

WYOMING, NEB. Sept. 12 1890.  
 DEAR SAINTS:—May the dear Lord wonderfully bless you, in all spiritual blessings. May you be kept pure and free in your souls. Hallelujah! Well dear brethren we are glad to report another glorious victory, for God, in the name of Jesus. Meeting closed the 8th at Keneaw, Neb. Many hearts and homes were made happy in Jesus love, filled with His glory made perfect in His love. O! Hallelujah! Our souls do rejoice with them. The meeting continued over two weeks with wonderful good order and interest. Many were deeply convicted who would not yield to the blessed Spirit. During the meeting more than a score consecrated for entire sanctification. Quite a number were justified from all their sins and 24 were buried with Christ in baptism. One of the number baptized and sanctified was dear Bro. Schlehaupt, a young minister in the Evangelical sect. He came out clear for God on the straight Bible line. Bro. Schlehaupt was ordained elder of the Church and Bro. Whitmore and sister Kribel were ordained deacons. God has a glorious church in Keneaw of about 20 who enjoy the experience of holiness. The last night was glorious. O the mighty power of God was upon us as we followed the Lord in washing the Saints' feet. We are here in the name of Jesus, expect to open battle on the ranks of sin.

Dear brethren, pray for us.  
 We remain your humble servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, Saved from all sin. Amen!

Haner & Willis.

SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS.

IN the August No. of J. O. Fisher's sheet, he tells the people that he was once a humble man, but became proud and puffed up, and then accuses some one who having been the cause of his downfall. Whoever that person was we think he or she did a good thing; because when men become proud and puffed up, they ought to fall: having already become a sinner, abasement is the only hope of their salvation. But the apostate is very careful not to confess his ungodly deeds, preferring to keep such of his subscribers as know not his character in ignorance. Anciently when men repented they "confessed and showed their deeds", but this confession is nothing else but a satanic device to deceive the ignorant. The same article in which appears the confession, is spotted with lies and satanic deceptions. Under the blinding pretence of elevating the standard of "the sanctity of marriage" he teaches the loose and pernicious doctrine of free-loveism. He says "love is the Bible standard of unity". The "bond of unity between husband and wife". Where this love bond does not exist God has not done the joining. But "parties so united into a compound body are inseparable until death". But for parties not so joined, he says, "the proper remedy is to get saved and live on the bible plain". This last is good advice, and it would have been well had he practised it. But in opposition to this good advice he says, "Might not parties contracting the first unscriptural marriage, if it be dissolved, legitimately enter into another scriptural union". Quoting 1 Cor. 7:27. Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed, art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife". He adds, "Now this scripture applies to parties who have been scripturally joined; (namely with the bond of love) not to those who are unscripturally or unlawfully joined".

These sayings all taken together contain about as wily compound of truth and falsehood, as the mess the Devil served up to Eve in the garden of Eden. He tells us that love is the Scriptural bond. And thus cut'ously asks the question, "might not the parties contracting the first unscriptural marriage, enter into another, scriptural one." That simply means this, whenever the devil puts it into a man's heart to love some other man's wife more than his own, then he is more scripturally joined to her than his own, and so he can ignore the former relation, and take the latter woman. And seek not to be loosed from a wife, he says only applies to such as are "scripturally joined," that is to such as feel themselves united by the bond of love. That is opening just as broad a door of free-loveism as the devil wants. For satan knows very well that all who tenderly and devotedly love one another do not wish to be loosed; but his business is to destroy the pure bond of love out of the heart, and then men and women naturally

wish to be loosed, and Fisher virtually says you may seek to be loosed, and join to some one else. Again he tells us, such as have been joined of God "are inseparable until death." That is another positive falsehood. The devil himself knows very well that he has insinuated himself into many domestic circles where pure holy love has knit together man and wife, and where peace and conjugal happiness have reigned, and by his hellish seeds of discord he has destroyed the bond of union that God had entwined about their hearts, and blest with happy years. All the devil's preachers are instructed of their father to keep him out of sight, to cover and hide away his evil works, and make the people believe he has become a right good kind of a fellow, and of course he would not break up a union that God has constituted. Suppose that society generally, the Church, and civil courts were to adopt the standard that this priest of confusion, who boasts that others have not the moral courage to lift the standard of marriage as high as he does. Suppose we adopt his standard, what then? Why every abominable hypocrite and sensual sinner who, after killing what love he had for his wife by sexual sin, and then lusting after some other woman, has but to leave his lawful wife, which would furnish sufficient evidence that they had not been joined of God, for "such are inseparable till death." Would not that be a pleasing law for all who are "neighing after their neighbor's wife?" In fact the doctrine promulgated in that article, though cloaked, and disguised, is nothing but free-loveism. It virtually advocates the right to change wives whenever you are led by satan to conclude you love some one else better than your present wife, or to use his own words to me, when satan "transfers his love to some one else." Yes J. O. Fisher's own case well illustrates the fruits of his doctrine. When he had a degree of humility and grace, of which he speaks in his confession, he was frequently heard to say, and that before the congregation, that he "loved his wife as much as any man ever did." Then according to his present teaching they were scripturally joined. But when plotting to get a bill, he told me that his "love had been transferred to another." So he having lost love for his wife, by satan working in him, procures an illegal divorce, and married another man's divorced wife. So, he raises the standard so high? that men can change wives as often as the devil changes their love.

