

God Requires Full Obedience

In a day when rebellion is a far more popular word than obedience it is more than interesting to see certain strong religious leaders taking a stand for strict obedience to the Ten Commandments. We quote from an article in the September 30 issue of *Christian Beacon* written by the editor, Carl McIntire, under the title, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice."

"At this point, let it be said there is no such thing as first, second, third, and fourth degrees of obedience. A transgression of a command is sin. There is no first, second, third degree sin. To break a commandment is to disobey God. To keep the commandment is to glorify Him. At what time does partial obedience become obedience? And this is what God insisted upon when He rejected King Saul: 'Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams' " (1 Sam. 15:22).

The writer was making another point throughout the article in which he criticized the established churches for not being true to the requirements of the gospel, but this quotation is a very strong statement that might well be included in a Sabbath tract. Such an emphasis on the commandments of God has to include the Fourth Commandment, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy" — the last of the first table of the law that bridges between the duties owed to God and the duties owed to man of the second table.

Note what Dr. McIntire says: "To break a commandment is to disobey God. To keep the commandment is to glorify Him. At what time does partial obedience become obedience?" There are those who maintain that they are partial-

ly or essentially obeying the command to keep the seventh day of the week holy when they abstain from work on the first day of the week.

Seventh Day Baptists have long contended that such partial obedience in which a day of their own choosing is substituted for God's day of rest is not pleasing to Christ. To claim that honor should be given to the day that Christ's resurrection was discovered is a serious error when it leads to disobedience of the command to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

We believe that the *Christian Beacon* editor is right in this emphasis on the holiness of God. In His sight "there is no such thing as first, second, third, and fourth degrees of obedience." No matter how many sacrifices are made to do good things on Sunday, "To obey is better than sacrifice." —L. M. M.

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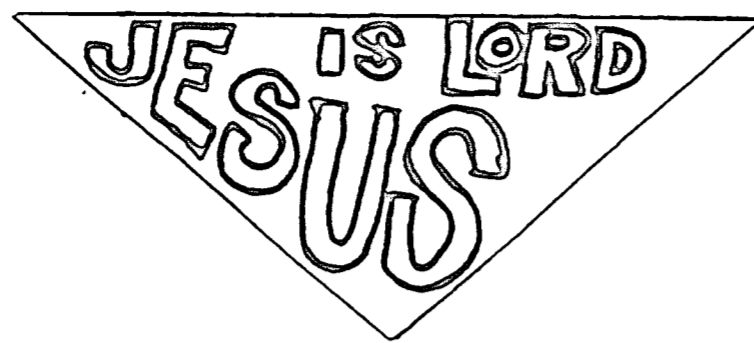
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The Theme

The theme for this issue was suggested by a handbill passed out to announce a series of Bible studies by a youth group in our town. Does it really make any difference whether or not *Jesus Is Lord*? Well, I would say that it makes a world of difference for a Christian or for a church or for a nation. In fact, I'm confident that it makes much more than a world of difference. If *Jesus Is Lord* the difference is eternity.

Most of the material is taken from radio talks by several pastors and a few items gathered here and there. One feature article was prepared just for this issue.

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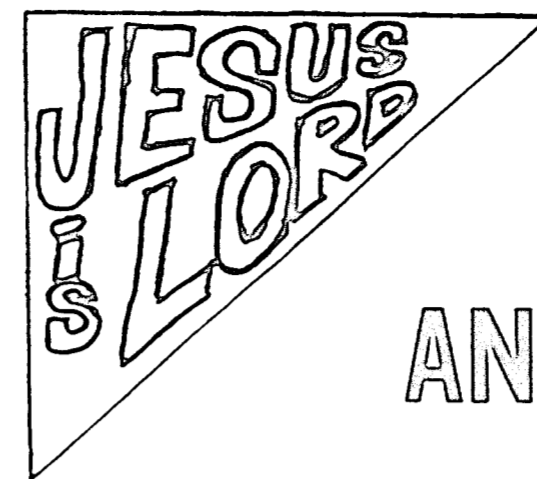
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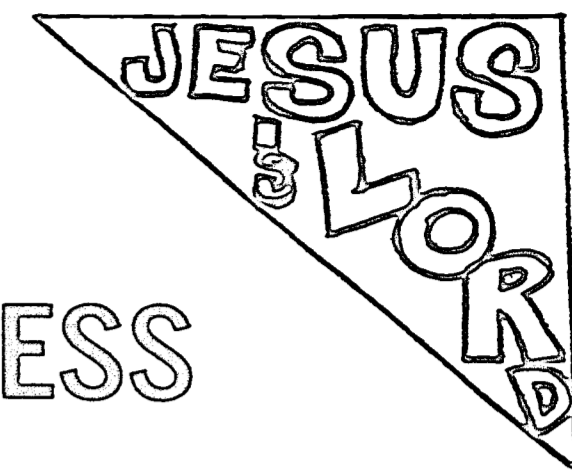
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JESUS Gives AN INNER FULLNESS



Security Blanket

(From the Denver church paper, the Rev. Glen Warner, pastor)

I pulled my blanket tighter around my shoulders and snuggled in the warmth of my family, my job, my education, my good health, my financial security. But the winds of chance whipped at the corners; the cold of the future pierced my cover and I shivered.

Suddenly my blanket was ripped from my grasp and I stood exposed in all my fears. Then I looked up to Him. Slowly I was enveloped with certainty and with all eternity.

The Son said, "My peace I give to you. Don't be troubled or afraid." I was warm.

Jesus Is Lord

Overflowing

For years I could see only the barren desert of my life. Nothing would slack my thirst. Parched, I wandered aimlessly, wearily from one illusive mirage to another.

A stream appeared, but I ignored it, thinking that it, too, would vanish when I approached. But it crossed my path. At last, with a skeptical, knowing smile, I bent to touch the seeming stream. It was cool and wet. In relief I plunged in, drinking and splashing until my heart overflowed with joy.

