

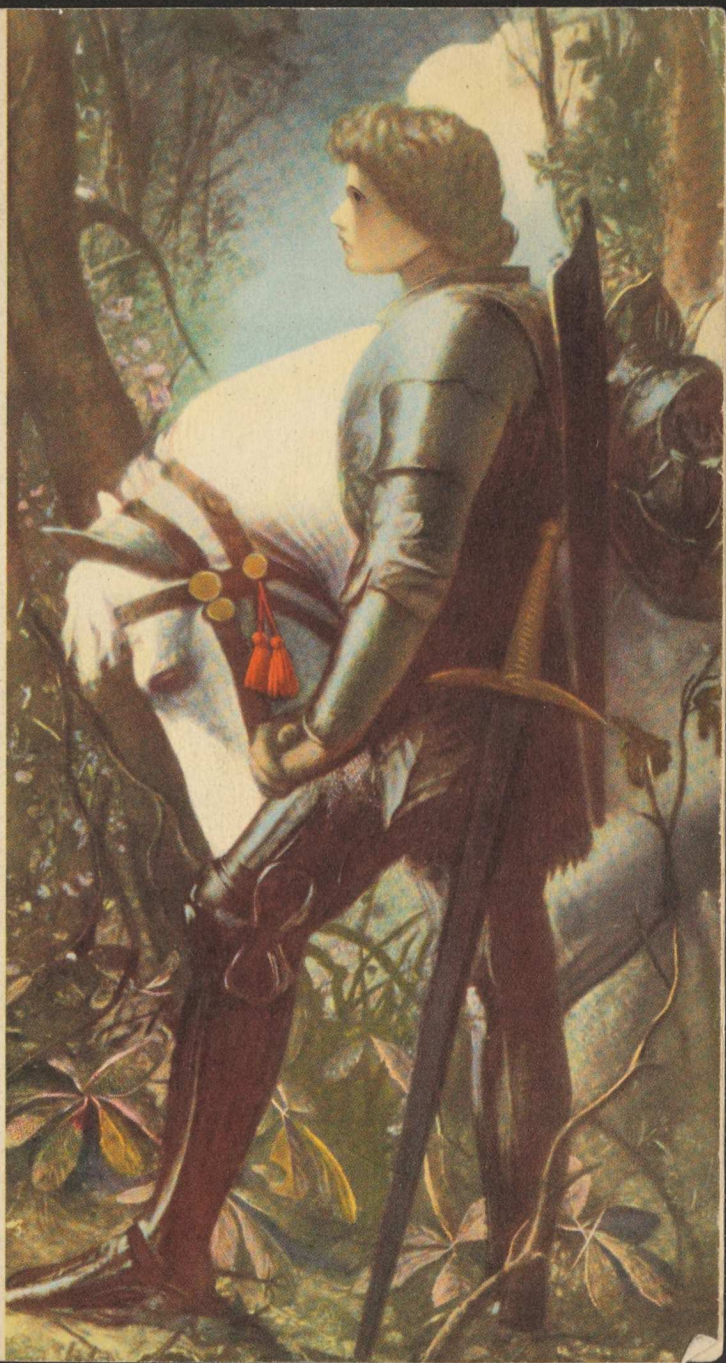
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"YOURS FOR JESUS' SAKE"

THIS is your book, created for you, by United Presbyterians who will lead you in worship each day of the next three months. Since it is your booklet and you are the one we are interested in we ask you to use it fully, thoughtfully, prayerfully, and then with its use we ask your opinion, we ask your criticism that it might be a better book. We ask your help that the work might from issue to issue grow and people will find themselves nearer to God because they have been thinking of God and talking to Him.

The publication of this first issue is not without cost. We will the more earnestly strive to give you the best book possible at the price designated. You can help by spreading the news around that the "Garden of Prayer" is your own, for your own.

We are already planning for and looking to the fall issue. Again we will deal on the cash basis, feeling it is time someone dealt that way to lead the way back to right thinking. The Christmas issue will be even finer than the others and will be a worthy gift to anyone. We are not slack in our plans, you will see. You can make those plans come true. Start now to plan for the fall issue and start now your preparations for its disposal.

Thank you for your time in this first issue.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY ORR LIETMAN.

P. S.—A home and foreign missionary are remembered each day in the "Remember" part of our booklet.

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1940

"In the beginning, God" (Genesis 1:1). Read John 1:1-5.

What a majestic statement. It comes at the very beginning of the inspired Bible. There are other passages in the Bible that help us to understand this one. "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting, Thou art God" (Psalm 90:1-2). And again we read, "No man has seen God at any time: the only begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1:18).

In the beginning, the first issue of the Meditation it is well to have our thoughts to God who is mentioned thirty-two times in this first chapter of the Bible.

"In the beginning, God!" How wonderful is this statement. Then let us live, love and serve Him. Follow on to know God through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Acheson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. George D. Munro, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Youth Conferences of the Second Synod at Winona, Iowa
Synod at Tarkio, and Los Angeles Presbytery at Camp
Arbalado.

PRAYER: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. We come to Thee as our Father who loves us and leads us along the way of life. Thou art holy and righteous and good. We thank Thee for Thy greatness and we thank Thee for Thy goodness. Help us to confess our many sins. Pardon us in the blood of Jesus Christ, who has made Thee known to us. We ask for Our Redeemer's Sake. Amen.

MEDITATION

"There is always time to look up to God for a smile."

John W. Bickett, Newton, Iowa.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1940

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). Read Hebrews 11:1-6.

What a beautiful thought. Walking with God. If we walk with God we must be in agreement with Him. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). We must go His way. "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways" (Psalms 128:1). We will walk in the light: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another" (I John 1:7). Jesus is all this and more. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Walking signifies activity. Activity signifies life. Christianity is life in Christ. It is a religion of "Go" and "Do." "Go ye"—"Give ye," is the program of the Christian life. A mission to perform. A message to proclaim. If we walk with God we will be active. "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Frances Brown, Lyallpur, India.

Rev. Klon E. Matthews, Greeneville, Tenn.

Youth Conferences of the Second Synod at Winona, Iowa
Synod at Tarkio, and Los Angeles Presbytery at Lake
Arbalado.

PRAYER: O Lord of Life. Let me walk with Thee. Energize me with the Holy Spirit. Lead me in the way everlasting.

MEDITATION

("Can two walk together, except they be agreed?")

Rev. Neil Stewart, Murray, Neb.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1940

"And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father called them" (Genesis 26:18). Read Genesis 26:12-22.

We need to rediscover God. There are definite "wells" of action by which our forefathers found God. We, too, can find Him. The "Well" of Sabbath Keeping—Do you wonder that He's lost to us, when His day is not kept as a day in searching for Him? The "Well" of Bible Reading—Just the knowledge we need for a "sane journey" and a "safe landing," but—is it any wonder we falter! The "Well" of God Entreat-ing—Prayer is the most powerful implement a Christian has, and yet how often it is at one's side unused. The "Well" of Earnest Heeding—Obedience is that one thing God requires. For the sake of our children, and the good of the family, we demand obedience from our children. Is it not even more important for "the family of God," and for us, His children, that we give Him our unfeigned obedience?

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. Ewing M. Bailey, Minia, Egypt.

Miss Janet O. Kerr, Pontiac, Mich.

Youth Conferences of the Second Synod at Winona, Iowa
Synod at Tarkio, and Los Angeles Presbytery at Lake
Arbalado.

PRAYER: Oh God, give us willing hearts to seek earnestly the "paths" that lead unto Thee.

MEDITATION

("And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart"—(Jeremiah 29:13).)

Wray Miller, Portland, Ore.

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1940

"If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). Read John 8:31-42.

Ordinarily we think of a free person as one who is able to choose either of two alternatives. But last year I read a statement that made me stop and think, and the more I thought upon it the more I agreed with it. It said, "Only the person is free who is able to choose the best." That is logical, is it not? For if one chooses other than the best, it is a sign of bondage. Jesus Christ sets me free because in His teachings and in His example, I find my call and my challenge to be the best that I know. But we can go further. It is in Him that we find release from our sins. Paul cries out under the burdening weight of his sins, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"Never could my heart be blessed
Till from guilt I found it freed;
Jesus now has me released,
I in Him am free indeed."

Remember in Prayer:

Remember especially our Nation today.

Miss Theresa Brownlee, Sialkot City, India.

Rev. Raymond F. Wilson, Media, Ill.

Youth Conferences of the Second Synod at Winona, Iowa
Synod at Tarkio, and Los Angeles Presbytery at Lake
Arbado.

PRAYER: O God, I suppose all of us still have some chains binding us to that which is low. May all our bonds be burst asunder today, and may we accept that glorious freedom which Christ is offering us as our Redeemer.

MEDITATION

"My soul shall give Thee joyful praise,
Redeemed, Redeemed from death!"

Jennings B. Reid, Monmouth, Ill.

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1940

"Now Heber the Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, even from the Children of Hobab, the brother-in-law of Moses" (Judges 4:11). Read 4:10-18.

When iniquity abounds, neither the memory of dire consequences nor the forbidding of divine law seems to adequately check it. It often calls for the separatist.

Heber deserves no censure, nor label of reproach. The separatist has often been the purifier of the body of the Lord's people.

In that desperate day, Sisera came forth breathing threatening and destruction. A woman on the throne seemed the last word expressing the feebleness of the Lord's people.

The Lord was **with** the feeble band. Barak was unheralded, but not lacking in capacity. Ten thousand valiant souls arose out of the hills and fought like true defenders of home and liberty.

The Lord was not **WITH** Sisera. How shameful for a "General" to fall, killed by a tent pin, driven by a hammer in a woman's hand.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Hazel E. Anderson, Luxor, Egypt.

Rev. S. Dean McBride, Los Angeles, Calif.

Youth Conferences of the Second Synod at Winona, Iowa
Synod at Tarkio, and Los Angeles Presbytery at Lake
Arbalado.

PRAYER: Lord give us grace to follow Thee, even when it requires us to have to leave the paths of ease, and the fellowships that have been precious.

MEDITATION

The Lord's challenge to us—

"Who will rise up for me against the evil doers?

Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?"

(Psalm 94:16).

Harry A. Thompson, Wichita, Kan.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1940

"He was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three" (II Samuel 23:23).

Read Matthew 17:1-8.

It was an honor to be one of the thirty members of the king's bodyguard. That called for men of valor, faithfulness, and strength.

It was a more singular honor to be one of the king's three intimate friends. These friends, hearing their King David express in idle words his desire for a drink from the well at Bethlehem, risked their lives by crawling through the enemy's lines on their stomachs to secure the water. David, moved by their devotion, poured the water on the ground as an oblation to God, and a toast to close friendship. It was too sacred to drink.

Being one of the three signifies an understanding of even the unexpressed wish of our Lord, a devotion that will risk all else for Him, a desire to bask always in His presence.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Elder, Cairo, Egypt.

Mrs. Mae D. Hoskins, Mulberry, Kan.

Youth Conferences of the Second Synod at Winona, Iowa
Synod at Tarkio, and Los Angeles Presbytery at Lake
Arbalado.

PRAYER: Draw me nearer, blessed Lord,
To the Cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, blessed Lord
To thy precious bleeding side.

MEDITATION

In the list of the Apostles Peter, James and John, the most active for Christ are mentioned first; Judas last. Were they not most active because they were of the three, not just of the twelve?
James L. Cottrell, LeClaire, Iowa.

SABBATH, JULY 7, 1940

"It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem" (I Kings 12:28). Read I Kings 12:25-30, 13:33-34.

It was a subterfuge on Jereboam's part when he urged his people to stay at home to worship. He was fearful of his power and authority.

In effect Jereboam said to his subjects: "It is too much for you, my dear people, to go up to Jerusalem to worship. The way is too long, very expensive, and awfully dangerous. Stay here at home. We will make our own gods. We will make some that we can see and handle. No need to rack our minds in wrestling with the concept of an invisible, transcendent, unknowable God."

And it was tempting bait. The prospect of an easy life is always enticing. It takes no effort to embrace a religion that enables you to do what you please, when you please, and how you please.

But Jereboam's way is not Jesus' way. His is the way of the cross. Choose you this day whom you shall follow: Jereboam and death, or Jesus and the abundant life?

Remember in Prayer:

Mr. Albert G. Roode, Sudan.

Miss Louise Bullard, Triadelphia, W. Va.

Youth Conferences of the Second Synod at Winona, Iowa
Synod at Tarkio and Los Angeles Presbytery at Lake Arbalado.

PRAYER: "Give me the hard task, My will is ready.
Doing the stern task My hand grows steady.
Harden my sinews, Broaden my vision;
Temper my soul, nor Reck my decision."

—George E. Buzza.

MEDITATION

"The Christian Life is a way to be walked in, not loitered in."—Whyte.

Jacob J. Vellenga, Vevay, Ind.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1940

"Arise and eat for the journey is too great for thee"
(I Kings 19:7). Read I Kings 19:1-8.

Elijah was weak and weary. He was ready to give up. Like many today who face life with its disappointments and trials and ask, "Why is the use?" He was told, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for thee." The journey of life is too great for any of us. There are many difficulties that are too much for us to face in our own strength. But God has taken that for granted. He has made provision for our needs. What we need and what all people need is to come to God and receive the help that is now available to us in Jesus Christ. We have the word of God. We have the privilege of prayer. When families gather together for worship they are partaking of the provision our Father has given to sustain us. Public worship helps also. A psychiatrist of national reputation tells us "Worship has the same effect on the mind and the soul that sleep does on the body." Why are so many breaking down today? Is it not because we are neglecting the provision God has made for us?

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. Dalton Galloway, Beni Suef, Egypt.

Mrs. A. Charles White, Bellaire, Ohio.

Last day of Los Angeles Presbytery at Lake Arbalado.

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou in Thy love hast made provision for every need of ours. We look to Thee for help today. Strengthen us for every trial and help us in every duty. In Jesus Name, Amen.

MEDITATION

"Disappointment may be His appointment."

Andrew S. Creswell, Pontiac, Mich.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1940

"And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life" (II Kings 25:30). Read Deuteronomy 33:25.

Religion is not anesthetic or a hypodermic. It is a tonic. It does not make us insensible to outward conditions: it does make us sensible of spiritual resources. It is not a substitute for energy, enterprise, thrift, and industry. It is a supplement to human responsibility and endeavor.

The text from II Kings presents a generous provision made by the conquering King of Babylon for Jehoiachin the captured king of Judah. Not a lump sum from the Babylonian treasury, which, if carefully and economically used, would be sufficient for an ordinary lifetime. But it was a daily portion guaranteed to continue every day as long as life would last. This history read in the light of Deuteronomy text affords a striking parallel to the people of God both in their daily dependence upon God for their supplies and their needs and their days. The basis of Divine government is the **daily portion**. Many anxieties and perplexities can be avoided if we learn to live on that principle. "Give us this day our daily bread."

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Kathryn Beattie, Martinpur, India.

Rev. J. S. Vance, Plain City, Ohio.

Board of Education.

PRAYER: O, Lord, grant that every day we may have our daily portion according to our needs. Amen.

MEDITATION

"One step enough for me."

