

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Earth's Beginning

"Maybe your science teacher would be interested in seeing some of the fossils that you have found," Mr. Meed said to Jim as they were going home from the river.

"That sounds like a great idea! At least it would be more interesting than discussing how the world was born. Everyone in the class has to find some theory about the world's beginning and write 300 words giving reasons the theory could or could not be true," Jim said disgustedly.

"Hmm, there are some very odd beliefs about it," said Mr. Meed. Some think that a star exploded and one chunk of it got caught by the sun's gravity. They believe this then became the earth. Others believe that a star passed close to the sun and pulled long arms of gases from the sun. Eddies swirled within the arms of gas. They theorize that the gas cooled and somehow formed the planets. One of the most popular beliefs among scientists is that the earth was formed out of the myriad small fragments in a great cloud of dust and gases swirling around the young sun. As bits and pieces of cosmic debris collided, the earth became larger and larger, as did the other objects in the inner solar system, including the moon. Many other scientists have believed the earth was a ball of fire spun off by the sun, then cooled."

"But how could any of these theories be true, when the earth was created before the sun?" Jim asked.

"They couldn't be," Mr. Meed answered, "that is what you are to prove."

"I think I want to write only what the Bible says about the earth's creation. I know I'll get laughed at, but what the Bible says seems more likely to be how it happened than the other theories."

"You think so. But what about the children who have read only books with the evolutionary point of view?"

"Well," Jim said after thinking for awhile, "the evolution theory is that everything began from a cloud of gas and dust. Even people, they say, evolved from this speck! How could such a theory as that, be scientifically proven?" Jim asked.

"A question on my last science test was, 'How do scientists find facts?' I wrote, 'First, a scientist forms a theory. Then the theory must be tested many times under different conditions, and proven to either be right or wrong. Also, it must be observed over a period of time.' My answer was right. The theory of evolution then cannot be a scientific fact. It can't be tested, nor observed. No man was there at the beginning to see what was happening."

"Neither was anyone watching God create everything," Mr. Meed added. "So you see, whatever we believe about

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Real "Big Bang"

II Peter 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Colossians 1:16 For by him [Jesus] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Revelation 10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And swore by him [God] that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

Central Thought: Scientists have placed the "big bang" at the wrong end of time. The earth began at God's command. At God's command it will end in a "big bang."



Questions:

1. Name one reason Peter wrote this epistle.
2. Who will come in the last days?
3. Are the scoffers willingly ignorant?
4. How was the world destroyed?
5. What will happen to the earth in the future?
6. What will happen to the elements?
7. By what was the earth formed?
8. Who created all things?
9. Why is the Lord worthy to receive glory and honor and power?

MEMORY VERSE

... The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

II Peter 3:10



Peter wrote in one of his epistles that "that earth will pass away with a great noise." These epistles, or letters, were written to the brethren who had moved from their home countries to other places because of persecutions against Christians. These letters are called First and Second Peter. I think of these letters to be like the news letters that we get in the mail today. These news letters have many encouraging thoughts that are shared with whomever cares to read them. They are not personal letters to just one person, but the messages in them can be taken personally. The chapter we are studying today was a message to those brethren and is also a personal message for us.

Peter encouraged the brethren to be true to Christ. He warned them that scoffers would laugh at them and question, "When will this Christ come? Ever since we have heard that Jesus is coming again, everything has been the same as since the creation!"

Peter said, "Don't let what they say bother you, for Christ will keep His promise and come again. To us it may be a thousand years, but to Christ it may be like only one day."

I note that those scoffers believed that God created the earth. Many scoffers, however, do not believe in God and they are busy trying to prove that God did not create the earth. The most popular theory of how the universe began is the "big bang" theory. Perhaps you have seen educational movies that picture the earth being formed in this way. Many of our national parks show these films. This theory assumes, as a basis for reasoning, that some time, billions and billions of years ago, vast fields of gas gradually became tightly compacted. Tighter and tighter they became until they began glowing with heat. Finally set off by its own heat, or heat from who knows where, the gas exploded! The blast from the explosion shot the galaxies into space at unbe-

lievable speeds. These whirling masses of molten universes, including our earth, have been rushing out through eternity ever since.

Now where the gas came from, no one can guess. The same men who teach that the earth was formed from the explosion of hot gas, at the time of the "big bang" also believe that the forming of natural gas took millions of years during a time when water covered much more of the earth's surface than it does today. They say, "Down through the ages, great quantities of tiny marine plants and animals called plankton died and settled to the ocean floors. They were covered by sand and mud. Many of these layers formed and were changed by heat, pressure, and bacteria into gas."

A great many explosions have occurred when gas became ignited by fire. Many trailer houses and even large homes have been blown to pieces. But never has it been known that large rocks were formed from gas at these explosions and went orbiting through the air. How can we believe that our solar system and the 100 billion stars forming the giant pinwheel that orbit through space came from a "big bang?"

Apostle Peter seems to be telling us of a "big bang" in the future. He said, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also . . . shall be burned up."

Scientists have placed the "big bang" at the wrong end of time. Instead of being at the beginning of the earth, it will be at the end!

—Sis. Charlotte

I Know

"How do you know that Christ is risen?" a scoffer asked an old Christian.

"I spent an hour with Him this morning," the old saint replied quietly.

"I know whom I have believed." (II Timothy 1:12).

—Selected

(Answers: 1. To help Christians remember the things spoken by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of the Lord and Saviour. 2. Scoffers. 3. Yes. 4. By being overflowed with water. 5. It will be burned up, not burned over. 6. They will melt. 7. By the Word of God. 8. Jesus. 9. Because He has created all things.)

earth's beginning depends on where we put our faith. People will either have faith in the evolutionary books written by men who do not fear God, or they will have faith in the Bible which was written by holy men of God.

"Jim," Mr. Meed said, looking very serious, "John Dewey said that the *Origin of Species* would change the way men acted toward other men, towards their country, and towards God. Mr. Raven said, 'Darwin's doctrine was not about physics and chemistry but about man's place in things and his religion.' These men knew that the theory of evolution was not scientific, but that it was spiritual. Whatever a person believes about the beginning of everything is the basis of what he thinks about God."

"Is there any record besides the Bible about God's creation work?"

"Yes, there are many records. One of the oldest are the thousands of Ebla Tablets in northern Syria. Some pre-flood writings have been found in the ruins of Ur, Kish, and Fara. Other historical documents written soon after the Flood, were found at Obeid, near Ur, and at Larsa. The many fossils buried in the earth are also excellent records.

"Is Genesis the only book of the Bible that tells about the formation of the earth?"

"No, there are places scattered all through the Bible about creation. One verse in Hebrews 11:3, says, 'The worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen, [such as the earth, life, planets, sun, etc.] were not made of things which do appear.' Is it hard for you to believe that everything we see came into being from nothing but God's command?"

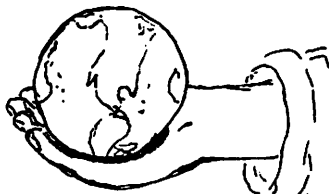
"Nope! There is no way that billions of stars, moons, planets and meteorites would be forever whirling around in space and not be knocking each other out of orbit. Only God could design a plan for it all."

"Well, Jim, you are on the right track," Mr. Meed said. "I hope no one ever bumps you off."

"I think Jesus believed God created the universe, so that's what I believe,

too. Remember, I promised myself and my friends that I would do what Jesus would do. Anyway, I don't think God needed to use a long, long evolutionary process to make things. He made fish and bread for the 5000 hungry men to eat as fast as they could eat, so He didn't need 4½ billion years to get the earth like it is now. All He had to do was say, 'Let there be . . . ' and there it was! That's what my report will be about."

—Charlotte Huskey
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Our Young Earth



How long does it take to make an island, a canyon, or a mountain?

The fisherman threw out his net. The cold November wind lashed his face and caught his net, pulling it towards Iceland. Far across the icy waters of the North Atlantic, he spotted smoke! "Look," he motioned to his partner, "a ship's on fire!"

Moments later he radioed, "There's a volcano erupting out here 4 miles from Geirfuglasker."

Dr. Thorarinsson was there in a couple of hours. Two years later, in 1965, he built a house on the new island that had been named Surtsey. It was headquarters for scientists studying the new plants and animals that invaded the island.

Several leading evolutionary geologists watched as natural forces within the earth formed not only a new island, but one with a landscape that appeared to be thousands of years old. "The varied and mature landscape was almost beyond belief," Dr. Thorarinsson said. "What elsewhere may take thousands of years . . . the same development took weeks or even a few days here."

Evolutionists use a uniformitarian time scale for estimating the age of the earth, rocks, fossils, etc. According to this time scale, changes in the earth's surface are a gradual process rather than sudden upheaval. Geologists were

taught by Surtur (the new volcano) that this time scale could be very misleading.

Shortly after the island's first birthday it had a mountain, which has an active volcano, wide sandy beaches, impressive cliffs which were greyish-white and resembled the cliffs on the English Channel. There were hollows, secluded valleys, soft waving surfaces, boulders worn almost round by the surf. Gales and sandstorms dealt blows on this island within its second year.

Some geologists watched as small amounts of lava flowed gently down to the edge of the sea. The cold sea water splashed upon the hot lava. It shattered into a billion small bits of sand! Yes, Surtsey is a two-year-old island that looks like it could be 10,000 years old! What scientists learned at Surtsey is good evidence that our earth is also much younger than what is taught from many books.

The violent eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980, gave some more geologic surprises. In six minutes it leveled enough trees to build 640,000 houses. The mountain paradise was turned into a badland.

Mud and rock avalanched into Spirit Lake causing waves up to 850 feet high on the north shore of the lake. As the water returned to the lake, it scoured slopes of trees, plants, soil, and volcanic debris, dumping a 320-foot-thick deposit on the bottom of the lake. This wood, bark, and plant life under the log

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WORDS OF GOLD



Those First Five Days

New Words: *Firmament:* The arch or vault of the heavens, sky, atmosphere.
Void: Empty or vacant.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

16 And God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and

the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Central Thought: What we believe about the age of the earth has a great deal to do with our faith.

Questions:

1. Describe the earth soon after God created it.
2. When were light and darkness created?
3. What was the firmament and how was it used?
4. On what day did God remove earth's covering of water and let land appear?
5. Did grass, plants, and fruit trees appear the same day in which dry land appeared?
6. What was created first: the sun, stars, moon, or earth?
7. What day did fish and birds appear on earth?
8. What mammals were created on this day, that are still on earth?

MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:1



Let's Talk

If we would have been there on the first day of creation, we would have been as a blind person, for there was no light, at least not until God said, "Let there be light." Then zap—there was light! This light was not sunlight, for God had not yet created the sun.

On the second day, we might have seen billows and billows of vapor rising from the earth. We know that heated water turns into vapor or steam and rises into the air, but there was no sun, nor wood, nor gas with which to heat the water on that second day of creation. But the water arose and formed a canopy of water in the sky which would later protect earth from the harsh rays of the sun and other dangers of the outer atmosphere.

On the third day you might have heard His great voice thunder, "Let there be . . ." then tremble as you felt the mighty rushing wind of God's power sweeping across the water that covered all the earth. This wind is forcing the water into torrents that plunge into the lower parts of the earth until the tops of mountains appear. The water rushes on until whole mountains are standing, peaked high into the sky, surrounded by large plains of dry land. You might have expected to see barren land, but not so. On this same day grasses and plants with seeds sprang up, also fruit trees which bore fruit with seeds. I'm sure after seeing such a miracle one would be filled with fear, praise, and admiration for God.

On the fourth day a very, very bright light may have appeared low on the horizon. It soon disappears, then you see a smaller one overhead that looks like a ball. On all sides of it are millions of very, very tiny lights. Some twinkling and some only glowing steadily. (Kenneth N. Taylor in *Creation And The High School Student*, said that on a clear night you can see only as much of the universe as an amoeba can see of

the ocean in which it drifts. Standing at night on the beach and trying to count the stars would be as impossible as trying to count the grains of sand on which you are standing. The heavens do declare the glory of God.)

On the fifth day of being with God during the creation, we would suddenly have noticed many, many different kinds of fish in the lakes and oceans that were empty of life two days ago. Not only were fish in this water, but some mammals, too, for whales were created on this day. Many different kinds of birds were also flying overhead, for God's great power had brought forth the birds when He said, "Let the fowl multiply in the earth."

Many Christians like to match the creation story from the Bible with the theory that it took billions of years for plants, fish, animals and man to inhabit the earth. They say that each day of creation was a long period of time or that there were many gaps between the record in Genesis. When the disciples were in the boat on the stormy sea, Jesus walked on the water and at His Word the howling storm was still. At His Word blind eyes were opened, crippled men walked, the deaf heard. Could not the world be created in one week at His command?

Is it very important that we believe the first few chapters of Genesis just as they are? Did Christ believe them? What did the apostles say about creation? The apostles and Jesus believed Genesis to be true. Phyllis Kester, author of *What's All This Monkey Business?* said the first chapters of Genesis are referred to at least 100 times in the New Testament. Paul told Timothy, "All Scripture is given by God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction." The creation happened a long time ago, but that should never cause us to doubt the divine power manifested in it all.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. It was dark, without form and empty. 2. On the first day. 3. It was above the earth from the water that lay covering the earth. 4. On the third day. 5. Yes. 6. Earth. 7. On day five. 8. The whales.)

mat, and water pressure has already formed peat. Peat is the first material in the formation of coal. This peat is already much like certain coal beds of the eastern United States. Until now, scientists have believed that coal was formed over thousands of years. They will be testing this peat often.

Twenty-three square miles of a valley on the north side of the mountain was covered to an average depth of 150 feet with rockslide and volcanic debris. In this valley, rills and gullies formed within five days which geologists would have thought to have taken hundreds of years. Some of these gullies are 50 feet deep. A miniature "Grand Canyon" over 100 feet deep was said to have formed in one day. The erosional features of Mount St. Helens are not unique, but are similar to those seen elsewhere.

At Lituya Bay, Alaska, an enormous wave destroyed the forest along the shore as high as 1720 feet above the ocean. It stripped the hills of vegetation and changed the mountain into a wasteland. Such stripping would have taken thousands of years under normal conditions.

On November 20, 1980, at Lake Peigneur, Louisiana, a well driller accidentally penetrated an underground salt mine. Two hundred forty million cubic feet of lake water emptied suddenly into the mine. This caused tree-like patterns of channels in the lake bed for a depth of 200 to 300 feet.

On the night of June 8, 1974, a rain storm in southern Brazil eroded a valley 16 feet deep, 50 feet wide, and 1600 feet long in a gently sloping field.

