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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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"Peter Rebuked"

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"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Matt. 16:21-23.

Good morning, friends. It surely is a pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of the air waves. We hope today finds you enjoying the blessings of the Lord. How would you like for your closest friend to tell you: "Get thee behind me?" I am afraid that would not be very pleasant, would it? These are indeed strange words the Lord spoke to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan"! Notice, they were not spoken to Satan himself as Jesus did in the mount of temptation. They were spoken to Peter who was really trying to help Jesus by showing his love for him. Peter did not want anything evil to happen to Jesus. He thought it would just be too bad for him to suffer all that criticism, scoff, scorn, and suffering even to the point of giving his life, so he was trying to persuade him it was not at all necessary for him to suffer and die at the hands of his enemies. But was it really indeed necessary?

Listen to these words from Hebrews 9:22--"And almost all things are by the Law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

So what would have been the result if Peter had persuaded Jesus to give up the plan of suffering and shedding his blood for the sins of the world? Would not that have been exactly that which would have pleased Satan greatly? The plan of salvation would not have been effectual in cleansing away sins.

The death of Christ and the shedding of his blood is important. It is the vital center of the Christian system. Any denial of this truth is in the nature of a Satanic suggestion. The burden of altogether too much of the present-day preaching is that Christianity is just a way of life; that Christ came as an example of holiness; his death is not too important, it is his teaching which matters; he is the master character builder. Dear ones, it is true he is the example of holiness, he is the character builder, and things of like importance, but all of this is not without the importance of his death.

Listen to these words--the apostle Paul from 1 Cor. 1:22-24--"For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek

after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." Here Paul declared we preach Christ crucified.

Some people would like to do away with the atonement of the blood. They would like to forget the need of it. They would turn to the more pleasant things of the gospel. Do you know what they are like unto? Listen to this scripture from Isaiah 44:20. It is speaking about idolatrous men who turn from the truth to eat, drink and be merry. I quote: "He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?" Did you notice that first part: "He feedeth on ashes".

It is necessary for all of us to eat. But Jesus said, "man shall not live by bread alone." Man is more than a stomach. He has a heart which hungers for love; a mind which hungers for truth; a will which desires commands and directions with the ring of finality and the accent of reasonableness and wisdom; a conscience which seeks relief from guilt, uneasiness and fear; and a longing for immortality. These things are needed just as surely as we need bread.

The tragedy of many lives is that either they do not recognize their "hidden hungers" or they seek their satisfaction in the wrong places. All over the country people are feeding on ashes. They dine with the professors of religion who have not the real born again experience. They listen to the humanists whose creed, boiled down, makes man his own god. They strangle their spiritual cravings with bodily lusts. More com-

monly they allow life's daily interests to crowd out the eternal things. Like the men in Christ's parable, one has bought a field, one a yoke of oxen, one has married a wife; none have time to come to the feast. Some day they plan to seek the things of the spirit, perhaps they do, the satisfaction of the deeper hungers, but not just yet. To these kind of people the prophet says: "He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul".

If we were to study the chemistry of foods and learn what constitutes a wholesome diet, and then learn by strict analysis just what we are eating we might be astonished. And if we followed a similar procedure with our spiritual food we might be both astonished and humiliated to acknowledge just what we are feeding our souls on.

The laws of the land forbid the putting of sawdust in cereals for breakfast food. They require a listing of the contents as to just what pre-packaged foods contain. They are particular as to how greatly milk has been diluted. In short, they are safe-guarding the health of the country. They even require cigarette manufacturers to place a little notice on the package: "Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health".

But does that stop people from smoking? You be the judge. Think of the young boys who begin each year, yes, and girls too, with the feeling they are growing up! I recently saw a full page ad in color for a certain brand of cigarettes.

Among other things which this ad declared was this, I quote: "Big, bold taste, smoothed for satisfaction that never lets up. You've got to try it."

Well, in a natural and literal way this smoking comes about as near of fulfilling this scripture of "feeding on ashes" as almost anything which people do these days. They are looking for that big, bold taste but they are left with an unsatisfied craving for more. Hardly have they finished one cigarette, sucked the smoke through their lungs, blowed and contaminated the air about them which others have to breathe, until they are reaching for another smoke. Did they not read the warning: "The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health"?

I too, would like to give a warning that many things which people are feeding on in a spiritual way are detrimental to their happiness and well being. They are feeding their souls on "ashes" rather than the living bread.

The hour of God's judgment is drawing nearer. The wickedness of people is great. It is time now to repent or perish. The world is getting its warning now to repent of their sin and turn unto God before Judgment comes. God warns before he strikes. The vast majority of people are paying no attention to God's warning, but are going deeper in sin and farther away from the Lord. When God's judgment strikes the door of mercy will be forever closed. Many sought refuge, no doubt, in the Ark in the days of Noah when they were being swallowed up by the flood. Noah had warned them of their sin, but they had not heeded that warning until it was forever too late. Are you doing the same thing?

