



Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for HE IS good: for his mercy ENDURETH for ever.

Follow peace with all MEN, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

### Heavenly Manna

We read in the book of Exodus that the children of Israel were fed manna, which came down every morning except the Sabbath. It was in the form of a small round seed resembling the hoar frost. It had to be gathered early, before the sun became so hot as to melt it. It was imperative that it must be gathered every day except the Sabbath; that the attempt to lay aside for a succeeding day, except on the day immediately preceding the Sabbath, failed by the substance becoming wormy and offensive. It was prepared for food by grinding and baking, and its taste was like fresh oil, and like wafers made with honey, equally agreeable to all palates. The whole nation of at least 2,000,000 subsisted upon it for forty years. It suddenly ceased when they first got the new corn of the land of Canaan. It was always regarded as a miraculous gift directly from God and not as a product of nature.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew 4:4, the Lord told the devil, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." So God's Word should be to us as the Heavenly manna, or the bread and water of Life. As the children of Israel gathered manna every morning, should we not read God's word every morning to sustain us through another day?

It too should be as fresh oil and sweet as honey, and we should try to

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### FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

"Faith of our fathers! living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword:  
O, how our hearts beat high with joy  
When e'er we hear that glorious  
word:

Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death."

Faith of our fathers! How often we  
long for the great faith possessed by

#### WE ARE GLAD

When the LORD turned again the  
captivity of Zion, we were like them  
that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with  
laughter, and our tongue with sing-  
ing: then said they among the hea-  
then, The LORD hath done great things  
for them.

The LORD hath done great things  
for us; WHEREOF we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O LORD,  
as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears shall reap  
in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth,  
bearing precious seed, shall doubtless  
come again with rejoicing, bring his  
sheaves WITH HIM.

those who have gone before us. It seems that many churches today are in an age of inactivity, an age of ineffectiveness, almost an age of decay. There are fine church buildings, many conveniences, and seemingly every opportunity for effective Christian living, and yet there seems to be a great deal lacking.

Of how many churches today would Christ say, as of the church at Laodicea, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: . . . As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." (Rev. 3:15-17, 19) Too many churches and Christians today are lukewarm. They need to be more zealous. They need to repent of their lack of zeal. [Each of us should ask himself, "Am I guilty of any of the sins, even in the least degree, that lulled the Laodicean church to sleepiness?]

The church at Laodicea had not been overcome by great sins or brought down by the power of armies. Its fault was its complacency. It was satisfied with earthly riches and did not see its spiritual poverty. It lacked zeal. It was satisfied to be only lukewarm for the Lord, only partly Christian.

How true is this of many churches and Christians today. The sin of Laodicea seems to have gripped so many. People, after they have begun the Christian way of life, too often become complacent. They seem to think their duty to the Lord is fulfilled rath-

er than realizing that it has just begun. They know there is work to be done, but easily assume a "let someone else do it" attitude. Satisfied with a comfortable home, plenty to eat, and a profitable job, they close their eyes to a needy world, and enjoy the gifts that God has granted them to use. From all parts of the world comes the call for food from the starving both in soul and body. Too often that call falls unheeded on the ears of those who could help. Do we lack zeal?

The faith of our fathers was founded in prayer. Sometimes today we forget how we need to pray. "Pray without ceasing" warns the apostle, and he also adds, "In every thing give thanks." (1 Thess. 5:17-18). So often we forget how weak and needy we are. Our fathers, shut up in prisons or driven from land to land by the oppressors of their faith, knew the need of prayer. Much of the reason that we have not the zeal that we should is because we lack prayer. "Ye have not, because ye ask not."

How often too do we fail in intercessory prayer. All of us need the prayers of one another. We criticize our ministers instead of praying for them. We talk about our brother, but too often forget to pray for him. Jesus often spent all night in prayer. Most of us spend less than fifteen minutes a day. Prayer is power. That's why we lack zeal and strength.

Most of us today are also in need of more real Christian fellowship. Too often when Christians meet, the conversation is all of worldly affairs. Even at church we fill our fellowship hour with unspiritual and useless talk. Visits to one another's homes are often lacking in fellowship because some like Martha are "cumbered about much serving." We are too busy to visit sick brethren; too much in a hurry to cheer the sorrowing ones. Our fellowship is tainted by the search for earthly gain.

Our lack of zeal shows up when we consider church attendance. Our fathers had to walk many miles in bitter cold weather to hear the Word. Often they were forced to meet in forests, caves, or cellars to escape hostile police. Today we have modern

cars and comfortable churches within a few miles of our homes. Yet the mid-week services bring in only a small percentage of the members, and many leave when services are half over on Sundays. We fail to realize what a privilege it is to meet with God's children and hear the Word of God proclaimed. We're just too busy or too tired. We just don't have the desire.

Our fathers believed in family worship. The Bible was read every day and family prayer was known by all. Today we have become too much in a hurry to read God's Word together, too busy to teach our children to pray. Why are children so often heedless of God's call? I believe many times it is because parents have failed to impress on their young minds the real importance of spiritual things. Let's take time to be holy. We should never be too busy for God's Word and family prayer.

The faith of our fathers was not a selfish faith. It was a faith that radiated the love of God and spread out in all directions. Brother Froehlich traveled in several countries preaching to all who would hear the truth. Brothers closed their tailor shops to preach the gospel, left their farms to tell of Jesus' love, stopped making shoes so they could tell others of the truth. We could never have heard of the precious faith in our Lord if someone would not have put forth the effort to tell of Jesus' love. Today we seem to be so indifferent to those in darkness around us. Millions have never so much as heard of Jesus. Other millions know only part of the truth of our Saviour and His commandments. Countless numbers are lost in false doctrine, a hope that will never mature. Yet we seem blinded to the need. We fail to say the words that will help someone else to find the Lord. True, our daily walk of life should be our witness, yet the Scripture says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14).

Jesus' last message on this earth was a missionary message. Our job is

to preach the gospel to every creature. We are all preachers. We may not have the gift to preach like Paul, but God can use us everyone to tell His truth. We can invite others to hear the truth in our services. Our witness should be in word as well as in deed. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16).

