

TEACHER'S NOTES

Juniors

January 3, 1988

A Woman Washes Jesus' Feet

Scripture reference: Luke 7:36-48, 50.

In this lesson we see a woman showing appreciation to Jesus. Some historians believe this woman was not only a morally wicked person, but also an idol worshipper. Before receiving forgiveness, she had lived in gross darkness. She carried a heavily burdened conscience, because of her sins, and was also enslaved by the bondage of idol worship. Idol worship usually means much sacrifice of the worshipper. In some cases it has meant the giving of a child either in death or to live a servant's life at an idol temple.

The great pressure which the woman had felt was gone! Gone forever, at the words of Jesus. How grateful she felt! Tears flowed from her grateful heart.

Many children raised in good Christian homes know very little about suffering or pressures of life and therefore have a tendency to be ungrateful. I feel like it would be very beneficial to help the children to realize what their lives would be like without the Lord.

January 10, 1988

Jesus Gives Everlasting Life

Scripture reference: John 5:18-29.

Believing that Jesus is truly Divine is the important message in this lesson. Many religions base their beliefs in a divine God and a manifestation of Him through a prophet. Jesus, however, is more than a prophet. He is the Son of God. He is divine — a part of the eternal, everlasting God. To exclude Jesus from one's belief is to exclude the only course by which everlasting life can be obtained.

Jesus plainly told the Pharisees that no one could honor God without also honoring Him. People may think they are honoring God, but God's Word teach-

es us it is an impossibility to honor God without honoring Jesus.

There is an abundance of knowledge about other religions being taught to children in schools across America. Most have names such as "awareness programs" or "understanding of other cultures." I am sure a little knowledge about other cultures does have merit. It can also be a tool used to confuse a child's mind.

Check out what is being taught to your Sunday school group; then seek God for direction to remove doubt or to fortify their minds against the devil's attacks.

January 17, 1988

The Cost of Discipleship

Scripture reference: Mark 8:34-38, 10:29-31, Matthew 8:18-22. Luke 9:23-26, 14:25-35, John 8:31-40.

This lesson is to help students realize that the things they do will either help or hinder them in obtaining eternal life. I have used an example of a young man who disciplined himself to build up strength so he could climb the tallest mountain in South America. We are climbing a spiritual mountain which is much higher than any earthly mountain. Choice by choice we are growing in the things of God. We are choosing to become more like Christ by doing the things that please Him, or choosing to become farther away from Him.

Being one of Jesus' disciples does cost. We must deny ourself and take up our cross and follow Him. Help the children understand that anything worthwhile in life takes denying oneself of one thing to obtain another more worthy one. Living the Christian life is the same way. We deny ourselves of some things in order to obtain the more worthy name of being a Christian, or disciple of Christ.

January 24, 1988
Prediction of the Passion

Scripture reference: Matthew 16:21-23, Mark 8:31-33, 9:31, 32, Luke 9:22, John 12:23-32.

This lesson should help children to see Jesus' great courage. He knew that He would be delivered into the hands of cruel, ungodly men to be beaten, mocked, and to finally endure the terrible death of the cross. He also knew that at any time He could have God remove all of it. Yet, because of His great courage, He was willing to control the power He had within to remove it. Instead, He submitted Himself to the cruelty of other men.

We trust this lesson will help the students to take courage and face their difficulties with more strength. Jesus promised to be in us through the Holy Spirit and to make us overcomers just as He was. Students who are having trouble submitting to God's will should be encouraged to seek God to soften their hearts toward Him. Then seek Him for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

January 31, 1988
The Transfiguration

Scripture reference: Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36.

The transfiguration is another account which shows the divinity of Jesus. It seems that at this point Jesus changed from the fleshly body into a spiritual one and spoke with two men, Moses and Elias, who had long ago ceased living on this earth. Moses was the lawgiver and Elias was the prophet Elijah. His name is spelled differently because the New Testament was written in the Greek language whereas the Old Testament was written in Hebrew.

The point which I have discussed is not about Jesus, but about His disciples having fear, which I believe to be healthy for the soul. There are multitudes of people today that are not afraid to meddle with spirits. Some of them are being taken captive by these spirits. These evil spirits are causing them much sorrow.

An evil spirit cannot damage a person who puts his trust in God. An evil

spirit, however, can damage those who will let their curiosity lead them into meddling with the spirit world. Communication should be with the Father and Son through the Spirit. The revelations we receive from Him will always be in accordance with His Word. Contradictory revelations are not of the Holy Spirit.

February 7, 1988
A Single Eye

Scripture reference: Matthew 6:22-24, Luke 11:29-36, Jonah 3:4, 5, 9, 2 Chronicles 9:1-8.

The Jews were a spiritually blind people. Jesus says that the people of Nineveh and the Queen of Sheba would rise up and condemn the Jews to whom Christ spoke. The Jews were so blind they could not see God's manifestation to them through Christ, yet the people of Nineveh heard God's message through Jonah's preaching. The Queen of Sheba heard His message by her visit with Solomon. Their acceptance of God's message is accounted to them for righteousness, thus condemning those who did not accept His message.

Children can blind themselves to God's manifestations also by rejecting His Spirit when it brings thoughts of conviction to their minds. They should always be careful to respond to God.

In the "Let's Talk" section, I compared natural blindness with spiritual blindness hoping the children will see how the soul is protected by a single eye just like the body is many times able to protect itself through using the natural eyes.

February 14, 1988
A Lesson About Fear

Scripture reference: Matthew 10:18-33, Luke 12:4-12.

In this lesson we have tried to portray being taken into court not as a hard, harsh, cruel persecution, but as God's plan for unbelievers to hear the testimony of believers. True, it is suffering, and the children need not think it is anything else, but they also need to see the other side. Not only do Chris-

tians suffer because they are different, but anyone who must stand alone feels keenly the loneliness.

I have read about celebrities who commit suicide because of loneliness. They say, "When you are everyone's hero, you are no one's close friend." Christians should remember that although they must stand for the truth, there are many others who are standing with them and best of all they have the comfort of the Holy Spirit right in their hearts. Jesus is a friend "who sticketh closer than a brother".

February 21, 1988
An Epileptic is Healed

Scripture reference: Matthew 17:14-21.
Mark 9:14-29. Luke 9:37-43.

Many lessons are for the encouragement of faith. Miracle after miracles were performed by our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ. How could anyone doubt His power? However, we find ourselves and our fellow Christians, many times, lacking in faith.

In this lesson we find the father of the demon possessed child also lacking in faith. He did not give up because of lack of faith. Instead, he called out, "Lord, help my unbelief." Jesus helped his unbelief and he got what he came for.

Help the children to be determined. Help them not to give up because they are lacking, but to call on Jesus for more faith.

February 28, 1988
Jesus Pays Taxes

Scripture reference; Matthew 17:24-27.
Mark 12:13-17. Luke 20:19-26.

There are several different places that the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something against the Roman government. They too, hated the Roman rule and probably were many times guilty of talking against it, but they wanted to kill Jesus. They seemed to think this would be a good way. I have used two different accounts. Mark and Luke tell about the same one. Matthew tells about

Peter finding the tax money in the fish's mouth.

It is sometimes a question to Christians about paying our money as taxes to be used for funding ungodly things such as Planned Parenthood and many other such agents, not to mention supporting people who spend their days spreading evil, instead of working to supply food for their offspring.

Jesus gave very little explanation about why we should pay taxes other than that we should give to God what belongs to Him and to the government what belongs to them.

March 6, 1988
Disputing About Greatness

Scripture reference: Matthew 18:1-6,
20:20-28. Mark 9:33-37, 10:35-45. Luke 9:46-48, 22:24-30.

Jesus' kingdom is not of this world; neither is it set up like the kingdoms of this world. As we all know, the kingdoms of this world form sort of a pyramid with one person, or a small group of persons at the top. A little larger ruling power is under that authority and on down to the person of lesser power. Nations, towns, cities, schools and homes are ruled in somewhat the same manner. The higher the person is, the more power he has over others.

Jesus says that His kingdom is quite opposite from this. The greatest person is the person who serves others and gives his time, talents, energy, strength, etc., to minister unto others. What a different society we would have if each person in position of leadership would serve others.

Children should be taught the blessing of serving. Many may try to excuse their desire for greatness by saying it is natural. Jesus showed no sympathy to His disciples when they showed desires for greatness. He plainly said that unless they changed, they could not enter into the Kingdom of heaven.

March 13, 1988
**Jesus at the Temple during
the Feast of Tabernacles**

Scripture reference: John 7:1-53.

Jesus manifested His divinity in many ways. In other lessons we read about

Him performing miracles. However, in this lesson we see that His way of teaching and speaking convinced the officers that He was not an ordinary man. Jesus was both divine and human. We are only human, but have the promise of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit, Jesus says, will enable us to do as He did. Therefore, a Holy Spirit filled person can have power to speak in such a way that the hearers will be convinced that what he is saying is truly divine truth from God.

Every person uses words each day. All our words need not be about the subjects of divine truth for those listening to be convinced that the speaker is a real Christian. The words need only to be pure words spoken from a pure, clean heart.

Encourage children to seek God for graces to keep their words pure.

March 20, 1988

A Lesson About Prayer

Scripture reference: Luke 18:1-14.

The meaning of this parable, Luke said in verse one, is to teach men that they should always pray and not faint (become weak, feeble, or lacking in courage). He seems to have given this story that we should reason thus: If a person so ungodly and heartless as this judge would yield to the pressing and continual solicitations of a poor widow, for whom he felt nothing but contempt, how much more ready must God be, who is infinitely good and merciful and loves His creation in the tenderest manner, give salvation to all them who diligently seek it!

I believe the main petition that Jesus is speaking about is salvation, for the following story of the Pharisee and publican states: "He went down to his house justified." God has more wisdom than to promise that we shall have every petition that we ask of Him. The desires we have sometimes may not be for our good.

By telling the story about the Pharisee and publican, Jesus plainly teaches that no matter how persistent we are in prayer, unless we have a humble and

repentant attitude, we will never obtain justification from Him.

March 27, 1988

Jesus is the Light of the World

Scripture reference: John 8:1-32.

Jesus is the light of the world and He lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Jesus will be a light and guide to everyone who will trust Him.

A lot of junior-age children think it would be wonderful to make all their own decisions. They have not yet suffered the consequence of making poor decisions. We older ones know what it is to pay payments for a long time because of impulse buying, or reap from some other poor decision. We know how important it is to have Jesus as our Pilot to lead us through every decision.

Help the students see how that taking the first cigarette, drink of alcohol, or drugs is a step in the dark, and could lead them to spend many "lonely nights in the darkness" before Jesus comes again to show them the light.

It is a fearful thing to be in darkness, especially spiritual darkness.

The Teacher

Lord, who am I to teach the way

To children, through work or play,
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge, but I know

Their small interest, and how low
The light of knowledge doth in me glow.

I teach them power to will and do,

But only, always to learn anew
My own great weakness, without you.

I teach them love for all mankind

And all God's creatures. Then I find
My love for some folks lags behind.

Lord, if a true guide I shall be,

Oh, let the children see
The teacher leaning hard on thee.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Part 1

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Skates for Shoes

Tony Garcia crawled from under the porch with a rag held tightly in his hand. Dust covered his ragged breeches, and cobwebs adorned his straight, black hair. He climbed the tree to some old boards which he called his tree house. He untied the rag and carefully counted the pennies, dimes, nickles and the one quarter that had been hidden in it. "Just enough to buy those skates," he said to himself. "I know they are still at the store, or at least they were when I passed by going to school this morning." He had left school and gone to another street to the paper office to get papers to sell, just as he had done for almost a year now. He didn't make much selling papers, but he had found a few other jobs that increased his earnings. However, most of it had been given to his father to buy frijoles (beans) for the family.

The store was already closed tonight, so Tony carefully tied the money back in the rag, climbed down the tree and threw it back under the porch for safe-keeping. Tony could just see himself skating with all his friends! "Tomorrow I'll have my skates! But right now, I'll play a little ball with the boys before supper," he said to his little brothers, and turned to go down the dusty, unpaved road.

"Tony, Tony!" he heard his mother calling. "These water buckets need to be filled."

"Yes, Mamma, I'm coming," Tony called back. Tony used to try to get out of helping around the house, but since he learned about Jesus at the Spanish Mission in El Paso, he was different. True, sometimes he caught himself about to act like he used to, then he would remember what Jesus would do and he would try his best to do that. He liked the happy feeling that was his since Jesus came into his heart. He wanted it to always stay. Already he had learned that shirking his duties at home made the happy feeling leave.

He brushed by his sister Lupe, who sat in the doorway with the baby in her lap. He picked up the two empty buckets and went out of the yard and across the next lot to a dripping hydrant that served six families with water. Tony carried the two sloshing buckets back to the porch and sat them down. He filled the tin wash pan with water then took the buckets on to the kitchen.

He returned to the wash pan and scrubbed his face and hands with soap and a brush. He had just remembered that tonight was the night his papa and mamma had promised to go to the mission with him. He had begged them many times to go, but never before had they promised. He combed his hair looking at himself in the broken piece of mirror that hung just outside the door. He then went inside to remind them of their promise. It took a little persuading,

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Woman Washes Jesus' Feet

Luke 7:36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath annointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Central Thought: We should each one appreciate Jesus' forgiveness.



Questions:

1. Why did Jesus go to the Pharisee's house?
2. Who else came to the Pharisee's house?
3. Explain how the sinner woman washed Jesus' feet?
4. Why did the Pharisee think Jesus was not a prophet?
5. Did Jesus know what the Pharisee was thinking?
6. What story did Jesus tell?
7. Why did Jesus tell the story?
8. What three things did the woman do for Jesus?
9. Which loves more, the one of whom much has been forgiven or the person of whom little has been forgiven?

MEMORY VERSE

We love him, because he first loved, us.

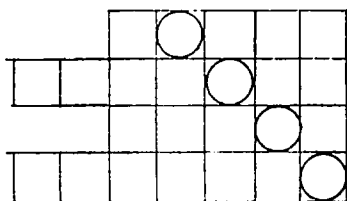
1 John 4:19.

(Answers: 1. The Pharisee invited him to eat. 2. A sinner woman. 3. She stood behind Jesus and washed his feet with tears and wiped them with her long hair. 4. He thought Jesus was impure by letting a sinner woman touch his feet in such a loving way. 5. Yes. 6. Jesus told about two men. One was forgiven a large debt, which caused the man to love his creditor very much. Another man loved his creditor only a little because he was forgiven a small debt. 7. Jesus told the story so the Pharisees could understand why the sinner woman loved Him enough to wash His feet with her tears. 8. She washed his feet, kissed them and anointed them with oil. 9. The one of whom much has been forgiven.)

Game Answers:

Mary, Michael, Aaron, Abraham and Libya.

God's archangel. (Jude 9).
He stretched out his hand over Egypt's waters and frogs came forth. (Ex. 8:5).
He obeyed God and went out, not knowing whether he went. (Heb. 11:8).
A land God would judge for helping Egypt. (Ezekiel 30:1-6).



The circled letters spell her name.

SHE ANOINTED THE LORD'S FEET

—Sis Charlotte

the money, he forgave the debt and told the man, "Your debt is paid in full". The indebted man felt great love in his heart because he was forgiven. The sinner woman felt the same love toward Jesus because Jesus had forgiven her of a great many sins.
How do you feel toward Jesus? Do you feel happy that He has forgiven your sins? If you don't feel very happy about being forgiven, ask Jesus to show you just how bad you might be if He had not saved you.

To explain to the Pharisee why this woman felt so loving toward Him, Jesus told of a man that had a great lot of money due him and instead of collecting

was now her Lord and Saviour.
feet of an idol god. She knew that Jesus never again would she bow and kiss the their idol gods. This woman knew that them when they bowed in worship to again. This was the custom of the hea- Him. She kissed His feet again and which showed the greatest of love for with her hair. Then she did something ment on His feet and wiped them again manner for awhile she then poured ont hair. After worshipping Jesus in this Jesus' feet, she wiped them off with her bowed, crying. Her tears dropped on herself, walked up behind Jesus and woman without making a big scene of were turned outwards behind him. The more room. The feet of each person their legs bent at the knees to make em countries, reclined on one side, with they were eating, the people of the East- behind Jesus and washed His feet? While

Do you wonder how the woman stood all three.
best of her ability, bestowed upon Him, sized the poor woman who had, to the with these usual customs and had crit- to dine with him, had not treated Jesus guest. This Pharisee who invited Jesus anoint the head and kiss every invited It was also the custom to supply oil to clean water in which to wash their feet. custom to supply guests with a pan and their feet became hot and tired. It was a the very rich could ride. While walking, people walked from place to place. Only When Jesus was on the earth, most

hot feet! How great it felt!
of water! Into the cool water went your a turn in the trail you found a stream and tired? Suddenly as you went around road? Remember how your feet felt hot Have you ever hiked on a hot dusty



but they finally decided to leave the baby with Lupe and take the two smaller boys and go along with him.

It was a warm, spring evening and many people crowded the streets. Tony kept pushing on past the movie advertisements which his parents stopped to read, until they came to the bus stop. Here they waited a short while for the bus that would take them to the part of town where the mission was.

As they neared the mission, Tony heard the song he loved, "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one, no, not one!" Tony led his family to an empty bench. There were about thirty-five people there. Some were Spanish and some were not. Tony paid no attention to who was there. He came to worship Jesus by singing praises and listening to the speaker. Tonight the speaker was to be a missionary from Europe. Tony's parents did not sing, but he noticed that his papa patted his foot in time with the music.

After several songs and prayer, the speaker stood up. "I will tell you about the needy children in Europe," he said.

Tony and his family listened carefully as the man told of hungry, cold, boys and girls in Europe. He said that each one should help those who are poor. "Everyone, even the poor in our country have much more than children in many other countries," he said. Tony was listening carefully as he told about a twelve year old, Tony Stacconi of Italy. Tony had walked more than two miles through the snow without shoes to get a loaf of black bread for his sick mother.

Tony Garcia felt his heart ache as he listened to the story of the other Tony who had no shoes. Suddenly, he remembered his precious money; he could give that! Then swiftly came to mind the long desired skates. In Tony's heart the battle was on! It was a real battle, for Tony had worked and saved a long, long, time to buy the skates. But the other Tony had no shoes. Finally the thought came that Jesus had given much more than skates for him, and

surely that other Tony was as well-loved by Jesus as he. "I have plenty of everything I need," thought Tony. "I really have more. I can share. I will give to Jesus!"

When the preacher asked those who could give to raise their hands, Tony's was one of the first to go up. "I'll give money for shoes for Tony. Shoes are better than skates to buy! Right?"

Tony did not see the look of amazement that came into his papa's and mamma's face. They knew how badly he wanted the skates, and how long he'd been saving. Each of them thought "What a fine boy is our Tony." Perhaps we too, should ask Jesus to come into our hearts so we too could do as he is doing." They were sure in their hearts that he was doing as Jesus would do.

On the way home that night, his father asked, "Tony, is it hard to get Jesus to live in your heart? Will He live in any heart?"

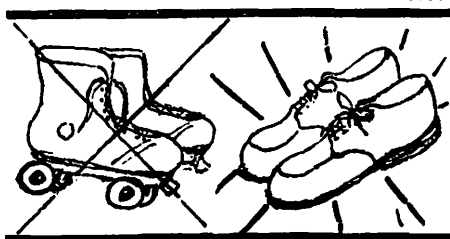
"Yes, Papa, He is good and will come in and live in any heart that will do like He does." Tony hastened on with a Scripture he had heard so often at the mission. "Jesus says in His book, 'Come unto Me and I will give you rest.'"

"I will do it," Papa said, "and we will go the mission church many times, eh, Mamma?"

"Si, si, Papa. I geev Heem my heart when I hear our Tony geev Heem the pesos."

Tony felt tingly, excited, and very full like he would almost burst all at the same time. The Book said, "Give and it shall be given unto you." He had given his skates and Jesus had given him, his papa and mamma to be Christians with him!

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Strange Wind

Mrs. Nevius' face showed signs of grief and care, but her smile toward her children was cheery, as she placed the meager supper of potatoes, bread and preserves upon the table. "I'll put some bigger sticks upon the fire," she said. "Our woodpile is almost gone, but I sent William down to Mr. Johnson's coalyard to order some coal, though we cannot pay for it yet."

Just then the door flew open and the stalwart William, her twelve year old, rushed into the room. "Mr. Johnson's the meanest man that ever was!" he exclaimed.

"He wouldn't trust us for even a pound of coal! He told me I was big enough to pick up all the wood we needed along the road."

"He never lost money by this family, and he never will," quietly remarked Mrs. Nevius. "I would have paid him right away, only there were a lot of extra expenses during your father's illness and the funeral bills were large, and we had to have potatoes and flour. However, I am sure that the Lord will provide; so we must not worry."

William sat down, so did Ruth, Mary and John. When all were seated, they bowed their heads and Mother asked the blessing. William watched his mother as she ate slowly the small piece of bread and potato in her plate. John wanted more food and so did he, but he knew it

was less painful if he didn't ask for more.

After they finished with supper, Mother said, "It's cold tonight, and we want a pleasant evening. William please go to the shed and get some wood. Ruth will do the dishes and I'll play with Mary and John as their father used to do, before they go to bed."

In a few moments William returned and threw a large armful of wood into the box. "There are only two or three more such piles out there," he said. "we haven't enough wood to last us two days."

"Well, then, maybe we'd better not burn any more tonight. I'll put the little ones to bed, and we can sit by what fire we have until it goes out," said Mrs. Nevius.

At last William blurted out: "Mr. Johnson told me to pick up chips along the road. I know where I can find some pretty big chips, enough to keep us warm all winter."

"Why, William, what do you mean?" his mother asked.

"I mean his old rail fences over by the canal basin. There's no moon this week, and they wouldn't be missed until spring. And by that time nobody can tell where our wood ashes came from. Oh, that's a great idea!"

"No, William," said his mother sternly, "that is not a great idea. That's a very poor idea. Your father was an honest man. You remember that the day before

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Jesus Gives Everlasting Life

John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Central Thought: To obtain eternal life, a person must believe in Jesus as the Son of the living God.



Questions:

1. Why were the Jews trying to kill Jesus?
2. Can Jesus, the Son do anything without the Father?
3. Does the Father show Jesus the Son all things?
4. Can a person truly honour God if he does not honour Jesus?
5. What will a person obtain for hearing Jesus' word and believing in God?
6. When will the spiritually dead hear the voice of God and live?
7. Will all men hear the voice of God?
8. To what will the good people come forth?
9. What will the evil people receive at the end of the world?

MEMORY VERSE

... He that heareth my word,
and believeth on him that sent
me, hath everlasting life. . .

John 5:24.

Let's Talk

Near the city of Valle de San Diego, Mexico, there are seven inactive volcanos. Two of these volcano craters contain water. One is near to the city and the recreation department of the city has made a nice road up the side of the volcano and down into the crater. Inside the crater is a nice swimming and picnic place. The water is very deep and clear.

To visit the other water-filled crater, the visitor must walk through a long dark tunnel about five feet in diameter. After seeing the magnificent beauty of the first crater we decided to follow the tunnel into the second one. We started out with one flashlight in the leader's hand. One guide stayed behind and flashed light into the dark tunnel by reflecting sun off of a mirror. The few persons forming the tail of the group could see a little by the reflected light of the sun. A few in the lead could see from the flashlight. All of us in the middle stumbled in darkness!

About halfway through, the tunnel made a turn shutting off all reflected sunlight. A few feet farther, the flashlight stopped giving light! Then we were all in total darkness! On we went holding our hands in front of our heads to protect us from low roof projections, often stumbling over stones on the tunnel floor. Some time afterward we heard the moo of a cow, then the bray of a donkey. "We must be near the end," someone called out in the darkness. "No," answered our guide. "We are meeting a farmer bringing his animals home for the night."

One by one, each of us pressed ourselves against the tunnel walls as a donkey walked by, then a cow, followed by a calf, and some goats, then an old man who had saluted our guide in Spanish. At last we came to the end! There in front of us was a small lake, and cows grazing on the grass around it.

There was only one way to enter the volcano crater. We went that way and found it!

There is only one way to enter into eternal life: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of all men. Many religions believe in God. Many have a leader, whom they believe to be a prophet of God with a special message for mankind. These prophets give the rules for their religion, through supposed inspiration from God. These false beliefs sometimes confuse the mind, and people ask the question, "Why is the Christian belief any better than theirs?"

To obtain everlasting life, a person must go through Jesus Christ just as we went through the tunnel. The way may sometimes be dark and fearful. You may stumble, or be pressed hard, but keep right on believing and you will come out alright. All the while we were in the darkness of the tunnel, a happy hopeful feeling was in our hearts. We felt confident that no terrible thing would happen to us before reaching the end. The Christian's walk with Jesus is very much the same. Although things are sometimes difficult, a happy hopeful feeling is in the heart — an abiding assurance reigning all the time.

—Sis. Charlotte

Try to complete this gospel text.



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Answer: Proverbs 18:10.

(Answers: 1. Because Jesus had broken the sabbath and said that God was His father. 2. No. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Everlasting life. 6. At any time they truly believe. 7. Yes. 8. "Unto resurrection of life". 9. Damnation.)

he died he commended us all to God's care and said that God would take care of us. No, no, you must not think of such a thing." And Mrs. Nevius buried her face in her hands and burst into sobs.

"Well, Mother, I don't want to be a thief; but we'll have to get wood somewhere or we'll freeze to death before the winter is over."

"We might better freeze than steal," said Mother. "But I believe God will take care of us, and we have tomorrow to plan what to do."

"Well, children, Jesus said, 'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' We cannot do anything tonight and worry does us no good. Suppose you get your Sunday school books and study your lesson for next Sunday."

After a few minutes with her book, Ruth exclaimed: "See, Mother, how our Bible story matches our case! It's about the poor widow who asked Elisha what she should do to pay her debts. He told her to borrow vessels and pour oil into them; and she kept on pouring until she had enough to buy everything she needed. Isn't that wonderful?"

"That's just like the Bible," said William; "but such things don't happen nowadays."

Ruth paid no attention to William. She continued reading.

Soon she spoke again, "Here it tells about the Israelites. When they needed food in the wilderness, God sent a great wind which brought quail that fell all around the camp, and everybody had all the meat he could eat."

After a moment Ruth turned her head toward the window, listening. "Why, the wind is rising now. Just hear how it moans in such a queer way over the canal," she cried.

"It'll take a pretty big wind to blow us coal or wood," remarked William doubtfully.

After the Sunday school lessons were learned, the mother offered prayer commending herself and family to their father's God; and the three left the chilly kitchen for the warmth of their beds.

While the children slept, the listening mother heard the bleak wind whistling around the little cottage.

The next morning William built the fire to warm up the house before the family got up. It made William feel good to do what his father had done, "But I won't be able to do this many more days," he muttered as he opened the kitchen door to go bring in more wood.

"Why, oh why, what's this?" he called. "Wood, sticks, big and little, piled up along the bank by the door. And the canal is full of logs clear down to the turn! I never saw anything like this in my life before!"

"Mother! Ruth! All of you come down here quickly," he called. "Just look!"

In a moment the whole family, clad in their night robes or wrapped in blankets, was crowded at the kitchen door. As far as their eyes could see, the canal was full of driftwood, which in places the wind had pressed upon the bank. There was enough fuel at their door to last them the entire season.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Someone Is Watching

Roger was excited as he packed his suitcase. He had never been to the city to stay and it looked like there was so much to do in a big city. His cousin, Don, had asked him to come and spend a week, and Roger's parents thought it would be good for him. He was looking forward to playing tennis and basketball with Don. Andy, Roger's brother, didn't care for things like that.

The ride to the city didn't take long and Roger didn't say very much. All he could think of was all the fun he and Don were going to have.

The first few days with Don went real well. Roger had never played tennis so much in his life. How he enjoyed it! Then there were baseball games with all the neighbor kids. In the country there weren't enough kids to play baseball. In the evenings they played basketball at one of the neighbor's; and riding bikes—that was something else! There were paved sidewalks and streets to ride on instead of dirt roads and paths in the woods.

One hot day, Don looked at Roger and said, "We should go to the movie tonight. There is one just down the street and we could walk to it. There is a real good western show on tonight." Roger didn't say anything. He had been having such a good time with Don that he hated to ruin it now. If he told Don he didn't believe in going to movies, Don wouldn't understand and it might

just ruin the rest of the week. He could go with Don and just keep his eyes closed and not listen. He didn't know what to do. He didn't want to ruin things between him and Don, either. Roger kept on playing, but his mind was hardly on the game. Instead, it was on the movie. "How shall I explain this to Don?" he thought. But no matter how he thought to explain his convictions to Don, the words just didn't sound right. Finally he said to himself, "Maybe something will happen and we won't go. I'll just not say anything. Things might just work out themselves."

That night after supper, though, Don told Roger to hurry and change his clothes and they would go. Slowly Roger changed his clothes. He had been told that he should not go to the movies. "But why?" he wondered. "What could be wrong with it anyway?"

All the way down the street he felt like someone was watching him. He would look back, but there was no one. "What are you looking for, Roger?" Don asked.

"Oh, uh, nothing; just looking around. The city is so much different from the country." Roger hoped that he didn't sound as nervous as he really was.

Roger was relieved when he finally sat down inside and the lights were out. Now he knew for sure no one could see him. The movie started, but Roger wasn't listening. The same feeling of

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Cost of Discipleship

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Luke 9:25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and

thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Central Thought: We must give up many things to be a disciple of Christ, but we will gain even more than we give up.

Questions for puzzle on opposite page.

He followed Jesus — John 1:35-51.

The circled letters spell his name.

He married Ruth the Moabitess — Ruth 4.

The mother of Samuel — 1 Samuel 1:20.

The son born to Boaz and Ruth — Ruth 4.

One of God's angels — Luke 1:26.

He wrote the book just before Daniel.

What kind of a building was Babel?

Genesis 11.

Questions:

1. What must he who wishes to follow Jesus do?
2. What will happen to those who give up their life for Jesus?
3. Of what profit is it to gain the world and lose the SOUL?
4. What will happen to those who are ashamed of Jesus?
5. Must we love Jesus more than our own self and our family?
6. What happens to a person who does not count the cost before starting something?
7. What special instructions did Jesus give the Jews?
8. See if you can find the answer to this question by reading John 8:33-36. From what will the believer be freed?
9. Would you like to be Jesus' disciple and be free from sin?

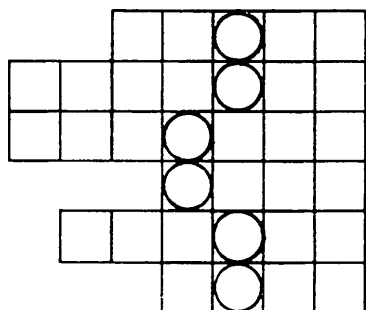
MEMORY VERSE:

... He shall receive an hundredfold now in this time. . . with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Mark 10:30.