Repent of your sin and turn to the Lord now and He will have mercy on you that you may be delivered from the wrath which is to come.

Let us pray: Our father, bless the word to the good of every listener. Awaken that one who is feeding on ashes and may they turn to thee before it is too late. Be pleased to answer the many requests of thy children who are calling on thee from day to day and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If you have enjoyed the message we would be glad to hear from you. If you have a prayer request which you would like on agreement of prayer for, be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song: "Home of the Soul".

The singers are Lynn and Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

Dear ones, a certain quotation says: "You cannot run away from a weakness; you must sometime fight it out or perish; and if that be so, why not now, and where you stand?"

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

"Ye are my witnesses"

From Mo.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. This finds us all well here. We have passed the flu bug so far. Back in January of last year you wrote a message on "Search the Scriptures" and I was going to write you but layed it aside and forgot it. I read my Bible every morning after breakfast and through the day. The Lord is so precious to me. Sometimes I don't know what I would do without Him. I get so down hearted sometimes. But I still love the Lord. I need your prayers and

the saints' prayers. I enjoyed the paper I received today on "The Word of Our God Shall Stand." I have a new sister-in-law and I enjoy talking with her about the Lord. She is saved and living for the Lord. I have two special requests for the saints to pray about. I have a burden for my unsaved sister."

--Mrs. John McPherson

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From Colo.: "Greeting in Jesus this evening. Well, another day has gone and it's evening. We have been quite busy today and this p.m. We went to hospital to see Sis. Carrie Taylor, the one that was in that bad car wreck 15 weeks ago. Makes your heart ache to see her. Oh, how she needs prayer so badly... Thursday morning and the sun is shining. I'm about ready to go home and take care of my chickens and things. Think I'll do a little over home today. Seems like I've neglected my house work since I have been over to Esther's. I try to help her what I can, don't want to be a burden on them. They are good to me. I would have spent many a lonesome hour if they were not close... God has been so good to me. I haven't had the flu, have taken a little cold. So keep me on your prayer list. Do hope we can get to Guthrie to camp. I'm feeling my need of being in some good services and being with the saints. Bro. & Sis. Wollert came in a little while Sunday eve, but she's had the flu and takes cold so easily and is bothered with that breathing problem... I just want to live and be ready when Jesus calls for me. We had our little Sunday School. Eight were there for Sunday School and 7 for children's meeting. I don't want to go empty handed. I want to do what I can for the children. The parents don't seem to think they need Sunday School. Only God can deal with them."

--Sister Addie McEndree

From Ill.: "I thank God for the love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost! How much better the love of God is, than hatred, variance, emulations, malice, ill-will, and such --which dwell in all the hearts of those who have not been 'born-again.' I once was filled with these same spirits and emotions. How I thank God for saving me, casting out such demons and putting the pure love of God in my heart, with good-will towards all. How good it is, to walk with God, and have His love fulfilled in us! The peace of God which passes understanding, surely flows through the hearts and lives of those who are filled with the love of God. I'm thanking God today for all His blessings and benefits! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits! I thank Him for healing. I am glad to say I am beginning to amend, and my faith is taking hold of the promises. I thank each one for their prayer for me. I am believing and trusting that I shall continue to gain strength. My heart has lessened its hard pounding... Sometimes I still have some pain in my chest, but each time I just look to God and tell Him I am trusting and believing it all has to go. How I thank the Lord for the privilege to trust! Brother Murphey, Sister Mildred Snell of Grandtower lost her husband last Sunday p.m. (the 20th) He died in the hospital at Cape Girardeau of Kidney poisoning. He was 72 years old, and they hope he got right with God before he died. They had prayer with him while he was still in his right mind, and he did claim to be saved... Give my love and regard to all the dear saints at Guthrie and thank them for their prayer. I was so glad for the privilege of attending the meeting in December. Do hope we will be able to attend more this summer... In Jesus' name,"

--Sister Thelma Sprague

More Witnesses

From Mo.: "Greetings of love in Jesus precious name! We love Him this morning and desire to please Him. We are all well. Trust you all are too."

--The Glen Inmans

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From Mo.: "Dear Friends in Christ, I thank God for salvation. I thank Him for saving my soul. He has done much for me, and I want more than anything else to live close to Him. There's nothing like holding our hand in His hand and having His approval stamped in our hearts. I love Him because He first loved me and we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep His commandment. I would love to meet every saint or child of God that writes a testimony in your little paper. Since I can not then, I hope to meet everyone in Heaven. God is the way and I want to travel that way. It's the true way. It's the only way and I'm with God all the way. Pray for me, that I'll please God and seek His favor in everything I do or say."

--Sister Pearl Logan

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From Ala.: "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour. This finds us all well... Truly thank the Lord for his word."

--Sister Jessie Shelton

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From La.: "Dear Bro. Willie, I was asked recently why our meetings of today seem to be more lacking in power than our meetings of long ago. My answer was lack of prayer. We do not have seasons of prayer like we use to. My earliest recollections of you was taking a group of young boys down the railroad tracks to read and pray after the night service was over at Monark Springs. Those prayer sessions after church I will always remember."