We need the faith of our fathers today. We need not look back for that faith, for it will only come from the same source that our fathers found it, from our Heavenly Father. We need to go forward, not backward, to the faith of our fathers. Our Father will give us the zeal, the courage, the strength to do His will even as He gave these things to our fathers. However, we must want them. We must not be satisfied with our past. The call to us, like unto Laodicea, is "Be zealous, therefore, and repent."

These are the later days. There is much work to done. God needs every one of us to work in His harvest fields. Let us put forth every effort to do His will more fully. Let us work with more fervent zeal. Then we can sing with all our hearts:

"Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death."

**Donald Schlatter.**

### HEAVENLY MANNA

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gather sufficient for the day. Always rely on the thought that God is capable of supplying our every need.

We are told in God's Word that Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died and his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated; so we see how sufficient in every way was the manna which God so miraculously provided the children of Israel for forty years.

Therefore we know that God is capable of supplying our every need according to the spiritual man through His more-than-sufficient Word.

So let us gather every day from this never failing fountain of Life, that we may live with Him through all eternity.

**Ramas Schlatter.**

## How You Can Be Saved

Would you be free from your burden of sin?

Man's will in every case decides the issue of life or death. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Salvation is a personal and an individual matter. There is never an infant born into the kingdom because of sanctified parents; there is never a boy or girl saved through confirmation at the hands of priest or bishop. Hearing the gospel is thus a most serious thing. It is the message of the Most High to lost men; "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" By its proclamation the Judge of all "commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Whether it is definitely refused or carelessly neglected, the result is the same. There is failure to close with the offer of heavenly grace, with the certain result of eternal loss.

With a fullness of understanding of the Scriptures and of the ways of God, the apostle Paul brought to bear the surpassing love of God to the world and also the certainty of divine wrath that must fall on the disobedient. "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not." It is the reaction of the soil which determines the fruitage. Paul set forth with convicting power the Son of man who perfectly fulfilled in His life on earth all the requirements of the perfect law, and the Son of God who through His death on Calvary became "the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Yet his most accurate presentation of the

plan of redemption moved the heart of only a limited number.

While "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," that faith is exercised in the personal choosing of the free gift of God by each sinner himself. "The Lord . . . is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." His invitation is "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are ~~very~~ laden, and I will give you rest." His love was marvellous and surpassing all human understanding. His heart yearned for us poor human creatures while we were yet in all our ugliness. From the ivory palaces to the very deepest depths of suffering and humiliation, He came. And yet He had to weep over His beloved Jerusalem. By a deliberate act they rejected Him. They very intentionally spurned His love. And it is the same today. No sinner will have any excuse when he is before the great white throne and the books will be opened. The sentence will be just and perfect. "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

The good news is still proclaimed today! The Lord is patiently waiting for His prodigal sons who are coming home. The joy bells of heaven are pealing out their anthems for another lost sinner who has come home. Our prayer is that many more of our beloved friends will open their eyes and see how cheap the tinsel of this world's enjoyment is. "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion; and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him."

Why, even a moment, gamble your entire eternal happiness for the stakes of a few moments of pleasure? Do you realize that perhaps with the

next throw of your dice you may have lost! "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." Total, unending anguish, in outer darkness—forever.

Our Saviour, our One who is altogether lovely, is waiting for the slightest rustle of your heart. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." He will tenderly take you by the hand, lead you through repentance, and then into His wonderful peace that passeth all our understanding. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

There is supreme joy in resting on the bosom of our Saviour. There is a happiness that we cannot explain to friends and a peace that the world does not know. We can love the one "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!

"And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him."

Don't delay another moment if you do not know Jesus. You will never have a more convenient time . . . and . . . you may never even have another time. God holds your life in His hands. Heed the Word of God today! "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Slip down on the knees of your heart and ask Him to take your hand. Ask Him for mercy and forgiveness of your sins. Slip down off the pride of your heart and come to Him just as you are. He is waiting and watching for you. Do come home!

## Let Your Light Shine Before Men

### Alabama

"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Luke 12:40.

We rejoiced to have Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sauder, all of Roanoke, Illinois, with us on the week-end of October 23. Besides the regular church service, meetings were held in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Borden and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith. We are thankful for those who love us enough to travel these many miles to give us such a bountiful feast from the blessed Word!

A daughter, Susan Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Brooks on August 24. We wish for them God's richest blessings.

Sister Ruth Smith and daughter, Virginia, and Nadine Kyle and son, Kenneth, recently spent a few days in Arkansas visiting relatives.

Colin Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, recently spent a few days in the hospital, suffering from a severe case of sugar diabetis. We are thankful that his condition seems to be improved at the time of this writing.

Recent marriages include that of Estelle Adams to Kenneth Tucker, Evelyn Goode to Curtis Cooley, Leona Richard to Chester Borden, and Geneva Rouse to Thomas Goode. Our prayer is that these young couples will make Jesus Christ the foundation of their homes.

Sister Elizabeth Stricklin is back with us after spending several weeks with her father in Tennessee. We are happy to have her with us once again.

Maburn Hale, who suffered broken ribs when a loaded cotton seed truck he was driving overturned, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Clyde Stricklin is recuperating from an operation which she underwent in early October.

J. D. Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maburn Hale, who recently returned from Latty, Ohio, after having spent several months with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber, was married to Joy Corum of Decatur, Alabama, on Satur-

day, October 29, at Ieuka, Mississippi.

We often think of Bro. Willis Ehnle and Brother and Sister Matt Wackerle, who were in Alabama several months, teaching the Word. Our prayer is that the Lord may richly bless them for their kindness to us.

What a joy to know that, although trials and sufferings may come, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1, 2.

### Bluffton

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Wedding vows were exchanged Sunday, September 18, by Doris Gilliom and Sylvan Frauhiger, Elder Sam Aeschliman officiating. Following the marriage, a reception for relatives and friends was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gilliom.

Rev. Al Fisher and others from Chicago visited us Sunday, September 25. We enjoyed their visit very much and welcome them all back. Also several cars of young folks from Remington visited us that Sunday.

