

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.—Rev. 3:21.



For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Romans 10:13

Our Church In the South

The rain beat almost angrily upon the tin roof of our little basement church in Alabama as Brother Fiechter of Bluffton brought the closing remarks following Brother Kilgus' (of Fairbury) sermon for our afternoon services.

That morning when I arrived at the church with a car full of young folks from Athens, a full distance of about fifty miles from the church, we found that water was standing on the concrete floor, but with a fire in the small stove to take the chill out of the damp air, and, with Sister Julia Hale and her husband Maburn sweeping what water they could down the drain, we proceeded with the services.

It was my last Sunday with the folks whom I had learned to love and whom, I found, loved me in return. The next day I was to leave Alabama to spend some time with my folks before being inducted into the Army.

Four months previous I had come to Decatur, Alabama, and was successful in getting a job which left me long evenings in which to visit our folks in the rural areas. The memories of those evenings spent singing hymns and discussing the book of Romans are not soon to be forgotten. When the love of Christ is allowed to fill our very being, all barriers are broken down.

Some of the folks with whom I had become closely acquainted are Bro.

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Sound Speech, Sound Doctrine, Sound Faith

"But speak thou (IN SOUND SPEECH) the things which become SOUND DOCTRINE: That the aged men be . . . SOUND IN FAITH." (Tit. 2:1, 2, 8)

"Till we all come in the unity of THE FAITH, and of the knowledge of the SON OF GOD, unto a perfect of the SON OF GOD, unto a perfect

tremble. But . . . O vain man . . . faith without works is dead." (Jas. 2:19-20)

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be IN THE FAITH; prove your own selves." (II Cor. 13:5)

"The just shall LIVE BY FAITH." (Rom. 1:17) And the life which I now live in the flesh, I LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Gal. 2:20).

TREASURED VERSES

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 the LORD IS a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand ARE the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills IS his also.

The sea IS his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry LAND.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

—Psalm 95:1-6

(full grown) man . . . that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (Eph. 4:13-14).

"Thou believest . . . thou doest well: the devils also believe, and

First allow me to tell a little true story: Quite some years ago I knew a young Swiss, who by prearrangement came to this country and was to work on a near-by farm. It appears that his steamship ticket across and his railroad fare was all paid for as far as Logansport, and for himself he only received some expense money for the trip.

Speeding westward and some distance east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a man sat down beside him. He was a friendly sort of a man, and so was our young Swiss lad, and being a school teacher by profession, they soon were engaged in a friendly sort of a conversation, bridging over, as best as they could, some language difficulties.

At Pittsburgh their train had half an hour or so stop, and as friendly people do, so did this newly-found companion thoughtfully suggest that they get out for a little stretch and a little walk. And so they did, and soon approached a "fruitstand" displaying all kinds of fruit: bananas,

oranges, figs, dates, and what have you. Some of this fruit was brand new to our young Swiss, but all of it looked good to him. So much so, in fact, that he inadvertently slowed down his steps for an extra look or two at the wonderful sight. The friendly companion with the keen sense of true friendship, was quick to observe this, and of course, understood. "Would you like to have some of this fruit?" he asked the Swiss boy. "Yes, I believe I would like to buy some," was the answer.

The fruit man soon made up a small assortment and the boy, in good old fashioned friendliness, proceeded to pay for it. "No Sirie!!" exclaimed the friendly companion. "I'm a buyin' this FOR YOU, and I'm a doin' the payin',—every penny of it! "How much Mister?" he demanded, taking out his pocketbook. "All I got is \$20 bills,—it looks." "I got the change," said the boy, "let me pay for it." "O. K. then," said the companion, "it looks we must hurry back now, but don't forget: I am paying for it and we must not forget to *fix it up later.*"

And "fix it up" they did. In the deal the boy got one of those \$20 bills for the balance of his expense money of some \$16 and some cents. And he gave every penny of it, too. That wasn't more than right. He still was almost \$4 ahead—that's almost 20 francs—and he had the fruit for NOTHING besides!

"These Americans are sure swell fellows," said the young Swiss to himself. "That's sure a fine country here. They don't do things in this fashion back home in Switzerland where I come from." By and by the parting moment had come and with the friendliest of hand shake and the best of mutual wishes the stranger left, and the Swiss boy went on his way rejoicing, ever making sure that he would not lose the \$20, for it was ALL HE HAD.

Finally he arrived at Logansport, where he had to change cars for Reynolds and Francesville. Asking for a ticket to his DESTINATION, he presented his \$20 bill at the window. The man on the inside looked at it and shoved it back, the boy not understanding what was said. Think-

ing that smaller change is wanted, he pushed his \$20 back in again, indicating that it was all he had. But again, the man within pushed it back out with more emphatic words which drew the attention of bystanders, among whom was Mr. B., himself an old Swiss of Francesville, who assumed the painful duty to reveal the shocking news to the young Swiss that his money is COUNTERFEIT and not worth a penny. The blow was simply staggering.

In sympathy, the older Swiss bought the younger one a ticket, and he got to his destination all right, but penniless and poor as a beggar. The shock of his disillusionment and disappointment, it always seemed to me, left its depressing traces upon the mind of this young man for a long time. (The story relates the essence and not the exact words.)

The moral of this lesson and experience is clear: a simple hold-up is violence, but DECEPTION IS AN ART. To exchange the GENUINE for the COUNTERFEIT, in anything, is bad enough, but to send the victim on his way rejoicing and treasuring the worthless counterfeit as gain and praising the counterfeiter as a true friend shows the Art of Deception at its worst.

SATAN is the ARCH-DECEIVER and a past master in the Art of Deception. He has plenty of experience and much success in his chosen field. And nowhere does he operate more persistently and more successfully than in the matter of FAITH and BELIEF. With the idea rather prevalent that it makes less difference as to what a man believeth, as long as he is SINCERE in his belief, Satan finds a ready market for his many counterfeit faiths. One can "believe a lie" (II Thess. 2:11) and be perfectly sincere, but like our young friend above, one can be "sincerely wrong."