(Answers: 1. He must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Him. 2. They will gain one hundred fold in this life and also eternal life. 3. None. 4. Jesus will be ashamed of them. 5. Yes. 6. He is not able to finish it and will therefore be made fun of by others. 7. He said, "Continue in my words." 8. From sin. 9. Yes.)

Andrew, Boaz, Hannah, Obed, Gabriel, Ezekiel, Tower.



WHO WAS HE?

—Sis. Charlotte

live for Him tomorrow.
live for the Lord, right now, and we can
up now. But we can make it. We can
make it anyway, so just as well give
thought in our mind, that we will never
The devil is ever present putting the
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and obtain eternal life. One of our big-
mountain, but to be a disciple of Jesus,
Our goal is not to climb the highest
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and take up your cross and follow Jesus.
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because Mom or Dad force you to be,
Those of you who are Christians only
has promised.

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order to please Jesus are traveling near-
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Those of you who are choosing to deny
er, "Where are my choices taking me?"
whatever we do. Let us stop and consid-
fering! Every day we're choosing to do

the top of
the highest mountain on the continent?
One man did, and he won a lot of things
for doing so. He also gave up a lot of
things to be able to climb the tallest
one. The summer before, a champion,
while his friends were lazily floating
down the river on a raft, he was run-
ning up and down fourteen flights of
stairs in a tall building. He wasn't only
doing this once in a while or once a day,
but three times every day! Each day he
raced with himself seeing if he could run
up and down the stairs faster than he
had before. Besides giving up all his
free time, there were numerous other
things that he gave up such as eating
junk or fattening foods. The food he ate
had to build strength in his body. Prob-
ably the biggest temptation he had to
fight against, was the temptation to
give up! When he was tired or just didn't
feel like running, there was the thought,
just give up, you'll probably never make
it anyway.

Not only has he given up many things
to attain his goal, but thousands of
people have denied themselves present
pleasure to obtain some pleasure later.
Betty and John Stam, famous mission-
aries to China are another example.
John Wycliff, who studied by candle-
light after night, translated the
Bible from German to English. I am
sure that many times the devil whisper-
ed something like this, "You just as
well stop now. Somebody will probably
find it and destroy it anyway. Why
work so hard? It won't ever get printed."
Wycliff didn't stop his work because he
felt discouraged. NO! Just think how
many English speaking people were
blessed by having a Bible they could
read.

Yes, there are some things we must
give up to be Jesus' disciples, but look
what we'll gain! It's well worth the suf-



being watched was there, and Roger had a feeling he knew who the Someone was. He tried to reason with himself. "This is no different than watching a cartoon strip. . . What really is wrong with it? What if the building falls in while I'm here? Then my parents will know I was here. What would they think if they knew I was here? They would be hurt. I know that, but nothing could be so wrong with coming to one little movie. . . Oh, why did I ever come in the first place? . . . The place is going to catch on fire, I just know it is. . . God would let it catch on fire just to punish me. . . What I should have done was ask God to help me when this came up instead of hoping it would work out by itself."

Roger never knew one movie could cause so much turmoil inside of him, just one little movie! His mind went to the drunkard. He didn't become a drunk in one night. No, but, if he hadn't taken the first little drink. And the man dying of lung cancer, if he hadn't taken the first little cigarette. And the thief, if he hadn't stolen the first thing. A movie, just the first little movie; it's just a western, and probably wouldn't hurt anybody, but the next one. . . what would it be like? And the one after that, and the one after that? The next thing you know, there would be the danger of sitting through any kind of show and feeling like, "So what? It's just a movie." A person with a strong, healthy mind can let ungodly thoughts and pictures ruin his mind; and then people try to act like movie stars instead of like God. No, there was nothing here that would make him more like God. And the best time to get rid of something was when it was small. He would get up from here and go back to Don's house. He would ask God to forgive him and the next time he was tempted he would ask God for help and not try to work it out himself.

"I'm going to walk back to the house," Roger whispered to Don. "I don't feel very good."

"Want me to go along with you?" Don asked.

"No, I'll be all right. See you later," Roger said to Don as he arose and start-

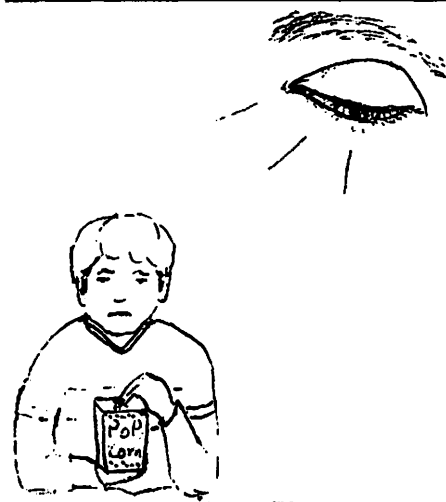
ed picking his way through the darkness toward the door. Once outside, he felt much better.

Walking back to Don's house was not as hard as it had been walking to the movie. He knew someone was watching him, but that Someone was more pleased now than He had been.

Roger went straight into Don's room and locked the door. He was glad Don's mother had asked no questions. There he bowed in prayer. First he asked God to forgive him for going to the movie, then he asked God to help him explain to Don any questions he might ask. "God," Roger whispered, "Help me to remember to turn to you when I'm tempted. Help me to rely on your strength to say, 'No,' and help me to do just the things that will make me more like you. Forgive me for disappointing my parents by disobeying you. I know you are the only One who can help me to always do the right. I know you are the only One who can forgive me and make me happy again. And I know you will, for I feel better already! Thank you, Jesus! Amen."

When Don came home, he only asked Roger how he was feeling. "I'm feeling just fine," Roger answered. Somehow he felt that Don understood.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Man Eating Shark

(A true story)

Mungo lived in the West Indies. He worked as a servant to a very rich man. The man's large estate bordered on an ocean bay. The beautiful bay was a natural harbor for ships, but swimming there was extremely dangerous! Sharks lived in its' water!

One big shark was a constant threat! From his hiding place behind a large underwater rock, he would suddenly emerge to terrorize the bay. The sailors named him "Blue Peter".

The sailors had seen Blue Peter attack when he was hungry! It seemed that Blue Peter didn't eat often. But when he was hungry, he ate whatever was nearest him. He would attack a child as readily as he would an animal. The old sailors told about a time when old Blue Peter had bitten a man's arm right off his body.

Everyone who had lived very long in the area, knew about Blue Peter. He was "Public Enemy Number One". The government of the island offered a large reward to anyone who should kill him.

One day the proud stubborn son of Mungo's boss decided to go swimming. In vain his older brother tried to persuade him not to go. The boy ran to the edge of the ocean and plunged into the surf. He swam some distance out from the shore. The older boy watched from the shore, all the while, straining his eyes for old Blue Peter. Suddenly he froze

motionless! Blue Peter darted from his hiding place behind the big rock! He hesitated just a moment then started gliding swiftly toward the younger boy.

The younger boy saw the shark and called loudly for help. He swam faster and faster, but his speed was no match for that of Blue Peter, who swam daily in the water.

Mungo, who was working nearby, saw what was happening. He ran for the shore and dove in! He swam to the boy just in time to see the terrible jaws of the shark close on the boy's arm! With one huge tug the arm ripped from the boy's body. The heroic Mungo grabbed the wounded boy and swam with him until they were near the shore. Then Blue Peter struck again, this time taking off one of Mungo's feet and part of his leg.

What could exceed the horror of those who watched from the shore? Happily, however, there was help at hand, so that Mungo and the boy were saved from death.

The boy recovered from his swim at the cost of losing an arm. Eventually brave Mungo also got well, but he had to stump about with a wooden leg.

Blue Peter continued his reign of terror. Mungo never forgot his old enemy. He resolved to someday end his murderous career FOREVER!

He went to work on his plans for vengeance. First he hunted until he found a large wooden barrel. Then he went to

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WORDS OF GOLD



Predictions of the Passion

New Words: *Passion:* The sufferings of Jesus after the Last Supper and on the cross.

Predictions: Statements about something to happen in the future.

Savourer: Understand or perceive.

Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying,

I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Luke 9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

Central Thought: Jesus went through much suffering to make a way for our salvation.



Questions:

1. What did Jesus say would happen to Him?
2. Did Peter believe this would happen to Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say about Peter's understanding?
4. What example from nature did Jesus use to explain His death.
5. Why did Jesus come into the world?
6. What did the people say about the voice from heaven?
7. What does "lifted up" mean?
8. What will happen if Jesus is lifted up?
9. What did Jesus say He would suffer?

MEMORY VERSE:

... They shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Mark 10:34.



Let's Talk

One time I had to make a six hour trip by car during a storm. Waiting until the next day to make the trip seemed almost impossible. Starting out in a storm is not too wise. What should I do? Big question! I had been listening to the radio all morning as it blared reports of the density of the storm and forecasted further conditions. It all sounded bad! Finally after prayer and asking advice, I decided to go on.

The violent wind had subsided a little by the time I was picking up my boy, Ben, at the school. As I drove away from the school the meteorologist was announcing another storm from the south moving northward at the rate of nearly fifty miles an hour. I was to travel north! "I will stay ahead of the storm," I told myself, so I wasted no time getting on to the interstate. As I traveled north on the interstate, I became more and more certain of what I believed to be a storm in front of me. The farther north I went, the nearer I came to the storm. Trying to stay ahead of an approaching storm, I was catching up with another. I was between two storms! How fast should I drive to stay out of each?

Jesus could also see a storm ahead of Him. It was not a storm of wind and rain, but betrayal by His own disciple, rejection by the Jewish people, mocking, cruel whipping, being spit upon, then after a day and night of this treatment, a torturous death on the cross. What a storm to be facing. He told His disciples about it but they could not understand what He was saying. He could not draw strength or help from them. In fact, He knew that each of them would be so afraid during His trial that they would leave Him and that Peter would deny Him also. Jesus says, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour."

He had a serious choice to make. Shall I ask God to change all this? Shall I tell Him, I don't want to die on the cross? Then Jesus answers His own question. "I came into the world for this reason. (John 18:37) I will face what is ahead of me, and do my Father's will."

There are several different times that Jesus told the disciples about His sufferings and death. Even after being told all these times, the disciples never understood.

Do you see a storm ahead in your life? Take courage! Are you having some storms now? Don't keep asking God to remove all the troubles out of your life. Instead, do as Jesus did, face them with courage. Be strong! It will pass and you will be stronger than ever. Jesus can remove all your troubles, but that would only make you a weak babe. You really want to be strong and grow up, don't you?
—Sis. Charlotte



CAN YOU NAME IT?

My first is found in "sage;"
My next in "Sacred Page;"
For three look in "salvation;"
For fourth try "hesitation;"
Fifth, twice in "Saviour's Name;"
"Believe" the sixth can claim;
For next, try "Moab" of old;
Then "Judas," who One sold;
The "end" shows letter nine;
Tenth, "time" and "space" combine
Whole, names a garden where
Christ agonized in prayer.

Matthew. 26:36.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.



(Answers: He would suffer many things, be killed and rise again the third day. 2. No. 3. He understood things of the world but not things of God. 4. Seeds dying in the ground. 5. To die for our sins. 6. Some thought an angel spoke, others thought it thundered. 7. Being nailed to the cross and lifted up into the air. 8. He will draw all men unto Him. (However, some may refuse to come.) 9. Many things.)

work buying large, spiked nails and the very largest fish hooks that were on the island. Mungo fastened these hooks to the inside bottom of the barrel. Soon the inside of the barrel was full of sharp hooks and nails. Mungo also drove the spiked nails all the way through the barrel. Now his trap was made!

News soon spread that on a certain day, Mungo was going to kill Blue Peter. On that day hundreds of people gathered to watch. Just before going into the water, Mungo tied fresh, bloody beef as bait on the hooks. He tied the barrel securely onto his boat. In his hand he took a large coil of rope and a cutlass (a short, thick sword used by sailors). He stepped into the boat and shouted to the people watching, "I will give Mr. Blue Peter a bit of breakfast."

For a long time Mungo rowed around the rock without sighting his enemy. Then suddenly, Blue Peter darted out! He smelled the blood! Into the barrel went the shark's head. Mungo plunged the sword deep into the side of the shark. The shark tried to back out of the barrel, but was caught by the hooks. One was in his mouth, one on the side of his head and another hooked under his gill. Mungo wasted no time. He stabbed the shark again and again. Every time the shark moved to jerk loose, the sharp spiked nails stuck into his sides. Blood was spurting from all parts of the shark. When the shark's lurching had subsided enough for Mungo to row, he went back to the shore, as the people shouted and cheered.

The threat of old Blue Peter was gone forever!

Brave Mungo's two heroic encounters with Blue Peter strikingly remind us of the two greatest events in the world: the two appearances of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He first came in grace:

Mungo went to save the boy. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". (1 Timothy 1:15). Mungo lost his leg. The Lord Jesus gave up His life. He died to save others, but:

Himself He could not save,
He on the cross must die
Or mercy cannot come
To ruined sinners nigh.
Yes, Christ the Son of God must bleed,
That sinners might from sin be freed.

It would be unthinkable that the boy in the water would refuse Mungo's aid. Indeed he cried for help. Yet how many there are who refuse help from Jesus, the only Saviour and the sinners' Friend! Have you trusted Him? He is your only hope. Without Him you will surely sink down to hell and perish forever. forever.

He will come again in judgment:

Mungo's last trip was to slay his great enemy. The Lord Jesus is coming to judge the world, and it will be the end of Satan's tempting power. Those who refuse Jesus' grace now will be counted as His enemies in that Day. Believe on Him now, dear reader, and live for Him. In this way you will be eternally safe.

"... Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. . . and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:26, 28.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Revelation 1:7.

—Charlotte Huskey



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Strange Message

(A true story)

Eleven year old Susan looked at the scanty plate of food which her mother sat on the table in front of her. Her little brother Jerry sat across the table and was almost finished eating his dinner. At the end of the table her little sister Nancy waited patiently for prayers to be said before eating. Mrs. Matthew, Susan's mother slid into the chair at the other end of the table and bowed her head to offer thanks.

"Oh, I forgot", Jerry said as he laid his fork across his plate.

Susan thanked God for the food and asked Him to always supply them with food. (Little did she realize how serious was their need of food, for Mrs. Matthew had divided what food she had and put away enough for the children to have breakfast. After that, she didn't know what they would eat. There was no money to buy more food. She had looked everywhere for work, without finding any.)

"Aren't you going to eat?" Susan asked her mother when she noticed that mother was just sitting at the table thinking.

"No, not tonight," Mrs. Matthew answered.

"Why, aren't you hungry?" Nancy asked.

Before mother could answer Nancy's question, Jerry said, "I'm still hungry, Can I have some more?"

"You better run on and get ready for bed, Jerry, and let that do for tonight," Mother said.

"But I'm still hungry," Jerry protested.

"You won't feel so hungry if you get busy doing something else," Mother assured him. "Now get yourself washed up, brush your teeth and get into your night clothes."

Jerry left the table dragging his feet like each weighed a hundred pounds.

Susan didn't ask her mother the second time about eating. She was sure that mother wasn't eating because there was not enough food. "When would things ever be different? Why did Daddy die anyway? Now things were so awful! Mother worked everyday when she could find work, but got paid so little—maybe fifty cents, sometimes maybe sixty cents for working the whole day." Susan felt bitterness welling in her chest. "Why? why, had all this happened? Things would be even worse now that winter was coming. It has snowed all day and was still snowing. How could mother pay utility bills or buy warm winter clothes for all of them?"

Her thoughts were interrupted by Jerry's voice as he asked, "Mother, does God know we are hungry?"

"Yes, God knows we are hungry," she heard her mother say to him.

"Then God will give us something to eat, won't He?"

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Transfiguration

New Words: *Accomplish:* do, finish.

Alter: make different, change.

Countenance: face; features.

Decease: death.

Tabernacle: a covered wooden framework used as a place of worship.

Transfiguration: A change in form or appearance.

Glistening: Shining.

Luke 9:28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

Matthew 17:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

Mark 9:10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?

Matthew 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Central Thought: Jesus left His written Word for us to follow. Any manifestation of supernatural phenomenon should be regarded as deceptive if it doesn't agree with Christ's written Word.

Questions:

1. Where did Jesus go?
2. Who did He take along?
3. What happened to Jesus on the mountain?
4. Who came to talk with Jesus?
5. How was Peter's question answered?
6. Whom did the voice say should be heard?
7. When did the Apostles tell what they had seen?
8. Who did Jesus say was Elias?

MEMORY VERSE

[He] was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Matthew 17:2.

Let's Talk

Jesus took his disciples upon a mountain to pray. Apparently they were there all night, for Luke 9:37, reads, "On the next day when they were come down from the hill". Sometime during the night Moses and Elias came to talk with Jesus. Both of these men were spirits. They did not have bones, flesh and blood as did Jesus and His disciples. Jesus talked to these men and they talked with Him in a voice that the disciples could understand. Elias, many years before this, was transformed and went to heaven in a chariot of fire. Moses died upon the mount, but his body was never found.

The disciples were frightened when they saw these two spirits and heard them speak. They were also frightened the time they saw Jesus walking on the water, because they thought He was a spirit. The disciples were afraid, but not because they were cowards. They were not cowardly scardy cats! They were brave strong fishermen. They did, however, have fear and reverence of spirits, because they knew that the human mind and body is no match to a spirit. The spirit could be from the almighty God. It could have a message of love or of judgement. But how would they know which it was? When Gabriel appeared to Mary and announced Jesus' birth, Mary was fearful, until she realized the message was one of love.

Should the spirit be an evil one, the disciples knew they could be destroyed by it, unless God's power would protect them. They had seen the boy, whom the evil spirit threw in the fire and the water. They had also seen the man who lived in the tombs and hurt himself daily at the command of the evil spirit within him. The disciples knew that spirits are more powerful than a fleshly body.

In the community where we lived in Mexico, there was a group of people

who worshipped spirits. What all they did in worship of these spirits, I do not know. One thing I know they did was communicate with spirits. They found out secrets in this way. One man was making a lot of money. He said the spirits told him how to make money. This man's daughter was the "medium" who received the messages for the others in the service. (A medium is a person through whom supposed messages from the world of spirits are received and sent.) She was at that time what people would call a smart, beautiful girl in her late teens. Two years ago when we visited this same town, the people told us we must go and see the girl.

We went to visit this girl, but she could not be recognized as the same person. She sat on a stool in one corner of the same store which she at one time managed. Her speech could hardly be understood, and her actions were much like a retarded five year old. Satan had destroyed her. She thought she could handle meddling into the spirit world but it didn't pay off.

There is a seventeen year old boy awaiting his sentence in death row for killing his family. His only reason, "I turned myself over to the spirit of the devil, and he told me to do it".

Communicating with spirits may sound like fun, but it isn't safe and that is why the disciples were afraid, when they saw the spirit of Moses and Elias.

Let's be like the disciples.

There's a better way to find truth.



(Answers: 1. Into the mountains to pray. 2. Peter, James and John. 3. His countenance was changed and He spoke with the dead. 4. Moses and Elias. 5. By a voice from heaven. 6. Jesus. 7. After Jesus was raised from the dead. 8. John the Baptist.)

"Yes, He will," was Mother's answer, but Susan noticed a falter in her voice and looked up in time to see her mother wipe a tear from her face. She also thought she saw traces of doubt that she had never seen before upon her mother's face.

Susan laid awake until her mother came to bed. "What did you read from the Bible tonight?" she asked, for her mother was singing as she dressed for bed.

"I just read about God causing the raven to bring bread to Elijah. I know He will also supply for us!"

The next morning the children were expecting to go to Sunday school, but Mrs. Matthew said, "You children must stay home today, you have no boots to walk in this deep snow. I will go alone."

"And you will bring us back some food?" Jerry asked.

"Yes, I will," Mother promised.

Susan was surprised at the positive answer that her mother gave to Jerry. She watched as her mother put on her coat and boots and started through the deep snow. "I wonder what Mother will bring home for us?" she said to herself. "Poor Mother ate neither supper nor breakfast, so that we could have her food."

Through the morning Susan caught herself glancing out the window, wondering if she would see her mother coming with a package in her hand or not. Shortly after twelve o'clock, she glanced out. There was Mother! A large package was in her arms! "Jerry! Nancy!" she called.

Jerry darted out the door, only to be pulled back by Susan. "She won't get here any sooner by you getting yourself in the way," Susan scolded. "Stay in here where it's at least a little bit warm."

"Mother, where did you get this food?" Susan asked as her mother unloaded several of their favorite foods.

"My Sunday school teacher gave me some money in an envelope. There was a letter to explain it. I'll read it to you." Mother gave the children a fruit of their

choice and sat down near the stove to read the letter.

Dear Mrs. Matthew:

I have been saving money a long time to buy a new dining room table. Last night I went to sleep and was awakened by a voice that said, "Give Mrs. Matthew the money you have saved for the dining room table." I asked my husband if he had said something. "Nope," he answered rather sleepily. "Someone just spoke to me saying to give my money to Mrs. Matthew." "Go back to sleep," he said. "There's nothing to it."

I went back to sleep and after a while the voice spoke again, saying the same thing. I awoke my husband again. He was really disgusted this time and told me to forget it and go to sleep! I lay awake a long time before I could go to sleep this time. I didn't want to give up the money, nor did I know any person by the name of Mrs. Matthew. After all, I had saved a long time. Finally, I fell asleep and was again awakened by the voice telling me to give the money. I awoke my husband and asked if he knew a Mrs. Matthew. "A poor lady by that name has been coming to Sunday School lately," he said.

"Then I must give her the money," I said.

"You just had a crazy dream," he said. "We hardly know the woman."

I am giving this money to you, for I feel God told me to do so. I also feel like I will go crazy if I don't! Use it wherever needed.

God bless you!

That's a lot of money!" they all exclaimed as Mother showed them the money.

"Yes, it is a lot of money. I would work many weeks for this much money if I could find work."

"Maybe months!" Susan said.

—Charlotte Huskey

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Keep the Appointment

"Hey, watch where you're going!" Fred exclaimed as he dodged the gangling frame of Joe Martin dashing around the corner. "That's not the way to school. Did you forget your first hour assignment?"

"Nope, I'm going down to the bank to apply for a job. I'll probably be late for school," Joe threw the words over his shoulder and hurried on down the sidewalk.

As Fred turned onto the school grounds he thought, "The lucky stiff—I wish I could get a summer job—just two more weeks of school, then I'll have three months on my hands. Wish I could get something to help with my expenses next year. There are a lot more fellows than jobs in a small town like this, though."

When Fred saw Joe at noon he thought, "I guess Joe didn't make the grade, or he'd be bragging about his new job in the bank. I'll find out what the score is."

"What happened, Joe? Did someone beat you to the job at the bank?"

"No. Old man Winroe is contrary or something. He just said he didn't believe I was the one they were looking for."

By the time school was out that afternoon, Fred had decided to try for that job himself. He called the bank and asked Mr. Winroe's secretary if the job for messenger boy was still open. Being

told that it was, he asked, "When could I see Mr. Winroe about the job?"

Fred waited tensely. He could hear the secretary speak to Mr. Winroe, then she asked Fred, "Can you be here at six-thirty Saturday morning?"

Fred hesitated a moment. What a strange time to apply for a job. Maybe he hadn't understood correctly. "Did you say at six-thirty in the morning?" he asked to make certain. Assured that was the hour, he promised to be there.

The next day it was announced that the Hy-Y Club's annual spring hike was scheduled for six-o'clock the coming Saturday morning. Fred's heart sank. He had looked forward to that all semester.

"Now, I am in a fix," Fred told his pal, Gene, after Hy-Y meeting. "I've been planning strong on that hike this spring. It would have to come up at the same time I go to apply for that bank job."

"That's a goofy time of the day to apply for a job. Call them up and tell them that you will come Monday after school."

"I could hardly do that. They told me to come at six-thirty. You don't tell the president of a bank, 'The time doesn't suit me. Please let me come when it is more convenient for me.'"

"Nope, I suppose not. But you could just forget and appear later."

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Single Eye

New Word: *Generation:* All the people born in the same period of time.

Luke 11:29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Jonah 3:4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he

cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

2 Chronicles 9:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem. . .

2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon. . .

5, 8, And she said to the king. . . Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne. . .

Central Thought: It is important to have a determination to do God's will. In this way we will have a single eye, which is protection for the soul.



Questions:

1. To what kind of a generation was Jesus talking?
2. Did they seek for a sign?
3. What sign was given to them?
4. In what way is the sign of Jonah and the sign of Christ alike?
5. In what way were the men of Nineveh more righteous than those to whom Jesus was speaking?
6. In what way was the heathen queen of Sheba better than those to whom Jesus was speaking?
7. Are true believers like a candle?
8. What did Jesus mean by having a single eye.
9. If our eye is single will our thoughts, words, and actions be pleasing to God?

MEMORY VERSE

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Matthew 6:22.



Let's Talk

Have you ever been the blindman in a game of blindman's bluff? How hard you tried to catch the other children, but they would dart around you on every side, maybe touching you or calling so you could follow the direction of their voice. You went this way and that seeking to touch them but no sooner than you were close to them, they would dart away again. Hopeless wasn't it? How nice when the blindfold was taken off your eyes and you could see again.

Have you ever fallen while you were chasing someone? Sometimes blind people have to walk a little slower and be a little more careful than we do, or they will fall down. I know a blind man who loves to take walks. For many years he has walked on the road which passes his home. He walks a long way; crosses a flat, unrailed bridge, goes down a hill, and turns around and walks back home. At first he walked carefully, but after doing it day after day for a long, long time, he began walking faster and faster. One day as he was taking his usual walk, he neared the bridge. Although he could not see, he knew when he was near the bridge. He was enjoying the cool, fresh air and thinking nothing of danger, when suddenly he stepped right off the edge of the bridge and went tumbling into the gully below!

Stop and think for a moment how many painful things could happen to us if we were blind. Our eyes are a great protection to us. Our spiritual eyes are also a protection to the soul. The spiritual eyes let God's light shine into all parts of our life, so that our thoughts, words, and actions are all influenced by it. The whole body is influenced by the sight which the eyes give to the body. When we see a hard ball coming toward our face, hands raise to protect it, our feet move away from the danger. Should we see a rattlesnake ready to strike at

us, the sight message enters the eye and illuminates the whole body. Immediately the whole body does whatever is best for its protection. Stand still! Throw a stone! Run! Whatever is done, it is for protection from the poisonous snake.

There are many things poison to the spirit, that the soul will not recognize unless it has an eye single to God. An eye single to God is having a mind willing and ready to do only God's will — ready and willing to do what Jesus would do. If a person is not willing to obey God, he does not have a single eye. He is blind to spiritual things. The dangerous things that harm his soul are not recognized. He may soon be hurt very badly by the devil. He may fall into harmful habits, or relationships, which could end up like being trapped.

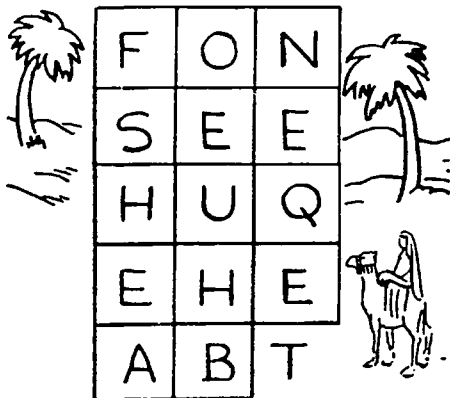
Ask God to give you an eye single to the will of God so that your soul can see the evil of things that might trap you.

—Sis. Charlotte

A DESERT JOURNEY

Start with the letter T and journey up and down or across the squares (but traveling diagonally twice) to find out who made a long journey across the desert to visit a great and famous king.

You can read this story in 1 Kings 10.



(Answers: 1. An evil one. 2. Yes. 3. The sign of Jonah 4. Jonah was in the whale for three days. Christ was in the grave for three days. 5. They believed God and repented. This evil generation did not believe Jesus. 6. She came from afar to see for herself, then she believed. 7. Yes. 8. Having a mind to do only what is right. 9. Yes.)

"That wouldn't be keeping my word, though, and I told him I'd come at six-thirty."

"Maybe he is right," Fred thought turning toward the science room. "That is a dumb hour for a business appointment. Gene might not have such a bad idea at that. All Mr. Winroe needs to know is that I overslept, and I'll just appear on Monday morning instead."

But even after Fred made up his mind to skip his Saturday appointment, the idea bothered him, for he had always felt that it was important for a Christian to keep his word.

Fred ambled slowly home from school. As he neared the bank he thought, "It's already closed for the day—pretty soft hours, if you ask me. It's altogether unreasonable for a bank president to pick six-thirty on a Saturday morning to interview a messenger boy."

The door of the bank opened and Mr. Winroe stepped out.

"Here's my chance," Fred thought. "I'll talk to him about the job now." Then he hesitated, "Maybe he wouldn't like for me to ask him right here on the sidewalk, and well, I did tell him I'd come in the morning. But why would it matter when I went?"

While Fred was trying to decide, Mr. Winroe stepped into his Cadillac and pulled away from the curb. "You silly nit-wit," Fred berated himself. "Stand there and let him drive away!"

Before Fred went to bed that night, he set the alarm to awaken him at five-thirty the next morning. The hike seemed too attractive to pass by when Monday would surely do just as well to meet with Mr. Winroe. He half wished it would be raining the next morning, so that he could keep his appointment as scheduled.

But the next morning when the alarm rang and Fred opened his eyes, the sun was streaming in through the window. He jumped up, pulled on his hiking clothes, then hurriedly read a chapter from the Bible which had been his habit before he started each day. His reading for the day was in Proverbs. About

halfway through the chapter, he began to notice what he was reading. Every verse was like a sledge hammer pounding away on his soul, "Lord, help me to act like a Christian, and keep my word to Mr. Winroe."

Thoughtfully, Fred finished the chapter, laid his Bible on the stand, then with deliberate carefulness he exchanged his hiking clothes for his best suit.

Promptly at six-thirty Fred rang the bell at the side of the bank. The janitor admitted Fred and led him to the door labeled, "Office of the President."

"Here he is, Sir," the janitor said as he opened the door. Fred was all but trembling when he walked into the massive paneled room. But the genial face and twinkling eyes of Mr. Winroe soon set him at ease.