Scientists estimate that the 277 mile long Grand Canyon, carved by the Colorado River, took 3 to 6 million years to form. This all took place long before man kept records of erosion. But one of the world's largest man-made disasters was the unrestrained flooding of this same river between 1905-07. In nine months the runaway river formed 43 miles of channels with an average width of 1000 feet, and depth of 50 feet. It removed almost four times the amount of dirt removed while digging the

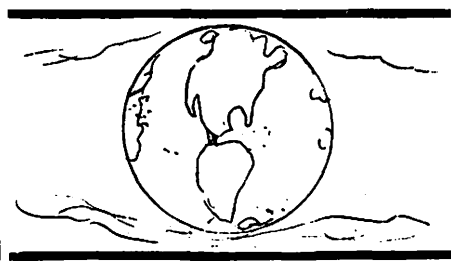
Panama Canal. If the Colorado River had kept eroding at that rate for 113 years, it could have cut another canyon as large as the Grand Canyon. Or, if it had kept up the same rate for just 3 million years, the canyon it carved could be 2000 times deeper than the Grand Canyon. This is not considering possible earthquakes or other upheavals that could have helped in forming the Grand Canyon. This is just more evidence leading us to believe that the earth is young.

The moon also tells us that the earth is young. Scientists believe that the earth and the moon are about the same age. They also know that strong ultraviolet light and X-ray's change rocks to dust at a very slow rate. Even this small amount could, during a billion years, cause the moon to have at least 20 miles of dust on its surface. But the astronauts did not sink into miles of dust when they landed on the moon. They only found enough dust to make good footprints!

Surtsey Island, Mount St. Helens, flooding, well drilling, a small amount of moon dust and a multitude of other evidence has caused many great scientists to believe that the earth is not 4½ billion years old, but only a few thousand!

—Sis. Charlotte

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Each After His Kind

Buried within the ground are many historical records of our earth. These records help men to know things that are not recorded in writing. Some of these records are hidden campgrounds of men who wandered from place to place living on the plants and wildlife of the area. Some are cities, covered over by earth, in which buildings, still standing, are found with tools, furniture, paintings, and other objects in them.

Other records, called fossils, let men know about living things of long ago. Although there are billions of fossils, they are few compared to the many plants and animals that have died. Most plants and animals decay or are eaten by animals. To form a fossil, the living things must be buried very quickly.

In Carlsbad Caverns, a bat is preserved in a stalagmite. The bat has not decayed, so we know the stalagmite grew very rapidly over the bat. Sometimes fossils are only the print of the plant or animal. Some of these show clearly the feathers, or delicate wings of insects, or fins and fleshy parts of the fish. Some mold fossils left by humans show the misery of the person the moment of his sudden burial. Sometimes fossil footprints of man or animals are found in limestone because it is much like cement and hardens quickly.

Men have for many years studied fossils to understand the past. But for the last 100 years, paleontologists (men who specialize in the study of fossils) have been hunting for fossils of animals that would link the different kinds of animals together. In this way they hope to prove that all animals are from the same ancestry. For example, if birds came from reptiles, then fossils should be found of animals that have both reptile and bird characteristics. Some fossils should be found that were just beginning to change from a reptile to a bird. Those fossils would have more characteristics of reptiles and less of birds, while other fossils would be mostly bird-like. When we talk about the connecting links, we are not talking about the different species of one kind of animal. Genesis says that God created each animal after his own kind. For instance, there are many different dogs, but they are all dogs. We have many different cats, but they are all cats. Animals that are part dog and part cat would be the missing link.

Many of the natural history museums exhibit different sizes of fossilized horses. It is an effort to get people to believe that horses evolved or changed from a very small, three-toed horse to the large horse of today. According to the evolutionists, the first horses lived 50 to 65 million years ago (long before the earth was created). The next horse called the middle horse lived 35 million

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WORDS OF GOLD



God Makes Animals And Men

New Word: *Have dominion:* Having rule or control.

Genesis 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Central Thought: The Biblical order in which God created life is not the same order that evolutionistic scientists say it developed.



Questions:

1. On the sixth day of creation, God created _____, _____, _____, and _____.
2. In whose image was man created?
3. Over what was man to have dominion?
4. What are the different groups of animals which God created?
5. In what way was the creation of man different than the creation of animals?
6. What was Adam's first duty?
7. How was woman created?
8. What did Adam say when he saw the first woman?
9. What did God do on the seventh day?

MEMORY VERSE

...What is man, that thou art mindful of him? . . . Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; . . . and didst set him over the works of thy hands.

Hebrews 2:6-7



Let's Talk

God did not create animals according to the way that evolutionists say they developed. According to their speculations, mammals were the last kind of animal to develop. The only written record telling about the appearance of animals on earth says that God created the fish of the sea and the mammals on the same day. Birds were also created that day. Evolutionists say that amphibians (animals that live both on land and in the water) developed after the fish and before the birds. The Bible says that creeping things, which would include amphibians (frogs, toads, salamanders, etc.), reptiles (snakes, lizards, turtles, etc.), insects, land worms, land mollusks and spiders, were created after some mammals and also after birds. Cattle and beasts of the field appeared the same day as did these creeping things, not millions of years later.

The Bible tells us that each of these animals was created "after its own kind," which means in its own group. All kinds of dogs would be one group or kind. All kinds of cows, oxen, water buffalo, etc., would be another kind. Evolutionists say that from the tiniest bit of life, all plants and animals developed. Man, who is the highest form of life, developed last. From the Word of God we read that creeping animals, cattle, beasts of the field, and man were created on the same day.

Although man was created on the same day as animals, his creation was a special act of God. Man's body was created, then God breathed into his nostrils and "man became a living soul." The male and female of animals were created at the same time. But woman was made from a rib of the man, and became a living soul. Their children were also living souls. People were created with much greater abilities. They are capable of solving problems and making decisions, because of their complex minds and reasoning powers.

By following their instincts animals do many wonderful things, but when presented with problems outside the bounds of their instinct, they cannot reason and solve problems. Take the ant as an example. Ants live in colonies, for their duties are so specific that they must have help from the other ants or they will perish. Each ant does the job it was born to do. Some gather food, some clean and feed the babies. Others are equipped with a nozzle in the head for squirting chemicals which tangle the legs and antennae of their enemies. These are the soldiers that protect the columns of ants as they carry food to the nest. Some ants keep slaves. Ants also make good "dairy farmers"—wood ants keep herds of aphids (their cows) underground. Some even build barns for their herds! Although the ant can do many things, it cannot reason nor choose the kind of work it does. The worker cannot say, "I'm bored with carrying food. I'm going to be a soldier."

Man's decision-making powers go beyond an animal's instinct. They can change their occupations, choose the size of their families, and communicate more intelligently. They can reason and therefore understand many things about earth and outer space, and are learning new things every day.

Man may someday also understand more about how God created things on the earth. Until he does, let's not be foolish enough to believe the unproven theories of evolution. For the evolution theory can not even qualify as a scientific theory, much less as a scientific truth!

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Cattle, creeping things, beasts, and man. 2. In God's image. 3. Over the fish, fowl, cattle, and every creeping thing. 4. Fish, birds, creeping things (reptiles, insects, amphibians, etc.), and cattle and beasts (mammals). 5. God put a living soul in man's created body. 6. To name the animals. 7. She was made from a rib taken from man. 8. "She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man." 9. He rested.)

years ago. Thirty million years ago, a little larger one was around. The next horse appeared about 26 million years ago. All of these horses had three toes. About 1 million years ago horses looked like they do today. So, we have 64 million years of horses slowly becoming larger and larger, but only five fossils, to supposedly prove it. If we found one for every million years, there should be 63 fossils showing this tiny three-toed creature becoming more and more like a modern horse.

Now let's think about what might happen if another million years passed and people found fossils of the different kinds of horses today. The American Miniature horse is sometimes only 18 inches (1½ feet) tall. Then there are Shetland ponies, 3 feet or more, the Wash pony, the Arabian, American Quarter and Saddle horses, the Shire and on up to the Belgian, which is over 6 feet tall and weighs as much as 2200 pounds. Each of these horses is larger than the one listed before and also a little different. They could be exhibited as the evolution of the horse, when really the horses were just different horses that lived at the same time.

There is one fact that the exhibits never state: "two modern-type horses were found in the same geological strata (the same layer of earth) as the horse that lived supposedly 50 to 65 million years ago." This proves that the horses lived at the same time, not 34 to 64 million years apart. The fossils they are exhibiting to be prehistoric horses look more like racing dogs, such as greyhounds, than like the straight-backed, long-faced modern horses. Their feet are more like dog's feet, too.

Another fossil, that of the bird, Archaeopteryz, is sometimes claimed to be a link between birds and reptiles, because it was thought to be a poor flyer, had claw-like growths on the edges of its wings, and had teeth. However, there are some birds, such as the ostrich, rhea, and penguin, who do not fly at all, yet they are true birds. The hoatzin which lives in South America and the touraco of Africa are much like

the Archaeopteryz and are classified as true birds. Were the teeth a sign that it was part reptile? Some reptiles, such as turtles, do not have teeth; some fish have teeth, some do not; some mammals have teeth, some do not; and some birds have teeth, some do not. Most paleontologists, however, do believe that the Archaeopteryx is a true bird because other fossils of true birds were found to have lived in the same period of time.

One Master Creator made everything, and He used the same ideas in many different kinds of plants and animals. Plants and animals may change depending on their environment, but scientists are finding that they change only within their own kind. They remain basically the same as when they were first created. The Sea Lily that is living today is identical to the fossils dated by evolutionists to be 136 million years old. Of course we know that the earth is not that old.

The bat looks like a bird and is a mammal, but it remains the same as fossils made from sudden burial those "50 million" years ago.

Men may look another hundred years for fossils to connect all animals together but will not find them. God created each animal after his own kind and put within that animal the ability to reproduce another like itself. Characteristics which he might acquire while living are not passed on to his young. God set the bound for animals to stay in their kind, and they will.

—Sis. Charlotte

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Plaster Of Paris Men

If man came from apes, then a million fossils should be around that show the linking characteristics between the two. According to the evolutionary theory, the change began more than 5 million years ago. I would think that with all the digging being done, there should be found at least one fossil for every five years of time.

It seems that men have a greater desire to find the missing link between man and the apes than the missing links between the other kinds of life. Let's look at some of the evidence they use to try to prove there is such a connection.

Back in 1891, Dr. Eugene Dubois thought that the missing link between man and the apes would be found in the East Indies. He went to Central Java and within a year he had dug up the top of a skull, a fragment of a left thigh bone, and three molar teeth. They were not found together, but within 50 to 75 feet of each other. Evolutionists of the time were thrilled with the find. Dr. Chapin said, "It is fortunate that the most distinctive portions of the human frame should have been preserved. Because of this we can reconstruct the entire being. This man stood half-way between the man and ape," he said. Now just what can be learned about a creature that lived supposedly 750,000 years ago from the top of a skull, a left thigh bone, and three molar teeth?

It was not until 1922 that scientists decided that the Java man, for so he was called, was just a big blunder. What Dr. Dubois had actually found was the skull of a gibbon, leg and premolar of a man, and two molars of an orangutan! However, for 30 years the Java man had been on exhibit in the museums and praised by the books as being the missing link between man and ape. Plaster of Paris did well to fill in the missing parts to connect together the skull of a gibbon, one tooth of a man and two of an orangutan, producing something that looked like a man.

Again the search was on and in 1926 the *Science Newsletter* announced, "The jungle speaks again on man's pre-human relatives: A perfect skull of prehistoric man is found. This find, which is complete and sound, will be kept in Dutch East India, as transportation of such relics is prohibited." This find turned out to be the knee bone of an extinct elephant!

Another famous would-be link between ape and man was the Piltdown man. Around 1910, Charles Dawson found a reddish-brown skull in a gravel pit where some road work was being done. Later, in the same pit, was found a jawbone of about the same color and two dark teeth. Dr. Arthur Smith of the British Museum created a bust of how he imagined this ape-like man looked. He named it the Piltdown man and placed it in the museum. The Piltdown

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WORDS OF GOLD



Some Changes On Earth

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, . . .

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, . . .

11 And he said, . . . Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: . . .

Central Thought: Adam's sin caused shocking changes that effected man, earth, and the serpent.



Questions:

1. Why did the woman want to eat of the fruit?
2. What change came over the man and woman after they ate?
3. Why was the man afraid to see God?
4. What curse was placed on the serpent?
5. How did the woman's life change after she disobeyed?
6. In what way did the ground change?
7. How did Adam earn his bread after he sinned?
8. Why were Adam and his wife sent out of the garden?
9. What did Adam do after he left the garden?

MEMORY VERSE

For since by man [Adam] came death, by man [Jesus] came also the resurrection of the dead. I Corinthians 15:21

Let's Talk

The earth which God created was beautiful! Lush green vegetation grew everywhere. It was watered by a mist that came up from the earth. Yummy, sweet fruit hung from the branches of short fruit trees, within easy reach of man. Grains, vegetables, and grasses supplied man and animals with all the food they desired. Soon after creation, however, God had to make some changes on earth.

God created man with ability to choose what he would do, and that first man chose to disobey the only command that God gave to him. The 100 billions of stars, moons, and planets are continually rushing through their rotation patterns that God designed for them. Plants grow according to God's design. Animals also move from day to day through life, seeking nothing more than their needs. But this first man and woman were not satisfied although they had everything they needed! They could eat the fruit of every tree in the garden, except one! But wouldn't you know, they wanted to taste of the fruit from that tree! That is just what they did.

Some shocking changes came because of their disobedience. Adam and his wife were forced to leave the beautiful garden where they had everything they needed. No more could they gather food and eat without working. Now they would have to raise their own food. Not only would they have to farm the soil, but from this day on thorns and thistles would spring up from the earth to crowd out the good plants. Adam would have to keep their fields clean from these thorns and thistles if they expected to get much produce from their crops.

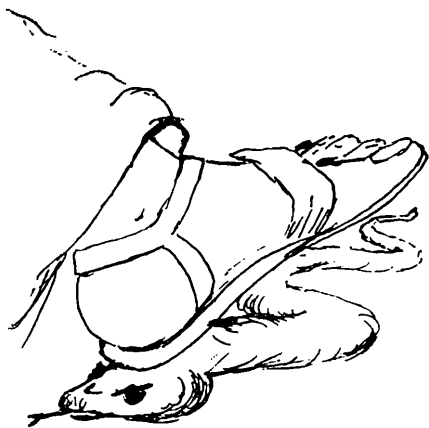
There was another tree in the midst of the garden besides the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It was called the tree of life. If they ate of this tree they would live forever. Well, God didn't want Adam, His special creation to live

forever in the sinful state he was in at this time. His plan was that Adam obey and live forever in the pure state in which he was created, but Adam and Eve messed that up by eating of the forbidden fruit. So God said to them, "Go till the weedy soil. Earn your bread by the sweat of your brow until you die. Out of the dust you were formed and to the dust you shall return again." To the woman He said, "In sorrow you shall bring forth children, and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you."

The serpent, who had first suggested to the woman that she eat the fruit, was cursed above every beast. I don't know how he got around before this time, but after this he had to slither around on his belly and eat dust, like we see snakes doing today.