E. F. Kimmelshue, Hoopeston, Ill.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1940

"Stand in awe, and sin not: Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in Jehovah" (Psalm 4:4). Read Psalm 3, Psalm 4.

Some go weary to bed but by reason of nerves or noise, worries or indigestion, are denied the refreshment of a full night's sleep. What can be done about it? Take pills or powders, or a glass of hot milk? Try Psalms for insomnia!

In the calmness of the night and of your heart "stand in awe" and think of God in the Psalms. "Search me, O God." "Commune with your own heart." Have communion with self before God as you quietly lie awake. You need not sleep to be rested, for "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isa. 40).

Think of those obscure counsels, often passed by without thought, as: "Offer the sacrifices of righteousness." Righteousness pays, we say. But righteousness also costs. Have we made the sacrifice that doing right demands? If so, the mind rests, and we can "put our trust in Jehovah" for the tomorrow.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. Horace K. Giffen, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. T. E. Zucchi, East Providence, R. I.

Youth Conference of Kansas Synod at Sterling.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, In peace will I both lay me down and sleep; for thou, Jehovah, alone makest me to dwell in safety. Good-night and Amen.

MEDITATION

"In reverence wait, from sin depart,
In meditation calm your heart."

—B. S. Hymnal.

Harold S. Giffen, Langeloth, Pa.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1940

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Read Psalm 19.

The human heart, created by our Heavenly Father, is the most precious jewel in the universe. It is the studio out of which all the programs are broadcast from the mouth. Even the most religious programs are not worthy of being offered to God. But when we add other programs that creep out even in the best of us, such as those which are vain, proud, irreligious, and sometimes blasphemous, plus our thoughts, we readily find that we are not in tune with the great sending station that is endeavoring to broadcast through us.

We need the redeeming strength which this most powerful sending station (G-O-D) can give us. If we seek His aid and follow His advice He will correct our frequency by governing our lips and heart in a way that they will broadcast Christ-like programs acceptable in His sight.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Gilmor, Alexandria, Egypt.

Rev. Joseph Zaidan, Fall River, Mass.

Youth Conference of Kansas Synod at Sterling.

PRAYER: O, Lord God, help us to be so closely tuned to thee at all times, that our every thought, word and act will show forth to the world thy great love and redeeming power. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee"—(Luke 19:22).

Rev. Charles Edgar Courtney, Winterset, Iowa.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1940

"They part my garments among them, and upon my vesture do they cast lots" (Psalm 22:18). Read Psalm 22.

This is the Psalm of the Cross. Before we come into the peace of Psalm 23, we must know the turmoil of Psalm 22. It is only those who have known the suffering of Psalm 22 who can know the security and the serenity of Psalm 23.

Life is like the garment Jesus wore. It is not a crazy-quilt pattern. Life is one. We cannot dream for ourselves and live for others. We cannot give the world our hopes and give God our service. Our ideals influence our conduct and in like manner our conduct influences our ideals. But Christ offers not a splendid ideal, nor even a perfect ethic. He offers a cleansed heart, an inspired will, a sure and certain hope, a new life. And it is to be all of one piece, and that is Himself.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Grice, Cairo, Egypt.

Rev. Anthony Caliandro, West New York, N. J.

Youth Conference of Kansas Synod at Sterling.

PRAYER: Father in Heaven, teach us that Thy Spirit is to possess every part of our lives. Help us to know that we cannot be Christian in part of our affairs and pagan in others. Let our lives be of one piece, seamless, as was the garment Jesus wore. Bless us today, and bring all the interests of our lives in conformity with Thy will. For Jesus sake. Amen.

MEDITATION

"The moon of Mahomet
Arose, and it shall set;
While blazoned as on Heaven's immortal noon
The cross leads generations on."—Shelley.

Scott Withrow, Akron, Ohio.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1940

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not ~~want~~" (Psalm 23:1). Read 23rd Psalm.

Has anything more beautiful than this ever been written? Certainly these few verses have brought more peace to troubled hearts, more courage to discouraged folks and more comfort to sorrowing people than all the dissertations of all the philosophers of earth put together.

Phillips Brooks likens this psalm to a singing pilgrim commissioned of God to sing its sweet music to every man of every generation till time shall be no more, and then to fly back to the throne of God and there to blend its voice with the choir around the throne for all eternity.

To really hear the majesty of its music we must begin, where the psalmist began, with humility. He likens himself to a sheep, not a lamb, but a silly and helpless dependent sheep. A sheep that is prone to wander but He leadeth me back. "He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his own name's sake."

Begin there my friends and all the blessedness of this psalm will be yours for today and always.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Henderson, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. A. Mastrotto, Parnassus, Pa.

Youth Conference of Kansas Synod at Sterling, and New York Synod at Mt. Hermon.

PRAYER: Convert us wholly unto Thyself, O God, that we might be taught of Thee, and lead us in the way everlasting, for Jesus sake. Amen.

MEDITATION

"He leadeth me, O blessed thought."—Joseph H. Gilmore.
Frank C. Black, Warren, Ohio.

SABBATH, JULY 14, 1940

"On thee do I wait all the day" (Psalm 25:5). Read Psalm 25:1-10.

Our days are in his hand. None could continue if God should withdraw his support. The writer of Ecclesiastes went through a severe time of testing and found that though "there was a time for everything," it was well to "remember thy creator," and there was a conclusion of real worth which was, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

"I have a little inner shrine
Where I take me every day
To hide away for just a little while
From life and work and play.
There, from a living fount I draw
Of deep and boundless love
To come away refreshed and filled
With strength from God, above."

A man who had a serious illness said afterward that certain days were blank to him; he remembered nothing of those days. Days with God are remembered with joy.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Hickman, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. S. Migliore, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Youth Conferences of Kansas Synod at Sterling, and New York Synod at Mt. Hermon.

PRAYER: O God, help us to fill our days with thoughts that are wholly in harmony with thy will.

MEDITATION

"One of the heavenly days that cannot die."—Wordsworth.
William P. Gordon, Zenith, Kan.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1940

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him"
(Psalm 37:7). Read Psalm 37:1-8.

Oh, soul, are you weary and anxious to leave your place of endurance and service? "Rest in the Lord," trust Him. He will soon visit you to give you peace and power. Should you be absent from this your place of meeting, you would miss the things for which He has been preparing you.

God can use the patient one. The impatient one does not rest in Him long enough to be used. He is repeatedly fearful of his relationship to God because of unforsaken sin—rest in Him is imperfect.

The patient soul is built on faith, is leavened with compassion, is tempered with obedience, is clothed with humility—crowned with the certain hope of eternal glory.

Patience gives a daily witness to the divine power of the Lord as it reveals Him abiding and working in a saved soul. It is the marvel of earth, the joy of heaven.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Helen Artman, Sialkot, India.

Rev. J. C. Foster, Benkelman, Neb.

Youth Conferences of Kansas Synod at Sterling, New York

Synod at Mt. Hermon, Pittsburgh Synod at New Wilmington, and Columbia Synod at Seabeck.

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, forgive all my sin through the merit of the Saviour and make me to grow every day like my Lord Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION

"Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast, hold out. Patience is genius."—Buffon.

Daniel C. Campbell, Sparta, Ill.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1940

"It is good for me to draw near unto God" (Psalm 73:28). Read Psalm 73:1-28.

Man seeks things which for him seem good. "It is good for me." The earnest youth in school; the man at daily toil. Everyone has an objective that seems to him "good." Happy should he be whose objective is truly good.

The psalmist was in particular need. He had passed through every spiritual difficulty. We wonder just what that was. We would like to let imagination go a bit on that question. We are told only "my steps had well nigh slipped." This is a vivid recital of experience common to man. This man regained his footing when he "went into the sanctuary of God." Thus did he receive a new vision of God as his Friend; his Helper; his Companion.

The leader of public worship today will be conscious that many do come to the sanctuary with minds troubled by spiritual difficulties. Those who have such trials, for them is the sanctuary and God's word.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Hutchison, Tanta, Egypt.

Rev. M. R. Casanova, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Youth Conferences of Kansas Synod, New York Synod, Pittsburgh Synod, and Columbia Synod.

PRAYER: O, Lord, the inspired writer said, "In thy light shall we see light." As we read thy Word may the Holy Spirit so illumine thy truth that our steps shall day by day be directed aright.

MEDITATION

"One who has known in storms to sail
I have on board.

Above the raging of the gale

I hear my Lord."—Washington Gladden.

H. W. Gordon, Granger, Wash.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1940

"Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him . . ." (Psalm 91:14). Read Psalm 91 and Psalm 145.

May we expect to enjoy the peace of God in our times of trial and heartache? We may if we "walk in all His ways, love Him, and serve the Lord with all our heart and soul."

When we make our home in the Lord we have the constant protection of the shade of the Almighty. He gathers us beneath His wings like a hen covering her chicks. He is our fortress into which no enemy can enter and "thou shalt not be afraid."

This benefit does not come to everyone, only to those who make the Lord their "habitation." We must fasten our love upon the Father and "know his name" by spiritual study and then he will help us. There are many things to fear but have no fear, for the Lord promises to answer when we call. "I will be with you in trouble; I will help you, and honor you."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Jamieson, Tanta, Egypt.

Rev. Vincenzo Napoli, Columbus, Ohio.

Youth Conferences of Kansas Synod, New York Synod, Pittsburgh Synod, and Columbia Synod.

PRAYER: O Lord, thou art my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Thou art the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps. 27:1).

MEDITATION

"Safe in the arms of Jesus . . . sweetly my soul shall rest"—Fanny J. Crosby.

William W. Johnson, Newton, Iowa.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1940

"Exalt ye Jehovah our God, And worship at his holy hill; For Jehovah our God is Holy" (Psalm 99:9).

Read Psalm 100, John 4:19-24.

To worship is a most natural desire of the human heart.

Worship may be defined as the outgoing of our spirits,—our very beings, to our God.

Its end: the glorification of God, and the growth of his kingdom.

Its elements: adoration, praise, meditation, communion, and giving. These all have proper place in worship, public or private, at church or in the home—all—and all should be offered with the utmost reverence.

Its attitudes: kneeling, standing, sitting, reclining—the attitude of the body does not so much matter as the attitude of the mind. The humbling of the heart is of far more importance than the bowing of body or head, though the physical position may contribute somewhat to a right mental attitude.

Above all, genuineness is of primary importance in worship. Jesus himself said that "they that worship must worship in spirit and in truth."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Jamieson, Tanta, Egypt.

Rev. A. Sulmonetti, Portland, Oregon.

Youth Conferences of New York Synod, Pittsburgh Synod,
and Columbia Synod.

PRAYER: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Jehovah!

MEDITATION

Worship is the noblest employment of the mind.

E. O. Ralston, Clifton, Ohio.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1940

"They that trust in Jehovah are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever" (Psalm 125:1). Read Psalm 91:1-10, Romans 8:38-39.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones tells of a visit which he made to a dying woman. He intended to pray and could not—there was nothing to pray for! In the end she prayed for him and he felt as though he had been re-ordained! Her trust in God made her the happiest person he had ever seen.

Death has quit skulking in the tall grasses at the edge of life's clearing and has stalked determinedly and boldly into the open. Not even Americans are laughing these days at a streamlined and mechanized Grim Reaper.

But, those who trust in a living God and Christ are not terrified by Death's extended success. They, like the psalmist, know God and His love to be an impregnable fortress. They, like Dr. Jones' dying friend, are mountains standing unmoved in the welter of hysteria and horror and pointing the way to God for their frightened fellowmen.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Kelsey, Fayoum, Egypt.

Rev. Paul Kennedy, Moundsville, W. Va.

Youth Conferences of New York Synod, Pittsburgh Synod, Columbia Synod, and Ohio Synod at New Concord.

PRAYER: O Lord, give us not freedom from danger but such trust in Thee that no danger ever shall be able to separate us from Thy love, which is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Fearest the shadow? Keep thy trust;

Still the star-worlds roll.

Fearest death? Sayest, 'Dust to dust'?

No; say, 'Soul to Soul!'—John Vance Cheney.

Rev. Cyrus B. McCown, Valencia, Pa.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1940

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6). Read Psalms 128 and Isaiah 55:6-9.

"In all thy ways." Our ways lead us in many directions. There is the way of home, the way of the market place, of the office or place of business. The way of our work, of our play, of our worship. In all these ways we are to "acknowledge" God. We are to remember Him, and to recognize His presence and power. We are to yield to His wisdom and His leadership. To come wholly under his Lordship. Doing this we may be sure of following the right course. The course that will lead to success and victory! It may not be the pathway of ease and comfort, but it will be the road to peace and joy.

"The path of the righteous is as the dawning light,
That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
The way of the wicked is as darkness."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Kinnear, Mansura, Egypt.
Dr. M. M. Brown, Greeneville, Tenn.
Youth Conferences of New York Synod, Pittsburgh Synod,
Columbia Synod, and Ohio Synod.

PRAYER: "Show me Thy ways, O Lord;
Teach me Thy paths.
Guide me in Thy truth, and teach me;
For Thou art the God of my salvation;
For Thee do I wait all the day." Amen.

MEDITATION

"In Thy light shall we see light" (Psalms 36:9).
W. Wade Miller, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

SABBATH, JULY 21, 1940

"They shall be afraid of that which is high" (Ecclesiastes 12:5). Read Ecclesiastes 11:9 to 12:8.

Children are born with two instinctive fears: fear of loud noises, and fear of falling from high places. Some of us never get over this "fear of that which is high"; we prefer the low misty flats where "the rest drift to and fro."

"The Preacher," author of the book of Ecclesiastes, had heard people say, "Be not righteous overmuch" (Eccl. 7:16); but Jesus said, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt. 5:6). Biblical leaders were not afraid of that which was high. We could not accuse Isaiah, Amos, Abraham, Paul, or Jesus of being "afraid of that which was high"; they kept "pressing on the upward way." How many of us are afraid of the Truth, of the Bible, of Family worship, of the Sermon on the Mount, of Tithing, or of Temperance? Rather let us fear that which is low.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Laughead, Assiut, Egypt.

Miss Martha Thompson, Greeneville, Tennessee.

Youth Conferences of Pittsburgh Synod, Columbia Synod, and Ohio Synod.

PRAYER: Oh God, make me unafraid of the highest things, and help me to attain them for Thee.

MEDITATION

"Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's table-land,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

—Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Rev. Orville L. Kuhn, Butler, Pa.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1940

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Isaiah 26:23). Read John 14:1, 16, 17, 18 and 27, also Job 22:21 and John 16:33.

Even in the midst of a war-torn world, the Lord will bless His people with peace. The peace which the world knows naught of and "which passeth knowledge and all understanding," shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ if your trust and confidence is in Him. For "He is our peace," and He has broken down the middle partition between God and us and we who were once afar off are brought nigh by the blood of the cross. Therefore we are no more strangers but fellow-citizens with the Saints and God.

"The work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever."

When the storm clouds of life hang heavy and hearts of men are failing them for fear, a God of mercy and grace comes saying, "Oh, that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments, then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. McClanahan, Assiut, Egypt.

Miss Fern Richards, Greeneville, Tenn.