After asking Fred a few questions, Mr. Winroe said, "We can use you, Fred. I almost knew when you walked in that door promptly at six-thirty that you would suit us. You see, young fellow, we need workers in a place like this on whom we can depend. I've discovered that one of the most important things to watch for when hiring people for this job is to see that they keep their word. That's why I set the time for this appointment so early. It's just a little test. It helps to see whether or not they are lazy, too." His eyes twinkled.

"It's a personal theory of mine that if a fellow breaks his word he isn't good material for work in a bank. I had to turn down a young fellow who applied earlier in the week. Instead of coming at six-thirty, he came at eight.

"Now, I believe that is all, Fred. Your Hy-Y sponser told me yesterday that he is taking your group on a hike today, so I guess this was a double test for you. If you like, I'll drop you by your house so you can join in the fun. How does that sound to you?"

"Thanks—thanks a lot, Mr. Winroe," Fred said. But in his heart he was saying, "Thank you, Lord, for helping me to see that keeping my word does matter—and thanks for the bonus, too."

—Selected

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Jan's Book Report

(A true happening in the U.S.A.)

Mrs. Panict stood beside her desk. "Children," she said, with a beautiful smile on her face. "This month I want each of you to give a book report on your favorite book. You may use pictures, or other kinds of props and give the report while standing in front of the class. In this way everyone in the room can share with you your favorite book."

As soon as Mrs. Panict had finished speaking, Jan knew the book she would give her report on. It was her favorite book, she enjoyed reading it more than any other.

The days passed and soon it was time to begin the book reports. One after another the students gave their reports. "Tomorrow we shall hear Jan's report," Mrs. Panict said, at the end of class time.

The next morning Jan carried a box into the room. "What is that?" Mrs. Panict asked.

"It's the props for my book report," Jan answered. When it was time for Jan to give her report, she arose from her seat and carried the box to the front of the room and sat it down. Then she took a New Testament from the box and began her report. "This is the book I enjoy reading more than any other book," she said. "My parents read stories from this book to me before I could read. After I learned to read pretty well, I began reading it myself. It wasn't as

hard to read as I thought it would be. It has very interesting stories and they are all true. The best thing about this book is that it is God's Word and we all know that God's Words are more important than any other words."

When her report was finished she bent down and took out a stack of New Testaments from the box and gave one to each student in the room.

Mrs. Panict was very disturbed. "I asked for a book report, not a sermon," she said in a rage.

"It was a book report," Jan said in protest.

"You may go to the office, now!" she stormed at Jan. As Jan walked toward the office her teacher called in to explain why she had sent Jan.

"I didn't know I was doing anything wrong," Jan told the principal.

"You could get your teacher and our whole school into serious trouble because of this," he said.

"But I-I don't understand why," she answered. After this she was given a harsh scolding and told to stay in the office the remainder of the day.

Jan slumped into a chair and cried softly to herself. Confused thoughts were whirling around in her head. "Why was everyone so upset? What had she done that was wrong?" Everything was a puzzle to her. Finally she thought, maybe mother could explain all this to me. "May I call Mother?" she pleaded.

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Lesson About Fear

New Words: *Magistrate:* An officer of a government who has power to apply the law and put it into force. *Gentiles:* Sinners.

Matthew 10:18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Luke 12:4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell: yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Central Thought: We should not be afraid of men who can only kill the body, neither should we worry about how to answer their accusations, for the Holy Spirit will give us words to speak.



Questions:

1. Why shall we be brought before governors?
2. Who will give us words to speak before the authorities?
3. When will these words be given us?
4. Will family members sometimes betray one another?
5. Will Christians be hated because of Jesus' name?
6. Who is a Christian to fear?
7. Who should a Christian not fear?
8. What will happen if we deny Jesus?
9. What are we promised for confessing Jesus before men?

MEMORY VERSE

And when they shall bring you unto the. . .[governing] powers, take ye no thought how. . .ye shall answer. . .For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Luke 12:11, 12.



Let's Talk

In the lesson today Jesus is instructing us what we should do if we are ever brought to court. First He says that it is His plan that we be brought before governments, kings, and other authorities. He wishes us to be a testimony to them. Sometimes this is the only way that He can get us to testify to such people. Kings are important people and they are choosy about their visitors. But Jesus wants them to hear about Him also, so He sometimes causes Christians to be arrested and taken before the king, not because the Christian is bad, but because the king must hear the testimony of a real Christian. Governors are very busy people and a Christian who wishes to witness to him cannot always have the chance. Again God arranges so that the governors and other people in authority meet Christians and hear their testimonies. All people of the world need to see those who are willing to suffer for Jesus. In this way they are convinced that there is really something to salvation.

Not only kings, governors, and important people in authority benefit from a Christian standing true to God in court, but many of these court cases are televised, broadcast over radio, and published in newspapers, thus giving many people a chance to hear the testimonies of real Christians.

The next time you hear about a Christian being taken to court to be questioned about their religious actions, pray much for them. God is wanting to use them, but they must listen to the Holy Spirit and speak only what the Spirit gives them to say. They need much prayer, for it is not easy to keep quiet when others are falsely accusing.

Are you afraid to be questioned about what you believe? Some children are afraid. What does Jesus say about being ashamed of Him? "Whosoever therefore

shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 10:32, 33.

Being ashamed to be questioned by unbelievers about what one believes, is being afraid. Jesus tells us not to be afraid of people who can only kill the body. He says to fear God who is able to kill the body and cast the soul into hell. Let us not be afraid anymore of people. Instead of being afraid of critical things they will say about you, feel sorry that they do not already know Jesus as their personal Saviour. Accept the important job that Jesus has given you to testify to them.

Remember all men should hear the testimony of a real Christian.

WHO WAS HE?

A child whom his mother gave to the LORD. The circled letters spell his name. Read from top to bottom. (Lev. 11:18)

A beautiful but unclean bird. (Lev. 11:19)

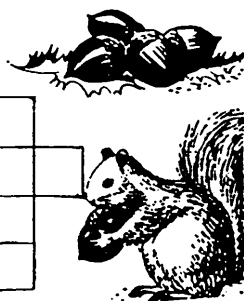
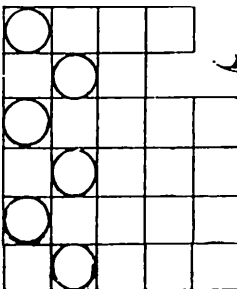
An unclean creature that flies at night. (Lev. 11:19)

A small animal unclean to the Israelites. (Lev. 11:29)

An unclean bird that works in the darkness. (Lev. 11:16)

An unclean bird of prey that flies very high. (Lev. 11:13)

Still another unclean bird. (Deut. 14:13)



before the angels of God.)
 He will deny us. 9. Jesus will confess us who have power only to kill the body. 8. Those power to kill and cast into hell. 7. Those them. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. God, who has The Holy Spirit. 3. At the hour we need (Answers: 1. As a testimony to them. 2.

"You are being disciplined. No, you cannot make a phone call when you are being disciplined," she was told.

Jan still didn't know why she was being disciplined, but she remained in the school office all the rest of the day.

"Why do you look so sad?" her mother asked when she saw her after school.

"I spent the most horrid day in all my life," she told her and burst into tears again. After awhile she gained enough self-control to explain the whole thing to her mother. "And when I go back tomorrow I must ask each student for the New Testament which I gave to him," she added. "Why, Mother, should I have to take back a gift? No other student must ask for the gifts he has given."

"It isn't right!" Mother stated. "Don't worry about it, I'll go myself and see that this thing is all straightened out. We live in a free Christian nation. Of course you can give the New Testament as a gift."

In her room that night Jan took her New Testament in her hand. Looking at it she questioned, "Are you worth all that I have suffered today?" Then she answered her own question, "I know you are. I love you more tonight than I ever have," and she hugged it to her chest. Then opening it she read from Matthew 10, "And ye shall be hated

of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me."

How surprised Mother was when she found out that a Christian in Jan's school had no freedom, nor rights! At the school authority's demand Jan took from the students the gifts she had given.

Jan not only suffered this embarrassment but much other persecution from both teachers and students. She suffered cruel joking remarks, hard verbal criticism, isolation, and frozen looks, all of which made her a nervous wreck. Day after day she tried hard to concentrate on her school work, but it was impossible. One day when she returned home from school Mother had good news. "You are not going back to that school again. Today I enrolled you in a private Christian school.

"Oh, Mother!" Jan cried, "This is the happiest day of my life!"

—Sis. Charlotte

MESSAGES FROM GOD

There is a hidden message from the Bible for you in this diagram. Starting at the left of the top row, find all the numbers which are alike. Put down the letters underneath.

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swan, bat, mouse, cuckoo, eagle and glade.

SAMUEL

5 - Put your trust in the Lord.
6 - Delight in the Word of the Lord.
7 - Incline thine ear unto me O God.
8 - Thou art a shield to me O Lord.
9 - Remove me from the way of lying.

ANSWERS

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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My Brush with Death

The work in the garden seemed endless. I looked down the rows of beans, peas and carrots. I saw the hateful weeds that had to be pulled. I imagined myself swimming in the river, diving from our makeshift diving board, the wind whistling past me. Then I opened my eyes to the weeds again.

"Hey, Pete, let's go swimming!" Bike brakes squealed as Tom slid to a stop at the edge of the garden.

"Can't until this weedy garden is all cleaned out," I griped. "Say, if you help me we can lick it in no time. Then we can go."

"Well, okay," Tom said. "Dad won't let me swim alone. If you have to do this first, I'd better help, or it'll be too dark."

When the town clock struck three, we had finished the work.

"Instead of dumping out these baskets, why not leave them here at the edge of the garden, Pete? Then your dad can see how many weeds we pulled," Tom suggested.

"Okay with me," I said. "Let's get rolling." In half an hour we were at the river.

Our diving board was rigged on a high bank, 15 feet above the water. At this point, about a quarter of a mile above the dam, the water was fairly calm at this time of year. There was considerable force in the current, but Tom and I were strong swimmers.

Tom climbed the rickety platform of our diving board and did a "cannonball" feet first into the water.

"Watch this, Tom," I yelled, as he swam for the bank.

On the board, I balanced, facing the shore. My toes clung to the hot wood. Then I sprang out, throwing my legs up. I didn't break my dive in time. Instead of a smooth entry into the river, I slammed on my back.

When I did, a searing pain flashed in my back and exploded in my head. It left me weak, unable to kick my legs. The current caught me, and carried me downstream toward the dam. I used my arms to keep my head out of the water, but I couldn't fight the current.

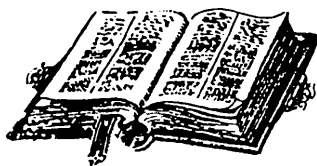
"Help, Tom!" I yelled. "The current's got me!"

Faster now, closer to the dam, the current swept me along. Fear paralyzed my arms as I thought of the canal turbines for the electric company's generating station on the opposite bank. I was caught in the current. The turbines ahead of me were like meat grinders.

Terrible pains raced up and down my back and neck. I had to swim to the right, out of that current, or I was dead. I tried kicking my legs again, but this brought blinding waves of pain and made me weaker than ever. I prayed for help, still thrashing my arms, and asking God to give me the strength to swim out of the current.

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WORDS OF GOLD



An Epileptic is Healed

New Words: *Epileptic:* A person suffering from a chronic disorder of the nervous system usually characterized by convulsions and unconsciousness.

Pineth away: Going into unconsciousness.

Mark 9:14 And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything; have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Central Thought: Earnestly begging God for faith and having a willingness to fast will show an increase in answered prayers.

Questions:

1. Who was the multitude gathered around?
2. What was the problem?
3. How did the people show that they were glad to see Jesus?
4. How did the boy act when the dumb spirit came on him?
5. How long had the boy been sick?
6. What must the father do, if the son is to be healed?
7. Could the disciples heal the boy?
8. What must the disciples do that the boy might be healed?
9. By what method did Jesus heal the boy?

MEMORY VERSE:

...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 9:23.



Let's Talk

In the Scripture reading under "Words of Gold" we learned about a poor father who's son was possessed with a devil. The evil spirit in the boy would cause the boy to hurt himself. Sometimes he would fall on the ground or floor and wallow around, hitting whatever was in his way. At these times he would gnash his teeth and foam would come out of his mouth. Sometimes, if he was near fire or water, the spirit would cause him to fall into the fire and be burned, or into the water where he could drown. The spirit wanted to destroy the boy.

Hearing about Jesus' great miracles, the father decided to take his son to Jesus for healing. It seems that he came with the boy at just the time that Jesus was up on the mountain praying. For when Jesus came down, He saw a great crowd of people and the scribes asking them questions. Someone saw Jesus and came running to Him. Then the father saw Jesus also and brought the boy to Him. "I brought the boy to the disciples, but they could not help him", the father said.

Jesus said to the father, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Then the man cried out for Jesus to help him to believe even more. Jesus was willing to help and soon the boy was well.

Have you ever asked God to give you more faith or to help you believe more completely in Him? We must seek God for more true faith in Him, for without Jesus' help, we could do nothing.

Many times I have asked God to help me to have more faith. I wish to share one experience with you. It all happened like this: We were paying rent on the house in which we were living. One day my twelve year old son said, "I think we should fast and pray that God will give us a house". Honestly, I didn't have faith, but neither did I want to discourage his faith, so I agreed that

we would fast and pray that God would give us a home of our own. I began praying to God to increase my faith and that He would supply us a house.

A few weeks after we fasted and prayed, a man of the congregation became very seriously ill. He was sick for several weeks. Many people were praying that he would get well, but he only became worse.

One afternoon his wife called me on the telephone. "We would like for you and your husband to come over tonight", she said. We went over thinking they were wanting us to pray for his healing. How surprised we were when he said, "God has spoken to me, telling me to give you a home for your children." Our prayers were answered. In a few weeks, we moved into our home! We have never paid rent since.

God helped out unbelief!

Is there something in your life that seems like a mountain? Ask God to help your unbelief, if you cannot believe that it will change.

—Sis Charlotte

SCRIPTURE TEXT WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words of this Scripture text in this Word Search? Look up, down, diagonally, backwards, across — every direction. Use a ruler if necessary.

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S R L I Y E H T
U U T O T H E E
O O W A R Y N K
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N A M H C T A W
D L I U B O V Y

Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. PSALM 127:1

(Answers: 1. The disciples. 2. A man wanted his epileptic son healed. 3. They ran and saluted him. 4. He would foam at the mouth, gnash his teeth and go into unconsciousness. 5. Since he was a child. 6. Believe. 7. No. 8. Fast and pray. 9. Jesus rebuked the foul spirit.)

Presently, a calmness overcame the fear that had gripped me. I felt new power in my body. My arms began to stroke more effectively through the water. It was as if someone else were moving me as if I were a puppet.

Ahead of me was the catwalk across the top of the dam. I reached up with one hand and grabbed it. Then when my hand started to slip, I threw my other arm up. My nails dug into the soft, mossy wood.

The undertow pulled at my legs, trying to draw me down. I clung, screaming at the top of my voice, to the soft wood of the catwalk.

"Help! Help me!" I cried.

My fingernails broke off. My fingers had just started to slide off the catwalk edge when someone grabbed my arm.

I guess I passed out then. When I woke up, I was lying on a cot. Tom and a man I'd never seen before were looking down anxiously at me.

"We'll get you to a doctor," the man said. "You had a close call."

"How'd you get me here?" I asked, unable to believe I was alive.

"I'm the watchman for the power company. Your buddy here rode his bike down to the dam and yelled at me. When I saw you coming downstream in the current, I thought you were a goner. You were just kinda floating along in it, like a cork. I'd crawled out on the catwalk, but still couldn't help ya.

"Suddenly ya started to stroke real good for a minute. That little burst of speed pulled you clear of the current, and to the catwalk. Then I grabbed ya and here we are. Here comes the paramedic."

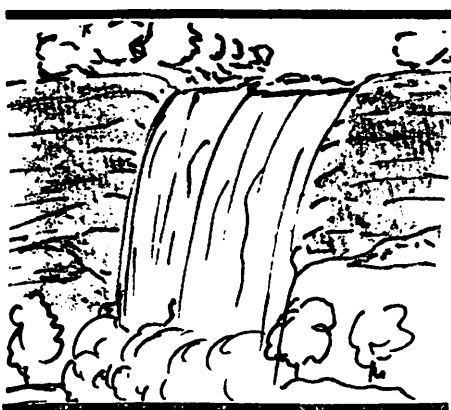
The watchman straightened as the paramedic came into the room. After a quick examination, he said, "You've got a pretty badly dislocated right hip. Can't figure out how you could swim at all with that hip—how'd you do it?"

"I prayed," I said, with a silent thanks to my Saviour.

Christ had saved my life that day and I dedicated myself to Him. I pray

He will guide me into His plan for my life.

—A True Story



The Friendly Balloon

(Fun with science)

Blow up a rubber balloon as large as you can. Double the tube back and tie it with a string. Get another string three or four feet long. Tie one end of the balloon and the other end to a ceiling lamp fixture or other support. Let the balloon hang level with your head. Then rub the balloon lightly but rapidly with a piece of woolen cloth. Now have someone walk close to the balloon.

When a person comes within a few inches of the balloon, what happens?

The balloon flies toward the person because it is charged with a coating of static electricity.

For us to be friendly and draw others to Christ, we must be charged with the love of God like the balloon was charged with static electricity. We get charged with God's love by praying to Him and reading His Word, the Holy Bible, with an attitude of willingness to do only what pleases Jesus.

Christ's Spirit in us will make us attract other boys and girls to Christ.

"... Let us love one another: for love is of God. . ." 1 John 4:7.

—Selected



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Broken Window

Marky Rogers stood on the pitcher's mound, rubbed the ball, and wound up, and let it fly. It was a wild pitch.

Marky saw Bob Warren try to keep the ball from going over the back fence by swinging the bat up high. He hit the ball, all right. It shot to the right and flew straight at Mr. Hobbs' kitchen window. Crash!

Marky stood horrified, looking at the shattered window. "Not again," he groaned.

Bob Warren said, "It wasn't my fault. I was just trying to stop your wild pitch."

Marky tossed his glove down and started toward Mr. Hobbs' house. "Yeah, I know, it was my fault."

The boys had been practicing on the vacant lot in preparation for tomorrow's big game. Marky was the pitcher on their team. Bob was the captain and played left field. Being neighbors, the two boys came frequently to this vacant lot to practice. "But this is the last time I will play here," Marky promised himself.

Just last week Marky hit a foul ball through Mr. Hobbs' kitchen window. His father paid for the glass, but he told Marky that next time he would have to take care of it himself. Now, just a week later, Marky had broken it again.

Bob ran up to Marky. "I don't think anybody is at home," he said. "They haven't come out yet."

Bob was right. No one answered the doorbell.

"Why don't we just take off?" Bob suggested. "Lots of kids play here. They couldn't prove we did it."

Marky realized again the difference between a Christian and one who is not saved.

"I couldn't do that, Bob," Marky explained, "I don't think Jesus would."

"Oh, for Pete's sake!" Bob said. "I'm getting out of here. You can stay if you like." He ran down the street.

Marky took a crumpled piece of paper from his pocket and the short stub of a pencil and scrawled: "I broke your window. Call me when you get home." He signed it *Marky Rogers* and stuck it into the door jamb.

He got the call before his father came home.

"Marky, this is Mr. Hobbs," the man's voice said. "This is the second time you've broken my window, isn't it?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Who paid for it last time?" Mr. Hobbs asked.

"My father did, but he said he wouldn't do it again."

Mr. Hobbs said, "I think that's fine. You should pay for this yourself. I don't imagine you have the money, do you?"

"No, I don't."

"We'll call it square if you will come over tomorrow morning and mow and trim the lawn," Mr. Hobbs said.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Pays Taxes

New Words: *Custom:* A tax.

Feign: Make-believe.

Perceived: Understood.

Prevent: To come before.

Superscription: writings. (In this case: Caesar's titles.)

Tribute: Money or valuables paid by one state or ruler to another for peace or protection.

Matthew 17:24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?

25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children or of strangers?

26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

Luke 20:19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teach-

est rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.

25 And he said unto them. Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

Central Thought: Give due honour and taxes to the government, and due honour and offerings to God.



Questions:

1. What did the people of Capernaum ask Peter?
2. How did Peter answer the question?
3. Where did Peter get money to pay?
4. Why did the chief priests spy on Jesus?
5. What question did they ask Jesus?
6. Did Jesus know it was a trick?
7. Why do you think Jesus paid taxes?
8. What did the people say about His answer?
9. Do you think Jesus paid taxes?

MEMORY VERSE:

... Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Mark 12:17.



There are some people who believe Christians should not pay taxes to the government because the government uses the tax money for many things displeasing to God. Other people who do not have Christian ideas, believe heavy taxes are an infringement upon personal rights. What do you think about taxes? You will be required to pay taxes when you get a job, so let's think about it.

Have you ever visited a state or national park? Wasn't it fun? Some tax money was used to prepare the park for your enjoyment and to make the roads into the park. Very likely you traveled on an interstate or some kind of good highway to get from your home to the park. Millions of dollars of tax money are used every year in building or repairing the many highways across our nation. How would you like to go shopping on a dirt road made only from cars running over the ground, and park on a dirt parking lot on a rainy day and get stuck in the mud. Can you imagine how much dust and dirt would come into our homes if all of our streets were only dirt?

I have only talked about two ways in which we are benefited from the money we pay to the government in the form of taxes. See how many other things your class can name.

Now let's talk about what Jesus had to say about paying taxes. He said to give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. Caesar was the Roman emperor who was ruling the Jewish people at the time. The Jews did not like to be ruled by the Romans, neither did they like paying tribute or taxes. But Jesus plainly told them that some money really belongs to the ruler and that some money really belongs to God. Now the chief priests and scribes were the very

men who collected from the people the money that belonged to God. The people were to give one out of every ten babies that were born of their animals, and one bushel out of every ten bushels of grain, fruit or vegetables which their crops produced. Besides these offerings, they were to give for different ceremonies and religious feasts. It was a lot for a poor man to give, but the men in charge expected it and were sometimes forceful in collecting it. They, however, hated the Roman taxes or any Jew who worked collecting taxes for the Roman government.

The Jewish people were in bondage to the Romans because they had not been obedient to God's commandment's. I truly believe that God has allowed our high taxes because the people of our country have not given to God the money which rightly belongs to Him.

Jesus plainly states to give where the money belongs: some to God and some to the government.

—Sis. Charlotte

CLUES—A BIBLE QUIZ

Are you a good "Scripture sleuth?" Can you identify the Bible character indicated by the following clues?

1. A shipwreck — Malta
2. Pillars — Blindness
3. Expulsion — Fruit
4. Mount Sinai — Ten Commandments
5. A sycamore tree — Little
6. A prophet — Lamentations
7. A physician — Book of Acts
8. A kiss — Pieces of silver
9. The Isle of Patmos — Revelation

(Answers: 1. Does your master, Jesus pay taxes? 2. He said, "Yes". 3. From the mouth of a fish. 4. They wanted to catch Jesus saying something against the government so they could get Him into trouble. 5. "Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar?" or "Is it alright for us to pay taxes?" 6. Yes. 7. Because He said give to Caesar (the ruler) the things that are his. 8. The people marvelled at His clever answer. 9. He did this time.)

Marky swallowed. Tomorrow morning was the big game!

"Could I come in the afternoon?"

"The morning is the only time I'll be here. Tomorrow morning come bright and early."

And that was that. Mr. Hobbs hung up, leaving Marky feeling terrible. He could not miss the big game. The whole team was depending upon him to play. Marky thought brightly that if he explained everything to his father, he would pay for the window again, just this once.

When Marky's father came home and called Mr. Hobbs, Marky knew he had to mow the lawn.

"Both Mr. Hobbs and I think you should do it," Marky's father said.

Marky wondered for a moment if he should have done what Bob suggested—run away, and not admit his ball had broken the window.

Marky's stomach felt like a hard knot as he dialed Bob's number. Giving up the game was bad enough, but losing Bob as his friend even worse.

He had hardly finished talking when Bob stormed, "You are crazy! You've got to play! The whole team will hate you. You know we can't win without you." He then gave Marky a piece of his mind and hung up!

Marky thought about all the ways Bob suggested that he could keep from mowing Mr. Hobb's lawn. He thought about losing all his friends. "Why should I suffer so much for being honest?" he asked himself.

After supper Bob called again, "Say Marky," he said, "Pour most of the gasoline out of your mower before going to Mr. Hobb's. After you've mowed a while it will run out of gas. Leave a note saying, 'I've gone to get some gas.' Then come by here and play the game!"

Marky moaned again, "You've already given me enough ideas like that, besides, I have plenty of my own."

Bob slammed down the phone!

Marky felt like crying, but he wouldn't let himself, instead he went to his room and prayed.

The next morning was beautiful, just right for the game! Then Marky remembered he had to mow Mr. Hobb's lawn. He groaned and rolled over. For a few minutes he lay there feeling sorry for himself, then he got out of bed and kneeled in prayer.

As he pushed his mower toward Mr. Hobb's house, all the ideas of sneaking out of this job were shooting through his mind. "I could easily get out of this," he said to himself. But Marky knew he would rather be honest with his words, than to star in a baseball game. He walked on.

Mr. Hobbs saw him coming and came out to meet him. "Marky," he said, "You are a fine young man. I know the game means a lot to you, and I know if you are willing to give it up to be honest, that I can trust you to mow this lawn when I am not here, so you may play this morning and mow this afternoon."

Marky just stood speechless for a minute then said, "Oh, thank you, Mr. Hobbs."

He pushed the mower around the back side of Mr. Hobb's house and headed for Bob's home. Bob would still be there.

As Bob and Marky went toward the baseball diamond, Bob said, "You really believe all this stuff about church and things, don't you?"

Marky felt wonderful! Now he was beginning to understand that God was not punishing him by letting this happen. God was letting the other boys see how Christians should act. He was glad now that he had done what Jesus would do.

"How about stopping by for me when you go to church Sunday?" Bob asked.

"Be glad to," Marky assured Bob.

Standing on the pitcher's mound, Marky rubbed the ball.

He wound up, and blazed the ball toward the plate.

It was a strike.

Marky caught the ball thrown by the catcher. He knew things were going to turn out just fine, both with this game and with Bob.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Story of Maggie Morton

(A true story)

"Good-bye," called Maggie to her friends as she left the schoolyard. "See you Monday."

"Good-bye," each called in return.

Maggie started toward home with a first grade reader under her arm. "I'll read a story to Mother tonight," she said to herself. "She says that it makes her forget for a few minutes that she is so sick."

That night Maggie sat beside her mother's bed and read "The New Bird" from her book. Mother laughed at the funny old man in the story.

After Maggie was ready for bed, her mother called for her. "I have something to tell you, Dear," she said, "and something to ask you, too." Maggie went to her. She took Maggie's hand in hers and said, "I will be leaving you, Dear. I cannot live much longer. I would love to live for your sake. My love for you is greater than you can understand, but I must leave. It is hard to leave my tender, sweet child to the chilly winds of such a sinful, unfriendly world. My only hope and comfort is in God into whose hands I have committed you. He alone can soften the winds that will blow on such a little lamb." She paused awhile, then looking into Maggie's eyes said, "Promise your dying mother that

you will be a good girl, and follow Jesus of whom I have taught you, so you can meet me in heaven."

"Oh, I will Mother," she promised. "I will follow in your steps and those of Jesus, of whom you so often speak to me, so when the time comes for me to die, I will be able to come to you in heaven." Then she kissed her mother again and again. After that she lay in her bed and cried herself to sleep.

A few days later was the funeral. Maggie watched as they put her mother in the ground.

A week later she and her father planted a white rose beside the tombstone which read, "Maggie Morton, born May 7th. . . died June 7th. . . REST IN PEACE."

On the way home her father asked, "Did you forget that you had a birthday?"

"Yes," Maggie answered, feeling too sad to think about a birthday. Besides who wanted to remember that their mother died on their birthday. She would never have a birthday without remembering her mother's death.

"You are now seven years old. A big girl, you are! Big enough to help me cook and clean house," her father said. "But first before we go home, let's go to a movie and forget your sorrow for a while."

Maggie's father was not a Christian, but he was a good man. He loved her so much that he took her to every decent,

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WORDS OF GOLD



Disputing About Greatness

Matthew 20:20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 [But Jesus answered and said,] . . . it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

Mark 10:42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 9:33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Matthew 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 9:48 . . . Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

Central Thought: How different is Jesus' consideration of greatness, from that of what men consider greatness.

Questions:

1. What did the woman want for her sons?
2. How did Jesus answer her question?
3. Whom did Jesus say would be the chief?
4. What were the disciples disputing about?
5. What should a person do if he wishes to be first?
6. Who shall be greatest in the Kingdom of God?
7. Who are we receiving, if we receive Christ?
8. Name one way we can receive Christ?
9. Are you willing to be a servant to be great in the Kingdom of God?

MEMORY VERSE:

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:4.

Let's Talk

If you were asked to name some great people, whom would you name? The president? A king? A great scientist or doctor? Maybe you thought of a famous basketball player or a popular religious singer.

Why did you choose these as great people? Is it because they are honored by many people? Is it because they have authority or power? What is it that makes a person great?

The disciples were disputing about who was the greatest. One mother came to Jesus and asked that her two sons be given seats one on either side of Jesus when He came into His Kingdom. The other disciples were angry about it. They wanted to be treated equal. Then Jesus called them together and gave them a lesson about what real greatness is.

Jesus used a little child as an example of greatness. He said, "Whoever humbles himself and becomes as this little child shall be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." How strange the disciples thought. Why, they had wanted to send the mothers with their children away from Jesus just days before this! They thought Jesus was too busy to be bothered with blessing a lot of children. Now Jesus is saying that to be great in God's Kingdom, they must become as a little child! How could this be?

Jesus went on explaining that for anyone to be great in His Kingdom, they must serve others. "Whosoever of you will be the chief, shall be servant of all," He said. "Even I, the Son of God did not come into the world to be served, but to serve and to give my life a ransom for many." The way to be first or most important, is to make yourself last.

Let us now think of some ways that we can become great in Jesus' Kingdom. First of all we must ask God to give us humility. He must help us "not to think

of ourselves more highly than we ought." We must always remember that we are only a bit of dust that He has formed into a living being.

Now for some ways that we might become servants: Cleaning the church building is one way to serve. Keeping the yard clean of paper and other trash is another way. Washing dishes and helping with kitchen duties at camp meeting is still another. You can probably name many more, such as helping the elderly or sick, a busy mother with her babies, and many, many more.

Letting others be first is another thing we can do to make for greatness in His Kingdom. Try it awhile. Let your brothers and sisters be first when taking turns. Jesus will bless you for it.

Remember, Jesus thinks of greatness as being humble and serving others, not being the person who can boss others around.