I was clean forevermore.

Jesus Is Lord

(From Dial-a-Devotion by Rev. E. Cruzan)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Someone has translated this as, "Blessed are those who feel their spiritual need, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them." We should live, not seeking the honor of men, but service to mankind; not even seeking the favor of God, but usefulness in life. We should live for the life and not for the praise that it brings to us.

The person who has the mark of this blessed, is the person who is in the kingdom of heaven even now while living day by day upon this earth in the happiness of a full Christian life. The humility of which Jesus teaches is not to be found in the person who finds pleasure in calling himself a worm or a miserable sinner that he may have an excuse for aiming low, but the one who sees the way of truth and justice and mercy and who seeks to follow in it regardless of the reaction of his fellows.

He is dedicated to a way of life and not to praise of mankind. The humble, the poor in pride, seek to find the fullness of God's teaching. We can be thankful for the humble spirit of Christ who instead of calling in legions of angels to His defense against the high priests and armed guard of Rome, stood before Pilate taking the buffetings of His accusers. He did this because He knew that except He gave on the cross there would be no sacrifice which could cleanse us from guilt and sin.

That one, the poor in spirit, is busy serving in the name of Christ. It is the name and the way of Christ which he sets forth rather than himself.

Jesus-The Only Source

I dare not stand and wait
To leave my life
At the hands of fate.
I must believe in Him
And ask Him to order it.
JESUS IS LORD!

I must take my dreams,
And in my waking hours
Turn these ideas and hopes
Into realities of faith.
JESUS IS LORD!

What a wonderful thing life is,
When I know that I can call on Him
To provide all things I need,
And even some I just wish for,
JESUS IS LORD!

I make so many mistakes,
And yet I know
That with His help
All my dreams will grow
Into reality, and so
I give my life to Him.
JESUS IS LORD!

—Dale D. Thorngate
(In Washington church bulletin)

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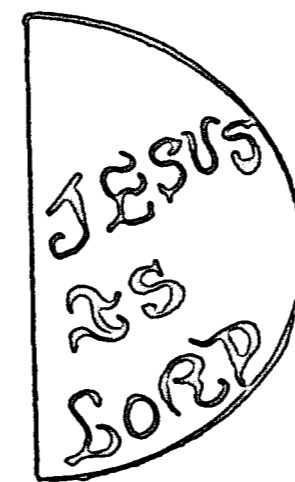


I Know Him

"For I know whom I have believed."
2 Timothy 1:12

What wondrous blessings overflow
When we can truly say, "I know."
I know in whom I have believed,
I know the One I have received,
I know His blood avails for me,
I know that I was blind, but see,
I know that my Redeemer lives,
I know the gift He freely gives,
I know He'll keep me to the end,
I know He's my unfailing friend,
I know He's coming in the sky,
I know the time is drawing nigh.

—R. E. Neighbor
(In Quiet Hour Echos)



(From a radio broadcast
given in 1941 by the late
Rev. Lester G. Osborn.)

Our slogan is, "Holding Forth the Word of Life." Our desire is to help you to know Jesus and to help to face life and its problems. We look to God in prayer.

Our Father-God, life seems so difficult at times that we faint and grow weary. Conditions seem so hopeless. Yet, Father, thou knowest the solution. May we look to Thee in simple trust, and go forward in Thy strength. Amen.

It would seem that men have always hoped for a golden age. They have looked around them, and seen the results of covetousness, selfishness, and greed, and have looked ahead for something better — a day of righteousness, truth, and justice.

Oh! We have progressed physically. Man has conquered air and water as well as land. Distance has been annihilated. Civilization has risen to great heights, but humanity is still the same. In spite of the efforts of men for world peace, social justice, better international relations — human nature is still the same. Man's efforts have failed. Is there no hope?

Men have looked earnestly for the golden age, but in the wrong place — everywhere except in the Bible. This old book tells us all. It shows man as he is. It tells us why things are as they are. The answer is *sin*. Things are as they are because man has chosen to go his own way instead of God's.

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JESUS HOLDS FORTH LIFE

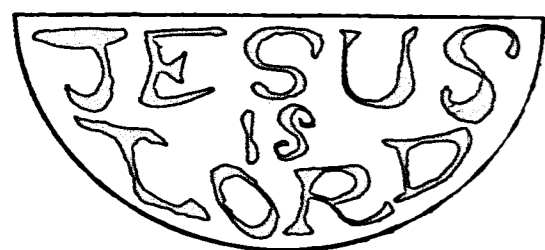
allegiance to the Prince of Peace. Men have worked for social justice and a better world, but forgetting that it can only come in loyalty to the King of Righteousness. The Bible tells us of human failure, but it also gives us hope. It reveals darkness, but over against that it also reveals light. It prophesies lawlessness, but promises the reign of a king of righteousness.

The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into human history was the most wonderful event in the world. But there was a more important event foretold. We read that "the government shall be upon his shoulder" and that "He shall reign forever." That is the "blessed hope" of our world today.

The message of Christ is twofold. For those whose lives are all tied up in knots by misery, suffering, anxiety, uncertainty, dissatisfaction, who are doing things to evade life, who are shrinking from thought of going on, the message of the Book is, "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." This was the experience of Jesus too. He knew hunger. He knew poverty. He knew separation from God. He tasted death. Because of this He was able to say, "I am the bread of life," "I am the light of the world," "I am the way, the truth and the life."

The other part of the message is the promise of His Second Coming in glorious majesty to take into His own hands the tangled reigns of government — "and the government shall be upon his

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Windows for Christian Living

(From the radio program, "Windows for Christian Living," by Rev. C. H. Bond.)

Dr. William Stidger tells of an experience he had several years ago when a student at Brown University. As he climbed the hill to classes he would stop and watch the workmen walking along the steel girders of a skyscraper. Then one morning he saw a terrible thing happen. A workman fell from one of those steel girders to his death on the street below.