Youth Conferences of Pittsburgh Synod, Columbia Synod, Ohio Synod, and Illinois Synod at East Bay Camp.

PRAYER: May the Peace of God which passeth knowledge and all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, till the day break and shadows flee. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Sinner, see your ransom paid, peace with God forever made, with your risen Saviour rise, claim with Him the purchased prize."

J. C. Currie, Clarinda, Iowa.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1940

"And the Lord will cause his glorious voice to be heard" (Isaiah 30:30). Read I Samuel 3:1-10 and Isaiah 30:30-33.

The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard, if not in love and mercy, then in judgment as these verses from Isaiah show. God's voice is like a great organ with its multitude of tone coloring. It is glorious voice. It speaks in all the different shades and colorings of human life as it brings the grace of God to the soul in every experience.

But the voice of God is most glorious when it is heard and recognized when we are but a child.

A child to hear the voice of God must be the product of a mother's prayer and a mother's vow (I Samuel 1:11). Then someone must teach him to recognize God's voice. It is so easy to mistake it for other things. But responding to the voice of God avenues of service open along the path of the Father's will.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. N. D. McClanahan, Assiut, Egypt.

Miss Bertha Wallace, Greeneville, Tenn.

Youth Conferences of Ohio Synod and Illinois Synod.

PRAYER: Oh God, may we hear Thy glorious voice as it calls us to Thy service. May we help others to hear Thy voice.

MEDITATION

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever" (Isa. 40:8).

W. R. Giffin, Ryegate, Vt.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1940

**"He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might He increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:29).
Read Isaiah 40:27-31 and Acts 1:8.**

Would you like the power to live a victorious Christian life? You may have the **POWER** if you will pay the **PRICE**!

THE PRICE—

Saturation With the Word of God. It is the Word of God that is quick and powerful. If we would tell others what the Bible means, let us know what the Bible says.

Separation Unto the Things of God. God cannot and will not use an unclean vessel. "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate!"

Unbroken Fellowship With the Person of God. A tiny cinder will cause tears which may blind to our eyes the face of a friend; a tiny sin will cause the face of Jesus to become dim to the eyes of our soul.

Complete Yieldance to the Spirit of God. To say "No" when the Spirit leads is to throw off the switch at the power house.

Remember in Prayer:

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCutchan, Assiut, Egypt.
Rev. Moses Hay, Chuckey, Tenn.
Youth Conferences of Ohio and Illinois Synods.

PRAYER: Oh, Lord, give us grace to pay the price, that we may be empowered to say a good word for Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION

Sabbath morning: Living for Jesus!

Saturday night: Living for Jesus?

Rev. Nelson Warner, Newton, Kan.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1940

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with the wings of eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Read Isaiah 40:1-31.

This word was addressed to a discouraged Israel who were on the verge of giving up their faith and of allowing themselves to sink to the level of the pagan life by which they were surrounded.

Its first note is the Gospel of Divine Forgiveness. Does the thought ever trouble you, "How can any forgiveness take away the fact and memory of sin? Will not the black fact be forever present, forever seen?" Not so is the word of God's promise (Isaiah 40:1-2).

It is the message of God's sufficiency. The God who made the stars and calls them all by name is on our side (Isaiah 40:26).

It reveals the secret of the undiscouraged and the conquering life. The measure of our victory is the measure of our faith (Isaiah 40:28-31).

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Betsy Fleming, Sargodha, India.

Rev. H. M. Brittain, Bellaire, Ohio.

Youth Conferences of Ohio Synod, Illinois Synod, and California Synod at Occidental.

PRAYER: We do not know how to guide our lives aright. Wilt not Thou guide us today. Make duty clear to us and give us the heart to do it. Lead us in pleasant paths if it be by Thy will; or if Thou leadest us in hard and toilsome ways, may we do it bravely and by Thy strength do it for Thy sake, and sing at our toil. Amen.

MEDITATION

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."—Paul.

Rev. Norwood J. Calhoun, D.D., Monmouth, Ill.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1940

"Who hath raised up one from the east, whom he calleth in righteousness to his foot? he giveth nations before him, and maketh him rule over kings" (Isaiah 41:2). Read II Chronicles 7:11-22.

When Antoine de Saint Exupery was lost in the Sahara Desert after an airplane crash, every reckoning told him that he should either go north or west to find rescue. But he turned his back upon these directions because he had come to look to the east as the way of life. And he was saved.

It is time for our nation, and the world, to realize that the hope for the future does not lie in the obvious directions: not toward the west, the direction of wealth; not toward the north, the direction of armaments and power; not toward the south, the direction of pride. But our hope for the future must lie toward the east, toward God.

When we turn toward the east and look to God, we must humble ourselves, we must pray, we must repent. A familiar military command orders "Eyes Right!" May we hear the command: "Eyes East!" and look to our God in Christ Jesus.

Remember in Prayer:

Prof. and Mrs. M. C. McFeeters, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. E. N. Chandler, Greeneville, Tenn.

Youth Conferences of Illinois Synod, California Synod.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help us to turn our backs upon the ways of men and follow Thy way. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small."—Longfellow.

William H. French, Seattle, Wash.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1940

"The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary; he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth my ear to hear as the learned" (Isaiah 50:4). Read James 3:1-9.

Though the tongue is tightly tethered behind walls of ivory and doors of flesh, it is the chief agent of Satan in his war on humanity. With this furry bit of muscle he befouls memories, stabs souls, lures minds, slays love. To rule the tongue is man's despair. He tames lions, seals, birds, and moles—in fact, can create a circus of trained animals. Who can tame the tongue?

Only God. He can transform the tongue to translate His will in the language of humanity. He can give to yielded hearts the ability to sustain with words those who are weary. Such a tongue had Christ, Who ever spoke words of light. Such a tongue had Christ's followers on the Day of Pentecost to witness unto Him. Such a tongue we may have daily if we are called to the door of dawn by the voice of Jesus.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. McGeoch, Benha, Egypt.

Miss Jennie Williams, Greeneville, Tenn.

Youth Conferences of Illinois Synod and California Synod.

PRAYER: O God, we come to Thy school, asking that the master Teacher may train our tongues to be guides to the erring, cheer to the prodigals, comfort to the weary, and praise unto Thee, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Cleave to faith beyond the forms of faith."—Tennyson.

Robert W. Thompson, Monmouth, Ill.

SABBATH, JULY 28, 1940

"Jehovah is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting King; at his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation" (Jeremiah 10:10). Read Jeremiah 10:1-16 and John 17:1-3.

Our Father and our God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the only living and true God, the only "God in truth."

"There is none like unto Thee."

"He is the living God." "The Father hath life in himself." He is the Creator—He alone accounts for all life. He is the source of eternal life given unto men through the Son (John 17:2).

He is "an everlasting King." "From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm 90:2). The works of man's hands, the idols he fashions,—all "shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens," but our God is "Lord of Heaven and earth."

And He is a King,—absolute sovereignty is His. And we "Love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength!"

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. Willis A. McGill, Tanta, Egypt.

Miss Lulu Warden, Greeneville, Tenn.

Youth Conferences of Illinois Synod and California Synod.

PRAYER: "Lord, our Lord, in all the earth, how great Thy name!"

MEDITATION

The will of God:—

nothing less:

nothing more:

nothing else."

—Author unknown.

Rev. M. Todd Macdonald, East Liverpool, Ohio.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 1940

"Behold the birds" (Matthew 6:26). Read Matthew 6:25-34.

Behold the birds long enough to realize spiritual meaning in them.

(1) Behold them wonderfully adapted to the life they live—the heron has long legs for wading. The humming bird has a long bill to filch honey from flowers—all are adapted to their spheres.

Man too is adapted, with intellect to do what physique prohibits, will to shape a chosen destiny, moral nature to harmonize with a moral universe. God has a plan and adapts us to it, if we are willing to follow.

(2) Behold them as special care of a loving God. On migrations of over 8000 miles God cares for them. On our migration through life "the Lord is thy keeper."

(3) Behold them as gospel singers of a new day. Their homes are half-way houses to heaven, filled with song, and so ours should be. They sing as they joyfully fulfill their mission. They soar above hate, greed and fear.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. McLaughlin, Cairo, Egypt.

Rev. H. A. Armitage, Pittsburg, Pa.

Youth Conferences of Illinois Synod and California Synod.

PRAYER: Lord help us to serve with the powers we have from thee; trust Thy care; and put the song back into men's lives.

MEDITATION

"He who from zone to zone

Guides through the sky thy certain flight,

In the long way that I must tread alone

Will lead my footsteps aright."

(From "To a Waterfowl")

Mr. R. V. E. Wright, Andes, N. Y.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1940

"Come unto me, all ye that labor 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 of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Read Isaiah 55.

There is something ageless, something perennial in this call of Jesus to the souls of men. Stop a moment and visualize His face as He stands at the cross-roads of human life. Calm is He in His own personal experience. Yet is He moved with compassion as he feels the worn and weary spirit of life all about Him.

And now His call. It has been termed the most melting message that ever fell on human ears. Mark how complete and comprehensive it is. It might be termed a two-fold offer of rest. First, there is the rest that can come only as the free GIFT of God. Rest from the burden of the guilt of sin. "I will give you rest." Second, rest from the experience of a self-willed, self-directed and yet self-defeated life. "Take my yoke—and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore, Tanta, Egypt.

Rev. J. M. French, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Youth Conference of California Synod.

PRAYER: Jesus, I look to thee as a sinner unable in any way to atone and to live perfectly to the righteous law of God; forgive freely all my sin and give me peace of conscience. Then may I take Thy yoke upon me and do what Thou wouldst have me to do. Help me believe Thy will is both easier and better than any I might choose.

MEDITATION

**"Not haughty is my heart,
With childlike trust, O Lord, In Thee I calmly rest,
Contented as a little child, Upon its mother's breast."**

(Psalm 131).

W. V. Grove, Coraopolis, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1940

"Jesus spake unto them saying, Be of good cheer; it is I, be not afraid" (Matthew 14:27). Read Matthew 14:24-33.

The Lord may withdraw the comforts of our heart from us, as when a loved one is taken away. We may be "afflicted, tossed with the tempest, and not comforted."

The help of the Lord's grace, however, may be ours without the solace of His comfort. Strength for noble duty may come with "the fellowship of His own sufferings." He cried, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" But He was "obedient unto death"; so may we.

Comfort comes, nevertheless from His secret place in the shadowed heart. There He reveals to us the love-knot, which binds His heart to the Father's; it binds His heart to ours too.

Fear vanishes. Good cheer returns. He comforts us, saying, "It is I." Then the crown of thorns on our bleeding heart blossoms into a crown of loving kindness and tender mercy. "Blessed be the God of all comfort!"

Remember in Prayer:

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nolin, Alexandria, Egypt.

Rev. C. D. Leiper, Hutchinson, Kan.

Youth Conference of California Synod.

PRAYER: Graciously sanctify to us, O Lord, the night-sob of sorrow. In the brightness of Thy face, may we be granted the joyful strength and comfort of the morning.

MEDITATION

"Earth has no sorrow that God cannot heal."—Thomas Moore.
Thomas McKee, B.D., West Newton, Pa.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1940

"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me" (Matthew 14:30). Read Matthew 14:22-23, Galatians 5:7.

In the midst of disappointments by men and things, discouragements, heartaches, trials, and oppressive afflictions of the world, we sometimes wonder if we feel our feet sinking into the depths, just because we have turned our eyes away from our First Vision.

Are we more conscious of anxiety and care than of the peace of God that passeth understanding? Are we trusting more in the good graces of men than we are the promises of God Who shall supply every need according to His riches in Christ Jesus? Are we suffering from opposition or rebuke, from the cloud of a world's hopeless despair? Then recall that Peter began to sink only when he "saw the wind." Trustfully keep face Christward, lay hold of His outstretched hand, and He shall sustain thee.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Philips, Alexandria, Egypt.
Rev. J. C. Beitel, Wichita, Kan.
Board of American Missions.

PRAYER: Lord, make our souls to be restless, until they find their rest in Thee.

MEDITATION

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in the light of His face, and the things of this world will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."—J. D. Shives.

J. D. Almes, Middletown, Ohio.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1940

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). Read Luke 14:25-35.

What constitutes the Christian's cross? "I suppose this is my cross," is an expression that is commonly heard. Sorrow, sickness, suffering, tragedy and the like are back of such an expression. But these things are not necessarily crosses. They are burdens; they are thorns in the flesh, common to believer and non-believer alike. The Christian bears them with the help of the One whose "grace is sufficient," for every emergency. The cross to which Jesus refers here represents sacrifice and suffering of a voluntary nature. Our verse tells us that we must "take up" the cross. There it lies on the ground before us, and we can take it or we can leave it. The choice is ours to make. Here is confession, consecration, full surrender to the will of God.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. John D. Harkness, India.
Rev. Nelson Warner, Newton, Kan.
The New Wilmington Conference.

PRAYER: O God, help me to keep in view the wondrous cross of my Lord. And may the sight of His cross not only inspire me to flee from sin, but to yield to Thee my soul, my life, my all. For Jesus sake. Amen.

MEDITATION

"No substitute can carry the cross for me." "Whosoever doth not bear his OWN cross."

W. Wade Miller, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1940

"And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matthew 27:40). Read Matthew 27:39-40.

Through the centuries the natural man has cried, "Come down from the cross," because the cross is an offence to him (Galatians 5:11).

The cross is an offence because it condemns the world (Romans 8:1). The natural man says, "Come down, do not condemn sin."

The cross is an offence because it demands the ideal life. It required a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:48). The natural man says, "Come down, do not be too idealistic."

The cross is an offence because it requires salvation through faith in the blood atonement of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16). The natural man says, "Come down with the demands of the atonement, and let us follow a 'save yourself' program."

Only when we accept these offences of the cross can we turn from this degrading influence. Only then can we turn to exalt the cross and feel the lifting and drawing power of Him who said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Russell, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. H. C. Smith, Beaver Falls, Pa.

The New Wilmington Conference.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, grant to thy children "the peace that passeth understanding."

MEDITATION

"The man on the street wants a religion which meets him where he is and has power to take him where he is not."—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman.

SABBATH, AUGUST 4, 1940

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). Read Matthew 28:9-20.

To the 471 of us from 69 countries gathered at Madras, India, came the testimony that the great command of our Lord is being fulfilled.

The World Calls for Missionaries. From China, Japan, India and the isles of the sea we heard the plaintive voices of their children calling to America, "Come over and help us."

The World Calls for Stewardship. Many out of their poverty we witnessed giving of their all. We of our plenty need to have our purses sanctified. Let no work be suspended for lack of funds.

The World Calls for Prayer. Teach us, Lord, to pray for our fellowmen in other lands. Draw us together before Thy throne. In Thy sight we are all equal. Then shall all nations have been taught.

Today India has the most rapidly growing Christian church in all the world. Each day witnesses in India a net growth in church membership of 350.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Skellie, Luxor, Egypt.

Rev. W. G. Snodgrass, Conway, Pa.

New Wilmington Conference.

PRAYER: Lord make us not content to Christianize our land of America, but open our eyes unto other nations.

MEDITATION

"God's in His heaven,

All's well with the world."—Browning.