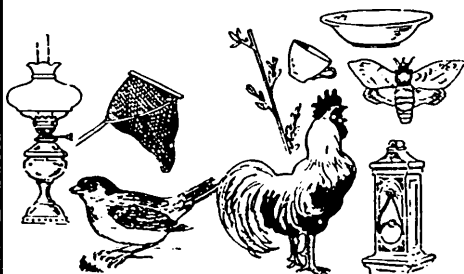
—Sis Charlotte

LINK THEM UP

All you have to do in this simple Bible puzzle is to draw a line from each of the nine objects to the correct verse where each is found.

Numbers 17:8
Psalm 84:3
Matthew 10:42
Mark 14:30
1 Samuel 3:3

Isaiah 38:8
Matthew 13:47
Luke 12:33
John 13:5



(Answers: 1. That they could sit on either side of Jesus in His Kingdom. 2. "It shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father". 3. The servant of all. 4. About whom should be the greatest. 5. He should humble himself as a little child. 6. A little child. 7. We are receiving God. 8. By receiving a little child. 9. Yes.)

fun thing that he heard about. He thought that was the way to make Maggie happy. It did make her happy as long as her mind was on the fun, but it brought no lasting comfort. Maggie was still lonely for her mother. Years passed and Maggie grew into a beautiful young lady. "You are the most beautiful girl in our town," her father said one day.

"You just think that because I am your daughter," she answered him as she gave her head a toss and looked across the room into a mirror which hung on the wall. Maggie was pleased with the reflection that the mirror gave. Many people had told her she was beautiful. She was careful to care for her skin and hair. Her father bought her clothing of the latest fashions. Really Maggie thought her father was telling the truth. A lot of boys in town wanted to claim her as their girlfriend because she was so pretty. Maggie knew that too.

Having all those friends, being beautiful, and going with her father to all the fun things, didn't make Maggie truly happy. She was still so-o-o lonely for her mother. She often wondered how her mother faced death so calmly. I need what Mother had, she often thought to herself. But to think about it or anything about her mother brought fear to her heart. She would remember the words of the minister at the funeral. He laid his hand gently on her and said, "God protect this little motherless one from the things that are in the world that will fascinate her and lead her feet into the ways of eternal death." Maggie often wondered what he meant by, "things that would fascinate her and lead her feet into ways of eternal death." Somehow she felt that she was being led into the ways of death, and that was just what she didn't want! She wanted to live! She wanted to live in this life and live forever with her mother in heaven.

Could she do both? Could she have her own fun and worldliness in this life and be ready for heaven when she died. Maggie felt she would have to choose one or the other: "meet her mother in heaven," or "enjoy the pleasures of sin

for a season." Which would she choose?

Her thoughts were interrupted by her father's voice, "Maggie, Maggie, what are you thinking about?"

"Oh, nothing much," she answered, "just about Mother and death."

"Why should my Beautiful Happiness be thinking about such sad things? You're too young to die."

"Am I, Father, cousin Don isn't a year older than me."

"I knew I shouldn't have taken you to his funeral. I feared it would bring again the pain and sorrow of your mother's death. Come now, cheer up! Go with me to the city today and I will buy you a new dress for your birthday. You will be nineteen years old June 7th. This may be the last dress I will buy for you. The next may be for your wedding. After all, a girl as pretty as you won't stay single long!"

"I'll be ready in a minute," Maggie called as she dashed into her room. She didn't like the thoughts in her mind any better than did her father. Going to town would chase them away fast! Father knew that! What a great dad he was! Maggie loved him and enjoyed the places he took her, although they were pleasures of sin.

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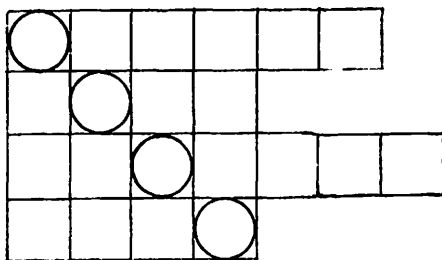
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She was Timothy's mother. 2 Tim. 1

He was the father of Seth. Gen. 5.

One of two with whom Jesus went on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24.

The apostle who was banished to the isle of Patmos. Rev. 1.



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Story of Maggie Morton

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A Strange Birthday

Maggie Morton was late to her own birthday party! Now she wasn't one of those persons who are always late! No, not Maggie! But tonight had been different!

"You are late, Maggie," said one of her friends as she entered the room. "We have all been waiting so-o-o long."

"We were about ready to send a search party out for you," another friend interrupted. "We telephoned your father, and he said that you had left an hour ago."

"What ever took so long?" still another friend asked.

"Beg your pardon for being so late and causing all the anxiety," Maggie apologized. "I left home a little early, but stopped by the cemetery."

"The cemetery?" several friends gasped at the same time.

"Why should you stop to talk with the dead when your living friends were waiting to have fun with you?" John asked.

"I was not talking with the dead," Maggie said in self-defense. "I was just thinking about some of the words of someone who lived, but is now dead. My mother, at about this hour, twelve years ago today, was saying her last words to me. As I sat today on her grassy grave, how well I remember some of them as if it were only yesterday."

"Come now, let's get started with the games. What shall we play first? Miss Gordon you are in charge of the games. What is on your list first?" Maggie's best friend said. "This is not a time for graveyard memories!"

The game started and soon everyone was laughing and playing. The serious feeling which Maggie's words brought were soon chased away by the fun. That is, to all except Maggie. She tried to be happy, but those words, the last words of her mother were flowing like a never ending river through her mind. "Meet me in Heaven," . . . "Meet me in Heaven," . . . "Meet me in Heaven. . . ," on, on, and on it went through her mind.

Different friends were directing words in her direction as if to try to pull her away from these serious thoughts and get her interested in the games, but it was no use. Finally John said to her, "Miss Maggie Morton, you are taking the fun out of this party. We all feel your gloom. Come on, cheer up! Our birthday should be the happiest day of all the year."

In a graveness that she could not prevent, Maggie answered, "The day of birth is a harbinger (announcer) of the day of our death. Had we never been born, we would never need to die. Upon every birth is pronounced the sentence of death. 'Thou shalt die,' hangs over the head of each one of us from the moment we come into life. Had we not

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus at the Temple During the Feast of Tabernacles

New Words: *Murmured:* Spoke softly.

Hour: Time.

John 7:14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?

26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?

28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?

32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me.

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

Central Thought: We should not let persecution weaken our beliefs nor cause us to seek vengeance in any way.



Questions:

1. When did Jesus go into the temple?
2. At what did the Jews marvel?
3. Whose doctrine did Jesus teach?
4. Why were the people surprised that Jesus spoke boldly?
5. Did some try to take Jesus to kill Him?
6. Why did many people believe on Jesus?
7. Whom did the Pharisees and chief priests send to take Jesus?
8. What did the officers say when they returned?
9. On the last day of the feast, what invitation did Jesus give to all?

MEMORY VERSE:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28.



The evil religious people of Jerusalem were very angry with Jesus because multitudes of common people followed and worshiped Him. People everywhere were saying things like, "We believe Jesus is teaching God's way." These people would no longer give money and honour to the evil religious leaders, for Jesus had shown them a better way. The leaders knew they would soon be out of a job if Jesus kept teaching the ways of God. Day after day they planned and plotted some way to get Jesus to disobey the Roman rule so the Roman officers would have Jesus killed.

The questions about paying taxes that we studied last Sunday were some of their tricks to catch Him.

Jesus grew weary of the constant pressure of those lurking around trying to get Him killed. He went to His own home in Galilee. He wasn't there long until it was time for the Feast of the Tabernacles at Jerusalem. His brothers took this as an opportunity to cut Him down. They said, "Why don't you go up to the feast? There will be a lot of people there so you can show them all the miracles you can do." Poor Jesus was persecuted everywhere. He had power enough to say a word and His brothers would fall dead, but he didn't defend Himself. Instead of using His power to get back at His brothers, He used it to make His own mouth keep quiet. That's pretty hard to do sometimes! Right?

Later, when He went to the feast, He taught boldly in the temple right in front of those who were wanting to kill Him. He was so bold that some people were saying, "Why don't they get Him?" Others were saying, "This is surely the Saviour, for no other man could do the things that He does." Hearing words like this made the chief priests and Pharisees more and more angry. Of course they did not show all this anger before the people. They flew away in

haste and sent some officers to get Jesus. The officers were so convicted by Jesus' teachings that they returned saying, "Never man spake like this man".

Jesus' words were so pure and filled with God's Spirit that they proved to the people that He was truly divine (of God).

Let us seek Jesus for a heart and mind like His. Having a heart and mind like His will cause our words to be pure and they will reflect God's Spirit, showing others that we are truly God's children.
—Sis. Charlotte

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words of this Scripture text in this Word Search? Look up, down, diagonally, backwards, across — every direction. Use a ruler if necessary.

Circle each word in the diagram as we did with "THE" and then circle the same word in the verse once you have found it.

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Text — Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

(Answers: 1. About the middle of the feast. 2. At His intelligence and doctrine because they thought He was uneducated. 3. He taught the doctrine of God who had sent Him. 4. Because the rulers of the temple wanted to kill Him. 5. They tried, but didn't. 6. Because of the miracles He did. 7. Some officers. 8. "Never man spake like this man." 9. To come to Him and He would give them living water.)

better think more about what is before us than what is in the past? The day of our birth is behind us, while the day of our death is awaiting us, and what then?" Something in these grave words stuck like a knife into John's heart.

The party was over in an hour and Maggie went home. She got ready for bed and sat in the arm chair in her room to think a little more. The thought to pray came into her mind. It had been so long since she last prayed. Her life had become so filled with other things that prayer seemed very foreign to her. There was whispering to her mind the words, "Kneel and pray," but there was no response in her heart. Such is the effect of contact with the world. It hardens, it dulls, it deadens the finer feelings of the soul, making it unresponsive to the gentle whisperings of the Holy Spirit. From somewhere out in space it seemed she could hear a voice calling her to pray, but her heart seemed so cold and dead. Association with the world—even though we don't go into avowed sin—brings on a lifeless dullness to the soul. Roaming thoughts, idle words, and all worldly companionships, dull the sensibilities of the soul to God's Spirit, making one powerless to really pray. The siren song of worldly pleasure rocks the inner being into a deep sleep so that it cannot hear the whisperings of God.

Poor Maggie was in this condition. "If I could only pray," her mind was saying, but her heart was dead, so dead, it could not communicate with God. "How have I let myself get into this condition?" she asked herself. Then she answered her own question. "If I had only guarded my heart against the opiates of the world. What am I thinking?" she said, shaking her head. "I haven't been taking drugs. No! But the habits of seeking pleasure and fun have me in a stupor just like opiate or opium. All my soul is in a stupor, so far from God and not a wicked sinner either. My problem must be that I am part of the world. Jesus said, 'I am not of the world.' He said of his disciples, 'They are not of the world even as I am not of the world.' But I am a part of the world. My love is

for fine, rich things, for pleasures and for all that the world has to offer. If only Mother were here to show me the way. I promised to meet her in Heaven.

"If only I could break this power that has me bound to the world and the things it has to offer. But I am powerless against it! If I could only plug in and talk to God, but I can't, my soul doesn't know how. The Spirit has been spurned so long that its whispers can no longer be heard. If I had only listened when it talked to me in those younger years soon after Mother died! But I didn't! I didn't! She leaned back in her chair and her eyes fell upon a plaque hanging on her bedroom wall. She hadn't even noticed it in such a very long time. It read:

"There is a station up in heaven
From which wave lengths ever roll;
Tune in and catch the message
In the radio of your soul."

"Oh, if I only could! If I could only pray!" sighed the heavy-hearted Maggie. "My heart once knew how to pray. It once was alive with prayer, but now it is lifeless. It seems to be in such darkness, so far away from the sunshine of prayer, so far away from where it can speak with God." Lying back wearily in her chair she soon fell into a sleep and in her sleep, she dreamed. . .

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Story of Maggie Morton

Maggie's Dream

(Continued from last week)

Maggie dozed off to sleep in the chair. Soon she was dreaming. In her dream she saw a lovely personage enter the room. At first she was slightly afraid, but there was something about the look of the being that made her calm. Kindness, purity and innocence, radiated from it, filling Maggie with a sweet sense of rapture. It was so greatly unlike anyone she had ever seen, that she thought it must be a being from another world. It walked close and stood by her side. They gazed at each other. Something about the eyes told her that it knew all the thoughts that were in her mind. Without saying a word, it let her know that it knew she wanted to pray and that it had come to help her.

"Who are you?" Maggie finally asked. "Have you come to help me tonight?"

"I am a messenger from the One who sits on the right hand of the throne of God."

"You are a messenger from Jesus?"

"Yes, He has for a long time been wanting to talk to you, but you have been so busy with the things of life that He could not get your attention," the messenger said.

"Jesus, has been wanting to speak with me? What does He want to say?"

The messenger acted as if he didn't hear Maggie's question. He went on talking. "Jesus said that at last He has your attention. He told me to tell you that He has great love for you, and that He has followed and protected you since your Mother's death and that you have been in some places of danger that you knew nothing about. He has watched you take the paths that have led you into the condition you are in today. He called to you many times, and if you had listened and followed Him, your heart would not today be in captivity as it now is."

"Oh, how I wish to be loose from this that binds me!" she cried.

"You can be loosed, if you will turn and follow Jesus."

"But first I wish to know how and when Jesus has spoken to me," Maggie said.

"The times that you have remembered your promise to meet your mother in Heaven, was Jesus speaking to you. The times when you felt you were doing wrong and should not be doing it, Jesus was talking to you. His Spirit not only talks with you, but it has gone out into the world visiting all those who have strayed into sin. He wants to take them in His arms and carry them through this sinful world and bring them safely to the Father in Heaven. Tonight He seized upon another opportunity to talk with you as you sat by your mother's grave."

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Lesson About Prayer

New Words: *Abased:* Brought down, humiliated.

Adversary: Enemy.

Avenge: Give due punishment.

Extortioner: A person who uses his authority to get unfair personal gain.

Regard: Respect.

Tithes: Offerings of ten cents for every dollar earned.

Unjust: Not fair, dishonest.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Central Thought: Come before God to pray in a humble repenting attitude and never be discouraged in calling for help.

Questions:

1. Name two characteristics of the judge.
2. What did the widow ask of him?
3. Did the judge immediately help the woman?
4. For what reason did he change his mind?
5. Will God avenge those who cry unto Him?
6. What attitude is displayed by the Pharisee's prayer?
7. What attitude is displayed by the publican's prayer?
8. Which prayer did God answer?
9. What happened to the publican?

MEMORY VERSE:

... Men ought always to pray,
and not to faint. ...

Luke 18:1

Let's Talk

Jesus tells a story about a godless judge who yielded to a poor widow because she kept coming to him. He told this story that we might understand that if the wicked judge who felt only scorn for the woman could be caused to change and help her just because she continually bugged him, how much more will a loving God help those who call upon Him for help. God will surely help us each one.

We must not conclude from this lesson that Jesus will give us exactly what we ask for. We may get angry at someone who hurts us and ask God to cause something bad to happen to them. At the same time, that person may be praying that God will protect and not let anything happen to them. How could God do both things at the same time?

God is wise enough to understand what we really mean when we pray. He understands we are hurt. He may answer our prayer by letting us see what an ungodly prayer we prayed. Just the same, it's an answer!

The following story about the Pharisee and the publican was spoken to those who trusted they were righteous and despised others. Although Jesus taught that men should always pray and not faint, He also gave an example of some who did not get their prayers answered. The Pharisee did not go to his house justified. He was proud and trusted that he was a good man already. His prayer consisted of bragging about himself and also comparing himself with the humble publican who was praying nearby. The proud in heart do not get through to God. Pride makes a break in the line of communication between us and God; neither does comparing ourselves with someone else make us better in God's eyes.

There is only one way to get our prayers through to God. That is to humble ourselves as the publican did. His hu-

mility and penitent attitude won for him justification before God. Isn't that what we all want more than anything else in the world?

Two points to remember: 1. Never be discouraged while waiting for God to answer prayer. 2. Don't expect an answer unless your attitude is humble and penitent about your own wrong doings.

Jesus "spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. . ."

—Sis. Charlotte



A MAN OF PRAYER

The circled letters spell his name. Her name means "Tabitha." (Acts 9:32-36.)

He slew his brother. (Genesis 4.)

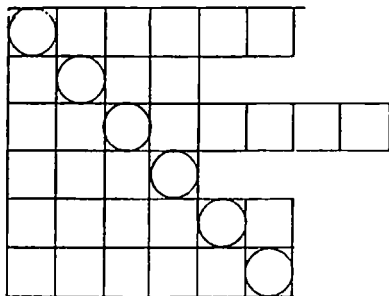
He loved David. (1 Samuel 18.)

A son of Jacob. (Genesis 49)

The Lord called him by name.

(1 Samuel 3.)

The name the Lord gave to Jacob. (Genesis 35.)



and Israel.
Dorcas, Cain, Jonathan, Levi, Samuel
(Daniel)

Answers for A MAN OF PRAYER:

(Answers: 1. He did not fear God, nor respect man. 2. For justice against her enemy. 3. No. 4. He feared the woman would continually trouble him. 5. Yes. 6. Pride and self-righteousness. 7. Humility and repentance. 8. The publicans prayer. 9. He went to his house justified before God.)

"The thoughts we have of a life beyond this one, and the longing we sometimes have for a better life, are given to us by this Spirit of which you speak?" Maggie asked. "And it is He who brings to my memory the teachings of my mother and the promise I made her? Is it He who makes me sometimes feel so lonely here, and makes me feel friendless and wish I was with my mother in Heaven?"

"He is trying in this way to win you to that better life. He is endeavoring to turn your feet away from the paths of sin into that way that leads to where your mother has gone," replied the messenger.

"Was it He who took the joy out of my life before the party tonight? It was horrible! Will He please just leave me to enjoy the sweet pleasures of. . ."

"Of what?" asked the being at her side. "The pleasures of sin, you mean? You do not understand what real pleasure is. This that you enjoy is not real pleasure. This that you call joy is not real joy. It is only an exciting thing that enchants for a moment but leaves the life in a state of unrest and unhappiness. Yes, it was He who took away what you call "joy" that He might give you the true joy, the joy that brings rest to the heart. You are here in life. You are hasting for eternity. You cannot blot yourself out of existence. You must die, just as you said tonight! Then you must go into eternity. The Spirit of Jesus who died for you must take away, if possible, that which you call joy, so that He can give you TRUE JOY and lead you into an eternity of happiness. Everytime you refuse to listen to His call, you are making yourself less able to hear His pleadings, thus sealing your doom for eternal despair."

"My heart is already very dull. It seems unable to respond to God. It cannot communicate with Him either. It has no feeling left for Him, only for the pleasures of the world. What can I do?" she cried, and placing her head in her hands she cried.

"There is still hope for you, if you will pray."

Then raising her face toward His, she answered, "B-b-but I cannot pray! My heart is cold and dead. I once could pray, but now I cannot! I only wish that I could. Something is holding me! I'm bound! What shall I do? My heart is silent within me!"

In tones deep and tender, he said, "Give your heart to Christ, He will make it alive again."

In anguish the girl replied, "I cannot! I am powerless! I wish, but the wish is so weak. I want to give my heart to Jesus, but it is beyond my power to do so. It is held in a state of frightful indifference! It has been soothed into a state of unconsciousness. It is so calloused and hardened! It does not feel God anymore. What can I do?"

"There is yet hope," the heavenly being answered. "There is hope for all those who will surrender to God."

"But I cannot surrender to Him. I am powerless!"

"He will give you power if you will surrender your will to His. You, like many others have rejected the Spirit of God so many times that you have come down near to the point in your life where the voice of the Holy Spirit will never be heard again. Sin and worldliness has hardened the finer feelings of the inner life that were once awake to God's voice. Now the voice can hardly be heard. Turn your heart to God now!"

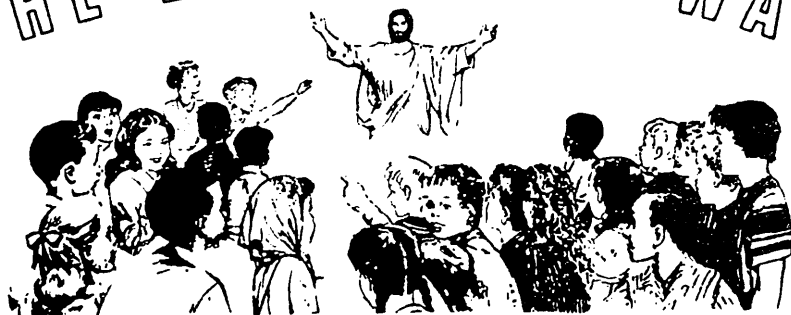
Maggie thought for awhile, then turning her face again to the heavenly being, she said, "I cannot tonight."

The angel disappeared! Then Maggie awoke.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Story of Maggie Morton

Maggie Meets an Old Friend

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Maggie soon quieted the unrest in her mind about not being able to pray. She had chosen in her dream not to surrender herself to God. In real life she did the same by busying herself with school, keeping the house and with social fun. Some of her friends moved away, but there were still enough left for a lot of hours of going, doing and playing.

Maggie could not bring herself to say a verbal "No" to God. Her mind often remembered the promise she made to her mother, and she really wanted to keep it, but her heart seemed too asleep to God's voice, just never hearing it!

There were times when she was lonely, that she would visit her mother's grave. There on the grassy hill, she could collect new hope and inspiration for living and believing in Jesus. One time she almost came to the place of surrendering to Him, but she found that her heart was not willing. At least not today! Sometimes she became frightened because she realized her heart was getting even harder.

Today she was going to church. A new young pastor was to preach his first sermon. She didn't know his name or anything about him, but for some reason just thinking about him serving

God, caused her to become very serious. Almost uncomfortably serious! "There must be something unusual going to happen to me," she said to her image in the mirror.

She hurried on to the church so she wouldn't be late. As she sat trying to sing, she kept catching herself looking at the new preacher. There was something mysterious about him. Something told her that she had met him before and that she already knew him. Where she had seen him, Maggie couldn't remember.

All during the sermon, she tried to solve the puzzle in her mind. When the service was over, the preacher came down the aisle directly to her. His first words were, "The day of our death is awaiting us, and what then?" Then Maggie remembered that he was John Hickman, the boy to which she had spoken those same words at her birthday party four years ago.

"Those words never ceased speaking to my heart until I yielded myself to God and became a Christian. And I suppose that you also are a Christian?" he said.

"No. I am not," Maggie answered. "I wish to be, but my heart loves other things more than God."

"May I come to your home and talk with you about it?" he asked.

Maggie was glad to have someone to talk with her about her soul. When he

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus is the Light of the World

John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 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:

8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Central Thought: All who expect to go to heaven must continue in Jesus' word after they have believed in Him for the removal of their sins.



Questions:

1. For what did God send John?
2. Was John the light?
3. To whom does the light appear?
4. What will happen to all those who receive the light?
5. Who is the light of the world?
6. Why couldn't the Jews go where Jesus was going?
7. Why would the Jews die in their sins?
8. When would the people realize that Jesus was the light of the world?
9. How could the people be believers of Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE:

... As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. . .

John 1:12.



Let's Talk

Darkness can be eery even though you know nothing is near to harm you. Darkness seems to create all sorts of terrifying creatures that are ready to pounce on you at any minute! How would you like to spend a dark night on a mountain far away from anyone?

I read a book written by a woman who did just that. It all happened like this:

One morning her friend telephoned and asked, "How would you like to fly over to Palm Springs today?"

"Sounds like a good idea!" she answered. "The weather is just beautiful!"

They met at an airport near San Francisco, California. Soon they were in the small plane and soaring up, up, into the sky. Over the city they flew, across the valley that lay between the coast and the range of mountains that separated them from Palm Springs. They dipped down into the valley and stopped to see a friend who lived in one of the cities there. Up they went again and headed straight toward the mountains. The wind had risen and at times was pushing the small aircraft off its course. The pilot made needed adjustment for the wind and they got back on course. Soon they were nearing the mountain summit. "I'm flying as near as possible to the ground", the pilot said, "Because the wind naturally blows upward near the summit, it will lift us right over, once we are near the peak. If I'm already too high, it could send us up to a dangerous altitude".

They were already past the timber line and only hard jagged stone covered the ground below. She looked straight ahead. She gasped! The next minute, they crashed!

At first the pilot was unconscious. Later he died. She was there on the mountain alone. Snow lay all around, much deeper in the shaded parts of the rocks. She walked to the peak and looked

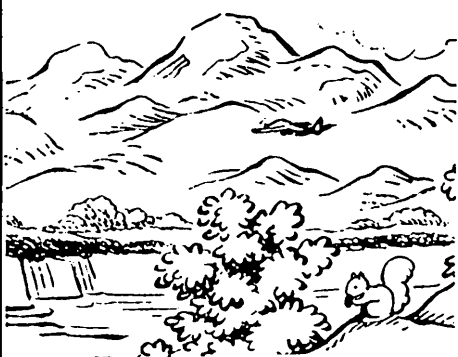
over the edge to discover an ice-covered cliff dropping 100 feet into a snow-covered valley. "Impossible," she muttered. No house was in sight in any direction! The sun was sinking over the horizon. She would have to spend a dark and lonely night on the mountain unless help came soon! Later, she hiked part way down the mountains and found a road which led to a small town.

We can liken our life to going over the mountain. Each of us have a course we are following. Our course is things we hope to do in life. The winds that blow us off course are difficulties we will have.

Jesus is the light of the world. If we will follow the course that God has planned for our life, we will not be blown off course and spend lonely times in darkness. There will always be light for us to travel in. Jesus will be our pilot and He never makes a wrong calculation as the pilot in our story did. We depend on Jesus as our pilot by asking Him to help us make choices that are pleasing to Him. Sometimes the choice we believe is the choice Jesus would have us make, may not be just what we want to do, but if we will always choose His choice, then we will be happier in the end.

Jesus will always give light to those who follow Him.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To be a witness of the light. 2. No. 3. To every man. 4. They will receive power to become the sons of God. 5. Jesus. 6. Because they would die in their sins. 7. They did not believe in Jesus. 8. After He was lifted upon the cross. 9. If they continue in Jesus' Word.)

came she told him about the dream that had helped her understand how God was talking to her. She also told about refusing many times to surrender herself to God.

"You really want to be a Christian?"

"Yes, but my desire is not strong enough to cause me to give up some fun things that I know are wrong. I want to be a Christian just like I want to be a millionaire. I have just as much faith that I will be a millionaire as I have that I will be a Christian, so why should I stop enjoying sin? I do not want to be cast into the blackness of darkness after I die, but my heart is so indifferent, that it cannot be aroused. I often pray with my lips, but my heart refuses to pray. It seems to be in a deep sleep. I fear it shall never be awakened," Maggie said in despair.

"It seems that your heart has been awakened many times, but you let it fall back to sleep again because you want a little more pleasure of this life. These pleasures have drugged your soul into this lifeless state. Nothing but the Holy Spirit can awaken it.

They had prayer together and he left.

One week later someone told him that Maggie was not feeling well, so he went to see her. After visiting for a short time he asked, "How do you feel about being a Christian?"

"I feel nearer to the Kingdom of God," she answered.

The next week he came again to see Maggie. This time she felt worse than the last week and her heart felt hard and cold toward God.

The third week when he called at Maggie's house, she was in pain and had a high fever. "I fear that I shall soon die," she told him.

He tried to comfort her, but she insisted that the unusual feeling that she had had about something happening to her was a warning that she was going to die.

"Do you have a hope of heaven?"

"I have none!" she answered. Her whole body shook as she thought of what having no hope of heaven would mean to

her if she died. In vain John tried for an hour to comfort her.

Another week passed and John went again to see Maggie. She was feeling better! "My heart seems more tender also," she told him.

She prayed, then said, "I believe Jesus has accepted me, although my heart doesn't seem to believe it."

The next week when John was doing visitation, he stopped again. This time she was very sick and had no hopes of attaining heaven.

The following week she was very, very, weak. "Are you encouraged to meet your mother in heaven?" the minister asked.

"I hope it is well with my soul, but I do not know," was her weak answer.

The next morning, she was much weaker. The poor father had done all he could for her, but nothing had helped. His sweet Maggie that he had taken here and there, and tried to teach how to enjoy life without her mother was not to live long. What help was knowing how to enjoy life, when life itself is so short? Maggie, who knew how to enjoy life, needed an assurance that she could enjoy heaven, but she had very little.

The young minister begged God to give that assurance, but Maggie's heart and mind seemed unable to accept it.

Day after day Maggie grew weaker, until one Sunday afternoon she died. Her last words were: "I hope all is well with my soul, but I do not know."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Adapted from 1924 Path of Life paper)



TEACHER'S NOTES

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Jesus is Alive

Scripture reference: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-50; John 20:1-20.

The wonderful story of the resurrection of Jesus is very old, yet ever new. It is new always, for it is the source of everyone's spiritual life. What greater news could be published in all the world? News, good news, everlasting news—never to grow old as long as time shall last.

"He is risen!" These words of the angel, resound daily as people come to know the new life in Jesus Christ. "He is risen in my heart," is the testimony of every believer. He comes alive in the sinner's heart when he is born again, and so often comes alive afresh in the hearts of those who have believed for many years. Nothing is so wonderful as a renewed shower of the blessing of the risen Saviour. Oh, that every child would get a taste of the glory that fills the soul in whom the risen Saviour abides. A taste of the risen Saviour will pale every pleasure of this world.

"I serve a risen Saviour,

He's in the world today.

I serve a risen Saviour,

Whatever men may say."

The god of the world may be dead, but the One I serve is alive.

April 10, 1988

A Blind Man is Healed

Scripture reference: John 9:1-41.

The healing of the eyes of a man who from his birth had never seen, was a wonderful, miraculous act. It was indeed equally notorious as any of the former ones. This account, however, is a little different in that it brings the reader's attention to the courageous character of the receiver. Those in authority over the man would not admit that Jesus, through the power of God had performed the miracle. Instead, they tried to convince the man that Jesus was a sinner because He did the

healing on the Sabbath. At first the man said, "What Jesus is I do not know, but one thing I do know, and that is that I was blind, and now I see." After being questioned again, he boldly said, "Isn't that alone evidence that He has the power of God for we know that God doesn't use sinners in such great ways. Beside that, from the beginning of the world, no man has been able to open the eyes of one born blind, not even God's choicest men."

As much as this answer put them into a dilemma from which they could not possibly extricate themselves, they tried proving he had not been blind, but that didn't work. Next they accused the man of being ungodly and ignorant and trying to teach them.

Thus it was that a plain, simple man, guided by the spirit of truth and being courageous enough to continue steadfastly in his testimony, utterly confounded the most exalted Jewish doctors.