Almost at once a crowd gathered and he stood nearby and listened to the talk. Soon a man who seemed to have au-

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shoulder." We have tried many shoulders and failed. His shoulder will not fail. Oh, for that time when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our God and of his Christ; when he shall reign in true righteousness and justice and peace — forever and ever." This is our hope.

Neighbor, are you in line for that? Do you have Him as the solution for the everyday problems of your life? Do you have that blessed hope of His return? Do you know that He has gone to prepare a place for you, and that He will come again and receive you unto Himself? There is only one way. "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "Ye must be born again." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

thority came down from the building and hurried over to the place. He was heard to remark, "The fool was leaning against the wind. I told him to never lean against the wind. He was new at this work or he would never have done it."

Later Dr. Stidger had the opportunity to talk with this foreman and asked him what he meant by "leaning against the wind." "Well, you see, along the coast here in the mornings there is often a strong wind blowing from the ocean, at fifty or sixty miles an hour. A steel worker high on a building of this type may get to leaning against the wind. It is easier to work that way. You don't have to resist so much. But an experienced worker soon learns that he dare not depend on the wind. It may drop at any minute and then he topples to the ground. You can never depend on the stability of the wind."

This is certainly a wonderful parable which will help us today as we open another of the "Windows of Christian Living." It is so easy for us to get to leaning against certain winds of life which at a given moment may seem strong enough, but in the end will bring our destruction.

My, how many people lean on things — material possessions. If they can have fine home, a car, some insurance, and money in the bank, they seem to feel they are set for life and eternity. So they lean on their greenbacks. I think of

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I believe

"... help thou mine unbelief."

(Mark 9:24)

JESUS

I LOVE

"Lovest thou me?"

THEE

"I love thee."

"Feed my sheep."

(John 21:17)

Jesus Is LIGHT

"The light shineth in the darkness."

(John 1:5)

I hope

"... Christ in me, the hope of glory."

(Colossians 1:27)

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FEEL

"Yet not

I... Christ liveth in me." (Galatians 2:20)

Jesus Is JOY

"That my joy might be in you, and your joy may be full." (John 15:11)

Jesus Is PEACE

"To guide our feet into the way of peace."

(Luke 1:79)

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a couple who stepped on a good many people in their drive to accumulate money and the things it can buy. Now he has passed away and his widow is alone, and what a lonely existence she has. In making their money they failed to make friends, and now no one comes to see her. She is not well, but money will not buy her health. Her money will not give her a faith in the eternal God. Jesus said, "You cannot serve God and money." She leaned against the wind — her material possessions, and they let her down.

Another strong wind that many people lean against is "dependence on another person." A mother said to me one day, "Do you know what I am sending to my son for his twenty-first birthday? I am sending him a pair of apron strings." I thought it was a cute idea, for this mother had brought up her children to stand on their own feet. Some parents cling so tightly to their children, making decisions for them, that they never learn independence. Such a child may never want to leave home — to go to college, or get a job, or even get married. And if he does get married, he wants a wife who will mother him. He never learns to stand alone. He leans against a wind that is certain to give way sooner or later.

Well now, where can we go to find a foundation which will resist these destroying winds? The answer is found in Christ, the Water of Life. Let me illustrate with another parable.

A telephone company was digging a hole for a pole in a western town. Less than a foot from the spot where they were digging was a thrifty clump of alfalfa. Its healthy growth and long stems and green leaves defied the scorching sun and seemed indifferent to the blister-

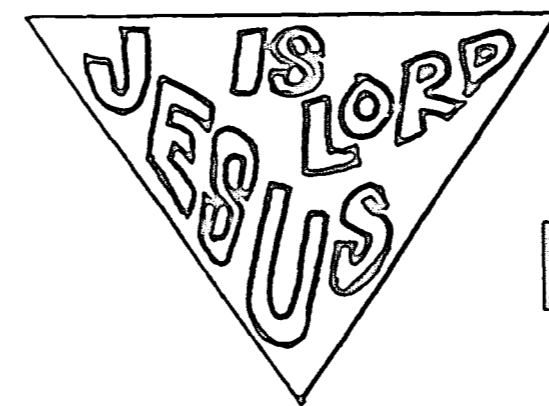
ing wind that came sweeping down from the prairies.

The workmen had not dug their hole more than two feet when they came upon the taproot of the alfalfa plant, growing down through the soil in search of water. After digging the hole nearly six feet and finding the root still going down, the men decided to go on digging to see how far the root had gone. A few feet lower they came upon a stratum of sand, moist from an underground stream of water. There the taproot branched out into a mass of hair-like roots through which the plant was absorbing the water that kept it green in spite of the sun and wind. It had become independent of the elements above. It had gone down until it had found the refreshing water.

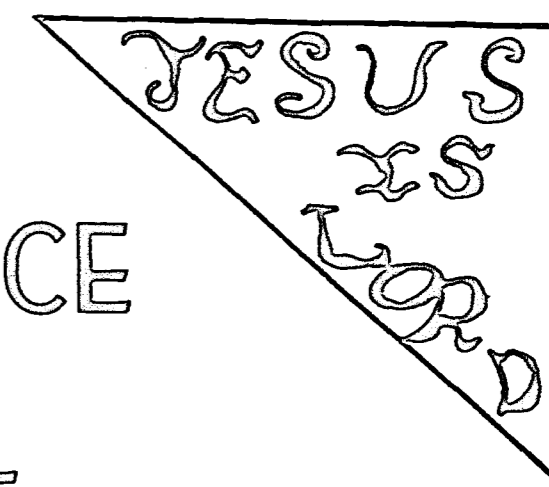
We do not need to lean against the whimsical winds of life. The most beautiful and hopeful and serene persons find their life center deeply rooted in the living Christ. It was for wind-leaners that Jesus came and said, "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life." The Psalmist, knowing the faith of such people, said they were like "trees planted by the rivers of water."

Do not lean on the winds. Learn to lean on the everlasting arms of Christ. The old hymn puts it this way:

"What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace of mind,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Leaning on the everlasting arms."