Miss Alice Krummen and Glen Baumgartner were united in marriage Sunday, October 2, by Elder Sam Aeschliman. A reception for friends and relatives was held in the evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Fred Krummen.

The engagement of Irene Isch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Isch, to John Neuenschwander, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Neuen-

schwander, was announced Sunday, October 9.

Several cars of young folks from Chicago visited us Sunday, October 9, and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoller and family.

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fiechter's daughter, Jennifer, born September 10, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Heyerly's son, Darrell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gerber's son, Leon, and Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Frauhiger's daughter, Beverly Jo, born October 3.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman spent Sunday, September 25, in Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Ringger, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aeschliman spent Sunday, September 18, visiting relatives and friends in Morton, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Fiechter held a reception for relatives and friends Wednesday evening, September 28, in honor of the marriage of their son, Herman, to Phyllis Brickley. The wedding took place September 24.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fiechter and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer spent the week-end of October 2 visiting in Illinois and Iowa.

Harold and Leroy Steffen, Kenneth Schwartz, and Eugene Maller spent Saturday evening and Sunday, October 8 and 9, visiting at Princeville, Illinois.

Alice Fiechter and Millard Aeschliman exchanged marriage vows Sunday afternoon, October 16, Elder Sam Aeschliman officiating. Following the wedding, a dinner and reception for relatives and friends was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fiechter.

The engagement of Justine Fiechter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Fiechter, to Don Gerber, son of Mrs. Soph Gerber, was announced Sunday, October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schambach, Mabel Anlicker, Katherine, Martha, and George Schambach from Elgin, Illinois, visited us over the week-end of October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen and son, Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Steffen and daughter, Marcella, from Milford visited our congregation Sunday, October 16.

**Bremen**

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Traub and sons were unexpectedly called to Kansas on September 24 by the death of Mrs. Traub's brother, William Dornes. John Schuch, a cousin, accompanied them.

A daughter, Diane Day, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmer, Oct. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schweitzer of Latty, Ohio, have been visiting Reverend and Mrs. Henry Souder. Mrs. Schweitzer is Reverend Souder's sister.

Mrs. Sigmund Sorg and family visited Bremen and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Leman and family on Sunday, October 23.

Robert Hueni was home from college over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoerr and family of Michigan City, Indiana, visited Mr. and Mrs. Silas Laidig, Sunday, October 30.

Miss Phyllis Laidig and Richard Billman were married Saturday, October 29. A reception was held at the bride's home.

Miss Amelia Scharlach and Misses Betty and Letty Frey of Remington visited Bremen on Sunday, Oct. 30.

We had our program Sunday, October 30. The theme was "Love." We had visitors from Milford.

**Chicago**

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Rev. Otto Norr of Leo, Indiana, held services here October 9.

A group of young people spent the week end of October 9 in Bluffton, Indiana.

Many from here attended the dedication services at Cissna Park, Oct. 23.

An aged mother, Fannie Falb, was proved and baptized on Sunday, October 30. Elder David Mangold of Roanoke, Illinois, and Elder George Yergler of La Crosse, Indiana, conducted baptismal services. The visitors included Rev. Ben Banwart of Lamar, Missouri, and many others from Roanoke, Elgin, and La Crosse.

We welcome La Verne Kaufman of

Cissna Park, who is now working in Chicago.

**Cissna Park**

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

We had communion the second Sunday of October. This was our last Sunday in the old church. Brother Henry Kilgus and Brother Broquard of Fairbury, Illinois, were with us.

October 9 was the first Sunday we held services in our new church. Brother Michael Weynech of Peoria, Illinois, and Brother Will Virkler of Lowville, New York, had the services. Others visiting us on the ninth were Mr. and Mrs. Christ Hodel, Eureka, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kloter, Rockville, Connecticut, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bach, Fairbury, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Springer and Mr. and Mrs. John Barth, Morton, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. George Waibel, Remington, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heinold, La Crosse, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beer, Milford, Indiana.

The Sunday of October 16 we invited all the local people. Brother J. A. Getz of Morton, Illinois, and Brother Herman Heuni of Bremen, Indiana, had the services. In addition to many people from our locality, we had visitors from Morton, Fairbury, Roanoke, and Peoria, Illinois, and La Crosse, Francesville, Remington, and Bremen, Indiana. After the services, supper was served in the dining room.

Brother Noah Schrock of Oakville, Ia., Brother Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, Indiana, Brother David Mangold of Roanoke, Illinois, Brother George Yergler and Brother Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Indiana, Brother Henry Kilgus and Brother Ben Weigand of Fairbury, Illinois, Brother Fred Grimm of Quincy, Illinois, Brother Will Feucht of Princeville, Illinois, Brother Roy Sauder of Peoria, Illinois, Brother Andrew Nussbaum of Remington, Indiana, and Brother Ben Zimmerman of Congerville, Illinois, were the ministers who visited our church on the 23rd of October. On this day we dedicated our new church. Brother Noah Shrock and Brother Sam Aeschliman were in charge of these services. Many from these congregations also visited us on the 23rd. We also had visitors from

Chicago and Wolcott. Supper was served in the church dining room.

Again on the 30th of October our church was filled. We had visitors from Princeville, Illinois, Remington, Indiana; Francesville, Indiana; Bay City, Michigan; Peoria, Fairbury and Roanoke, Illinois; and Wolcott, Indiana. We enjoyed a program in the evening, in which the Francesville choir took part.

The evening of October 12 was enjoyed. Mrs. Will Furrer and children attended our Bible class.

Henry Beer, who landscaped the grounds of our new church, was with us for church services the evening of October 26.

On November 6, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Ringger and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aeschliman and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Aeschliman, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aeschliman and daughters of Bluffton, Indiana, spent the week-end here. Also visiting us were Mr. and Mrs. Levi Beer of Milford, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heinold, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bucher, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Heiniger of Valparaiso, Indiana. Also several cars from Elgin visited us.

It was announced on November 6 that our friend, Arliss Hari, who is bed-fast at her home, has peace with God and man. We do wish her God's grace and richest blessings. Arliss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hari.

Brother George Keidel, who has been ill for some time, is again able to be up and around. We welcome him back after his long illness.