It is vital that students be courageous and stand steady in their testimonies for their beliefs in God and His moral standards, even though it costs them suffering.

April 17, 1988

Jesus Heals Two Women

Scripture reference: Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-33; Luke 13:10-13.

It has been said that health is the god of the North American people. I don't know if that is true or not, but it is very evident that the majority of people "worship and serve the creature more than the Creator." The book market is flooded with self-help programs for improving some area of life, either physical or emotional. Many of these books are of value to the Christian. The ones that instruct how to succeed without trusting God are, of course, harmful. There is a caution, however, that every Christian should take, and that is of taking praise to oneself for improvement or healing. Paul said, "I know nothing by myself." 1 Cor. 4:4. He al-

so said, "I can do all things through Christ." Phil. 4:13.

Christ has a plan for the healing of our bodies. Christ showed this plan when He healed the two women who had suffered for many years. After God has healed, He wants all the glory. He says, through the prophet Isaiah, "My glory will I not give to another." Isa. 42:8; 48:11. The Christian must be very careful that what he does when sick will not take any glory away from God.

April 24, 1988 **Healing on the Sabbath**

Scripture reference: Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-10; 13:14-16; 14:1-6.

By the records left of Jesus healing on the Sabbath, we see that He was always filled with compassion and ready to relieve suffering humanity. His attitude was very unlike that of the Pharisees whose selfish pride caused them to be unmerciful even to those who had suffered many years. It appears by the Biblical readings that they were more merciful to their own animals than to the suffering people.

Children sometimes manifest these same attitudes. Just let someone do them wrong and see how hateful they can act toward that person, many times planning with other friends to do something in retaliation. But let their own pet hurt them and they are ready to forgive it.

What a job we teachers have to help children recognize these attitudes!

May 1, 1988 **Another Question for Jesus**

Scripture reference: Matthew 19:1-9; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:15-18; 1 Cor. 7:14-15.

Divorce is a common thing, but so are many other sins. Being common does not subtract from God's disapproval.

It seems that the Pharisees wanted Jesus to approve divorce because it was allowed by Moses, but Jesus assured them it had been permitted, not because it was God's law, but because God's loving, merciful character would not allow the women the horrid suffering they would have to endure living with men who were forced by law to keep them.

To get a divorce today one does not have to be suffering. He can get a "no fault" divorce. Whoever is responsible for such laws will surely have to receive just reward for it.

Some may feel that junior-age students are not benefitted by a lesson on divorce. But isn't it easier to keep a horse out of a pit than to pull one out once it has fallen in? It's the same concerning divorce and remarriage. Values about such issues are being settled in the mind of many students about this age.

May 8, 1988 **Who is my Neighbor?**

Scripture reference: Luke 10:25-37; Deuteronomy 22:1-4.

The Scripture in Deuteronomy is the law of God given to Moses concerning the Jewish duty toward their brethren. He was to help his brother in every way possible, whether it be with something found, an animal, or in other ways. Helping someone lying on the road, beaten almost to death, would be included in this commandment.

Jesus is establishing new rules of conduct: that of being obligated to help anyone: brother, friend, neighbor, or even enemy, whenever the opportunity is there. Ignoring those you could help and trying to justify yourself cuts no ice with Jesus. "Go and do likewise," He said.

Possibly the lawyer felt pretty cocky when he came to Jesus, but I'm sure he went away convicted of his need, knowing that he did not love his neighbor as himself.

May 15, 1988 **The Unpardonable Sin**

Scripture reference: Matthew 12:31-37; 15:11; Mark 3:22-29; Luke 11:14-26; 12:8-10.

This lesson is a solemn warning to be careful and not allow one's heart and mind to be controlled by Satan, who can then cause a person to commit the unpardonable sin.

There is much controversy as to how this sin is committed. I don't claim any special understanding about it. I send this forth as a warning, that children avoid uncontrolled speech and watch

the attitudes of their hearts, thus rendering it impossible for them to sin against the Holy Ghost.

Here is what Adam Clarke, in his commentary, says about it: "But the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, i.e., when the person obstinately attributed those works to the devil which he had the fullest evidence could be wrought only by the Spirit of God, that this, and nothing else, is the sin against the Holy Spirit. . . . Many sincere people have been grievously troubled with apprehensions that they had committed the unpardonable sin; but let it be observed that no man who believes the divine mission of Jesus Christ ever can commit this sin."

Because children are exposed to hearing blasphemous statements by others, and are sometimes encouraged to study after authors who have an anti-God point of view, there is a greater need for this instruction than there has been in the past years.

May 22, 1988 **The Runaway Boy**

Scripture reference: Luke 15:11-27.

Christ tells the story of the prodigal son to illustrate God's attitude toward repentant sinners. It is old and familiar, but ever new and encouraging. It says to me that God is every ready to receive anyone who comes humbly to Him. Very often we fail, or come short of the grace of God, but how comforting to fall into the arms of Jesus, ever ready to forgive and comfort.

In the *Let's Talk*, I have tried to illustrate the story so that the students will see how much better it would have been if the boy had not left home. So often young people feel like "the grass is greener" somewhere else. Then after much trouble, suffering and "spending all their substance," which may be a substance more valuable than money, they awaken to realize that home is the best place after all. The boy in our lesson, however, had one advantage. He had only lost money. Today some runaways lose their minds, health, other body functions, morals, and many times never return to normal life. Some carry horrible scars the rest of their lives. They not only do not return as the prod-

igal son, willing to be their father's servant, but they are servants to habits that make nothing more than slaves out of them. Many, because of shame or just plain inability to make good decisions, never return home, nor to God. The picture cannot be painted too dark.

May 29, 1988 **The Unjust Steward**

Scripture reference: Luke 16:1-14.

Conflict is a very important part of any story in that it adds highly to the story's interest. Throughout the four Gospels we see a lot of conflict: good against evil, spirit against the flesh, men against Jesus. Good and evil are in conflict in today's lesson. The master is against his unjust steward, unrighteous mammon is against the true riches, and there is conflict within a man's mind when trying to serve two masters.

Jesus told this story to His disciples, but the Pharisees were present (verse 14) and they derided Jesus, for they could see very plainly that they were very much like the unjust steward. They were wasting or destroying God's laws, while the very nature of their position was to oversee God's work that it prosper. They were daily at work trying to keep their position for their own personal material securities, and at the same time embezzling money from God's treasury.

Jesus ends the lesson with, "Make up your mind whom you will serve. You may think you can serve both at the same time, but it is impossible. The mind will either be wholly taken up with God, or wholly engrossed with the world."

June 5, 1988 **The Rich Man and Lazarus**

Scripture reference: Luke 16:19-31.

A lot of people are curious about life after death. Some would even invite the opportunity to converse with one who had come again from the other world, that they might know what happens there. Here is their opportunity! Here is a damned soul with whom Jesus has communcation from the flames of hell. Hear him! Hear him tell of his torments! Hear him utter his regrets! Picture his

worried brow about his own five brothers. See him pleading with the beggar to whom he looked on only with contempt while in this life.

How many want to know the reality of what is transpiring in the other world? Few, I fear. Most of the books and stories about life after death are nothing but fraud. They are nothing but another sly trick of the devil to blind people to the reality.

A good message for our children is that they obey the two great commandments, thus escaping the torments of hell.

June 12, 1988 **The Strange Servant**

Scripture reference: Matthew 18:21-35; 6:12-15; Mark 11:25, 26; Luke 17:1-5.

Jesus' instruction is to forgive not only seven times, but seventy times seven. Man is naturally a vindictive being, and in consequence, nothing is more difficult to him than forgiveness of intentional injuries. The law of Moses allowed revenge: "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." A maxim with the Jews was to never forgive more than three times. Peter, thought that seven times would be enough times to forgive anyone. However, Jesus' answer indicates an unlimited number of times.

Forgiveness is not something we can always do by ourselves. When the sweet Spirit of God washes away hatred, resentment, and vindictive attitudes, and replaces these with His love, forgiveness is there. Praise God! Children must be taught to seek God to remove all sin from their hearts. They must also be taught to control actions that could foster unforgiving attitudes.

June 19, 1988 **Jesus Heals Eleven Lepers**

Scripture reference: Mark 2:40-45; Luke 17:11-19; Leviticus 13:46.

It is hard for us to comprehend how these nine lepers could be so ungrateful. One would think that any person with a sane mind would take time to thank the One who put an end to the horrid situation which the lepers were in. Really, though, how thankful are most people?

I have been of the opinion that people of by-gone days were more grateful because they had less and, therefore, had to suffer more. They were thus more thankful when nicer things came their way. After some consideration and prayer for enlightenment on this subject, I now believe that no amount of suffering or deprivation can make a grateful heart. A grateful attitude comes from God. Those who reverence God for who He is have a thankful attitude. This attitude can be strengthened and developed, but its seed is from God's Spirit.

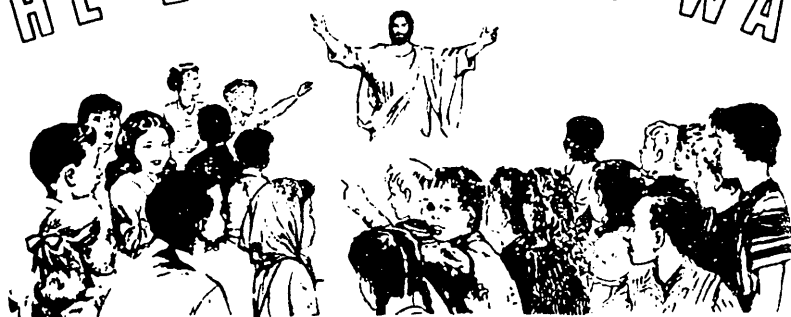
June 26, 1988 **Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus**

Scripture reference: Matthew 20:30-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43.

Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus were two men who had enough determination to get what they wanted. Besides being short, Zacchaeus was also a very unpopular person, both because he collected taxes for the Roman government which they despised, and because most publicans cheated the people. Publicans were especially hated by the Pharisees and this town was filled with Pharisees. Had Zacchaeus been like a lot of people, he would have just stayed at home. After all, it wasn't a necessity that he see Jesus. It wouldn't make him a bit more wealthy. He let nothing stop him. All who wished to mock him had a good chance to do so. Jesus rewarded him with salvation. Well rewarded? ? ?

Jesus always rewards well those who, with determination, seek Him for their needs. .

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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How Mary Got Rid Of Her Burden

Sunday school wasn't for Mary White. It was all right for other kids, but she was too much of a tomboy with her blue jeans and toy guns. She was just twelve years old and the ring leader of a neighborhood gang of boys and girls—into all kinds of trouble.

Still the folks who went to Sunday school were kind to her and let her come into their homes at times. One day she and a friend came into the yard eating green apples from trees that grew wild on the hills. "If you like apple pie," said a kind lady she called Aunt Stella, "I'll make you one if you and your friend will bring me a bag full of apples."

She gave Mary a paper bag and away the two went to the hills. Soon they were back with the bag full of green apples. For the next hour the Christian lady busied herself peeling the apples and making the dough. Soon the pie went into the oven and at last it was baked.

At the appointed time Mary and her friend arrived. How delicious that fresh apple pie tasted with lots of ice cream piled on top! Afterwards Mary had a warm feeling in her heart and in her tummy for the people who went to Sunday school.

Then one day a gospel tent was set up on a vacant lot in the town and a

Sunday school bus went around bringing in loads of children to the meetings. Unlike the Sunday service the children didn't have to dress up—they could come in their regular play clothes. This was more to Mary's liking, so one morning when the bus stopped she clambered aboard.

At the tent meeting it was all new to Mary, but she sat right up front and listened with rapt attention as a young evangelist told Bible stories and showed pictures of the *Pilgrim's Progress*. One picture, above all, left a lasting impression on Mary's mind—the man with the big load on his back, and of how he finally got rid of it at the foot of the cross of the Lord Jesus.

Mary suddenly became conscious of a big load that was weighing her down—the heavy burden of her sins. As the days went by, that load seemed to grow heavier, until one day she felt she could not stand it any longer. Down the hill she ran, tears running down her face, to the home of her Christian friends.

"What is the matter, Mary?" they asked her. Out came the story. Mary wanted to be saved. She wanted to get rid of that heavy burden of sin. Aunt Stella took her into Uncle Jim's office and there she wept out her sorrow. In a most kind and gentle way they pointed her to the Saviour who loved her and whose blood cleanses from all sin. Down at the foot of Jesus, Mary took Him as her Saviour and when she arose her

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

Matt. 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Luke 24:3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 And they remembered his words,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

John 20:3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he

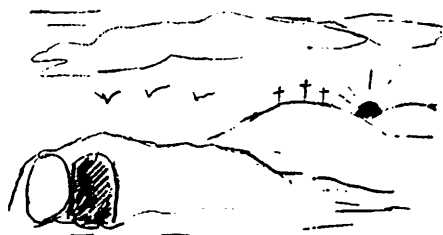
appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Central Thought: How wonderful is the account of the resurrection of our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Questions:

1. Where were the people going?
2. What time of day was it?
3. About the time they got to the tomb, what unusual thing happened?
4. What did the angels say?
5. Did the people remember that Jesus had told them about His death and resurrection?
6. Which of the disciples went to see if Jesus had really risen?
7. To whom did Jesus speak first?
8. What happened as the men were going into the country?
9. How did Jesus get into the room where the disciples were hiding?

MEMORY VERSE

... Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him. . . ."

Matthew 28:7



Let's Talk

It is not easy to make one consecutive story of Jesus' resurrection from the different records which are left to us from the four Gospels, for a great and large story has been recorded in a few sentences. The four men who wrote the Gospels were: Matthew Levi, Mark, Luke, and John. Each book is named for its writer. Some believe that Mark was a close helper of Peter, and that Peter told Mark what to write in his Gospel.

Each writer told what he thought to be the most important happening. If each student in your class were to write about a trip which the school took to the zoo, each one would write it a little differently. One may have thought the monkeys to be the most interesting; another may have enjoyed the birds' aviary most of all; and still another student may have decided to write about what he learned as to how the zoo gets its animals. How different the reports will be—and yet they're all about the same trip!

There were different groups of disciples going to the tomb at different times, not to see if Jesus had risen, for they had not really understood that He would arise, but they went to complete the embalming of His body for permanent burial. When they saw the empty tomb, they were wild with excitement! Several things happened within the first hour after it was discovered. The disciples were hurrying back and forth into the garden. They were filled with joy, fear, anxiety, wonder, and surprise.

It seems that about the same time that the angels rolled away the stone and Jesus came forth, that two or more groups of women from their abodes in Jerusalem or Bethany started out in the early morning to take spices to anoint the body of Jesus. A few minutes after this, the soldiers, after awakening from

their dazed sleep, fled in fear to tell what had happened.

The women came to the tomb and Mary Magdalene, seeing it was empty, ran to tell Peter and John. While she was gone, the other women went into the tomb and the angel talked to them. Two angels were visible part of the time. These women then ran to tell the others. While they were away, Peter and John came, followed by Mary, who stayed after they went away. While Mary was there alone, first an angel spoke to her and then Jesus, Himself, appeared unto her. Shortly after this, Jesus appeared to the other women, who were possibly returning to the tomb.

Before the day was over, Jesus visited several of His disciples. That evening, a group of the disciples were together in a room with the doors closed, probably because they feared that the Jews would accuse them of stealing the body of Jesus. Suddenly, without any doors opening, Jesus was in the room.

What a wonderful, exciting day! I'm sure the disciples didn't want it to end.

—Sis. Charlotte

SCRIPTURE TEXT WORD SEARCH

PSALM 146:5,6

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

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(Answers: 1. To the sepulchre. 2. Very early in the morning. 3. There was a great earthquake. 4. "He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you. . . ." 5. After the angels spoke about it, they remembered. 6. Peter and another disciple (probably John). 7. To Mary. 8. Jesus talked with them. 9. He went through the closed door.)

heavy burden of sin was gone — and gone forever. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Tim. 1:15. Mary's tears were tears of joy. What rejoicing there was in the house that day! But what can be compared to the joy in the presence of the angels in heaven over one sinner who repents!

Things were different for Mary from then on, "for old things had passed away," and "all things had become new." She gave up her old, sinful habits and worldly companions. But living wasn't easy, for her father was an enemy of the gospel. Still she went on faithfully and found help and encouragement from her Christian friends. On Sundays she would help round up the children. Then one day when she was old enough she bought a station wagon of her own and for years she filled that wagon with boys and girls and brought them to Sunday school.

Now Mary is a nurse in a large hospital and is living for the Lord. Recently her older sister accepted Christ and the blessing still goes on.

How about you, dear young reader? Are you troubled about your sins as Mary was? If you will come to the Saviour He will take that burden away and you will go on your way to heaven rejoicing.

—Selected

It's Me, Jesus!

"Mr. Jones," said little Barbie to an old Christian one day. "Will you pray for me at the prayer meeting tonight? But don't say my name. I don't want anyone to know."

Now Mr. Jones was a wise, old man, and so that night in the little cottage prayer meeting he prayed something like this:

"Lord, Jesus, there's a little girl who wants to be saved, but she doesn't want me to tell her name. . . ."

Before he had finished the words, those who knelt in the prayer meeting were surprised to hear a small voice, proclaim, "It's me, Jesus! It's me!"

Now we are sure the Lord Jesus heard that little voice, for He knew already what was in little Barbie's heart. He knew she was in earnest.

I hope you will be in earnest about your sins, too, dear, unsaved reader. If you come to the Lord Jesus, He'll not turn you away. Tell Him you are a sinner, that you want to be saved, that you deserve only judgment, but you believe He died in your place. He will hear your prayer and His precious blood will wash away those deep, dark stains of sin. Has He not said, "Come now . . . though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow"? Isa. 1:18.

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John

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Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

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New Testament Word Search

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Miracle House

(A True Story)

Josh leaned his head against the post that held up the tent. It was the saddest day of his life! What else was going to happen? Grandmother got up and hobbled toward the casket. She leaned over and kissed it again and again, then took a yellow chrysanthemum from the arrangement which lay on its cover. Aunt Leah sat next to his mother, her head resting on Mother's shoulder. Her face was so pale and thin that she looked like death herself.

Within minutes, Papa Jordan would be in that hole in the ground. Never again could Josh listen to his stories of yesteryears, nor hear him pray. Never again could he ask him another question about how to do men's work. The bitter October wind cut through his coat and as he looked across the ghostly cemetery he saw snow flurries. Winter would soon be here. Josh wondered if he could keep enough wood cut and carried, and do all the other jobs that the man of the house was to do.

After the funeral, they went to Papa Jordan's house. Josh helped Grandmother into the house. "Why wasn't it me that died?" she complained. "I'm so useless since breaking my hip. Why, it's been six long years since I've gone anywhere except around here in this little yard."

"Don't talk like that!" Mother scolded. Josh helped Grandmother get seated

on the sofa. Josh remembered the night Aunt Leah had lain there very sick. They all thought she was going to die but it was like mother had said. "People with T. B., the disease which Aunt Leah has, usually live a long time before they die." When that happened, Aunt Leah had already been sick for three years. Uncle Charlie, the family bread winner, had died two years after Aunt Leah's close call, and now Papa. Aunt Leah had outlived them both, but how much longer would she live?

Grandmother had been talking all the time Josh was thinking of the past. "Now with Papa gone and both you daughters sick, what will we do?" she was saying.

"I'm not so sick," Mother said. "Josh and I will take care of you and Leah, won't we, Josh?" Josh nodded agreement. "Only you will have to stay over at our house so we can care for you easier. I can manage the business alone. I've been doing it ever since Leah moved back home when Papa became sick."

"Yes, I know, and all the work has caused your right hand to paralyze and your right leg soon will be. You're just dragging it now."

"I know, but I can still work enough to keep things going to make our living. Besides, I've been seeing the doctor about it. Maybe the treatments will soon help . . . so far they haven't. He

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Blind Man is Healed

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. . . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he; others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

18 But the Jews [Pharisees] did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man [Jesus] is a sinner.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe, And he worshipped him.

Central Thought: All those who truly believe and accept the blessings of God will suffer persecution from hypocrites.

Questions:

1. How long had the man been blind?
2. Why was the man born blind?
3. What did the man do that showed he had faith in Jesus?
4. What was the blind man's occupation?
5. Of what did the Pharisees accuse Jesus?
6. What was the man's argument that Jesus was not a sinner?
7. What persecution did the healed man suffer?
8. Did the man also believe that Jesus was the Son of God?
9. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of the almighty God?

MEMORY VERSE

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2 Tim. 3:12

Let's Talk

Let's talk about what happened in the chapter before this. The last verse reads: "Then took they up stones to cast at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." John 8:59. Those who held these stones were not violent criminals. They were the preachers, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and religious writers of those days. On the days when hundreds of people gathered to worship God, these same men led in the worship services. On those days they pretended to be holy and godly. They did the rituals of the service very carefully, making long prayers and whatever else was their duty in the religious services.

They highly enforced upon the people the rule that no work could be done on the Sabbath. They had been enraged more than once when Jesus or the apostles healed on the Sabbath day. Jesus knew this, but He was not afraid of them. Fearlessly Jesus walked through the streets of Jerusalem on the very next day after they had tried to stone Him. It was the Sabbath. Seeing the blind man sitting beside the road begging, Jesus stopped and put clay made from spittle on the blind man's eyes, and then told him to go and wash it off. When the man washed off the clay, the blindness was gone! This caused great excitement. Some could hardly believe it to be the same man. Soon, however, a multitude was convinced that he was the blind man and that Jesus had performed another miracle.

The Pharisees could not accept anything that Jesus did as proof that He was the Son of God. Immediately some of them began saying, "Jesus can not be a prophet nor a man of God, for He has broken God's law about the Sabbath. Others would not be so foolish as to not acknowledge the miracle, so they argued among themselves. Some decid-

ed that the man was not the blind beggar even after he affirmed that he was. They called his parents for more proof. Seeing that they could not prove that he had never been blind, they solemnly warned the man to give God the praise, saying that Jesus was not a man of God, but a sinner.

"But God would not use a sinner to open my eyes," the man said. "No one, from the beginning of the world, has had power to heal blind eyes; not even Moses, Abraham, nor any of God's special prophets. If that man was not of God, He could not do this."

Inflamed by what the man said, they cast him out of the temple. This meant a lot more than just being thrown out of the building. It meant that he could never again enter into public worship with his family and friends. It could cause his family and friends to reject him from their friendship and, in some cases, the person was considered as dead. He could not live in his parents' home any longer; he could not meet in family reunions; nor could he eat at the table with them. Friends who were devout in the Jewish religion would shun him in the same way.

Persecution has always been suffered by those who truly love God, for really loving Him will cause one to speak the truth even though it causes suffering.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Since his birth. 2. "That the works of God should be made manifest in him." (verse 3) 3. He groped his way in blindness, found the pool, and washed—a big job for a blind man. 4. Begging. 5. Of being a sinner. 6. That God does not give power to open blind eyes to anyone who is a sinner. It is given only to those who are worshipers of God. 7. He was cast out, which meant that he could never again be present in public worship. 8. Yes. 9. Answer should be, "Yes.")

said that rest was the best possible remedy for me."

"Yes, rest, with the added burden of myself and Aunt Leah?"

"But Josh is getting bigger. He's a lot of help."

The move was made. Things went pretty well through the rest of October, November, and December. Aunt Leah had less work to do, so she hemorrhaged less often. Josh kept the wood cut and carried in, and did all he could to help Mother, but he couldn't help noticing that she always looked so tired and dragged her foot even more.

Mother was peeling potatoes in the kitchen when Josh came in from cutting wood. "How do you feel?" he asked as he took off his coat and the cap and scarf which Grandmother had knitted. He hung them on the brass coat tree that stood by the entry door just off the dining room.

"Just fine!" she answered cheerfully.

"Think the doctor's treatment today did some good?"

"No. I had so much to do I missed the appointment."

"You missed the last one!" Josh said as he busied himself getting a tray ready for Aunt Leah. She always ate in her room alone as a precaution to help keep all of them from taking T. B.

"Josh, I've just been thinking that maybe I— I— maybe I've been doing wrong by not relying on God to heal me."

Josh did some homework left from Friday, while Mother cleaned the kitchen. Then he went to his room. He usually read the Bible and prayed by himself. Tonight he had a borrowed book to read. He read for a couple of hours and then came downstairs and got a drink of water. Mother was still up. "Staying up kind of late?" he asked.

"Yes. Every night I've been reading about the miracles Jesus did. Tonight I just can't stop! Oh, they are so wonderful! Just think, Josh, Jesus was born that captives could be free. Our family is captive to afflictions. I believe Jesus can set us free!"

"I sure hope He does!" Josh said as he went up the stairs.

The next morning, Mother woke Josh early. "I'm going to walk to church today. Want to go along?" she asked.

"Sure. I always want to go to church!" he said, still half-asleep. He rubbed his eyes, then suddenly was wide awake. "Did you say *walk*? Walk? Why, you can't do that! It's over a mile to church!"

"I think I can," she said confidently as she left the room.

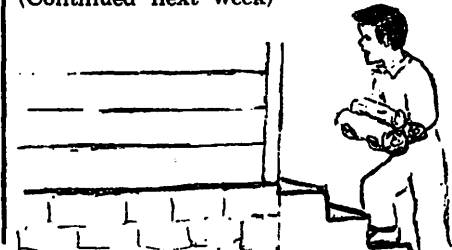
Josh couldn't believe she could walk so well. As they were walking to church, he lingered behind to watch her. She wasn't dragging her foot at all, nor did she act tired!

"What happened to you last night?" he asked.

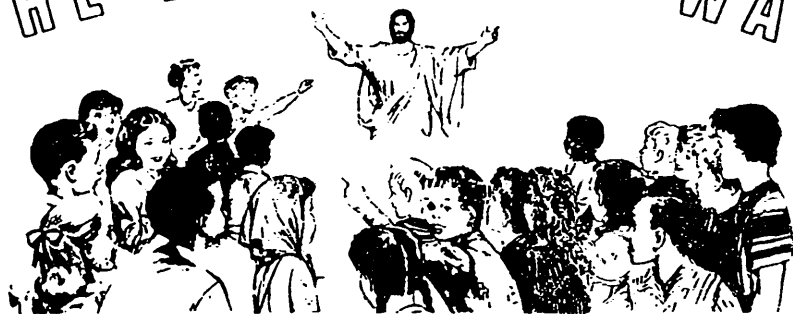
"I was waiting for you to ask. After you went back upstairs, I just sat there thinking and thinking about the miracles Jesus did. Suddenly the words, 'The Saviour' filled my soul and with an indescribable hope. My hopes grew as I thought how Jesus healed the paralyzed people here on earth. I stretched out my paralyzed hand on the table and asked, 'Lord, will you heal me?' I then felt something like electricity go through my arm! It travelled up into my head and down into my paralyzed leg and foot. I felt awed, grateful, surprised, and hallowed, as if the Holy Spirit was on me. I told no one for fear of losing it and this wonderful feeling. But it's still with me and I'm still well! Just look how nicely I walk! See? neither is my hand stiff anymore," and she stretched it out for Josh to see.

"Wow! What a great way to start out the new year! I'm so happy, I feel like I'm going to burst!" Josh exclaimed.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Miracle House

(Continued from last week)

It was another New Year's Day. Josh ran down the street to old Doc. Peterson's house. "Come quick!" he shouted as Mrs. Peterson opened the door. "I—I think Aunt Leah is dying."

Josh hurried back home. Doc. Peterson got there almost as soon as he did. Doc checked Aunt Leah. "So you're having trouble again?" he said to Aunt Leah who was shaking violently with chills. "I did all I could for you many months ago. For the last six years you have had only one lung and it's badly infected and losing so much blood that it's a miracle you're alive. I did bring this. Perhaps it'll help in some way." He handed a bottle to Mrs. Furlong, Josh's mother.

"She'll soon be okay," Mother said. "I believe God will heal her."

"I've heard you say that several times before. I hope He does, and that pretty soon. She can't last long in this condition. I'll be back to check her tomorrow."

The doctor's remedies were tried and Mother prayed and believed, but Aunt Leah only became weaker. It looked as if any day would be her last one. Josh thought things couldn't get worse. But they did!

The very next day Grandmother fell and broke her wrist. She was in bed when Josh came home. "I'll never walk

again," she told him. "The last fall, I broke my hip and it's still stiff. Now I've got a stiff wrist, too!"

"What are we going to do?" he asked Mother as they ate supper.

"Trust God," she answered. "I still believe Leah will be healed. Grandmother is afraid, but I think she will soon be getting up."

Josh hoped every day that Aunt Leah and Grandmother would be healed. Five weeks had already passed, and Grandmother still wasn't out of bed, and Aunt Leah would be dead anyday. . . . Hating to go home, he lingered at the park on his way from school. When he did get home, Mother met him at the door, shouting, "She's healed! She's healed!"

"Who's healed?" Josh asked in dazed shock.

"Leah! Come in the kitchen and I'll tell you about it." Josh followed her into the kitchen. He sat on the edge of the wood box. Mother was in a chair at the table.

"About nine o'clock this morning, I fell to my knees and began praying. Leah was moaning. I am sure she was suffering intensely. After six hours of praying, reading Scriptures to her, and waiting on the Lord, a bright look came upon her face and she said, 'I believe I'm better!' I looked at the clock and it was a few minutes after three. She wanted to get up and dress, but I thought she should rest. She's been sleeping ever since."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Two Women are Healed

Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

Luke 8:47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Luke 13:10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Central Thought: Jesus shows His power to heal those who have been afflicted for many years.



Questions:

1. How long had the first woman been sick?
2. What three things were the result of her trusting in physicians?
3. What did she believe would happen if she touched Jesus?
4. Was she healed after touching His garment?
5. Why did it seem strange that Jesus asked who had touched Him?
6. The woman could not stand upright for how many years?
7. Did this woman also touch the hem of Jesus' garment?
8. What happened to the woman when Jesus said, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity?"
9. Did both women get needed healing from Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Acts 5:16



In the Bible lesson for today, we read about Jesus healing two women who had suffered many years. One woman had a crooked back. For eighteen years she had not been able to straighten her back. When she sat her head was bent over causing her much pain and discomfort. When she walked, her back was bent, making it impossible to see many things that others enjoyed. When the vertebrae of the back do not stack one on top of the other, the muscles of the body must work very hard to hold other parts of the body in place. The woman was weary and sad from years of such suffering. One day she was in the temple and Jesus healed her. It happened to be the Sabbath day.