Yes, disobedience brought horrible changes to the once perfect earth.

—Taken from "The Creation Story-Crossword" found in *Messages Of The Love of God*, Feb. 29, 1976.



(Answers: 1. Because it looked good, and she thought it would make her wise. 2. Their eyes of understanding were opened and they were afraid. 3. Because he had disobeyed God. 4. He would be worse than any animal, would go on his belly and eat dust all the days of his life. 5. She would have trouble giving birth, and be ruled by her husband. 6. Thorns and thistles sprang up from the ground. 7. He had to work hard for it. 8. So they could not eat of the tree of life and live forever in their sinful state. 9. He killed (farmed) the soil.)

man was written about and pictures were taken of him. All this was put in children's science textbooks. Henry Osborn, of the American Museum of Natural History, called him the Trinal Ape-man, I suppose because he was made of three parts. Yes, only three parts, and a lot of plaster of Paris! For forty years children around the world studied from their school books that the Piltdown man was the missing link between man and ape.

In 1949, Kenneth P. Oakley examined the bones under new methods. He found the bones readily absorbed flourine, that their color was only surface deep, and collagen fibers could be seen under a microscope. These three tests showed that the bones were not old. Using a microscope, Mr. Oakley found file marks on the teeth. The teeth had been filed to look like man's teeth, also the black paint on the teeth could be scraped off. The teeth and jawbone were found to be those of a modern orangutan. It was nothing but a hoax (a trick). After 35 years of teaching children that the Piltdown man proved they were related to apes, the whole thing was revealed to the public by a splendid article from *Popular Science Monthly*, entitled, "The Great Piltdown Hoax" printed in the October, 1956 issue of the *Reader's Digest*.

In 1922 the Nebraska man, another ape-like man, was created out of plaster of Paris. He was supposed to have lived in this country one million years ago. At the Scope trial in Tennessee, William Jennings Bryan was made to look like a fool because he didn't believe in evolution. The recent discovery of the Nebraska man was used as evidence for evolution. Twenty years later, in 1943, S. E. Winbolt, in the Pelican Book Series, *Britain, B.C.*, alluded to the Nebraska man as a genuine link. What fossils or bones of the Nebraska man were actually found? One tooth! In the years since the Scope trial, it has been discovered that this tooth belonged to a peccary, a species of a pig now extinct in the United States. "Give us a tooth, and plenty of plaster of Paris," the

evolutionists cry, "and we will create a whole race of fossilized ape-men."

Now we come to another missing link that was exhibited in the museums and whose pictures you see in books. He is called the Heidelberg man, but he is really just one jawbone. It seems that when there is a great desire to create an ape-man, it can be done from plaster of Paris, using as evidence of a once-living creature either a pig's tooth, the top of a skull and the jawbone of an orangutan, or just one jawbone! The jawbone was found in sand, and was said to be from 375,000 to 700,000 years old. If bone could be preserved that long in sand, we'd probably be tripping over bones all the time. At any rate, the Heidelberg man is in the books for study, although even scientists had great differences of opinion about it. Some said it was a valuable find, others said it was worthless. One scientist said a whole race of South Sea islanders have massive jawbones like the Heidelberg man. Another showed the skull of a modern Eskimo to have the same appearance. Using plaster of Paris, the ape-like man was made and demonstrated as proving the evolution of man. As far as I know, the Heidelberg man is still referred to as proof that man evolved from an ape.

The search continues for ape-man fossils, but without success. Millions of American tax dollars are spent each year in the search, but each uncovered fossil of man is found to be basically like man is today, for that is how God created him.

—Sis. Charlotte
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Hidden City

If you have a chance to visit Italy, you might enjoy visiting Pompeii (pronounced pahm PAY or pahm PAY ee). It is a city that was buried when Mount Vesuvius (pronounced veh SOO vih us) erupted in A. D. 79. That was about 45 years after Christ died. Visitors can walk on sidewalks built up higher than the narrow paved streets. They may see the famous old Temple of Jupiter, which was ancient when Christ was on earth. They can stroll around the temples of Apollo and Fortuna Augusta and imagine being present when the pagan priest offered blood of the sacrifices, drank wine and practiced obscenity as part of his religious worship. You might prefer to visit the old Roman public halls and see hand blown glass wine vessels, or the face-guard of the gladiators, who fought to death in the amphitheater. Some would enjoy seeing golden dishes of the rich Romans who had their vacation villa at Pompeii, or the beautifully crafted iron ovens. In one of these buried ovens, bread that was 1800 years old was found! About half the city has been uncovered, so there is much to see!

At the time of the eruption, around 20,000 people lived in Pompeii. One man wrote that Mount Vesuvius had been smoking and spitting some ash and stones for eight days before the deadly explosion. But the eruption buried Pompeii within an hour. An estimated

2000 persons, were buried in hot, volcanic ash. Some had not left their homes, others were fleeing, while still others crouched beside the city walls as if seeking protection from the hot flying stones. Some statues of the fleeing persons can be seen in the city.

Pliny the Elder, a Roman officer in command of a fleet of oar-powered war galleys was across Naples Bay when Mount Vesuvius spouted off. He took his fleet across the bay to rescue as many of the unfortunate as he could. The shore was blocked by debris, and red hot ash. Pumice and rocks pelted the men and vessels. He finally got to shore under the light of gigantic volcanic flames lashing upward as if trying to lick the stars. He found the buildings shaking and darkness on the city. He waited till morning, then returned to the shore to find the waves dangerously wild and tossing as if being sucked away by the earthquake and spit back again. Seeing his helpless condition, he was overcome and lay down on a sheet, pleading often for cold water until he died.

While Pliny the Elder lay on the shore begging for water, people by the hundreds were fleeing from the suffocating smoke, hot ash, and rocks. Some had pillows on their heads, while others held rags over their mouths to filter out the poisonous gas.

The officer's nephew, called Pliny the Younger, wrote an account of the dis-

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WORDS OF GOLD



Sin Always Causes Trouble

New Words: *Fugitive:* One who is forced to leave his country.

Slew: Killed.

Vagabond: A tramp.

Wroth: Very angry.

Genesis 4:1 And . . . Eve . . . bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Ezekiel 14:13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.

Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Central Thought: Sin may appear fun, but it always causes trouble.



Questions:

1. Why was Cain angry with Abel?
2. Did God tell Cain if he did well he would be accepted?
3. What happened when Cain and Abel were in the field?
4. How was Cain punished?
5. What is to be the punishment of a land that sinneth grievously?
6. What could Noah, Daniel, or Job do to save a wicked land?
7. The wicked have no _____.
8. To what did Isaiah compare the wicked?
9. What is the wages of sin?

MEMORY VERSE

For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Romans 6:23



Let's Talk

As far back as man has lived, we have records showing that sin brought trouble to him. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil. They experienced trouble even before God came to talk with them about this sin.

Their two sons, Cain and Abel, also had trouble because of sin. Cain did not act right, so his offering to God was not accepted. He became sullen when he saw that the offering of his brother, Abel, was accepted. Anger boiled within him. Talking with Abel did not calm it. His anger simmered until one day while in the field he killed Abel.

God came to reckon with Cain about the murder. Cain found himself in so much trouble that he exclaimed in agony, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." But God who is merciful, helped Cain with the punishment he had to bear because of his sin. Nevertheless, he had a lot of trouble.

Because of their sins, the whole world labored in vain to escape the flood of Noah's time. Every unrighteous man was destroyed in this flood.

Abraham was a great man of God, but he also got into trouble when he sinned. There was a famine in his land so he went into Egypt to live. The prince saw Abraham's beautiful wife, Sarah, and told the Egyptian pharaoh (king) about her. Pharaoh sent for Abraham to bring Sarah to the palace. Because Abraham feared Pharaoh might kill him so he could marry Sarah, he told Pharaoh, "She is my sister." Pharaoh thought that was great, so he took Sarah into the palace to be his wife. Before the wedding, however, a dangerous disease spread rapidly among the people of the palace. Pharaoh took this as a sign that someone in the palace was sinning against Abraham's God, so he sent for Abraham. "Is this beautiful lady your wife?" he asked angrily. Timidly, Abraham admitted that she

was. Pharaoh gave Sarah back to Abraham and sent him out of the country; then the disease stopped troubling them!

Throughout the Bible are records of men getting into problems because of their sins. Jacob got in trouble for deceiving his father. His sons had trouble for mistreating Joseph. Saul, David, Solomon, and many others are examples showing us that trouble follows sin. The nation of Israel was punished over and over again when they sinned. During the time that Ezekiel was prophet, most of the Israelites were captives in Babylon. (Note the last part of "Words of Gold.") Ezekiel told the people that when they sinned grievously against God that God would stretch out His hand and send famine. His message to the Jewish captives was that their captivity was the result of their sin. Before they could hope to be free and return to their land, they must first return to the Lord with repentant hearts.

The prophet Isaiah said, "The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." You have probably seen moving pictures of a stormy ocean, or a destructive flood. "The wicked are just as wild and awful as stormy water," Prophet Isaiah said.

Yes, from the beginning of time until now, sin has brought trouble to mankind. All through the Bible from the first book to the last book, there are stories about people who disobeyed God and got themselves into trouble.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Because God accepted Abel's offering but did not accept his. 2. Yes. 3. Cain killed Abel. 4. He would not be able to raise food, and he would be a fugitive and a vagabond. 5. God will send a famine. 6. Nothing. They could only save themselves. 7. Peace. 8. To a troubled sea whose waters cast up mire (mud). 9. Death.)

aster. He wrote that the day was already as dark as night without a lamp, and a horrifying dark cloud, like a great fish trapping net, was coming down over them. Leading his mother away from the city, he had to take her out of the road to keep her from being trampled by the escaping multitudes. Cutting through the thick darkness from every direction came the shrieks of women, cries of children, groans of the aged and shouts from men. The thunder of feet blended with the roar of the volcano. Finally a little sulfuric yellow light broke through the darkness and he could see the landscape covered with scorching ash that looked very much like a blanket of snow. When the explosion died away, Pompeii was buried under 20 feet of ash. Not a housetop could be seen. Lava had flowed over the port leaving no signs of the city. The river also had changed its course and flowed into the Tyrrhenian Sea at another place.

Besides this city, two smaller cities, Herculaneum and Stabiae were also covered. Lava and mud slides covered them 45 to 65 feet deep. Some records say Herculaneum was under 100 feet of mud.

Strange as it may seem, after a few years the fears of the volcano died down and people moved back into the same area. They planted vineyards, orchards, and other crops on the slopes of the mountain and the plain on which the fertile volcanic ash had fallen. Soon other cities were built. Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae were forgotten beneath the lava, mud, and ash deposits for over 1700 years.

Sometimes peasants living in the area dug for treasure under the ash, but nothing more until A. D. 1500 when workers digging a tunnel discovered part of an amphitheater, forum and a temple. It was soon forgotten again.

In 1748, almost 250 years later, a peasant digging in a vineyard struck a wall. From that time excavations have been carried on.

Before its destruction, Pompeii's mild climate, fair blue skies, beaches and the

Bay of Naples attracted much business and many wealthy, godless Romans. They built elaborate winter mansions with marble floors and wall murals that are still preserved in vibrant colors. Some walls are painted with portraits of the family who had lived in the house. Luxury was the rule of the Romans. Even some of the native Pompeians lived in villas outside the walled city. The city boasted 118 bars and taverns, besides gambling houses, theaters, several public bath houses, and restaurants where live dancing girls performed around the tables. From the ruins uncovered, it is evident that a selfish, lusty people lived in the city.

From the signs printed on the walls, exploiting of the poor must have been common, too. One read, "Curses on you, landlord, you sell water, but drink unmixed wine yourself." From this writing we believe the poor had to pay rent and buy water from persons so rich they could drink expensive wines instead of water. It is common today to mix wine with juices and other inexpensive drinks. Unmixed wine would be very expensive. The bakeries, along with the stone tubs and vats of many laundries show that either slaves or the poor peasants worked very hard.

Men have been able to pour plaster into the molds of stone left from the bodies of humans of those long ago people. The plaster statues even show the agony on the faces of those dying people. Yes, agony, because death had come unexpectedly. Some were caught unprepared to meet God. A change had come to their city and into their lives, but they were not ready for the change. Are you ready if God should call for you today?

—Sis. Charlotte
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Earth And Noah's Flood

One of the best evidences of the flood is the multitude upon multitudes of fossils found in the Cambrian layer of the earth. This shows that sudden death came to animals all over the world at the same time. The Pre-Cambrian layer which is just below this layer has almost no fossils.

Many science books teach that the most simple animals lived on the earth first. Later animals became complex, then they became more and more complex. Sometimes animal fossils are found in this order, from simple to complex. You may have seen pictures showing the evolution of animals. The most simple animals are at the bottom of the column. Animals a little less simple are shown above the most simple. Above those are the animals whose bodies are a little more complex. Man (who is not an animal but a special creation) is at the very top.

As we all know, animal fossils show that animals have lived and have died. If the animal had not died, there would be no fossil. Neither would there be a fossil unless the animal was suddenly buried, or frozen. Fossils then are very good records of the flood.

If the area where you live was suddenly flooded so deep that no one could escape, which animals would be first to

drown? Would it be birds or people? No, it would be simple animals, or the ones that can not move quickly.

During the Noachian Flood it was the same. The most simple, one-celled animals died first. The smaller, dense, marine creatures, those with heavy shells, or those which did not move at all, were some of the first to be buried by the deep mud that the big flood carried. Next to be buried were animals which were lighter and could move around a little faster. After that might be the slow-moving shore creatures. Then the water rose and caught the reptiles as they struggled for higher ground. As the flood became deeper and deeper, the dinosaurs, mammoths, hipopotamus', and other mammals would be unable to escape. Those with short legs or very heavy bodies might be drowned first. Last of all, man and birds could find no higher ground and they too were drowned. They then sunk to the bottom and were buried. In cold areas the animals were frozen by the water which covered all the earth. Because more complex bodies tend to float more easily, they would be higher when buried to form the fossils.

Fossils in the layers of earth show that this is what happened. There would naturally be some animals that would not be fossilized in this order, for example crippled men or animals, or birds with broken wings. Also, small sea animals which were caught in water cur-

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WORDS OF GOLD



Noah Prepares The Ark

New Words: *Cubit:* An ancient measurement of length about 18 to 22 inches. *Pitch:* The thick sticky substance which comes from pine and fir trees.

Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, . . .

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Central Thought: Noah prepared the ark as God instructed. According to several reports, it has been preserved in ice until this day.



Questions:

1. Why was God sorry He had made man?
2. What did God plan to do with His wicked creation?
3. Who was the just, perfect man among the wicked people?
4. Is it possible to live righteously among wicked people?
5. How was Noah, his family, and the animals to be saved?
6. Can you find out how big the ark was?
7. How many windows and doors did it have?
8. What was the purpose of the flood?
9. Was preparing for the flood a lot of work for Noah?

