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Praise and Obedience

Today let's study the relationship of praise and obedience. These are not contradictory terms. In fact, we will see that obedience is a form of praise. Both spring from our hearts when we are in awe of our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Our God certainly is worthy of praise, for many reasons.

When we consider His infinite power, we are awed and humbled by it, and praise should spring from our lips and lives. His power is evident in His marvelous creation. Gen. 1:1, *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* Psa. 33:8-9, *"Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."* Psa. 147:4, *"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."* Such power is beyond even the comprehension of mortal man.



God deserves our praise also because of the love He has shown us. John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* When you consider the love God showed to send His Son to die for those who had turned their backs on Him; that love is unsearchable.

Through the power and love of God, Christ will return and take us back to live with Him forever in Heaven. 1 Thess. 4:16-17, *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."*

So we see that, for many different reasons, our souls should express His praise.

We express praise to God in song. Psa. 66:2, *"Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious."*

Also, thankful prayer expresses appreciation of Him. 1 Thess, 5:18. *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

But make no mistake, obedience also expresses praise. Obedience is a form of praise. Psa. 148:7-8, *"Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:"*. And praise is incomplete without obedience, as Jesus told the Pharisees in Matt. 15:8-9, *"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."*

Let's consider some specific ways that obedience expresses praise.

As we consider the following questions, I do not mean to be insulting. I question no one's sincerity. But I do want to be clear. Clarity demands that I be specific. If God is worthy of our praise he is worthy of our accepting His ways and being obedient to them. Psa. 119:5, *"O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!"*

Since God is all powerful, all wise, and omnipotent; do we consider His Word to be enough to guide us? Or do we

follow other, man-made creeds, changing His Word to keep up with the times?

If we are standing in awe of Him, do we worship only by the commandments and examples given? Or do we add things to worship, such as musical instruments and cups? Are these extras mentioned in the Bible as acceptable to God? Isn't He worthy of our appreciation? If they were approved, wouldn't He have put them in His word?

Do we add classes to try to teach the young better? A noble goal, but how can we improve on God?

The link between praise and obedience doesn't stop with worship or teaching. There is a connection between the two in our daily lives as well.

We are often faced with right or wrong decisions, such as drinking, mixed dancing, gambling. I have no wish to cause or prolong any trouble on such questions. But we do need to appreciate and be in awe of God's wisdom and power. We need to involve this awe of God in our decisions. And we need to be consistent in our tests for worship and daily life. If these were approved behaviors, God would have said so. Eph. 5:10, *"Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."* Are they approved by God? Are they approved by the world? So are they Godly or worldly?

Of course, in none of these above situations (worship or daily life) are people deliberately praising God less. And I refuse to say that you are praising God less if you don't agree with me. But when we add things not approved in God's Word; aren't we, in effect, trying to improve on His Word? Isn't that taking a huge, unnecessary chance with our soul?

Let's go further. If we are standing in awe of God, will we fall to temptation over and over again that He has promised to help us overcome? 1 Cor. 10:13, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

If we praise God in song at every opportunity with other Christians, are we ashamed to speak of Him when we are with friends in the world? 2 Tim. 1:12, *"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."*

If God's love and amazing grace inspires us, does it inspire us to show the same love and forgiveness to others? 1 John 4:19-21, *"We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."*

Brothers and Sisters, understand. If praise to God sings from your lips, obedience to God should ring from your life.

If we are truly in awe of him, obedience is a form of praise, just like singing and praying. Psa. 101:1-2, *"I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart."*

I pray that being so specific has not hurt anyone's feelings. That is not the aim of this article. The aim is to make us all think, and make every decision in the awe, fear and praise of God.

And God is, most definitely, worthy of all forms of our praise. Psa. 146:10, *"The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord."*

In Christian love,
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The Old Fence

Many years ago, my uncle, who worked for the railroad, called my mother and asked her if my great aunt was okay. It seemed that he had just unloaded 4 or 5 old fence posts that she had paid freight on from the mid-west to Washington. These were not new fence posts but, as he described them, they were almost rotten. They were full of sand, rocks, old fence staples, and some even had pieces of barbed wire attached. Why would anyone in their right mind pay to have these shipped ½ way across the United States?