Since Salvation, reduced to its simplest terms, is: *by Grace THROUGH FAITH* (Eph. 2:8) and since we "are kept by the power of God THROUGH FAITH unto salvation" (I Pet. 1:5), FAITH toward God on the part of man is as basic and foundational a requirement as the exercise of GRACE and divine POWER is on God's part toward

man, if Salvation is to be realized.

In fact "without FAITH it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6), but it is evident that not anything or everything which we may hold to be OUR FAITH is necessarily more acceptable to God than our friend's counterfeit money was acceptable to the ticket agent. Even as only money issued by the U. S. Treasury is genuine and has any value, while money printed by all others are counterfeits,—so only the PRECIOUS FAITH obtained (*not attained*) through the Righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (II Pet. 1:1) is genuine. Only such FAITH is recognized by Christ of which HE IS THE AUTHOR; (Heb. 12:2), the substance of which is *not revealed by flesh and blood, but is a REVELATION from the Father which is in heaven* (Matt. 16:17) And He reveals THROUGH HIS WORD, — THE WORD OF TRUTH,—and more especially NOW through a RIGHTLY DIVIDED WORD OF TRUTH (II Tim. 2:15) that the Believer may be established "IN THE PRESENT TRUTH" (II Pet. 1:12).

What we mean by a *rightly divided Word of Truth* or the Present Truth can be illustrated by the following examples: Under the Law circumcision was a command to Israel, which was under it, and it was neglected at the pain of death; under Grace and "in Christ," where no difference is recognized between Jew or Gentile, the latter practiced circumcision as a religious rite at the pain of losing Christ and falling from Grace. (Gal. 5:4). Again under the Law the strict observance of the Sabbath was a command to Israel and broken by them at the pain of death; under Grace and to "the Gentiles, which have not the law" (Rom. 2:14), the *observance of days, and months, and times, and years*, as a matter of religious worship filled the Apostle with fear, "lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain." (Gal. 4:10-11). Thus we see that God dealt with different people and at different times in different ways. But we should be "established in the present truth," which requires a *right division of the Word of Truth*—and a right applica-

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NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

A Night with Jesus at Jerusalem

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night,—” John 3:1-2.

One of the most memorable and important interviews which ever took place between two individuals in this world was held on a raft in the middle of the river Neimen, at the little town of Tilsit, in Prussia. At one o'clock precisely, on the 25th of June 1807, boats put off from opposite sides of the stream and rowed rapidly toward the raft. Out of each boat stepped a single individual, and the two met in a small wooden apartment in the middle of the raft, while cannons thundered from either shore, and the shouts of great armies drawn up upon both banks drowned the roar of artillery. The two persons were the Emperors Napoleon and Alexander, and the history of the time tells us they met "to arrange the destinies of mankind." The conference lasted but two hours; it was entirely private between the two emperors, and yet it was fraught with momentous consequences to millions. It was one of the great crises in human history when the currents of power that govern the nations take new directions and break over the bounds and barriers of ages.

Go back eighteen hundred years beyond the treaty of Tilsit, and we can find a private conference between individuals of far more momentous and lasting importance than that between Napoleon and Alexander. This more ancient interview was not watched with eager expectancy by great armies; it was not hailed by the thunder of cannon; it was not arranged beforehand by keen and watchful agents guarding the interest and safety of the two who were to meet. It was in a private house, at a late hour of the night, and it was brought about by the mingled curiosity and anxiety of an old man to know something more of a young teacher who had recently appeared in his native city. And yet from that humble night conference of Jesus with Nicodemus there have gone forth beams of light and words of power to

the ends of the earth. The plans formed by Napoleon and Alexander at Tilsit were reversed and defeated long ago and it is impossible to trace their influence in the condition of European nations today. The words spoken by Jesus to his wondering and solitary listener that night have already changed and glorified the destiny of immortal millions, and they have more influence in the world now than in any previous age; and they are destined to go on increasing in power until they shall be received as the message of life and love by every nation under heaven.

We shall do well to observe the time, the place and the occasion when this aged inquirer came to Jesus and drew from him words of such momentous importance to himself and the world. The time was night. The place was Jerusalem. The occasion was the feast of the Passover. Jesus had come up from Capernaum to keep the great national festival at the sacred city of the Jewish people. Multitudes had come on the same errand from every portion of the land and from the principal cities of far distant nations. The houses in Jerusalem were all full. The streets were thronged, the courts and squares were crowded with pilgrims. Josephus says that by actual count, on one occasion, it was found that two hundred and fifty-six thousand lambs were slain between three and five o'clock in the afternoon, and that two million seven hundred thousand persons partook of the feast. So great a multitude in so small a city as Jerusalem could make their way only by struggling and crowding through the narrow streets. The temple was the chief attraction to the vast multitude during the day. The sacred associations of the spot where the daily sacrifice had been offered with little interruption for a thousand years; the choral service led by vast choirs of priests and Levites, and supported by thousands of voices in the great congregation; the greetings and gatherings of friends after long separation; the passionate enthusiasm with which the Jewish people entered into

their great national festivities,—all made the occasion such an one as could not be repeated elsewhere on the face of the earth. When the night of the great festivity came, the multitude in Jerusalem divided into little companies to eat the Paschal lamb and to sing the songs of the Passover. Jesus mingled with the crowd that filled the courts and colonades of the temple. He was indignant to find the enclosure of the holy place changed to a cattle market, and the loud cries of trade drowning the voices of praise and prayer. He sternly bade the bargaining crew to leave the holy place and take their merchandise with them. With an appearance of severity unusual with him, he overthrew the tables and scattered the changers' money on the marble floor. Alone and a stranger as he was in Jerusalem, there was something in his look and tone which made the most hardened men feel his power and obey his word. All day he had been instructing the rude and excited people, reasoning with the contentious scribes, and attesting his Divine authority by healing the sick, the blind, and the lame that were brought to him in great numbers as he spoke. When night came, he must needs seek a place of rest; and in doing so, he probably went out to some quiet retreat on the slope of the Mount of Olives.