The other woman Jesus healed had suffered for twelve years, of an affliction that could have caused her death. Knowing the seriousness of the disease, she had sought help from physicians. Some of the treatments she received caused much suffering, just like some treatments today (such as chemotherapy) cause the afflicted much suffering. Visits to the physicians and the treatments had also cost her a lot of money. After she spent all her money, she was still no better, but growing worse. She knew she could not expect to receive any more help from the physicians, for few physicians cure people without receiving money for their services. She then turned to Jesus. "He can heal me," she said to herself, "if I can but touch the hem of his clothing." She went to where He was and working her way through the crowd, she touched Him and was WELL!

It is sad that the poor woman didn't come to Jesus first before going to the physicians, spending all her money and suffering from the treatments. Jesus was able to heal her before she did all

that. It is however, a common opinion of people that they must first seek healing from men and trust God to heal whatever cannot be healed by man.

When a person is sick, he should seek God in repentance until everything is clear between him and God. Then he should "Call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14, 15.

From the book of Mark, chapter 6, we read, "And he [Jesus] called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth . . . And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." (verses 7a, 12, 13).

The *Memory Verse* for today from Acts 5 tells of many people being healed. This happened after Jesus died, rose again from death, and had ascended into heaven. Multitudes brought their sick folks to the disciples "and they were healed every one." We understand from these Scriptures that Jesus gave power to His disciples to heal sickness.

Jesus also said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17a, 18b. By these verses we have confidence that not only were the disciples of Jesus able to lay hands on the sick and the sick would recover, but also all those after the apostles who truly believe in Him can also be healed. Just as the two women who came to Jesus were healed, so is Jesus healing true believers today.

Thank God for His healing plan.

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Twelve years. 2. She "suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered." 3. She would be healed. 4. Yes. 5. Because there were people thronging Him on every side. 6. For 18 years. 7. No, Jesus called her to Him and touched her. 8. The stiffness in her back was gone and she was able to stand up straight. 9. Yes.)

Josh was shocked. He just didn't know what to say. Finally he said, "God healed you a year ago last month!"

"Yes, I thought of that! It's been a good year, though it was a hard battle for Leah's healing."

Aunt Leah was still asleep when Josh finished cutting and carrying in the wood.

Two weeks later Aunt Leah went with them to church. On the way home, they stopped by to see Mrs. White, who was a friend of theirs. "You're nothing but a skeleton!" she exclaimed when she saw Leah. "How much do you weigh?"

"Ninety pounds," answered Aunt Leah. "But I did weigh only eighty."

"How's Mrs. Jordan? Is she still unable to be up and around?"

"She was in bed eight weeks after the fall, but she's getting up a little now. Poor thing, the wrist is stiff and she can hardly feed herself. It seems that being down these eight years since she broke her hip has enfeebled her mind. She can't see to read her Bible and neither can she remember what she wants to pray for."

"I'm sorry to hear that. She was such a strong Christian woman. I can remember that any time I wanted a blessing, I would go to Mrs. Jordan."

"Yes, she was," Leah answered. "She taught us to be strong and to be thankful for everything. But she'll come out of this. I believe Jesus will heal her just as He healed both of us."

The next six months flew by. Before Josh knew it, Grandmother's 85th birthday had come and gone. But she wasn't any better. Night after night the family prayed that she would be healed. Aunt Leah always said that she would be, but Grandmother and Mother could only hope. Finally, on June 16, Grandmother said she felt an inspiration of faith. "Jesus healed the blind and the lame when He was on the earth. Surely He will heal me," she said very hopefully.

"Josh! Josh!" Aunt Leah called early the next morning. "Come here!" She was listening at Grandmother's bed-

room door. "She's walking around like a spring chicken!"

Josh listened. He heard fast, firm footsteps coming toward the door. They both moved back and watched her take hold of the bannister as she always did. She walked sure-footed down the hall to the dining room. She sat down and then, realizing her cane was missing, asked, "Where's my cane?"

"Why do you need it?" Josh asked. "Weren't you walking without it?"

"I guess I did!"

"Aren't you healed?" Aunt Leah said. "Look at your hand!"

Grandmother looked at her hand. She moved her doubled-up thumb and the stiff fingers. Then she moved the once stiff wrist. "I'm hearing, too!" she exclaimed. "Bring my Bible and let me see if I can read!"

Josh raced upstairs and brought her Bible, "Ah, these blurred, dim pages I thought forever closed are open to me now!" She read without her glasses, "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them." (Matt. 15:30). Now I shall kneel in prayer — something I haven't been able to do for years." She knelt and thanked God for healing, then said, "I know God wanted me to be sick so that He could get glory out of healing me." Grandmother walked and read and praised God all day. She even threaded a small needle. "How well I can see!" she said, holding up the needle with the thread through its eye.

On Sunday she went to church. Every day she took a walk in Lincoln Park. One day she walked fifteen blocks!

While Grandmother was rejoicing, Aunt Leah was gaining strength and weight until she weighed 120 pounds. Then one day she packed her suitcase and went to be a missionary.

After she left, Josh cut and carried in wood just as he had done after Papa Jordan died. Only now he carried wood for what he called "The Miracle House" instead of "The Sad House".

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Judy's Corner

Judy Anderson lived in Trailer Town, a beautiful, big park at the edge of Cedarville. When her father first drove into the park and set their trailer under a huge oak tree, Judy thought it was the nicest place she had ever seen. While her father and mother got things settled for trailer life, Judy wandered through the park and looked at the other trailers set so neatly in their places. Here and there she saw some flowers blooming. She hoped she could have a flower garden, too.

Right in the middle of the park was a lovely playground, and there she found the children of Trailer Town. One girl, almost Judy's age, called to her from the top of the sliding board. Another girl slid out of a swing and came running to show her around.

"My name is Esther," she told Judy. "I live in that trailer right over there. Where is yours?"

"I'll show it to you if you want to come with me," Judy said. "Daddy is getting the water hooked up."

In two days Judy and Esther were the best of friends. If Judy wasn't at Esther's trailer, then Esther was at Judy's. All Friday evening and Saturday it was that way. On Sunday morning Judy dressed for Sunday school, and while she waited for her mother and father she ran over to Esther's to see if she was ready, too.

"Why, you're all dressed up!" Esther cried when she saw Judy. "Are you going some place?"

"I'm going to Sunday school. Don't you go?" Judy asked.

"Just where are you going to Sunday school?" Esther replied. "There isn't a church anywhere around here."

"There's one downtown," Judy said. "I know because we saw it as we drove through. That's where we're going this morning. Ask your mother if you can go with us."

"Oh, yes," Esther's mother said. "I've always wanted Esther to go to Sunday school. But the church is too far away for her to walk. Her father works on Sundays and he has to take the car. It will be wonderful if Esther can go with you, Judy."

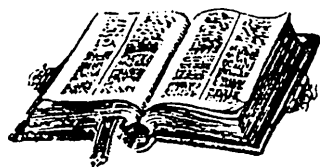
On the way to church Judy discovered that none of the children in Trailer Town went to Sunday school. Judy had always lived in neighborhoods where all the children went. It was hard for her to believe that here was a group of children who didn't. What would it be like never to go to Sunday school?

The first song they sang that morning was, "Brighten The Corner."

Judy sang the first verse very earnestly, but when they came to the chorus she stopped singing. Those words were speaking to her. She read them again as the rest continued singing—

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WORDS OF GOLD



Healing on the Sabbath

New Word: *Dropsy*: An abnormal accumulation of watery fluid in certain tissues or cavities of the body.

Luke 14:1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.

3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?

4 And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go.

5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?

6 And they could not answer him again to these things.

Luke 6:6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?

10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Luke 13:14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

Matt. 12:12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

Central Thought: People with a Pharisaic attitude will change the Scriptures to their advantage.



Questions:

1. What question did Jesus ask the lawyers and Pharisees?
2. Did they answer Jesus?
3. How did Jesus explain His feeling about the question?
4. Why were the scribes and Pharisees watching Jesus?
5. What were some other questions that Jesus asked about the Sabbath?
6. What did the men say to the people who came to be healed?
7. What did Jesus call the men who didn't like people to get healed on the Sabbath?
8. Would these same men take care of their animals on the Sabbath?
9. Did Jesus feel that people are worth more than animals?

MEMORY VERSE

How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Matt. 12:12

Let's Talk

In this lesson we find Jesus and the Pharisees conflicting over questions about the Sabbath. The Pharisees secretly hated Jesus because Jesus taught the truth, and these men were thereby losing their power over the people. They were also jealous of all the attention that He was getting from the multitudes.

They had, many times, discussed possible ways of getting the people's attention away from Jesus and back on themselves. Some of these things they had tried, but none had worked well. The only other solution to this problem was to get rid of Jesus. This was a hard job. To have anyone put to death, the person being put to death had to first be convicted of doing something evil which bore the punishment of death.

Day after day, the Pharisees pretended to be holy men of God who were only protecting the holy laws of God. Secretly, however, they were anxiously awaiting the day when they could accuse Jesus of something which bore the death penalty. If Jesus called Himself the Son of God, then He would be guilty of death. For this they were maliciously hoping.

Their accusation about breaking the Sabbath through healing on that day was only bait. They were wanting Him to say, in plain words, that He was the Son of God, which to them meant blasphemy. For blasphemy a person could be killed. The Pharisees knew well that He was not breaking the Sabbath law by healing, for the Sabbath law allowed them to take their animals to water or to help them if they should need special help. "How much then is a man better than a sheep?" Jesus said.

The Pharisees' hearts were filled with corruption. In one place Jesus told them that they were like "whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but are within full of dead men's

bones, and of all uncleanness," such as "hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like."

Why one of the chief Pharisees would invite Jesus to eat in his home is quite evident. He wanted to catch Jesus breaking the law so that he could be a witness against Jesus. Oh, what corruption was in his heart!

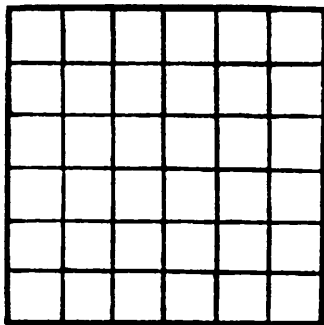
We should each listen carefully to the Spirit of God when He reproves us about the motives behind our actions. A Pharisaic attitude will only create more problems, and unless repented of will be our door to enter into everlasting death.

—Sis. Charlotte

Six Words Of Six Letters

Turn to the following verses and pick out a word of SIX LETTERS beginning and ending with the same letter.

2 Samuel 7:2; Esther 1:20;
Psalm 20:1; Ezekiel 17:5;
Amos 9:13; Acts 18:2.



Now arrange the SIX WORDS so that the first and final letters make the name of the same apostle.

(Answers: 1. "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" 2. No. 3. Jesus implied that it was lawful to help an animal on the Sabbath, then it was also lawful to help people. 4. To see if He would break the Sabbath by healing. 5. "Is it lawful to do evil? to save life, or to destroy life?" 6. "There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." 7. Hypocrites. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)

*"Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now
be true,
Brighten the corner where you are."*

Judy had always thought she wanted to be a missionary when she grew up. It would be wonderful to go across the sea to tell the story of salvation to boys and girls who had never heard about Jesus. But the song said, *"Do not wait . . . do not wait to shed your light afar."* And right at her own trailerstep, there were boys and girls who needed a Sunday school, and who needed to hear Bible stories.

"Brighten the corner where you are. Brighten the corner where you are," the Juniors sang. Judy joined with them on the second chorus, and as she sang she made it a promise to the Lord Jesus that she would do what she could to brighten the corner where she was in Trailer Town. She didn't know exactly how she would do it, but the Lord would show her.

Esther stayed at Judy's trailer for dinner, and after the dishes were done Judy got out her big book of Bible stories. It had big, beautiful pictures on one side, and across the page it told the Bible story of the picture. They took the book outside and sat in the shade to look at it.

"Isn't it quiet here!" Judy exclaimed. "Everybody must be asleep or away for the afternoon."

"I see some of the little kids over on the playground," Esther said. "Oh-h-h no! Come quick, Judy! One of them just fell out of a swing."

When the girls reached the playground the children were gathered around small Jimmie, trying to comfort him. He had a big gash on his knee, and he held it up for the girls to see.

"Come on over to our trailer," Judy offered. "Mother will wash it and put a bandage on it."

The children trailed along after Judy and Esther and Jimmie, and they all watched with great interest as Mrs. Anderson took care of the injured knee.

"Now we'll have to ask God to help your knee to heal quickly, Jimmie," Mrs. Anderson said. "You know about God, don't you?"

Jimmie shook his head.

"I'll tell them," Judy offered joyously. "Esther and I were just starting to look at my Bible story book when she saw Jimmie fall. Come on everybody!"

And that's how it happened that Judy began to brighten her "corner" the very first Sunday afternoon she was in Trailer Town. Every Sunday afternoon that summer the children gathered under the tree that grew at the side of Judy's trailer and learned about Jesus.

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The Fear Of The Lord

DOWN

1. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of _____, to depart from the snares of death. Prov. 14:27.

2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____. Prov. 1:7.

3. By the fear of the Lord men _____ from evil. Prov. 16:6.

5. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____. Psalm 111:10.

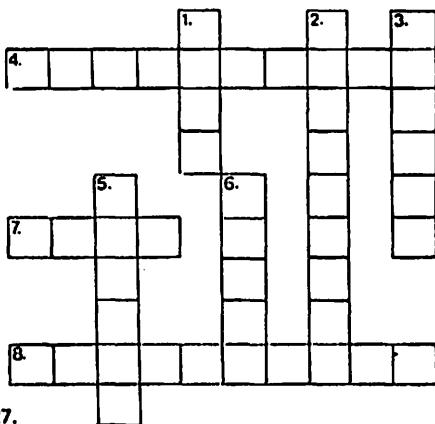
6. The fear of the Lord is _____, enduring forever. Psalm 19:9.

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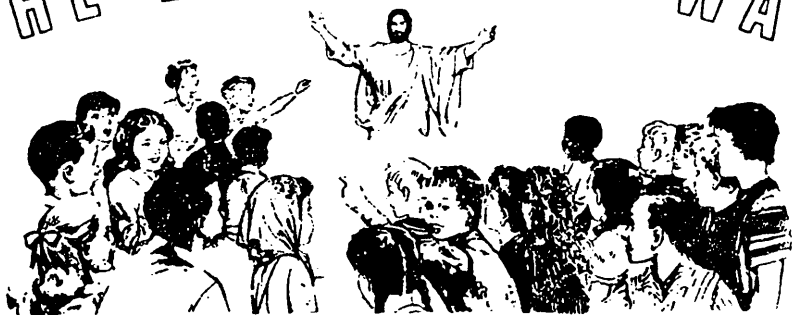
4. In the fear of the Lord is strong _____. Prov. 14:26.

7. The fear of the Lord is to hate _____. Prov. 8:13.

8. The fear of the Lord _____ days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. Prov. 10:27.



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Why Daddy Came Home

Mike put his hands over his ears and ran upstairs and into his room. "When will this ever end?" he asked himself. "Why do they have to fight all the time? I'm so tired of it." He threw himself on the bed and laid his pillow on top of his head to muffle the noise coming from the angry voices below. He lay there a long time, listening quietly for the moment the rumble would end, but until he fell asleep, he could hear it like the thunder of an approaching storm.

Two days later the real storm struck! When Mike came home from school, Dad's blue Camaro was sitting in the driveway with the trunk up. It was loaded with boxes, suitcases, and clothes on hangers. "Hi, Dad!" Mike called as Dad came from the garage with a can of oil and a grease rag in his hand. "Are we going somewhere?"

"Only me," he answered. "I wanted to be gone before you came home so Mom could tell you. We're getting a divorce."

Mike knew it was coming and had tried to prepare himself for it, but he wasn't ready. "Please don't go, Daddy!" he wailed like a two-year-old. "Please, please! Who'll take me fishing and help me with my math and science projects? I can't live without you! Please, Dad?"

Dad gripped Mike's shoulder firmly and said, "Just calm down and don't act so selfish. I'll be back to see you

when I can." He slammed down the hood, got in the car and drove away.

That evening an iceberg quietness ruled the house.

Mike went to bed early, but couldn't sleep. He kept thinking of what his Dad had said, and wondering if he or Dad was selfish.

As he crossed the living room the following morning, he saw the *Popular Science* magazine lying on the rust and brown carpet. It was lying open at the "What's New" section, the very part that he and Dad first shared when the magazine came in each month. Mike picked up the magazine and ripped out the section. Suddenly he hated it. He tore the pages into shreds and crammed them deep into the trash basket. Then he threw away the new magazine, too.

He brushed his teeth, washed his face, and left for school without eat breakfast. "Aren't you going to eat or say good-bye?" Mom called.

"No," he answered. He felt hatred for her welling up in his heart. She had caused the divorce as much as Dad. He moped all through the day.

Next day it was Saturday. He dared not go outside to play or John, or Phil, or Randy would be sure to ask, "Where is your Dad?" The day was so long that even Susan, his three-year-old sister noticed his sadness and kept asking, "What's wrong wit Mikey?"

Next morning when Mom set a plate filled with eggs, hash browns, and toast

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WORDS OF GOLD



Another Question for Jesus

New Word: *Tittle*: A very little bit. A small stroke or point in writing, such as a comma or the dot over the letter "i".

Mark 10:1 And he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

Luke 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed a-

mong men is abomination in the sight of God.

16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

Central Thought: God's law about divorce and what people think about it are very different.



Questions:

1. What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus?
2. What question did Jesus ask them?
3. What did Moses allow about divorce?
4. Why did Moses allow divorce?
5. What was God's commandment from the beginning of creation?
6. Should men separate what God has joined?
7. Why did the Pharisees ask this question?
8. What did Jesus say to prove that God's law was more lasting than anything that Moses allowed?
9. What two things did Jesus say was adultery?

MEMORY VERSE

Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

Luke 16:18



Let's Talk

The Pharisees came again to Jesus to ask questions. They were not asking questions that they might learn how to live more pleasing to God. Many questions, like those asked of Him about the Sabbath, were meant to catch Him saying something that they considered worthy of death. From the Scripture reading for today, it seems that they have asked the question so that they might prove that giving divorces is all right because Moses allowed it. (Luke 16:15). Jesus told them that when God created humans, that He made one male and one female. Jesus also said that God joined the one single male to the one single female and that is His law for all other men and women. He says, "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." God's law also states that there is punishment for all those who knowingly break the law.

Jesus answered the Pharisees by saying, "Although you may divide a married man and woman by giving them a divorce and allowing them to remarry, that does not change God's divine law. Teaching that it is all right because Moses allowed it does not make it right either, for Moses only allowed divorce because men's hearts were so hard."

Moses knew that these hard-hearted men could be extremely cruel to their wives and cause their wives to suffer unmercifully. Nowhere in Moses' writings did he say that allowing divorce was God's law. It was only a measure of preventing unmerciful suffering because in those days the wife had no rights of her own. She was almost like a piece of property which the husband owned.

Jesus plainly says that, even though one receives a divorce and later gets married to another person, and others, even so-called Christians, think that

what he has done is all right, that does not make it right before God. Jesus said, "That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." Even though popular people act proud of divorce and remarriage, making it lightly esteemed, it is still an abomination to God. If a person will not divorce an abusive spouse, that person is considered crazy. If he will sue for divorce and show that person that he will not be mistreated, then he is respected or esteemed. Jesus didn't say that a person who suffered mistreatment from a spouse was crazy. Instead He said, "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband. . . . But if the unbelieving [person] depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases; but God has called us to peace." 1 Cor. 7:14a, 15. See how differently are the ways of the world than the way that Jesus taught?

Jesus commands that each one live together with his first husband or wife until either the husband or wife dies. How very careful each one should be in selecting the person they marry. It is so serious that one needs to ask God to help them with this very important decision. Remember, Jesus said that it is adultery to marry anyone who has been divorced, or to get a divorce and marry someone else. —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?" 2. "What did Moses command you?" 3. Moses let them get a divorce. 4. Because they were so hard-hearted. 5. God said that man should cleave to his wife and that two shall be one. 6. No. 7. They asked the question for two reasons: a) to tempt Jesus (Mark 10:2). b) to justify themselves (Luke 16:15). 8. Luke 16:17: "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." 9. Divorcing and marrying another, or marrying someone who has been divorced.)

on the table in front of Mike, she said, "You will go to Sunday school with the Wilson's today. I have called them to pick you up. Susan and I will stay at home."

"I'm not going to church anymore," Mike announced. "I've been doing a lot of thinking the last few days. God is our heavenly Father and He will probably do like Dad and leave me just when I need Him the most. Dad sure doesn't have much love for me."

"Of course your father loves you!"

"No, he doesn't! If he did he wouldn't leave me."

"Mike you must understand that marriage isn't just living together in the same house. Marriage is a loving partnership. Your Dad and I don't love each other anymore, so it is best not to live together and fight all the time."

"If your love for each other stopped because you don't please each other, then God's love for me will stop when I don't please Him. And I won't always know how to please Him. So from today I'm not trying anymore to be one of His children."

"But, Mike," Mom protested, "you must always be a Christian."

"Why? What good has it done you or Dad, or our family? You don't love one another. How can you love your enemies like the Bible says? If you and Dad can't do what the Bible says, then why should I try?"

"I've heard all I'm going to hear," Mom shouted, just like she used to shout at Dad. "You get ready to go to church or I will punish you!"

"Punish me! I'm still not going," he retorted. "They say that the Church is our spiritual mother and it's probably disobedient to God like you are to Dad. No, I'm not going!" He left the food untouched and went upstairs into his room. He locked the door and sat down. His heart was beating fast and his mind told him that he was doing wrong.

He turned on the radio and scanned the stations but nothing sounded interesting. He took out his newest Sugar

Creek Gang book called, *The Killer Bear*. He tried to read, but in the quietness of the house he kept hearing what sounded like someone moaning.

After trying to read for half an hour, he lay down the book, tiptoed over and opened the door. He heard Susan bouncing on her horse and a strange moaning background noise. Down the stairs he went, carefully, one step at a time, straining his ears between each step. Was it inside the house or outside? He followed the direction of the noise. It was coming from his Mom's room! He pressed his ear against the door so he could hear more clearly. Between the groans he heard sobs and, once in a while, a word or two. "You all right in there?" he asked.

"Yes. Just leave me alone," Mom answered. "Keep an eye on Susan, please."

Mike took Susan out in the yard. She played in the sand for a while, and then found a ball to roll around. Mike's dog, Lucky, sat on the steps with his head on Mike's knee. The next thing Mike knew, Susan came bringing three of Mom's tulips she had planted just yesterday. "Mom will sure be mad at you," he told Susan, who held up the flowers proudly.

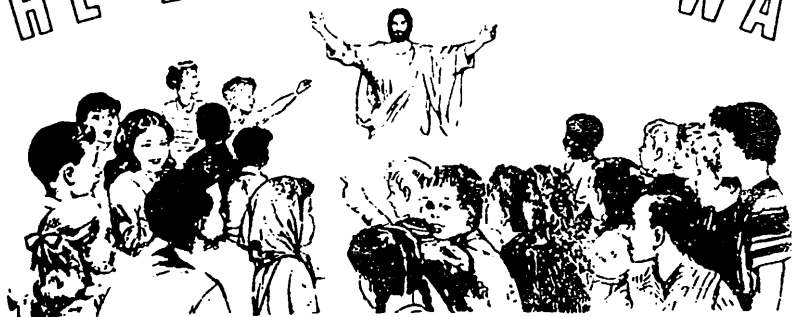
After lunch the pastor came to talk with them. Mike's Mom told him all about what had happened in their home and about what Mike had said about God and the Church. Then she added, "I've been praying all morning that God will forgive me for not being the Christian I should be. I believe He will forgive me when I am able to forgive Mike's Dad. Will you please pray that God will give me a forgiving heart?" They knelt and prayed. Mom's shining face told Mike that her heart was now changed.

Then Mike asked forgiveness from God and his mother. He was amazed at how happy he felt!

Together with the pastor, they prayed for Dad's return.

Three months later Mike, Susan, and their Mom moved to Arizona to live with their Dad. —Sis. Charlotte

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Missionary Pineapples

Otu dropped a string of fish and sat down under a palm tree. "When will the stew be ready?" he asked. "I'm hungry."

His sister Mari smiled as she stirred the stew. "Don't you ever think of anything but food?" she teased.

Otu's white teeth flashed in his brown face. "Of course! I think often of our island, the big blue ocean around it, fishing, swimming, and—"

"Don't you ever think of what the missionary teaches us about Jesus?"

"Sometimes. But right now I'm thinking of pineapple—just dripping with sweet juice!"

Mari was silent a moment. "We promised to become Christians at the next mission service," she said. "Remember?"

Otu suddenly leaped to his feet. "I see the trader's boat coming into our harbor!" he shouted, running toward the dock.

Mari shook her head as she gazed after her brother. Why did he always delay about becoming a Christian?

The arrival of the trader's boat was an interesting event, and Mari could not resist the temptation to follow her brother.

"Let's hurry," Otu said, "so we get there before the pineapples are gone. Everybody here likes them!"

Otu and Mari saw everyone from the village on the beach. Otu pointed to the

mound of pineapples in the end of the boat.

"I smell the pineapples!" exclaimed Mari.

Otu smacked his lips. "I can almost taste them!"

With the others, they crowded close to the boat. Otu was in front. "Will we have enough shell money for two pineapples for each of us?" he asked Mari, his dark eyes wide.

"At least one for each of us and one for our parents," answered Mari, counting her shells.

Otu screwed up his nose. "All right. But it would be fine to have two sometime!"

"Most of the time when the trader comes we don't get even one," Mari reminded. "So be happy now."

Otu fidgeted while the older people bought from the trader. The golden pile of pineapples seemed to be melting away. "I hope some are left for us," said Otu.

"There are only a few more people left and more pineapples than people," replied Mari.

"Mr. Bails, the missionary, is running to the boat," said Otu. "Think he'll buy pineapples?"

"Never saw him buy many," said Mari.

Mr. Bails greeted all, and then asked the trader, "How much for all of your pineapples?"

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WORDS OF GOLD



Who is my Neighbor?

Luke 10:25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou

spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Central Thought: True love for God and our neighbor will not be hindered by pride or prejudice.



Questions:

1. What did the lawyer ask Jesus?
2. Did Jesus say, "Believe and be baptized and thou shalt be saved?"
3. Try quoting the Scripture that the lawyer quoted.
4. Did Jesus say the lawyer would get eternal life if he obeyed this Scripture?
5. How did Jesus explain the answer to, "Who is my neighbor?"
6. Who was first to find the wounded man?
7. Who was second to find the wounded man?
8. What kind of occupation did each have?
9. After reading *Let's Talk*, to what kind of people would you compare the Samaritan?

MEMORY VERSE

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men. . . . Galatians 6:10a



Let's Talk

The lawyer was very much like many people today. He thought he was a man fit already for the kingdom of heaven. He was educated, so he knew that all the commandments, which are the laws of God, are based on the two which he quoted. The two he quoted are, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." By quoting these, he was saying, "This is all I have to do."

Jesus calmly answered, "This do, and thou shalt live."

The lawyer knew that he kept the commandments outwardly, but his conscience told him that he lacked something to have security of eternal life. Not willing to admit that, he tried to justify himself by asking, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus answered this question by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. A man was traveling alone when robbers robbed him and left him half-dead beside the road. The first one to pass the wounded man was a priest. A priest should have helped the suffering man if anyone would. Sorry, but he didn't. Then came a Levite (who is an assistant to the priest in his work). Now, surely this man will help! But neither did he. Later, a Samaritan came by and helped the wounded man.

A Samaritan is used in this story because Jesus knew that this lawyer's heart was still filled with pride and prejudice, and making a Samaritan look better than a priest or Levite would excite these feelings enough to let the lawyer know he had room for improvement. This lawyer, along with almost any of the Jews at that time would not so much as speak to a Samaritan, much less be out-done by one of them.

When Jesus was through with His story He asked the lawyer, "Which one

of these three do you think was the neighbor to him that fell among the thieves?"

The lawyer's heart, filled with prejudice, would not permit him to name the Samaritan, so he answered, "I suppose it is the one who showed so much mercy."

"You go and do likewise." Jesus answered.

The lawyer went away with a new knowledge about the commandment which he had quoted. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Now he knew that a neighbor is anyone, not just his Jewish brethren. He also knew that if he really loved God as he should and his neighbor as himself, he would help any person, regardless of their race, religion, or status in life.

—Sis. Charlotte

Try to fill in the missing letters

and complete this gospel text.

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Col. 3:23

(Answers: 1. "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 2. No! 3. Here it is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." 4. Yes. 5. By telling a story about one man helping another who was considered his enemy. 6. A priest. 7. The Levite. 8. The priest received his living or offerings from those whom he instructed in the laws of Moses. The Levite was an assistant to the priest and could some day become a priest. 9. Answers will vary.)

Otu groaned and stared at Mari. The trader grinned, holding up dirty fingers.

"Good!" The missionary counted out the money and the trader helped him put the pineapples into a burlap sack.

Otu sniffed the rich smell and darted up the path. Mari stumbled after, tears glistening on her lashes.

"Otu! Mari!" called Mr. Bails. "Please come here!"

"Don't talk to him! Act like you don't hear!" said Otu gritting his teeth. "He's selfish! He's going to eat all those pineapples himself!"

"How could he know we were going to buy some?" defended Mari. "We did not say a word, remember!"

"He teaches giving to others, but he does not do it himself. I'm not going to church ever again!" declared Otu as they walked home.

When it was dark, Otu whispered to his sister, "Let's go to Mr. Bails' house and see what he's doing with all those pineapples."

"It's not right to sneak around spying on him," objected Mari. "If you want to go to him and ask him, then I'll go."

"You're afraid you'll see the missionary eating all those pineapples himself," teased Otu.

"I'll go just to show you that's not true!" said Mari, tossing her head.

The pair glided along the path like shadows. Mr. Bails' house was not lighted. "Let's go in and each take a pineapple. He's got so many he'll never miss them!" whispered Otu.

"But God would know we were stealing," Mari answered.

"It's just as wrong to be selfish like Mr. Bails is!" snorted Otu.

"Sh, sh! Mr. Bails is coming down the path with a lantern!" warned Mari.

They crouched in the bushes. Later, when the house was lighted, they crept softly up to the screened window and peered inside.

Mr. Bails threw down an empty burlap sack. He knelt by the table.

"His shoes are dusty," Otu whispered.

"Listen, he's praying out loud," Mari breathed.

Mr. Bails was pleading for help for the sick people in the hospital in the next village. He was naming the people in his congregation and asking blessings for them.

Mr. Bails arose from his knees and sat in a chair.

"He's tired," said Mari. "Let's go to the door and talk to him."

"Tomorrow's time enough!" Otu objected stiffly.

"Tomorrow's Sunday," protested Mari. She ran to the door and knocked. Otu stood back.