M. Earle Collins, Tarkio, Mo.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1940

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5). Read Mark 2:1-12.

Consider the faith of these four friends:

(1) It was **PERSISTENT**. Obstacles did not daunt them. True faith cannot be discouraged. We might almost say that faith equals persistence, and read our text "When Jesus saw their persistence."

(2) It was **PATERNALISTIC**. They exercised their faith not for themselves but for a needy friend. And Jesus honored **THEIR** faith and forgave **THE MAN**. Our faith can avail for others (as in infant baptism) and others' faith avail for us. Note that Jesus performed several miracles on others' faith.

(3) It was **PERSONAL**. These men really knew little about Jesus. But they felt he could help their friend. And He did. It is not enough to trust someone—we must trust the right person. Those who trust in Jesus will never be disappointed. Saving faith starts with this realization. "I am a sinner and in need of help. Jesus can help me."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Thompson, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. B. C. Myers, McCoysville, Pa.

Youth Conferences of the New Wilmington Conference,
Oregon Presbytery at Twin Rocks, Ore., and San Francisco Presbytery at Sequoia.

PRAYER: "Lord, increase our faith."

MEDITATION

What is faith but the persistent cry for help to One who can meet a need—either my own, or that of my brother?

Rev. C. R. Thayer, Saxonburg, Pa.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1940

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Read I Kings 17:12-15, II Corinthians 8:7-9.

WHAT HAVE YOU TO GIVE?

When the Prophet of God came to the widow of Zarephath all she had was a cruse of oil and a little meal. This she gladly gave up for him.

The lad with the loaves and fishes willingly gave them to Jesus to feed the hungry multitude (John 6:9-13).

The colt was given to our Lord because He had need of him (Matthew 21:2-3).

What have you to give? Have you the ability to preach or teach? Consecrate them to your Master that He may use you for the salvation of souls.

Have you talents to sing and play? Let them ring out melodies for the Glory of God.

Have you riches? Lay them at the Master's feet for the spread of the Gospel.

Have you a beautiful face and personality, and a winsome character? Let them radiate to others, and give out some of the glory of Christ that is within your soul.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Graham, Cambridge, Mass.

Youth Conferences of the New Wilmington Conference,
Oregon Presbytery, and San Francisco Presbytery.

PRAYER: O Lord, help us to give of our Time, our Talents, and our Treasures.

MEDITATION

Give of your best, and the best will come back to you.

S. H. Montgomery, Moline, Ill.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1940

"The hungry he hath filled with good things; And
the rich he hath sent empty away" (Luke 1:53).

Read Luke 1:45-55.

Does this mean that God favors the poor with grace while He disappoints the rich with emptiness? No. He gives to each his need.

Starved lives need fullness. The underprivileged need enrichment in opportunity, outlook, power, prosperity. The hungry hath he filled with good things and they are happy.

Some are too rich, Life suffers by surfeit. "Go sell all thou hast and give"—there is salvation from boredom—SERVICE. The rich hath he sent empty away—and happy.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Thompson, Assiut, Egypt.

Rev. J. F. Speel, Cranston, R. I.

Youth Conferences of New Wilmington Conference, Oregon
Presbytery, and San Francisco Presbytery.

PRAYER: Now fill us, Lord, we look to Thee!
Desiring of Thy grace to feed.
Lord, pity now our poverty,
Give from Thy fulness for our need.

Now empty us, if we have aught
Of what our fleshy lusts may prize.
Lord, bring us low, Who has us bought;
With Thee we died, with Thee we rise.

The aching void, Lord, Thou hast filled,
Thy blessed filling makes us live:
For emptiness which Thou hast willed,
First shunned with tears, now thanks we give.

MEDITATION

"Wherefore fear not; ye that have suffered; for healing shall
be your portion" (Book of Enoch, XCVI 3).

A. W. Martin, Tarkio College, Tarkio, Mo.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1940

"I am among you as one that serveth" (Luke 22:27).

Read Luke 12:31-40.

Even the enemies of Jesus had to admit that never man so spake. When he sent the disciples out they were to teach what He had always taught them. But back of it all was the stainless life of the Teacher. "What did you do during the war?" was asked once of an aged teacher. His significant answer was, "I lived." If all of us Christians just "lived" there would be no wars or misery. It is what we are that speaks out loud.

A student said recently that the Christian life was lived not so much by trying **not** to do things, but by trying to do good. The only safe and effective way is to live positively. "That when the great Scorer comes to write across our name, He'll write not that we lost or won, but how we played the game."

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Lois Buchanan, Pathankot, India.

Rev. Lee F. Park, Kirkwood, Ill.

Youth Conferences of New Wilmington Conference, Oregon
Presbytery, and San Francisco Presbytery.

PRAYER: Lord, keep our hands and brains so busy in Thy work that temptations will not really matter. May we not think so much of the sheckels brought home at the end of the day, but just to be worthy of Thy "well done . . ."

MEDITATION

Only a day of the highest Christian living brings me the satisfaction I most desire at the evening time.

W. C. Davidson, Monmouth, Ill.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1940

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:12). Read John 1:1-13.

Life may be filled with discouragements, yet in it, no one need be a failure. All of us may not achieve what the world calls success, but each of us can find happiness.

No one need live upon life's second best level when he has the power to become the child of God. All depends upon the choices of life which we make. All have the power to choose the way of Life.

We need not feel that we have fallen too low to become a child of God. To each one is also given the power to rise out of our sins to glorious heights of righteousness. "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

The power of God's love is calling us to the best. That best is personified in Christ. Through receiving Him, He becomes our brother and we become children of the King.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Altar, Landour, Mussoorie, India.

Rev. W. C. Billica, Kenmore, N. Y.

Youth Conferences of New Wilmington Conference, Oregon
Presbytery, and San Francisco Presbytery.

PRAYER: Gracious God, our Father, lift us, we pray Thee, out of life's lower levels of living to that place of power which will bring us peace. For Jesus sake, Amen.

MEDITATION

**"To every man there openeth a high way and a low,
And every man decideth the way his soul shall go."**

—John Oxenham.

Rev. William C. Shane, Coraopolis, Pa.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1940

"He needed not that any one should bear witness concerning man; for He himself knew what was in man" (John 2:25). Read Psalm 8.

Man is unknown. This is the verdict of a modern scientist. But man was not unknown to Jesus. For He knew what was in man. Did you ever notice that no man ever had to explain himself to the Master? He knew.

He knew, better than any other, the sinfulness of man. There were the nations Israel had dispossessed. There were Sodom and Gomorrah. And there was Israel who crucified her King. From a cross Christ looked on men and knew and felt their sin. But he did not curse them.

For he knew also the good in man. God's grace could turn a sinful heart. God's love could make man again in His image. He knew us better than any other ever knew us, so He died for us. Courage, brother! He has overcome the world.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Alter, Zafarwal, Punjab, India.

Rev. Thomas Lamont, Buffalo, N. Y.

Youth Conferences of the Oregon Presbytery, and San Francisco Presbytery.

PRAYER: O Lord make us brothers of the Christ who knew us and gave Himself for us. Give us faith to live. For His sake, Amen.

MEDITATION

"Nobody knows . . . but Jesus."—Negro Spiritual.
Allen B. Layman, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

SABBATH, AUGUST 11, 1940

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Read John 3:1-16.

Christ is the "Changeless One." The same yesterday, today, and forever. But man must "change" if he is to find fellowship with the Changeless Christ. We, like Nicodemus, "must be born again."

When a man or woman, boy or girl, realizes that "all have sinned," and that sinners have no fellowship with Christ, then they may understand that the New Birth is absolutely necessary to salvation. "If any man is in Christ, He is a new creature."

God's Word does not say we will be saved by turning over a new leaf, or by joining the church, or by living a moral life. It does say: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Again, "As many as receive Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His Name."

To truly "know" Christ is to be born again.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Minnie Beatty, Abbotbod, India.

Rev. W. V. Ritchie, Oakdale, Pa.

Youth Conference of San Francisco Presbytery.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, I give myself to Thee, utterly and forever, beginning now.—Dr. David I. Berger.

MEDITATION

Someone has said: "If we are born once we die twice,
If we are born twice we die once."

Rev. Harold C. Irwin, Columbus City, Iowa.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1940

"If ye keep my commandments . . . ; These things have I spoken unto you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full" (John 15:10-11). Read John 15:1-11.

Commandments and joy! Surely Jesus did not mean that joy would follow keeping commandments. But He did, and right here marks the difference between a Christian life that is void of rich spiritual joy and one that is full of it. These are words to those who have experienced salvation by belief in the justifying power of the Cross of Christ, where by His death He satisfied all the demands of God's holy law. Here the sting of the law is gone! (Romans 8:1.) No longer does the law condemn, but rather it is operative as the condition for greater richness in Christian experience.

Test it:

"Bring ye the whole tithe" . . . "I will pour you out a blessing . . ." Joy! "Love one another" . . . "Ye are my friends." Joy in Jesus' favor! "Seek ye first His Kingdom" . . . "These things (necessities) shall be added unto you." Joy!

And so on through God's Word.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Bergsma, Taxila, Punjab, India.

Rev. H. W. Eddy, Kenmore, N. Y.

Youth Conference of San Francisco Presbytery.

PRAYER: Father in Heaven, help us to really believe that "at Thy right hand are pleasures forever more." For Christ's sake, Amen.

MEDITATION

"In a world so largely intent on seeking happiness, it is interesting to note that some of the diligent happiness seekers have confessed it to be a rainbow search without ever finding the pot of gold."

Donald D. Irwin, Monmouth, Ill.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1940

“ . . . and this is Life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent” (John 17:3). Read I John 5:11-20.

To KNOW GOD is the supreme attainment of man.

To know of God is necessary, but is not the goal.

To know much about God is our privilege, but not life eternal.

To KNOW GOD, in personal experience; to bring our whole being into full harmony with God, as Sovereign—this is man’s supreme attainment—this is Life eternal.

Thus to know God is not a human attainment. It is God’s gift to the humble heart, where repentance and faith have thrown open the door. “Flesh and blood have not revealed this unto thee, but **God!**”

“Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”

Under the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we grow in the knowledge of God and our enjoyment of life eternal now and forever.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Campbell, Pasrur, Punjab, India.

Rev. James McGaffin, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

PRAYER: O Lord, led by Thy Spirit of Truth may I daily grow in the knowledge of God.

MEDITATION

“I count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord” (Phil. 3:8).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1940

"Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:20-21). Read John 20:19-29.

Here is the relation of the heart and the hand in Christian service. The heart was made glad and the hands were ready to be sent. "Peace be unto you," follows with a program challenging you. Davida Finney in "Tomorrow's Egypt" tells of a work by a native pastor, Mr. Butros, in the village of Akaka. He established a secret spring feeding his energy, says Miss Finney.

We have need for a living conviction and an ever-growing experience. The early church was fed with secret springs. Faith is the organ of knowledge that reveals the refreshing springs. Thomas was not present when his fellow disciples were made glad. To his fear and doubt, Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. James D. Brown, Rawalpindi, Punjab, India.
Rev. A. V. Meanor, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, may the joy of the Lord be our strength. Make us glad in our faith and service for today and all the days. In Jesus name, Amen.

MEDITATION

"A strong eye feeds on darkness as well as light."—Dr. Maclaren.

D. Harold Hammond, Richmond, Ind.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1940

"We are witnesses of all things which He did" (Acts 10:39). Read Isaiah 43:10-12.

A witness is called into court because he has some knowledge and experience that concerns the case in question. He gives his testimony and it goes on record for or against the one on trial.

We as Christians are called and appointed as witnesses of Jesus Christ. We have some knowledge of His life and work, and we have had an experience of His saving grace. Our daily testimony is going on record for the day of Judgment (Matthew 12:36, 37).

We ARE witnesses, and the Scripture says, and by our words and lives we testify either for or against Christ. We can easily give a positive witness for Him if we want to. It is simply the relating of our personal knowledge of what Christ has done in the world, and the telling of our individual experience of what He has done in us.

How shall the record of our testimony read for to-day?

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Chambers, New Wilmington, Pa.
Rev. D. L. McBride, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.

PRAYER: Our Father Who art in Heaven, we Thy children would honor Thy Holy Name. We thank Thee for our knowledge of Thy Son and for the transformation He has wrought in our hearts. May Thy Spirit bless our witness for Thee this day and all our days, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MEDITATION

Every life is a profession of faith!

Raymond L. Wilson, Media, Ill.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1940

"And Peter was kept in prison, but prayer was made earnestly of the Church unto God for him" (Acts 12:5). Read Acts 12:1-7.

A prison cell, two sleeping soldiers, bound by chains to the prisoner lying between them. Escape seemingly impossible. A touch. A word, "Rise up quickly." Chains fall away; guards sleep on; the bound one rises; doors open and with his angel companion he passes into the streets. Alone he turns to the home of friends.

The secret of deliverance? A little band of Christians in the hour of their extremity prayed. Did not their leader face death? Prayer was the only thing left. So prayer was made. Made "earnestly," *i.e.*, "stretched-out-ed-ly," every ounce of spiritual power, all the faith of that little group was poured into that prayer.

"Prayer was made—of the church." United intercession, by a spiritual group did the work.

Prayer—unto God. "They knew the source of power and they sought it."

Prayer was made—for Peter. Definite prayer. The focal point was Peter. Thus earnestly, unitedly, unto God they went and God answered.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Christy, Sheikhpura, India.

Rev. G. B. Hassey, Syracuse, N. Y.

PRAYER:

"O God, how good Thou art to all the pure in heart
Tho life seems vain;

Burdened with anxious care, I groped in dark despair
Till in the house of prayer, All was made plain."

—David

MEDITATION

Prayer is the golden chain that binds the Christian to the throne of God.

Will M. Hughes, Gibsonia, Pa.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1940

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe in God, and that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:25). Read Acts 27:18-25.

THREE CHEERS OF JESUS

His Good Cheer of Divine Pardon (Matthew 9:2). This is Christ's message to the sinner, but only to the forgiven sinner. And faith is the way to forgiveness. Until the sinner responds with repentance and faith Christ has no word of cheer, but only judgment.

His Good Cheer of Divine Presence (Matthew 14:27). How quickly the storms on the sea and in the souls of those disciples were calmed when Jesus was once more present. Even when obeying Him storms still come, but for such times His presence is promised. Two years ago a young missionary in India said, "I can endure pain, privation, persecution, anything—as long as I have a sense of the presence of Christ," and she still writes of the same "Blessed Assurance."

His Good Cheer of Divine Power (John 16:33). All that enabled Christ to triumph in life and service is available for us in our tasks and in our trials.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Clements, Badomali, Punjab, India.

Rev. W. S. Brownlee, Hamburg, N. Y.

PRAYER: Lord, teach us to pray for strength equal to our tasks rather for tasks equal to our strength.

MEDITATION

"Our sufficiency is of God."—Paul.

Ernest B. McClellan, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.

SABBATH, AUGUST 18, 1940

"I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." Read Luke 15:11-32.

Saul the persecutor; Paul the Apostle. He was sincere, yet altogether wrong. He was doing all things with a "conscience void of offense toward God and man." He thought he was following God's plan.