Among all who had heard his words and seen his mighty works that day, one aged and venerable man felt that he could not sleep another night until he had known something more of this wonderful Teacher that had come out of Galilee. This old man was a great master in Israel, a member of the national council, known to all in Jerusalem for his wealth, his learning, and his liberality and was a man of high distinction in Jerusalem at the time. Jesus was so completely surrounded and beset by the multitude all day that he could not be approached and talked with by so remarkable a person without exciting public curiosity which such a man would be most likely to shun. So Nicodemus chose to wait till the crowd had dispersed and then make his way through the quiet streets

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NEWS

Bluffton, Indiana

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—I Corinthians 15:55-58.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aeschliman are parents of a son, born March 26.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman, Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Isch, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber spent Sunday, April 3, visiting the congregation in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habegger spent Sunday, April 10, in Fairbury, Ill.

Pvt. Donald Gerber spent a ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Gerber, and reported back to duty Sunday, April 3, at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. He was accompanied to Chicago by his mother, his sister, Phyllis, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Isch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dietrich and son and Miss Helen Liebig from Elgin, Illinois, spent the week-end of April 10 visiting in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyer and daughter, Misses Ruby Moser and Wava Steffen, and Mr. and Mrs. Laurin Bertsch spent Sunday, April 10, in LaCrosse, Indiana.

Construction has been started on the new church building immediately north of the old structure. The new building will have a frontage of 82 feet, will run to a depth of 170 feet, and will have a seating capacity of 1500 in the main auditorium. According to the present plans, the new building will be completed approximately January 1, 1950, at which time the old wooden structure will be dismantled.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fiechter entertained at a shower Friday evening, April 8, in honor of Lucille Tonner and Alphie Reinhard.

Wedding vows were exchanged on Easter Sunday by Lucille Tonner and Alphie Reinhard, with Elder Sam Aeschliman officiating. A dinner and reception for relatives and friends was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tonner, following the marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Tonner are parents of a daughter, Linda Kay, born April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stoller and daughter, Misses Hazel Huber, Twila, Eleanor, and Carol Stoller, Verlin Stoller, Roger and Charles Gerber, Delmar Stoller, and Marvin Klopfenstein from Latty, Ohio, visited us Easter Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. William Fiechter and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sauder spent the week-end of April 17 visiting in West Virginia.

Mr. Robert Kaehr from Chicago, Illinois, spent the Easter week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levy spent the Easter week-end with relatives and friends in Elgin, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr spent the week-end of April 24 visiting in Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freidinger and daughter, Audry, from Bay City, Michigan, spent the week-end of April 24 visiting in our community.

Several cars of young folks from Roanoke, Illinois, visited in our community the week-end of April 24 and were guests in the Eli Gerber home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Fiechter are parents of a daughter, Rinda Elaine, born April 24.

The engagement of Miss Ilean Geyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Geyer, to Leonard Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Steffen, was announced Sunday, April 24.

Russell Steffen underwent an emergency appendectomy April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schweitzer from Latty, Ohio, visited us Sunday, May 1.

Sylvan Gerber, who has been con-

finned to the hospital several weeks, is reported to be improving at this writing.

Burlington, Oklahoma

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."—I Corinthians 15:51-54.

Mrs. Sam Miller is visiting in Grand Prairie, Texas, with son Lt. L. L. Miller and Mrs. Miller and daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. John Somerhalder and son of Gridley, Kansas, spent Sunday, April 17, in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beery of Wichita, Kansas, visited our church Sunday, May 1.

Funeral services were held for John Riggensbach April 27. He was sixty-three years old. He leaves to mourn his wife, two daughters, and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Smal-lenburger, Misses Ida and Sara Rapp, and Mrs. Elmore Waldbeser, all of Morton, Illinois, attended the funeral of John Riggensbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schupbach and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schupbach, Mrs. Doris Cowden, and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Domnick returned to their homes after spending the winter in Arizona.

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder, Rev. Joseph Aberle, Rev. Roy Farney and Ben Farney, Mrs. Sam Miller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guthrie, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond were in Wichita Sunday, April 24.

Rev. M. A. Kisling and Rev. Roy Farney spent Sunday, May 1, in Lamont, Kansas.

Chicago, Illinois

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us

a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." —II Corinthians 4:16-5:1.

Mr. and Mrs. William Egolf of Cissna Park, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Isch and Sophie Gerber and daughter, Phyllis, of Bluffton, Indiana, were Chicago guests on Sunday, April 3.

On Sunday April 10, Nettie Nohl of Hancock, Minnesota, and Hulda Witzig, who is working in Peoria, Illinois, visited us.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Schurter returned from their trip to Florida on April 11 and are now making their home in Chicago.

Our Sunday school held its Easter Program, which was well attended, on April 17. Visitors included Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. William Bahler, Mary Schieler, and Robert Schieler of Remington, Indiana, Richard Yergler, Truman Baumgartner, and Robert Gerber of Bluffton, Indiana, and a number of young people from Rittman, Ohio, who spent the weekend with Harold and Irvin Klotzle.

On Sunday, April 24, our guests were Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman of Wolcott, Indiana, and Rev. and Mrs. William Cotrell of Quincy, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Knochel, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frey, and Betty and Letty Frey of Remington, Indiana, and George Knochel of Gary, Indiana, spent Sunday, May 1, in Chicago.

Don Gerber has been stationed at Fort Sheridan for a few weeks. He received his discharge on April 22 and returned to his home at Bluffton, Indiana.

Those who attended the funeral services for Leo Grusy at Goodfield, Illinois, were Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Lehmann, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer, and Peter Ernst.

Cissna Park, Illinois

"Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my

brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." — St. John 11:21-27.

On Easter Sunday, four more young people were proved and baptized. They are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stock, Mrs. Earl Bauer (she is the former Grace Plottner of Peoria), and Donna Feller. Elder Joseph Klopfenstein was here to help with the provings. There were also others from Gridley, Peoria, and Quincy.

On the week-end of Palm Sunday several cars from Leo Sunday school and church spent a most enjoyable week-end with us. Saturday evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bauer and Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Christina Bauer.

On the week-end of April 23-24 two cars of young folks were here from Chicago; also Don Gerber from Bluffton. Saturday evening was spent at Mrs. Ida Eisenman in Watseka. On Sunday a call was made at Ezra Feller's and supper was at the Albert Kaufman's.

Brother Bollinger and wife of Tremont and a few others from there visited our church on May 1.

