



"Seek the Lord and ye shall live."

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"Hate the evil, and love the good."

His Way With Thee

Do you know the hymn with the above title? How many of us think of the words of hymns when we sing them in praise to the Lord? Isn't it possible that we often sing unto God almost mechanically rather than with or from a thoughtful heart? Singing is part of our worshipping the Lord and He desires us to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Now let us consider some of the words of the above hymn. "Would you live for Jesus and be always pure and good?" Is it the constant desire of your heart to live for Jesus? Or is your desire in this matter spasmodic and not real deep?

We remember Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart." Such will be pure in conversation too, and we know this pleases God. As for being good, we know that doing right is doing and being good. It is the blood of Christ that cleanses us and it is the power of the gospel that can make us good. We don't feel *better* than others, for we are to be humble and meek as children of God.

"Would you walk with Him within the narrow road?" Does the narrow road seem too narrow to you? Do you keep looking over the fence toward the world? If you have crucified the flesh with the affections thereof you do not long for the things of the world. Walking with Jesus does satisfy the spiritually minded. It does give peace and contentment if we are fully surrendered to Him.

"Would you have Him bear your burden, carry all your load?" Our biggest load was our sins, but if we have confessed and *forsaken* them, and now walk in the light as He is in the light, they should not burden us any more. But we do have trials and responsibilities and we *do* need help. If we are yoked up with Jesus we find help in Him, especially thru prayer. Then "Let Him have His way with thee," not part of the time but all of the time.

Worry is the lack of faith and trust. Think on this. Didn't Jesus say to the faithful, "Lo, I am with you alway,—"
Do we believe Him?

Yes, "His power can make you what you ought to be—" But we must

yield to Him and conform to His word. It is the power of God that converts us and makes us Christians, giving us a new heart. We need His power to keep us in this higher life. We need His power to help us witness for Him.

Every day we see the power of God in nature and every day we can have power from Him to live an overcoming life if we come to Him in sincerity in prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive."

LET US PRAISE THE LORD

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Ps. 92:1.

In giving thanks unto the Lord we thank Him for something He has done for us. We wouldn't think of thanking a person if they hadn't done something for us, would we? And now, how much and how often are we to offer thanks unto God? In Eph. 5:20 it reads, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The words "all things" in this text may include our trials and disappointments as well as our happiness.

Why should we give thanks for our trials? "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God..." Rom. 8:28. We find now that we are to give thanks to God for all things because all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Now more so than ever we should thank God for what He is to us. Geo. Ziemer a founder and teacher of American colony schools in Germany told of true happenings and actual incidents that took place there. Little boys are only reared to praise, fight, and die for Hitler. Their only ambition is to be a Storm Trooper for Hitler. From the cradle both girls and boys are taught, as soon as they can talk, to click their heels together and make a salute accompanied with Heil Hitler. This teacher went with a doctor to see a twelve year old boy that had the pneumonia. When the doctor entered the room where he was the boy told him to go away; he didn't care if he did die, because anyone as weak and sick as he was

couldn't do anything for his savior, (meaning Hitler).

If every one of God's people were just that faithful and thankful for their true savior and His wonderful works it really would be a good thing.
—Nina Lyson Brann.

PEACE IN CHRIST

After Christ had warned His disciples of the suffering they would go through after He was taken away from them unto His Father, He said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace: in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33.

Is not this a wonderful message to us today? In this world we have sorrows, trials, burdens that sometimes seem too heavy to bear. We have temptations till it seems that satan will surely overcome us. Christ said, "I have overcome the world," and we too can overcome and have the peace that He gives. He also said, "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

In this world all nature is at peace and goes on as it has since creation. The trees leaf, bloom, and bear fruit. Seeds burst—leaves and flowers spring forth. The birds of the air build their nests and rear their young. With men it is different. Knowledge has been increased. Men run to and fro, preparing for war instead of peace. All is in confusion. Men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. Luke 21:25.

Christ our Prince of Peace has given us such precious promises if we will but love and serve Him. May each and every one seek Him and find everlasting peace—real peace in a world that is torn with war and strife—yielding our all to Christ to be led by Him.

There is a place of full relief,

Near to the heart of God;

A place where all is joy and peace

Near to the heart of God.

—By Madeliene Walker.