Mrs. Henry Knapp has been able to be in church the past several Sundays. We hope she continues to recuperate.

**Croghan-Naumberg**

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Andrew Virkler, who had been stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois, has been transferred to Maryland; he spent Sunday, October 2, with his mother, Mrs. Amanda Virkler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler spent a week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Will Schneider at Rockville, Connecticut.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Virkler attended the insurance meeting at Oakville, Iowa, and visited various churches.

Elmer Taube and son, Ralph, spent a few days in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beyer toured in Canada and visited Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Chester O'Brien, Miss Dorothy Herzig, and Peter Rohr are patients at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer are the parents of a son, Peter W., born October 21.

Mrs. Marie Schieler has returned to her home at Remington, Indiana, after spending several weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Ralph Beyer and Mrs. Bernard Virkler.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Virkler, Mr. and Mrs. F. Clifton Virkler, and Miss Kathryn Virkler visited at Rockville, Connecticut, Sunday, October 30.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gudeman of Cissna Park, Illinois, spent Sunday, November 6, with us.

#### Francesville

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

The week-end of October 16 was indeed a blessed and inspiring one, when three cars of young folks, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Tobel Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Gutwein, and Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein, enjoyed the fellowship of members and friends in Detroit, Michigan.

It was also a joy to meet a number of brethren who were also there from Mansfield, Akron, Syracuse, and Canada.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. In our Wednesday evening Bible class, we have read and discussed I Corinthians. The general theme of this epistle, written by the Apostle Paul, was "Christian Conduct." We can all testify that we received a blessing from God's precious words, for we know "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruc-

tion in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16, 17. To determine what portion of the Bible we should study, we have the class vote. Our next study will be over II Corinthians. We give everyone a hearty welcome to attend our Bible Study every Wednesday evening.

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gray's daughter, Myra Elizabeth, born October 2, and Mr. and Mrs. George Boehning's son, John Joseph, born October 15.

#### Hancock and Morris

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Pfister in our community for several weeks. They left for their home in Fort Scott, Kansas, Oct. 16.

Rev. and Mrs. Peter Fankhouser of Lamont, Kansas, had services here October 6.

Coming to visit October 20 were Mr. and Mrs. William Reber of Fort Scott, Kansas. They spent a week with their daughter, Mrs. Richard Messner, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Zeltwanger are parents of a baby girl, born October 3. She has been named Marleen Fay.

Cedric Jacob is the name given to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Messner's son, born October 4. Mrs. Messner was the former Julia Meier.

Many from our congregation were in Lester, Iowa, Sunday, October 16, for dedication services of the new church.

Being unable to have services Sunday, October 9, several drove to Winthrop, where they attended church services.

#### Lamar

"And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Somerholder, Sarah Lee and Sammie, of Gridley, Kansas, spent the weekend of October 2 here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. Anna Miller and Betty, of Burlington, Oklahoma, stopped off to be with

their friends and relatives October 9, as they were on their way to Iowa and Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller of Ft. Scott, Kansas, were also here.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Banwart and family were in Ft. Scott October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Banwart and Mrs. Martha Frieden of West Bend, Iowa, visited their many friends and relatives here a few days. Others here for the week end and Sunday, October 23, included Leonard Hitz of Detroit, Michigan, and quite a number from Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Billy Ramseyer, six-year-old son of Fred Ramseyer, passed away October 29 after a long illness. Funeral services were held November 2.

The engagement of Virgil Frieden and Bernice Braker was announced October 30. May God's will be fulfilled.

#### Lamont

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

October 9 and 10 we had the blessed privilege of having Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher of Chicago, Illinois, in our midst. They visited both Gridley and Lamont congregations. Visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sinn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart, and Miss Pearl Marti of Ft. Scott, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. George Griener and Philip of Chicago, Illinois.

Four dear souls, George Bahr, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beyer, and Mrs. Esther Pavenmire were buried and arose with Christ in baptismal waters October 16, at Gridley. Elder Noah Schrock conducted baptismal services. Visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Robert Young, Mr. and Mrs. Al Langhoffer of Wichita, Mr. David Massner and Emma, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller and Connie Sue, Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sinn and family, Miss Pearl Marti, Mrs. Rose Beyer of Ft. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Huber Jr. of Erie, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griggs of Topeka.

Many blessings were received from the visit of Rev. Joseph Kloetzle of Altadena, California, by the Gridley and Lamont churches, October 23. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sinn, Mr. and Mrs. David Massner, Ethel and Roy, and Miss Mary Reber of Fort Scott.

### Latty

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, Ohio, visited with us October 9.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wieland and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wackerle and daughter, Neola, all of Bay City, Michigan, visited here and were supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber, October 16. Miss Alvina Greuter of Chicago visited us also and was the supper and evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stoller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller, and Miss Louise Sinn visited in Leo, Indiana, Oct. 16.

We had many visitors from Bluffton and Bremen, Indiana, and Rittman, Ohio, including Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zollinger of Rittman, October 23.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stoller and daughters, Eleanor and Carol, Mr. George Sinn Sr., Misses Anna, Sophia, Ida, and Louise Sinn, Mrs. Clara Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. George Sinn Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lanz, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller visited in Cissna Park, Illinois, October 23, to witness the dedication services of the new church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stoller and Hazel Huber visited Francesville, Indiana, October 23. Mrs. Joan Stoller visited her parents in Wolcott, Indiana, the same week-end.

Mrs. Thomas Grant honored Miss Elizabeth Stoller with a miscellaneous shower at her home in Briceton, October 28. Miss Stoller is to be married November 19.

Misses Irene Hodel, Verla Getz, and Velma Miller visited in Latty for morning services, October 30, and then went with the Latty young members to visit in Leo, Indiana, for the afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stoller entertained the young married couples from here with wiener roast, Oct. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gerber of Bluffton, Indiana, visited us Oct. 30.

### Leo

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"

Baptismal services were recently

held for Victor, Allen Jay, and Leon Schlatter and Marvin and Oliver Steiglitz, Elders Rudolph Graf of Akron, Ohio, and Elias Dotterer of Junction, Ohio, officiated.