YOUR LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL



(From "Moments of Praise" Radio Program by Paul Osborn)

We will talk about communications today. Shall we start with "wrong numbers"? At a friend's house the other night the phone rang and he answered. He talked for a while and finally said, "You must surely have the wrong number." At first he thought someone was trying to kid him, but then knew better when the swearing began. I suppose that if an accurate check could be made, the time and energy wasted by "wrong numbers" would be appalling. How many, many people never complete their call because they dial a "wrong number."

Many people today are trying to reach God by a "wrong number." They flock to church. They sing in choirs. They act on committees. They serve on boards. They never reach God, because there is only one way to God. "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me." But people do not like to come to Christ. They know that if they come to Him they will have to confess their sins and accept His forgiveness. So they dial church-going, and social service, and welfare work, and benevolent deeds, but then never get through to God. Yes, no "wrong number" will reach Him. The call absolutely has to be put through Jesus Christ. Won't you make your call right now? We'll wait for just a moment while you make your call. — — — — —

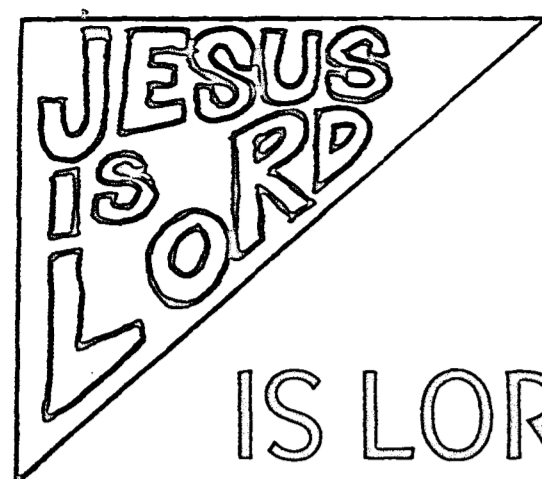
The other day I was in the office of one of my deacons. He is chief of communications in a railroad dispatcher's office. I was amazed at the crackling and

popping and voices from other lines that feed into his phone. But in spite of all this uproar and multitude of voices and confusion, the deacon with his trained ear easily picked out the voices that were calling to him. You know, I couldn't help but think how our God has to put up with a whole world of crackling and popping and static and false voices as He listens for our calls. Do you suppose they get through to Him? Yes, you can be assured they do.

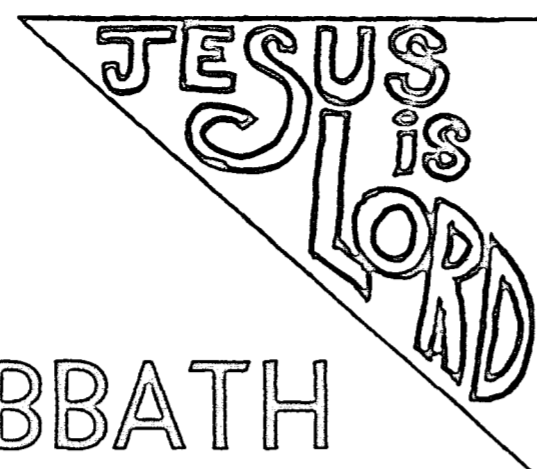
In the dispatcher's office I was really intrigued by the operators. What a role they play in the lines of communication. They are fine people. They really know their job. Did you ever try and try again to put through a long distance call and fail? I have many times. Finally I would call the operator and she could help. She knows how to find the right number. She knows how to route the call around the trouble spots. Right today there are many people who are seriously trying to get through to God, but they somehow just can't make it. They need an operator. Someone who knows the communication system — someone who knows the right number.

Friend, do you know the system? Have you been through the lines? Do you know Jesus? As Christians we need to become increasingly familiar with the lines— Bible study, prayer, witnessing — so we can be better operators for God and for the crying need around us. "Now then we

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JESUS



IS LORD OF THE SABBATH

By Rev. Herbert E. Saunders

Isaiah 56:1-2 (Paraphrase)

This word came from the Lord: "Perform acts in keeping with the rights of others, and do the right thing always, for it won't be long before you will see what I would do to restore you to your proper place, and the means by which I will grant you new life will become apparent. You will be very happy as a real person, if you act according to my plan, making this plan the prime motivator of your experience of life. And this happiness will be yours if you believe and live in relation to my Sabbath, not desecrating it, but giving it the chance to bless your life, and if you refrain from doing anything that you know is against my will for you."

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are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us. We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." This Paul wrote to the Christians at Corinth and Peter says to all Christians everywhere, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason for the hope that is in you." And Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world," and that we are, when His light is shining through us.

Will you, friend, be an operator, or ambassador, or a light today, to someone who is trying to get through to God?

Isaiah 58:13-14 (Paraphrase)

"If you would only take your foot off the neck of My Sabbath. Right now it is holding it fast to the ground. Oh, if you would stop doing your own 'thing' and your way or getting your own 'kicks' out of what you enjoy doing on this day! I have made it special on your behalf. Begin, now, to really see in the Sabbath some real joy and spiritual pleasure. Remember that it is special to Me, too, and can be used to honor Me. If you would have a little respect for it — not sidetracking yourselves in your own festivities, or seeking out selfish satisfactions, or playing around with personal ambitions, nor even making light of it in your speech — then, maybe, you would find some pleasure and joy in your experience with Me. I am your Lord: and I would have a chance to take you on a 'trip' of spiritual experience that would be a mountaintop in your life. I will give you food of remembrance in your spiritual inheritance. Recall Jacob and Paul and Martin Luther and John James, your fathers of faith in Me? That will bring you joy. It is I, your Lord, who have spoken it."