ECCL. 9:10.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." So said a great man long ago, and we, the living, know that this still holds true.

Each of us has one and only one life to live in the present world, and it is during this life that we have the opportunity to serve God and to do something for other people. God has given us this opportunity, and He expects us to take advantage of it. There is work to be done and it is our duty, and our privilege to do it. Life at the most is short, and we cannot tell when death will strike. Unless we take advantage of each minute of our life we will one day look back with regret. Let us work now and let us ever remember that "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." Ps. 115:17.

—By Dorothy Young

1 TIM. 5:22.

"Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

Beside the word 'neither' we are referred to the scripture given in 2 John 11, which reads as follows, "For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil. If we are not to be partaker of other men's sins we are not to bid the evil man God speed.

We also notice the last part of our text—"keep thyself pure." If we are to keep ourselves pure we should abstain from all appearance of evil. So if we do what our heavenly Father wishes us to do we will be keeping ourselves pure.

—By Annie Laura Young.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
PREVIOUSLY SENT IN

QUESTION: Is godlessness the cause of this world's present upheaval?

ANSWER: Prov. 25:2 says in part, "the curse causeless shall not come."

In Eph. 5, after mentioning a number of things wicked people do (ungodly things) verse 6 says, "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

A study of the children of Israel and how God dealt with them when they obeyed Him and when they sinned will help answer this question. God is the same today. He punished Israel by allowing their enemies to win over them in battle. War was one of the chief ways God punished

them? Often the nations sent against them were as wicked or more wicked than Israel.

Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of war, and that kingdom would rise against kingdom (Matt. 24). A terrible battle was foretold which would come at the close of this age. Then Jesus would come.

Sin is the cause of all trouble—for had there been no sin there would be no trouble.

—Editor.

PAUL

A HERALD OF THE CROSS

By Florence M. Kingsley

CHAPTER XVIII continued

"Why did I not strike him dead?" repeated Chaereas bitterly. "O why—why? Who after all am I? Why not the senate which he has scorned and outraged? Why not the nobles, whose wives and daughters he has insulted, and whose sons he has murdered? Why not the army, whole legions of which he has decimated? Why not the immortal gods, whose faces he has spit upon? Nay, why does not eternal Rome herself arise from her seven hills, seize this demon and thrust him down into the smoking pit of unending torment?"

Cornelius Sabinus arose to his feet. "The matter must be accomplished, and now," he said in cold even tones. "If thou who hast undertaken this matter dost hesitate longer, I will today strike the blow in the face of all Rome."

Chaereas seized him by the arm. "Look you," he whispered hoarsely, "this hand and no other shall strike that blow! So may the gods restore to me my lost honor."

In the great theatre which the emperor had lately caused to be built in the garden connected with his palace, a tumultuous throng assembled on this the fifth and last day of the games. Men, women and children, from every rank of society poured into the enclosure in such multitudes that the ushers were unable to perform their duties.

Caius Cæsar, who was already in his place observed this. "By my faith," he said with unwonted geniality to Sabinus who stood at his right hand, "we see today a great sight. Men, women, nobles, senators, soldiers and slaves sitting together without regard to rank or station. See to it some of you that plenty of fruits be flung among them."

"The matter has already been attended to, according to custom," replied Sabinus bowing.

The emperor shivered. "I am cold," he whined fretfully, "where is my furred mantle?" He looked uneasily about him, at the marble benches

ranged in semi-circular tiers, and crowded to the very roof with gaily-dressed people, at the stage where the play was already beginning, at the decorous faces of his attendants, at his own pallid hands loaded with gems. That strange sensation of cold, a heavy breathless chill like that from a newly-opened vault, still oppressed him; again he shivered. Chaereas, the tribune, stood at his side, his face as blank and expressionless as one of the carven masks above his head.

"My good Chaereas!" said the emperor softly, leaning forward.

The tribute did not stir. The senator Asprenas touched him upon the shoulder. "The emperor is addressing you," he whispered. Caereas raised his eyes and fixed them upon his master; he did not move from his place, and he spoke no word of apology or explanation.

"My good Chareas," continued the emperor survely, "hast thou paid the woman Quintilia the thousand talents as I bade thee?"

"The money has been paid," said Chaereas in a low voice, his dull unwinking eye still resting upon the face of his royal questioner.