Later—he learned he had not been thinking; he had only been nursing opinions and prejudices. Saul, without thinking, condemned Jesus. "I thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." How often we base judgment, not on thought, but on bias. Sometimes what we inherit in matter of beliefs are wrong.

We must think away from self. Let us consider the rights and feelings of others. Saul after Stephen's death could never "think with self" without Stephen's face coming to bother him.

May we think with Christ, that "We have the mind of Christ." For "the mind of the Spirit is the life and peace."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Colvin, Gujranwala, India.

Rev. M. G. Jerrow, Bellaire, Ohio.

PRAYER: "Search **me**, O God, and know my heart; Try **me**, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Ps. 139:23-24).

MEDITATION

"For, as he thinketh within himself, so is he" (Prov. 23:7).

J. Earl Hughes, Evans City, Pa.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1940

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). Read I Corinthians 1:17-24, 15:1-11.

As in the day of the Apostle Paul, so today the world needs the Gospel preached unto it. The attitude of the world is the same as it was in Paul's day—the Gospel story is foolishness to some, a stumbling block to others—but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

WHAT DID PAUL THINK WAS THE GOSPEL? Read again I Corinthians 15:1-8. Notice the great facts: Christ DIES, was BURIED, ROSE AGAIN, was SEEN after the resurrection.

WHAT DID PAUL THINK THE GOSPEL WAS? Read Romans 1:16—"the POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION." The Greek word for "power" literally means "dynamite." Paul knew what the Gospel had done to him and to thousands to whom he had preached. He had seen wicked men convicted, converted, changed—the sin of their lives "blasted" out.

HOW DID PAUL FEEL ABOUT THE GOSPEL? "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." Why should we be ashamed of the only power that will dynamite sin out of the lives of men and save their souls?

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Cummings, Rawalpindi, Punjab, India.
Rev. H. S. Giffen, Langeloth, Pa.

PRAYER: Omnipotent God, make my life testify to the world that Jesus saves from sin unto salvation through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks."—Phillips Brooks.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1940

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Read Romans 5:1-11 and I Timothy 2:1-6.

"CHRIST"—This is His designated life and work. As a savior acceptable to God, and sufficient for us, He is before us. The blood of Christ purges us from dead works, to serve the living God, and offering himself through the eternal Spirit without spot unto God, He is the Mediator of the New Testament (Hebrews 9:14-15).

"DIED"—For scarcely a righteous man will one die (Romans 5:7), but Christ died for our sins (I Corinthians 15:3). It is Christ that died (Romans 8:32-34). (John 12:24) If a grain of corn falls into the ground and dies, it bears much fruit, but it is alone if it does not die. As he poured out His soul unto death, He has received a portion with the great (Isaiah 53:12). (John 12:32-33 and 18:32) Jesus, being lifted up, draws all men to Himself and signifies what death He shall die.

"FOR"—(Isaiah 53:5) He was wounded for our transgressions, etc. (Mark 10:45, I Timothy 2:6) He gave Himself, a ransom for many, and in truth, for all.

"US"—This is for all of us, lost, sin-sick, miserable souls, whom He leads out of darkness into the glorious light of the Gospel of God (II Corinthians 4:6).

Remember in Prayer:

Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Downs, Rawalpindi, Punjab, India.

Rev. J. W. McClenahan, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

PRAYER: Oh God, make us strong to believe, and suffer for His sake, that we may obey Him (Hebrews 5:9).

MEDITATION

The Missionary enterprise is not the Church's afterthought; it is Christ's forethought.—Henry Van Dyke.

B. M. Wallace, New Castle, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1940

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). Read Romans 8:1-8.

As the Law was not able to remove sinful desire Christ came and did that which the Law was unable to do. The reason was that sin was strong because of fleshly desires. Although Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh, he did what the Law could not, that was, to condemn sin in the flesh.

The requirement of the Law had to be fulfilled but the way of doing that was no longer a prescribed formula. The desires of evil living were put aside through the coming of Christ into the life, making the letter of the law no longer binding. There was, however, a more difficult law, the law of the Spirit. Those who found their way into the Christian fold walked not in the way of the flesh but in the will of the Spirit which will was given to them.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Foster, Sialkot, India.

Rev. W. W. Virtue, Davenport, Iowa.

National YPCU Convention at Estes Park, Colo.

PRAYER: Give us, O Lord, the desire to walk always in the spirit of the Master and to be freed from the Law of sin and of death.

MEDITATION

"He taught, but first he followed it himself."—Chaucer.

H. T. Richards, King Hill, Idaho.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1940

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). Read Psalm 91 and Romans 8:14ff.

Like a drink from a refreshing spring along the highway, like the steady hand of a friend in the dark, so the book of Psalms is to the thirsty, needy souls. The psalms help exercise and establish our faith, keeping it strong and steadfast.

The 91st Psalm is such a ministering agent, it is a most refreshing message for any season, but especially for these momentous days.

Read it through, catch the fine note of spiritual intimacy, note how the psalmist is strengthened as he meditates on the mothering love of God. Only God can mother the fretting, storm-tossed soul.

The Christian is granted no immunity from hazards, dangers, and trouble, he is simply assured that whatever comes, he can trust God, assured that nothing is beyond His control. In His power we are made strong to battle against foes within and without. Victory belongs to the child of God.

Note the beautiful climax—Deliverance, Salvation, Exaltation. What more could the child of God desire? All these things are ours more fully in Christ.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Heinrich, Sheikhpura, India.
Rev. M. F. McCrackin, Hammond, Ind.
National YPCU Convention at Estes Park, Colo.

PRAYER: "O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes."—John Henry Newman.

MEDITATION

**"Enough if something from our hands have power,
To live and act, and serve the future hour."**

John H. Cochrane, Chicago, Ill.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1940

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).
Read Isaiah 40:1-8 and Psalm 46:1-11.

Paul did not live in any better world than the one in which we live. The Roman Government was a terror to the Christian in his day, as are the unchristian governments a terror to the faithful today. But in the midst of a turbulent life, Paul was sure of God—a God that could work through all things for good. That knowledge of God anchored the soul of Paul, and if we fully understand this verse in our day, it can do the same for us.

Things happen so quickly now, that we cannot comprehend all that happens,—but for all believers, for all lovers of God, nothing happens in vain. Nothing happens out of which God cannot do good for his own children. Death, depressions, crop failures, have a good purpose in happening for all those that love God.

To the pure in heart all things are pure—and for those with love for God in their heart, all things work together for good.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. McArthur, Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.
Rev. J. A. Mahaffey, Akron, Ohio.
National YPCU Convention at Estes Park, Colo.

PRAYER: Oh God, create a faith in us that will help us to trust more in Thee, rather than ourselves. Teach us the full meaning of this verse by experiences of grace at Thy hand. Amen.

MEDITATION

"God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble" (Psalms 46:1).

Paul W. Chapin, St. Joseph, Mo.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1940

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). Read Romans 6:1-13 and I Corinthians 6:19-20.

The Christian's body as well as his spirit belong to God.

Whose is your BODY? "Ye are not your own . . . ye are bought with a price . . . Your BODY and . . . your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

Think of the purchase Price! We have been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. Being redeemed by our faith in Christ's sacrifice, we are forgiven and our hearts are cleansed from sin. Thus we have a sacrifice to offer God which will be acceptable to Him—**CLEAN BODIES.**

God's use of our BODIES. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God DWELLETH in you?" (I Corinthians 3:16.) God's Holy Spirit in believers keeps Christ before unbelievers in this world. This is the only method Christ uses to reach men and women with His Gospel.

God waits for us to **PRESENT** our bodies to Him for this purpose. Will you present yours?

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. McConnelee, Fresno, Calif.
Rev. E. E. Campbell, D.D., Akron, Ohio.
National YPCU Convention at Estes Park, Colo.

PRAYER: Our Father, we thank Thee for the sacrifice of Thy Holy Son.

MEDITATION

"Wherein is the mercy of having a body, except it be employed for God?"—Flavel.

Fred C. Patterson, Tama, Iowa.

SABBATH, AUGUST 25, 1940

“Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Romans 12:9). Read I Corinthians 10:6-10, Psalm 34:11-14.

A newspaper article advises people to beware of poison ivy vine and indicates how it may be recognized. It says that there are “a variety of remedies of varying effectiveness for poison ivy.” It suggests further that “the sensible procedure is to learn to recognize the plant, and then to keep away from it.”

How much better this world would be if people recognized sin, and then were wise enough to keep away from it. It so often happens, and unhappily so, that when people are aware of sin and the folly of committing it, they do not keep away from it. And so they suffer the bitter consequences, and realize that the way of the transgressor is hard.

LEARN TO RECOGNIZE SIN—THEN KEEP AWAY FROM IT!

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Maxwell, Sialkot, India.

Rev. Scott Withrow, Akron, Ohio.

Last day of National YPCU Convention at Estes Park, Colo.

PRAYER: O God, help me to cultivate the power of discernment between good and evil, and give me strength to walk in paths of righteousness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

MEDITATION

“Abstain from all appearances of evil.”

Rev. Wm. H. Hughes, Alliance, Ohio.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1940

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful and will not suffer you to be tempted above ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13). Read James 1:2-4, 12-17, and II Corinthians 12:7-10.

Temptation Is Common. It comes to all. No one has a monopoly on being tempted. No one is passed by. "The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8).

Be Strong to Resist. The temptation will not be peculiar. Others have been tempted and won.

The temptation will not be beyond our ability to defeat. God's faithfulness will see to that. He is still master of Satan, to whom he says even in this day, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther."

The temptation is even now defeated if we use God's way of escape. That way is prayer. Let us bind our weakness and His strength together with earnest prayer. Only then will we be able to bear it.

Remember in Prayer:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Merriam, Gujranwala, Punjab, India.
Rev. Frank Uherka, Lakewood, Ohio.

PRAYER: Our Father in Heaven, lead us not into temptation. Be for us a strong wall; a high tower within which we shall be able to live as Christ-like Christians. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Why comes temptation, but for men to meet
And master and make crouch beneath his feet,
And so be pedestaled in triumph?"—Browning.

Rev. Cuyler N. Ferguson, Tarentum, Pa.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1940

"Bear ye one another's burden . . . Every man shall bear his own burden" (Galatians 6:2-5). Read Galatians 5:25, 6:5, and Matthew 11:28-30.

Here is an interesting paradox: Everyone will have to carry his own load, yet all are to lift together. However, the two statements are complementary, not contradictory.

Burden-bearing is the law of life. Everywhere and always people are carrying something,—if not in their hands or on their backs, then on their minds and hearts.

It is good for us to bear burdens. Lifting light loads makes men strong and sturdy. But there are back-breaking burdens that crush and kill, and such we as brethren must share. We need to cultivate the understanding mind, the sympathetic heart. In this way we may fulfill the law of Christ.

Some burdens are to be borne mutually, others individually. Brotherhood does not relieve us of personal responsibility. Each one is accountable for the creed that he creates, the life that he lives, the character that he develops, the destiny that he shapes.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Lois Boyd, Sparta, Ill.

Rev. D. Rayburn Campbell, Universal, Pa.

PRAYER: Good God, give us grace to bear uncomplainingly our own individual burdens, and grant that we may willingly share with others the heavy loads that are too large for any one person to lift alone. In the name of Jesus the Great Burden-Bearer!

MEDITATION

"Heavy luggage is Christ's strange cure for weary hearts."

—F. W. Boreham, "The Luggage of Life."

J. D. Buchanan, Monmouth, Ill.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1940

"What is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:18-19). Read Ephesians 3:14-21.

These words give to us the keynote of Paul's life and letters and ministry, and why should they not be the keynote of every Christian life? He speaks of love in four dimensions:

BREADTH. "There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea."—Faber. We dare not limit or set bounds to such love.

LENGTH. Love's length is measured by the distance it is willing to travel along the road of self-sacrifices. God's love traveled so far that He spared not His own Son.

DEPTH. It is deeper than sin or sorrow. "Underneath are the everlasting arms."

HEIGHT. It is more than poetic fancy to say of it that it is "higher than the highest heavens," and it is shown by the purpose of God as revealed in the closing words of the text: "That ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Miller, Sialkot, India.

Rev. W. R. Robb, Northfield, Ohio.

PRAYER: Oh God, we thank Thee for Thy limitless love, and we pray that we may grow more and more toward the likeness of Jesus Christ as we meditate upon it. We ask it in our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Love suffereth long and is kind."

Rev. Roy P. Morris, Canon City, Colo.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1940

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). Read Ephesians 4:1-16.

At times we lose sight of the ultimate aim of the Kingdom program entrusted to the Church of Christ on earth; except to think of it in a general way, as when we pray, "Thy Kingdom come, etc."

We place much emphasis upon winning sinners to Christ; but have neglected somewhat the all-important part of nurturing, developing and keeping saved.

It is not enough to say that Christianity tends to make men better. Its aim is to develop a perfect manhood. "Till we all come unto a perfect man."

The process of Christian perfection is like that which a portrait goes through under the hand of the artist. He first lays in the background then fills in the colors; and he continues day after day, month after month, blending them and heightening the effect.

Christ has chosen and ordained workers in His Church "for the perfecting of the saints, etc"

Remember in Prayer:

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millson, Gujranwala, Punjab, India.

Rev. D. C. Fulton, Youngstown, Ohio.

PRAYER: Father of all grace, to thee all praise and glory be. Teach us to use and share the abundant grace thou hast given us—that the Body of Christ in the earth may grow into His likeness.

MEDITATION

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, who is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

R. W. Copeland, Seattle, Wash.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1940

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us" (Ephesians 5:1-2).
Read I John 4:7-16.

A precious possession of the believer is the assurance of being a part of God's redeemed family. (John 1:12) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." With this possession goes a great promise of what we are yet to be. (I John 3:2) "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

But even now we are to show the family likeness. We are not surprised when we observe a likeness between parents and children. Indeed we expect it. As children of God, we are to make it the habit of life "to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh N. Milne, Gujranwala, Punjab, India.
Rev. C. A. Pollock, Clearfield, Iowa.

PRAYER: Father God, I thank Thee that in Jesus Christ I am Thy child. Help me to show the family likeness of love and purity for Jesus' sake.

MEDITATION

"Behold I love, and if it be too little, I would love more strongly."—Augustine.

Ferdimore E. Vogan, Drexel Hill, Pa.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1940

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). Read Ephesians 5:1-17.

The Christian's walk is most important if his life is going to tell for Christ in the midst of this unbelieving world. His walk must be consistent with the fact that now he is a child of God.

WALK as children of LOVE. Love should be the motivating principle of all our service to Christ. It is true that He went to the Cross, shed His blood and thus purchased our redemption because he loved us.

WALK as the children of LIGHT. There is no place in the heart of a Christian for deeds or thoughts of darkness and they will vanish if we let God's Word shine into our lives.

WALK as children of WISDOM. Let us not waste our time but rather be buying up every opportunity of winning others to Jesus Christ.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. V. F. Dougherty, Nasir, Sobat River, Sudan.

Rev. George Hutton, Detroit, Mich.

PRAYER: "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law" (Psalm 119-18).