--Lynn Carver

From Penn.: "I truly thank the Lord he opened my eyes and ears and heart to his blessed gospel. I am thankful for being saved and kept from all sin. I am very happy for this holy Bible way--this narrow way. I enjoy the Mission Trail and say continue to send it to me."

--Sister Olive Harres

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From Kansas: "Sister Curtis Williams sent me a poem. I thought it was too good to just keep it for myself,"

--Sister Mamie Norcutt, Poem follows:

THE SERMON THAT IS YOU

Who can tell what good may come
From little things you do? --

Who can tell who's listening now
To the sermon that is you? --

Trusting friends see where you go
For pleasure and for play --
They watch you live through the week,
And hear the things you say --

And knowing you are good and strong,
Their faith in you stands --
They'd sooner take advice from you
Than have any other man's --

The little children watch you pass,
And of't they're heard to say: --
"I want to be just like that man
When I grow up some day" --

So don't you think it worth the while
To choose your words with care,
Since little folks around you
Are watching everywhere? --

Don't you think it is much wiser
To watch the way you walk,
Lest tender souls many injured be
By careless tread and talk? --

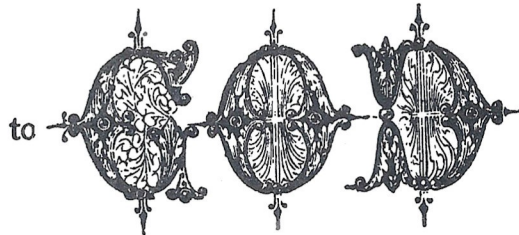
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Children's Page

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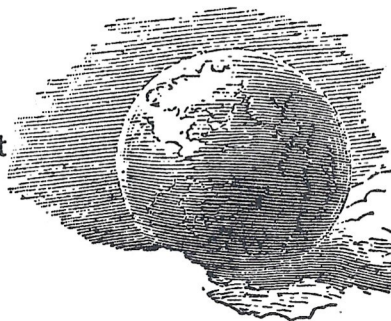


praising God and saying,



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we understand:



Sister Dona Campbell, Aged 87
 Birthday Feb. 22, Passed away Feb. 24

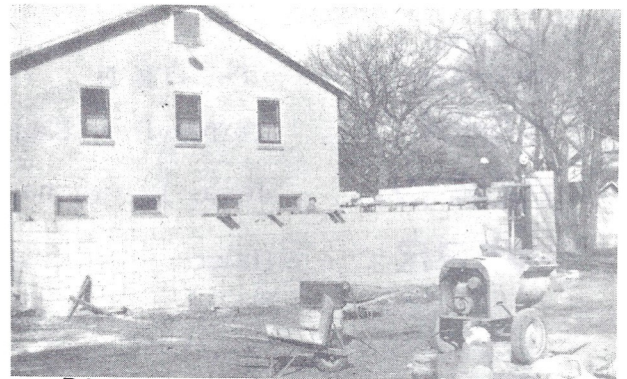
Sister Dona Campbell taught herself to read and found the One True Church by just reading God's word. She trusted God for both soul and body and raised 10 children to be grown. One died at 4 years of age. She was a staunch believer in Divine Healing... A true Mother in Israel. She accepted the Truth 60 years ago and was true to the end. She gave to the work of the Lord, so God gave back to her full measure, pressed down and running over. She just went so peacefully--no struggle. She was so submissive to God's will to be done. We miss her, but wouldn't want her to come back to suffer any more. We know she is with the Lord.

--Sister Eva Cox

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Congratulations to Bob and Norene Harmon, 4402 N. Campbell, Kansas City, Mo. 64116, on the birth of their son, Robson Dean, Feb. 28. We wish all 3 of them much happiness.

From La.: 'You can take Mrs. Annie Pelloat of Madisonville, La. off your list. The Lord has called her home. She loved the Lord! He gave her a peaceful death, after bad stroke. I was by her bedside. It was precious to hear her tell of God's goodness to her and being ready to go. I know there's rejoicing in heaven. Thank Lord for one more soul that made it to God through prayers of saints!'--Sis. Rubye Quave



Dining Hall and Dormitory--Guthrie

More than 1,000 square feet of room is being added to the dining hall in Guthrie after much planning by the State Trustees. Bro. O.C. Porter, trustee, has been instrumental in getting the contractors on the job for the cement work and the block laying. The frame work of the roofing will be done mostly by donated labor of the saints. A special work day has been set for Saturday, March 11 and each Saturday thereafter until completion. There is work which can be done during the week also by those who can come. Plan now to give a little of your time to this cause of the Lord. "But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing." 2 Thess. 3:13



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

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| KCKW | Jena, Louisiana | 1480 kc. | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |
| WFPR | Hammond, Louisiana | 1400 kc. | Sunday, 7:45 a. m. |

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