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## "Every Knee Shall Bow..."

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"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, 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 ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:14-19.

Good morning, friends. Whata wonderful scripture to start the day with. Wouldn't it be good if we could just keep that in mind all the day long? I am glad that Christ is living in my heart by faith. Now, we may never reach the depths of the fullness that there is in Christ in this world, but I believe as we grow in him, we can learn every day.

Notice again the expression of the Apostle: "I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ". I like that. It shows respect and reverence. We are living in a time when there is little respect shown for the powers that be, and especially is this true in regard to God and the place which he rightfully holds in our lives. To "bow" means to submit, or yield; to bend the head, body or knee in reverence, submission, or shame; to incline the head or body in salutation, assent, or to acknowledge applause.

Listen to this invitation to acknowledge

God: "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest." Psa. 95:6-11.

Dear ones, I believe the Lord is still grieved with the way folks act these days too, many of them. I am impressed to share with you part of a letter I received from a school teacher. I hope it brings as much satisfaction and joy to you as it did to me. This has to do with some of the "down to earth" problems of our day and how the Lord used her to take

a stand for him. But listen:

"I'd like to tell you how the Lord answered prayer in school. A lot of the children are nasty mouth, vulgar in hall and profanity. I'd mentioned it to some of the teachers and they seemed to agree it was awful. I had a chance--a 11th grade girl right in class came out with a big oath and real loud. I got her by the arm, told her how terrible it was to talk that way and I didn't intend to allow it in my class room, so we took a trip to the office. I reported her. I sent in 2 other misconduct slips that day for cursing. I was so grieved over this. My heart was burdened. I wished this could stop. I began talking to the Lord about it. Sunday I requested prayer and told my burden... The Lord put a duty on me that I began to pray about, but "without me ye can do nothing," so I really leaned heavily on the Lord. So Monday morning after I read and had prayer at school I tried to explain the wrong in using profanity. How that really it wasn't smart. How unhappy it made the Lord and other things, too. I felt like a few appreciated. I did this in 5 sessions. Each time I had to look to the Lord. Job or no job, I was taking a stand. The next day the principal said (he came to me): 'I'm doing something about this vulgarism and cursing and will call an assembly as soon as I can arrange it.' So Wednesday he went to every room telling the students no vulgar talk, no cursing, no profanity of any sort would be tolerated on the campus. The first offence got the board. He made it plain. I thanked him when he finished. The answered prayer. I love Him and do want to trust Him more. Two of the students, one a 10th grade boy and 8th grade girl came and apologized." End of quote.

I am glad the Lord is still working with

those who are willing to "bow before Him". But do you suppose much of this condition has come about because of the failure of parents to do their duty at home in training these students? I would say so. No doubt, these young people are only following the example which has been set before them.

There is a scripture in Phil. 2:10-11 which goes this way: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Here, then in Romans 14:11-12 this same thought is put in more positive language: "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." These verses indicate to me that we either give reverence and respect to God now, or there is coming a time when we will confess that He is Lord of all. But that will be to the shame of those who have failed to acknowledge him here as they should.

I would much rather confess now than to wait until that judgment day when every one shall give account of himself to God. No doubt both of these scriptures in the New testament dealing with this thought came from the original one found here in Isaiah 45: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

Do you remember that one of the com-



mandments to Moses had to do with taking the name of the Lord in vain? Let me give it to you right here from the 20th chapter of Exodus and verse 7: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

I have a report which I consider to be accurate so far as I know. It was from "A General Order, 1775" by George Washington on profanity in the army. I quote: "The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane swearing--a vice heretofore little known in an American army--is growing in fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it; and that both they and the men will reflect that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven upon our arms if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests it." End of quote. How would that advice be for a modern-day army? I say it would be good, not only for an army but for the general public as well.

And now this poem:

#### THE WORLD IN SIN

The world in sin is dying,  
Yet Jesus came to save;  
With outstretched arms he's crying,  
My life for thee I gave.  
The ransom price was given  
Redemption to insure  
That we might enter heaven  
And be forever pure.  
The world in sin is sinking  
Still lower every day;  
Vain one, art thou not thinking  
How soon 'twill pass away?