Mark 2:27, 28 (Paraphrase)

And Jesus spoke these words in their hearing: "The Sabbath Day was created and made for the sake of mankind. This includes each one of you. It was brought into being for your sake. You weren't created to give meaning to the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made to give meaning

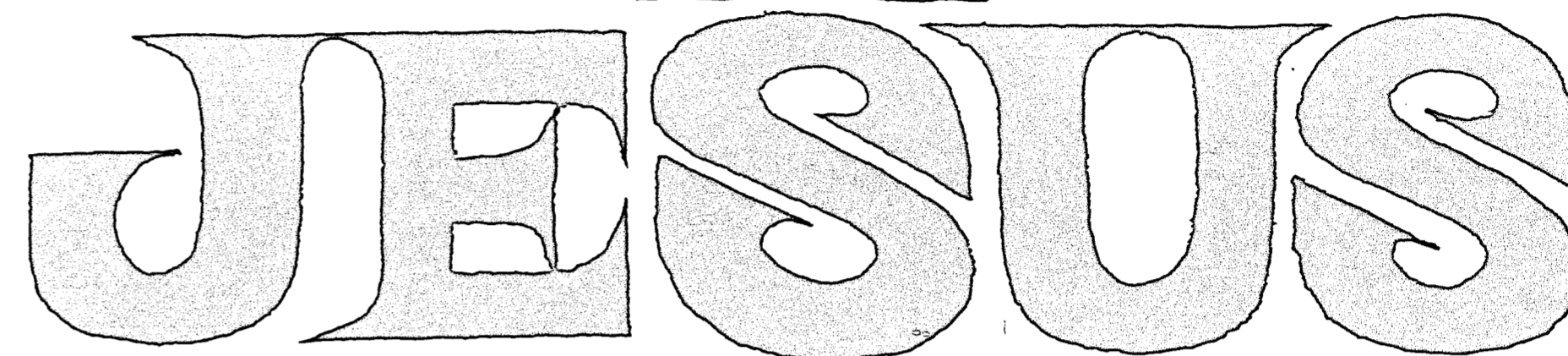
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"For I will give you a mouth of wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist."

—Luke 21:15

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy..."

—Luke 10:19



"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish. Neither shall any man take them from me."

—John 10:28

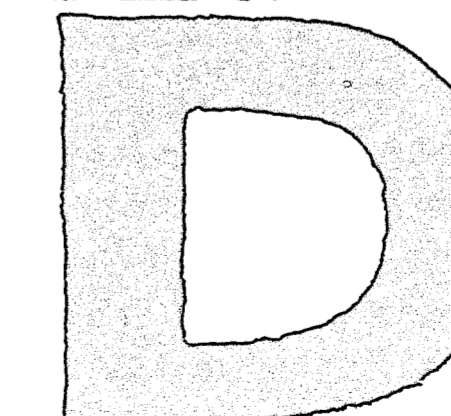
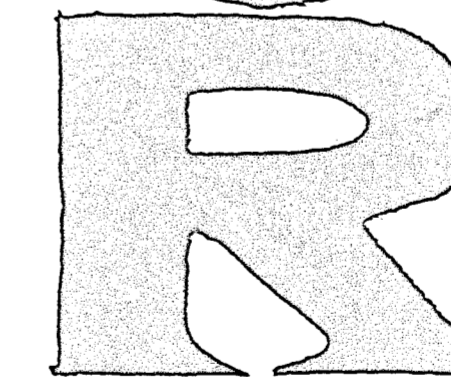
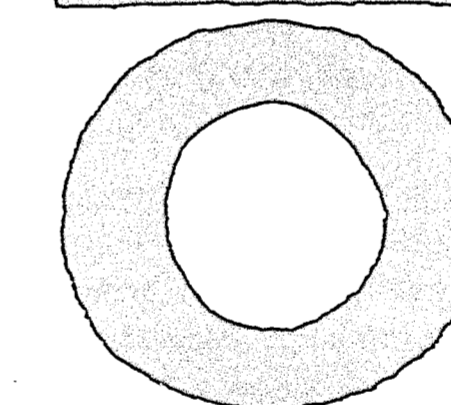
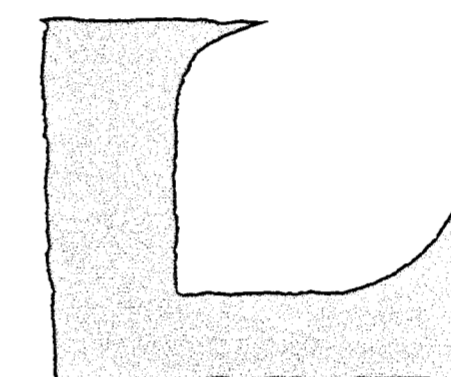
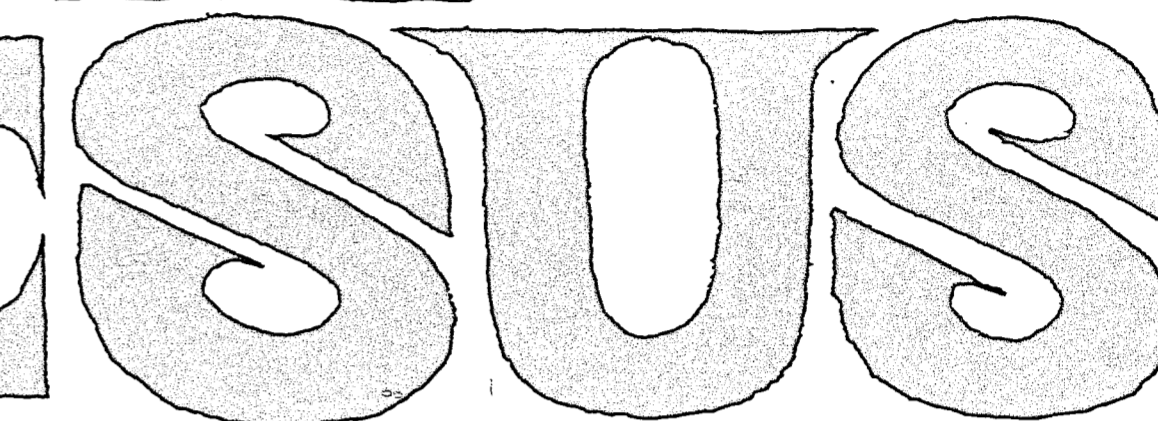
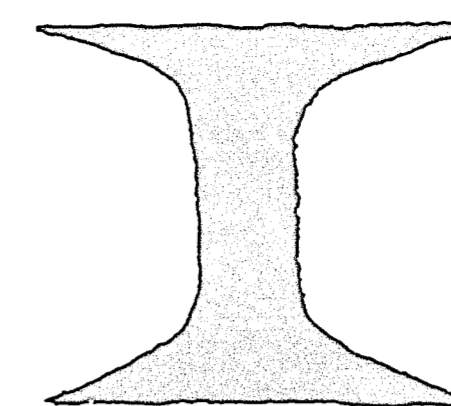
"For I have given you an example, that ye do as I have done unto you." — John 13:15