We are also happy that two others are seeking the Lord. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutter.

Brother Otto Norr spent Sunday, November 5, with the church at Detroit, Michigan, and Brother Elias Winzeler with the church in Chicago. On October 30, Brother Joe Souder spent Sunday with the church in Bremen.

A group gathered Thursday, November 9, in the church to sew for relief work.

The Young People's meeting was held in the church auditorium. Thanksgiving was the theme of the program.

Diana Conrad left for her home in Altadena, California. We will miss Diana very much.

Brother Victor Stavenik of Mansfield, Ohio, passed away November 4. Funeral services were held at Mansfield, Ohio, November 7. Elder Rudolph Graf of Akron, Ohio, and Rev. Theo Beer of Milford, Indiana, officiating.

Margaret Farney, Verla Mae and Melvin Getz, Carolee Leman, Richard Rocke, Gene Fehr, Mabele Pfister, Velma Miller, Delores Witmer, Genevieve and Louis Blunier, Irene, Bill, and James Hodel, and Lester, David, and Gerald Fischer of Roanoke, Illinois, were supper and evening guests October 29 at the home of Joel Souders. They called at the home of George Stieglitz Sunday afternoon and had supper at the home of Ulrich Kipfers. We surely enjoyed their visit and hope they will soon come again.

A group of young folks from here attended church at Remington Sunday, November 6. All were supper guests of Ben Anlikers. The evening was spent in singing.

### Lester

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

Jacob Metzger, who was stricken with polio six weeks ago, is slowly recovering at his home.

We held dedication services for our new church October 16. We enjoyed many visitors from Sabetha and Fort Scott, Kansas; Morton and Princeville, Illinois; Elgin, Pulaski, and West Bend, Iowa; Morris and Winthrop, Minnesota. Among the visitors were Elders Silas Leuthold and Paul Banwart. It was a day of blessing for all.

Sunday, October 30, two more souls were added to the fold. They were Fredrick Metzger and Raymond Feucht, Elder Henry Koehl and Eunice, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Nohl, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Nohl, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joos and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schaffer, Antone and Martha Schaffer, and Alice Moser of Morris, Wilhelm Knobloch, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knobloch Jr. and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Feucht of Princeville, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Banwart of West Bend spent the day with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht Jr. formerly of Maywood, California, have moved here to make their future home. Billy Ruley, brother of Mrs. Feucht, also came with them to make his home here. We welcome them to our community and wish them God's blessings.

### Milford

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

On October 16, we enjoyed a visit from the Bluffton Young People's Class. We also enjoyed having several Sunday School teachers from Bluffton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haab, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beer, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beer spent the week-end of October 30 in Cissna Park, Illinois.

Marcella Steffen and Dorothy Haab were in Morton and Goodfield, Illinois, the week-end of October 23.

On October 9, funeral services were held for our young friend, Daryl Kaiser. He was killed in an accident.

Clara Graff, Edna Lehman, Marcela Steffen, Phyllis Haab, Evelyn, Marion, and Frank Beer Jr., Lowell Rassi, and Arthur Moser spent the week-end of October 30 in La Crosse, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kropf of Elgin visited with Mrs. Kropf's sister and

brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beer, a few days.

We enjoyed a short visit with Matilda Rassi the week-end of Oct. 23.

Mrs. Dan Germann of Bremen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wuthrich, and Reverend and Mrs. Theo Beer spent the week-end of October 30 at Latty, O.

Marbod Etyler of Prague, Czechoslovakia, who is staying with Michael Reuter in Milford to go to school for one year, visited with us at our Bible class on November 4. He told us many interesting things about his homeland.

Mrs. Maurice Beer is continuing to improve at the Elkhart General Hospital, where she has been for several months, suffering from polio.

Mrs. Andrew Rapp is improving and we hope that she will be back with us soon.

#### Morton

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

On September 30, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bauman returned to their home here, after a seven weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinsinger and two children of Altadena, California. Mrs. Kinsinger is a daughter of the Baumans. They also visited friends in Maywood and various points of interest in Pasadena.

On the evening of October 5, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Kloetzle of Altadena, California, visited the Morton congregation. Brother Kloetzle planned to return home; his wife, Helen, went to Akron, Ohio, to visit her mother, Sister Graf.

October 27, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Banwart of Lamar, Missouri, spent the evening with the Morton congregation.

Rev. Ben Heiniger of Morton conducted the services for the funeral of Sister Carrie Streitmatter in Princeville on October 27.

On Sunday, October 23, Marie Ellen Strunk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Strunk of Morton, and Bruce Landes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Landes of Deer Creek, were united in marriage by Elder Joseph A. Getz. Mary Lou Strunk was maid of honor and Jack Kranz served as best man. Mrs. George Strunk's maiden name was Lola Hirstein.

On October 30, Jean Ann Jacob, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob, Phyllis Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Knapp, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roeschley were proved following the afternoon services, and baptized after short services in the evening. Rev. Roy Sauder of Peoria delivered the evening sermon. Elder Frank Woertz of Goodfield spoke a few words and also assisted Elders Carl Rassi and J. A. Getz with the baptisms. Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Roeschley are daughters of the Frank Baumans of Morton.

On Sunday, November 6, the Morton congregation took communion. Elder Frank Woertz assisted with the passing of the bread and the wine after Elder J. A. Getz delivered an impressive talk.

On Wednesday evening, November 9, Rev. Philip Gutwein of Francesville, Indiana, visited the Morton church.

#### Princeville

"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope."

Norman Wieland, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. William Huber, was seriously injured October 5, when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a truck. He received severe facial injuries, having many broken bones. He has had several operations and his face and head have been placed in a cast. He is still confined to the hospital in Peoria but is getting along very nicely. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Friends of Mrs. Mary Scholl are happy to know she is recovering nicely from the recent operation she had on her knee, which was injured in an auto accident. Her son, Billie, also injured in the accident, has recovered very well and has started his first grade in school.

Mrs. Nellie Woertz also submitted to an operation October 13 and is recovering at her home. We all wish her a speedy recovery, so she can soon be among us again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ringger are the proud parents of a daughter, Barbara Jeanne, born October 6, 1949.