On May 7, LaVerne and Wilmer Kaufman and Dona, Lynn, and Jerry Feller spent a most enjoyable evening at the Al Fisher home in Chicago in honor of Johnnie's birthday.

Funeral services were held for Mother Mary Rentsch on the 21st of April. She had been sickly for many years.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Jacob Schmidt on April 30. She had been in ill health for several years; however, she had seemed much improved until the last few weeks. She

was 58 years old at the time of her death. Mrs. Schmidt was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sauder) Roche.

Mrs. Anna Beer, who recently submitted to a major operation, is now at home and getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Fred Jacob, Sr. is in very poor health. She was the former Emma Weiland.

A group of young folks from La-Crosse, Indiana, and Elna Feller from here spent a most enjoyable week-end in Lamar, Missouri, the latter part of April.

Croghan and Naumburg, New York

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." — Revelation 14:13.

Mr. and Mrs. David Schambach and family spent a week at Elgin, Illinois, with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schambach and family. Miss Gertrude Schambach returned home with them after spending several weeks here. They also attended the funeral services of their sister-in-law, Kathryn (Anliker) Schambach.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton and daughter, Sue, of Rochester, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Babcock of Syracuse, New York, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Virkler and children of Ithaca, New York, were home to spend Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Farney and Mr. and Mrs. William P. Virkler.

Rev. Charles Kroszner of Union City, New Jersey, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Dorthea Kroszner, and his brother, Arthur Kroszner, and Misses Mary, Jenny, and Teresa Schupka spent Sunday, April 24 with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Steiner are the parents of a three-month-old adopted daughter.

Funeral services for Frank Snyder were held May 2.

Mrs. Anna Hirschev has been confined to her home.

Elder and Mrs. John Bahler, Misses Fredricka and Ella Marti, Rosal Eris-

mann, Mrs. Arnold Hany, Elizabeth Hoffman, and James Hoffman of Rockville, Connecticut, spent Easter week-end here. Baptismal services were held for Augusta Einbeck Sunday. There were also communion services.

Fort Scott, Kansas

"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:5-8.

On April 3, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and family, Mary Reber, and Rosa Beyer visited Gridley and Lamont, Kansas, churches.

Impressive and inspiring baptismal services were held by Elders Schrock and Whittmer on April 10 for Ruth Banwart and Lillian Massner. Visitors from Lamar, Missouri; and Sabetha, Lamont, and Gridley, Kansas, churches were also present.

Evening services with Holy Communion were held on Good Friday. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bahr and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller are the proud parents of a baby girl, Connie Sue, born April 16.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinn April 18, named Ruby May.

Blessed services were held the evening of April 19 by Rev. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa.

On Sunday, April 24, those who visited our congregation were Mr. and Mrs. John Schwind and Walter of Peoria, Illinois, Mrs. Ed Graf and children and Miss Ida Sinn of Elgin, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yergler of Cissna Park, Illinois, Mrs. Bill Bros-

seau and children of Pittsburg, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Banwart and family of Wichita, Kansas.

Francesville, Indiana

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:1-4.

Special services were held early Easter day in commemoration of our risen Lord. In the afternoon, the Sunday school teachers and their classes presented an Easter program.

A son, Robert Dale, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Tom on April 8. The mother was formerly Miss Hilda Gutwein. To Mr. and Mrs. Delos Breneman a daughter, Betsy Ann, on April 9. The mother was formerly Miss Hortense Wuethrich. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Albrecht, Jr. are the parents of a son, Dennis Jacob, on April 12. A daughter, Sonja Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wuethrich on April 16. The mother was formerly Miss Marjean Gudeman. Psalm 127:3 "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD:"

Mrs. Anna Banwart left on April 28 by train for Texas for a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Neil and son. She plans to be gone a month.

A fire following a bolt of lightning completely destroyed a 40 x 60 barn on the Walter Culp farm on April 14. Mrs. Culp was formerly Miss Valera Pelsy.

The engagement of Miss Barbara Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Ward to David Wuethrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wuethrich, was announced May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Miss

Audrey Friedinger of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. George Knochel, son and daughter, Dan and Dorothy, Mrs. Lydia Lamber of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schumacher and son, and Mr. and Mrs. George Swing of Roanoke were visitors on April 10.

Hancock and Morris, Minnesota

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes."—Hosea 13:14.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht of Lester, Iowa, and daughter, Lydia, who is home on vacation from Peoria, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wulf of Lester, Iowa, visited friends and relatives here April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Schlupp and son left for their home in Lamar, Missouri, April 9. We are happy to know she is feeling much better (after an operation at Rochester, Minnesota).

We are glad to have Nettie Nohl with us again, having returned home April 11, after working in Peoria, Illinois, during the winter months.

Sunday, April 17, was a blessed day when Ila and Vila Zeltwanger and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger were added to the fold.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joos, Judy and Carol, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Greiner, in Elgin, Illinois, over the Easter week-end.

Martha and Antone Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. John Schaefer and son Stevie were in Sabetha, Kansas, Sunday, April 17, to attend baptismal services of Mrs. Schaefer's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hartman.

Clarence and Mary Reber and Roy and Ethel Massner of Ft. Scott, Kansas, visited here the week-end Apr. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meiss, Miss Dorie Zeltwanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger were in Goodfield, Illinois, May 1 to attend the funeral service of Mr. Meiss' and Mrs. Zeltwanger's uncle, Mr. Leo Grusy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scheitlin of Elgin, Illinois, are parents of Kay Lynn, born April 29. She was formerly Jean Kellenberger of Morris, and her mother, Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger, left April 30 to be with them awhile.

Lamar, Missouri

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."—Matthew 24: 34-36.

Several went to Ft. Scott, Kansas, on April 10 to attend the baptismal services there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Marti are the proud parents of a boy, Larry Dale, born April 14.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Banwart, Virgil Frieden, Mrs. Sarah Braker and son Raymond, spent the week-end of April 17 in Sabetha, Kansas, as a sister and brother-in-law of Ben Banwart and Sarah Braker, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hartman, were baptized that Sunday.