"A new commandment give I unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

—John 13:34, 35

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

—John 14:27



"I have glorified thee in the earth . . . I have finished the work thou gavest me to do . . . I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world . . . for I have given to them the words which thou gavest me . . . I pray for them . . . As thou hast sent me . . . even so have I also sent them into the world . . . The glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one . . . and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and that thou hast loved them . . . I have declared unto them thy name that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

—From John 17

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to your life. Therefore, if I, as the Son of the Father, made the Sabbath for your sakes, I am also its Lord — its creator — its master."

One of the most interesting phenomena of the Middle Ages was the rise of serfdom, that incredible system, whereby men and women of the lower classes were made to labor for those who by all kinds of personal manipulation controlled most of the workable land. The head of this vast amount of land was known as the "lord."

The people who lived on the land, for all intents and purposes, worked the land for the "lord" and brought whatever increase was realized to the "lord" to add to his vast wealth. They just barely existed by the "generosity" of the person to whom the land belonged. For the serfs, as the working peasants were called, it wasn't a very pleasant or profitable way to live. The system was something other than ideal.

But this unique system, which may have been the salvation of the people throughout the troublesome Middle Ages, is an interesting illustration of the reality that "Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath."

The Sabbath belongs to God and, by virtue of inheritance, to His Son, Jesus. It was created by Him and exists as a part of His divine plan for man. It is His, and like the piece of property owned by the "lord" of the Middle Ages, the Sabbath is the Lord's property. As Jesus stated it so simply in the Gospel of Mark: "The Son of man is lord even of the sabbath."

The incredible part of that plan, however, is that the Sabbath is given to us as a stewardship. We are to be His laborers in the vineyard of the Sabbath. It is His Sabbath, but he has given us the opportunity to hold it, to keep it, to cultivate it, to enjoy it, to live in it, and to find meaning in it. As the "lord" of the serfdom required his serfs to till the soil, plant the seed, cultivate the ground, and reap the rich harvest of their labors, all

for him, so God through Jesus, has given us the Sabbath and requires that we "keep it holy," share its blessings, receive its promises, and reap its rewards, all in His name. And if Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, then we ought to realize the responsibilities vested in us as we labor with the Sabbath to reap God's harvest.

But the most glorious part of that responsibility lies in the fact that we are the recipients of the blessing that comes when we live and experience the Sabbath. Unlike the "lord" of the Middle Ages, who kept most everything for himself, God does not give us a subsistence level of living when it comes to His Sabbath.

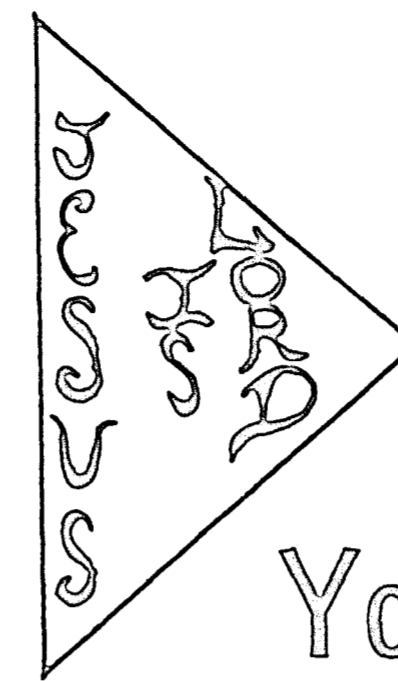
In fact, it is just the opposite. The joys of the Sabbath are as real and as fruitful for us as they are for Him, if we do our job well. In fact, the more we labor at giving the Sabbath its rightful place in our lives and the more we fulfill God's obligations as placed upon us by giving us this special time for communion with Him, the greater are the blessings for us.

The Sabbath "was made for man," said Jesus — it is the gift of God to man. It was made a part of God's divine plan because men needed the kind of personal joy and participation in God's world that quiet fellowship with Him alone offers. As we work to keep the Sabbath — as we strive to live lives in accordance with God's will through the Sabbath — as we give ourselves in loving concern on the Sabbath — as we joy in worship and praise and fellowship on the Sabbath — as we study God's Word, share with God's people, and experience God's love on the Sabbath — we become increasingly aware that our "Lord" cares much more about us than we could ever dream up in our wildest fantasies.

Yes, "Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath" and He calls us to conscious, personal

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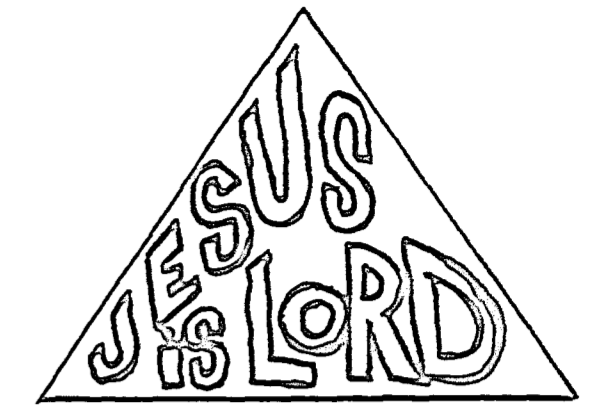
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JESUS

CAN BE

Your LORD and STRENGTH



(From a radio broadcast series, "Family Devotions," by Rev. M. C. Van Horn.)

