

YOUTH COLUMN--V.Gibson-Editor.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1Jno.3:1.

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TRUTH IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN PEARLS.

Just as pearls and precious jewels are buried in the heart of the earth and in the depths of the ocean, Truth is hidden from the physical eye. This is why we must search diligently for it. The parable that Jesus gave in comparing the kingdom of heaven to a precious pearl or a goodly jewel is one of the most striking in the Gospel story. His reference to the precious jewel was to himself who was that 'one pearl of great price' and he called himself 'Truth'.

Born and reared in Palestine among a religious people, Jesus was not satisfied with the religion of His ancestors and the man-made doctrines that they preached; Jesus presented the Truth and founded a pure religion, which he inscribed in the hearts of his followers.

The more diligently one searches the more one appreciates what one finds. If precious stones were given away on street corners, few people would believe that they were precious. This is also true of salvation.

Only those who prayed hard and dug deep and searched until they found the great treasure of heaven really know its' worth and value it so much they are (and some have) willing to give their life, if need be, to possess it.

Some people cannot discriminate between false doctrines and the truth. This is why Jesus said 'to search the scriptures' for they do testify of him, and again he said 'study, to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of TRUTH'.

A very sad condition prevails in this so-called christian country of ours: Today the great mass of people want somebody else to think, plan, and work for them. They are too busy with the material world to find time to do their own thinking and searching for the well-being of their own souls.

That is why so many people are dissatisfied with their religion and are constantly changing from one denomination to another, ending up dissatisfied with all churches. This is not the fault of the Gospel nor of Christianity

but the trouble is that religious leaders do not know how to impart Truth to needy souls who are unable to search and find it for them-selves.

Some of those who are attempting to search are digging in the wrong places. Some are still searching where once the Pharisees and scribes searched and failed to find anything of real value; they searched in the corners of the dimly-lighted temples for God, and in the ashes of burnt offerings and under the golden altars, and amid the ritualism and traditions of the Elders, yet they were seeking something better. The very fact that some of them followed Jesus and clung to his words as something very precious proves that they were not satisfied with what they had. If we are not satisfied, and are in doubt about our soul's salvation, groping in darkness-not knowing who is right and do not know which way to go, confused over religion---Jesus said to come unto Him for "He is the WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE" St.Jno.14:6.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Holy Greetings to the Saints every-where in the name of Jesus.

Young People's day-April 10th-was a real blessing to our souls.

Sister Alberta Riley led the meeting. A short program was rendered before the messages. The first message was brought by Sister Ida Riley from 1 Cor. 6: 3-10. Mother Reed, of the Pentecostal church of God, brought the second message from the 1st. Psalm.

How wonderfully God did use his ministers to his glory and we were uplifted in spirit as the Lord's word went forth with power.

The Easter lesson has brought to us a-new the responsibility we have as christians to present to a lost and dying world, the blessings that Calvary brought us and to show them the life that can be lived with a risen Lord ruling and reigning with-in.

Our thanks are given to God for this victory we have in Christ Jesus.

LUCILLE SANDERS, Pres.  
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ELDER J.M.MELVIN, Pastor.

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

June 6th. 1949

Greetings of love to the readers of this Christian Guide; The Young Saints of Cedar Rapids are very happy to again report sweet victory in our souls, we did carry on our services in April and May on the fourth sundays which is given each month to us for worship services.

On April 24th. our guest speaker was Rev. Sis. Speakman, she preached from 1 Peter 1:2-25. instructing us as new-born creatures in Christ--to conduct ourselves accordingly. Her message was precluded with guitar selections, accompanied by her husband. We did enjoy the word and music.

The evening message was delivered by Elder Lily Cortez from Joel 2nd. chpt. Truly we that have the experience of the out-pouring of the Holy-ghost, as prophesied by Joel, could say, even as Peter said on the day of Pentecost, "This Is That", because it has really come to pass.

On May 22nd, we were blessed to have with us a group of saints from Waterloo, Iowa: Elder I Battles, Elder Howard, Brother Whalen, and Sister Lessie Ward. Elder Battles preached for us in the afternoon, to a packed house, from Hebrews 11: 24-26. His subject was "Knowledge to choose". He not only spoke on Moses' wise choice, but he came on down the biblical line of history and related how others, wisely or unwisely, made their choice. His plea to Youth was, to know how, and what to choose in order to please God and get the right start in life in order when done with life they shall receive a righteous reward for making a wise choice. He used the saying of good old Joshua in trying to pass on to the youth a very good resolution "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". A lovely crowd of young people were present to hear the message. He closed his discourse by singing "When the saints go marching in", Truly the power did fall and there was a real hallelujah shout in the camp. Elder Howard alternated the message and Brother Whalen gave remarks climaxed with a piano solo by Sis. Lessie Ward.