As you can imagine, this caused no small stir in the family, as we all wondered if my great aunt had finally lost her marbles. Finally, my mother called her and asked if everything was okay. "Sure," she said, "she had gotten her fence posts, and her neighbor man was delighted." Pop Summers (my great aunt's neighbor) was an old-time woodworker, who loved to do inlaid tables. To make a long story short, my great aunt and he knew something about those old fence posts that no one else knew. Underneath all the old staples, barbed wire, rocks, and dirt there was a heart of pure and solid black walnut that had stood the test of time and grown even harder and more beautiful with age. A master could see past all the outside infirmities to the pure heart that lay beneath.

This is the way God looks at each of us. It is not what is on the outside that counts – all the pretty skin that can be so easily damaged, and grows wrinkled and scarred with age. As our Master, He looks at what is on the inside that has stood the test of time, for this is where the real beauty of a man is.

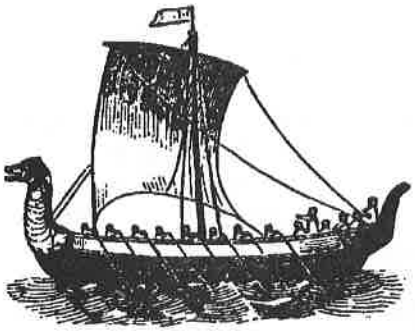
Matt. 5:8, "*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*"

Written to stir up your minds.

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The Travels of Paul: Fourth Journey

Voyage to Rome





The Holy Spirit told Paul via the prophet Agabus on his earlier return to Jerusalem that he would be imprisoned (Acts 21:10-12); and while Paul was imprisoned at Jerusalem, the Lord appeared and told him, "... Be of good cheer: for as thou hast testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness at Rome also." Multiple provinces worked together in fulfilling this prophecy. As McGarvey said, "The machinations of the Jews, the avarice of Felix, the indecision of Festus, the prudence of Paul, and the Roman statute for the protection of its citizens, very strangely but very naturally combined to fulfill a promise of God made in answer to prayer." (J. W. McGarvey, *Commentary on Acts*, p. 260). Still other providences are visible throughout the voyage itself.

When the time came for their departure to Rome, Paul was delivered to Julius, a centurion of the Augustan band (Acts 27:1). He was placed aboard a ship of Adramyttium (most likely a tramp vessel that makes all the ports along the coast of Asia) with Aristarchus (vs. 2). Although it not mentioned whether Aristarchus was a prisoner or whether he was there of his own volition, Paul in his letter to the Colossians made reference to him as "*my fellow-prisoner*" (Col. 4:10).

The next day the ship made port at Sidon, where Julius graciously allowed Paul to go ashore to meet his friends and refresh himself (vs. 3). It is remarkable the respect that was shown to Paul; how that he not only was allowed to leave the ship at Sidon, but also was given special priveleges the entire voyage.

When the ship departed again, they sailed north under the lee of Cyprus to get protection from the contrary winds from the west (vs. 4-5). When they approached Cilicia and Pamphylia, they changed their course to due west, and ported at Myra, a major Mediterranean seaport, where they searched for a ship bound for Italy (vs. 6). Since grain shipments were regularly shipped from Egypt to Rome via Myra, finding such a ship was no problem (J. R. Dummelow, *Commentary on the Holy Bible*, p. 851).

Having found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy, they boarded. (History tells us this ship was built to carry a cargo of wheat and 276 passengers and crew.) Going was very slow for several days because of the strong westerly winds. Approaching Cnidus, buffeted by heavy seas, they turned south to gain advantage of the wind and the lee of Crete (vs. 7-8). Having passed the eastern shore of Crete, they once again sailed into the difficult westerly winds until they decided to take a breather at Fair Havens, which was near Lasea.

Next: Shipwreck

Written in love of the truth.

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Christian Hope



"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" (1 Pet. 3:15). From this verse it can be seen that Christians are commanded to be ready to give an answer (a good, scriptural one too) to anyone, of the hope within them. In the letter to the Colossians, it is stated to Christians that their hope is "*laid up in heaven,*" as Paul said, "... *ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;*" (Col. 1:5).