MEDITATION

"No one has such good company as he who is walking with God."—M. A. Monday.

Willis W. Virtue, Th.M., Davenport, Iowa.

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 1, 1940

"For to me to live is Christ . . ." (Philippians 1:21).

Read John 15:1-8.

If we desire the life that counts, we learn the secret from Paul.

We must FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF CHRIST, best described and pictured in our Gospels. Study the character pattern on Jesus life. Keep it before you daily, endeavoring to pattern your life along the Christ-lines.

We must FEEL THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST which He phrased this way: "I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Our purpose must be this: "Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness."

We must be FILLED WITH THE POWER OF CHRIST, our living, victorious Lord. To His disciples, Jesus said: "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." By this power they conquered. We too, can realize this power, when we can say: "Christ liveth in me." "I can do all things in Him who strengtheneth me."

Remember in Prayer:

Miss R. Jean Black, Sialkot City, India.

Rev. W. V. Grove, Coraopolis, Pa.

Remember Assiut College.

PRAYER: Eternal Father, give us the grace, love, and strength to follow Jesus Christ, living the life that counts for Him.

MEDITATION

"The Life that counts is linked with God;
And turns not from the cross—the rod,
But walks with Joy where Jesus trod—
This is the Life that counts."—A.W.S.

A. S. Fleming, Slippery Rock, Pa.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1940

"Rejoice in the Lord always and again, I say, rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Read Philippians 2:2, 2:1-3.

There is much of sadness, sorrow, suffering, despair, despondency and death in our world. These are the fruit of sin.

Joy in the Lord is a fruit of the life giving Spirit (Galatians 5:23).

Meekness of the soul and faithfulness in service is a fertile soil for joy in the Lord (Isaiah 29:19 and Matthew 23:21).

This Joy is strength in the believers life and service. (Neh. 9:19).

Loyal loving abiding fellowship with God and other believers shall be marked by fullness of joy in the Lord (I John 1:4; Psalms 16:11, I Peter 1:6).

We owe this joy—

To God—as a suitable expression of gratitude for the relative fulness of His grace.

To our brethren—in the Fellowship, since an unhappy Christian is a source of unhappiness to others.

To a joyless world. Glad Christians are a walking advertisement of God's grace.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Nesbitt, Wellston, Mass.

Rev. Paul Chapin, St. Joseph, Mo.

Today is Labor Day—Remember the working man.

Remember Knoxville College too.

PRAYER: We do rejoice in Thee, O Lord, Keep us that we might know Thy full joy. Amen.

MEDITATION

Rejoicing in the Lord is an evidence of spiritual life.

William Murchie, Wichita, Kan.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1940

"I can do all things, through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Read Acts 2:41-47 and Isaiah 25:1-12.

The Invincibility of the Christian who abides in Christ
"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it will be done unto you" (John 15:7).

"I can do all things." What is it, a boast? Has our proud Pharisee, Paul, forgotten himself and taken to boasting? Once he said "I am bold also, Are they Hebrews, so am I, Are they Israelites, so am I, are they seed of Abraham, so am I, Are they ministers of Christ, so am I (I speak as a fool). I am more" (II Corinthians 11:22-23). In another place he speaks of His marks of distinction and says "But that which was gain to me, I count loss for Christ" (Philippians 3:4-7).

No, he is not boasting, he immediately says "through Christ which strengtheneth me." The Arabic puts it, "In Christ who empowereth me." The Greek, "I can in the One empowering me." The German, "I can do all through Christ who makes me mighty." The French, "I can do everything by Christ who fortifies me." The Italian, "Possible everything in Christ who fortifies."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Picken, Sargodha, India.

Rev. Andrew McGaffin, Bristol, Colo.

Remember Monmouth College at this time.

PRAYER: O, Lord, give us this might; this strength. Fortify us that we may be able to conquer all—IN THY NAME.

MEDITATION

"Self-Conquest is the greatest of all Victories."—Plato.

The Rev. S. A. Work, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1940

"But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). Read Psalm 23:1-6.

Service stations and supply houses are many and essential in our modern travel life. Some of these, however, are unable to supply our greatest needs.

God's service station is backed by the infinite resources of an infinite God. The supply is always sufficient and adequate.

The service rendered is all that could be desired. Information on the Way of Salvation, Way of Life, Way of Service, and Way to Heaven is freely and fully given. All needed repairs to broken hearts and lives are made, and all needed supplies furnished.

The advertising agency is of the best consecrated pastors, satisfied patrons and experienced witnesses; all commend Jesus Christ and His spiritual blessings to men.

This supply station deserves universal, unlimited and trustful patronage.

The abundant supplies are ever accessible through Jesus Christ. Faith unites us to Christ and Christ makes available to us all the riches of God's grace.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Gwyneth R. Porter, Sialkot, India.

Rev. Roy P. Morris, Canon City, Colo.

Remember Muskingum College at this time.

PRAYER: O Lord, in my need I come to Thee who alone art able to supply. Help me to trust Thee always and to be grateful for thine abundant mercies.

MEDITATION

"But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me."—From the Bible.

Rev. H. L. Henderson, Claysville, Pa.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1940

"Ye are complete in Him" (Col. 2:10).

There has been something lacking in my life
An incompleteness
As if a gem had fallen from a ring,
A blossom broken,
A stitch omitted in a goodly garment.

Surely God holds the fragment in His hand,
The missing portion,
The precious jewel that I ought to wear,
The rose made perfect,
The needle threaded with the golden garnish.

—Laura Russell.

God has shown great compassion for men. First of all the Eternal Son of God has taken pity on human limitations, and to make God comprehensible, has limited Himself, has taken human nature upon Him. In the second place, being found in the likeness of man, the Eternal Son suffered us unto death, in order that, joining our weakness to His strength, we might get power to live with significance and nobility. In the third place, He has founded the divine company of His friends, which we call the Church, whose chief business it is to bring us face to face with Christ, and bring Christ face to face with us.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Marie Cash, R.N., Pasrur, India.

Rev. T. L. Patton, West Middlesex, Pa.

Remember Sterling College in Kansas.

PRAYER: We thank Thee, Lord, for our completeness in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

In Him, the Eternal Son, the believer has found the fragment, the missing portion which makes his life complete.

Archibald K. Stewart, Omaha, Neb.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1940

**"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).
Read Ephesians 5:15-22 and Matthew 5:43-48.**

STUDY—The world needs more Christians who can give an intelligent reason for the faith that is in them: a clear conviction based on study of God and meditation upon their own experiences.

APPROVED UNTO GOD—How important it is to have good references, people who approve of us and believe in us and are willing to recommend us to others! How much more important it is for us to live in such a way as to be confident that God approves of us!

WORKMAN—Dr. Halford Luccock has pointed out that what most people need is not more spiritual food but more spiritual exercise. A workman is not a hearer only; he puts what he professes into practice. He does not shirk putting his own abilities to work.

UNASHAMED—What a glorious prospect is ours of standing in the Judgment, unafraid and unashamed, having won God's approval by "holding a straight course in the word of truth" (Margin).

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. Jay W. Ranson, Sankla Hill, Punjab, India.

Rev. F. J. Irvine, Pueblo, Colo.

Remember Tarkio College in Missouri.

PRAYER: "O God, make Thy ways before us plain. Give us grace to live lives that Thou canst approve. Bless us in Thy service. Consecrate us to the effective handling of Thy Word." Amen.

MEDITATION

"Where our duty's task is wrought in unison with God's great thought, the near and future blend in one, and what-soe'er is willed, is done."—Whittier.

Henry S. Evans, New Concord, Ohio.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1940

"Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (II Timothy 2:19).
Read II Kings 6:8-23.

Many familiar foundations are crumbling in these uncertain times. Pessimism abounds. Today's great need is for clear-visioned Christian optimists, who face the dangers and forces of evil squarely, yet mobilize the forces of righteousness to meet the issue. Material defenses have value, but the foundation of righteousness is impregnable. How reassuring to us that God standeth within the shadow keeping watch o'er His own!

"All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). Some interpret this to mean merely that "everything will come out all right in the end"—perhaps little more than fatalism, resulting in doing nothing about it at all.

The cornerstone of this foundation of God has a two-fold inscription, testifying to God's keeping care, and to the loving, loyal lives which His children live.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Ross, Lyallpur, Punjab, India.

Rev. R. W. Piper, Jamestown, Kan.

Remember Westminster College this time.

PRAYER: Dear Father, open our eyes to see the invisible hosts of God ready to defend and deliver us when we are true to Thee. In the name of Him who was true to the end, Amen.

MEDITATION

"If you would convince a man of wrong, do right."—Thoreau.

E. D. McKune, Nampa, Idaho.

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 8, 1940

"That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto a very good work" (II Timothy 3:17). Read Philippians 4:4-20.

The man of God. What a beautiful description of a man. There are men who we never think of as men of God—others remind us of God's messengers. Who are the men of God.

I. They are men who have been born again. Man was made in Genesis. He is born in the Gospels. In Christ he lives, moves and has his being.

II. His supreme thought is of God. He longs to see Him with the eyes of faith and love. He misses God if away from Him, for but one hour just as we miss any members of our home if they are away.

III. He takes great delight in the services of God. It is no burden to him, everything else is comparatively burdensome. To him service is a privilege and a delight. It is partnership and fellowship with God, in all good work.

Remember in Prayer:

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart, Dhariwal, Punjab, India.

Rev. H. N. Cornes, Trafford, Pa.

All our students returning to schools and colleges—preparing for a life's work.

PRAYER: "O Lord, help me to be good, to think goodly thoughts and to do a goodly service."

MEDITATION

"Live as if Christ died yesterday, rose this morning, and is coming back again tomorrow."

Rev. Orville J. Fleming, Irwin, Pa.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1940

"We see not yet—but we see Jesus" (Hebrews 2:8-9). Read Revelation 7:9-17.

There is so much that we see not yet. Sorrow removed? Not yet. Sickness vanquished? Not yet. Satan bound? Not yet. But amid all that we see not yet, we see Jesus.

We are so given to counting up the "not yets." The Psalmist enumerates his adversaries—sin, sickness, false friends—but in desperation he turns to God. "But Thou, O Lord—" (Psalm 41:10).

Jeremiah adds up his miseries in the fifth Lamentation but he ends up gloriously with "Thou, O Lord, remainest."

Like a rock in a weary land stands God's great positive in a world of negatives. It would be a hopeless wilderness of "Not Yets" were it not for one eternal phrase that makes an eternity of difference: "But we see Jesus."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Stewart, Gujranwala, Punjab, India.

Rev. D. A. Nichol, Johnstown, Pa.

PRAYER: O Lord, purify our vision that we may see "Jesus Only," Who dissolves our fears and increases our hopes, for His goodness sake.

MEDITATION

The things which we see not yet must never keep us from beholding Christ.

J. Morgan McKelvey, Rock Island, Ill.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1940

“Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood He also partook of the same,—not to angels doth He give help” (Hebrews 2:14-16). Read Leviticus 25:36-37, 47-49 and Psalms 142:1-7.

All have felt the ties of blood relationship. The bond makes one the family. The cords bind groups called kindred, a father's providence, a mother's love, a brother's fidelity, a sister's devotion, a relative's kindness, enlarge the heart. The God-planted instinct that responds, redeemed and cultivated, enables us to know our Elder Brother, Jesus, the Son of Man, our Kinsman-Redeemer.

That Person and Office He perfectly fulfills: near of kin to all (Luke 2:11, 3:38), able and willing to save all His own.

He redeems our persons from death and the slavery of sin. Our lost heritage He restores by a bodily resurrection and by creating a new Heaven and a new earth. By righteous judgments He will avenge our wrongs.

Because Jesus awakened and marvelously merits our devoted love never another revolt in Heaven. But woe to wicked spurning of Jesus' sacrificing love and to unrepented injury of one of His.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Pathankot, Punjab, India.

Rev. A. L. Kenyon, D.D., Pitcairn, Pa.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Our Divine Kinsman-Redeemer, merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, through infinite suffering and victorious power Thou art able to sanctify them that believe. Wherefore Thou art not ashamed to call us, brethren. Perfect all that which concerneth us for Thy name's sake. Amen.

MEDITATION

“Able to do exceedingly more than we can ask or imagine through His power which worketh in us.”—Paul.

W. C. Porter, Waterloo, Iowa.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1940

"Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of Grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). Read Hebrews 4:14-16, I Corinthians 10:12-13.

Let me share one of my "stake" verses. I came upon this verse one day in my Bible reading. Is not temptation a time of need? I thought so. There used to be a temptation in my life, to which I yielded many times. One day this temptation was upon me. The Spirit of God caused me to think of this verse. At once I began to pray, "Father, if there is ever a time when I need help, it is now. Take away this temptation." Months later I realized for the first time that my prayer had been answered instantly. The temptation was gone! Once it bobbed up but I called on my Partner. To this day that temptation has never once lifted its head! It is dead! Is this the stake you have needed? I gladly share it. By the grace of God, may you also conquer!

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Stewart, Rawalpindi, Punjab, India.

Rev. W. J. Stewart, Grinnell, Iowa.

PRAYER: Our Father, teach us to be courageous enough to cast ourselves upon Thee in the hour of temptation, knowing that Thou wilt always provide a way of escape. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen!

MEDITATION

"Every temptation is an opportunity to get nearer to God!"—Adams.

William M. Hendricks, Clinton, Mass.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1940

"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 perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2). Read Hebrews 12:1-6, 12, 13.

Weights when they become a hindrance to God and godliness are definitely sinful.

Let us lay aside the sin which doth so easily beset us.

Sin is contagious. Ahab led all Israel astray by his example and influence.

Sin is corrupting; it is like leaven. It corrupts us gradually and imperceptibly.

Sin is hardening. "Today if ye shall hear His voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation" (Hebrews 3:15).

Sin is deceitful. "Take heed, brethren . . . lest any of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Sin is fatal. But thanks be unto God who gave to us His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Therefore—let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. William Sutherland, Campbellpur, India.

Rev. W. A. Stevenson, Monroe, Iowa.

PRAYER: "Lord, Thou art mine and I am Thine! Make me Thine by the constraint of Thy love. So utterly saturate my soul with Thy Spirit that it may be no longer I that live but Christ, that liveth in me."

MEDITATION

"Duty is the sublimest word in the English language. Do your duty at all times. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."—General Robert E. Lee.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1940

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercise thereby" (Hebrews 12:11). Read Psalm 77:1-11 and Isaiah 43:1-7.

Our world is full of sorrow and pain. Can anything be done about it?

PAIN Is Everywhere PREVALENT

Pain is no respecter of persons. Eliphaz was right when he said (Job 5:7) "Yet man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward."

PAIN Always Has a PURPOSE

Pain may be a means of purging, cleansing, testing, growth or simply God's way of being glorified. (John 9:3) "Neither hath this man sinned (the man blind from his birth) nor his parents, but that the works of God should be manifest in him."

PAIN Can Become a PRIVILEGE

Paul's thorn in the flesh became so to him. (II Corinthians 12:9) "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

PAIN Is Assured Our LORD'S POWER

(Matthew 28:20) "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Acheson, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. F. A. Collins, Topsham, Vt.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, make me able to drink of the cup from which Thou didst drink, and to be baptised with Thy baptism (Matt. 22:30).

