraged by the thought that the Lord is soon to come. Let this hope gladden our hearts. "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:37. Blessed are those servants who, when their Lord comes, shall be found watching.

Homeward Bound

We are homeward bound. He who loved us so much as to die for us, hath builded for us a
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TESTIMONY STUDY CLASS

"Gather up the rays of light that have been slighted and rejected. Gather them up with meekness, with trembling and with fear."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 94.

Isaiah 8:20

2 Chronicles 20:20

The True Remnant Church

"We cannot be half the Lord's and half the world's. We are not God's people unless we are such entirely."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5 p. 83.

"There is a high standard to which we are to attain if we would be children of God, noble, pure, holy, and undefiled."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 344.

"God will have a people separate and distinct from the world. And as soon as any have a desire to imitate the fashions of the world, that they do not immediately subdue, just so soon God ceases to acknowledge them as His children."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1 p. 137.

"The calling and character of God's people are peculiar, their prospects are peculiar, and these peculiarities distinguish them from other people. All of God's people upon the earth are one body, from the beginning to the end of time. They have one Head that directs and governs the body."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1 p. 283.

"There can be no union between light and darkness. God intends that His people shall be a peculiar people, separate from the world, and be living examples of holiness, that the world may be enlightened, convicted, according as they treat the light given them."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, p. 689.

"A profession of Christianity is nothing in the sight of God; but true, humble, willing children of His adoption, the recipients of His grace, the partakers of His great salvation. Such will be peculiar, a spectacle unto the world, to angels, and to men. Their peculiar, holy character will be discernible, and will distinctly separate them from the world, from its affections and lust."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, p. 441.

"The true people of God, who have the spirit of the work of the Lord, and the salvation of souls at heart, will ever view sin in its real sinful character. They will always be on the side of faithful and plain dealing with sins which easily beset the people of God. Especially in the closing work for the church, in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 266.

"Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the men in linen, are those 'that sigh and cry for all the abominations that be done' in the church. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, even sighing and crying." — *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 267.

"The world to-day is in a crying need of a revelation of Christ Jesus in the person of His saints. God desires His people shall stand before the world a holy people." — *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 458.

"The children of God, by faith in Christ, are His chosen people; and when they stand upon the holy ground of Bible truth, they will be saved from fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. The children of God do not eat and drink to please appetite, but to preserve life and strength to do their Master's will. They clothe themselves for health, not for display or to keep pace with changing fashion. The desire of the eye and the pride of life are banished from their wardrobes and from their houses, from principle. They move from godly sincerity, and their conversation is elevated and heavenly."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 239.

"Our habits of eating and drinking show whether we are of the world or among the number whom the Lord by His mighty cleaver of truth has separated from the world. These are His peculiar people, zealous of good works."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 372.

"We may be followed with testimony after testimony of reproof; but if we do evil, if we do not respond to the light, we shall be in a state of condemnation before God. If, on the other hand, we live up to all the light that shines upon us, that light will continue to increase, and we shall have a clean record in heaven. The third angel's message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry."—*Historical Sketches*, p. 155.

"Those who would rather die than perform a wrong act are the only ones who will be found faithful."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 53.



The Children's Friend

for Parents and Children
who would follow Jesus.

Suffer little Children to come unto me.

LUKE 10:16

The Blind Men of Jericho

And How Jesus Helped Them To See

SUPPOSE YOU were to lose your sight and go blind. Wouldn't that be terrible? If you do not think so, close your eyes, and then tell yourself that to be blind means to keep them closed like that all your life, never to see the sunshine, or the flowers, or mother's face again.

Many years ago, near the village of Jericho in Palestine, there were two poor blind men. Dressed in rags, they sat by the side of the road, calling to passers-by to put money into their little boxes to help them buy food.

One day some one came by and told them that he had heard that there was a Man living up at Nazareth who was healing all the sick people in the villages, and it had been said that He had helped blind people to see.

The two blind men talked about this wonderful Man for weeks. Could the story be true? O that they could walk to Nazareth and find out for themselves! But Nazareth was sixty miles away, the road was rough and dangerous, and there was no one to lead them there. Perhaps the great Healer would come to Jericho some day. A new hope sprang up in their hearts.

Weeks passed. Then one day the blind men heard a strange noise coming from the direction of Jericho. It was the sound of men and women shouting excitedly. Gradually the noise drew nearer and nearer to where the blind men were sitting. Now they could hear the scuffling of hundreds of feet on the dusty roadway.

What could it mean? Was the Roman governor visiting Jericho?

"Who is coming? Who is it?" Cried Bartimæus, hoping some one would answer his question.

Excitedly a voice replied, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by!"

Bartimæus jumped to his feet. Jesus of Nazareth! Why, that was surely the great Healer of whom he had heard so much. Now Jesus was coming right by him. Would Jesus heal *him*? Could He?

The crowd was surging by. What could the blind men do? They could not see where Jesus was, and it was impossible to move through the throng. Soon Jesus would be gone, perhaps forever. There was but one thing to do.

"Jesus!" cried Bartimæus at the top of his voice. "Jesus! Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!"

"Be quiet!" shouted some unkind people in the crowd. "The Master is busy with others."

But Bartimæus felt that his great opportunity had come.

"Jesus! Jesus!" he cried still more, loudly, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on *me*!"

Jesus stood still. Above the shouting of the crowd the voice of the poor blind man had reached Him.

"Somebody called Me," He said. "Bring the man here."

Then the men who had just told Bartimæus to be quiet came back to him and said, "Be of good comfort, arise; He calleth thee."

While the crowd looked on in wonder, Bartimæus and his friend were led to where Jesus was standing.

"What do you want Me to do for you?" said Jesus kindly.

"Lord," said Bartimæus, give me my sight!"

Jesus' loving heart was touched by the earnest appeal.

"Your faith has made you whole," He said to them both, touching their eyes. "Receive your sight."

Immediately the darkness vanished, the men's eyes were opened, and they saw Jesus.

How happy they were! Again they could see their friends, the little children, the beautiful trees, the rocky mountains, and the unclouded skies. Their hearts were full of gratitude, and they could do nothing but keep on telling everybody they met how thankful they were to God for what He had done for them.—SELECTED.

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shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God.

It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal; life are centered. And in His presence, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. 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. 10:35-37. Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waited for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:7, 8.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AMERICAN UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

WE ARE GLAD to announce that the dates for the forthcoming American Union Conference Session have been definitely decided upon. The Conference will be held from August 9 to 14, 1949. The believers will receive added information regarding the place, etc., in a Circular Letter to be sent out at a later date. There is joy in making the necessary preparation for such an occasion, because the leading motive is a longing for a closer fellowship with God and with His loyal people.

It is hoped that every worker and believer, as well as the friends of the Movement who are interested—all such who can possibly arrange to do so—will plan to attend this important gathering. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord may open the way, and let us be willing to deny ourselves and do our part.

Be not disturbed by the work of the enemy. We have the assurance that from a spiritual and legal standpoint we have pursued the right course. God will intervene in behalf of His people and vindicate the right. This testing and shaking time is necessary that the true gold may shine brighter. We fully believe that at this forthcoming Conference we shall receive showers of blessing. Let us all prepare our hearts to receive them. With hearts cleansed from sin, we can plan and pray and work for the entire success of the meeting.

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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 garment. 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

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