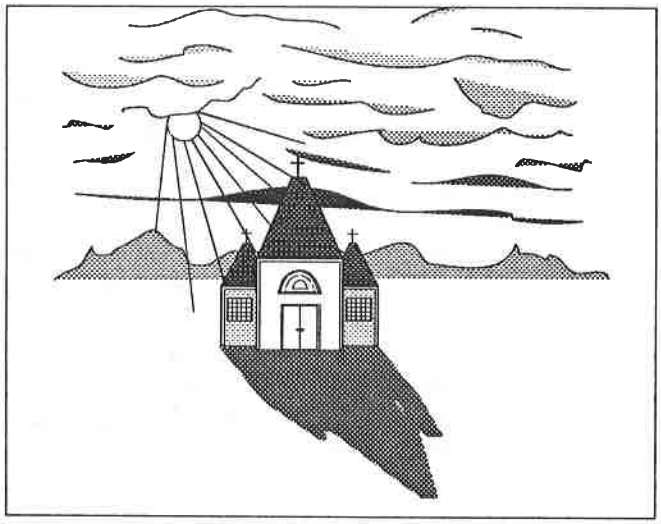
In Peter's statement, we learn that the Lord God is to be sanctified in our hearts. Now, if we listen to the world of so-called religious people, we might be led to think that some great, mysterious action of a "better felt than told" nature must take place in the life of a responsible person for "true sanctification" to take place. When we study the meaning of the word "sanctify" we find it to mean simply, "set apart, or consecrated." Religiously speaking, it would mean, "set apart from wrong practice and consecrated or dedicated to doing right." Since this is true, we can, and must, give reason how this is done.

In the gospel of John, Jesus tells just how this is done, or how people are sanctified: "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*" (John 17:17). We learn that people are sanctified through God's word, or as one translator (Weymouth) says, "by the truth of God's word." This agrees with Peter's statement that the soul is purified in obeying the truth – God's word (1 Pet. 1:22). When the Lord is sanctified (set apart) in life, He is made Leader to follow in His steps (1 Pet. 2:21).

Truly, there can be no scriptural basis to hope for heaven, except by following the Saviour. To follow Him is simply to take His word as our only guide from earth to heaven, because from the Psalms we learn, "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*" (Psalms 119:105). Paul states that the scriptures furnish all "set apart people" "*unto all good works*" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Such good works for the "*man of God*" are called a "*reasonable service*" (Rom. 12:1). Then none of these good works are too hard or difficult for us, as we learn from Jesus: "*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*" (Matt. 11:30). Hear the Apostle Paul: "... *be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*" (Eph. 5:17). Yet, the claim is made that God's will can't be understood when it is read, and some even use this as an excuse to refuse to serve the Lord as He directs in His word. Hear Paul again: "*Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.*" (2 Tim. 2:7). Small wonder, then, that David said that the delight of a godly man "... *is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate* (study) *day and night.*" (Psalms 1:1-2).

Now it is certain that our Lord wants sincere, intelligent, and heartfelt service or obedience from alien sinners (Rom. 6:17-18). In Acts 8:37, a lost soul was asked if he believed with all his heart before he was baptized, and after he was immersed he went on his way rejoicing. We find that this kind of faith must hold even unto death (Rev. 2:10) for the true hope (crown) to be won. "Pure-mindedness" is a requirement of all who would reach heaven as the end of all hope (2 Pet. 3:1), and Paul says to "*keep thyself pure*" (1 Tim. 5:22).

Are we, as Christians, being sure to do this? I ask as one who has the right (1 Pet. 3:15). Please, let us all take check upon how we are serving our Lord and taking care of our bodies, lest many of the impure things of the world enter our lives through the many avenues of entrance. Remember, we are not our own (1 Cor. 6:19-20), dear brethren, and let nothing enter in to defile (make unclean or impure) this body (1 Cor. 3:16-17).



To be sure, to realize our hope we must serve sin no more (Rom. 6:6), but are to feed upon God's word (1 Pet. 2:2), and grow and be a light (Matt. 5:16), and help others. Be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ, said Paul (Phil. 1:10); yet sincerity alone on our part will not gain the fulfillment of our proper hope. From the Hebrew

letter we learn that Christ "*... became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*" (Heb. 5:8-9). Again in the Proverbs, we are taught that *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*" (Prov. 14:12), if it is not right as God's word directs.