Then down to awful torment--  
O Lord! can it be so!--  
Thy soul at any moment  
May with reluctance go.  
The world in sin grows harder  
Each day in every clime;  
Inspired with evil ardor,  
Slides down the steeps of time.  
The masses madly rushing  
On sin's relentless tide,  
Where demon foes are crushing  
The souls for whom Christ died.  
The world in sin is sleeping  
On time's eternal brink,  
But soon with bitter weeping  
To torment it will sink;  
Despite of God's great mercy  
Bestowed on them each day,  
They'll hear his voice in judgment,  
Depart from me for aye.

Shall we pray:

Our Father, bless the message this day  
to the good of every listener. Deal tenderly with the hearts of those who are disregarding the commandments of the Lord. Have mercy on their never-dying soul and cause them to bow their knees and confess with their tongues to the glory of the Lord and thine shall be the praise through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If we may be of help to you in some spiritual way, be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Our heartfelt thanks to all who help us keep the message going forth over the air.

Here is a song "You Can't Do Wrong And Get By". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry and yours truly, Willie Murphey. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

## Testimonies

From Calif.: "Dear Saints--laborers in God's great harvest fields, Greetings in the name of Jesus who was such a great Laborer Himself. He called us all to follow Him, and I'm so thankful I heard that call when a child and gave my heart to Him, and through the years I've enjoyed a happy life of love, joy, peace, and all other good blessings, including physical healing. And it grows sweeter as the days go by. I'm sorry I don't get to hear your radio programs--but thankful to have the Mission Trail... As I was reading Psa. 145:20 this morning where it says: 'The Lord preserveth all them that love Him.' it gave me some deep meditations, as I compared God's preserving process with our process of preserving fruit. Those who love Him are chosen vessels. He loved us first. The fruit we preserve we choose. We wash the fruit. Christ washes us in His precious blood. We peel the fruit, take out the seeds and cut it up. To be a Christian, we have to 'put off' too, Eph 6:23; also putting off the body of the sins of the flesh. Col. 2:11. The fruit is put into a hot syrup and cooked over a hot fire until it loses its identity. We too have to die to self, be crucified thru 'fiery trials', afflictions, persecutions, etc. The fruit in the kettle is completely submissive to the cook--so must we be to Christ. Luke 14:33. Or if fruit is dried it must also be put in the hot sun--until it will keep. No spoilage remains. ...A child of God must be dead with Christ from the sins of this world. But we have something better than fruit--tho dead yet we are alive thru Christ our Redeemer. Rom. 6:11. Praise the Lord! So I want to be pliable in God's preserving process. Pray for me. In Christian love,"

--Vera Forbes

From Ky.--"Greetings to you in the name of our gracious redeemer, trusting this finds you all in the best of health, and every need supplied. I am on the 3rd floor. All the worst mental cases, (and there are plenty of them) are on this floor, and I ask God to give me grace to endure what I can't enjoy. Sometimes the mentals get into a verbal combat and scream at each other until the nurses chase them to their room. My niece came and stayed with me 4 weeks until I got some strength back, after I had hemorrhaged until I could not set up. My heart could not put the blood to my head for two days. The Lord came to my rescue and the 3rd day I could sit up. Then I got strength enough to come here. My step son is as good to me as if I was a baby. I have been here two weeks. He has been to see me twice. He doesn't want me to go to Okla. It's too far away and he wants to check on me to see how I am getting along. So you can put my address in the Mission Trail."

--A. F. Baldrige, c/o Golden Yrs. Rest Home, Lackey, Ky. 41643.

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From Okla.: "Greeting you and family in love. I am feeling very well at present. I hope you all are still encouraged to live for the dear Lord, and also enjoying the best of health. I am still saved, trusting the Lord for soul and body."