We here had a wonderful day also April 17 as Rev. Peter Fankhouser, Lamont, Kansas, and Rev. Jacob Pfister, Ft. Scott, were here for day and evening services. Other visitors were Mrs. Fankhouser and Mrs. Pfister; Rosa Beyer and Pearl Marti of Ft. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yergler, Cissna Park, Illinois, and their daughter, Anna Marie and family of Pittsburg, Kansas.

Merle, Elmer, and Aldene Bucher, Eunice and Betty Marti of LaCrosse, Indiana, and Elna Feller of Cissna Park, Illinois, were here for the week-end of May 1.

Leo (Grabill), Indiana

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—St. Matthew 25:37-40.

The Young People's Meeting was held on Easter Sunday in the audi-

torium of the Apostolic Christian church.

Miss Percida Conrad, daughter of John Conrad, died April 23 at her home. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Samuel Aeschliman. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery. She leaves to mourn, her four sisters and four brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

The golden gates were opened,

A gentle voice said, "Come,"
And with fare-wells unspoken

She calmly entered home.

Diane Conrad, who attended the funeral of her sister and has been visiting here, is returning to Altadena, California. She is making her home there at this time. William Conrad has returned from California, after spending several years there.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Stavenik returned to their home in Mansfield, Ohio, for Easter Sunday.

Ephriam Kipfer is convalescing at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was in an automobile accident near his home in Grabill.

The coming marriage of Janet Eikenberry and Donald Schlatter was announced Sunday, May 1.

Elders Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Indiana, Elias Dotterer of Paulding, Ohio, and Otto Ramseyer of Michigan visited the congregation on May 2.

Lester, Iowa

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner* of fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads."—Revelation 22:1-4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Kellenberger and family of Morris, Minnesota, visited with relatives and friends here over Easter Sunday. Also visiting here from West Bend were Mr. and Mrs. Will Metzger, Darlene and Marie, and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Metzger.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Meyer on April 18. She was named Paulette Emma.

Rev. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Illinois, and Mrs. John Schick of Morton visited the week of April 24.

On Sunday, May 1, a group of our young folks visited at Morris, Minnesota. They were Wilhelm, Jacob, and Marilyn Wulf, Freida, Karoline, Lydiann, and Pearline Metzger, and Andy and Martha Mogler.

Misses Annabelle and Ruth Strahm of Sabetha, Kansas, spent several days here with their sister, Mrs. Emil Metzger, and other relatives.

Mansfield, Ohio

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Hebrews 2:1.

Many relatives and friends attended the wedding of Miss Catharine Stoller of Latty and Mr. John Oesch of Mansfield at Latty Sunday, Apr. 10.

Rev. Amos Hartzler and son of Wayne County visited our congregation Sunday, April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer, Mr. Joel Beer, and Mr. Robert Hartzler attended services in Detroit Sunday, April 17.

Rev. and Mrs. Godfrey Schlatter and Mrs. Catharine Stevens of Toledo visited us Thursday evening, April 21, on their way to Alabama. Rev. Henry Sabo and Miss Caroline Dotterer accompanied them to Alabama for services. On their homeward journey they stopped off here again Wednesday evening, April 27. Brother Schlatter held services here both evenings, which we enjoyed very much. Mrs. Leah Fernyak went along to Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stoller and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Stoller of Latty were here Sunday, April 24, to attend the reception for Mr. and Mrs. John Oesch. Mrs. Oesch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stoller.

On Tuesday evening, April 26, a shower was held at the home of the Fuhrer sisters for Mr. and Mrs. John Oesch. We welcome Catherine into our midst.

Wilma Hartzler of Akron, Doris

Beard of Girard, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ramsier and children, and Miss Marie Beery of Rittman were visitors Sunday, April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bocka and others attended the funeral of Mrs. Albert Gasser of Rittman Sunday, May 1. Mrs. Gasser was Mrs. Bocka's mother.

Several from here attended the funeral of Miss Anna Horn at Rittman, Wednesday, May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer and Mr. Joel Beer visited in Milford, Indiana, Sunday, May 1.

Peoria, Illinois

"And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, 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."—Isaiah 25:7-9.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo Beer of Milford, Indiana, visited their daughter, Mrs. Bob Hoerr. Through Rev. Beer's inspiring messages, we enjoyed a blessed day.

Three souls were added to the fold of Christ on April 3. They were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hess and Mrs. Ella Musselman.

On the evening of April 3 the Peoria Church was host to the Young People's Christian Endeavor. Sunday schools from Morton, Roanoke, Gridley, Tremont, and Peoria presented group singings.

Excavating for our new church was started on April 1.

The Milford, Indiana Sunday school visited Peoria on the week-end of April 24. On Saturday evening, they were guests at the Chris Hoerr, Jr. home. Supper was served at the church on Sunday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Feldman, who has spent the last six months in Los Angeles, California, has returned home.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Grimm and several others from Taylor, Missouri,

spent May 1 in Peoria. We received a rich blessing through their visit and welcome them back soon.

Princeville, Illinois

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done."—Revelation 22:5, 6.

A daughter, Wendy Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Ehnle March 29. Mrs. Philip Moser of Oakville, Iowa, spent two weeks here caring for her daughter and new granddaughter.

Miriam Hemmer submitted to an emergency appendectomy April 1 and Aldine Asal had the same on April 4. Both are recovering nicely and have returned to their school duties. Mrs. Harold Streitmatter has been confined to her home the past several weeks because of illness. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

A number of friends and relatives from Princeville spent Sunday, April 3, in Morton, Illinois, to witness the wedding of Miss Marie Rumbold and Mr. Ben Moser.

The Reverends William Feucht and Silas Leuthold with others from here spent April 10 with friends at Fairbury, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. John Joos and Mary Lou, Margaret, and Noah Herrman spent Sunday, April 17, with the North Side Fairbury congregation.

We enjoyed a blessed day April 10, with Reverend Simon Wagenbach of Goodfield delivering inspiring sermons.

We had a number of folks from the Gridley congregation with us Sunday, April 24, and enjoyed their visit very much.

The engagement of Miss Martha Menold and Mr. Nathan Stoller was announced Sunday, April 17. They plan a June wedding.

Elder Emil Schubert and Reverend Michael Weyeneth of Peoria conducted services in our congregation April 24.

