LITTLE LETTER

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GODLY EDIFICATION, 1 TIM. 1: 4

(by Bro. Al Dodson)

Now as the Apostle Paul says here (NEITHER GIVE HEED TO FABLES AND ENDLESS GENEALOGIES, WHICH MINISTER QUESTIONS, RATHER THAN GODLY EDIFYING WHICH IS IN FAITH:) so do, - Well, we can see there that he wants us to be Godly edified; and the only way we can be Godly edified, is to teach and believe his word. If we teach and believe that which he gave, then we couldn't help but be GODLY EDIFIED.

If we give heed to fables and endless Genealogies, that is (RATHER THAN GODLY EDIFYING), and if we are not Godly edified, then all we're doing is (GIVING HEED TO FABLES AND ENDLESS GENEALOGIES), because we're not Godly edified.

God gave his word from the beginning of time,so that men might have Godly edification. Even as Moses,in Acts 7: 38 & 39, went up on Mount Sinai; and the Angel spake to him, and to our fathers, (which is the Jews) (WHO RECEIVED THE LIVELY ORACLES TO GIVE UNTO US:) which is the word of God. For those Oracles are lively, they are Godly edification; and, both in St. John 10: 34 & in Psalms 82: 6, (He called them Gods) unto whom the word of God came; and in St. John 10: 35 (IF HE CALLED THEM GODS, UNTO WHOM THE WORD OF GOD CAME, AND THE SCRIPTURE CANNOT BE BROKEN) We want to believe, that the word of God is lively Oracles. And as he says in Acts 7: 39, speaking of these lively Oracles which Moses had, (TO WHOM OUR FATHERS WOULD NOT OBEY, BUT THRUST HIM FROM THEM, AND IN THEIR HEARTS TURNED BACK AGAIN INTO EGYPT)- well that's the way man is today; rather than receive the lively Oracles of God and receive Godly edification, he wants to be just like our fathers the Israelites, who thrust the lively Oracles from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt, where there were only fables and endless genealogies.

2. (Godly Edification, continued)

Godly edification wasn't back there in Egypt, so if Godly edification wasn't there, what was there? Fables & endless genealogies. So it is today, my friends; if men do not have Godly edification, what have they got? Fables and endless genealogies; also if men do not have Godly edification, they are also giving heed to fables and endless genealogies, which he said not do in 1 Tim. 1: 4. They've got to be giving heed to fables and endless genealogies, because they're not Godly edified. Al Dodson, 11734 Garetal St. Santa Fe Springs, Cal.90670- tel.213-864-7518.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-18

"I can tell you this directly from the Lord: that we who are still living when the Lord returns will not rise to meet him ahead of those who are in their graves. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a mighty shout and with the soul-stirring cry of the archangel and the great trumpet-call of God. And the believers who are dead will be the first to rise to meet the Lord. Then we who are still alive and remain on earth will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air - "; "and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort" ("exhort") "one another with these words." AND 5:9-11,"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort" ("exhort") "yourselves together, and edify one another,-".(From The Living Bible & King James).

(And now from Today's English Version; compare them.) "For this is the Lord's teaching we tell you: we who are alive on the day the Lord comes will not go ahead of those who have died. There will be the shout of command, the archangel's voice, the sound of God's trumpet, and the Lord himself will come down from heaven! Those who have died believing in Christ will be raised to life first;then we who are living at that time will all be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, cheer each other up with these words!" AND 5:9-11, "God did not choose us to suffer his wrath, but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us in order that we might live together with him, whether we are alive or dead when he comes. For this reason encourage one another, just as you are now doing."(Interlinear Literal Trans. AND these AND others clearly kill modern-day "1000 year" KINGDOM here.)"-caught away in clouds — and thus always with the Lord we shall be."

NEWS TO NOTICE

Bro. and Sister Chester Kellems are back from their trip to Mexico; had just returned when their listed house in Glendora was sold. They now are moving into their mobile home, 1245 W. Cienega, Space #238, San Dimas, Cal.91773. The Albert Searles(Chester's Sis.) are visiting from Mont.

Bro. and Sis. Elza Loveland,Yakima, wrote that they both are up and are holding pretty well. Brother Elza at times feels weak. May God bless. Many thanks for writing.

Brother W. R. Farrar, Carter, Okla. wrote that they were made happy last Lord's Day (March 17) when their daughter-in-law Melba Farrar came forward at invitation of Bro. Atchley to make her confession of Christ, and was baptized that afternoon. Sister Oneda Johnson was at Elk City Church recently and they have moved from Altus, Okla. to Cherokee. She is a daughter of deceased Bro. and Sister Musgraves. Thank you, Brother Farrar, and all of Elk City.