As our true hope is anchored in God's word, and is said to enter into that within the veil (death; Heb. 6:19), we must always keep this anchor where it belongs. Some of the things which make our anchor steadfast are listed: (1) Obedience to the gospel (2 Thess. 1:7-9); (2) Being sure we remain true to the one body we are baptized into (1 Cor. 12:13) of which Christ is the Saviour of, and it alone (Eph. 5:23); (3) Wear no other name than His (Christ's; 1 Pet. 4:16; Acts 4:12; Acts 11:26); (4) Cling to the only true and acceptable worship that Christ wills for us (John 4:24); and (5) remember the warning against worshipping after the doctrines of men (Matt. 15:9).

When we truly examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5), we may be kept out of all manner or forms of worship which are not of faith (Rom. 10:17). In this we know that if we cannot read our practices, we are in sin (Rom. 14:23; 1 John 3:4). Paul says, "*For we walk by faith, not by sight:*" (2 Cor. 5:7). True hope abides now (while we are living; 1 Cor. 13:13), but only if we abide in His word (John 8:31). "*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*" (2 Cor. 5:1).

Let us "*Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines ...*" (Heb. 13:9). Any doctrine not found in the New Testament is surely strange (foreign) to our Lord, and will not help us to realize our true hope, but will cause us to fail or come short of it, regardless of how we may feel about such (2 Cor. 5:7; Rom. 14:23). Jesus is the *"author and finisher of our faith*" (Heb. 12:1-2), and He says we learn His way in His book, the New Testament (Heb. 10:7).

Can you say that your religious life is fully grounded in the New Testament scriptures? (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Ask yourself all about your religious manner – church, name, worship, etc. If you can't read all in God's book, let me persuade you to make a change, and be led by what you can read; will you not? Test your hope. Is it rooted and grounded in the proper way and place? Are you a member of the church of Christ? (Rom. 16:16). Are you a Christian only? (Acts 4:12; Acts 11:26). Are you worshipping only with this kind of people? (John 1:6-7); and in the only way that can be read for true worship as our Lord directs? (Matt. 18:20).

A grim monster called death will some day engulf us all (Heb. 9:27; 1 Cor. 15:22). Since death is not the final end for us (1 Cor. 15:23), it surely behooves us all to mold our lives with this in view. We are told there are two destinies awaiting, and we shall receive as we do here in this body, "good or bad." We learned that the scriptures furnish us "*unto all good works.*" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Then it is positive that what we do to serve the Lord which is not in His word is a bad work. Solomon says, "*The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.*" (Prov. 14:32). This seals the doom for the hope of all the unrighteous, and David says that all God's "*commandments are righteousness.*" (Psalms 119:172). Hence, those who are righteous are those who keep His commands. Jesus makes this very clear: "*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*" (Matt. 7:21).

Will you not think and act upon what your hope is based, and do so today? Tomorrow may be too late (James 4:14).

By Brother W. H. Francis
(reprinted from ***It Is Written*, November, 1955)**

A Preacher's Story

Let me share a "preacher's story" with you. Several years ago a reader of the ***British Weekly*** wrote a letter to the editor as follows: "Dear Sir! I noticed that ministers seem to set a great deal of importance on their sermons and spend a great deal of time in preparing them. I have been attending services quite regularly for the past 30 years, and during that time, if I estimate correctly, I have listened to no less than 3,000 sermons. But, to my consternation, I discover I cannot remember a single one of them. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else? Sincerely ..."

The letter kicked up quite an editorial storm of angry responses for weeks. The pros and cons of sermons were tossed back and forth until, finally, one letter ended the debate. This letter said: "My Dear Sir: I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals – mostly my wife's cooking. Suddenly I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every one of them. I have the distinct impression without them, I would have starved to death long ago. Sincerely ..."

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Cards and Letters





Bohannan Mt., AR

Everyone here is about as usual. Brother Melvin Daniels is recovering nicely from knee surgery and a bout with pneumonia.

