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AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

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Gal. 5:19 speaks of the words of the flesh, and in verse 21, that they which do such things, shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. And it mentioned Idolatry as one of the works of the flesh.

We read in 1 Cor. 10:5, that with many of them that came with Moses from Egypt, God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness, and in verse 7 that some of them were Idolaters, as it is written, the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. They were "lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God", 2 Tim. 3:4. An Idol is something that takes your heart away from God. Col. 3:5 says, "And covetousness which is Idolatry." We read in 1 Cor. 6:10, that "The covetous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

We read in Mark 10:17, how one asked Jesus, "Good master, what shall I do that i may inherit Eternal Life? Jesus said unto him in verse 19, "Thou knowest the Commandments, do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, defraud not, honor thy father and mother." And he answered, "Master, all these have I observed from my youth." Then Jesus said unto him in verse 21, "One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shall have treasure in heaven." And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved; for he had great possessions." And Jesus looked round about him, and said,(He brings it out 2 ways), saying in verse 23, "How hardly shall they that <u>have riches</u> enter into the Kingdom of God!" And then in verse 24, "Children, how hard it is for them that <u>trust in riches</u> to enter into the Kingdom of God? It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God."

In 1 Tim. 6:17-19, Paul advises Timothy, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, <u>that they may lay hold on Eternal Life</u>."

And this is what Jesus said in Matt. 6:19-21, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt,

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and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." And he adds in verse 24, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." He is speaking of the Mammon of unrighteousness, he said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but in heaven."

In Mark 10:21, Jesus said unto the rich young man, "Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shall have treasure in heaven." And in Luke 6:9 Jesus tells us, to make friends with the Mammon of unrighteousness, which is this money jingling in our pockets, and these earthly riches that we possess, so that when we fall or in other words when we part this life, we will have some treasure laid up in heaven. That's what he said, that we should do.

Christ said in verse 10, "He that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much." That sounds like we will be weighed in the balances in the Judgement, and what if we are found wanting? Jesus warns in verse 11, that if we do not as he said with the unrighteous Mammon, who will commit to you the true riches--eternal life? And in verse 12, "And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's--the earth is the Lords, and the fulness thereof--who shall give you that which is your own?" Eternal Life, that God has promised to them that love him.

The Apostles instruct in Acts 2:43, "And fear came upon every soul, that they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all man, as every man had need. And again in Acts 4:43, "for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the price of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the Apostles feet." This was for the distribution to the needy.

In Luke 12:13-15, one of the company said unto Jesus, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." Jesus said, "Man who made me a judge or a divider over you." Jesus refused to be a divider in their money matters. And he said unto them, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

We read in Heb. 12:15-17, that Esau sold his birth-right for one morsel of meat. And as we are born again, new creatures; we must take heed so we do not sell our birth-right for one morsel of meat, that is for covetousness sake. We read in 1 Tim. 6:6-8, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having good and raiment let us be therewith content."

"So how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation." Heb. 2:1-4

Brother H. Stolnake

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Editor's Note: Brother Stolnake was a strong supporter of the Courier. He made many contributions to the paper by writing articles, while many brethren did not. Although he has passed on, his articles will remain with us.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."
Prov. 25:25

Dear Brethren,

I will write the news from Broken Bow. The church here is doing very well. Everyone is up and able to attend Church. The weather has been pretty cold with a little snow; but all is well now thanks to the Lord and praise be to Him in the Church. We have decided to have our meeting beginning the 6th of June through the 13th with Brother Atchley of Elk City doing the preaching. If the Lord wills, later in the year we hope to have another short meeting with Brother Jack White, if our plans don't change. Brother Wilson of Antlers is still leading his family in the 'right way' and is doing better, but is far from well. He needs our prayers, brethren.

We meet at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. each Lord's Day. All who can, come be with us. I am open for meetings to any who want me. So write to me and let me know. All pray for us here at Broken Bow.

Yours in Christ for the Church at Broken Bow,
Lloyd Treat

Brethren,

Just a few lines to let you know of some of our recent activities. Veda, her mother, Sister Nora Loveland, and I, have just returned from a four week vacation of the type that I would recommend to all who enjoy good preaching, good singing, and the wonderful fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ.

We started out by attending the Thanksgiving meeting at Chico, Calif., and then headed south. We visited with the brethren in Modesto, Encenitas, Oceanside, Calif., Yuma and Parker Ariz. We were able to attend services at Bellflower, and Lakeside Calif.

About half way through the vacation, I held a four day meeting at the church in Glendale, Arizona. We really enjoyed our stay in the Phoenix area, and wish to commend the brethren there for their zeal, enthusiasm, and wonderful hospitality. They have just completed a new church building and are trying very hard to grow in both numbers and knowledge.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren from Yuma who supported the Glendale meeting, and also my brother Robert McCay who stopped on his way from Port Orchard to Texas. We would also like to thank the brethren at Chico for affording us the opportunity to get together with brethren from so many different congregations in the love and fellowship of our Lord. We were able to hear nine different speakers in the four days we were there; and enjoyed every one.

Thanks again to all the brethren from all the different congregations for their wonderful love and hospitality shown to us during our travels.

We hope to see many of you at our meeting here with Brother Sammy Boen starting April 4th.

Yours in Christ,
Bill McCay
Yakima, Washington

January 13 Brothers Larry Brockman and Verson Bentz of the Chico, Calif. congregation were in a car wreck while visiting in Canada. Brother Larry has been in the hospital since about 3 weeks ago. Although he was on the critical list for some time, by the mercy of God he is now doing quite well and hopes to be able to go home soon, where he will be convelescing for some time. I'm sure he would love to hear from brethren. His address is P.O. Box 66, Nelson, Calif., 95358.

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OBITUARIES

Heino Stolnake

Brother Stolnake was born February 15, 1901 in Gackle, North Dakota, and passed away on January 13, 1976 in Yakima, Washington. He was survived by one brother.

Graveside services were held on January 16, 1976 at the Terrace Heights Memorial Park in Yakima with Brother Howard McCay officiating.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Taylor, daughter of Don and Zelpha Taylor of Fort Cobb, Okla., was baptised Nov. 23, 1975.

Dianne and Richard Burgess, and Larry Fulkerson, all of Yakima, were baptised on January 16, 1976.

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MEETINGS

Yakima, Washington- April 4-11 with Bro. Sammy Boen

Broken Bow, Oklahoma- June 6-13 with Bro. Earl Atchley

Bellflower, California- June 27-july 4 with Bro. Richard Johnston

If you are planning a meeting for this year please send the information to the Courier as soon as possible so that it may be published. Also, as always, we need articles and news from the brethren in order to publish the paper on time each month. Please take a little time and write.

The Editors