Hear again our Scripture-prayer verses from Psalms 139, 59 and 19. "Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me . . . Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

Our Scripture for this day is Philip-
pians 4:4-13. "Rejoice in the Lord al-
ways: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your
moderation be known to all men. The
Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing;
but in every thing by prayer and sup-
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the peace of God which passeth all un-
derstanding, shall keep your hearts and

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experience in bringing forth its harvest. The Sabbath was ordained for all men. We need to remember that we are stewards — that we have been called to keep it strong and vital and alive, even in this cold twentieth century world. And keeping the Sabbath, working it, cultivating it, makes it increasingly meaningful. Finding new spiritual experience in it will present it in all its ripeness and wholeness to a world in need of a genuine Sabbath experience. Let us obey our Lord. Let us do the work He calls us to do. Let us give Him the glory. Let us remember that the Sabbath Day must be kept holy and pure, for it is truly "the Lord's Day."

Lord of the Sabbath

*Lord of the Sabbath, thee we praise
Whose mercy shines in all our days;
Whose goodness, deeper than all thought,
Us to this day hath safely brought.*

*Our Father's Sabbath! sweet with thought
Of Him through whom the worlds were
wrought;*

*Our Saviour's Sabbath! hallowed when
He walked the ways of mortal men.*

*Father protect thy Sabbath's peace!
Thy kingdom in our hearts increase
Till on our eyes with glorious ray
Breaks the last joyous Sabbath Day.*

—Edwin H. Lewis

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Jesus Can Be Your Lord and Strength

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minds through Christ Jesus. Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things . . . I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Him who strengtheneth me."

Let us pray: O gracious and merciful heavenly Father, in Thy great goodness we have been provided with all the things for which we have need. For the bounties of Thy blessings we give Thee thanks. We rejoice in Thy name, and we give Thee honor and praise. We beseech Thee to lead us in thinking on those things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report, so that there may be virtue in our lives: so that we may be acceptable unto Thee by words and by our thoughts: and so that those around us may feel the uplift of Thy presence in their midst. Truly, O Lord, "We would be true, for there are those who trust us; We would be pure, for there are those who care; We would be strong, for there is much to suffer; We would be brave for there is much to dare. We would be friend to all — the foe, the friendless; We would be giving and forget the gift; We would be humble, for we know our weakness; We would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift." Truly, O Lord, this is our prayer for today! And, O Lord, we seek Thy grace that we may live it all the day long. In Jesus name, Amen.

In our Bible reading there is one verse that I urge every one of you to keep foremost in your minds all this day. It is this. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." So many times when we are faced with difficult tasks we do the best we can, or, we fail because we rely on our own strength. We forget that there is a power in fellowship with Jesus — and also in fellowship with our human friends. Yes, there are those who care. They watch and pray and yearn for our success and our well-being. And there is Christ who is at hand to help, and who, if we ask Him, will give us His peace to keep our hearts, and we shall not even be able to understand how His power works in us.

There was one morning a little girl trying to tie the bowknot in her shoestring. She was just a small girl and just learning to dress herself. Her mother watched the splendid exhibition of patience and perseverance a while and then asked if she might help. The little girl thought a minute and then replied, "No, I can do it, because 'I can do all things through Jesus who strengthens me.'" At that she returned to the patient perseverance and finally accomplished her self-imposed task.

Many, many times we find our patience worn thin and bare by the problems of living. Would it help us at such times to have a verse of Scripture-prayer to sustain and uplift, such as this tiny girl possessed? Or, perhaps, "Search me, O God, and know my heart," or, "Create in me a clean heart." Would such prayer help us to keep calm when living becomes difficult? Or, is it this, that we cannot give up our trust in our own power? Paul tells us to rejoice because the Lord is at hand always. He will give us His peace.

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Jesus Is Lord

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God (1 John 5:1). He that denieth that Jesus is the Christ is a liar (1 John 2:22). God dwelleth in him that confesseth that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 4:15). He that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God overcometh the world (1 John 5:5). Jesus is the author and the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith. Know ye not . . . how that Jesus is in you (2 Corinthians 13:5)? I live, yet not I. Christ liveth in me (Galatians 2:20). Christ in you the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

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Since He trusts us, we owe it to Him to use the strength He offers. We owe it to ourselves for our own peace of mind to use the powers He makes available. We owe it to others who care and who love us and who depend on us for example and guidance to be strong and true.

Some days we seem to get along fine, and even in the face of many troubles we remain calm. On other days, and perhaps before this day is over, we will feel our composure slipping. "Search me, O God, and know my heart." See if there be a doubt or a fear, or hate, or envy. We have to remember that when righteousness has broken down in our soul, only God can restore and renew it. "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

Often when we are faced with a task or a request to help in some work, we plead we haven't the strength, or the time, or the ability, or we're too nervous. By such excuses we persuade ourselves we are not able to carry our share of the responsibility.

A little boy had struggled for a long time trying to move a table. Finally his mother trying to discourage him, said "The table is as big as you are. You

can't move it." But shortly he was back at it again and had real success. When he had finished he turned to his mother with the comment, "If the table is only as big as I am, then I'm as big as it is, and I can move it." He was rewarded by his faith and confidence.

If we really have faith in Jesus He will give us the strength for our tasks, and His peace shall sustain our minds and hearts.

If I really trust Him,
Shall I ever fret?
If I really do expect Him,
Can I e'er forget?
If by faith I really see Him,
Shall I doubt His aid?
If I really, truly love Him,
How can I be afraid?