"Twas scarce needful that I should ask, my brave tribune; for me to command is for thee to obey. But know that I now restore thee the sum fourfold, in token of my appreciation of thy distinguished services."

Chaereas raised his hand in a military salute, his face contracting painfully; he opened his mouth as if to speak, but no sound came forth; turning abruptly he left the royal presence.

The emperor looked after him thoughtfully. "Our brave tribune is overcome with gratitude," he said aloud drily. Inwardly he was thinking, "The man hates me; he is dangerous; he must die." Again he looked down at his feeble nerveless hands, and a sudden sickening sense of his own helplessness overpowered him. "They all hate me," he muttered, "but how can I slay them, and alone? They hate me; and I—hate, hate, hate."

He raised his eyes and fixed them indifferently upon the stage. The play represented the fortunes of a wandering robber chieftain who in the course of the drama was to be crucified: the part of the robber had been taken by the actor Apelles, but now that the scene of the crucifixion was reached, a condemned criminal, tricked out in the properties of the actor, was dragged onto the stage, that the scene might be properly realistic. This being one of the emperor's own devices he was wont to watch the stage with delighted eagerness, but today there was something offensive in the shrieks of the wretch as they nailed him upon the cross.

"I am weary of all this," he muttered, as the theatre rang with wild applause.

"Why not visit the bath, royal master," suggested Codrus, who stood behind his chair. "Afterward dine, and return to the theatre rested and refreshed; when the play is finished the pantomimes must still be performed, and the choruses."

The emperor grasped the arm of his chair, "I will go," he said, looking vaguely and irresolutely about him.

Minucianus arose quietly as if to pass out.

"Whither art thou going, O brave senator?" said the emperor, laying a detaining hand upon his shoulder; the man dropped into his place again without a word, but a moment later, with a whispered aside to Sabinus, who stood just behind him, he slipped away unnoticed.

Caius still sat in his place, his head dropped forward upon his breast, his lips moving as if he talked with himself.

"Thou art over-weary, gracious majesty," said Asprenas, bending deferentially over him. "Would it not be well to withdraw for rest and refreshment?"

The emperor looked up, his dull eyes full of vague bewildered questionings like those of a tired child.

"Yes, my friend," he said slowly, passing his hand across his eyes. "I am weary. It has been a long day—a long, long day; I will get me to my rest."

Then he arose and went out, Asprenas following.

Next Week Chapter XIX.

Y. P. LESSON STUDY

A STUDY ABOUT THE CONSCIENCE

1—How did Paul strive to live? Acts 24:16. Comment on this verse.

2—What did the apostle tell the council in Acts 23:1?

a. What did he mean? Explain.

3—The time Jesus wrote on the ground, how did those who read it feel and what did they do? John 8:8 & 9.

a. What convicted them?

b. This shows they were of sin.

4—What counts as brought out in Romans 2:29?

a. Does the conscience have anything to do with the heart as the seat of thought?

b. What should be put away from the heart in order to have a clear conscience?

5—What will God do by His Son? Romans 2:16.

6—What witnesses within a person for or against him? Rom. 9:1.

7—Consider 1 Cor. 8:1. (Knowledge here means to know that an idol is nothing, V. 4).

a. In this case how was a weak conscience defiled? Explain this defiling?

b. What did Paul conclude? V. 13. (Speaking of meat offered to idols).

8—In 2 Cor. 1:12 (first clause) what was Paul's rejoicing in?

a. Explain "testimony of our conscience."

b. Explain rest of verse. Does godly sincerity have to do with a good or free conscience?

9—Bring out the several good thoughts in 1 Tim. 1:5. Show how all the things mentioned here go together.

10—What have some done? 1 Tim. 4:1-2.

a. What is a seared conscience?

b. A seared conscience is past what? Eph. 4:18-19.

11—Comment on 1 Peter 3:16.

12—Explain the connection between baptism and a good conscience in 1 Peter 3:21.

a. In infant baptism does the child have such a conscience?

b. If we don't confess fully and yield completely to God before being baptized can we have the answer of a good conscience?

