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GOD'S WAY

Heb. 1:1-3.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

God's way of speaking to us now is through his Son, Jesus Christ. This is God's way for us to accept him, by accepting Christ his Son as the only begotten of the Father and look unto him as the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb. 12:1-4) We must follow his examples, as set forth in the first four books of the New Testament, and keep the commands given to us in the other books by those who heard him speak while He journeyed here below. (Heb. 2:1-4) We then have a hope that when He shall appear, we shall appear with him in glory. Of this we can be sure by sanctifying Him in our hearts and always being ready to give an answer to them who ask us the reason for our hope. Our answer is to be given in meekness and fear. (I Pet. 3:15).

This is the whole duty of man, to fear God and keep His commandments. (Eccl. 12:13-14). Thus through the precepts of God we obtain understanding and knowledge. We should hate every false way and teach only God's way. (Psalm 119:104). Lloyd Treat.

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Christianize your view of death, and you will not fear it.

TAKING THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN
Exo. 20:7.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain; for the Lord will not hold him blameless that taketh his name in vain." This command God gave unto his people. We are his people. Israel was not to swear falsely nor profanely. (Lev. I9:I2) Christ told us we were not to swear at all for any reason. (Matt. 5:33-37). We cannot change anything by swearing, nor can we be justified in taking the Lord's name in vain.

Christ tells us to let our communication br only Yea yea, and Nay, Nay, or as we speak today, Yes or No. How simple and safe. Now dear brethren, if God condemned those who swore during Israel's time, do you suppose he will overlook us if we curse and swear? You who want to justify swearing just to give vent to your feelings, go to the dictionary and look up the following words: Blasphemy, Cursing, Swearing and Profane. You found that they all said about the same thing. None of these will meet God's approval. Let us walk as Christians should. As Paul wrote to the church at Collosse; "That I may make it manifest as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col. 4:4-6) And as James wrote, 5:I2; "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."

Brethren, how is your conversation? Approved of God? Written in love for your soul. --Lloyd Coleman--
2230 Dam Road, San Pablo, California.

God will be calling in a series of meetings at the Chruch of Christ, 43I W. Ocean Ave., La Habra, Calif. Evangelist Tom Broadway, 5208 Adenmoor Ave., Lakewood, Calif. will be the speaker and you are invited to hear this young man ably and earnestly present the word of God in its purity and simplicity.

This meeting to begin Nov. I9, and running through the 26.

Funeral services for Sister Mary Lou Musgrave, 311 S. Elk Ave., Elk City, Okla., was held at 2:30 P. M. Saturday, Sept. 30, in the Martin Funeral Home chapel with Bro. John Spurlin of Reydon, Okla. preaching the funeral serman.

Sister Musgrave died Thursday Sept. 26, at a hospital in Elk City following a long illness.

Born Dec. 12, 1878, Sister Musgrave come to Oklahoma from Rusk, Tex., her birthplace, in the early days and settled in the eastern part of the state. She was married Jan. 9, 1905 in Atoka, Okla. to Bro. Robert B. Musgrave, who was one of the best known of all our gospel preachers, and who preceded her in death june 17, 1947. Sister Musgrave had been a resident of Elk City since 1936.

She is survived by five children, one sister and four brothers. The children are, Sister A. K. Musgrave, Okmulgee, Okla; Alva B. Musgrave, Santa Ana, Calif.; Harm Musgrave, Hurst, Texas; Mrs. Cleo Faught, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Oneda Johnson, Clinton, Oklahoma.

The surviving sister is Mrs. John Waller, Mission, Kan; and four brothers are Frank Hall, Bokchito, Okla., Emmett Hall, Texas; Truman Hall, Glendale, California, and J. B. Hall, Compton, California.

Sister Musgrave is also survived by 24 gradchildren, 25 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Otto, and a daughter, Velma Musgrave.

Burial was in Fairlawn Cenetery in Elk City, under the supervision of the Martin Funeral Home.

As we go to press we are sorry to report that Sister Ella Cavin is still confined to the hospital and has underwent Two serious surgerys. Her condition has required blood transfusions all alcng. Let's all remember her in our prayers, and may the Lord comfort and strengthen her in her affliction.

Bro. & Sister Paul Ferguson, and Bro. & Sister Dayton Clouse are on a visit to see relatives and friends in Hindsville, Ark. area. On their way back home they intend to stop one day at Lorenzo, Texas, where Bro. W. H. Francis is in a meeting with the church at 4th.& Monroe.