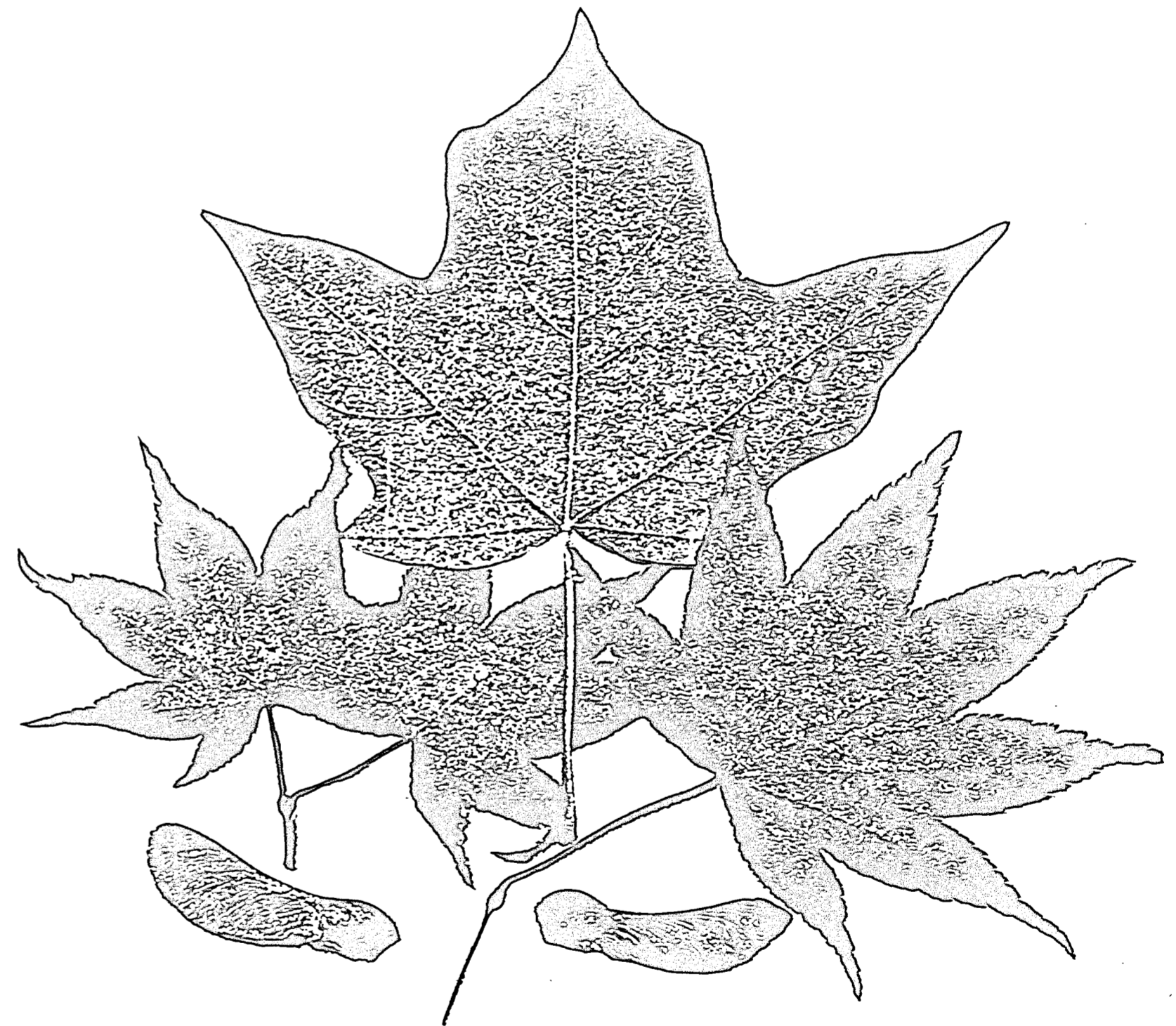
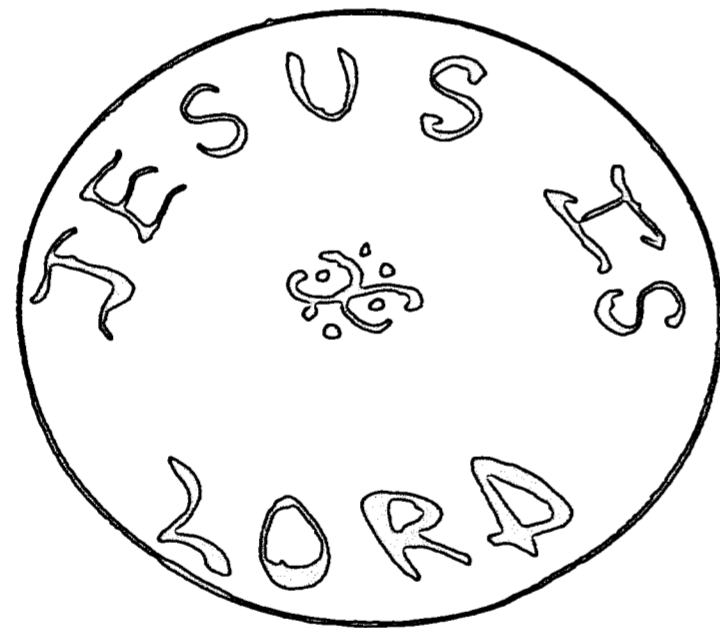
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O, our Lord, we do rejoice that Thou art able to sustain our living in the world today. We praise Thee for strength to face duties and temptations. We come to Thee, because, "We would be learning day by day, the lessons our heavenly Father gives us in His Word; we would be quick to hear His slightest whisper, and prompt and glad to do the things we've heard." Amen.

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Leaves Are More than Beautiful

We see the beauty of leaves when they open in the spring and when they take on brilliance in the fall. In a real sense the leaves are the life of the tree. It is no wonder that the Bible speaks of the symbolism of leaves. We find it in the fig leaf of Genesis, the leaf "that shall not wither" of Psalm 1 and the last chapter of Revelation where the leaves of the tree of life are "for the healing of nations." Let us pray for this healing!