Our leader, Sister Viola Gibson, brought the evening message from Psalms 27th. subject: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Having such a one on our side --whom shall we fear?

Truly the Great I Am was magnified all day in the services, and at the close of the day we could truthfully say we had a high time in Zion all day.

Do pray for us as we travel on up the Highway.  
VIOLA GIBSON, Pres.      LAURA MILLER, Sec,      ELDER H.G.Darden, Pastor.

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Notice: The Annual Conference of the Northern District of Christ's Sanctified Holy churches, will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in August of this year, the exact date will be given in next issue of the Guide.

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Congratulations to our Chief-Editor, Evangelist Madeline Brewer upon her graduation from the Pacific Bible College, May 27th, '49. in Los Angeles, California.

Congratulations to Miss Effie Jean Gibson, upon her graduation from McKinley High school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 3rd, '49.

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#### BIBLE NAME QUIZ:

I am one of the first twins mentioned in the bible, twins but we bore no resemblance to each other, either in physical appearance or in disposition. I was a real problem child insofar as my parents and my God were concerned. I possessed many desirable traits and qualities but also others that were utterly villainous. I was a very ambitious and determined individual. To attain my end I did not hesitate to resort to fraud and trickery. But I was soon to learn that one cannot live by one's wits. As a result of my evil deed I was forced to leave my home and part from /~~my~~ my mother whom I loved dearly. WHO AM I ??????????

Answer to last April's quiz:-----MOSES the Deliverer.

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#### A POEM:

##### IF YOU WILL

If God can make-of an ugly seed  
with a bit of earth and air,  
And dew and rain, sunshine and shade-  
A flower so wondrous fair;  
What can he ~~make-of a soul~~ like you,  
With the bible and faith and prayer,  
And the Holy Spirit--if you do His will,  
And trust His love and care!  
--A.D. Burkett.

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V. G. Brown

GLANCES AT THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS:

In the month of May we surveyed the last week of the life of Christ upon earth. Jesus made his Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on what we call palm Sunday. He accepted the acclaim of the people and the ovation given Jesus was a spontaneous demonstration, without previous planning.

Zechariah had predicted that the Messianic King would come bearing salvation, "lowly, and riding on an ass, even the foal of an ass" (Zec. 9:9)

Jesus' action was a reflection of the lowly and pacific spirit which governed his whole work in Israel. He came not as the martial hero of nationalistic expectation but as the prince of peace.

He declared his authority in the temple when he overthrew the money-changers' table and whipped them out of the temple, calling it 'His Father's house.'

Jesus spake as no man ever spake before, he made declarations that caused a clash with Religious Authority, hence they were determined to put him to death and get rid of this 'Meddler,' so they thought.

Altho Jesus' life on earth was almost at the close, as far as dwelling in a bodily form, yet one of his larger lessons, or I should say discourse, was given in this last week on earth, and that was on the "Necessity of preparedness for the judgement". He told the disciples of the days of crisis that was sure to come, also the stand the righteous must take, he warned them to beware of false guides or teachers, and instructed them to do good at every opportunity, watching prayerfully for his return.

In the upper room we see him with his disciples, a beautiful symbolic lesson is taught to them: his atoning death, humility in serving each other, even as they were privileged to partake of the blessed bread he gave them in that upper room, the time would come when they would be privileged to partake of the living bread that came down from heaven, when if a man eat of it he shall never die, neither will he betray his Saviour as

Judas did (altho Judas did partake of the bread in the upper room, he betrayed his Lord and died a miserable death)

In the garden we see Jesus in prayer to his Father, agony upon his brow, asking that the bitter cup be removed if it is the Father's will, if not he said he was willing to drink it up. It was not simply dying that Jesus shrank from, but assuming the role of a sinner, one who knew no sin neither was guile found in his mouth, but now Jesus must become sin for us (2Cor. 5:21) and the cup of sin was so bitter, no wonder great drops of sweat like blood ran down his brow as he was made to take on the burden of our sins. Jesus did not pray to evade death because that is why he came into the world 'to die' and if merely dying was all there was to his mission it should have brought him great Joy, for it would mean his return to his heavenly place of abode, and a return to the glory he had with his Father before he came into the world, --but merely dying was not all, he had to drink the unfamiliar cup to its bitter dregs, yes, he drank and bore all our sins in his own body and God the Father strengthened the Son to be able to make it to Calvary---for you and me. WHAT A PRICE! Do we think on his death and suffering and what it means to us? Lord! help us to remember Calvary.