Mrs. Ringger was the former Lyola Feucht.

Mrs. Albert Menold spent several days the first of the month visiting relatives in Sabetha, Kansas.

Week-end visitors in our midst October 8 and 9 were Helen and Wayne Huber, Melvin, Nate, and Maxine Gutwein, Lois and Frances Leman of Francesville, Indiana, Harold and LeRoy Steffen, Eugene Maller, and Kenneth Schwartz of Bluffton, Indiana. They were joined Sunday by Bob and Dick Wuetrich, Wendell Gudeman, William Huber of Francesville, Indiana, and Maybelle and Eldine Wackler and Anna Wahl of Bay City, Michigan. A pleasant day was enjoyed by all and we welcome them back.

Reverend and Mrs. Silas Leuthold spent October 16 in Lester, Iowa, being present for the dedication of the new church. Reverend and Mrs. George Wagenbach visited the congregation at Tremont, Illinois, Oct. 16.

Reverend and Mrs. William Feucht and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Herrmann attended the dedication services for the new church at Cissna Park, Illinois, Sunday, October 23. A number from the Fairbury congregations were with us that day.

Mrs. Caroline Streitmatter, widow of Samuel Streitmatter, passed away Monday, October 24. Funeral services were held Thursday morning, October 27, with Reverend Ben Heiniger of Morton, Illinois, and Elder Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Ill., officiating. She reached the age of seventy-three years and, although in failing health the past few years, she was not confined to her bed until a few days before her death. She is survived by eleven children, a number of grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

#### Toledo

"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Fred Rager of Latty, Ohio, visited in Toledo for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Draheim have a son, James Edward, born in September, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klopfenstein have a daughter, Lois Ann, born in October.



Elsie and May Fetter moved to Hollywood, Florida, recently. We miss both of them.

Frances Schlatter and Mary Fetter are both on our sick list, but they are both improving.

Franklin Grant is home from the hospital after an operation on his knee. We are glad to report that he is getting along fine, but will have his leg in a cast for some time.

On October 9 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schlatter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rager and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rager and family, Miss Anna Rager, and Henry Bertsch all of Latty visited in Toledo.

On October 16 Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Price and son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grant and Ed Klopfenstein of Latty visited in Toledo.

On October 16, Godfrey Schlatter, Richard Fetter, Willis Eisenmann, Harold Klotzle, Clara Eisenmann, Rosa Rager, Mary and Emily Frautschi visited the Detroit church.

On October 23 Dan, Willis and Clara Eisenmann, Mary Frautschi and Harold Klotzle attended the dedication of the new Cissna Park, Illinois church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach Jr., and family, Dan Knochel, Dorothy, and Audrey Freidinger all of Detroit, Michigan visited us Sunday, October 30, and attended our Sunday School Harvest Program in the evening.

On October 9 Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family and Emily Frautschi visited in Bluffton, Indiana.

Leah Fernayak of Mansfield is visiting her daughter, Kathryn Stevens, for a few weeks.

#### Tremont

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

"And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

On Sunday, October 9, the marriage of Dan Koch and Miss Carol Sauder was solemnized at the Apostolic Christian Church by Elder J. A. Getz.

Visitors here on Sunday, October 16, were Rev. and Mrs. August Scheitlin and daughter, Mildred, from Oakville, Iowa, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Scheitlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heiniger from Elgin, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levy of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Miss Emma Levy of Bluffton, and Miss Katharine Norr of near Ft. Wayne.

Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler and daughter, Dorothy, from the Leo church, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel and daughter, Virginia, from Francesville, Indiana, visited friends and relatives here October 22 and 23.

Eugene Koch from here and Miss Annie Marie Plattner of Peoria were married in the Peoria church by Elder Schubert on October 30. After the wedding and reception, they left on a trip to Niagara Falls.

#### Wolcott

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"

"But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

On October 10, Brother William Virkler of Croghan, New York, was with us for the evening services. A number from Remington also attended.

Visitors here October 16 were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Farney of Peoria, Joseph Farney and daughter of Fairbury, and Hilda Farney of Cissna Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Levy Kropf and daughters and John and Clara Trachsel attended the wedding of Mary Heiniger and Phil Troxel at La Crosse on October 16.

Mrs. Will Furrer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kyburz, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoller attended dedication services at Cissna Park, Oct. 23.

Mrs. Wayne Stoller and sons of Latty and Mrs. Norman Stoller and son of New Haven recently visited relatives here.

Miss Leona Knochel, who has been employed here during the summer, has gone to Ft. Wayne to help care for Mrs. Luella Robathan.

Mrs. John Fisher is improving at her home, after suffering a heart attack recently.

#### HE CARES

I am so glad my Saviour knows  
And always understands;  
So I just cast my care on Him  
And leave it in His hands.  
When flesh is weak, and burdens rest  
Upon my tired heart,  
He draws me from the pressing crowd  
Unto Himself, apart.

I am so glad my Saviour walks  
Beside me all the day;  
I could not live without Him now;  
I could not see my way.  
He who once wept for those He loved,  
Who shared their joys and tears,  
Will hold my hand and lead me on  
Through all the coming years.

I am so glad my Saviour knows—  
Ofttimes at close of day—  
How much I love Him, though somehow

The words I cannot say.  
His very presence fills my heart,  
With silent lips and singing heart  
And in that holy place,  
I look into His face!

—Anna Oswald.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

If you seek happiness and peace,  
And don't know the way to go,  
Remember then what Jesus said  
When He was here below.

You find it in the Word of God;  
We call this book the Bible.  
I am the way, the truth, and the life:  
He will lead you, for He is able.

Thy Word is truth, I know it's so;  
The way and guide for me.  
It leads me to my Saviour and Lord,  
Who died on Calvary.

So that is why I love to read  
That Book that's so dear to me.  
And I shall keep on reading it  
Till Jesus' face I see.