OUR LETTER DEPT

FROM MISSOURI

Dear Young Friends:

It has been some time since I have written to the paper. This isn't because I don't want to write or that I'm not interested in the paper and you young folks, but I just don't seem to find time to write much any more. You see I have a little fellow that seems to want all my spare time spent with him, and of course I enjoy spending it with him. Anyway I'm glad all are not as slack as I am about the little paper or perhaps we wouldn't get it but once a month.

We are in a meeting here in Clinton, Missouri at present. Haven't had much of a crowd so far. Two or three seem quite interested and we hope not to be disappointed in them. We didn't have any services last night as it was quite stormy looking and showered a little but not enough to keep people away from the show and carnival. There is a big carnival in town now, so we can't expect to have much of a crowd. People are more interested in things of the world than going to church these days. It seems like if there ever was a time when people should be more concerned about their soul's salvation it would be now, but instead they still choose the broad way. It makes our heart bleed to see the way the young folks are spending (or wasting) their lives, but what else can we expect when the older ones are leading the way. May God have mercy on them.

This is Sabbath afternoon and it doesn't look as though we will get to have services tonight as it has been raining for about two hours. We were out visiting a home today of a lady that has become so dis-

gusted with the Christians (so-called) she won't hardly go to church any place. She half way promised she would come on Sunday night. It's so pitiful to see homes like that where there are children. She says she almost has to whip some of the children to make them go to Sunday school. We know it doesn't do any good to make any one go to church. My husband found that out in his house to house work. Some people would tell him they didn't go any place to church; that they were made to go when children and they couldn't see anything to go for. So you see why we should be all the more careful of the way we let our light shine, and of the teachings we teach because we are being watched on every corner. So let us pray that many will accept their Savior while there is yet time. We know that time is short now so may each and every one of us be ready and waiting when our blessed Lord returns for us.

We had hoped for a successful meeting at this place since Bro. Wirth had labored here for so long, but the crowds have been very small so far. It isn't always the crowd though that counts. If you can get just a few interested enough to come every night it's more encouraging.

My letter is getting quite long so I'll bring it to a close. Hope to see more interesting ones in the paper than mine. I would like to have you praying people remember my mother in prayer that she will be made to have her health again soon. It has been a year now since she has been so bad. I have been expecting to be called home any time, but last I heard from her she was some better. So will each one, every one of you, please remember her in your prayers. Also remember us in prayer that we may ever be found doing our duty in the Lord's work.

With Christian love to all,
Jewel Walker

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Y. P. F. Readers:

I realize I have not done my part in contributing to our paper, although I enjoy it more than any other.

In the article a few weeks ago, "Are You Enjoying Spring?" reminded me of the time when I could see why people could not have more enjoyment out of life going to the worldly places of amusement. But go to a campmeeting like we had last August and it is easy to see the reason why. I hope we can have more as good or better.

I like to think of the many beautiful things we saw while on a 1,500 mile tour of the West last winter. Just to think of the many things of nature put here for us by our Creator! It is hard to realize the many things God does for us through nature.

Harvest is drawing near for many

of the small grain farmers. Some of the barley and oats are starting to ripen.

A Christian Friend,
Lee Roy Stucker.

FROM TEXAS

Dear Y. P. Friend:

Greetings to one and all.

As it has been a long time since I have written to the little paper, I thought I would write once more. I surely do enjoy reading the paper and my little daughter Fayrene who is six just can't hardly wait to hear every word of the little folk's part.

Well, every one is gone to church tonight but the three children and I. One of our little girls has the whooping cough so I must keep her at home although I got to go about two weeks before she took it.

I have put the kiddies to bed and thought I'd go to bed too so I just lay down on the couch and was looking out my window. I could see the pretty stars way up in heaven, and the street lights burning so bright. Every home was all lit up and I couldn't help but wonder what God thinks as He looks down from His throne at this earth at night. Then I just wonder how many people in their mad rush in life ever stop to think how wonderfully God has blessed mankind. He has given them all the beautiful trees and flowers, and given man knowledge to invent many useful things that we now have, especially electricity which man discovered. Just think of the many things man can do with it! Oh, if people would only stop and give God the praise for all the blessings He has given I'm sure we would not be in such terrible trouble as we are at the present time.