MEMORY VERSE

. . . God saw that the wickedness of man was great, . . . the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; . . .

Genesis 6:5, 7



Sin and wickedness grew as people multiplied upon the earth until it became so bad that God chose to destroy the people in order to stop sin. Noah, however, found grace in God's eyes because he was a just man. God instructed him how to build a boat in which he could save himself, his family, and pairs of land animals.

Noah had a big job on his hands. He must supervise the cutting of trees and splitting of them into boards. These boards must be shaped so they fit together snugly. Little wooden pegs to use as we use nails must be whittled. He must gather pitch from pine and fir trees by carving small holes in many, many trees. Small tubes or trenches forced into these holes would guide the pitch so it could drip into small clay pots attached to the tree. The small pots must be emptied often into large pots and the pitch stored. When the ark was finished, this pitch would be smeared over every inch of the ark. It would keep water from entering the boat and also preserve the wood. Noah worked many years building the ark. During those years he also warned the people of the soon coming flood.

A few years ago, some scientists uncovered Nineveh (the city to which Jonah was carried by a whale) and King Solomon's mines. Because of these discoveries, some became interested in looking for Noah's ark which the Bible said rested on Mount Ararat. Mount Ararat is a towering volcanic peak, about 200 miles north of Nineveh. An explorer named Fernand Navarra began reading about it. He found that the ancient historian Josephus described a ship in an icy grave on the snow covered summit of Mount Ararat. He also read that Marco Polo, a famous early explorer, said the ark was there, but that no one could ascend up to it because, there, the ice and snow never melt.

In more recent years, a Russian airplane pilot saw the dark shape of a

ship in the glacier. After hearing his story, the Russian czar sent 150 men on an expedition to the mountain. Some say that the men found the ark, but the world will probably never see the records of their findings. Soon after the men returned to Russia, the communist regime came to power. The new government didn't believe in the Bible. Records of the expedition were not published.

In 1952 a helicopter pilot took pictures of a prow sticking out of the ice, 1400 feet up on the mountain.

After much study and preparation, Fernand Navarra and his expedition of men, hazarded their lives to climb the snow covered mountain. Near the summit, where strong wind had blown away the snow, he could see the form of a massive ship's hull encased in ice. After some searching, the men found a cave formed in the ice from volcanic steam. Through this cave they found some of the wood exposed. They sawed away a five foot long piece of the beam. It was hand tooled and covered with a dark sticky substance. At the Madrid Institute of Forestry in Spain, scientists estimated its age at about five thousand years.

Although men have sinned against God, He has had mercy on them and let them prove for themselves that the story of Noah's Ark is true.

—Information concerning the ark was taken from *When Science Fails*, by John Hudson Tiner, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 70 (1974) and *Halley's Bible Handbook*.

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 9. Yes.  
 8. "To destroy all  
 flesh, wherein is the breath of life."  
 door and one window. 7. One  
 feet high. It had three stories. 6. Yes. Use 20 inches for a  
 cubit to find its size in inches, then  
 divide by 12 to find its size in feet. 5. By following God's  
 instructions and building a large boat  
 (the ark). 4. Yes. 3. Noah. 2. Destroy them.  
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 imaginations and thoughts be contin-

rents and carried to higher places would be buried in higher layers of earth.

At the Dinosaur National Monument in Utah, 300 skeletons were removed from the park, and the north wall of the monument is still almost solid with dinosaur bones. What, except a great flood, could have washed so many big, heavy dinosaur bones together in one place and buried them?

There are many other huge graveyards of animals' bones found compacted together. The bones are piled together in much the same way sticks and small logs are washed together by local floods. However, these sticks and logs of local floods have not formed fossils because sediment from the flood did not bury them. During the time of the world-wide flood, the water was deep and forceful, carrying with it much sediment which it deposited on both plants and animals.

Mammoth skeletons have been found all over Europe, as if buried by an overwhelming flood. In the same layer or strata of earth are found many different kinds of animals: the lynx, fox, ibex, wolf, badger, antelope, bison, red-deer, horse, hyena, rhinoceros, ox, leopard, rodents and several kinds of birds. These animal graveyards show us that some catastrophe such as a world-wide flood buried them. If it had not, their bodies would have been eaten by other animals, or they would have decayed. Plants and animals that decay are changed into soil, or what the Bible calls dust. (Genesis 3:19).

Oil beds and coal seams found world-wide also speak of great water pressure being over all the earth. Although evolutionists say coal was formed over millions of years in swamps, there is much evidence that huge amounts of plants were washed together and formed coal. Some coal seams are 100 feet thick. A lot of vegetation was needed to make that much coal! Large boulders and fossils of marine life have been found in coal. Fossilized trees, sometimes up-side down, are found extending through several layers of coal. Have you ever seen a tree growing up-side down in a

swamp? The great flood uprooted trees and all kinds of plants and carried them together with rocks and sea life until they fell into a low place. Here the bark and heavy plants sank to the bottom and the logs floated on top. Soon a great bed of coal was formed. (This is happening today in Spirit Lake, on Mount St. Helens.)

We know that volcanos and local floods, a cliff falling, mud slides, and many other catastrophies do happen. These can bury animals and plants in such a way that fossils are formed. Archaeologists often uncover fossils made from these kinds of catastrophies, as when a volcano suddenly buries a city. Wild animals, however, seem to understand natural dangers and many times they escape. A world-wide flood is the most likely way that hundreds of and sometimes thousands of animal bones could be piled in one place. A catastrophe such as a world-wide flood is the most likely way vast areas of tropical forest could be quick-frozen.

Yes, fossils of almost every kind of animal can be found in the same layer of sediment rock. All these animals lived in the same era and died together during the flood. Near Glen Rose, Texas, dinosaur and human footprints have been found together. Such footprints have also been found in Australia and Russia. Were these dinosaurs and men running together to escape one common danger, the flood? Maybe, and maybe not, but these footprints in stone are records to show that they lived at the same time, not thousands or millions of years apart.

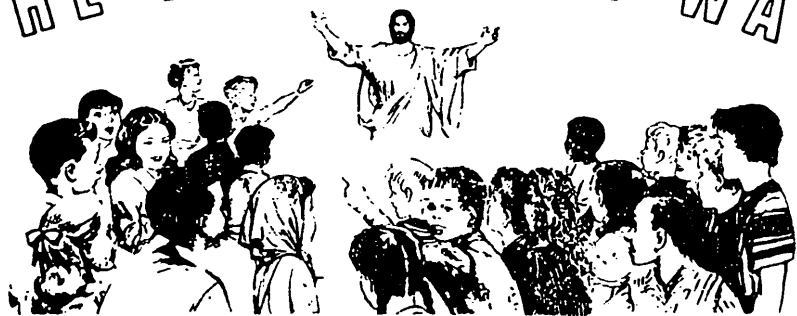
The earth as well as the Bible speaks to us saying, "There was a world-wide flood."

—Sis. Charlotte  
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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Ark

"It has been spotted again," Mr. Navarra said in French. "A French helicopter pilot has taken a picture of the prow sticking out of a glacier." He laid down the newspaper. "I'm going to climb Mt. Ararat and find it myself."

"Find what, Dad?"

"Noah's Ark. Yes, I'm going to find that ark it's the last thing I do," Fernand Navarra said as he slapped his hand down hard on his knee.

"Can I go with you?" Raphael questioned, pushing aside his third grade math book. "I promise I'll stay close to you and not get lost."

"Well, son, not the first trip, but maybe another time. Only experienced mountain men are able to stand the hazardous hike up Aghri Dagh. Many men have lost their lives on her icy slopes."

That evening friends gathered in the Navarra home to discuss plans for the first climb of Mount Ararat.

Among the men was an Armenian who had narrowly escaped death on his island home when a Moslem ruler ordered the death of all Armenian Christians. From their hiding place, he and his sister watched as their parents gave their lives for their faith. During the night they rowed across the lake and slipped through the darkness to their grandfather's home. To their surprise, he too had been spared. In secret their grandfather told them about the

ark that was on the mountain. "You must find it. I have tried but I was too weak. Now I am too old," the old man would whisper. Raphael loved hearing the story.

Plans were completed and all preparations were made. The expedition of four men started out.

Raphael waited impatiently for his father's return.

Finally, after many months, Fernand Navarra did return. He had many stories to tell and Raphael never tired of hearing the stories of his father's adventures on the wild, glacier covered Mount Ararat.

"Did you see the ark?" was Raphael's first question.

"Sit down and I will tell you about it. Son, the Turks call Ararat, Aghri Dagh, the Mountain of Agony. It is very rugged and at high altitudes is covered with ice and snow all year around. The ark was covered with ice also. Blizzards come at any time of the year. I almost missed seeing it at all. Our first guides left us at 10,000 feet. They said above that was "magic land" and no one dared go into it. The people around the mountain say it is impossible to find the ark.

"On August 11, we stopped to drink some lemonade. The old sage of the village came to us. He said, 'Young men we know all there is to know about this mountain. We know God brought the ark to rest here after men were destroyed. We know the earth was replen-

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Flood

Genesis 7:1 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth:

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

**Central Thought:** God protected the righteous during the destruction of the wicked.



#### Questions:

1. Why was Noah saved in the ark?
2. How old was Noah when the rain began?
3. What happened to life on earth during the flood?
4. How long did the flood cover the earth?
5. How did God cause the flood to subside?
6. Where did the ark rest?
7. How did Noah know the water had abated?
8. On what day was the ground dry enough for Noah to leave the ark?
9. How long were Noah, his family, and the animals in the ark?

#### MEMORY VERSE

...The Lord said . . . I will not again curse the ground any more . . . While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:21-22



# Let's Talk

The day finally came for Noah to go into the ark! He was 600 years old, but he had been working hard for years building the ark and gathering food for his family and the many animals. Most everyone believes that he was ridiculed by his neighbors and maybe sometimes by his family. Perhaps he wondered himself when the time would come to make use of this strange big boat!

At last the Lord said, "Come thou and all thy family into the ark, for in seven days I will cause it to rain. Of every clean beast (animal for eating) thou shalt take by sevens, the male and his female: and of the beasts that are not clean by two, male and his female." Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives went into the ark. Also, clean beasts and unclean beasts, birds, and everything that creepeth, went inside. Then the Lord shut the door!

Soon the rain began to fall! Springs broke out all over the land and water gushed from the openings. "The earth contains fifty times as much water in the ground as it does in rivers." All this water coming from underground, and the rain falling from the sky soon filled the streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes. They began overflowing. Torrents of water flooded the earth for forty days, until the highest mountain was covered.

Some unbelievers have ridiculed the idea that enough water to cover the highest mountain could accumulate in only forty days of rain. But I recently read about a volcano which, in eleven days, collected enough water to cause a flood that carried with it mountain boulders weighing 50 tons (100,000 lbs). This was just one fountain of the earth. During the worldwide flood, many, many, many such fountains broke forth.

After the ark had floated 150 days, God stopped the fountains of water and made a wind to pass over the earth.

Two more months passed. Finally, after five months and floating about 500 miles from where the ark was built, it

hit Mount Ararat. There it stuck! (Mt. Ararat is located in Turkey, near Russia and Iran. It is 17,011 feet high. Scientists have found what they believe to be the ark near its summit.) When eight months had passed, the tops of the mountains could be seen. Noah then turned a raven and a dove loose. The dove came back to the ark. After seven days he sent it again, this time it returned with an olive branch. Noah then knew that the water was down below the trees which had survived the flood. Waiting seven more days, he sent the dove out again. It never returned.

Noah removed a covering from the ark and looked out. He could see bare land! It was another month and twenty six days before the ground was firm and dry. At this time God spoke unto Noah saying, "Go forth from the ark." So Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives, and all the animals left the ark.

Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings on the altar. God smelled a sweet savor and the Lord said, "I will not again . . . smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Gen. 8:21-22).

Noah was 601 years old when he came out of the ark. For a whole year he and his family and the animals had stayed together in the big ark that God had instructed him to make for their salvation. At last the earth was cleansed of wickedness. The flood was a thing of the past!

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Because he was righteous before God. 2. 600 years, 2 months, and 17 days. 3. All men, land animals, and birds were destroyed. 4. 150 days. 5. He made a great wind to pass over the earth. 6. On the mountains of Ararat. 7. He sent out a dove and the dove returned with an olive branch. 8. The 27th day of the second month of Noah's 601st year. 9. One year, one month, and ten days.)

ished of men and animals from those saved in the ark. The ark is still there, young men. But know ye that to reach it one must be pure as a new-born child. . . . Above the monastery and the pasture zone where cattle graze, no man ventures without disobeying the Holy Law.' He then left!

"We knew we must enter the 'magic land' and break the 'Law,' so after a hard search we found an old shepherd who said he would guide us to Lake Kop. I thought the ark would be at Kop as most of the description from the air said it was iced over in a lake with the prow sticking out. He took us over a laborious trail, up steep banks, down valleys and around vertical cliffs until we arrived at Kop."

"Was the ark there?" Raphael asked.

"No, the ark was not there. After all those days of hard climbing, we were disappointed. But we climbed on until we were 13,500 feet up and confronted by a huge glacier wall that looked impossible to get over or around. Here the guide and Turkish friend deserted us. Cutting steps in the ice wall, we were able to get to the top.

"Standing on top of the dreaded glacier, we could see the valleys far below, the beautiful snow-covered peak, and Great Chasm of the Ahora Gorge, which separated the two peaks of Mount Ararat. We had hoped so much to find it here, but still there was no sign of the ark.

"We were all so discouraged. While we stood there talking about going back, four bears came from behind a glacier and started toward us. Unarmed, we tried frantically to frighten them away. They kept coming! People had warned us about bears, foxes, and poison snakes. They had said we would never come back."

"Oh, Daddy, I'm glad you did come back!" Raphael interrupted. "What happened to the bears?"

"A noise attracted them in another direction and they climbed off down the mountain. After the fright of the bears was over and we saw it was only 2 p.m., we decided to look around a little

more. We kept walking and looking. Before very long we noticed the ice was dark. Almost underneath us was the ark! We could clearly see it was a big boat. We measured it. The size fit the size of the ark. Overcome with joy, we hated to leave."

One year later Navarra and another more complete expedition braved the Mountain of Agony once more. This time they were able to take more accurate measurements of the ark and make better maps of the route.

Three years later in 1955, Fernand Navarra took Raphael and went again. The summer had been unusually warm. Much of the glacier was melted and the area looked different. Navarra wandered here and there. Finally, thinking he was lost, he said they had better go back down. But Raphael was not ready to give up. Hanging onto a rope, he slid on his stomach to the edge of a dropoff. He peered over. A short time later he calmly announced, "The boat, Father, I can see it."

Down the ice cliff they climbed on the rope. Still they could not touch the boat. "Hack away the ice," Raphael urged. "It doesn't look very thick."