Mr. Bails called, "Come in!" After he greeted them he asked, "Why did you run away when I called you today? I wanted to give each of you a pineapple."

Otu looked at his sister. He was ashamed to look at the missionary.

"You bought all the pineapples. We were going to buy some, but you left none for us!" He spoke the words angrily.

"I'm sorry," said Mr. Bails. "I thought everyone was finished buying."

"What did you do with all those pineapples," asked Mari, her eyes wide.

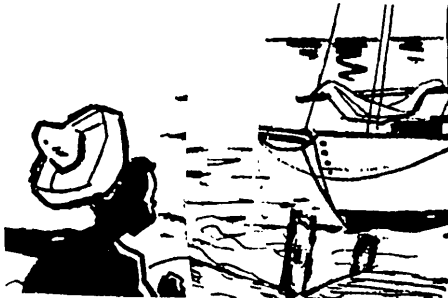
"I bought them to give to the hospital in the next village. The doctor had told me some of the patients needed them."

Otu screwed up his face as if he were going to cry. "Forgive me for thinking you selfish," he whispered. "I'm sorry."

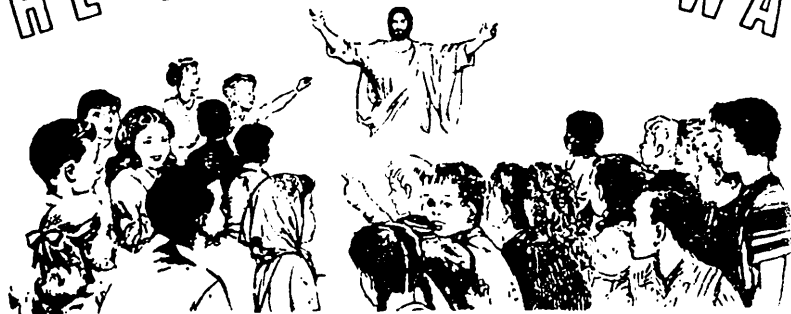
"We want to become Christians, don't we, my brother?" Mari asked eagerly.

Otu said, "Oh, yes! Maybe if we ask our parents they will come with us, too!"

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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You Are The Queen



A girl lay sleeping in Kensington Palace in England. Around five o'clock in the morning, hearing her name called, she awoke. She threw a robe over her gown and went into the outer room.

Two men were awaiting her. One was the Archbishop of Canterbury and the other, the Lord Chamberlain. It was June 20, 1837. The men knelt, kissed her hand, and told the 18-year-old girl, "Your uncle William IV is dead. You are the Queen of the United Kingdom."

Tears came to her eyes and she pleaded, "I beg your grace to pray for me."

The young Queen, the Lord Chamberlain and the Bishop of Canterbury all knelt and prayed that grace, strength, and wisdom might be given her throughout her reign.

Thus, with prayer, began a reign that lasted almost sixty-four years, the longest reign in the history of England. During her reign, Queen Victoria worked hard, her people prospered and the kingdom was extended.

She married a German prince named Albert who became known as the "Prince Consort". They had eight children and were a devoted couple.

During those years, she changed from a slender young girl with dark hair and regal bearing, to a stout, grey-haired, grandmotherish-looking woman. She was always wise, gentle and considerate of the interests of her people.

Soon after she became Queen one Saturday night, a nobleman occupying an important post in the government arrived at Windsor Castle with some state papers.

"I have brought for your majesty's inspection some documents of great importance but as I shall be obliged to trouble you to examine them in detail I will not take your majesty's time tonight, but I do ask your attention tomorrow morning."

"Tomorrow is Sunday, my lord."

"True, your majesty, but the business of state will not admit of delay."

"I am aware of that and as, of course, your lordship could not have arrived earlier at the palace tonight, if these papers are of such pressing importance, I will attend to them after church tomorrow morning."

In the morning the Queen and her court went to church. Much to the surprise of the lord, the sermon was on the sacredness of the Lord's day.

Afterwards the Queen asked, "How did your lordship like the sermon?"

"Very much, your majesty."

"I will not conceal from you that last night I sent to the clergyman the text from which he preached. I hope we shall all be better for having heard the sermon."

That day not another word was said about the state papers. But that night, when Queen Victoria was about to retire, she said, "Tomorrow morning, my

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Unpardonable Sin

New Word: *Blaspheme:* To curse, revile, or abuse in writing or speaking.

Matt. 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

Mark 3:25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Lk. 11:21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherewith he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Mark 3:28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme:

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

Matt. 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Luke 12:10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

Central Thought: We must be very careful with words, for by our words we shall be condemned or by our words we will be justified.

“O safe to the Rock that is higher than I,

My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly:

So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be;

Thou blest Rock of ages, I'm hiding in Thee.

Questions:

1. What is the one sin that will not be forgiven?
2. What is blasphemy?
3. What will happen to a person who loves both good and evil?
4. What is the blasphemer against the Holy Ghost in danger of?
5. How can other people know what is in our hearts?
6. How can a person keep his heart clean?
7. Will each person give account of every spoken word?
8. By what will we be justified, or condemned?
9. Will blasphemy against the Holy Ghost be forgiven?

MEMORY VERSE

... All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Matthew 12:31



Let's Talk

Jesus gives this lesson about blasphemy after the Pharisees accused Him of casting out a devil by the power of Beelzebub, who is the prince of devils. Jesus tells them to be careful about what they say, "You may blaspheme against me, the Son of man," Jesus said, "but take caution about blaspheming against the Holy Spirit, for that will not be forgiven." Then Jesus seems to be feeling sorry for them and says, "But how can you speak good, for your hearts are very evil and one can only speak what is in the heart. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things; and an evil man out of the treasure of his heart brings forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

What caution we should have about the words we speak! Jesus does not excuse our words just because our hearts are evil. We will still be condemned by evil spoken words. I've heard people say in an apologetic manner statements like these: "If I were a Christian, I wouldn't talk like that." Understand, I don't have religion." "I can use those kind of words because I am not saved." "Excuse me, but I am not a Christian." Some seem to think that not being a Christian gives them a license to say whatever they wish. Christ didn't make any allowances for anyone to speak in a wrong way. "Every idle word that men [Christian or non-Christian] shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

There is hope, though, for all men may repent and be forgiven of every idle word. However, when a person becomes so evil that they will curse, revile, and abuse the Holy Spirit, they are

in danger of eternal damnation. Christ says, "He hath never forgiveness."

If you are ever tempted to feel angry and bitter at God, watch out!!! That is a warning sign. Call upon God to remove the angry, bitter feelings. These feelings are like little seeds that may sprout and grow. If allowed to grow in the heart, they will soon crowd out all the good. They are like a strong man who is coming into your house to bind you. They cannot enter and bind you unless you let them. You and God together are strong enough to stand against any evil and keep it out of the heart.

Remember that all words come from the heart. No blasphemous words can come from a clean heart. First the heart must become evil. When the devil has a strong hold upon the heart and mind, he can then cause the person to speak evil words. Sometimes the person is so controlled by the devil, that he is hardly aware of what he is saying. Later, however, he is terribly ashamed of the wicked, abusive words he has spoken. If we don't let the devil control our hearts this will never happen to us.

This need never happen to anyone. We have the promise that Jesus will be with us and in us to keep us in the hour of temptation. The only way we can get under the power of the devil is to reject the sweet Spirit of God.

Pray every day for the Spirit of Jesus to be in your heart. Ask Him to put a guard before your lips so that you will not sin with your lips. He will always help those who call upon Him.

—Sis. Charlotte

Lord, make me from this hour,

Thy loving child to be,
Kept by Thy power, kept by Thy power,
From all that grieveth Thee.

(Answers: 1. Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost 2. To blaspheme is to curse, revile, or abuse in speaking or writing. 3. He will fall. 4. Eternal damnation. 5. By the things we do and say. An evil heart will cause us to do evil things; and a good heart will produce good. 6. By being strong and staying armed with the Holy Spirit. 7. Yes. 8. By our words. 9. No.)

lord, at any hour you please, as early as seven if you like, we will look into the papers."

"I cannot think of intruding upon your majesty at so early an hour. Nine o'clock will be early enough."

So at nine o'clock the Queen was seated at her table ready to receive the nobleman and his papers.

Her Christian spirit also showed in her treatment of her enemies. Twice, attempts were made to kill her. Usually when anyone tries to murder a royal person, he is put to death. Queen Victoria gave the matter deep thought and both times forgave the would-be murderer.

One day Queen Victoria visited a paper mill. The owner, not knowing who she was, showed her through the works, and among other places, took her into the rag room.

"How can these ever be made white?" she exclaimed.

"I have a chemical process of great power by which I can take the color out of even those red rags."

Before she left, he learned that she was the Queen. A few days later, the Queen found, lying upon her writing desk some of the most beautiful paper she had ever seen. On each sheet was her name and her likeness.

With it was a note which read, "Will the Queen be pleased to accept this paper with the assurance that every sheet was made out of the dirty rags she saw? And I trust the result is such that even the Queen will admire. Will the Queen allow me to say that I have

had many a good sermon preached to me in my mill?"

I can understand how the Lord Jesus can take the vilest sinner and make him clean. And I can see how He can put His own name and likeness upon them. Just as these rags have been transformed and may go into a royal palace to be admired, so poor sinners can be received into the palace of the Great King."

—Selected

Voltaire and Ingersoll

Voltaire, a French writer and infidel, once said that in a hundred years the Bible would be a forgotten book. Copies would only be found in museums.

Some time after Voltaire's wretched death, and long before the hundred years were up, the infidel's house had become the property of the Geneva Bible Society. Out of it went forth thousands of copies of the Holy Scriptures.

At an auction sale once, ninety-two volumes of Voltaire's works, part of a rich man's library, were sold for \$2.00.

A century later [100 years], another infidel, Robert Ingersoll, famous American lawyer and orator, held vast meetings and lectured against the Bible and Christianity. On one occasion he held up a Bible and declared, "In fifteen years I'll have this book in the morgue."

The fifteen years went by. Then Ingersoll himself was in the morgue. But the Bible lives on!

"... The word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Pet. 1:23.

"... He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1 John 2:17.

Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text.

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Col. 3:23

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A Kiss of Forgiveness

Don brushed his red hair off of his sweaty forehead and adjusted his fishing rod. "I'd give anything if I knew how to swim! I'd be in that water before you could stop me!"

"You'd better not! I can hardly swim and the current is very swift for a good swimmer. Besides, the water's too cold. It comes from snow melting off the mountains," Ken, Don's older brother, said.

"Yes, I know, but it sure would be better than fishing."

"Remember, though, I had to promise Mother I wouldn't take any dangerous chances and I said I'd see that you didn't, either."

"I won't. I promise. I'm as scared as you are of drowning."

All was silent for a while. Don pulled in his line. "Fish aren't biting today," he said, mopping his brow again. "I guess it's just too hot."

"That guy over there just caught one. I saw him bring it in. Looked like it might have been a bass! I think I'll try casting a little farther," Ken said. He drew in his line. Then, standing up, he took a step closer to the steep river bank and threw with all his might. He lost his balance! "Catch me!" he yelled.

Ken caught the tree branch that hung overhead. Don caught Ken's leg. He hung in mid air! The branch broke! Screaming and kicking the two boys hit the icy water!

Ken caught one glimpse of the other boy as he ran from the trees that boarded the river, calling, "Help! Help! Some boys are drowning!" Ken could hear him above the noise he and Don made as they fought to keep afloat. He caught another glimpse of the boy and then went under. The water was so cold! He curled up in a ball to warm himself, and then he remembered that he must stay relaxed and flat so that he would at least float. Yes, he could float until someone came to get him, but what about Don? He couldn't even float!

Struggling, he swam to Don and took him by the arm. Don clutched him around the neck. "Turn me loose!" he shouted. "You'll pull us both under!" Don loosened his grip. The current tore them apart. Ken was fighting for his life. The next time he spotted Don, the other boy had him by the back of the neck and was swimming with him toward the shore. Soon he was pushing him up the bank. Don dug his heels into the bank and with his hands clawed his way to the top.

The current was taking Ken down the river. He tried to fight against it and bring himself to shore, or at least near to the other boy, but each time he tried, he went down. "If I can just keep myself afloat," he thought, "maybe the boy will help me." He laid back, looked up at the sky, and wondered if this would be his last look at it. It seemed

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Runaway Returns

New Words: *Substance:* Wealth.

Riotous: Wild, loose, disorderly living.

Luke 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and

put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

Central Thought: The runaway son learns to be thankful for home, and returns.



He's your best and truest
Friend,

One who always will defend.

Do not let Him knock in vain,
He may never come again.

Hear His gentle, loving voice,
Bid Him welcome, and rejoice.

Questions:

1. What did the younger son say to his father?
2. What was the son's first mistake?
3. What was his next mistake?
4. What kind of job did he get?
5. How well did it pay?
6. When did he begin to think about home?
7. Explain the difference in his attitude when he left home and when he returned.
8. What actions of the father let us know that he was glad the boy returned?
9. Why was the father so happy?

MEMORY VERSE

My son, be wise, and make my
heart glad, that I may answer
him that reproacheth me.

Proverbs 27:11



Let's Talk

The Bible doesn't give the runaway boy a name, but let us call him Bill. Bill was the son of a man who was wealthy enough to have servants, so Bill knew that some day he would receive some of that wealth.

Bill was a restless boy. He couldn't be happy just staying around home and doing the normal humdrum things. He thought life was far too interesting to be spent at home all the time. These thoughts gnawed at him until one day he said to his father, "Give me now whatever you plan to give me. I have other plans for my life." Perhaps he planned to become a big businessman, and not a farmer like his father. Perhaps he thought of being a doctor, or a lawyer; maybe an artist.

If he had plans such as these they never materialized, for once he was away from home he found the loose, easy, wild life really fun. He had plenty of money and plenty of new friends. The future could take care of itself. What a great life it was! That is, while his money lasted.

After his money was gone, where were his friends that enjoyed being with him so much and helping him spend his money? He had nothing to eat. The only thing left to do was to find a job. Jobs weren't very easy to find, so he had to take one from a farmer. Working for a farmer wasn't the kind of job he wanted, especially when it came to feeding pigs. It was the worst of the worst jobs. To the Jews, pigs were unclean animals and they were not to be raised nor eaten. Not only in Judaea was the swineherd (man who cared for pigs) disdained, but also in Egypt. No character was lower than a person who fed swine (pigs). They were not even allowed to mix in usual activities nor to marry into even the lowest class of people. But such as this is what usually

happens to boys who, without appreciation for their family and home, take their inheritance and leave, choosing to live wild and loose, instead of being obedient and following the counsel of their parents.

When Bill finally became hungry enough to eat the same husks that he fed the pigs, he decided it was time to go HOME! He had now gone so low that he would be an embarrassment to his father. If Bill lived today, we might say that he was just an old, dirty hippie. Maybe he had contacted Aids, too. "What will my father say?" Bill asked himself. "I know what I will do. I will ask to be one of his servants. Surely he will let me stay home if I will work as a servant. If I do that I will have a good place to sleep, clothes, and plenty of food. That's more than I have here."

"I'm going home," he told the owner of the pigs, and away he went.

What a surprise awaited him! Father ran with his arms wide open to meet the filthy boy.

Christ told this story to illustrate how happy God is over one sinner that repents, so that each wanderer will have a greater desire to return to God. I hope it will also help you to appreciate your home, and cause you to stay there until you are old enough to know how to live a good life away from home. I hope none of you will leave home too soon and have to suffer like Bill before you learn that living the good life isn't so bad after all.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. "Give me now whatever you plan to give me later." 2. Leaving home. 3. Using up his money living riotously. 4. Feeding pigs in a field. 5. Not enough to buy food to keep away the hunger. 6. When he became hungry enough to eat what the pigs were eating. 7. He left home with a self confident, know-it-all attitude. He returned home humble enough to be his father's servant. 8. He ran to meet his son and had a welcoming party. 9. Because his son was safe and sound.)

that hours passed before he felt the boy's hand on his foot. He tried very hard not to move, but try as he would, he realized he was kicking and trying to swim. "Be still and float," the boy commanded.

Luckily, Ken was cool-headed and lay still while the boy pulled him to shore. Don had run down the river and was at the bank to help Ken up.

"Get back away from the bank!" Ken commanded. "I don't want to pull you in again." Don obeyed.

The bank was higher at this point and the river deeper. Ken stood on the boy's shoulders. He went under, but bounced back up, and at the same time gave Ken a big push upward. They tried this again and again until Ken scrambled up to the shore.

The boy struggled to get up the bank himself. He went down again and came up a little farther down the stream. He struggled again to get up the slippery bank. Then he sank back into the water.

"He's not swimming!" Ken called. "He must have passed out!" The boys were running along the bank. "He's gone under again!" Ken called.

"And he's not coming back up!" Don shouted back at him.

Just then Mr. Crout drove up in his jeep. "What's going on down here?" he demanded.

"Look! Look!" Ken answered. "He's drowning! He got us out but he's drowning himself!" Ken pointed down the river.

Mr. Crout jumped in his jeep. Honking as he went, he sped away down the river bank. He slammed on the brakes a little ahead of the boy and threw something into the water.

Ken and Don had been running along the bank. They fell down in exhaustion but kept watching Mr. Crout. He threw something into the river again.

"He's lassoing that boy!" Don shouted. "Look!" Then they saw Mr. Crout pulling him in. They ran to Mr. Crout.

"It is too late. I'm afraid that he's drowned," Mr. Crout said.

"He saved both of us!" the two boys shouted. Then between gasps of breath, they told what had happened.

Several days later, Don and Ken followed close beside the casket as it was taken to the cemetery. They felt sad. They wondered if John, the boy's little brother, who went to school with them, and his father and mother would forever hate them. They wondered what good thing they could do to get the family to forgive them.

How surprised they were when John's father came to them right after the funeral and said, "Boys, I know you did not want to cause my son's death. I don't want you to feel bad about it." He then affectionately kissed both Ken and Don. "Now I want to pray for you boys," he said. Then, placing one hand on Ken's head and the other one on Don's, he prayed that God would watch over them and bless them to be great men for Him. What a soothing feeling came over Ken. He could tell by the look on Don's face that he felt the same.

A couple of weeks later, Ken heard that a preacher had been at the funeral and had seen what John's father had done. When he preached that night, he told his audience, "I have seen something that I had never seen before. A father kissed two boys who had caused his son's death. That is just what God in His great love is doing: kissing anyone who comes to Him believing in the Lord Jesus, notwithstanding the fact that their sins were the cause of the death of His Son."

One man in the audience who was judged to be one of the worst characters in the country, came up to that preacher and said, "Does God kiss all who repent like that?"

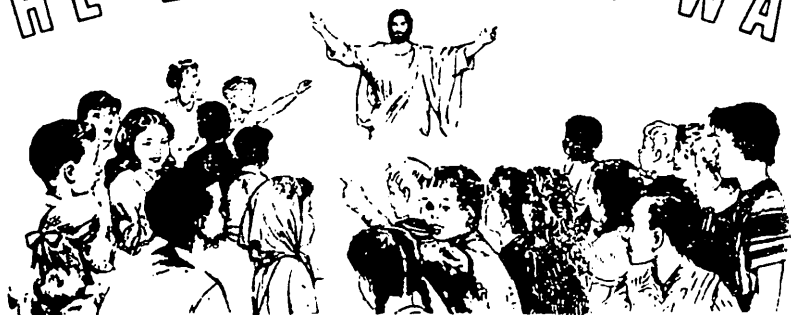
"Yes, God, for Jesus' sake, will forgive all those who come to Him, just as the father forgave the two boys."

"Then I will come right now!" he replied, and he did.

Can you, dear reader, forgive as did this father? And will you come to God and receive His wonderful kiss of forgiveness?

—A True Story

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Converted Gangster



In a remote section of Brazil where the gospel had been blessed to many, a missionary had arranged to baptize 30 native converts. Satan raised up opposition, however, and some of the unbelieving relatives sought to oppose this step of faith. They even offered Venancio, a gangster chief, a sum of money if he and his band of outlaws would break up the service. Venancio agreed.

The Christians heard of the enemy's plans but determined to proceed with their service even at the risk of their lives.

A large crowd was on hand to witness the baptismal service and the 30 new converts stood by the creek. They sang a few hymns and Gustavo began to preach.

Then they heard the galloping of horses and 20 horsemen approached with Venancio at their head. Riding past the crowd of spectators the men with their pistols drawn stopped in front of the little Christian band.

The crowd drew back terrified, while the believers stood motionless on the river bank. But Gustavo continued to preach.

Then suddenly Venancio rode a few steps forward, turned toward his men and yelled, "Whoever harms these people is a dead man." He kept his pistol pointed at his own men all during the rest of the sermon. When the preaching

ended he gave an order and they all rode away.

How the believers praised God! Tears of gratitude flowed freely as one after another the Christian converts stepped into the water and were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

About two years later the niece of another missionary received a request for a Bible from a man in a Brazilian prison. When she took him the Bible he told her this story.

He had been saved two years ago through reading a New Testament. After his conversion he had suffered much reproach and persecution from his fellows. But one day a prisoner came to him and said, "I have watched you in this prison. I have seen how the others persecute you and I marvel how you can be so patient under such injustice. I am convinced that your religion is real."

With joy the Christian told his fellow prisoner of the saving grace of God through the work of the Lord Jesus on the cross. But the man turned sadly away, "No," he said, "my sins are too great and too many. God would never forgive me. Don't you know that I am the gangster chief, Venancio? Once I burned down a church. I have shed blood, and have many other crimes on my conscience.

"But one thing I am thankful for," he went on, "In some strange way I was

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Unjust Steward

New Words: *Debtor:* A person who owes something to another.

Dig: To work hard.

Fourscore: 4x20, or 80.

Mammon: Riches, or greed for wealth.

Steward: A person who manages another's property.

Luke 16:1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

Central Thought: One serves the Lord by being honest and careful about small things every day.

Questions:

1. What was the accusation against the steward?
2. What did the steward do to protect himself?
3. Will a man who is unjust in small things be unjust in larger ones?
4. What did Jesus say about the man who is faithful in little things?
5. Will God commit the true riches (salvation) to an unfaithful person?
6. Should we try hard to be faithful in small things?
7. How many masters can a soul serve?
8. What will be our attitude toward the master we are not serving?
9. Can a person serve both God and riches?

MEMORY VERSE

... Choose you this day whom ye will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15



Let's Talk

Jesus taught many lessons by telling stories. The story of an unjust steward was told so that men could see how impossible it is to serve God and try, at the same time, to serve the world. The unjust steward did not please his master because he was selfish. Neither can a Christian please God if he is selfishly thinking about how he can please himself.

Jesus said that a rich man called his manager and said to him, "I see that you have been wasting my things. You can work for me only a few days longer."

The manager was very sorry to lose his job. He said to himself, "I cannot work hard like other men, and I am ashamed to beg, but that is the only way I can make a living." He thought a while longer and decided on another plan. He called several of his employer's debtors, one at a time, and reduced the amount they owed. He hoped that by doing these men a favor, one of them would give him needed help.

Later, his boss found out what he had done and said, "I see you are still at your old trick of looking out for yourself." It seems that children of the devil can always think up more evil things to do than the children of God can think up good to do.

Anyone who is dishonest in small things may, at a later date, be dishonest in larger things. Examples of being dishonest in small things could be: cheating to get better grades or to win a game or pocketing money which you find without trying to find who it belongs to. A "finders, keepers; losers, weepers" attitude about anything is not good. The Bible teaches us to return any object we find. Honesty caused Abe Lincoln to walk four miles to take back a penny which he had overcharged a woman. It is very important to be

honest in every small matter; even with your words.

Just as a person who is dishonest in small things will be dishonest in larger things, the person who is faithful in little things will be faithful in larger things. It's like this: if a person can make himself do the little things he doesn't like to do, he will also be able to make himself do larger, more important jobs that may mean thousands of dollars of profit to himself or the company where he works; or it may save a life; or be the way by which many people are able to know Christ. Now let's make a list of some small things that will build in you the character to someday do greater things. 1. Make a daily habit of spending a little time with Jesus. 2. Make good use of minutes throughout every day. 3. Always do jobs at home. 4. Apply your mind to learn all you can. 5. Respect others and their personal property. 6. Always obey your parents, even when you think they might not ever find out that you disobeyed.

All these things we have listed are earthly things, but Jesus says that unless a person can be faithful in doing them, He will not give salvation (the true riches) to him.

Jesus ends this lesson by saying, "Make up your mind who you will serve and quit trying to serve the world and me at the same time." It can't be done! God and the world are so different that no one can please two things so completely different. It is sad that many are deceived into thinking that they can.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. He had wasted his master's goods. 2. He reduced the debts of his master's debtors. 3. Yes. 4. He will be faithful in big things. 5. No. 6. Yes. 7. Only one. 8. We will hate the other master. 9. No.)

once prevented from shedding innocent blood. Some Christians were to hold a baptismal service and I was determined to prevent it even if it meant that some would lose their lives. I planned to give them a few minutes to clear the place and then I would start shooting.

"But suddenly I saw shining beings above the preacher and the converts waiting to be baptized. They must have been angels. When I recovered from my fright, I commanded my men not to harm those people. . . ."

The Christian prisoner continued to speak to Venancio and encouraged him to trust in the Lord whose grace was greater than all his sins.

The day came when Venancio knelt with his friend in his cell and they prayed together. There God met Venancio and saved him.

That was the beginning of a wave of blessing behind the dark prison walls. "The people which sat in darkness saw great light. . . ." Matt. 4:16. Others began to come to Christ through their testimony and the warden assigned them a hall in which to meet. Venancio became a pastor to the little group as they sought to walk with the Lord and waited for His coming from heaven.

Such is the transforming power of the grace of God. —Selected



A Great Musician

Felix Mendelssohn was one of the world's greatest musicians. When he heard that there was a very wonderful organ in the old cathedral of Freiburg he longed to be able to play it.

So one day he traveled to the little town and went into the building where the organ was. Having found the old man who was in charge, he asked permission to play the organ for a little while. But the old man shook his head and said, "No! No stranger is ever allowed to play on that wonderful organ."

But Mendelssohn talked so long and so lovingly about the organ, and begged so hard to be allowed to play on it for

just a little while, that at last the caretaker gave his consent.

The stranger began to play and the old man listened. Soon the great building was overflowing with the grandest melody it had every heard. It rolled out of the doors and windows into the town and fields beyond. Never before had the organ played such glorious music.

As the playing stopped the old man with eyes full of tears laid his hands on the stranger's shoulder and exclaimed, "Wonderful man! Who are you?"

When he heard the name *Mendelssohn*, the old man drew back and cried, "And I refused to let you play my organ!"

May this story remind us that a heavenly Stranger waits at the heart's door, longing to enter. His name is Jesus. He is "the chiefest among ten thousand" (Song of Sol. 5:10). He is able to fill your heart with such joy and gladness as could never be known before and that forever. Your only regret will be that you did not let Him in sooner.

"Son, give me thine heart." (Pro. 23:26).

Can you say, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God"? (Ps. 40:3). —Selected

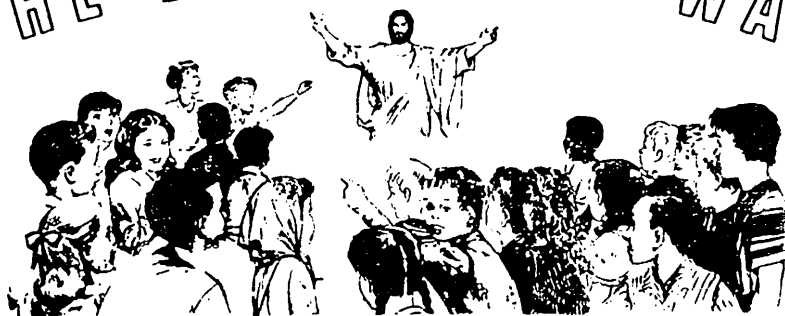


A SAVING WORD

- A Mount on which a king was slain?
(1 Samuel 31)
- A Bride brought home with camel train?
(Genesis 24)
- A Shepherd by his brother slain?
(Genesis 4)
- A Brook dried up through want of rain?
(1 Kings 17)
- A Queen who for her people prayed,
And by her means had judgment stayed?
(Esther 7)
- Initials form a precious word,
Which those know best who trust the Lord.

(Answer: GRACE)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Dream

I first met Jim in a hotel, and there he told me the story of his strange dream.

"Some years ago," he said, "I was leading a wild life and went to South America. There was a revolution going on in the country and I joined the army as a volunteer.

"After one of the battles I slept on the battlefield. That night I dreamed that my sister, Mary, who had died three years before, came to me and said, 'Jim, on the 13th of November, in the year —, you will die; but do not fear, for God is with you.'

"I said to her, 'Mary, don't talk like that. You are dead yourself.'

" 'No, Jim,' she replied, 'I'm not dead; believe me, you are going to die on that date.'

"I woke up in a fright, and told my mates around the fire of my dream.

" 'Ah, Jim,' said one, 'you'll get shot tomorrow, sure enough!'

"Well, I lived and when I returned home I went back to my old job. My dream still haunted me but, to my dismay, while I remembered the day and the month when I was supposed to die, I could not remember the year. So, thinking that it *might* come true, about July in each year I would get religious, going to church till November had gone by, and then I would have my fling in the world until the next July came around.

"But this fear of death so depressed me that finally I resolved to shoot myself and end it all. However, I said to myself, 'Well, Jim, you don't want to go to hell, but pull that trigger and you'll be there. So I gave that up. Then as each November came around, I became so distracted, for I felt I was a sinner, facing death, and knew no remedy.

"Then one day, when I could bear it no longer, I rushed off to see a minister whose church I went to from July to November. Bursting into his study, I said to him, 'Sir, we pay you to tell us these things; now tell me, what must I do to be saved?'

"He thought I had been drinking and handing me a card, he had me sign a pledge. 'Come back in a year's time,' he said, 'and tell me how you feel.'

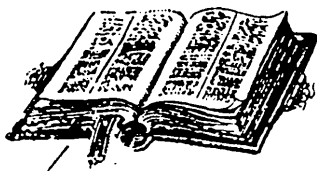
"I was no drunkard, but catching at a straw, I signed the pledge card. But on the way home it flashed into my mind that November was soon due. 'Go in a year's time!' I thought. 'Why, I might be in hell before then!' Trusting my salvation to this kind of thing would never do.

"Some months before, a dear, devoted servant of God had met me and given me tracts. I hated him and crossed the street to avoid meeting him. But now impelled to, I crossed the street and asked him for a tract. The dear, godly man remarked, 'I knew it would come to this some day.'

" 'Why?' I asked.

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Rich Man and Lazarus

New Word: *Fared sumptuously:* Ate rich, costly food.