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BRO. & SISTER W. A. NELSON, RT. #I, SOMERTON, ARIZONA, Oct. 6, I96I---Bro. and Sister Ted Drysdale and two sons Teddie and Kervin Scott, are visiting relatives and friends in the Yuma and Somerton area; here from the Delta, Colo. area where they attend church regular.

Bro. and Sister Harold Smith have a new son, born Oct. 2nd. and named Timothy Allen. He has one brother, Pennie, age I2.

We had a good crowd at church Sunday a week ago; all regular attendants and numbering 57. Some were out last Sunday on account of Flu.

BRO. F. H. LOGAN, 5II S. SUNSET, MODESTO, CALIF., Oct. I0,---When I was visiting the church at La Habra in July I had a bad case of the flu, but I am well again and back home. I will give you a report of the church here at Glenn and Dallas Street, Modesto, Calif. Everything is progressing nicely here with us. We have a new family worshipping with us, Bro. and Sister F. L. Taylor.

Our Lord's Day church services are at I0:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Anyone coming this way are cordially invited to come worship with us. We had a good crowd Sunday morning and a good lesson by Bro. J. D. Logan. We had some visitors and a nice service at 7:30 P. M. with a good lesson by Bro. Dean Guyer. Sister Ruth Duncan from Somerton, Arizona, visited the church here Sunday September I7, and confessed her wrong living. They are living and working at San Jose, California. Bro. and Sister Raymond Okden and children, Karen and Kathy and Michael, were visiting Bro. Bert Weakley, Sister Okden's parents. They attended church while here the first and second Sundays' in September. Bro. and Sister Ira Brown are away on vacation. Keep up the good work. I remain, Yours in the faith.

"Christianity is not a cloak put on but a life put in."

K. M. BALDWIN, P. O. BOX 191, DELTA, COLO.,---The Gospel News Courier is received here with gladness and interest, and if we have any copies left over, we mail them to the people we have talked to about coming to church. We feel that if we could afford to have some one come here to do personal work, we might do a great deal of good. We are a small congregation but we are slowly growing. Our daughter and her husband, Ted and Alice Drysdale, were baptized this summer and Ted is taking his turn in helping out in the services. Our son Charles is our song leader. Both boys are young and are doing a real good job. We are very proud of them. Ted and Alice Drysdale have a new son, born Sept. 2, 1961. They named him Kevin Scott.

Sister Movelle Wilkerson, her daughter Pamela and two sons, Terry and Keith, from Yuma, Ariz. visited with us for two weeks. Bro. and Sister W. A. Nelson from Somerton, Ariz., visited with us this past month. Sister Nelson is Bro. Baldwin's sister in the flesh, and Sister Wilkerson is Sister Baldwin's sister in the flesh.

We invite anyone that possibly can to come visit with, and worship with us any time you can help us out. You are welcome and we always have plenty of room, and we need you. Yours in Christian love.

BRO. PAUL AUSLAM, RT. 2, HINDSVILLE, ARK., October 5. ---Dear Friend and Brother in Christ: I am sorry I have not written you sooner. We made the trip here fine. We are now living about one half mile from Hindsville. We meet with the congregation on Bohannan Mountain. We are having fair attendance. Bro. Woodrow Johnson and family were visitors last Lord's Day. We appreciate them being with us here.

Bro. James Vanderpool and family have moved here from Kansas. They are good workers for Christ and are appreciated by the church very much. Our prayers are still with the congregation at La Habra, which seems very much like home to us, and we sincerely miss each and everyone of you there. May God's richest blessings be with you all. Your Brother in Christ.

The flesh is the worm on the devil's hook.

BRO. E. O. NOMES, SEDAN, N. MEX., Sept, I6.---I am receiving the Gospel News Courier and read it with much pleasure. I love to hear from the different churches. My wife and I meet at Springfield, Colo., II5 miles from us. Bro. J. H. Lackey is the leader there. We meet sometimes at Furnish Canyon, Colo. 80 miles from where we live. My wife and I have been here quite some time. I am 79 and she is 73. It is hard for us to go regular, for it takes two hours to drive one way. I am sending an article and a little help.

It is sad to think that some of those who are young, that live within a few blocks of church, are not able-bodied enough Christians to attend any of the church services. -ED*

BRO. SAMMY BOEN, 3315 N. 49th., FT. SMITH, ARK.---I am a member of the church at Stillwell, Okla. We have been receiving the paper regularly and enjoy it very much. You are doing a wonderful job. We are all doing well, but miss having Bro. and Sister Daniels among us. They are gone on a trip and ardn't expected back until the latter part of October. I want to say again how much we enjoy the paper. Continue to send them to Stillwell. I receive mine at church. the inclosed money order is from the church. A Brother in Christ.