—Mrs. Emma Banth.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

## If You Love Your Children

"But Jesus called them **unto him**, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Are we letting the love of Jesus shine through us to our children? Do we teach them the blessed good news which means so much to us? Are we training them the way our Lord wants us to train them? The instruction of children lay very close to the heart of Brother Frolich, and he often had to admonish parents for their neglect in this connection. It is the duty of every parent to bring up their children in the fear of God and to point the way to the Saviour and His redeeming love.

The wish of every parent should be to have their children find the right way of life. If you love that child or those children, do be diligent in training them! There are thousands of pitfalls that they may fall into. Pray to the Lord and wholly rely on His help.

Jesus wants us to guard against unwholesome reading for our loved ones. Every month more than 50,000,000 comic books find their way into somebody's hand. Comic books today are greatly influencing many children's minds. The newstands are full of comics many of which will surely teach the little ones of sin. "Children are an heritage of the LORD." Mothers, wake up, and guard that precious heritage! Let them know of the wonderful love of God. The life, death, and resurrection of our Jesus is what we glory in. Your children's greatest need is spiritual. Do we want to be responsible in even the slightest way that even one will be lost throughout all eternity?

Many homes owning Bibles  
Keep them all hidden away;  
Seldom opened for study,  
Left there many a day.  
Swift the years are now passing,  
Children are straying each day  
Into by-ways of evil,  
With Bible tucked away.

There are so many things in our day to guard children from. Some of these things are numerous present

day movies, dancing, numerous radio and television programs, wild parties, etc. These bring temptation to countless children and young folks of our age. Many evils like dancing, etc., are coming into our present day schools, perhaps as part of an "educational program." Christian parents should be awake and guard against those things as much as possible.

If you have a radio or television set in your home, please do be careful; select your programs with the utmost caution. Base your selections on the pure standards of Jesus. Paul writes: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if **there be** any virtue, and if **there be** any praise, think on these things."

What can I do to guard my children against the spirit of the world? "Be careful (or anxious) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God, And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." And then, when you know His will, obey. Perhaps He would have us give up something, so that He could give more of His joy to us. Let our heavenly Father purge from us what is displeasing to Him. That very thing that is displeasing to Him, if taken away, would let His light shine more through us to our loved ones and others.

The times we are living in are very dangerous. Watch and pray! Satan would make us believe that many sinful practices are not hurtful to the soul and are not displeasing to God. Satan has camouflaged them! Christian, walk carefully. Don't examine anything by the fact that everybody is doing it; examine it in the light of God's Word. Many things, everyday things and activities, are taking our eyes from our Saviour. These activities or things are holding up His will. Sound the battle cry!

Though the storms would uproot,  
and the world would oppress,  
Yet the fruitful, the faithful, He ever  
will bless.

The trees that survive, and the fruits  
that remain,  
Will blossom and flourish in heaven  
again.

We labor and toil midst the tumult on  
earth,  
Our hearts are oft weary, and cares  
seem to press:

Yet in faith we look upward,—this  
treasure of worth  
Is the source of our comfort, our  
hope in distress.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen **doth gather** her brood under **her wings**, and ye would not!"

On the prairies of Australia a hawk attacked a mother prairie-chicken and her brood of little ones. At the first sight of the winging hawk, the mother sent out an air-raid alarm which called her fluffy little chicks scurrying to her protective side, where she spread her wings to shelter them. The deadly hawk struck at that mother and her brood. Down the marauder came, time and again, like a dive bomber in his vicious and deadly attack.

Each time the prairie hen mother struck back, and she also kept her brood under her wings in safety. Finally, after a long and bitter struggle, the little mother beat off the attack. But it had cost her much suffering, for the beak and talons of that hawk had sunk deeply. There were several crimson streams flowing down her wings, and, as each chick came out from under that protecting shelter, there was a scarlet stain upon the yellow fluff of each tiny chick. They had been saved from the evil that threatened them at the cost of, and by the power of their mother's blood and sacrifice.

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."

**"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:42, 43)**

An important lesson which we may learn from the crucifixion of Christ between the two thieves, and the fact that one received Him and the other rejected Him, is that of the **Sovereignty of God**. The two malefactors were crucified together. They were equally near to Christ. Both of them saw and heard all that transpired during those fateful six hours. Both were notoriously wicked; both were suffering acutely; both were dying; and both urgently needed forgiveness. Yet one of them died in his sins, died as he had lived—hardened and impenitent—while the other repented of his wickedness, believed in Christ, called on Him for mercy and went to Paradise. How can this be accounted for except by the sovereignty of God! We see precisely the same thing going on today. Under exactly the same circumstances and conditions one is melted and another remains unmoved. Under the same sermon one man will listen with indifference, while another will have his eyes opened to see his need and his will moved to close with God's offer of mercy. To one the Gospel is revealed, to another it is "hidden." Why? All we can say is, "Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight." And yet God's sovereignty is never meant to destroy human responsibility. Both are plainly taught in the Bible, and it is our business to believe and preach both whether we can harmonize and understand them or not. In preaching both we may seem to our hearers to contradict ourselves, but what matters that? Said the late C. H. Spurgeon when preaching on I Tim. 2:3, 4, "There stands the text, and I believe that it is my Father's wish that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. But I know also, that He does not will it, so that He will save any one of them, unless they believe in His Son; for He has told us over and over again that He will not. He will not save any man except he forsake his sins, and turns to Him with full purpose

of heart: that I also know. And I know also, that He has a people whom He will save, whom by His eternal love He has chosen, and whom by His eternal power He will deliver. I do not know how that squares with this, that is another of the things I do not know." And said this prince of preachers, "I will just stand to what I ever shall and always have preached, and take God's Word as it stands, whether I can reconcile it with another part of God's Word or not." We say again, God's sovereignty is never meant to destroy man's responsibility. We are to make diligent use of all the means which God has appointed for the salvation of souls. We are bidden to "preach the gospel to every creature." Grace is free; the invitation is broad enough to take in "whosoever believeth." Christ turns away none who come to Him. Yet, after we have done all, after we have planted and watered, it is God who "giveth the increase," and this He does as best pleaseth His sovereign will.