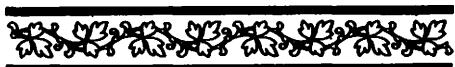
After more investigation, they found a place where the steam from the partially extinct volcano had melted a cave in the glacier. With a little hacking they were able to get through.

They touched the ark. Then Fernand saw a five-foot-long piece of wooden plank from it.

As Raphael helped his father carry the big piece of the ark down the mountain, his father said, "Raphael, the old sage said, 'To see the ark one must be as pure as a new-born child.' " With an approving grin, Mr. Navarra added, "You must be that pure!"

—Sis. Charlotte

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Election That Never Was

Big signs could be seen everywhere advertising the coming election of May 11, on Martinique Island. Other signs read, "Join the fun excursion with the Gymnastic and Shooting Club on Mount Pelee on May 4. Games! Food! Fun!" The city of St. Pierre purred with excitement! Mills hummed steadily as wheat was being ground into flour. Bakers fired their ovens, baking extra bread and sweets. Tourist guides checked out the trail up the mountain to the two craters. "Corkscrew" was nearer to St. Pierre. Most of the tourists would want to climb only to it. The city's 28,000 population was expected to grow by several thousand in the coming days.

Besides these events, St. Pierre hosted a grand "Mardi Gras" each year. The Mardi Gras included weeks of carnivals, feasting, drunkenness, dancing, and all sorts of merrymaking.

During all the activities of St. Pierre, the earth trembled enough to knock dishes from shelves. Mount Pelee, four miles away, also gave them a shower of ash. It brought short life to some partying, but most of the people paid little attention.

Two days later, Pelee hurled up a huge cloud of ash charged with rock. The next day she did it again! Volcanic dust covered clothes hanging out to dry. It covered the leaves of sugar cane, and

the fruit trees that grew on plantations. It blew into the tiniest cracks of the houses. Investigation was made. Although those who climbed the mountain knew sulfurous gas had been drifting from the mountain since February, and puffs of steam were seen 24 days ago, they reported, "All is well. Only a small new volcanic cone about 30 feet high has been formed. Hot water is flowing from its side and filling the old lake bed. I guess old Pelee decided to give back our lake!"

Everything seemed safe, so business and partying continued.

About this same time two missionaries from Canada tried to come ashore and preach to the Pierrotins. They were told to stay on *Roraima*, a Quebec-line steamship, until it left and be sure to leave with it. Little more is known of the missionaries, but of the 18 ships anchored in the harbor on May 8, it was one of the two which stayed afloat.

On the last day of April, 1902, Mrs. Prentiss, wife of the American consul, wrote to her sister in Massachusetts, "From my window I see Mount Pelee is still sending out ash, which has already covered everything. Although four miles away, we hear her rumbling, and the sulfur smell is so strong, people outside wear wet handkerchiefs, and horses stomp and snort. My husband says there is no immediate danger."

The city newspaper continued to announce the excursion and the election.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### God's Great Mercy

Genesis 13:7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: . . .

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; . . .

9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; . . .

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered. . . .

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; . . .

12 . . . and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; . . .

12 And the men [angels] said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then . . . rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

II Peter 2:7 [God] delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

Genesis 19:30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: . . .

**Central Thought:** Because of their wickedness, God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Only Lot and his two daughters accepted His mercy and were not destroyed.

### Questions:

1. Why did Abram want to separate from Lot?
2. Why did Lot choose the plain of Jordan?
3. What wicked cities were on the plain?
4. How did the wickedness of the city affect Lot?
5. Why did the angel tell Lot to leave Sodom?
6. In what ways did the Lord show great mercy to Lot and his family?
7. At what time did Lot enter into the city of Zoar?
8. What did God use to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?
9. Where did Lot and his two daughters live after fleeing Sodom?

### MEMORY VERSE

. . . My spirit will not always strive with man, . . .  
Genesis 6:3



# Let's Talk

Only 400 years after the flood, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah occurred. The account of the flood could have been told directly to the men in these cities by one of Noah's sons, or by Noah. Noah lived to nine generations of his descendants, dying only two years before Abraham was born. One of Noah's sons, Shem, lived 75 years after Abraham moved to this region, called Canaan. Some believe that Shem was Melchizedek, the king of peace, to whom Abraham gave tithes. Melchizedek lived not far away, at Jerusalem, and righteous Abraham lived even nearer. Almost surrounded by righteousness, surely these men knew they were not doing right. I believe they were descendants of Ham, another one of Noah's three sons. Whomever their great-great-great-great-grandfather happened to be, they were so rotten they smelled to heaven. God stood it as long as He could!

God sent an angel to Abraham with the good news that although Abraham was 100 years old, and his wife 90, they would have a son. While the angel was there, he told Abraham that he was also going to check on Sodom, for the cries from the city were great and their sin was causing much pain.

Abraham knew of the horrible sins of the cities. But his nephew, Lot, and family lived there, so he asked if God would please save the city if there were 50 righteous people in it. The angel said he would.

"If there are 45?" Abraham questioned. The angel agreed.

"But there may only be 40, or maybe 30?" Abraham pleaded. On and on Abraham talked choosing smaller and smaller numbers. Finally the angel promised to save the city for ten righteous men.

The two angels went on to Sodom that night and had such a horrible experience with the vile men that they

told Lot to get himself and his family out of the city as soon as possible.

Before daylight the next morning, Lot, his wife and daughters were led by the hand of the angels out of the city. The sun was risen by the time they arrived at the city of Zoar. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire.

It is believed that the remains of these wicked cities are now under the Dead Sea. Dr. Kyle, on an archaeological expedition, has uncovered evidence that the area around the Dead Sea was once a very fertile, prosperous, and heavily populated region. Evidence also shows that this population ended suddenly about 2000 B.C. The climate and soil also changed, leaving nothing but desolation.

The "slime pits" mentioned in Genesis 14:10 were bitumen, asphalt, and pitch, a lustrous black petroleum product which melts and burns. There are vast beds of it on both sides of the Dead Sea today. Underneath a nearby mountain is a layer of salt 150 ft. thick. Above this is a layer of marl mingled with free sulphur.

According to Dr. Kyle, God kindled the gases, and an explosion took place throwing red hot salt and sulphur high into the sky. Gravity pulled it back to earth causing a rain of hot brimstone over both Sodom and Gomorrah, which destroyed the wicked cities.

—Information taken from *Halley's Bible Handbook*.



(Answers: 1. Because Lot's herdmen and his herdmen were striving against each other. 2. Because there was plenty of water. 3. Sodom and Gomorrah. 4. He was vexed (troubled) by their filthy conversation and unlawful deeds. 5. Because the cities were to be destroyed. 6. He sent the angels to warn them of the coming danger and also took them by the hand and led them out of the city. 7. Early in the morning. 8. Brimstone and fire. 9. In a cave on the mountains.)

The people saw no immediate danger, however, the animals did! Small, yellowish speckled ants and foot-long black centipedes invaded the city. The sugar mill seemed to be their favorite retreat! Either of these insects have enough poison to kill an adult, if bitten several times. Reptiles also came from under rocks and out of holes. They were slithering everywhere through the city.

Shortly after mid-night on May 2, many deafening blasts terrified the slumbering city. Looking out their windows and doors the people saw a huge cloud darker than night filled with gigantic zig-zags of lightning. Mrs. Prentis wrote again to her sister. This time she said, "We are standing on the brink of hell."

Rain fell in torrents on Mount Pelee for the next three days! These torrents soon overflowed the mountain's twenty rivers and gushed down the sides of the mountain! Boulders, brush, and trees were swept in their currents, knocking everything out of their paths. On May 5, about midday the once dry lake on the side of the mountain burst its walls and 100 feet of near-boiling water plunged down Blanche River. Four miles away and 3000 feet below was the sugar mill. Only the tallest chimney was left to mark where the sugar mill and its workers were buried in hot mud. Thanks to the ants and centipedes, only about 30 men were at the mill.

On this very day, the Governor of Martinique sent a committee to assess the danger. The report was that the crater's openings, and valleys in the mountain would tend to send the lava away from St. Pierre and out to the sea. The governor then made preparation to go to St. Pierre and stay in order to help console the frightened people. He also stationed the army on the main road to turn back refugees trying to escape. Few roads were open as most were blocked by ash-laden branches and trees which had fallen across them.

About 2000 Pierrotins had already left the city, but at least that many more had come from the country and mountain side, keeping the population around 30,000. They came to find refuge

in the city's strong, stone buildings, many of which had walls two or three feet thick. Some were even reinforced with iron. Others came to confess sins or say prayers at the Mouillage Cathedral which was packed daily with those who believed God was sending judgment on the city.

While the authorities assured the people of their safety, Mount Pelee boiled, groaned and grumbled. Her thunderous bellows would be heard 100 miles away by May 6. On May 7, the harbor was so full of vegetation washed there by the floods that the 19 ships looked like they were moored on land. An Italian ship left that day.

The next morning at 7:50, the mountain blew up! The blast lasted two minutes. It is believed that within three minutes 28,000 people were dead. Another 10,000 died later, according to some reports.

On May 11, no election was being held in St. Pierre. There were no men to vote. Nothing was left but a few broken walls and thousands of foundations strewn with burnt bodies. Most of the people died with their hands over their mouths as if to shut out the burning gases. On that day one man was found alive in the dungeon-like jail. Another had escaped to a village four miles away.

A ten-year-old girl named Harviva De Ilrile, was picked up by the French cruiser *Suchet* which came from Port-de-France, about 12 miles away, to look for survivors. She was floating, unconscious, in a charred, broken boat two miles out in the bay.

"The wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23). "My spirit shall not always strive with man." (Gen. 6:3).—Sis. Charlotte (References: The Editors of Time-Life Books, *Volcano*, Alexandria, Time-Life Books, 1984; Jon Erickson, *Volcanoes And Earthquakes*, Blue Ridge Summit, Tab Books Inc., 1988; M. A. Doud, "The Unforgettable Easter In Martinique," Dallas, The Voice of Miracles and Missions, Inc.; *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Chicago, Field Enterprises Ed. Corp., 1976.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Chinese Bandit

During the war between China and Japan the town of Tangcheng changed hands four times. Each time the Japanese were in power, the missionaries would flee to the mountains and live in caves having very little to eat. Each army in turn looted the city until there was scarcely anything left.

I was attempting to care for the sick and wounded; and only one of my orphan boys, Tim, was with me. One day I was in the middle of the courtyard telling some poor women of God's wonderful love.

"All who haven't accepted Christ are sinners," I said, pointing unthinkingly at a crowd in the doorway. I gave them the simple gospel. However, Tim soon came hurrying in and exclaimed, "The general is coming for you!"

Two hours later there was a great commotion in the courtyard, and there was the Chinese general. He glared fiercely at me and said, "You are under arrest."

"But why?"

"Who told you about me?"

"Nobody. I only know what everyone else in the city knows."

"Oh yes, someone did. Tell me who it was and I will take my men away."

Again and again I declared that I knew nothing of his private life.

Two days later the general came back again threatening me. "How did you know I was a sinner?" he asked.

"I only know that the Bible says so," I said, and handed him my Bible.

Pulling off his hat he began to read. Then I recall that I had caught a glimpse of a man in my doorway the day I talked to the Chinese women. For an hour he read on from verse to verse.

"What was this Bible? What was this gospel? Who was Jesus Christ?" he asked. Gradually he quieted and quit swearing; then a note of longing came into his voice.

"Is it possible for me to be saved?" he said at length.

"With God nothing is impossible," I replied.

"I am too wicked."

"No one is too wicked. Why don't you kneel down and confess to God that you have sinned but want to take Jesus Christ as your Saviour?"

For two hours the battle went on in this man's soul, the Spirit of God striving against the power of Satan who fought to keep him under his power. Finally he knelt down, humbly confessed his sins, and accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord. When he arose from his knees, he ordered his men to bring me something to eat. He stood by while I ate and then finally burst out, "If I have taken this God, then I have to tell my men about it, don't I?"

"Yes, to show them that you are a real Christian."

The next day, standing before his men, he said, "Up to this time we have

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Every Person Has Sinned

Genesis 8:21 . . . the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; . . .

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

I John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he [Jesus Christ] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Romans 3:9 . . . for we [Paul] have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them

who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

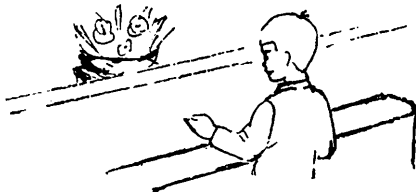
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

**Central Thought:** Christians should never consider themselves better than evil men because they, too, would still be servants to sin if God had not changed their hearts.



### Questions:

1. What kind of imagination do unsaved people have?
2. Describe the heart of man.
3. Whom do we make a liar if we say we have not sinned?
4. What will happen if we confess our sins?
5. Is every nationality under sin?
6. Name two purposes of the law.
7. How many people have sinned?
8. Being a servant of sin frees us from what?
9. What do the motions of sins do?

### MEMORY VERSE

For the wages of sin is death;  
but the gift of God is eternal  
life through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Romans 6:23



This lesson is about the nature of man. The nature of man is sinful. Very small children show this nature. King David wrote in Psalm 58:3, "They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." Little children will lie with their actions before they can talk. It is just a part of us to not always be truthful. It is a part of human nature to take what we want even when it doesn't belong to us. Isn't that what little children do? It is a part of our nature to hit, kick, and fight when someone tries to keep us from doing what we want to do. Isn't that what little children do?

Some people say it's because the little child doesn't know that he shouldn't do those things. It is true that he doesn't know that he should control his sinful nature. As we grow older, we learn how to control our nature, at least some of the time. But if we are honest, we will all have to admit that we cannot control our nature all the time. It is a strong force within. Proverbs 16:32 reads, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." So you see, it takes great power to control our nature.

When I was a child, I used to think it wasn't fair that Adam and Eve's sin should get all of us into this sinful state, but now I believe that I have never met a person who would not have been just like Adam and Eve. Eve reasoned that the forbidden fruit was good for food; it looked good, and it would make her wise. Why shouldn't she want to eat of it? Surely it could do no harm, she thought. Isn't that the way a Christian reasons when he is tempted?

Have you ever noticed how very tempting things are that we are not supposed to have? I cannot begin to count the children, and grown-ups, too, that I know, who have opened Christmas presents before they should. Have you

ever done that? How many times have you listened to conversations that you were not to be listening to? How many times have you heard part of a telephone conversation and wanted desperately to know what was being said on the other end of the line? Didn't your curiosity deepen when Mother said, "You don't need to know what was said"?

Yes, each of us has a sinful nature and a human spirit, so we need the grace of God if we expect to be a good Christian. Next week's lesson will be, "God's Plan For Man's Salvation." Yes, the human nature is a sinful one, so we are all sinners. But, God has a plan "to save us from our sins."

—Sis. Charlotte

## Mr. Gong's Joy

Mr. Gong was a happy Christian attorney in China. Often his non-Christian neighbors on the other side of the wall would hear him singing hymns. They said, "Oh, he is happy because God has smiled on him, and he is doing well."