The Misses Emily Menold, Bernice

Wagenbach, and Betty Knapp spent the weekend of April 24 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Latty, Ohio.

Remington, Indiana

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." — I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Knochel and daughter, Bonnie; Mrs. Erwin Bahler and son, David; and Mrs. Max Bahler visited over the week-end of April 3 in Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knochel of Bay City and Dan and Dorothy Knochel of Detroit were evening guests of the Erwin Bahler family Saturday, April 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buck and son, David Alan, of Mishawaka; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habegger of Bluffton; and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kaufman and daughter, Joan Ellen, of Cissna Park, visited with relatives Sunday, Apr. 10.

On Monday, April 11, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Sr. of Detroit were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schieler and family.

Our Easter program was held on Good Friday evening, April 15, with many attending from neighboring congregations.

On Sunday, April 24, we enjoyed the company of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Kilgus and a group of young folks from Forrest, Illinois. They were dinner and evening guests of Rev. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus.

On Sunday morning, April 24, the John Clauss home in Remington was

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Night Scenes In the Bible

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alone to the house where Jesus had gone to rest for the night. Imagine this old man, at a late hour leaving his house without letting it be known where he was going, making his way cautiously through the unlighted lanes and alleys of the city, avoiding the more public streets lest he should meet some one that might know him. Perhaps passing out at the eastern gate, and across the bed of the Kidron and then up the western side of Olivet, to find some humble cottage where he had learned by special inquiry during the day that the young Galilean Teacher would be most likely to lodge for the night, he reaches the door and hesitates to knock. Whom will he find within? If Jesus should be there, how can he excuse himself for coming to talk with him at such an hour of the night? In what way can he begin the conversation so as not to commit himself too far? What will be said in the city when it comes to be known that he had shown so much anxiety to see Jesus? Rich, learned, honored as he is, how will he dare to show himself again in the great and venerable Sanhedrin after it comes to be known he has been out at night alone to talk confidentially with this young, unlearned, unhonored Galilean? So men doubt and question and hesitate to this day when they are just beginning to cherish a feeble and half-formed purpose to learn something more positive and definite about Jesus and his salvation. Christianity has been in the world nineteen hundred years. It has proved itself mightier than all the powers of the earth. It is the source of life and permanency to the most advanced and progressive nations. It has brought light into thousands of dark homes and peace into millions of wretched hearts. And yet there is hardly anything about which men are so slow, so unwilling to be seen and heard inquiring as about Jesus and his salvation. It is better to fear and hesitate and delay about everything else rather than the one subject which most deeply concerns our relationship to God and eternity. Nicodemus, rich, learned, powerful—a member of the proudest and strictest

sect of the Jews as he was—feared and hesitated when in the very act of seeking Jesus. It is much to his credit, however, that he overcame his fears and hesitancy, entered the humble abode where Jesus was, and acknowledged himself an inquirer for the truth—a trembling, doubting, unsatisfied seeker after light. The most becoming, the most honorable place for any man, however rich or learned, is that of a humble earnest inquirer at the feet of Jesus. Imagine, then, the scene in the quiet house on the slope of Olivet, on that memorable night. The old man anxious, agitated, wondering, trying in vain to put on an air of composure and dignity and to make it appear a great act of condescension in him to come there at all, and Jesus calm, kind, inspiring his venerable guest with awe and searching his very soul with a look—Nicodemus endeavoring to smooth the way for his inquiries by courteous and complimentary expressions, “Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him,” and Jesus, with solemn, direct, and tender precision, laying bare at one word the great burden and necessity of the old man’s heart. “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus surprised and affecting more ignorance than he felt asked, “How can a man be born when he is old?” and Jesus declaring again, with a still more solemn and awful emphasis, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” That even such a one as Nicodemus; kind, generous, learned, a master in Israel, must be born again and must have a new heart, a new life, or not see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus sitting in silent amazement at the thought of a kingdom so pure that even he could not enter it without becoming a new man, and Jesus going on to declare the wondrous love of God in giving his own Son, not only to the learned, the rich and the noble, but that the ignorant, the poor, and the vile might have eternal life.

This is the one great truth which

must lie at the foundation of all plans, efforts, and instructions to make the world better and happier. This is the one ruling and distinctive idea which stands first and foremost in that peculiar system of truth called the Gospel of Jesus Christ—man depraved and lost in his natural condition, and man renewed and saved by the gracious help of God in the Gospel. A full and practical acceptance of this truth is the way of entrance into the blessed and eternal kingdom of life. The spring and fountain of all good to man in this world and the beginning of an endless and blessed life in the world to come, is a new heart,—a pure, lowly, loving, obedient heart—a heart that shuns evil and seeks good of its own free and happy choice. The master in Israel came to Jesus by night to talk about things of the first and greatest concern to man. And Jesus told him that this one principle lies at the foundation of all true wisdom; it is the beginning of all better hopes, the source of all right conduct, the bright dawn of heaven on earth: all must spring from a new spiritual life in the individual heart. In that obscure house, on that memorable night, speaking to one solitary man, Jesus the Divine Teacher set forth truths of greater importance to man and the world than are ever discussed in the cabinets of kings or the councils of nations. He laid down the principle that should govern us in all our efforts at self-improvement and in all our labors for the good of others. With nothing but the words of Jesus to Nicodemus for our guide and commission, we can enter upon a successful crusade against all the wrongs and miseries of the earth. We can promise a perpetual millennium of peace and prosperity to all who accept and obey these words. We do not know with what thoughts Nicodemus went back to his home that night; but the solemn words which Jesus addressed to him should lead every one who reads them to put to his own heart the question: “Have I myself experienced this great change which is needed by all in order to see the kingdom of God? Have I been born again? Has the old life

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God Sees and Cares

"He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works."

Here we are led into the right understanding of God when we consider that God has our heart—yes, the hearts of all men—in His power. It is wonderful how the Lord guides the hearts of people. People often have evil in their minds as in the case of those who sold Joseph. The Lord, however, turned it otherwise. He can also turn the hearts of ungodly in that which concerns our welfare. The ungodly can resist God unto their own destruction if they are unwilling to be obedient unto their own salvation but yet, they cannot block His purposes. We must comfort ourselves with the fact that He has everything in His hands.