--Sister Mary May

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From Calif.: "...What could be more wonderful than bringing the message of salvation to a lost and dying world. May the dear Lord bless you each and every one that has a part in this work, and I know He will. Remember us when you pray. Mama needs help for her eyes. I need the Lord to strengthen me in body and the Lord to bless my children with salvation. With love,"

--Sister Ruth Turner



From Mo.: "Greeting in the precious name of Jesus, the one that loved us, washed us from our sins in his own blood. Hope all of you are encouraged in the things of God. I can say he is encouraging us to press on. It is wonderful to be free and enjoy the blessing of God in our souls. We had the privilege of being in one of the rest homes in Grove, Okla. with some of the other saints last Sun. We desire to do what we can in lifting up Jesus to the people. Pray for us. I am still hearing from others that say they enjoy little broadcast each Sun. We hope to be a blessing to souls in this way. We also are praying the Lord to give us a revival here and send the one or ones He can use best."--Bro. T. V. McMillian

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From Colo.: "Just a few lines. I am still pressing onward and upward toward heaven, and with the help of Jesus I mean to reach there some time. I am glad Jesus has been so good to me. I would love to have the prayers of God's people as some time don't feel so well. May God bless you..."

--Mrs. R. A. Tombleson

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From La.: "We send greeting of love to you and all your family in Jesus name. ... Trust all you folks are well. We are about as usual which we do thank the good Lord for. Bro. Willie, I often think about the time when you were here and Dallas fell. Thank the Lord he didn't break any bones and he soon got over it. He has never fallen since. Praise God. The good Lord has been so good to us both. Has been blessing us in many ways, both soul and body... We have to draw our strength and grace from the Lord each day for our whole trust is in him. We are still encouraged to press the battle on by God's help to the end. Pray for us when you think of us."

--Mamie and Dallas Flynn

From W. Va.: "Greetings once again in Jesus dear name. I trust this finds you well, and busy for the Lord. The need is great and workers few. I pray the Lord will send more workers to reap, and glean the harvest before time is ended, and summer is gone. I can't do much, but I want to do all the Lord lays upon my heart to do. I know my time can't be long, but we can redeem the time in a way and manner that will be for our good and to glorify God. May the Lord bless you in all you do for Him. Christian love and prayers,"

--Olive Keene

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From Mo.: "Hope this finds you all well in body and encouraged to press on. I enjoy your little paper so much. ... I do want to have a part in sending out His word. I want to help. I truly feel that summer is almost ended and I want to hear him say well done. We've had nice fall weather here. It is turning colder tho now... If there ever was a time we needed to pray 'tis now. I'm not too well in body. I covet your prayers. I surely do want to ever be found faithful."

--Thelma Halbrook

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From Ark.: "I trust this finds all well in soul and body and enjoying the rich blessings of God's love. I surely do enjoy the Mission Trail paper. The messages are food for our soul and the testimonies are encouraging. It's so good to hear about God's dear children and to pray for all that need help... It was good to meet you dear ones at Myrtle camp meeting this summer, and the 5th of Nov. is all day meeting at Myrtle again. I hope I can be there. The Lord is so good to me, keeps me able to do what needs most to be done. He blesses my eyes to read, write and sew without glasses. But my hearing isn't so good. Remember me in this need..."

--Sis. N. E. Adams



From La.: "Dear saints and readers of the Mission Trail; My heart is full of divine love for all people as I greet you each one in the precious name of Jesus. How I love that sweetest of all names. My heart is filled with thanksgiving to God for the blessed privilege of prayer...In 1 John 3:20-22 we read, 'For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight'. And in Heb. 11:1 we read 'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.'...I desire everyone who knows the worth of prayer to pray for a very urgent unspoken request--that God will work in a way where precious darkened souls might receive help and God's name will be glorified. Also I desire prayer for a boy who is very dear to our heart that God will work in some miraculous way to keep him out of the armed forces. This boy is not saved and knows very little about the Lord but he is a good, clean boy...I desire that he will be able to see the worth of prayer and the mighty working power of God, that it might lead him to salvation. A young man who is an alcoholic and whom the Lord is dealing with is in such a pitiful condition and needs much prayer as he nor any of his family know anything about salvation. I'm depending much on the prayers of the saints to help me with these burdens that God will work and souls will be saved...In Christian love," --Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Colo.: "Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. He is so good to me. This has been a nicer day. We have had a few days of colder weather. It

