

home and did not get wet either going or coming, though we had the longest wet spell of the season and when travelling storms were seen a few miles on one or two sides of us at a time. Surely the Lord did guide us and went before us as He had promised.

My heart rejoices that I could have this little visit. I am still realizing that no work is quite so important nor brings in such good returns as preaching the Word to the heathen.

"I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions" is an old promise given me by God himself. I realize there is much of this to possess yet, but may still toil on to win them.

Yours in Jesus,

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

Dear Highway:

Mrs. Sanders and I have just returned from visiting our native church at Utretet. Sunday, the 14th, twenty-three partook of communion while sixty were present. Three children were presented to the Lord while five were baptized and received into the church.

God answered prayer and gave wonderful blessing in the Sunday services. Monday four goats were slaughtered and a delayed Christmas feast held. There was our usual gospel service and the distributing of boxes of matches.

This church is rather weak and needs your prayers. Some of the members have been sanctified and are living for God.

Our hope for this little church is that they may be a light to influence other native congregations to a closer walk with God.

Ever yours in Him,

H. C. SANDERS.

The great love of which St. Paul speaks in the thirteenth of Corinthians is not mere animal love or human love. It is the love of God. To have the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost is the highest and best and chiefest good in all the wide world. It sanctifies all other love. It makes the first and great commandment and the second, which is like unto it, possible. This love imparted by the Holy Spirit from the heart of the Infinite Father enables one to love his enemies. This love is the great winner. It can wear out all opposition. It endureth all things, beareth all things, hopeth all things. It triumphs over poverty, persecution, sickness and death. It takes away all fear; it gives poise and rest and assurance to the human soul. How blessed are those who have reached this high altitude, who have the love of God shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost.

"Under the Old Testament law, a man's sincerity was measured by the quality of his gift. To be acceptable it must be of his best, and really placed upon the altar. So in consecration, the least bit of reservation is a blemish in your sacrifice. Self must be given to Him. Go to your own funeral if you would have Christ enthroned within."

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"To Him that Overcometh."

My soul has been blessed and encouraged this morning, in considering the seven overcomeths as illustrating the Christian life.

1. Rev. 2:7. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Among the prominent thoughts of this text I notice, first, that it stands for conversion or the new birth, of which Christ spoke to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again," which is, in this figure, to "eat of the tree of life."

Another outstanding thought is that of the experience just preceding conversion. To me, personally, it was a great struggle, but the loving Shepherd helped me to overcome every obstacle and enter the fold, where I partook of the tree of life. And, sure enough, I found it to be "in the midst of the Paradise of God," so great and unspeakable was my joy.

2. Rev. 2:10, 11. "Fear none of those things which ye shall suffer: behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

This reminds one of the voice from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And also the next words, as in Mark 1:11, 12, "And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness. . . . forty days tempted of Satan." Following the witness of the Spirit comes suffering. Notice Christ's words concerning Paul, "I will show him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake." Acts 9:16. But faithfulness in suffering always brings, among other blessings, the "crown of life." Paul speaks of it thus, "henceforth is laid up for me a crown." We notice that the same devil that tempted our Lord, is the one that "shall cast some of you into prison." This means, to us, a place of trial where we are shut in, with simply no way of escape. It may be sickness, or some affliction, or caring for some afflicted one. It is ours to take such as God's providences, and not to murmur or think our lot too hard. The Divine object in our prison experience is "that ye may be tried." Job as tried, by God's permission. Even our first parents were tried. God will have a tried people. Christ was tried forty days, while our trials are for only "ten." It is helpful to remember that these "ten days" means that God will bring us out of our prison, as He did Israel out of bondage, at the divinely appointed time. Bless God, we are told to "fear none of these things which ye shall suffer." Christ says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." In the hottest fire there is always "the form of the Fourth" which "is like the Son of God." We shall have passed through the fires and "shall not be hurt of the second death."

3. Rev. 2:17. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written,

which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

The life imparted by partaking of "the tree of life" is sustained by eating of the "hidden manna." This manna was given by God, but the people had to go out in the early morning and gather, every one for himself, before he did other work. If he waited until the dew was gone, that day's food had evaporated. Strange that we are so slow to see the plain lessons God tries to teach us. My only chance to gather manna seems to be before the cares of the day begin. This morning I awoke at 4 o'clock. I could not get to sleep, so arose at 5 and found the manna, all fresh with dew awaiting the gathering. George Muller, whom we know as a man of mighty faith, tells the secret of his walking with God. It is the early morning hour with God and His Bible. Recall any of the departed saints of God, and your memory will picture them with their open Bibles and their place of secret prayer. The first essential is to eat of the tree of life. The second absolutely essential rule is, the daily feeding on the "hidden manna." This is what sustained Christ during His "forty days," and will keep us when we are "tried ten." In the same "ark of the Covenant" that held the golden pot of manna was the record of commandments written by the finger of God on stone. With us there is the "New Covenant" and also the writing on stone, a secret, sacred love-engagement between the redeemed soul, that has eaten of the tree of life, and the heavenly Bridegroom. And our daily supping and partaking of the hidden manna is with Him. Rev. 3:20. The manna is hidden because "the natural man receiveth not the things of God, neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned." "The Spirit," says Christ, "shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." He, the Spirit, requires that we take time to search for the "hidden manna." As partaking of the tree of life was like being "in the midst of the Paradise of God." So the daily feasting with our Lord on the "hidden manna" is like tasting "the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come." This experience comes after we "were made partakers of the Holy Ghost."—Heb. 6:4-5.

4. Rev. 2:26. "Power over the nations." God can now trust his servants with the heavenly dynamite, the power for service. This is from God and is something we did not possess before our pentecost. It is well illustrated by Christ returning from his forty days' trial, "in the power of the Spirit." He "went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." He sends us to do the same work, by the self-same power. Think of the nations that have bowed the knee to our Christ. Ask the first missionaries to our American continent; ask those to the cannibals of the South Sea Islands. This "power over the nations" refers, also, to the time the disciples shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

5. Rev. 3:5. "Clothed in white raiment." This speaks of purity and walking with God. Also of priestly office and service. There is, too, assurance against

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