Here we see a representative sinner. We shall never get to the heart of this incident until we regard the conversion of this man as a representative case, and the thief himself as a representative character . . . It is of great importance to see that prior to the time when the one repented and believed there was no essential difference between the two thieves. In nature, in history, in circumstances they were one. The Holy Spirit has been careful to tell us that they both reviled the suffering Saviour (see Matt. 27:41-44).

Terrible indeed was the condition and action of this robber. On the very brink of eternity he unites with the enemies of Christ in the awful sin of mocking Him. This was unparalled turpitude. Think of it—a man in his dying hour deriding the suffering Saviour! O what a demonstration of human depravity and of the native enmity of the carnal mind against God! And reader, by nature there is **the same** depravity inhering within **you**, and unless a miracle of Divine grace has been wrought upon you there is **the same** enmity against God and His Christ present in **your** heart.

You may not think so, you may not feel so, you may not believe so. But that does not alter the fact. The Word of Him who cannot lie declares, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (from Jer. 17:9). This is a statement of **universal** application. It describes what **every** human heart is by natural birth . . . "for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (from Rom. 3) . . . It is not until our desperate condition is realized that we discover our need of a Divine Saviour.

The above selection is an excerpt from Mr. Arthur W. Pink's book **The Seven Sayings of the Saviour on the Cross**.

### TOMORROW

Tomorrow? That is just ahead—  
"Another day," it may be said;  
Another month, another year;  
It's quite at hand; 'twill soon be here;  
And yet tomorrow reaches on  
As ages pass, as ages dawn;  
It ne'er shall cease—so long, so long  
To wail, or sing redemption's song!

Tomorrow'll bring its bliss or blight,  
Its downward trend, or upward flight,  
Its laurel crown of grand success,  
Or failures filled with dire distress;  
'Twill bring its harvest rich and rare  
From God who hears and answers  
prayer,  
Or it will bring its awful sting  
Because today we failed the King.

Tomorrow! O how shall we win  
If we shall spend today in sin?  
Tomorrow is the time to reap  
In joy and gladness, or to weep,  
Just as we've whiled our time away  
Along the path of life today;  
Tomorrow there will be a reward—  
A recompense from our good Lord.

Tomorrow! O that's heaven's goal  
To every honest godly soul  
Who walks today in light Divine  
And lets his light for Jesus shine;  
Who does the Father's holy will;  
Though he be strong, or weak or ill;  
Tomorrow lay his armor down  
And gain the victor's life and crown.

**AS IS THY DAY**

"As thy days, so shall thy strength be."—Deut. 33:25.

Though the road may oft seem toil-some

Which we tread;

Though at times the clouds hang heavy

Overhead;

God has promised that His presence

Will go with us all the way;

Then, why should we be despondent?

He will be our strength and stay.

Though our hearts be heavy-laden

By life's care;

Though the troubles which befall seem

Hard to bear;

God has promised to sustain us,

By His all sufficient grace;

Then, why should we be disheartened,

If sore trials we must face?

Though at times our eyes are blinded

By our tears;

Though the skies be overshadowed

By our fears;

Why should there be dire confusion?

Why should doubts lead us astray?

When God's grace and loving favor

Have been vouchsafed for each day?

**A BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT**

A small boy sat quietly in one of the seats in the coach on a train running between two of our western cities. It was a hot, dusty day, very uncomfortable for traveling, and that peculiar ride is perhaps the most uninteresting day's journey in our whole land. But the little fellow sat patiently watching the fields and fences hurrying by, until a motherly old lady, leaning forward, asked sympathetically: "Aren't you tired of the long ride, dear, and the dust and the heat?"

The lad looked up brightly, and replied, with a smile: "Yes, ma'am a little. But I don't mind it much, because my father is going to meet me when I get to the end of it." What a beautiful thought it is that, when life seems wearisome and dull as it sometimes does, we can look forward hopefully and trustingly, and like the lonely little lad "not mind it much," because our Father, too, will be waiting to meet us at our journey's end.

—Unknown.

**"ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD"**

Just how this statement can be true Perhaps has often puzzled you;

You've wondered how that "all things" could

Work out for your eternal good;

How trouble, sorrow, and unrest

Could work together for the best;

How this could be, you did not know,

And yet, you felt it must be so.

Now "all things" mean both good and bad,

Yea, things that really make you sad;

It means your sickness and your health,

Your poverty and perhaps your wealth;

Of trouble you will have your share,

While in the world of toil and care;

But rest assured you have a Friend

Who knows your life from start to end.

Should God permit dark clouds some day

To cast a gloom across your way,

Just take it as your Father's will;

You're in His care, He loves you still;

Be not alarmed, nor be cast down;

'Tis through these trials you win a crown;

All earthly sorrow soon will cease,

While joys eternal shall increase.

There's much we do not understand,

But "all things" are within His hand;

Remember God's mysterious plan

Is wonderful to mortal man,

But when we reach the land of rest,

We then shall see that He knew best;

The things we had not understood,

We'll realize were for our good.

"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. 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."

**THY NEIGHBOR**

Who is thy neighbor? He whom thou Hast power to aid or bless;

Whose aching heart or burning brow Thy soothing hand may press.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the fainting poor Whose eye with want is dim;

Oh, enter thou his humble door With aid and peace for him.

Thy neighbor? He who drinks the cup When sorrow drowns the brim:

With words of high sustaining hope Go thou and comfort him.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the weary slave, Fettered in mind and limb;

He hath no hope this side the grave; Go thou and ransom him.

Thy neighbor? Pass no mourner by; Perhaps thou canst redeem

A breaking heart from misery; Go share thy lot with him.

**A PRAYER FOR ZEAL**

Dear Lord, we've failed to do our part To sow Thy love in every heart.

You've blessed our labor year by year, You've granted courage, banished fear.

You've freely given homes and land, Blessings from Thy precious Hand.

What have we done to share that gift? What burdens have we helped to lift?

Our Saviour died upon the cross, Not for one, but all of us.

Can we rest when His command Calls, Go ye into every land?

Lord, give us zeal to do Thy will, Strength and grace to work until

Thy glorious news is spread world-wide

And sincere Christians multiplied!

—Mrs. Donald Schlatter.