However, one day Mr. Gong's little boy died and went to be with Jesus. The neighbors said, "Now Gong will be just like the rest of us in his sorrow."

Nevertheless, that night Mr. Gong and his family gathered as usual for family worship. Their hearts were filled with sorrow, and yet they sang hymns and praised God just as before. The neighbors were astonished to learn that Christians have an inward joy even in times of sorrow.

That night Mr. Gong remarked, "I've never really understood how wonderful it is to be a Christian until this moment. I shall never forget it. God is always with us—both in happy times and in times of sorrow."

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." (II Corinthians 1:3).

—Selected

(Answers: 1. It is evil from their youth. 2. It is deceitful and desperately wicked. 3. Jesus Christ. 4. Jesus Christ will forgive us. 5. Yes. 6. The law is to give knowledge of sin and to make the world guilty before God. 7. All people. 8. From righteousness. 9. They bring forth fruit unto death.)

been a bandit troop. Now we will become honorable soldiers, as last night I took Jesus Christ as my God. I find that this Book"—and he held up my Bible—"is against dishonesty and wickedness."

He asked me for a Bible which I got for him, and he left saying he would come again soon. However, two years went by. Then one day a dirty beggar hobbled in. He sat down on a stone. He looked desperately ill and starved.

"Don't you know me?" he asked, as I gave him something to eat.

"No, I don't."

"I belong to Jesus."

"Where are you going?" I asked him.

"Here."

"But surely you do not belong to Yangcheng."

"I belong to Jesus," seemed to be the only sensible remark he could make.

Then Tim pulled me aside and said, "He is the general."

"What is your name?" I asked gently.

"No name. I belong to Jesus."

Tim and I cared for him, and very slowly his health improved. Then I learned his story. On the day he bravely confessed his faith to his men, they arrested him, took his clothes, tied him to a mule and left the city. They continued looting, dragging the general with them. They tried hard to break his faith. He was tortured, kicked and beaten, but fixed in his mind was the knowledge that he belonged to Jesus. Finally one night one man said to him, "We want you back. Will you lead us?"

"No, because I belong to Jesus."

They left him alone, but the man brought him some peasant clothes and sent him on his way. He begged in the villages, telling everyone he belonged to Jesus. Weary and sick after fifteen months, he made his way back to us. As his health improved, his mind cleared. In the villages he was loved by all the Christians, especially the children. He never grew strong again, and a year after his return the Lord took him home. All the Christians mourned, for to them he had been "Big Brother."

—Selected

## A Hunted Soul

An ardent evangelist was one day standing on a bridge overlooking a brook. He heard the hunter's horn. Very soon he saw the hounds approaching, howling as they came. Before they got near, a rabbit came running down the side of the stream. Every now and then it would leap into the water to try and throw the dogs off the scent.

When the hounds came up they were confused. The foremost hunter came up and called to the man on the bridge, "Have you seen the rabbit?"

"Yes."

"Which way did he go?"

"You must find that out yourself," he replied. And then he went on to say, "Man, I am a hunter for souls. Death, along with all the dogs of hell is on your track. They are pursuing you as you are pursuing the rabbit; and unless you flee to Christ, you will lose your soul."

"Oh!" he said, and rode away.

Shortly afterwards at a gospel meeting, the evangelist made use of that incident. The arrow of conviction went home to the heart of a drinking, gambling sportsman who was in the audience.

That same night when at home, he sprang out of bed in terror screaming, "Lord, save me! Lord, save me!"

His terrified wife jumped up and asked him what was the matter.

"Oh," he said, "I thought death and all the dogs of hell were after me."

He lay down again; but scarcely had he fallen asleep when the same dreadful vision returned. Once more he cried to God to save him. Again he fell asleep, and the third time the dream came. He cried out: "If I don't begin to pray, I shall be in hell before daylight!"

Then in the darkness of the night husband and wife knelt in prayer, and the poor, death-hunted sportsman, became a new creature in Christ Jesus; there he was enabled to baffle forever the hell hounds that were crying out for his soul.

"Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." (Prov. 29:25).—Selected

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Dam Did Not Hold

The Teton Dam in Eastern Idaho stood taller than a 30-story building. It was three fifths of a mile long, spanning the deep canyon of the Teton River with its enormous walls of broken volcanic rock. Millions of tons of clay, sand, silt, gravel and rock were used in the construction of the dam, and though some had strongly argued against building it, concerned that it might not hold up, nevertheless the dam was built and declared to be entirely safe.

The first hint of disaster came on June 5, 1976 when at 7 a.m. one of the workers at the dam site noticed two small leaks of water coming out of the canyon wall near the edge of the dam. This did not look too serious, but by 10:30 the second leak was spilling onto the dam itself and began to erode a good-sized hole in the edge of the dam. It was then that Mr. Robertson, the chief engineer, began to be concerned that the dam might break.

Mr. Robertson ordered the construction crew to bring in two huge bulldozers and try to push great boulders into the hole on the face of the dam. However, the bulldozers sank into the sand and mud, and the drivers barely escaped.

By 11 o'clock it was clear that the dam was doomed. Another leak could be seen on the far side near the base. Mrs. Robertson telephoned a short message to the sheriffs of the towns below:

"Believe that the Teton Dam may break. Notify people below the dam of possibility."

The local radio stations were informed of the danger, and though the warning messages went out, no one realized how quickly the collapse would actually come.

Don Ellis, owner of a radio station, casually decided to visit the dam and just see how bad the situation really was. What he saw was horrifying, and he broadcasted a description of the disaster on the radio so that many were able to escape the terrible deluge. The edge of the dam eroded away from bottom to top, and Don Ellis watched in horror as the whole side of the dam collapsed. A 40-foot wall of water plunged down the canyon, sloshing from side to side, but behind it came a roaring flood that crested to 100 feet high, sweeping away everything before it. Down the canyon and into the Snake River Valley poured the mighty waters, carrying with them people, animals, automobiles, houses, barns, trees and bridges in their path. Eleven persons and thousands of cattle perished in the overwhelming tide. Men had trusted in a dam that simply couldn't hold.

The Teton Dam disaster reminds us of a worse disaster that is coming—the judgment of God on this sinful world. Nothing will stem the awful tide in that day, and it will be too late to seek a place of refuge. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## God Plans For Man's Salvation

**New Word:** *Salvation:* Preservation from destruction, ruin or loss.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity [hate] between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (This is the first promise of salvation.)

I Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law [the Old Testament], shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Hebrews 5:8 Though he [Jesus] were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

**Central Thought:** Soon after Adam sinned, God made plans to save men from sin.

"He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must himself pass."  
—George Herbert

### Questions:

1. Where in the Bible is the first promise of salvation found?
2. Who brought death into the world?
3. What did Jesus come to do?
4. What is promised to those who believe in God's Son?
5. Why did God send His Son into the world?
6. For what was the law of the Old Testament?
7. When is the law no longer needed?
8. To whom is Jesus the author of salvation?
9. Who is able to save to the uttermost?

### MEMORY VERSE

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:17



# Let's Talk

One day Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China, was traveling up the river in a junk. It was made in the usual Chinese style: flat bottom, high stern, low bow and lateen sails of bamboo matting. On the boat with Mr. Taylor was his friend, Peter. Peter hardened himself against the gospel each time that Hudson talked with him about it. Today was no different. Hudson pleaded with Peter to be saved. Peter rejected. Finally, Hudson went into the small cabin on the boat.

A few minutes later he heard a scream and splash as something heavy hit the water! Rushing out, he saw Peter bobbing in the water below! Rapidly he lowered the sails, kicked off his heavy clothes and jumped into the water to help Peter. He was a good swimmer, but Peter didn't surface! He remembered the men fishing with a net. "Help! Help!" he called to the men in the fishing boat not far away. "Come with your net! A man is drowning!"

The sly fishermen saw their chance to make some money. "We don't have time to stop fishing and hunt for men," they called back. "Fishing means food for our children."

"I'll pay you many days wages," he called back.

"Pay each one of us. Each of us have children."

"Okay," Hudson called back. Finally the men came.

Peter was found and brought up on the deck. But nothing Hudson did could revive Peter. Peter had drowned.

Hudson tried to be Peter's salvation.

The ark in which Noah, his family, and the animals lived during the year that flood water covered all the earth was their salvation. Many men, women, children, animals of all kinds, plants, and even a lot of fish and sea animals were destroyed during this flood.

Fossils, buried deep in the earth, are a record to man about this great destruction of life. There are so many

fossil graveyards that scientists can hardly number them. In these fossil graveyards, every kind of animal and also humans are found, strewn, mangled, and twisted together as if they were washed together by water. In Geiseltal Germany, 6000 fossils of animals with backbones were found. In Sicily a graveyard of hippopotamus' was uncovered. In the old red sandstone in England where shoals apparently dried up after the flood, there have been found 1000 fish in twisted states of agony crammed together in one square yard. In Texas, millions of fossilized clams were found in a three foot thick layer of sedimentary rock. (Clams do not live packed together like this.) All these fossils and many, many more show us that life was almost completely destroyed by the flood. God used the ark to save life.

Jesus is the ark that God is using to save men today. "God sent not his Son [Jesus] into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17). "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Salvation for all men is waiting for whoever will come.

Will you come to Jesus today?

—Sis. Charlotte

## Ting's Joy

Ting was just a poor, uneducated, Chinese laborer; he worked hard for little pay. One day however, a missionary spoke to Ting about the Saviour. Ting believed what he heard and was wonderfully saved.

With a face that radiated his new-found joy Ting would say, "I am nothing. I have no money, and no schooling, but in my heart I have an unable-to-speak-it-out joy!"

If you open your heart's door and let Him in, He will first cleanse it from all sins and then come to dwell there. This is true and everlasting happiness.

—Selected

(Answers: 1. In Genesis 3:15. 2. Adam. 3. To save His people from their sins. 4. Everlasting life. 5. So that the world through Him might be saved. 6. A schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. 7. After faith comes. 8. To those who obey. 9. Jesus Christ.)

all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. . . ." Rom. 1:18.

There is a place of refuge from the coming wrath NOW, however, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour whom God Himself has sent into this world to save sinners. "For when we were yet without strength [unable to help ourselves] Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom. 5:6). Christ is the sure refuge and only hope of the sinner. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts. 4:12. All who put their trust in Jesus now will be safe in that day; but all others will be cut off, forever, from God.

How many trust in their good character, their good deeds or their religion for their soul's salvation? These things, however, like the Teton Dam, will all prove to be unsafe and useless in the day of judgment. What are you trusting in, dear reader?

Do not put off the salvation of your soul until it is too late. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2). "Flee from the wrath to come." (Luke 3:7). Trust in the Lord, the Rock of Ages, and be safe forever. —Selected

## Saved In The River

Walter was a young fellow with a dear Christian mother, but of late he had been wandering from the good way he had been brought up in. No longer did he go to Sunday school, and in the summertime he generally spent his Sundays sailing on the river with his friends.

One Sunday morning the boat upset. Poor Walter could not swim and he went down in the deep water. As he rose to the surface for the last time, one of his friends seized hold of him and his cold, apparently lifeless body was brought ashore. He was carried home. Everything possible was done for his recovery, but for a long time it seemed uncertain whether he would live or not. There was a feeble heartbeat, just enough to keep hope alive.

His mother knelt by his bedside and prayed in agony that her son might be spared at least until he could seek the Lord and find pardon. As she thus prayed, the cold hand she held in hers gave a feeble squeeze. The eyelids quivered a little but did not open. But after a while Walter gazed at his mother and said in a low whisper, "Mother, I'm saved."

She supposed that he meant he was saved from drowning and so she responded, "Yes, dear, thank God you are saved." Then in broken sentences, with long intervals between, Walter gave this remarkable experience: "Mother, I heard you praying. If I died you would have thought me lost; but I am saved. When I let go my hold on that boat, a thought flashed across my mind, 'I am lost. I'm going into eternity with all my sins unpardoned.' I lifted up my heart to heaven and said, 'God be merciful to me a sinner! Lord, save me!' I seemed to hear a voice distinctly say 'I will save you, trust me.' I'm sure it was the voice of Jesus. Then all my fear was gone. After that I knew nothing until I heard you praying for me. You would have mourned for me as lost, but Mother, I'm saved."

Time proved he was right. He recovered his health and strength, gave up all his disobedient, evil ways, and lived the life of an earnest and devoted Christian. How wonderful is the power of Jesus to save!

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" Titus 3:5. —Selected





# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Sam's Clock

Sam lived in Africa. All his boyhood he had lived in the jungle and he had never been to a city.

One day Sam had a chance to take a boat trip down the big river to the sea coast. At the mouth of the river was a large city, and Sam's eyes and mouth opened wide when he saw the great high buildings, the cars and buses that moved up and down the streets, and the crowds of people that surged in and out of the big stores.

At first Sam's excitement knew no bounds but when he got tired of watching the traffic, he walked down the street looking in the store windows. On the way he came to a clock shop and going inside he asked the shopkeeper to show him his clocks. Until now Sam had told the time by the sun, but now the watchmaker showed Sam how to tell time by the clock.

A day or two later Sam came back and bought a clock to take home with him to the jungle. He carried it very carefully lest anything should happen to it along the way.

Back home in his grass and mud-thatched hut Sam told time by his new clock. It didn't matter whether the sun shone or not; he still knew what time it was. Sam was very pleased with his clock.

Many months went by and then Sam noticed that his clock had stopped. The

take them to the shopkeeper in the city," thought Sam, "and he will fix them." So he removed the hands, wrapped them carefully and soon was aboard the boat and on his way down the river to the city again.

Entering the clock shop Sam explained why he had come. Handing the watchmaker the hands of his clock, he asked him to fix them.

"There is nothing I can do with these hands," explained the shopkeeper. "The trouble is inside the clock. Bring me the clock and I will find out what is wrong."

Sam, however, was angry and would not listen. "There is nothing wrong with my clock," he said. "I don't need to pay you for fixing the whole clock." So, taking back the hands he returned to his jungle home and put the hands back on the clock. But it never ran after that and Sam went back to telling time by the sun.

Dear boys and girls, when we use our hands to do bad things, the trouble is on the inside, in our hearts. There is sin there, for our hearts are "desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). If with our lips we speak bad things it is only the bad coming out from inside of us. If our feet carry us to places where we ought not to be it is because our hearts want us to go there. The trouble is on the inside.

We need to have our hearts cleansed from sin by the precious blood of Christ, then His Holy Spirit will come to dwell there, and our hands, our lips, our feet.

# WORDS OF GOLD



## How To Keep Salvation

**New Words:** *Renew:* Make new again.

*Sacrifice:* To give up something for a higher, dearer object.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified [made free from blame or guilt] by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed [like in appearance and character] to this world: but be ye transformed [changed in appearance, nature, and character] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness [being reckless or careless, not decent or modest], not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles [sly tricks] of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to

withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins [the part of the body considered to be the center of physical strength and power] girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**Central Thought:** For a justified person to keep this relationship with Christ, he should consecrate himself to be a living sacrifice for Jesus, and keep on the whole armor of God.