LLOYD TREAT, BROKEN BOW, OKLA., RT. 2, BOX I35.---We here at Broken Bow are still fighting for the right and we are happy to announce that we baptized one into the fold of God today, and we also have several young ones in our midst. They are progressing as well as can be expected under the kind of times we have. A few weeks past we had two marriages of young people here. We invite all that come our way to stop over at one or the other of the two places and meet with us, the churches of Broken Bow, Okla.

(Morgan Rest Home, and the church on the corner of 3rd. and Idabel, Broken Bow, Okla. EDITOR)

Bro. Wegley; I received your letter and the article. Will publish it soon. EDITOR.

LLOYD COLEMAN, 2230 DAM ROAD, SAN PABLO 3, CALIFORNIA, Sept. 28, 1961---This is my first attempt to write an article for the "Courier." I hope that someone may be edified by reading it and the scriptures referred to in the article. I can sanction a paper that is not given to bickering and fussing. (See Lloyd's article page 2)

TOM BROADWAY, 5208 ADENMOOR AVE., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, Oct. 10, 1961---We of the Bellflower church are looking forward to our meeting scheduled to start Oct. 29 with Bro. Harry Dye of Yuma, Ariz. as the evangelist. All are invited to attend this meeting and hear God's word proclaimed. Claude Perigens and Paul Fergusons journeyed to Somerton, Arizona over the Oct. 7 weekend to attend the first service of Bro. W. H. Francis meeting with the church at Somerton. They had a nice trip and enjoyed their trip with friends and loved ones. My folks, the Earl Broadways, have settled in their new home at 2409 Allred, Lakewood, Calif.

W. R. FARRAR, CARTER, OKLA., OCT. 15, 1961.---Our report from the church at Elk City, Okla. this time cantains both sad and pleasant news. Sister Musgrave passed away Sept. 21 after a long and gradual declining period of health, and was laid to rest beside her husband, the late Bro. Bob Musgrave. Bro. J. C. Spurlin of Reydon, Okla., preached the funeral services of both these faithful servants of the Lord. Bro. and Sister Earl Atchley of Westville, Okla. were visiting his parents here and Bro. Earl preached for us Lord's Day Oct. 8. Also visiting the same day were Walter Teeter and family of Protection, Kansas. They returned today, a distance of 150 miles so that Sister Teeter could worship as the Bible directs. With them also were her two brothers. They are the children of Bro. Rollins of Randlett, Okla. They are in need of spiritual help and a place to worship closer to their home. Possible there is a family in North Okla. or South Kansas in similar circumstances. Does anyone know? Lets hear from anyone who knows of any in this area. (Continued near bottom of page 8)

YOU ARE A GAMBLER

IF-you have a Bible in your home and you fail to study it. WHY? Because you are betting your opinion and conscience against the WORD OF GOD AS TO WHERE YOU WILL SPEND YOUR FUTURE. 2 Tim. 2:15 tells us , "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

IF- you listen to the preacher for thirty minutes once each week and expect this to be enough to assure you a home in heaven. WHY? If this is all the nourishment you are getting from God's word then at this rate it would take you fourteen months to get one week of education and fourty two years to get through the first grade, by comparing your spiritual education to that of the public school system.

IF- you forsake the church assembly, for any excuse and not for a justifiable reason, you are taking a chance. WHY? At least seven violations of God's law are committed when you miss services Lord's Day morning. By forsaking the assembly you offend God and the church.

As a Christian, you owe God and the church an apology, both in word and in deed. For as a Christian, you are duty bound to give God of your time, your talents and of your means.

Brethren, let us not gamble on these points, but let us take heed lest we fall. When we are called to stand before the GOOD SHEPHERD, the RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, let us be dressed in a ROBE OF WHITE, without spot or blemish and him say, "Enter in ye faithful servant."

The duty of a CHRISTIAN is to fear GOD and keep his commandments. Let each of us, as a Christian, read our Bible each day. Do more for the cause of Christ. Let us not forsake the assembly for any cause. Let us not offend in any way, the church, our brother, or any stranger. Let's not gamble with our future. -Tom Broadway--
5208 Adenmoor Ave., Lakewood, Calif.

(Continued from Page 7) Bro. & Sister J. S. L. Morse, and Bro. & Sister Ed Wages met with the Elk City congregation Lord's Day October 15 with Bro. Morse preaching the morning sermon.