MEDITATION

"Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure."—Browning.
Dr. W. A. Pollock, College Springs, Iowa.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1940

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him" (James 1:12). Read Psalm 46 and I Peter 1:3-9.

Our word "temptation," in the original language meant more to the Greek than its translation does to us. It signified any "trial" or "affliction." It is a thoughtful word. Every heartache carries within it a temptation.

You are unique, if you are tempted. Temptation is universal. The trap is laid for all. Every noble impulse in the human heart is challenged with an ignoble one.

But, James says, there is something joyful about temptation! Surely we must discover even the slightest shelter in the storm time. He that "endureth" shall receive the crown of life.

I worked once in an auto tire factory. In the testing room, four tires were kept running continually on a testing machine. The tire that stood the gruelling test the best became the guide for the factory.

It isn't human to give the medal to the "also-ran." It isn't Divine to let Christians go untried.

Fret not because of evil-doers—rather feel a tremendous pity. Remember, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." Let us endure for the crown!

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Adair, Nasir, Sobat River, Sudan.

Rev. H. E. Lobaugh, Auburn Heights, Mich.

PRAYER: Father God, in a world seemingly "set on fire of Hell," keep me level-headed, level-hearted, and lever-handed, in Jesus name. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Be still and know that I am God."—David.

Reverend Will W. Orr, Des Moines, Iowa.

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1940

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves" (James 1:22). Read Matthew 7:15-27 and Matthew 28:16-20.

James 1:22 was the favorite text of Theodore Roosevelt, a man of earnest thought and strenuous action.

There are persons who have been listening for years to Gospel messages, but their records of practical service are pitifully small.

Genuine religion is expressed in benevolent deeds and clean living (James 1:27).

What do the grocer, the butcher, the milkman, the postman, the newsboy, the telephone operator, the next door neighbor think of us? Is the religion that we profess illustrated beautifully and effectively in our personal contacts?

It is written of our Master that He "went about doing Good." He is the supreme Doer. Unless we follow Him, we cannot claim to be His disciples.

It is fine to be able to recite the creed and the catechism, but it is far better to do faithfully, day by day, the things that Jesus wants done.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. J. L. Anderson, Wad Medami, Sudan.

Rev. J. A. Mears, Birmingham, Mich.

PRAYER: Master of Life, give me Thy grace this day that I may think purely, speak kindly, and act helpfully. And when the evening comes, may there be the blessed consciousness that I have labored productively as a co-worker with God. My prayer is in the Saviour's name. Amen.

MEDITATION

**"Act — act in the living present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!"**

—Longfellow.

W. E. McCulloch, D.D., Los Angeles, Calif.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1940

"That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life . . . that we declare unto you . . ." (I John 1:1-3). Read John 1:1-18.

GOD is LIGHT. The Light which is God is mediated to us through the person of Jesus Christ. In Him we can look on the Divine Glory and understand it. The inconceivable becomes reality. The invisible is made plain. The incomprehensible becomes the apprehensible. "He that hath seen He hath seen the Father also."

GOD is LIFE. "Life has been revealed," cries John, "we have seen it and testify to it." That life is found in God's Son. It has been promised to and given us. We are the children of God destined for those things which God hath "prepared for them that love Him."

GOD is LOVE. The love which is God is activity among men functioning through Christ in the practical affairs of every day. "He that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen. He that hath this world's goods and seeth his brother in need and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in Him?"

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Adah P. Boggs, R.N., Taxila, India.

Rev. J. T. Brownlee, Crafton, Pa.

PRAYER: We thank Thee, Father, for the revelation of Thy Word. Guide us in our attempts to share with earth's children that which Thou hast given us. Continue the privilege Thou hast given us to give for Thy service. Amen.

MEDITATION

"May Christ be with me, He who came
To teach Our Father's tender name."

—Caroline Gilman.

Rev. James G. Barrons, Pittsburgh, Pa.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1940

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Read John 21:15-22.

David Had to Begin Again, and so did Peter, so does every Christian; so must I.

"I wish that there were some wonderful place
In the Land of Beginning Again:
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
And never put on again."

Thank God, it is the heart message of the gospel that I may begin again!

"Every day is a fresh beginning,
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain;
In spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
And troubles forecasted and possible pain,
Take heart with the day and begin again."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. Leander Finley, Omdurman, Sudan.
Rev. J. W. Heslip, Detroit, Mich.

PRAYER: "Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight—Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow—Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me—Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit." In my Saviour's name, Amen.

MEDITATION

"The perseverance of the saints consists in new beginnings."—Whyte.

Dr. J. Calvin Reid, Columbus, Ga.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1940

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4:1). Read Ephesians 4:17-32.

We read that: "Every Scripture . . . is profitable . . . for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete." Also that Christ "gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." It is evident that mature Christian living is a matter of development, or growth.

We prepare the soil, plant the seed and care for the growing plants. We get a thrill out of the appearance of a new shoot, a new bud, etc. We rejoice in the growth of things under our care. Thus the parent or the teacher rejoices in the growth of children or pupils.

Christian growth in the New Testament brought joy to the hearts of the Apostles. Let our growth this day be well-pleasing unto God. It will take faith, meditation and effort.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Heasty, Doleib Hill, Sudan.

Rev. W. R. Giffen, Rye Gate, Vt.

PRAYER: Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION

"Be ye therefore perfect."—Jesus Christ.

Clifford S. Ramsdale, Fresno, Calif.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1940

"It is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy" (I Peter 1:16). Read St. Matthew 22:1-14 and Hebrews 12:14.

Youth at school must master the "minimum essentials" of their studies. The employer has men. According to Christ God has. No non-conformist tolerated.

The piano-tuner brings his minimum essential to his work. He does not tune the instrument by one of its own strings unto consistency within itself. But he judges them all by the standard of Absolute Pitch. God Himself is Absolute Pitch. Christ is also Absolute Pitch and serves as the fork that brings that pitch right to us. The Tuner?—the Holy Spirit. Tools?—the Bible, especially the words of our Christ; the Church indwelt by the Spirit; your own prayers and co-operation, for after all you are not a piano; and life's circumstances and experiences. Sometimes a string slips. All the piano slips down. Hence "Give all diligence" to keep in tune, hence the need for a "daily walk with God."

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. H. B. Rhine, Royal Oaks, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McKnight, Kharteum, Sudan.

PRAYER: O Almighty God, grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Youth is the only time

To think and to decide on a great course;
Manhood with action follows; but 'tis dreary
To have to alter our whole life in age—
The time past, the strength gone."

—Strafford.

C. G. McKnight, Traer, Iowa.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1940

"And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also" (I John 4:21). Read I John 4:7-21.

Two little street urchins were playing around the wharf in a river city. Suddenly one fell into the water. Quick as a flash the other plunged in after him and succeeded in rescuing him. A policeman had witnessed the whole affair.

"That was a plucky thing to do, sonny," he said to the little rescuer. The boy looked at him in amazement.

"Why, cop, yer don' understand. He's my brother!"

The extension of this spirit to include all mankind is the mission and message of the church.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McClure, Akobo Post, Malakai, Sudan.
Rev. Paul C. Ferguson, Telluride, Colo.

PRAYER: Dear Father, give us this spirit in all relationships of life. Speed the day when in industry, in government, in society, in the church, this spirit will move men. Bless us today. In our lives, let us evidence the presence and power of the blessed Lord Christ, in Whose Dear Name we pray. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Love conquers all."

Scott Withrow, Akron, Ohio.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1940

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 20:21). Read I John 4:7-21.

Where have you been keeping yourself, I have not seen you for a long time? You have doubtless asked and answered that question. God frequently has reason to ask it of us. It makes a great difference where we keep ourselves, both as to place and associations. Wherever else we may live, in God's love we ought constantly to abide. There we find peace and comfort, inspiration and strength, joy and hope.

Paul wrote, "The love of Christ ^(to urge force) constraineth us." It is both a restraining and constraining force.

Building upon the foundation of Christian faith and by the direction of God's Word, praying in the Holy Spirit, our prayer intercessor, we keep ourselves in the love of God. It is a blessed place in which to live, meet life's varied experiences, and carry on Life's program.

Divine love is wide enough to cover us with all our problems.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Shields, Khartoum, Sudan.

Rev. F. J. Scott, D.D., Newark, N. J.

PRAYER: O Christ, so dwell in our hearts by faith, that we "being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled, even to all the fullness of God."

MEDITATION

"In love, if love be love, if love be ours,
Faith and unfaith can ne'er be equal powers."

—Tennyson.

Dr. M. G. Munn, Erie, Pa.

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 22, 1940

"After offering this (high-priestly) prayer, Jesus went out with his disciples to a place on the further side of the Ravine of the Cedars, where there was a garden, which He entered—Himself and His disciples." (John 18:1) (Weymouth). Read Gen. 2:8-17; John 19:41-42.

Near the Bok Singing Tower in Florida is the Garden of Resurrection. And since we are risen with Christ, the rosemary of remembrance, the peony of penitence, and the bleeding-heart of passion should blossom in our lives.

"Gethsemane, can I forget? or there Thy conflict see, Thine agony and bloody sweat and not remember Thee?" The rosemary pledges to fidelity. May our lives become memorials of His death!

None of us want to suffer Judas' remorse of conscience. Rather, let us cultivate the penitence of Peter. Even though he failed, his denial was prompted by devotion. And when he remembered, he was sorry for his sin. Emptied by penitence, he was filled with Pentecostal power!

In "Passion for Souls," Dr. J. H. Jowett says: "The gospel of a broken heart demands the ministry of bleeding hearts . . . We must pity if we would redeem. We must bleed if we would bless."

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. Smith, Nasir, Sobat River, Sudan.
Rev. Mark S. M. Ray, Patterson, N. Y.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, as we come to the garden of prayer in order to gain strength for the world of strife, may the radiance of our character reflect the beauty of our risen Lord!

MEDITATION

"The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth—
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth."

Rev. Chas. F. McCormick,
(West Park) McKees Rocks, Pa.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1940

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). Read Genesis 5:18-27.

Everybody today needs to be in a closer walk with God. Surely that means you. Walking with God implies a certain course of life.

It has been said that one can tell the occupation of a man by his walk. Our walk with God could be characterized by Enoch's walk with God.

Walk by Faith, not by sight. We may believe what we see, or we may see what we believe. One day "Peter followed afar off," (Luke 22:54) but Enoch took one step at a time as God revealed it to him, and did not "ask to see the distant scene."

Walk in the world, but not of it. Concern yourselves about laying up treasures in heaven, which thieves cannot steal, moth consume, nor rust destroy (Matt. 6:19-21).

Walk in intimate fellowship with God. Can you say, I am walking with God? Walking with God assures the glorious crown of life.

Remember in Prayer:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parkinson, Egypt.

Mr. Wheeler Bickerton, Kenmore, N. Y.

PRAYER: Oh God, sanctify our relations one to another, to become all that God has planned for our lives. Speed the day when "every knee shall bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

MEDITATION

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."—Tennyson.

Dr. Paul Kennedy, Moundsville, W. Va.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1940

"Come unto me all ye that labor 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; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Read Isaiah 55:1-7.

This most wonderful of all invitations is universal with the human race.

Up to this time Jesus had looked to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, but now his boundless compassion over-leaps all barriers of race, color, nationality, and His blessed lips speak forth this sweetest of all invitations to the whole world of lost sorrowing men.

To whom does this invitation come? To **you**, my brother, my sister. If you sorrow or are bowed down under some weight of care or sin, or temptation, just **come to me**. Do not hesitate to come. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

And what will He give you? Is it an awful load of guilt? I will **rest** you.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Margaret Fehlman, Zafarwal, India.

Rev. T. E. McCall, Canton, Ohio.

PRAYER: I lay down in peace and sleep for I trust in Thee, O Lord.

MEDITATION

"Ye who are weary, come home."

James A. Gordon, Chicago, Ill.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1940

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills" (Psalm 121:1). Read Psalm 121.

How glorious are the rays of the morning sunlight as they are projected upon the sky from the horizon beyond the mountains. The purple haze of dawn is scattered by its glory beams. Brighter the glow becomes as the beams spread. Then the sun rolls majestically upward to bring in the full glory of the day.

The Psalmist sang into the natural vision of beauty the faith and hope of a soul. Darkness is, then, the beams of the morning and comes at last the day as the sun of righteousness arises in his strength.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Cremer, Whitinsville, Mass.
Dr. T. C. Strangeway, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Your Women's Missionary Society.

PRAYER: Help us to feel this is our Father's world; that with eyes lifted to the hills in life's morning we may with hope and trust await the coming of the fullness of the day. Make us to know that then at evening time it shall be light. Amen.

MEDITATION

"When morning lights the eastern sky, O Lord, Thy mercy show."

A. J. McConnell, Tingley, Iowa.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1940

"Our Father which art in heaven" (Matthew 6:9).

Read Psalm 128.

A beautiful little story is told of a small boy and his father who went for a walk on one of those icy hills of Pennsylvania in the winter time. As the father reached down to take the boy's hand, the boy took his hand away from the father's. Presently the boy and the ice came in intimate contact. There was no crying, no tears. The boy arose, slipped his hand into his father's hand and down that icy hill they went together. We sometimes think we can walk alone, we take our hand away from our Father's. We fall. Then quietly, when we come to ourselves, we slip our hand back into His great hand of love and walk with Him. As someone has said, "When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way." So, let's walk with Our Father. He knows the way, His helping hand will keep us in safety.

Remember in Prayer:

Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Henry, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.

Rev. Edmund W. Machamer, Warm Springs, Oregon.

PRAYER: Into Thy hand, O Lord, do I commit my way, guard, guide, and keep me from falling, from temptation, from sin, and I shall walk with Thee in the light of Thy Word. Amen.

MEDITATION

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God, in Him I trust (Psalm 91:2).

Henry Orr Lietman, Clarinda, Iowa.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1940

"Study to be quiet" (I Thess. 4:11). Read Isaiah 30:1-15.

Present world conditions and demands tend to produce fear and feverishness. The Christian may be and ought to be quiet in heart and spirit, to live a life of inner peace, in spite of provoking circumstances.

Such quietness is an art to be learned by study and practice. Such a quiet spirit is a beautiful adornment to character, pleasing to God and a witness to the value of Christianity (I Peter 3:4). Such a spirit is a source of strength, security and peace (Isa. 30:15). Such a quietness is the result of substantial inner resources. When we become fretful and worried, it is because of a lack of inner resources.

Such resources are largely the result of quietly waiting before God (Isaiah 26:3). "There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God."

A quiet spirit is almost always necessary before we can hear the voice of God. To the heart of quiet faith and prayer, Spiritual things become real, and all things assume proper value.

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Mary E. Coie, Khartoum North.

Rev. C. H. Wilson, Athens, Tenn.

Your Sabbath School Superintendent.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, help me to stay my life and rest my heart in Thy loving care.

MEDITATION

My "heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord" (Psalm 112:7):

Roy D. Strong, Omaha, Neb.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1940

"Be strong and of good courage" (Joshua 1:6). Read Joshua 1:1-9.