When we look at the stars and the moon at night we think what a beautiful sight. Then we wonder what God has in store for those that love Him. We know it will be wonderful indeed. So let each one of us strive more to enter in through the gates into the holy city.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. W. T. McMicken

FROM WISCONSIN

Dear Readers:

I feel like I have been holding back long enough in not writing and getting acquainted this way. I am 23 years of age and have been a member of the Church of God since 1929.

I have been in Texas until June 5th, 1942. I came to Wisconsin for a few days. I left many friends in Texas and hope to meet and make many more in this state. I may be down your way some day and make real friends instead of pencil friends.

I have not been drafted yet although it seem like the Lord had been holding me back for some purpose (as this). Last Feb. 21st I made my first talk on the Bible, as starting myself to preach the word

of God every Sabbath since I have made talks and improving and I hope I make real success soon. The way the world is shaping up and getting ready, the end is not far from us now. Prophecy is being fulfilled fast now. According to the Scriptures the day of judgment is just around the corner.

A Little Reminder!

Turn to Rev. 18:12-14 and compare it with the world today; also Rev. 12:17 of how the Church of God people may be punished and tempted by the nations' governments. This time is not yet in America but according to that verse it may be soon. Matt. 24:7 is prophecy being fulfilled now, and verse 8. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Read verses 9 to 12 of this chapter how the world in one way may deceive the children of God, not all but some. Some have strong enough faith to stand.

Rev. 22:14. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city." If we keep the commandments of God we are not in sin, but if we break one we are in sin, for sin is transgression of the law.

—By Upton St. Clair.

EDITORIAL

Since so many of our readers have attended Campmeeting at Stanberry in the past and know this town and the country around somewhat, the editor thought it might be of interest to give some details of the storm and flood that struck here, said to be the worst in twenty years.

It was last Friday night, June 19th when the storm struck. The lightning and thunder was almost continuous for several hours — the worst thunder some ever heard. We woke up after midnight when it was raining violently. A strong wind came up and we had to hold our east door shut or it would blow open. Many limbs of trees were broken off all over town.

Some friends came between 3 and 4 A. M. and asked us if we wanted to go and see the flood. I put on some old clothes and we all went. We went down to the railroad tracks west of the park. Many of you will remember where the crossing is and the road that goes south, and the bridge about three blocks south, out where Bro. Kauer used to live. A violent flood was rushing across the road from the railroad track to the bridge, covering the bridge. The wind drove the rain against the car in sheets. By the aid of the lightning we were able to see very well. All the houses on that street or road were surrounded, with escape impossible. The hog market south of the depot where hundreds of hogs were was flooded and I understand about half of them were washed 6 to 8 miles down

stream. One girl came to Sabbath school the next morning up the railroad track and said the train had killed a number.

As the rain and wind let up we drove toward the west side of the park (the park where the Campmeeting tent was pitched). Water was running across the street, but we thought it would be easy to get thru. However it got deeper and deeper until the car stalled in the deepest place. The driver and I got out into the water and pushed the car to the corner, and turned north.

Thousands of acres of land were flooded, bridges on the railroad washed out along with several hundred feet of track west of Stanberry.

Indeed we know not what a day may bring forth, therefore so much the more should people trust in the Lord and be right with God at all times. Storms and other things that come because of sin, should make us long all the more for Jesus to come and put an end to these things and bring peace and immortality.

When things go along smoothly with people they are much inclined to take religion in a passive manner or forget about God altogether. Let us be among those who constantly rely on God and pray to Him. Then when His help is urgently needed in some trial or time of trouble we will not come to God feeling guilty because we have not given Him thanks and trusted Him as we should have when all went well.

We are living in critical times and God's word tells of much trouble to come upon the world before Jesus returns. Trials are sure to come — and very likely, severer ones than we may have thought of. Have we fortified ourselves with sufficient faith to carry us through? If we are called to a test, even a test unto death, let us be faithful to God, always putting God FIRST in our lives.

WHERE SHALL I WORK?

Father, where shall I work today?
My love flowed warm and free;
And He pointed me to a tiny spot
And said, "Tend that for me."
But I answered quickly, "Oh no not that,
Why no one would see,
No matter how well my work was done,
Not that little place for me."

And the word He spake, it was not stern,
He answered me tenderly;
"Oh, little one, search that heart of thine,
Art thou working for them or me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee.

—Sel. by Mrs. Joe Walker.