Last Little Love Letter reported that Sister Peavy in Salem was with strep throat. She is better now and is able to attend services at Springfield. Also reported was that Bro. Jim Bryants of Klamath Falls were now out by Jasper. Brother Bryant was using a power saw when one of their daughters stumbled and fell on the saw. The saw cut deeply; - but the daughter only missed two Lord's Days Services. Bro. Bryant gave a good lesson (Mar.31). They are all good singers, too. (We give many thanks to God, for such good ending.)

LIST OF MEETINGS ROLLING UPWARD

1, Mar.31, all-day at Bellflower. See report herein.
2, Mar.31, 2 weeks now on at Yuma. Hope for a report.
3, Apr.7-14, Modesto-Bro.Al Way. Hope to get a report.
4, June 2-9, Delta,Col. Bro.L.E.Atchley of Elk City.
5, June 16-23,Baron,Okla.Bro.Jack Morris of Chandler.
6, June 30-July7,Bellflower. Bro.Bill McCay, Yakima.
7, June 30-July7,Aztec,N.Mex.Bro.Don Dabbs,Bellflower.
8, Aug.11-18,Furnish Cn.Bro.Tom.Broadway,Grants Pass.

BELLFLOWER ALL-DAY

Actually, it was <u>all day</u>; we left Oceanside at 7:50AM GOT HOME 10:15 P.M. (Others proportionately). The longest travelers were:Bro.& Sis. Robert McCay from Port Orchard, & Bros. Vernon Roark & wife,& Bill McCay & wife from Yakima. Bro. Bill preached on"The Greatness of Love" & Bro.Rob't in the evening on "With the Spirit & With the Understanding".

 (Bellflower, continued)

What with worship, dinner, sing & visit - 'twas big. Before me is a list of 37 or 38 visitors from 12 or more cities — too many for LLL 4 pp.to give. (Heap bigPROBLEM.) Sister Norma Nell Fulkerson(mother of Sis.Betty Perigen)is doing fairly well now. But after her surgery she is still weak and had lost weight. She was present all day.

Brother Paul Auslam of Fayetteville, Ark. was at La Habra Sunday,31 and gave the lesson. Via grapevine — his family may move back here after close of school. GOODY.

YUMA,ARIZ.LATELY

Recently baptized at Yuma, our new Bro.Wm.Martin,Sr. Bro.Mike Wilcher and Sis.Carol Dye were married on Mar.22.

The Meeting began Mar.31 with Bros. J.D.Logan and H.E. McCay speaking. Monday and Tuesday Bro. L.E.Atchley spoke; and Miss Jackie Price was baptized. Others talked,nightly. Then on Sunday Apr.7 Bro.Sammy Boen of Muldrow,Okla.began, with extra large audiences, much singing, worship and joy. He was to continue all week. We left Mon.so no later news.

Also-sorry-we have no news of Modesto Meet. Must go.

OBITUARY

BROTHER OSCAR DEWITT GODDARD,JR. was born Oct.14,'05 at Frederick,Okla. On June 26, '27 at Yuma, Ariz. he was married to Ada Belle Leathers who survives his departure. They both have been members of Church of Christ many years. He was a powder man 30 years for Atlas Powder Co. residing at 1587 Riverside Ave. Colton, Calif. Bro. Oscar left in death Saturday April 6 at the age of 68 yrs.5 mo.23 days.

Left in bereavement are: his wife Ada Belle; one daughter Wilma Louise Gardner; three sons, Dewitt Lavelle, Howard Neal, and Ronald James; one brother & six sisters; six grand children and one great grand child, all living in Southern Calif.;also many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were at Colton Fri. Apr. 12, 2 P.M. conducted by Bro. Alton Dodson, Pomona Church of Christ, assisted by Bros. Don Dabbs & Elmer Hunt. Final resting place "Sermon On The Mount"Green Acres Garden,Bloomington.

NEW PLACE,LAKESIDE CHURCH

The Lakeside Congregation is progressing. Two families have moved back from Bellflower; and new place of assembly is at 1247 Woodside St.in Lakeside. It's across Woodside from Cecil's Restaurant - at intersection of Los Coches Rd. with Woodside, center of Lakeside.(10:30Sun.+P.M.&Wed.at 7). My talk 4/21,"What Comes BEFORE FIRST?" "BUT seek ye FIRST-"