About one year ago, the apostate at Geneva Center meeting house, said how he would straighten out the saints, have them put away judgment etc., if he got back to God. Confessed that he and his illegal wife were living in adultery and that he had no salvation; but they were going to separate. A brother told me he heard him make a similar confession at Williamstown Mich. and said they were going home to pack up and separate. This has proved to be a mere scheme to draw God's children into his fellowship. Since that he writes a brother complaining that saints want him to leave his wife. O the subtle deception of the devil. If satan cannot deceive God's elect any other way, he will have his transformed angels pretend to consecrate, confess, put away sin, etc., all an abominable sham to deceive unwary souls. O let every child of God keep their eyes on God and escape all these destructive snares of hell. We warn you in the name of Jesus to resist the devil in every form.

Look at the lies in that article, he says, "Two professed holiness preachers discoursing on the marriage question at Stafford, Kan., taught that parties were joined of God in marriage by sexual intercourse without any amount of love." This is a falsehood. We conversed with the two preachers alluded to, and they, being men of God, simply read the Word of God to the people, in Matt. 19: 5, 6, Eph. 5: 31 and elsewhere, where it is declared that when a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, they twain shall be one flesh, let no man put asunder. Not one word is said about how much love they have for each other, or any love at all, but simply if they leave their parents and cleave together as man and wife, God pronounces them one flesh and forbids separation. It is all very true that God commands husbands to love their wives, and that love is the essential element of happiness in matrimony. But He nowhere says, their union is not valid, or may be dissolved, when love leaks out. Even "he that is joined to a harlot is one flesh." These facts cannot be denied. The marriage vow cannot be set aside when ever the caprice of hell turns the heart to

some other man or woman—  
 Concerning his allusions to our tract and an article in the Trumpet, we would simply say that he has subverted and deceitfully misrepresented us, as only a man possessed with devils is capable of doing. No man of God can take his devilish sheet without offending God. If any child of God has helped the devils work by supporting any of those satanic sheets, may God help you to repent and stop them. Some think because they know they are of the devil, and can read their productions without any danger, they, through curiosity to read, can send them a little money to take the paper. As well might a man justify himself in going into a saloon and taking a few drinks of whiskey, because he can do so without getting drunk." The fact is, every spiritual child of God knows that such sheets as Low's, Johnson's, Fisher's and others, are the devils organs, and by countenancing them you are serving the devil, and helping on his works. You can not suffer your name on their books as accepting their papers, even though you may burn them as fast as they come. You can not do it to the glory of God. Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, and stand far off from danger.

KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS.

DEARLY BELOVED SAINTS OF JESUS.—I praise God for salvation in Jesus. Jesus has become my saviour. Praise His holy name. And I am glad that I am numbered with a people that keep His commandments. Glory be to Jesus. Christ said, John 15:10 "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love." As I understand God's Word we cannot abide in Christ, and not keep His commandments; for He says, John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him." There are so many so-called who claim to be God's children, and are fighting the truth. O how blind they are; they will acknowledge the commandments and say, where will I go to wash feet? My advice to all such is, get salvation and be adopted into the family of God, and then you will know where you are. You will not be a stranger to God and His people. John says, 1 John 2:4, "He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." O praise God forever! "Hereby we the (the saints of God) do know that we love Him, because we keep His commandments." 1 John 5:4, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." So there is no excuse for the poor blind sectarians: if they will get salvation they will know their place, in the body of Christ, and can keep the commandments, as God delivered them unto us. Praise His holy name. I am saved by the blood of Jesus and wonderfully kept from all of the snares of the Devil.

Your sister in Christ.  
 Lucy Cobb.

MARRIED—July 24, 1890, Bro. James A. Montgomery, of Cedar Creek Mo., was joined in holy matrimony with sister Sylvia Perkins, of Barry Co. Mo. So they twain are now one flesh. They are both sanctified and baptized into Christ by the one Spirit. May they be blessed through life and finally enter Heaven's glorious home. Amen.

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16 MAIN ST. ASHEVILLE, N. C. Sept. 15 '90  
 DEARLY BELOVED SAINTS:—And may the love of our Lord Jesus Christ abound more and more in you all! Amen. We are here to fight the battles of King Jesus and a-k an interest in the prayers of every one of God's saints, for the advancement of His cause through us. None but God can provide a way of successfully approaching the people on the subject of salvation. We are but two here, and therefore ask a special interest in your prayers, that we may do a good work. Indeed we are thankful to know that the promise is, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Also to know that, "The prayers of a righteous man availeth much." Yes we are here alone, and while the sectarians go to the respective places of confused worship, we read God's Word and look to Jesus for His blessings, and they never fail to come. And now God has put it into our hearts to ask the Trumpet office for a number of papers of each issue; say, twenty or twenty five for which we will pay, God willing. These papers are to be distributed among the poor and other classes as God may lead. We have tried this method for two Sabbaths, and today we received two new subscribers as a result of our labor. We gladly receive and read the Trumpet. It does our souls good to read the testimonies of the saved ones.  
 Yours of the brotherhood of Jesus Christ, saved and sanctified and kept by the power of God.  
 Rufus Z. Sorrels & Rufus I. Grant.