Often the ungodly must be a punishing whip to themselves to their own destruction. The Lord knows how to sustain His own. He will not fail them in any good thing. Whatever our lot, we need not be anxious; we shall but love the Lord. The knowledge of God must enlighten us, for there are many deceptive spirits in this world, but the ungodly cannot stand in the way of our salvation. Yes, if our heart is steadfast in love, the whole power of darkness can do nothing to us. A child of God is doubly blest in that he does the will of God and in that everything must work together for the best for him. The knowledge of God is a bright light, for we are so serene, so steadfast, and so blest if we cling firmly to God.

God can sustain an Elijah through the ravens in this time of drought. The blackbirds of this world also bring us meat and bread when they persecute us. Woe unto us if the trials do not become a means of blessing to us.

Further, the psalmist mentions that a king is not saved by a large army and many horses. These are deceptive in their might. From beginning to end this psalm praises the might and faithfulness (of God), first in regard to things in general and then also in detail and in little things. David here mentions things which

are great according to the reckoning of this world—kings and mighty men. Yet he himself did not depend on them but on the Lord.

Only once did David get such a proud thought. He wanted to have the people counted. This was a thought from the devil, and for a punishment for it a great pestilence came, so that many of the people died.

The Lord not only sees all men, but He also shows that their works are evil. And this glorying in one's self comes from the fall. Since man has fallen, he is inclined to lean only on that which is earthly. In Jesus Christ this must all be changed. He came to free us from earthly things so that we might trust only in the Lord.

David here says that a king is not saved by a large army and many horses. They are deceptive in their strength. Therefore the fear of the Lord is the best way and the very best protection while we live. If we depend on something else, we are deceived. We shall live in faith and not in seeing. The faith does not depend on what a person sees, but rather, faith places its dependence on God. It but depends on whether we have the Spirit of faith so that we do not place our trust on that which we see, but rather, place our trust in the goodness of the Lord.

We are told in this thirty-third psalm of what we should see. In the eighteenth verse it says: "Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him." The Scripture is full of such examples of faith. Such heroes of faith have gone before us to give us an example of what we should do. A host of men and money do not deliver us. A person shall not rely on these things but on the Lord so that we do not become idolatrous. We must look at that which people do not see and hope in the Lord like the people of Israel in the desert. They could neither sow nor reap, and for forty years bread and water was given them in a miraculous way. (And there were over one million of them who had to have food.) The Lord tried them with hunger and thirst whether they were believing,

whether they were trusting in the Lord or were unbelieving.

The believer finds many evidences of the goodness of the Lord; and where he does not see, he yet believes. The believer lives every day from "hand to mouth" as the proverb says. Our help shall be in God, not in the world, for the curse has been laid on the riches of this world; worms consume it, and thieves steal it.

The Lord lets no one be put to shame who believes on Him. Every day is a day of testing. We must now trust our souls to God, also when we have nothing that is visible. In our hearts, however, we shall have God. He refreshes us with His goodness. He fills us, He gives us food with His goodness. Thus must we learn to know God and to believe and know that the Lord is good.

And if an evil father on this earth is inclined to do good to his children, how much more is the heavenly Father inclined to do good to those who ask Him for it. We must know that we have a good Father and shall place our reliance on Him. God cannot deny Himself. He is pure goodness, and He proves it in the case of those who hope in Him.

The earthly blessings are the least of what God bestows on us. His promises are set on eternal things, and with that there should go a believing heart.

God is good; He does not forsake us. God is, however, also a jealous God. He often punished also the children of Israel for their unbelief, and yet He was good to them. Daily they ate manna in the desert and yet they asked: "Is the LORD among us, or not?" It was an unbelieving people so that the Lord made an oath that "they should not enter into my rest." While God uses the rod He nevertheless shows His goodness. Consider the world, how He showers good things on those who do not believe. He punishes them and still lets them receive many good things.

We, however, shall not live by what we see. We live not by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. We

are no longer of this world. Today we are here; tomorrow we may not be here any more. Therefore we should not be anxious about visible things, for that is the way the heathen live. We should not plague ourselves with earthly anxieties, "What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink?" We are in the hands of the Lord. How should He not know how we fare? It no more depends on having much; it depends on God's blessing.

We are here to have fellowship with God. God's Word is true, and it extends into all eternity. When a believing person looks into the Word of God, he looks into a pleasure garden in which there are trees which daily bear their fruits for such people who are so poor that they hope daily in the goodness of the Lord. To them this pleasure garden is open, wide open, so that they may go in and enjoy all the fruits of life.

God carries us in His hand. Should He not know how we are? God bears all things in His arms. He knows what we need. But it is a life of faith in this world and not a life of seeing. So we should rejoice and take the key, which is faith, and go into the garden, which is the Bible. There the hungry soul finds the overflowing fullness of the riches and goodness of God.—S. H. FROELICH.

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of sin and worldliness and alienation from God been given up, and have I begun the new life of love and trust and obedience to God? If any doubt the need of this great and radical change to fit men for the service of God and for heaven, they need only consider what the Bible says about it. It everywhere describes a man without a Saviour as a lost creature. He is provided with a gracious and complete salvation just because he is lost. Christ comes to seek and to save the lost and no others. If one does not feel himself to be lost, then he is not prepared to turn to Christ for hope; for Christ's great salvation is prepared for and is adapted only to those who are utterly without hope in themselves. The best men that have

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and Sister Henry Stricklin, their children and grandchildren; Sister Inez Brooks, her husband, Theodore, and their three fine boys; and Sister Julia Hale, her husband Maburn, and their four children, two little girls and two older boys. These folks all live within about one-half mile of the church. Several miles from the church live Julia's parents, Sister Evans and her fine husband. (Sister Evans, I think I shall always remember the hymn about the handwriting on the wall which you led in singing at my last Bible class in our little church. You said it was one of your favorites and sang it accordingly.)