A few weeks ago Brother Marion and Sister Mary Serrano from the Goshen congregation came to meet with us, and Brother Marion brought us a wonderful lesson. Last Lord's Day, Brother Curtis, Sister Letitia Allred, and children from Goshen came, and Brother Curtis brought us another good lesson. We really enjoyed them, and thank God for their support.

Brother Gary and Sister Thelma Hooper had a house fire awhile back. We thank God no one was injured. The house can be regained, but they lost about everything inside; but thanks to the generosity and love of neighbors and friends, about everything has been replaced.

Anyone passing through or coming to visit, we are happy to have you meet with us.

May God bless you all.

With brotherly love,

Yours in Christ,

Marvin Daniels

San Pablo, CA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to all the beloved. All here are doing fairly well. Sister Melody Glynnell and Sister Shannon Bryant haven't been able to attend every service, and we would ask that you pray for them.

We had a wonderful lunch and fellowship with Brother and Sister Cooper in their home on the 12th. Bonnie and I and Brother J. D. and Sister Fern Logan were blessed by our visit with the Coopers. Brother and Sister Logan have been worshipping with us, and we pray that they will be able to continue. We are sad to report that Brother Cooper's eyes are no better, but he says that he is thankful to have the limited sight that he has. We thank God on his behalf. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

We were also blessed to have Brother John Usrey from Sacramento visit our home on the 4th, and to spend the night, and he attended services with us on the 5th. He had to return home to go to work that evening. We look for his return very soon.

Let us not forget to pray for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who are ill. We know God answers prayers.

With Christian love,

Homer Bryant & family.

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

Just a note to let you know that for the most part everyone here is doing well. Mileah Angel, age 2 next week, has had some breathing difficulty, and suffering from foot, hand, and mouth disease that is highly contagious and very painful. She is now on the downside of recover, but could use your prayers.

On November 8th, Brother Don Johnston and Sister Heather Toler were married in a lovely wedding officiated by Brother Ellis Forsman; the Benediction prayer by Brother Howard McCay; the singing by Brother Wayne and Sister Amy Orendorff. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Sister Lynell Forsman, Brother Don and Sister Heather Johnston went to the Springfield, OR, congregation the weekend of November 16th. They went down to bring back some of Don and Heather's personal belongings (they had recently moved to Seattle from that area). While there, they visited Brother Roy McCay who had been very ill and has lost a lot of weight; and also visited Sister Anna Lee Warner, who has been very ill of late after fracturing two vertebrate during a fall. We want to remember these and others in our prayers.

We understand that Brother Mike Geho has been in Saudi Arabia during the recent unrest there. He is to return home soon; hopefully, by the time this edition has been printed.

We are also happy to have Brother Gerald Morris back with us after his visit with relatives.

May God be with you all.

In Christian love,

The Sea-Tac congregation.

Selah, WA

Brethren,

It's been a long time in writing. It has been a busy summer for us. We are now getting ready for winter.

Pat and I went on a long trip this summer. We were gone eight weeks. I held the Lorenzo, Texas, meeting, and we met a lot of people. Our week's stay was wonderful, and we had a lot of good food and fun. We want to thank everyone at Lorenzo, and especially our hostess Earlene Forsman. On our trip we got to see many different states, and the country was beautiful. We also got to stay with many people. We want to thank them for their hospitality and good fellowship. These memories of our trip will be cherished forever.

The Selah congregation is doing well. Some have had the flu, and this comes with the winter months.

Our prayers are with Brother Jim Brown and his family. We know the Lord is looking over him in this time of need.

In Christian love,
Gene McKinney

Yuma, AZ

Hello again to all throughout the brotherhood:

A bit of news from the Yuma congregation. We are mostly doing well, although Sister Cyble has spent a few days in the hospital. Her blood sugar level has been high, and tests have been done for her heart.

Our weather here is ideal at this time, and has brought several home that spend the summers away. Sister Verda Nelson, Sister Bonnie Smitt, Sister Donna Beach, Brother Bud and Sister Willie Davis, and Brother Carl and Sister Betty Carlson are back after their visiting away this summer. We are glad to have them back, and I think the trip did Sister Betty a lot of good.