was cloudy and tried to rain but not much and was glad for the farmers trying to get their crops taken care of. ...Another request to please remember --our grand daughter who is married was at work in hospital and a drunk... woman was brought in that had taken sleeping pills and tried to kill herself and had to have her stomach pumped out. She kicked doctor or nurse and when she got a chance she grabbed our grand daughter's arm swinging her across the bed and hurt her back, so she's in traction trying to pull her vertebrae back to place. Don't really know how bad she is hurt, so do pray for her. She is unsaved and has 6 little children all under 13 years old. They all need God... Oh, so much sin, suffering and trouble every where. If people would turn their lives over to the Lord. God gave us a beautiful world, but the people are making it a bad place to live... We had 6 for Sunday school today and 6 tonight, but both services seemed good to me. Hope the Lord will take my feeble efforts and direct the truths to their hearts." --Sis. Addie McEndree

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From La.: "I am asking for prayer for my brother. He was a world war II veteran and was wounded very badly when the tank blew up and killed all but him. Go saw fit to spare his life. He is the most nervous person I ever saw. One thing his family doesn't seem very interested in him. He feels neglected and that doesn't help. He needs to be saved and healed. Pray that his family will be more interested. My youngest daughter Betty Gilmore has bad diseased kidneys. She needs prayer. God has wonderfully blessed husband and me, but we still suffer a lot and need prayer. I want to always look up and never look back. I know the reward is at the end of the way."

--Mrs. Beulah Johnson



# at press time

we understand:

A gospel singing will be held at the church of God chapel on Pine Place and Norfolk in Tulsa on Saturday, November 18, beginning at 7:30 P.M. We desire the saints to come and worship the Lord in prayer and song.

--Bro. Lewis Williams, pastor

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From Mo.: "Sis. Ruth preached to us on thankfulness tonight and it really stirred me to be more thankful for all God does for me. Too often I feel I just bring my burdens to God, but do we take time for a "thank you" for the past. In everything give thanks."

--Vicki Taylor

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From Mo.: "Jesus has been so good to us: He comes to our rescue in time of need and we keep able to keep going, praise the Lord. Last Tuesday he permitted us to be able to go about 200 miles to my brother in law's funeral for which we were glad. We had a nice day to travel and a safe trip. So many wonder at Asa being able to drive his car at this age. He was 79 last month. His 6 children all came and gave him a birthday dinner which made the day a happy one for him. The Lord is blessing me too, giving me strength for soul and body...it's so sad to see so many deceived into false doctrines. Jesus knew it would be like this in the last day and he warned the disciples to not be deceived. That's the reason he said watch and pray, so the watching is as important as the praying. I am so glad I let the Lord be my guide and leader."

--Sister Katie Gibson

## GOD'S WAY IS BEST

The road that leads away  
From the pathway of the blessed  
Is broad, and wide, and gay,  
Filled with laughter and with jest.  
But softly I hear Jesus say,  
"Child, would you reach the crest?  
Then travel God's way,  
For God's way is the best!"

Oftimes I'm worn by sin's affray  
And cast a longing eye at rest  
Then tempted am I to delay  
The Master's urgent task.  
"Ah then, " I hear my Saviour say,  
"Would you find perfect rest?  
Then work while it is day,  
For God's way is the best!"

When others take the easy way  
And refuse the fiery test,  
Just living for today  
And pleasure, ease and rest;  
So gently does the Master say,  
"Would you, my child, be blessed?  
Take then the Father's way,  
For God's way is the best!"

--Thelma Sprague

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From Mo.: "We trust this finds you all much encouraged in the Master's service. We so enjoy the broadcast and the Mission Trail... The Lord has been so good to us hearing and answering prayer and keeps us saved and in the narrow way. Our soul doth magnify the Lord. We are praying for you all. Don't forget us. The saints need each others prayers."

--Elizabeth Glass



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



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