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“Politeness is to do and say  
The kindest things in the kindest way.”  
—Selected

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### Questions:

1. How is a person justified?
2. Why should justified people go on to perfection?
3. In what manner are we to present our bodies to God?
4. What must every Christian put on?
5. Whom are we fighting against?
6. Are truth and righteousness used to protect the loins (vital parts) of God's soldiers?
7. For what do God's soldiers use the shield of faith?
8. What protection does he have for his head?
9. What is the Christian's sword?

### MEMORY VERSE

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

# Let's Talk

In those bygone years, before there were guns, hand grenades, tanks, and airplanes, soldiers fought in close combat. Their weapons were clubs, axes, swords, and knives. (And sometimes rocks. David killed the giant with a rock.) To protect themselves from their enemies, soldiers wore suits of armor. Very early, man covered his body with several layers of animal hides. Later, men made metal shields and cuirasses, or body armor of especially hardened leather. This did not give the needed protection, so makers of armor developed metal coverings, especially of bronze and iron.

Shields and body armor differed in size and shapes with the period and region, but it always served the purpose of protecting a soldier from attacks of his enemies.

When a person gets saved, he escapes the kingdom of Satan and becomes a soldier for the Lord against Satan. Satan and all his imps are angry and ready to make war against the new child of God. That is why Paul said, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles [sly tricks] of the devil." The armor that God has for His children is not made of hardened leather, bronze, or iron. The war they fight is not against other men, it is against spirits.

Much of the war takes place in the soldier's mind. The helmet of salvation is for the protection of the mind. The assurance that God has forgiven all sin is a helmet that God gives the sinner when he has met God's conditions for salvation. The saved person must wear this helmet. A Christian is wearing the helmet when he doesn't let the devil convince him that he is not forgiven.

God provides the armor, but the soldier must keep it on. He provides the truth which the Christian must wrap around his stomach, the part of the body that takes in food. We couldn't

live long if our stomach couldn't digest food. Digesting spiritual food is keeping in our mind good thoughts about God's goodness, His Word, or ways to help others, instead of thoughts of this world.

The breastplate of righteousness protects the heart. Righteous means doing right and behaving justly, so to use the breastplate, we must make ourselves behave right.

The shield of faith, held in whatever direction the devil is fighting from, will protect the soldier from the fiery darts of the wicked. Many times these darts come from persons, and unless we are careful, we will not recognize that they are from the devil. Faith is trust in God. When the devil shoots a dart, just trust in God and the fiery dart will go out before it burns you!

The sword for this spiritual warfare is the Word of God. This piece of armor often needs sharpening. Mental battles with the devil sometimes dull the sword. He can give 1000 reasons why something is right, even though God's Word says it is not right. Sharpen your sword by studying the Bible.

After you are saved, "present your body [daily] as a living sacrifice" that you may have the whole armor of God, lest you be trampled again under Satan's filthy feet. —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. By faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 2. So they will not be back-sliding and having to repent again. 3. As a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God. 4. The armor of God. 5. The devil, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 6. Yes. 7. To quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 8. A helmet of salvation. 9. The Word of God.)

our all, will be used in doing those things that please and honor Him.

In salvation two things are put together in Scripture—one inward, and one outward. "If thou shalt *confess with thy mouth* the Lord Jesus, and shalt *believe in thine heart* that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom. 10:9).

King David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Ps. 51:10).

—Selected

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## Peggy's New Testament

Peggy was just a little girl, and her parents were very poor. A kind man, walking along the road near the cottage where she lived, gave her a New Testament, and asked her to read a few verses of it every day. Peggy was delighted, but her parents were angry and threatened to take the precious Book away from her.

However, Peggy was so interested in her Book and the wonderful things it told her, that she could not stop reading it; so she dug a hole in the garden, lined it with pieces of wood, and then put a wooden lid on top. She covered the lid with a light layer of dirt. Into this strange place she put her precious Testament, taking every opportunity she could to read it.

Dear Peggy learned from the Book the way of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and she came to trust Him as her Saviour and became a faithful follower of Him. Nor did it end there. Her parents, seeing the wonderful change in their little daughter's life, gave her liberty to read her Testament in the house, and by this means they were both brought to know the Saviour as their own.

Dear reader, you may not have such hindrance placed in your way by those at home as Peggy did, but has your heart been won for Christ?

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. —Selected

## "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul"

Charles Wesley, the great hymn writer, was one day seated at his desk writing before an open window. A frightened little bird, pursued by a fierce hawk, flew in the window and alighted on his chest. Claspings the fluttering little thing to him, he watched while the hawk gave up the chase and disappeared. Then taking up his pen he wrote those beautiful lines that have been a message of mercy to thousands and have been sung around the globe:

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the waters near me roll,  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storms of life be past:  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Oh, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none;  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee.  
Leave, oh, leave me not alone.  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring:  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

—Selected



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Ready Now

One cold, cloudy morning a ship captain was coming down the street on his way to his ship, when he noticed a poorly clad, hungry looking little boy standing in front of a fine restaurant.

The captain placed his hand gently on the boy's shoulder and asked, "What are you doing here, my little man?" The little boy, with a piteous look, said, "Oh sir, I was just standing here looking at the good things they have to eat in the restaurant."

"Well," said the captain, "if you had on good clothes, a clean face, and your hair combed, I would take you in the restaurant and get you something to eat."

With a gentle look of love and with tears in his eyes at the captain's kind words, the little fellow brushed his hair with his hand and said, "I am ready—ready now."

The captain replied, "Well, my little man, God bless you; come with me into the restaurant and I will get you something to eat."

As the little fellow began to eat, the captain asked, "Where is your mother, my boy?"

"Mother died when I was about four years old," replied the child.

"Where is your father?"

"I haven't seen father since mother died."

"And who takes care of you?"

The boy, with a look of calm resignation, said, "When Mommy was sick,

just before she died, she told me that Jesus would take care of me. She taught me how to pray and to love Him."

Putting his arms around the boy, the captain said, "Come with me, my little man, and you will always be my boy." He made arrangements to bring the little lad on the steamer and introduced him to his men, saying, "He will wait on me, and his name is 'Ready Now.' He is always ready and you must not call him by any other name than 'Ready Now!'" The little boy cleaned up after the captain had given him a new blue suit of clothes, began the pleasant duty of waiting on the captain, and did so most faithfully.

The captain came to love the little child. Shortly after the little boy had been on board, he took sick, and one day he said to the captain, "I feel sick; I have awful pains in my chest. Oh captain, I want to get close to you." The kindhearted man took him in his arms and pressed him to his heart. The boy fell asleep and the captain carried him very carefully to his berth.

A few days later the doctor said to the captain, "I have done all I can for that poor boy; he is seriously ill and will die."

"Doctor," cried the captain, "save him; I can't give him up." But the child continued to grow worse. One day the boy sent for the captain whom he loved so dearly, and as the captain looked him in the face, he saw that death was very near.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### A Christian's Duty

Romans 7:4: Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, . . . did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

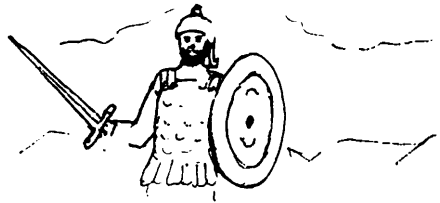
18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

**Central Thought:** God has provided a way that each Christian can bring forth good fruit, if they will stay close to Christ by reading the Bible and praying seriously every day.



### Questions:

1. (Finish the statement.) A Christian married to Christ should \_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of fruit does sin bring forth?
3. After being made free from sin, what kind of fruit should we have?
4. Are Christians to fellowship the works of darkness?
5. Name the fruits of the Spirit of God.
6. How will having the fruit of righteousness help in the day of Christ?
7. Describe the wisdom from above.
8. If a Christian is to bear righteous fruit, what is one thing he must always do?
9. To be a disciple of Jesus, we must do what?

### MEMORY VERSE

...As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:4

# Let's Talk

When King David wrote his first Psalm, he described a righteous man as a tree growing beside a river. He said the tree's leaves would not wither and that it would bear fruit.

All trees need water. Rain, snow, streams and rivers provide water for millions of trees throughout the world. If the trees do not get water from natural means, people must provide this water. Men who grow trees for their fruit usually have some system of irrigation with which to provide water for the trees when it is needed.

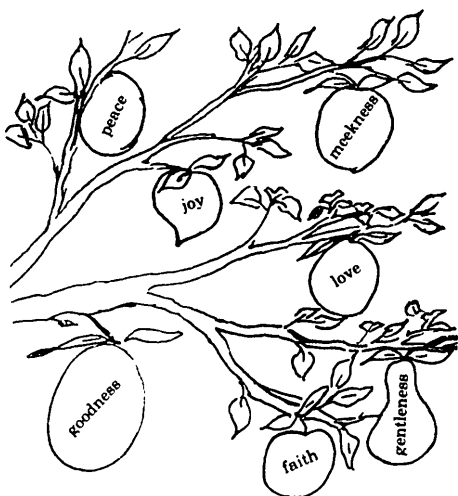
When a person is saved from sin, Jesus puts in their heart a "well of water." This well of everlasting water provides all the water needed to bear righteous fruit. When a person feels he can be good without staying in Jesus, the well dries up and his tree begins producing ugly fruits of the flesh.

The way a person acts is his fruit. If he thinks about how he can get even with someone, he will sooner or later do something to get revenge. The fruit will not be good. If he thinks of how he can be nice to someone who has hurt him, he will find a way to be nice. The fruit will be good.

From the verses in Galatians we learned that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. These characteristics are a part of the Christian when he is a branch of Christ's holy vine, just as apples are fruit of an apple tree, or bananas are fruit of a banana tree. If you notice the fruit you produce is hateful instead of loving, that is a good sign that you are not staying in Jesus. Get busy reading the Bible and praying more seriously and your fruit will change.

Romans 6:22 reads, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, . . ." Jesus has removed sin

from our lives. We are no longer servants to it, therefore we do not produce sinful fruit such as fornication, witchcraft, wrath, strife, envyings, murders, drunkenness, and revellings (partying). The Christian is somewhat like a branch grafted into a tree. First, God breaks him off the old root of sin, makes him a new creation, then by way of a very delicate method, He hooks the branch into the holy trunk, Jesus. Once in this tree, the Christian draws his nutrients (food) from the holy roots of Jesus. How could a branch bear sinful fruit when the Holy Spirit is flowing from Jesus to the fruit it bears? The only way he could sin is to draw away from receiving help from Jesus. Just as a natural branch will wither and die if it is severed from the tree, so a Christian can get severed from Christ; then he will not be a tree with green leaves and delicious fruit. But if he stays in Christ, he will bear good fruit.—Sis. Charlotte



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(Answers: 1. Bring forth fruit unto God. 2. Fruit unto death. 3. Fruit unto holiness. 4. No. 5. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. 6. It will cause those having it to be without offence. 7. It is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy, and good works. 8. It has no hypocrisy (false appearance), nor partiality (favoritism or prejudice). 9. We must always stay in Christ.)

In a low, weak voice the little fellow said, "Oh Captain, I do love you. You have been so good to me, but I am going to leave you. I am going where Jesus and Mother are. I am going to be with Jesus. Oh Captain, won't you give your heart to Jesus? Meet me in heaven. Captain, Jesus loves you; won't you let Him save you and be a Christian?"

The captain, with deep emotion and trembling voice replied, "I have been thinking about it, my little man."

"But when, Captain?"

"I will attend to it soon."

"When will you be ready to give your heart to Jesus?"

"Well, I will not put it off much longer."

"Oh Captain, won't you let Jesus save you? When will you be ready?"

With tears streaming down his cheeks, the captain fell upon his knees and cried, "I am ready now—Ready Now!" And there on his knees, with a broken and contrite heart, he opened his heart

to the Lord Jesus. About a half hour afterward some of the men came to the captain's room and found him kneeling in prayer. The little boy's arms were around his neck but his spirit had fled. He was "absent from the body . . . present with the Lord." (II Cor. 5:8).

The captain gave up his position as captain of the steamer and went out to preach the gospel of the grace of God to poor, lost sinners, and to tell of the dear little boy, who had been the means in God's hands of leading him to the blessed Saviour.

Dear reader, are you a Christian? Do you love Jesus as this little boy did? Are you ready to meet Him? Do you know Him as that blessed Saviour who died for you on the cross of Calvary? If not, will you take Him as your Saviour now, and then you can say, "Ready now!"

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2).  
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## THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

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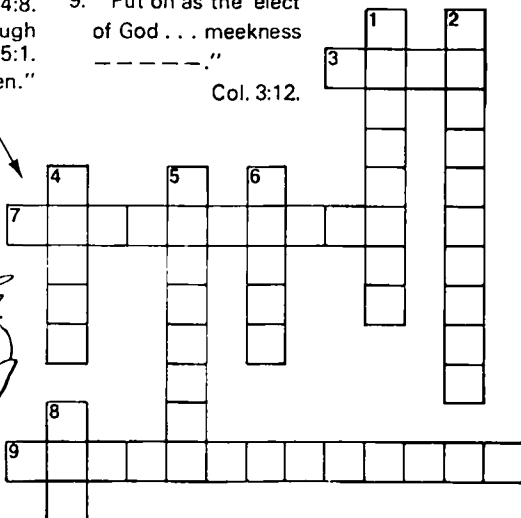
- "Surely ----- and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Psa. 23:6.
- "Thy ----- hath made me great." Psa. 18:35.
- "God is -----." 1 John 4:8.
- "We have ----- with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.
- "Showing ----- unto all men." Titus 3:2.

6. "By grace are ye saved through -----." Eph. 2:8.

7. "Add to . . . knowledge -----." 2 Pet. 1:6.

8. "The ----- of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10.

9. "Put on as the elect of God . . . meekness -----." Col. 3:12.





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## Anna's New Home

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Anna placed her fifth grade math book on the top shelf of the rickety old cupboard, and held her hands over the open oven door. Her mother who was mending Anna's only Sunday dress, sat with her back against the side of the stove. It was the only bit of heat in the basement apartment and to keep warm, one needed to be almost touching it. The snowstorm that had buried East St. Louis last night made staying warm even more difficult.

Anna's blue eyes clouded, "Why is Dad so mean?" she asked.

"He doesn't have Jesus in his heart, that's why," the Christian woman answered.

"Oh, how I wish he would go to church so Jesus could change him," Anna sighed.

"I do too, my dear, but until that day, we will go alone. We must be happy and rejoice in our salvation, regardless of what he does."

Anna and her mother faithfully went to church. The pastor, Bro. A. M. Trotter taught them to believe the Bible just as it is written. He taught them that they must always have faith in God; that they must know His Word and do as the Word says.

