

baby soon. Faith, Alice and I are planning on visiting some of these watch huts as the people are watching their gardens; it will be a good thing for them as no doubt they get discouraged and of course need help.

Pray for us that we may grow in Zulu, and do the Lord's will in all things.

Yours in Christian love,  
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Balmoral Mission Station,  
Natal, March 17th, 1922.

Dear Highway:

Communion Sunday, the 12th, was a good day. The feature that most impressed me was the manifest spirituality of the few among the many, more or less worldly minded church members. Naturally, one mourns the lack in the many, but it is a comfort to see such godliness in the others. When the broken bread and the cup was passed around one could feel that some partook worthily. Their testimonies have the true ring, reminding one of the text, "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." And, again where Christ says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

In this connection Miriam is a great comfort. In the two months of 1922 she has made more progress in the divine life than in two years before. At least, this is her own opinion and testimony. Her words in public exhortation come from the Spirit, and, as is some times expressed, "strike fire," at once. We all know how this is: a meeting may be ever so dead, but when one speaks a message from the Spirit the atmosphere at once changes and we feel that good is being accomplished. Like those of Christ, such words "are spirit and they are life."

Yesterday one of our most spiritual boys, Johanisi, came asking for a testament. He is very ignorant of the word of God, but is wonderfully taught of the Spirit. His abandonment to the will of God is an inspiration. This morning his cousin, Paulina, came. I asked her if she received her daily portion because she is one who walks in the Spirit and feeds on the heavenly manna. She answered in the negative so I passed on to her a precious portion I had received just before her arrival, as I had done to her cousin yesterday, Is. 41:8-20 Vs. 8, 9, Abraham was chosen of God. So are we, "a chosen generation," V. 8, Abraham was a "friend" of God. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

V. 10, God's words of encouragement, "fear not," is like Christ's to us, "Let not your heart be troubled."

V. 10, Because "I am with thee. . . will help thee with my right hand of my righteousness." But not more precious are these promises than ours, "Lo I am with you always."

V. 11-14, They that are increased against, etc., stands for any and all trials that can ever come to the posterity of Abraham, or to us.

"They shall be ashamed and confounded, etc." means deliverance from or victory over every trial. Through faith we are counted as the seed of Abraham and therefore are heirs to all the promises. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." "Behold, I give you power

over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Our greatest example, Jesus, foresaw all His suffering and understood the reasons why. We must often accept blindly, but let us do so in faith. Notice in the life of Joseph and Jacob how that, through much tribulation, God gradually developed His plan and led His people down into Egypt, thus fulfilling His promises to Abraham. "All these things are against me," said Jacob (Gen. 42:36) showing that he had not learned the secret of our lesson. Joseph hoped on in his dungeon until God's clock struck the hour and he was brought out 'hastily' (Gen. 41:14). It is ours, as "friends" of God, to honor Him by a faith that will "rejoice in tribulation" and keep on rejoicing until our prison, like that of Paul and Silas, is shaken and we set free, to find that the prison-experience has opened to us a new door of usefulness. The jailer and all his household were saved and baptized that same night; while Joseph was the means of a great salvation, through his prison-experiences. Verses 15-20, "Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having (see margin) mouths." This speaks of the ripened harvest fields, where the sheaves are garnered and the chaff burned. Then the figure is changed, verses 17 and 18 reminding us of the invitation, "The Spirit and Bride say come. . . let him that is athirst take the water of life freely."

This chapter thus sets forth the divine order: chosen to be friends of God led through divinely appointed and prison-like trials, to be brought out on the victory side, finding set before us an open door of service that no man can shut.

March 17th.

Last night was our regular Thursday evening prayer meeting for us workers. In Miriam's testimony she made a remark that I wish to repeat as it illustrates how precious the word of God becomes to us who walk in the Spirit. She said, "When I read the Bible, it seems to have a personal message, as though it was written just to me. Then I find such nice verses that I get quite excited and want to read the whole chapter."

In Faith's testimony there was a new and helpful thought that I feel like passing on: "Our hearts are like the rooms of a dwelling house. Every morning we need to go over them, dusting, arranging and setting in order, and we always find something out of place. So in our morning devotions we find some things taking too much room. These we must set aside where they belong, thus giving Jesus the first place."

So my heart is filled with gratitude and praise when I see God fulfilling his promise: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."

Yours in Jesus,  
H. C. SANDERS.

"Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."—James.

"No one is beaten until he gives up and says 'I am defeated.'"

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE CAMP MEETING

Evangelist Andrew Johnson.

1. There is the Bible for it. The Jews had three big annual festivities, the Passover in April, Pentecost in June and the Feast of Tabernacles in September. The people came to these big religious gatherings to stay till they were over. All around Jerusalem on the hills the people camped out in booths. These annual religious festivities had many camp meeting elements.

2. The camp meeting has figured in the history of the Christian Church. The great historical Cane Ridge Camp Meeting in Kentucky at the beginning of the nineteenth century witnessed wonderful manifestations of divine power. As many as five hundred people at once were struck down under the mighty power of God as if swept by a battery of a thousand guns. Hollow Rock Camp, Ohio, is over a hundred years old.

3. The camp meeting as an institution has fully justified its existence and is entitled to general recognition. It has done much good in many ways. Tens of thousands have been saved in camp meetings.

4. The camp is a coaling station for Christian people. It is a great power house, the very place for those who are hungering after righteousness to be filled.

5. It furnishes a vacation and recreation for tired overworked people on wholesome lines. They can get away from the tug of toil and the routine of religious forms and often formalism and get a fresh breath and a great blessing upon their souls.

6. The camp is a great open door for holiness to be preached. The doctrine must be proclaimed in clearness, fulness, power and demonstration. Preached in a way that people will seek and obtain the experience.

7. The camp meeting is a great educational center. Books and papers are sold and circulated. A stream of gospel literature has gone out from the great camps to bless thousands of homes.

8. The camp gives one an opportunity to hear strong, unctuous, Holy Ghost, gospel preaching. It feeds the soul on the hidden manna.

9. The camp can be held in the summer time, during the hot months when it is practically impossible to hold meetings in the church.

10. The holiness camp meeting has been owned and honored of God these many years. It stood the test of the recent war better than any institution in the religious world. The camp is not opposed to regular church work. Its object is not to supplant the church, but to help people render better service in their respective churches. There should be no conflict between the church and the camp meeting. Let the church and the camp meeting. Let the church be true to the camp and the camp true to the church.—Christian Witness.

"Faith and common sense should work together."

"The man with an axe to grind generally finds plenty of fools to turn the grindstone."