Others living a greater distance from the church are Sister Borden, her husband Arthur, and their large family; Sister Elizabeth Stricklin, her husband Boyce, and their grown children; Sister Ruth Smith who lives with her son, Junior Ridinger, and acts as a mother and a leaning-post, not only to her own children, but also to her grandchildren; Sister Goode, her husband James, and their fine family, from little Linda the baby on up; Sister Kyle and her husband Luther, their children and sons-in-law, all of whom took a genuine interest in the Word of Life; Sister Dessie Siniard, her husband Lee, their daughter Magdalene, and their three boys; and at the home I visited each Sunday evening, Sister Dora Smith, her husband Henry, and their large family of children. These are not all the folks who attended our Bible discussion groups, but they at least represent the homes visited. May God bless and lead them, every one; those who know Him as their Saviour, in the path He would have

ever lived on earth have poured out their souls in the most sorrowful and agonizing confession of their subjection to a dark and evil power, and of their need of help from a Divine source. There is no greatness, power, glory, joy attainable by man on earth to be compared for a moment with that which becomes the possession and birthright of the new born child of God.

them to take; and those who do not know Him, to a place of repentance and change of heart. cotton during my stay in the South.

Most of these folks were picking I do not say it is an easy task, but I trust it was made more pleasant by the scripture verses they endeavored to memorize while moving down between those rows.

All this was in the past, though, as Brother Fiechter spoke to some fifty up-lifted faces. Except for the beating of the rain and the sound of Bro. Fiechter's voice, all was quiet. Even the usually noisy children were hushed. Tears came to the eyes of the speaker as he spoke of the hunger which he sensed in the hearts of those individuals including myself. There seemed to be a longing after God's own heart. Love filled that church that day in a manner which is seldom realized in finer places of worship. It was like everybody wanted to throw his arms around everybody and maybe cry a little. I believe everone present at the time will agree with me.

I praise the Lord that Brother Matthew Wackerle of Bay City spent some time in Alabama and that, the Lord willing, Brother Don Schlatter of Leo will be going down. To those of you who have never visited our congregation there I say, if you are looking for that which is highly esteemed in the sight of man, don't go! But if you are looking for people to love and to help, who will love and help you in return, by all means visit Alabama. God is there—and so are some of His people.

—Willis R. Ehnle

When gratitude fills our hearts, we will share our blessings with others.

If we acknowledge that God gives us our food, we will be like Job, share our morsel with those in need, Job 31:7.

When we appreciate the fact that we have been living in a land of peace and prosperity, not through any goodness of our own, but because God has ordained it to be so, I'm sure we will be found praying a larger prayer, thinking of others who long for the same bounties we possess.

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tion as in the PRESENT time and—calling and—standing in Christ.

SOUND FAITH is based upon SOUND DOCTRINE; sound doctrine again rests upon SOUND SPEECH or SOUND WORDS (II Tim. 1:13), "which thou has heard of ME, in FAITH and LOVE." Speech and Words are SOUND in the measure and to the degree as they rest upon, reflect, and confirm the Word of Truth, rightly divided. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Rom. 10:17)

The belief of the TRUTH is ever true Faith, and the belief of an error is ever deception. The Scripture speaks not only of a *weak Faith* and a *great Faith* and *no Faith* and the *believing of a lie*, but refers to the "FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD" on the one hand and the *BELIEF OF THE DEVILS* on the other extreme; it speaks of a living FAITH THAT WORKETH, and of a FAITH WHICH IS DEAD.

With such extremes in Beliefs and Faiths before us, it behooves a man to *examine himself if he be IN THE FAITH* and to *prove his own self*. We should *fight a good fight* (II Tim. 4:7) and "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints, (Jude 3) that we may keep it until we *have finished our course*. Our Faith can not only be *IN VAIN* (I Cor. 15:14), it can be *DEPARTED FROM* (I Tim. 4:1), it can be "DENIED" (I Tim. 5:8), it can be "CAST OFF" (I Tim. 5:12), it can be "ERRED FROM" (I Tim. 6:10), and it can be *MADE SHIPWRECK OF* (I Tim. 1:19).

The Lord willing, we shall further examine the matter of SOUND FAITH in the light of the Word of God, where it comes from and where it is rooted and nourished in.

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the scene of a fire which destroyed the roof of the house. The origin of the fire was unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Steffen and twins of Elgin, Illinois, visited with Mrs. Steffen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil

Getz and family, April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zohner of Rockville, Connecticut, were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus and family, April 27. The Zohners were on their way home from an extensive trip through the West.

Roanoke, Illinois

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things **done in his** body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Corinthians 5:8-10.

Charles Martin of Roanoke passed away at his home in Roanoke on March 31, after a short illness. Funeral services were held on Sunday April 3, with Rev. Herman Hueni of Bremen, Indiana, officiating.

On Sunday, April 10, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bertschi, and many young folks went to LaCrosse, Indiana. While there, they participated in their Easter Sunday school program.

David Hangartner of Roanoke was proved and added to the fold on Sunday, April 10.

On April 14, John Leman of Eureka passed away at his home after an extended illness. Rev. Joseph Hodel of Roanoke officiated at his funeral services on April 16. Many from Indiana and from around here attended.

Good Friday services were held in Roanoke with Elder David Mangold officiating.

On Easter, April 17, we partook of the Lord's Supper. Elder Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted Elder David Mangold. We enjoyed a very blessed day.

Mardell Leman has been honored at various showers this past month. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leman of Roanoke, she will become the bride of Joseph Aeschliman, son of Mrs. Fred Aeschliman, on Sunday, May 8. We wish them God's blessings.

On April 24, a group of young folks visited in Bluffton, returning home on Sunday night.

On April 23, Johnny Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Leman of Eu-

reka under went an appendectomy. He is back in school now and feeling fine.

Wolcott, Indiana

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. And I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

Misses Pauline and Wilma Nussbaum of Bloomington, Illinois, spent their vacations here with their mother.

Our Sunday school presented their Easter Program on Wednesday evening, April 13, with visitors present from various congregations.

Elder George Yergler was with us on Easter Sunday and held Communion.

The Edward Lehman family was aroused by smoke on Friday night, April 15, and found fire in the basement. Considerable damage was done to the ceiling of the basement and smoke damage to the upper part of the house.

Mrs. Levi Kropf and daughters and Clara Trachsel spent Sunday, April 24, with relatives in Cissna Park and Rantoul, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman and children were Chicago visitors on April 24.

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