Moses was dead. The children of Israel had mourned for him thirty days. Now the time had come for action: God was calling for the people to rally their forces and enter the Promised Land. Joshua, as successor to Moses as leader of the people, is here given Jehovah's charge. Strength and courage coupled with obedience to God's law are listed as his rules for success. Even as Joshua tested these rules and found them true, so we today will find them true if we will test them. Today both leaders and followers need strength to persevere. God does not ask us to depend on our own strength but He provides it for us. "He giveth power to the faint: and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:29-31).

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Una Coie, Khartoum North.

Rev. A. E. Fortune, Norfolk, Va.

Tomorrow is Rally Day; pray for a great rally to Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the strength we have found in Thee. In days to come, whatever our needs may be, may we go on doing Thy will. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Be Strong:

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,

We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.

Shun not the struggle; face it, 'tis God's gift."

—Mathie D. Babcock.

Miss Frances Pfander, Clarinda, Iowa.

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 29, 1940

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). Read Proverbs 3:1-12.

This message of Paul to the young minister is also a message to Christ's followers today. Paul speaks to Timothy as a worker. Through the providence of God most of us are workers. To be successful the worker must study and plan continually that he may be more efficient. So it is in the life of the Christian. We must study and plan continually to advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior. It has been said the lives of professing Christians speak as loud as the sermons of Christ's ministers. Let us then strive with the help of the Holy Spirit to fill our lives with love, joy, peace and forgiveness (Gal. 5:22, 23). Then will the jealousies, the hates, the evil desires, which so easily fill our hearts, be driven out and we can be used in His service.

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. Mills J. Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. J. A. Cotton, D.D., Henderson, N. C.

The Foreign Board.

PRAYER: Gracious Father; Lead us this day in Thy way. Give us the grace and strength for our work and help us to glorify Thy name. Amen.

MEDITATION

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Lee W. S. Johnson, Clarinda, Iowa.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1940

"Nevertheless, I am continually with thee; Thou hast holden my right hand. Thou wilt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory" (Psalm 73:23-24). Read Psalm 73 throughout.

Every life is buffeted by an unsympathetic world, and baffled by disturbing observations and personal difficulties. Responsibilities rest heavily. The poise of an effective life is endangered if not obliterated. Everything is going badly or threatens to do so. To-day let us listen to this arresting scriptural adverb, "nevertheless." Throw off the irritations for the moment and sing with the Psalmist, "In Sweet Communion Lord with Thee." What impressions steal in?

"I am continually with thee." These life experiences are not, or need not be, lonesome ones. "Thou hast holden my right hand." How often and in what circumstances! Think deeply of the goodness of God. "Thou wilt guide me . . . and receive me." Is the way dark; the burden heavy; is life full of need? He will guide with unerring counsel, and when it ends the glory gate is open. With these assurances shall not this day be lived courageously and well?

Remember in Prayer:

Dr. Glenn P. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. W. L. Thornburg, Olathe, Colo.

The Young People's Work of the Church.

PRAYER: "Our Father, help us to quietly and believingly walk with Thee this day, and may Thy counsels ever be sweet and Thy providences gentle. We place our security in Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

MEDITATION

It is gloriously true, as Jesus declares, that the fruitful and effective life abides in Him.

Dr. H. A. Kelsey, President, Sterling College.

SIR GALAHAD

(Our cover)

Painted by George Frederick Watts (1817-1904),
English painter and sculptor.

Watts was a good friend of Tennyson, and when this picture was painted in 1862, Tennyson's poem, "Sir Galahad," had been in print about twenty years. Its opening lines,

"My good blade carves the casques of men,
My tough lance thrusteth sure,
My strength is as the strength of ten
Because my heart is pure."

gives us the picture of the stainless knight whose natural valor rests upon spiritual strength.

We see Sir Galahad in the forest, with his white horse eagerly and impatiently waiting while his master in an attitude of devotion is dedicating himself to his task of facing all dangers in search of the Holy Grail. In full armor, with sword and shield and helmet, he clasps his hands and gazes thoughtfully into the distance, as he communes with the source of his spiritual power, lifting up his eyes unto the hills.

Watts took as his artistic models the marbles of the Parthenon and the glowing painting of Titian, greatest of the Venetians. He once wrote: "If I could carry out my own feeling perfectly, my pictures would be solemn and monumental in character, noble and beautiful in form, and rich in color, but the subtle varieties of sunlight I should never aim at producing." Modestly, he admitted his inferiority to the great artists whom he took as his models, yet better than any of his generation he achieved a Christian idealism that combined with modern thinking the great classic traditions.

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Learn The Difficult
Lesson

that
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we can do

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principal duties
And Methodize what must be
done Sacrifice ^{non} essence
and Economize force of Heart
Head & Hand!

T. L. E.

(T. L. E.'s father)

Copied from my desk
by Lucy

● foundation of country. all nations are trying to preserve natural things.

● This brings up problem of thrift & miserliness.

● Quite a bit of difference between spending & not spending when we should. A desire to hold in mass as a pleasure in bedding need of fellow man is to become miser & selfish one. To be thrifty is to use & spend when time comes in the most effective way. High wisdom of expenditure is the spirit of time in thrift.

● Wise person spends wisely & proper time.

● Highest way of progress is to use use of things to the advance of civilization. With machines

● saving the labor of man & his time, resulting in a high standard of life is the essence of thrift

The way of thrift might be said to be a positive use, and not a negative (not using). To respect and try to make the most of the use of natural blessings and the results of the labors of man this is the way of thrift.

4. Advice to consumers.

To use and make things go a long way calls for wisdom. And one can refrain from use. The wisdom to use & use wisely is one of the highest exercises of spirit of man.

(1) example of uses of school supplies & those we receive from parents while being students.

(2) Not necessary the poor are thrifty. There are very few poor who are thrifty.

They are not wise in their use in that what they have is "Accumulation of ~~and~~ makes a mountain"

I was rude to Dr Eliot when

Lucy 2

THE LOST CHORD

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.
Now and forever more be Thine.

Solo:

Fairer the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

GOIN' HOME

Hm.....Goin' home, goin' home
I'm agoin' home, Quietlike,
some still day, I'm jes' goin' home
Hm.....Mother's there 'spectin' me,
Father's waitin' too,
Lets o' folk gather'd there,
All the friends I know
All the friends I know
All the friends I know Home..., Home...
I'm goin' home! Hm.....Hm.....Hm.....
No more fret nor pain Hm....No more
Gwine to roam no more!.....
Mornin' stay lights the way
Res'less dream all done, all done;
Shadows gone, break o'day,
Real life jes' begun.
no break no end;
Wide-a-wake, with a smile
Goin' on and on, Hm.....Hm.....
Goin' home, goin' home,
I'm jes' goin' home.
It's not far jes' close by
Through an open door, Hm.....
I'm jes' goin' home. Home! Home!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hearken, all! What holy singing
Now is sounding from the sky!
'Tis a hymn with grandeur ringing,
Sung by voices clear and high.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

On the plain, the simple shepherds
Watch'd their flocks the long night thro':
From on high they heard the voices,
Sounding thro' the heav'nly blue,

See, within the manger lowly,
Wide the Christ child spread His arms.
Raise to Him your joyful voices,
Sing we all Noel, Noel.

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray;

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

(repeat in p)

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke!
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all were mine.

(chorus)

There ain't but one train, upon this track,
It runs to heav'n and runs right back
Oh my Lord done just what he said,
He healed the sick and raised the dead.

(chorus).

Handwritten signature

Young People's Sunday
Morning Class
Presiding: Lucy Hiyanan

Call to Worship: Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name.

Hymn:

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Service Hymnal
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Scripture: Matt. 16:21-28

Prayer:

"Whispering Hope" According Solo Mr. Chester Sakura.
Thought for the Day

"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." Sacrifice is the highest and noblest act of a loving soul. We respect it, we honor it, we pay homage to it. Sacrifice is a power of God which accomplishes an eternal work. It is a law of life.

Jesus was not only speaking to his disciples, but he was speaking to the world in general when He gave this fundamental law of life--"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself---."

We talk a great deal about self-denial for the Kingdom of God? A great many of us do not even give of our time to the Lord: we are too busy with other things.

Bishop Keeny has said: "We talk about our burden and the ~~crosses~~ we have to bear, but we build our ~~crosses~~ out of toothpicks."

We worry about our earthly possessions, but have we stopped to think whether our souls are right with God. Let us therefore ask of our Lord to create in us the desire to sacrifice more than we have in the past for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Closing Hymn-----Page 292

Near the Cross

Friday Menu

Chicken Pie
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Buttered spinach
Green Salad
Hot Rolls
Cream Puffs Tea

Sunday Dinner

Chicken soup with noodles
Entree? Tuna Fish Casserole
Buttered Green Beans with minced
onion & bacon

~~Apple & Cinnamon Candy~~

~~Anacardus & Citrus Fruit Salad~~
Hot Rolls Tea Stuffed App. apple
Peppermint Mousse salad,

12th

Saturday Night

~~Cinnamon apple stuffed~~
~~green cheese salad~~
~~Apple & Cinnamon Candy~~

fresh mushroom
can tuna

1st Green Beans

~~Anacardus~~

~~Cinnamon apple~~
Cinnamon candy
Apple Phila. Cheese
Green Pepper
Bacon

*There's no one quite so strong as I am to my self
To thus own self be true - James D.*

The Winnetka Congregational Church

*1. Another, embarras
2. To be polite
3. To make real feeling
4. Added to help
5. General feeling*

A Community Church

Winnetka, Illinois

MORNING WORSHIP

October Twenty-fourth, Nineteen Hundred Forty-three

Eleven o'Clock



Organ Prelude

(a) Thanks Be to God Handel

(b) Evening Song Hyde

Introit

Words by the Minister

Anger
1. Overlooked
2. Disgrace
3. Unjustly refused
4. Outraged
5. Someone else's fault

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. —Isaiah 55:6, 7

Refrain by the Choir Gloria Tibi Garrett

*1. Unjustly refused
2. Outraged
3. Someone else's fault*

G. The congregation arises and sings the

Processional Hymn 142 Coronation Holden

G. The congregation, seated and bowing, unites in the

Antiphon

*1. pain
2. change
3. hurt
4. anger
5. love*

Minister—Dearly beloved, in the holy quiet of this hour, let us draw nigh unto Him who heareth prayer.

People— Almighty God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and wont to give more than we desire or deserve; pour down upon us Thy mercy, forgiving us those things wherein our conscience is heavy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir— Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Minister—Search for the truth that shall make you free.

5. man will not be able to create his own

People— O Thou eternal God, speak to us the word that we need, and let Thy word abide in us until it has wrought in us Thy holy will. Cleanse, quicken, and refresh our hearts; direct and increase our faith; and grant that we may be enabled to see Thee more clearly, to love Thee more fully, and to serve Thee more perfectly, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir— Thou only art mighty, Lord God of hosts.

*Effort
To be doing something*

To what pulls out your best effort

Minister—Invoke the very presence of God in your hearts.

People— O Thou great Companion of our souls, do Thou go with us into every experience that may befall us, and comfort us with Thy presence in every lonely and sorrowful hour. Guide us by the still, small voice, and be unto us a source of never-failing strength. Let Thy peace possess us, and Thy hope lighten our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir— Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Minister—Rejoice in your heritage as the children of God.

People— Most gracious God, who hast opened Thy hand to give us all good things, we offer praise for our redemption from sin and death. Make us wise in the use of Thy benefits, generous and forgiving in our attitudes, and eager to obey Thee. We have an inheritance that fadeth not away, and a Father whose mercy is everlasting, revealed unto us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir— Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; glory be to Thee, Lord God Almighty, glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

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Anthem *Lighten Our Darkness* *Gaul*

CHOIR

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Reading in Unison—selection 652, page 89

¶ *The congregation arises and sings*

Hymn 125 *St. Christopher (verses 1, 2, 3)* *Maker*

¶ *The congregation remains standing for the*

Reception of Members

"We covenant with the Lord, and with one another; and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all His ways, according as He is pleased to reveal Himself unto us in His blessed word of truth."

We purpose to devote ourselves to the study, the practice and the spread of Christianity.

We will endeavor to be loyal to this fellowship; to help one another in the Christian life; according to our strength, ability and opportunity, to support the work and attend the meetings of this Church; and in every way to strive to make it a power in the service of God and man.

¶ *The ministers will extend the right hand of fellowship to the new members and then the following blessing will be repeated :*

The Lord bless us and keep us ;
The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace. Amen.

Offertory Anthem He Sendeth the Springs *Wareing*
CHOIR

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills; He watereth the hills from His chambers. The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works. When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done. As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and vapors, stormy wind, fulfilling His word. Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, let them praise the Name of the Lord, for His Name alone is excellent, His glory is above the earth and heaven. Amen.

¶ *The congregation arises as the offering is presented and sings the*

Offertory Sentence

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Hymn St. Agnes (words below) *Dykes*

I walk with bare, hushed feet the ground
Ye tread with boldness shod;
I dare not fix with mete and bound
The love and power of God.

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care. Amen.

—Whittier

Sermon Finding a Real Religion—for the Inner Life

¶ *The congregation arises and sings the*

Recessional Hymn 296 Ewing *Ewing*

What do I most deeply desire??

*1. Since of
all- righteous
2. Scale of
beyond them
3. Real
Rel for inner life
4. Choose everything on it
if you want it*

A. The congregation remains standing for the

Benedictus

Words by the Minister (from the Book of Common Prayer)

Our heavenly Father, we adore Thee, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose word is truth, whose spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life.

Nunc Dimittis

Barnby

CHOIR

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Bossi

*** At this point in the service, worshippers may be seated by the ushers.

Those ministering in this service are Wesner Fallaw and Samuel Harkness

These things have I said unto you

Announcements

¶ We welcome the following persons into the membership of our Church:

Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Rutledge, 458 Linden Street, Mr. Rutledge from the Methodist Church, Belmont, Massachusetts; Mrs. Rutledge from the Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley L. Rice, 640 Pine Street, from the First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Harper and sons, Ben Hoyt and Ralph Allen, 1096 Laurel Avenue, from the First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hayden Rose, 909 E. Greenbay Road, on Profession of Faith.

Mrs. Theodore Tefft Weldon, 855 Boal Parkway, from the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie N. Tredwell, 913 Oak Street, from the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois.

At the close of this service the minister and the deacons and deaconesses will be at the chancel steps to introduce our new members to the congregation.

¶ Parents with young children have indicated a desire to attend the morning service of worship, if provision were made for the care of their children. Such a service has been provided, with Mrs. George W. Ryerson and others in charge. Call the Church office, Winnetka 3181, for further information.

¶ All parents of pre-school children are urged to attend the box supper at Community House next Thursday evening, at 6:15 o'clock. The children will be cared for following supper while parents discuss with teachers the program of education conducted by the Church School.

1. calendar - little diary
2. suit
3. stockings
4. hat
5. coat
6. cosmetics

Xmas presents

1. Dr + Mrs Eliot
2. Dr Schroeder
3. Dr Kuff
4. Dr MacDougall
5. Mrs Galvane