Brother Joe and Sister Diane Davis and family from Show Low, AZ, were with us the last Sunday of October. Brother Joe gave the Sunday morning message, and it was a very good lesson.

Brother Robert Davis was in Lorenzo, TX, for a visit and a mini-meeting October 18-19. Brothers Joe and Robert are to share the November 23-30 Citrus City Meeting. Brother J. W. Bedingfield was to be here to take part in the meeting, but apparently health reasons will prevent him from being here. I was looking forward to hearing him again. I remember so well hearing his meetings in Somerton when I was just a kid.

Upon Carl and Betty's return home, we joined with her to celebrate her 88th birthday with a cookout and a lot of good visiting. It is wonderful how well she does at this age.

Well, this is probably as much space as we should use in the Cards and Letters section this time, so best of wishes to all, and may God's blessings touch us all.

From the church in Yuma,
The Harry Davis family

Editor's note:

We received word that Brother Jim Brown of the Baron congregation has had 10-12 heart blockages, and has been placed on blood thinners. Our prayers are with him.

Precious Memories

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***The Christian Courier*, November-December, 1977.** The Lorenzo, TX, congregation reported on the visit of Brother Bill Jared from the Chesterton congregation; their meeting with Brother Bill McCay, Jr., and Brother Greg Staley; and the surgery of Brother Jack White. Brother Don Taylor, Lugert, OK, wrote that they had a good turnout at their first Sunday meeting. Brother Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, encouraged all congregations to write to the paper, even if it is only one paragraph long (Good advice today, as well). Sister Alice Bergstrom, Gardendale, TX, reported on their meeting with Brother Earl Atchley. Brother Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, wrote about their visit to the Port Orchard, WA, gospel meeting with guest speakers, Brother Jerry McCay and Brother Bob Farley. Also announced: births of Tressa Ross to Dan and Alyce Ross, Nov. 27th; and Kevin Lamb to Jim and Cathy Lamb, Nov. 30th.

***The Christian Courier*, November, 1987.** No file copy exists.

***The Christian Courier*, December, 1987.** Brother John Usrey, Sacramento, CA, listed a number of recent visitors. Brother Howard McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on his visits to the Lorenzo, TX, meeting with Brother Ken Harper and the Delta Camp Meeting. Brother Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, wrote that his wife was hospitalized for three days for an operation. The Medford, OR, congregation mentioned that Sister Mabel Bumgardner had reached 97 years of age, but was failing (Editor's note: she had passed away before the paper had been published). Brother Mark Perigen, Bellflower, CA, reported that Sister Myrtle Clouse was very sick; that Brother Gerald and Sister Natalie Brockman had a girl, Monica Joy, born on Aug. 31st; and that they had some recent earthquakes. Brother Ken Williams, Modesto, CA, wrote of the passing of Sister Jewel Cadwell; and that Sister Kay Guyer had suffered a mild heart attack. Brother Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, listed a number of recent visitors.

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

Nov. 23-30, 1997	Citrus City, AZ	Joe Davis & Robert Davis
Nov. 28-30, 1997	Pleasant View, OK	Doug Ferguson
June 21-28, 1998	Yakima, WA	Sammy Boen & Mick Boen
June 27-July 5, 1997	Delta Camp Meeting	Guest speakers

Baptisms

Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Oct. 5, 1997

Weddings

Don Johnston & Heather Toler	Sea-Tac, WA	Nov. 8, 1997

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Jim Brown	Baron, OK	Heart blockage
Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
Ted Drysdale	Brawley, CA	Fighting cancer
Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition
Ernest Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer & broken hip
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Reba White	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer
Lauren Guthrie	Pleasantview, OK	Epileptic seizures
Leroy Mullen	Randlett, OK	Stroke
Melody Glynell	San Pablo, CA	Ill
Shannon Bryant	San Pablo, CA	Ill
Mileah Angel	Sea-Tac, WA	Breathing problems
Howard McCay	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Garold Morris	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Roy McCay	Springfield, OR	Very ill
Anna Lee Warner	Springfield, OR	Broken vertebrate
Sister Cyble	Yuma, AZ	Heart tests





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