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

32 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Central Thought: We must believe the testimony of the Word of God and live in the fear of God if we are to escape eternal torment.



Questions:

1. Who is the story about?
2. What did Lazarus want from the rich man?
3. What happened to both men that happens to everyone?
4. Where did Lazarus go after death?
5. Where did the rich man go?
6. What was the rich man begging from the beggar Lazarus?
7. What did he ask Abraham to do for him?
8. How did Abraham answer the rich man?
9. Did the rich man want his five brothers to repent?

MEMORY VERSE

... If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:31



Let's Talk

In this lesson we see that Jesus is truly God for He knew what was happening in the eternal world. He heard the conversation between the rich man and Abraham. He heard the wails of the rich man when he cried for Lazarus to bring him just one little drop of water. Only one drop! Can you imagine how very thirsty he must have been? Jesus heard him plead with Abraham to send help to his five brothers so they would not come to this place of torment. Yes, Christ gave a good picture to us of life after death. He told us what it was like to receive the just reward for our actions.

In this life, Lazarus received evil things, but he kept his faith in God. His reward was great!

The rich man didn't seem to have any outstanding evil deeds, other than that he was selfish. This selfishness kept him from caring for the beggar, which he could have done, but in the eyes of the world, he may have been a rather nice guy; maybe even what men would call a Christian. We have no record of him breaking any of the laws of Moses. However, this rich man was much like some other rich men who came to Jesus and asked what they should do to have eternal life. They loved their riches. He loved his riches. He ate costly foods and dressed in the finest, expensive clothing, while the beggar lay at his gate without food or proper care for his afflicted body. The rich man had disobeyed the most important of all laws: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor [the beggar, in this case] as thyself." He ended up in hell. To make matters worse, he could see Lazarus. (The Bible doesn't say that Lazarus could see the rich man in torment). Maybe he couldn't see Lazarus all the time, but he could

see him long enough to beg a favor of him, and to ask Abraham to send him back to earth to warn his five brothers. "If one went from the dead, they will repent," he assures Abraham, "for then they will know how horrible this place is."

"It will do no good," Abraham tells him. "If they will not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

A lot of people think they would repent if one came back from the dead to assure them that life after death can really be bad for those who do not live for God. Make way! One is speaking from the dead. It is the rich man. Listen to him! He is speaking to you about torment! Hear him utter his regrets of having rejected God's love! He says, "I am tormented in this flame! Testify to my brethren, lest they also come into this place of torment!"

I beg you to believe what the rich man has to say about life after death, instead of believing the stories that are being publicized which are supposed to be real experiences on the other side of death. Most of them seem so very different to what the rich man experienced that I can't help believing that they are not true.

—Sis. Charlotte

A SERPENT PUZZLE

- S — — — — — (Genesis 3:1)
 F — — — — — (Numbers 21:6)
 B — — — — — (2 Kings 18:4)
 C — — — — — (Job 26:13)
 W — — — — — (Matthew 10:16)

In each chapter mentioned you will find an adjective describing a serpent, starting with the letter given, and having as many letters as there are dashes. Print the missing letters on the dashes. Who is the serpent? (Rev. 12:9).

(Answers: 1. A rich man and a beggar named Lazarus. 2. Food. 3. They both died. 4. To heaven. 5. To hell. 6. A drop of water for his parched tongue. 7. To send Lazarus back to earth to warn his brothers about torment. 8. He said that the brothers had the laws of God, and that if they did not believe in them, neither would they believe one who rose from the dead. 9. Yes.)

" 'Because from the look on your face I could see for some weeks what state of soul you were in,' he said.

"I went to see him that night, and went again and again after that. He spoke to me of Christ as the need of my soul. Then one night I went home rejoicing in Christ as my own Saviour.

"As I knelt by my bed, blessing God for my salvation, I suddenly jumped to my feet for it dawned on me what day it was. It was the 13th of November, and while in the past I had been uncertain of the date of the year, now my dream came back to me in all its clearness, and to my amazement the day, month, and year foretold had arrived, and I found I *had* died — *died with Christ*.

"Dead already in trespasses and sins, Christ had died FOR me, and now alive in Him, I realized that I need not fear, for God *was* with me. Such were the wondrous ways of God's grace. By His Spirit He brought me to a sense of my sinful state, and finally leading me to see the death of Christ on the cross as a substitute for me, freed me from fear and judgment, gave me pardon for my sins, and peace with God.

"I carried a Bible in my pocket to work and when one of the fellows saw me with it, he called out, 'I say, boys, Jim's been and joined the Hallelujah's.'

"At first I hid behind a pillar, but then I thought, 'This won't do,' so taking my Bible and standing forth in full sight, I said, 'Boys, I've been saved.' Then I gave them the gospel as well as I knew it, and when I looked around, I found every man had cleared out. From that day to this, never has a man been found to ridicule Christ in my hearing in all that shop."

After telling me his story, Jim and I parted, adoring God for His grace to us both.

Dear reader, Christ once suffered for sins. *Are you brought to God?*

"... God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

—Selected—

Christ the Only Refuge

A country minister once called at a cottage by the roadside and asked the lady who answered the door if she could read. He wished to lend her a little book called, *Christ, The Only Refuge*.

"No, sir," she replied. "I cannot read; but I have a little boy, nine years old, who can read. However, he is sick in bed."

"Well, give him this little book, and ask him to read it. I will call for it another time."

When he called again the mother burst into tears. "Sir, my boy is dead," she said, "and has left you this money."

"And did he read the little book?"

"Sir, he read it till he could repeat the whole of it. He talked of nothing else till he died. And to the last he begged that I would not give you back the book when you called; but to thank you and give you this money for it.

"And he begged that I would learn to read that book. Just before he died, he cried out, 'Mother, Christ is my only refuge! Christ is my only refuge! Do not part with the book; it will do for my father.' "

"In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge." Pro. 14:26.

—Selected

Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text.

Hebrews 2:3

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A Gift on Father's Day

"I was never so humiliated in my life! It was bad enough when you began associating with those fanatical church people; but now you even refuse to go to a social dance! What's the matter with you anyway?"

Mr. Alvin Montgomery waved his arms as he shouted, "Answer me! Are you trying to ruin us?"

"No, Daddy, I don't want to ruin you. I am a Christian now, and in order to— to be true to the Lord I must refuse to do anything that would grieve Him. That's why I don't care to go to the dance Friday night," Jean his daughter answered. "Why will that ruin you?"

"Simply because everyone I meet asks about you. People all over town have heard that you have taken up religion, and I have become the laughing-stock of my friends."

Jean looked up at her father. "I did not think you would be angry with me, Daddy; honest I didn't."

He assumed immediately that she was softening, and continued pleading, but with a calmer voice.

"I know you didn't, but now you can see how it has affected all of us. Please give up those foolish notions. Let's make things just like they were before you made this awful change."

He waited for an answer. "Let me think it over the rest of the day," she

requested. "Let's talk again tomorrow morning."

He left her with the assurance that her Christian faith had been broken.

In the meantime Jean was engaged in a battle. Down in her heart she knew that she would never be happy again with the same old sinful crowd. Salvation in Jesus Christ took the thrill out of worldly pleasure. Was it a "foolish notion" as her father had said? Did she make an "awful change"? She had never been really happy before the Lord Jesus Christ became her own Saviour, and she knew that none of her immediate family was happy. Their life consisted of dinners, dances, parties, and scurrying here and there. Was it wrong for her to permit the blood of Jesus Christ to wash her sins away and make her God's child? Jean was sure that it was not wrong. The change she had made was not "awful"; it was a joyous change.

But how was she to face her father? Jean knew that she must remain true to God. At the same time, however, she longed to encourage friendship with her father and to eventually win him for Christ. What was she to do?

An hour later, Jean sat in the home of Mrs. Alfred Barnes, who was her Sunday school teacher. It was she who had led Jean to Christ.

After hearing her student's problem, she said, "I'm sorry your father is so set against your being a Christian, Jean."

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Strange Servant

New Words: *Ten thousand talents:* Was the highest number known in the Greek arithmetical notation at that time thus it equals millions of dollars.
A hundred pence: A few dollars.

Matt. 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Central Thought: God's ability to forgive us is based upon our attitude of forgiveness toward others.

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” Heb. 2:3.

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus tell this story?
2. Who is the story about?
3. Why was the king angry with his servant?
4. What kind of attitude did the king show?
5. What kind of attitude did this servant show to another servant?
6. Did the king approve of the servant's action?
7. How did the king show his disapproval?
8. What were the king's actions based upon?
9. What are God's actions in forgiveness toward us based upon?

MEMORY VERSE

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:26



Let's Talk

Jesus teaches another lesson through a story. The king in the story represents God and the two servants represent any two people. The king had compassion on the servant when the servant cried helplessly before him. In the same manner God freely forgives men who cry for mercy. The same person who is forgiven sometimes will not forgive another for some little injury. How terribly foolish is man!

Jesus told this story so that we could see how inconsistent it is to expect God to forgive us of our great debt of sin unless we will forgive other people for the petty injuries they inflict upon us. The real truth is that no matter how much we expect forgiveness from God, we will not be forgiven until we forgive others.

The nature of people is to "get even" with the person who injures. Even God, in His laws given to Moses, allowed people to get even with others. The law was this: "And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death. And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast. And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; Breach [gash or wound] for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again." Lev. 24:17-20. The majority of carnally minded people think they would enjoy getting even. Maybe it wouldn't be too bad in minor things, but what can be gained by two people being minus an eye for the rest of their lives? What is gained by knocking someone's tooth out just because they have knocked out yours? You're just both without a tooth and suffering from a mighty sore jaw.

Jesus taught a better way to live. He taught us to forgive and that by being good to those who harm us we will "heap coals of fire on his head." The

world, however, does not understand this and they will persecute those who have the grace not to get even. Some will advise to not let it pass, saying that it is the offended's duty to see that the offender gets punished. Others will call you simple, stupid, or perhaps they will think you're crazy. So it is, and so it always has been, that the children of God are considered foolish to the people of the world.

It is far better to be considered foolish and have God's blessing upon us, than to seem wise in the eyes of the world and not be forgiven by God. Remember, Jesus said, "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." God has all power to forgive, but He has said that He will not forgive unless we forgive, and as God cannot lie (1 Sam. 15:29; Titus 1:2), He is then bound to not forgive regardless of the great power that He has.

What a strange servant he was to not forgive another man who owed him a small amount of money when he had been forgiven of a huge amount!

—Sis. Charlotte

SCRIPTURE TEXT WORD SEARCH

Prov. 28:13

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

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(Answers: 1. To teach a lesson on forgiveness. 2. A king and his two servants. 3. The servant owed him ten thousand talents. 4. An attitude of love and compassion. 5. An unforgiving, hard attitude. 6. No. 7. He put him in jail just as the servant had treated the other man. 8. How the servant treated his fellow servant. 9. How we forgive others.)

Jean dropped her head on one arm and sobbed.

"Do you believe, Jean, that if you follow the instructions of God's Word that He will work out this problem for you?"

Jean was startled. "Why, yes, but does the Bible tell me what to do?"

"The Bible has an answer to every problem, dear. Shall we find out what it says?"

Together they thumbed through the pages of the Bible. "You are perfectly right in your decision about dancing and worldliness."

"And I know the things I used to do are not pleasing to the Lord," Jean added. "No girl can possibly remain pure on the dance floor." She blushed slightly as thoughts of the past haunted her.

"The other problem to solve, now, is what to do about your father. Read Col. 3:20," said Mrs. Barnes.

Jean read, "'Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.' Why, Mrs. Barnes, if I do that I will have to go to that dance. My father will demand that I go!"

"The Bible plainly teaches that children are to honor and obey their parents. If you follow God's instructions, He will take care of you. Do you believe that?"

"Yes, but — what — if — ?"

Mrs. Barnes laid her hand tenderly on Jean's arm. "If your father demands that you go, then go in the Lord's name and He will deliver you."

The next morning Jean heard a rap on her door. It was her father. "Well, Jean, what have you decided?" he asked abruptly.

"I'd rather not go to the dance—" she began hesitantly.

"What! Do you mean that you refuse to do what I have asked?"

"I didn't say that, Daddy. I said I'd rather not go. I'm going to obey you, though."

Her father gasped. "Do you — do you mean that you will go if I insist?"

"Yes," Jean explained. "I will go if you insist. I don't want to, but the Lord will work it out some way."

He had never seen her that way before. Her dark eyes were wet with tears, but he saw in them innocence, and love. She was so different from the crowd that would be at the dance. A lump formed in his throat, and he swallowed hard. Somehow, he didn't want her to go as much as he did the day before. He didn't want to see pure, loving Jean in the arms of godless, immoral men swinging to the tune of some beastly number.

Like a flash he made up his mind. They could say what they wanted to. Jean would not be forced to go with that crowd against her will.

"Jean," his voice broke as he uttered her name. "I don't want you to go. Something tells me that you are far better than the rest of us and I want you to stay that way."

"Daddy!" she exclaimed and she was in his arms crying for sheer joy.

Months later Jean gave her father a gift for Father's Day. He opened it carefully, and found it to be her own photograph. At the bottom was written neatly, "To the best dad in all the world. Jean. Psalm 116:1." Then she was gone.

"Psalm 116:1," he mused. "I wonder what that verse says? Where's that old Bible we had around here?" He found it under a pile of magazines and newspapers, and he read, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications."

Alvin Montgomery laid the open Bible on a near-by table and walked softly but deliberately up the stairs to Jean's room. The door was open a crack. Without making a sound, he pushed the door open, slipped in and fell on his knees at her side.

"Oh, Daddy! I didn't know—"

"I kind of surprised you, didn't I, Jean? I just came to tell you that I want to love Him, too. I figured that Father's Day was a great time to make that change." —Selected



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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I Fought With A Tiger



A wounded, spotted tiger (leopardess) was lurking in the brush among the babul trees just a mile from the Inspection Bungalow! This was the news that greeted us when Ruth and I and our two little children arrived at Vaghard, January 13, to take the gospel to the villages in that area.

Ordinarily, these beasts confined their activities to the more mountainous section of Dindori, from whence they would slip up and kill the goats at the edge of the villages. But the long drought had dried up the mountain streams, and it is likely this spotted tiger had sought water at the lake near the bungalow.

There we were—staying in a house with the windows broken out of the doors, without even the protection of a gun. On trips to the usual “tiger belt,” I always carried my 30.6 Springfield rifle. This time it was nearly twenty miles away at home in Dindori. Should I return for it? Ruth and little Philip and Karen might be in real danger.

On the other hand, we had come to reach the lost natives of the Vaghard section, and I must have a message ready to take to them early in the morning, before the people went out in the fields, or took their cows and buffaloe out to graze. I remained to study and pray.

The fourteenth was a beautiful day. Madhu, my camp helper, and I left early for the village five miles away. We

had a blessed meeting with the natives. God was speaking to their hearts as they heard the Word in their native tongue. On our return to the bungalow, I had little more than sat down to breakfast when the gardener rushed in to tell me in great excitement: “Sahab, the wounded tiger has attacked Ashok! He is badly hurt. Will you get him and take him to the dispensary at Dindori and return and kill the tiger?”

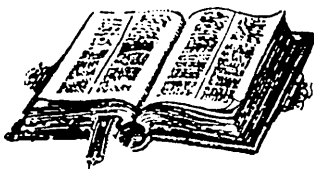
“Yes, Tukaram,” I assured him. “I will go and get Ashok and take him for treatment.” But how could I answer the other part of his request? Wounded tigers are extremely dangerous. But if I refused, what defense did they have against the beast? Besides, it might be a means of winning them to Christ. For the sake of the gospel I decided to risk my life, and I told Tukaram, “Yes, I’ll bring back my rifle and try to kill the tiger.”

After Ashok was safely in the care of Nurse Ella Schafer at Dindori, I returned to Dindori with my rifle, a hunting knife, and a good supply of cartridges. It was 2 o’clock in the afternoon by that time, and I found a crowd of probably a hundred natives, awaiting me. With the tiger only fifty feet away from them, crouching out there in the bush, I felt that someone would get killed. I didn’t realize it would come so near to being me!

Rifle filled with cartridges, one shell in the barrel, and with ten natives fol-

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Heals Eleven Lepers

New Word: *Leper:* A person who has the disease of leprosy.

Mark 1:40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;

44 And he saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

Luke 17:11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Lev. 13:46 All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.

Central Thought: Jesus' compassion is forever toward those who reverence Him; He is therefore due our thanksgiving.



Questions:

1. What did the leper say to Jesus?
2. What feelings did Jesus have toward the leper?
3. Did he heal the man?
4. How many lepers met Jesus as He went into the village?
5. What did they say to Jesus?
6. When were these men healed?
7. Why do you think they were healed?
8. Which of the ten came back to thank Jesus?
9. What kind of attitude did the other nine show?

MEMORY VERSE

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts . . . and be ye thankful.

Colossians 3:15



Let's Talk

The leper called out to Jesus, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His hand, touched him, and said, "I will; be thou clean." What marvelous words: "I will," coming from the Creator of the universe. Sometimes men get "the big head" and will then not consider being friends or helping certain low-down people.

Well, a person who had the disease of leprosy was pretty low down. He was cast out of his home and city. The people had such great fear of getting the disease from one who already had it that they would not go near a leper. It was obligatory in the land of Judaea that anyone with leprosy must call in a loud voice, "Unclean, unclean!" whenever he saw someone coming toward him. How much lower can a person get? Jesus knew all these pressures that the leper was suffering. He knew how others were afraid to get near a leper. He felt compassion for the poor man. He had no fear of the disease. He was the Creator of the universe; a superhuman, and God at the same time. Yet He considered the feelings of this poor leper and said, "I hear you. I will make you well." He did.

What a beautiful attitude Jesus portrayed! He is our example. Let us seek Him to have a humble, loving, fearless, compassionate attitude like His.

The second part of the lesson is a record of Jesus healing not one, but ten lepers. The ten men were together. This was not uncommon, for the lepers had to stay away from people who were not afflicted with the disease. They were forced by law to live outside of the city. Living alone outside the protection of the city walls and its inhabitants was dangerous, besides being very lonely. Wild animals looking for a good meal were ever ready to attack. For their own

protection and comfort lepers lived together and helped one another.

As Jesus was nearing the village, the ten men saw Him. Somewhere they had heard about Jesus' compassion and power. Perhaps they had heard it from the other leper that Jesus had healed. Together they cried out, "Master, have mercy on us." Again Jesus responded to a cry for help.

"Go shew yourselves unto the priests," He said to them. Immediately the ten men started for the priests. In their hearts they must have believed that Jesus had made them well although there was no sign of them being well. The law required the priests to look at them and pronounce them well before they could return to live again in the city. As they were going, each realized that he was **WELL!** Nine of them were ungrateful. They must have been thinking only of being well, getting an okay from the priest, and getting back into normal life. One, however, was different. He was not a man who knew the truth of God's Word about being thankful. He was a Samaritan, one of those despised, low-down people. Shouting praises to God while he was running, he came back to Jesus and fell down at His feet.

"Just look at this," Jesus said. "Only this one Samaritan has come back to thank me. Weren't ten healed?"

—Sis. Charlotte

Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text.

G **I** **N** Eph. 5:20.
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(Answers: 1. "If you will, you can make me clean [well]."; 2. A feeling of compassion; 3. Yes; 4. Ten; 5. "Master, have mercy on us." 6. As they went to see the priest; 7. Because they believed; 8. The Samaritan; 9. An ungrateful attitude.)

lowing me with spears, I advanced cautiously into the brush to search out the wounded animal. When I had gone perhaps fifty feet, I suddenly realized I was alone! The natives had deserted me!

A few steps farther into the brush I crouched, rifle pointing straight in front of me. Then it happened! About thirty feet ahead of me, I heard the roar of the maddened beast, and the next thing I knew, the tiger had sprung at me. I fired, and for some unknown reason, the cartridge failed to go off. There was no time to reload, for in an instant, the tiger hit my rifle barrel with such force that the rifle was sent flying.

Somehow — by the grace of God, I'm sure — I knew I had to try to choke the tiger to death. As we rolled about on the ground, I got the great cat's head between my knees and squeezed, but the head slipped away. After the tiger's escape, I noticed it was not only panting, but surprised at my comeback.

And then I saw God undertake for me in a very real way. During the combat, my left leg was badly wrenched, and the powerful claws had torn open the back of my shoe and it flew off. During this momentary lull in the battle, I had become so groggy and so sick from the smell and loss of blood, so near passing out that I had even forgotten to try to retrieve my rifle. It was just then that I felt it under my stockinged foot. I knew God had directed me to it!

In a trice I had it in my hands, inserted a cartridge, and fired — and nothing happened. What a sickening feeling came over me! This was my chance and the gun had failed again! My heart cried out to God in prayer, even as I heard the beast roaring and ready to spring again. Quickly another cartridge slid into place and again I fired. Dimly I heard the explosion and saw the tiger slump. I pumped another cartridge into its head and saw the eyeball protrude and knew the battle was over. I praised God for His intervention and for taking me through one of the hardest physical battles of my life.

"But is it over?" I wondered. Blood was flowing from the gash near my eye. My left hand was practically useless as blood poured from the hand and arm. My chest had been raked and my left leg was clawed in many places.

"Help! Come help me!" I cried over and over, but the cautious natives would not risk coming so near to the tiger for fear that it might not really be dead. At last a government man made his way to where I sat leaning against a tree. A tourniquet was quickly tied on my left wrist, and pressure applied near my temple.

Not even realizing I was in a state of shock, I struggled through a small swamp en route to the truck, refusing to be carried. Someone brought me a drink of water. Then, because no one else could do so, I drove the heavy truck back to the bunaglow, carrying on it the dead body of the beast that had so nearly ended my life.

The gruesome sight of me almost shocked Ruth to death when I arrived at the bunaglow in my torn, bloodsoaked clothing. There was urgent need for help and I was rushed into the operating room. Skillful hands began the task of cutting away my muddy, clotted clothing, and cleaning the wounds. Then the stitches were taken, and with rest and care, I found the wounds healing in just a few days.

Looking back over the nightmare experience, I can trace God's hand so clearly, directing me in the fight with the tiger. I realize how He gave wisdom and clarity of thought just when it was needed, and strength to win the battle. Already we see indications that this nearly-fatal experience is opening some homes in Dindori to listen to the gospel, where previously Ruth had been refused entrance.

It is the earnest prayer of our hearts that God may use this experience to the means of bringing many hearts to know Christ as Saviour. Thus again will "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28).

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Bemvindo

The village of Bom Jesus in Brazil years ago was anything but what its name might suggest. Actually it was a most unholy place, and being far away from any city, it was also very lawless.

In that village there lived a young boy named Bemvindo, which means, "Welcome." Bemvindo grew up to be a short, though powerfully built young man, strong of arm, naturally courageous, and very ready with his weapons. He had spent some time in prison for knifing an enemy, and was generally considered in those parts a man to fear.

It happened that one day two Brazilian preachers visited the village, hoping to preach the gospel there, but at first they could find no one willing to let them have a house or a room for a meeting. In fact, twelve men, having heard of their intention, vowed that the gospel should never be preached in the village, and swore to kill any preacher and break up the meeting.

The news of their intention reached the ears of Bemvindo, and out of bravado he opened his house to the preachers. Then he invited his neighbors, including those twelve men, to come and hear the gospel. At the appointed hour they all came, and so did the twelve men. These found Bemvindo waiting to welcome them. He was on his doorstep, armed with a revolver and knife. He invited them up with the threat that if any of them mounted the steps to the

house, he would shoot them quite dead. The twelve held a council meeting outside to discuss so important a matter. Their discussion took so long that the meeting inside went on and was finished before they had come to any decision as to what course they should take under the circumstances.

Further meetings followed and at last the twelve decided that their cause was hopeless. The gospel had come to stay.



Bemvindo therefore had no longer any need to stand guard, so he attended the meetings himself. His heart was opened to receive the blessed message of the gospel, how that God so loved poor sinners like himself that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to die upon the cross for sin. Now whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Bemvindo believed and was soundly converted. So were many more. He became a faithful follower of Christ, married into a nice Christian family, and often did they entertain the gospel preachers who visited their village.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus

New Words: *Stature:* Height.
Garment: An outer covering.

Luke 19:1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor: and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

Mark 10:46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the

more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Central Thought: We must not let any obstacle prevent us from getting to Jesus, for He has a great reward for all who come to Him.



Questions:

1. Why did Zacchaeus have trouble seeing Jesus?
2. How did Zacchaeus overcome his problem?
3. What good character traits did he show?
4. What was his commitment to Jesus?
5. What reward did he receive for committing his life to Jesus?
6. What kind of attitude did Bartimaeus have?
7. What action shows his excitement toward Jesus?
8. What did Jesus say had made Bartimaeus well?
9. What did Bartimaeus do after being healed?

MEMORY VERSE

... Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luke 11:9b



Let's Talk

Both Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus lived in Jericho. Bartimaeus probably did not know Zacchaeus, but Zacchaeus may have known Bartimaeus, for he was a beggar. In countries where there is no aid given for the support of the blind, the blind are forced by necessity to beg. After years of sitting alongside heavily traveled walk-ways, or near markets where many people come, the beggar becomes known by many. Bartimaeus seems to have been known, for his name is written in the story of his healing. Matthew, writing about this same healing, says that there were two blind men healed that day.

Jericho was a city of priests. The priests had not been able to heal blind Bartimaeus and neither had they lived in a manner to influence Zacchaeus to live honestly. He had become rich, partly by taking from other men by false accusation. Taking from others through overcharging taxes was a common practice of the publicans. They were tax collectors. Here's how it was done: Say Mr. Simmons owes \$140.00 in taxes. The chief or manager could change the taxes to \$180.00. The extra \$40.00 would be for himself. This could happen all the way down the line, until when the poor person paid his taxes, they had increased greatly. Because of such actions as these, all publicans were considered the worst of sinners.

Zacchaeus may have been a bad sinner, but he wanted to see Jesus. Something about his being was gnawing at him to go and see Jesus.

Seeing Jesus was not easy for short Zacchaeus. He had to climb a tree and make a spectacle of himself. Many of the priests were there to look upon him with scorn but this didn't stop him. He really wanted to see Jesus, so he did!

Jesus knew Zacchaeus' heart and gave him special recognition in front of all

the scorners. "I am going home with you today," Jesus said.

"Oh, if you will do that, I will give half my goods to the poor, and I will repay quadruply (four times) everything I have taken wrongly!" said Zacchaeus.

"You are saved today," answered the Lord Jesus, "for I see that you are a real son of Abraham."

How angry the priests and Pharisees were when they saw Jesus accepting a wicked man like Zacchaeus. They didn't understand, but Zacchaeus wasn't wicked any longer!

Bartimaeus was like Zacchaeus. He would not let other people hinder him from getting to Jesus, either. When he heard the noise and was told that it was because Jesus was going by, he called out loudly for help. Others who were standing nearby told him to be quiet, but he continued to call. Then even more people told him to calm down. He kept right on shouting, "Have mercy on me!"

Finally a man said, "Jesus is calling for you!" He didn't say timidly. "Is He really calling me? Maybe I had better go and see what he wants." Instead of talking timidly, Bartimaeus quickly threw the wrap off his shoulders and hurried toward Jesus. He had faith that Jesus was not only going to hear him, but also heal him. That is why he continued to call out for Jesus when other men were telling him to be quiet.

Yes, Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus both had a character trait that we all need: *determination*! Do you have the determination to live for Jesus regardless of what others say about you? If you do, you will receive blessings, just as they did.

—Sis. Charlotte

Jesus said: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Rev. 3:20

(Answers: 1. He wasn't very tall. 2. He climbed up into a tree. 3. Determination. 4. To give half of his goods to the poor, and to repay four times the amount of anything he had taken falsely. 5. He received salvation and a personal visit from Jesus. 6. A determined one. 7. He cast away his garment, rose, and went to Jesus. 8. His faith. 9. He followed Jesus and praised God.)

The Young Shoemaker

Day after day Berthelot worked away mending shoes in his little shop overlooking the narrow street. He was poor, and not only that, he was a cripple, his body was twisted and partly paralyzed. But worse than that, young Berthelot was unhappy, and the hard look on his face reflected the bitterness of his spirit. Why was it his lot to be crippled and weak while others were healthy and strong? Oftentimes he would make unkind and rude remarks to people as they passed by his open window. It is not surprising that few stopped to talk to the unhappy, young shoemaker.

But one day to his surprise he heard a friendly voice call out, "Berthelot!" and he looked up to listen.

"Berthelot, have you ever thought that God may have allowed your body to be twisted so that you might learn how to have a straight soul? Please take this book and read it. See if it does not make you happy." Smilingly the stranger handed him a New Testament and then went on his way.

Never before had Berthelot had such a book and this was the beginning of a new chapter in his life. He started to read, and the more he read the more interested he got. Thoroughly absorbed in his new treasure he read the book again and again. Slowly it came home to him how crooked his soul was, and that, like the prodigal son, he had wandered far from God. He felt miserable.

But then he learned that there was One who loved him; yes, really loved poor, unhappy, crippled Berthelot. Until now he had thought that no one ever loved him, and this made him so disagreeable that scarcely anyone spoke kind words to him! But now he was reading of One who loved him enough to die for him, and even to bear the punishment which his sins deserved.

Just as he was he came to Jesus, weary, worn, and sad. He found in Him a resting place. He found the One who made him glad.

So he found peace and forgiveness, and his life was completely changed.

He said one day, "Mercy has found me. The love of God which pardons the greatest sinners should be put on a hill to be seen by all the world."

Dear reader, do you know that the One who loved Berthelot loves you, too? He wants to make your crooked, lonely soul straight, to give you forgiveness and peace, and to make you what He wants you to be. Will you not surrender yourself to Him and prove to all that His love has won your heart? —Sel.

An Irish Boy's Victory

An evangelist in Ireland one night was preaching from the text, ". . . His right hand, and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory." Ps. 98:1.

There came into the hall a ragged, pale-faced, little boy and sat near the front. He kept his eyes on the preacher all through the service and seemed to drink in God's precious truth. Next Sunday he came again, but after that he was seen no more.

Two months passed and then late one night an Irish man knocked at the preacher's door, and said, "Oh, sir, come at once to my little boy. He is very ill. He heard you preach and he wants to see you."

"I will come in the morning," said the preacher.

"Oh, but please," pleaded the father, "the morning will be too late. You must come tonight, for he is dying."

The preacher followed the man two miles across the fields till they came to a solitary cabin. He entered and in a corner on some straw lay the little boy, sadly the worse and not long for this world.

The boy recognized the evangelist, pressed his hand and raising his other thin, little arm to heaven, he whispered, "His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory." Then his happy spirit passed away and he was at home with his Saviour. —Selected