Anna's Sunday school teacher taught the children in Anna's class about God's great love. She taught the standards of holiness that God requires of His children. She taught them how to pray to

Him when they needed help. These lessons Anna was going to need.

"Can't you walk any faster? I'm hungry," Anna said to her mother as they were going home from church. "And this July sun feels like it's trying to melt me. We used to walk home in ten minutes, now it takes half an hour."

"I know, I know. But I just have to stop and rest," Mother said very weakly. "I'd never make it if I didn't."

Mother grew weaker and weaker. Finally the day came when she could not walk to church. "You'll have to go alone," she told Anna.

Anna did go alone, but when she got back, her angry father said, "You may not go to church again unless your mother goes."

The next Sunday Mother was too weak to go, so Anna stayed home. The following Sunday was the same. "Do you know why Anna is missing Sunday school?" her teacher asked Bro. Trotter.

"Yes, I visited in their home and her father has refused to let her come alone."

The teacher wanted Anna to continue learning about Jesus. She prayed. God showed her something to do. Monday, when Anna left the schoolyard, she met her Sunday school teacher. "Mind if I walk you home?" the teacher asked.

As they walked to Anna's apartment, the teacher taught Anna yesterday's Bible lesson. Anna was happy. The next Monday the teacher met her again and walked her home. Every Monday

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Serves

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Acts 10:38 . . . God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Luke 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Mark 6:31 And he [Jesus] said unto them [His disciples], Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, . . .

Matthew 14:20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Central Thought: Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself and became like a servant, walking from house to house and village to village, helping all who came to Him.

Questions:

1. Was Jesus, the Son of God, equal with God?
2. What form did He take upon Himself?
3. Jesus went about doing what?
4. What was Jesus doing one evening instead of resting?
5. As Jesus went about the villages, what was He doing?
6. Why did Jesus need to go into a desert place to rest?
7. Who was waiting for Jesus when He got to His resting place?
8. For how many hungry men did Jesus make food?
9. How many books did John think could be filled if all the good things Jesus did were written down?

MEMORY VERSE

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." (Acts 10:38)

Let's Talk

"Where is the King of the Jews?" asked the wisemen when they knocked at King Herod's palace gate. King Herod did not know that a new King, Jesus, had been born.

Yes, Jesus is a King. He is the King of kings. He is the Lord of all lords, the Creator of the universe, the Master of all things. Although Jesus is all these things, He humbled Himself and became a man. He did not just become a man, but He became a poor man. He suffered the pains of being treated like an outcast as many of the poor are treated. A king usually expects to be served, but Jesus expected no one to serve Him. Instead of being served, He became the servant of others.

Hour after hour, He ministered to the needy. The great compassion He felt for the people caused Him to help them, even when He felt exhausted. Mile after mile He walked over the dusty roads between Judea and Galilee. In Galilee there were the cities of Bethsaida, Capernaum, Magdala, Cana and Nazareth, besides all the towns and small villages. In all these places hundreds of people gathered to listen while Jesus spoke.

There was the great city of Jerusalem; also Bethany, Jericho and Bethlehem in Judea. From these cities streamed multitudes of sick. The blind, the lame, and those possessed with devils crowded close after Him, to get one touch of His comforting hand.

He also went into the cities of Decapolis and of course through Samaria, as it lay between Judea and Galilee. Sometimes He stopped in Samaria to rest at Jacob's well. Even while He rested at the well, people came seeking help.

Yes, every day, from morning until evening, Jesus was busy helping others. One time when He was near a sea, people kept crowding in closer and closer to Him. Finally He had to get into a boat to keep them from backing Him

right off into the water. Another time He was so tired after helping the people all day that He slept during a storm that was tossing the boat dangerously. How could anyone sleep in a wildly tossing boat?

Once in a while He would try to get away from the people for a little time of rest. One time He and His disciples rowed to the other side of a lake to get some rest. When they arrived, who do you suppose they found? They found the people they had left on the other side of the sea. Jesus felt sorry for the people. Instead of resting as He had planned, He got busy helping them again. A king might have become angry and ordered the people away, or shouted to his soldiers to kill them. What did Jesus do? He humbled Himself as a servant and served them.

Stop just a moment and ask yourself these questions: Have you helped anyone today? Did you feel sorry for someone yesterday? Did you help them? How often do you help your mother, father, brother or sister? Do you have to be forced to help around your house? To be like Jesus, we must have enough love for others to get busy and help them.

Jesus is the King of all kings, yet He humbled Himself and became a servant to the needy.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. The form of a servant. 3. Doing good. 4. He was healing the sick and casting out devils as He had done during the day. 5. Teaching. 6. Because people were always coming to Him for help. 7. A crowd of people. 8. 5000. 9. More books than the world could contain.)

the teacher taught Anna the Bible lesson as they walked together.

The day came when Anna had to move. Her mother died. The funeral was held on the south side of the town. Bro. Trotter comforted Anna as best he could. Her Sunday school teacher sat beside her during the funeral and held her hand.

After the funeral, Anna was left a short way from her house to walk home alone. When she got to the apartment, her few clothes were in a sack outside the door. Her drunken father shouted, "You can not live here any longer. I don't want to ever see you again."

Anna thought for a moment that something inside her was bursting. She knew her father was mean, but she never dreamed he would turn her out into the street.

She had no idea where her kind Sunday school teacher lived nor the pastor. She choked the desire to scream for help, to report her father for such abuse. "If only Mother were here. Mother, Mother, I can't get along without you," she cried softly as she picked up her clothes and started back towards the cemetery. She found the long MacArthur Bridge that separated East St. Louis and St. Louis. She knew the cemetery was on the other side of the bridge. "I'll find it some way," she told herself determinedly. Step by step she trudged the mile and one-half across the bridge. Her ragged coat sleeves were wet from rubbing the tears off her face by the time she found her mother's grave. She threw herself across the fresh mound of dirt that separated her from her mother. The loose dirt packed into the wet coat sleeves, but she didn't notice. "Oh, Mother, Mother, what will I do? Where will I go?" she cried.

As she lay there sobbing, she remembered the teacher saying, "Always pray when you need help." Then she thought of a verse the teacher had taught her on the way home from school. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

At that instant she reached her dirty hand into her pocket. Her fingers touched a piece of paper. Pulling it out,

she read, "If you ever need help, please come to this address: . . ."

"A place to go!" she shouted.

The mile and one-half back across the bridge into East St. Louis seemed like nothing. East St. Louis was the only place where she knew she could find a policeman. She found one and gave him the note.

After a little investigation, he set out to help her find the address. It was almost dark by the time the house was found.

Anna knocked at the door. A kind looking woman answered the door. "So you are the little girl the Lord has sent? Come right in. I have supper ready for you," she said.

After the policeman was gone, Anna asked, "When did you put that note in my pocket?"

"I did not write a note."

"Then who did? It was in my pocket. How did you know I was coming?"

"My child, I know nothing about a note. This morning in prayer the Lord spoke to me saying that He was sending a little girl for me to raise. Now let's forget all about the note. You are here; this is your home as long as you wish to stay."

Anna was happy in her new home. She received love like her own mother's love and was provided for better than her father would have done. She also learned good manners, to cook, to sew, and to keep a clean house.

When she was grown she went as a missionary to China, where she served God for many, many years.

She told the Chinese people that Jesus showed His love by what He did for others. She told how Christians must show their love to others by helping others. Sometimes she told them about her Christian mother, her kind Sunday school teacher, and the dedicated saint who gave her a home and a mother's love when she had lost both. All of these were excellent examples of being like Jesus.

—Written by Charlotte Huskey,
as told by A. M. Trotter

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Operation Auca

Pronunciation Guide

Arajuno—a-ra-hoo'no

Auca—ow (as in now) -ka

Dayuma—dye-u'ma

On January 6, 1956, five men waited in the jungle of Ecuador. Three of the five stood facing the river and shouted phrases of welcome. Their reward came as three Auca Indians stepped hesitantly out of the jungle and crossed the river.

Jim Elliot, Ed McCully, Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, and Pete Fleming were men dedicated to God and His work. When they left America they knew they might never come back, yet they were willing to be used of God.

Dayuma, an escaped Auca girl, helped them understand Auca customs. She taught Jim Elliot some simple friendly Auca phrases he could use. She told them not to trust the Aucas, because they will act like friends, then kill.

About this time, Ed McCully and his wife Marilou moved their family to Arajuno, a place near Auca territory. From there, Nate Saint, the pilot of the five, took Ed and flew over the jungle looking for the Aucas' village.

The missionaries planned to drop gifts from the airplane to the Aucas below. This would show the Aucas they were friendly. With Nate piloting, they flew over the village and dropped their first gift—a kettle filled with bright buttons and tied with colorful streamers. They

didn't see any Aucas that time, but on their next trip they saw one. He was running and trying to catch their gift—a machete. After they dropped it, more Aucas came out to look at it.

The five men wanted the Aucas to become familiar with them and to realize they only wanted to be friendly. So, on their next flight, they hooked up a loudspeaker system. They used the phrases Jim had gotten from Dayuma and yelled, "I like you. I am your friend." Soon they hoped they could meet the Aucas on the ground and tell them about the Lord. As they flew over, Nate looked for a possible place to land, but there was none.

Nate had fixed a way for them to drop their gifts by using a long cord with the gift attached. He would circle the plane so the gift dropped into the Indians' hands. On their sixth week of gift drops, the Aucas grabbed the cord and tied an Indian headdress to it. The missionaries rejoiced at this sign of friendship.

They began to call the Auca village "Terminal City." This was to keep their work secret. When they brought the next gift, they saw a model plane on the roof of an Auca house. They were thrilled, sure that the Aucas felt friendly now. After much prayer, they felt that the Lord was ready for them to make another move. They began to talk of a meeting on the ground.

After a long search, Nate found a beach on which they could land the

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus' Death

New Words: *Scourge:* To whip brutally. *Smote:* To hit hard. *Veil of the temple:* A huge very heavy curtain in the temple that separated the section called Holy from the Most Holy section. *Malefactors:* Criminals. *Bewailed and lamented:* To express great sorrow, as for one who is dead.

Mark 15:15 . . . Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

17 And they [the soldiers] clothed him with purple, and plated a crown of thorns, and put it about his head,

18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

Luke 23:27 And there followed him [Jesus] a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. . . .

Matthew 27:39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Central Thought: Jesus willingly suffered cruel mockings, and death on the cross, that others could be saved.

Questions:

1. Did wicked men take Jesus' life? (Read the memory verse.)
2. Why did Pilate release Barabbas and deliver Jesus to be crucified?
3. What did the soldiers do to Jesus before crucifying Him?
4. Did all the people want Jesus to be crucified?
5. What did Jesus say soon after they crucified Him?
6. What did the mockers say to Jesus while He was on the cross?
7. What happened between the sixth and ninth hour?
8. After Jesus died, what unusual things happened?
9. What did the centurion and those with him say about Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

"I lay down my life. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself."

(John 10:17-18)



Let's Talk

Many years before Jesus came to earth, God chose Moses as a teacher of His people. He taught the people about God, and how to behave themselves in a way that would please God and bring God's good blessings. He also taught them how to worship God together. He showed them how God wanted His place of worship built. It was to have a fenced-in courtyard, a large room and a small room. The large room was called the Holy Place and the small room the Most Holy Place. The priests went into the Holy Place to do service to God for the people. The Most Holy Place was very special. Only the high priest could go into it, and he could not go in but once a year.

With this form of worship, lambs were killed and their blood used as a representation of Jesus' blood. For faith in Jesus' blood is the only thing that will cleanse the sins of mankind. Jesus' death on the cross ended this form of worship. There was no more need for lamb's blood to represent His. Neither is there any need for that place of worship, nor priests, and high priest, for Jesus says whosoever will may come to Him.

If we are riding in a car and cry to Jesus for help, our cry is heard by Him. When we are at home and pray, He hears us. Wherever we are, and wherever we are, Jesus is ready to save us from sin. He is also ready to cleanse our hearts of every ungodly thing, even the evil nature with which we were born. Then He will send the Holy Spirit into our lives that we may communicate with Him as the high priest did when he went once a year into the Most Holy part of the temple.

When the veil of the temple tore apart at Jesus' death, God was showing that all people could now enjoy holy communion with Him. No more was it reserved for only the high priest. The poor, the rich, the sick, the outcast; and

men of any race can now meet with God by faith in the blood of Jesus.


Jesus asked God to forgive those who mocked or crucified Him, for He wanted them to also be saved. Jesus was willing to lay down His life. He knew that through His death millions, even very wicked people, would come to know God. When the soldiers came into the garden to arrest Him, Peter tried to defend Him. But Jesus said, "Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions (72,000) of angels?"

When He stood in the hall of judgment to be judged by Pilate, He boldly said to Pilate, "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." These Scriptures show clearly that Jesus was not forced to die. He was not a victim of cruel men's plans. He chose to allow these men to mock Him, beat Him and eventually nail Him to a cross.

Jesus' death and resurrection completed God's plan for the salvation of mankind. We don't need to do as Moses taught to worship God. We do not need to go through the religious rituals, a priest, or any other person to approach God as was taught by Moses. Any repenting sinner can come straight to God through His Son, Jesus.

Yes, Jesus loved others more than He loved Himself. He was willing to suffer that they might not suffer. Are you like Jesus? Are you willing to suffer so that others will not have to suffer?

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. No. 2. To please the people. 3. They scourged Him, mocked Him by dressing Him with purple, put a crown of thorns on His head, smote Him, spit upon Him, and pretended to worship Him. 4. No, a great company followed Him. 5. "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." 6. "He saved others, Himself He cannot save. Come down and we will believe." 7. Darkness was over all the land. 8. The veil of the temple was torn apart; the earth trembled and rocks burst. 9. "Truly this was the Son of God.")

plane. The missionaries called it "Palm Beach." Plans were made to build a treehouse where they could stay. Six by nine pictures of themselves were dropped with the next gift so the Aucas would recognize them on the ground. The Aucas gave them a parrot.

The five missionaries set the date for a possible meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 1956. Nate flew Ed to Palm Beach first, then he brought Jim and Roger. After they were settled, Nate flew over Terminal City and gave the invitation. The next day, Nate and Pete flew to Terminal City. There seemed to be fewer Aucas than usual, and they hoped some might already be coming. They flew back to wait with Ed, Jim, and Roger.

After another day or two, Nate and Pete flew to Terminal City again and repeated the invitation. An Auca pointed toward Palm Beach. This sign cheered them.

On that day in January, while Ed, Roger, and Jim shouted foreign words, their hope was fulfilled. Three Aucas, a young man and two women, crossed the river. The missionaries named the man "George." They called the younger woman "Delilah." Jim met the Aucas with gifts. Before long, their guests were at ease, and talked happily.

Nate took George, who seemed interested in the plane, for a ride over Terminal City. George yelled down at his friends, who were very surprised to see George in the plane. When they landed at Palm Beach, George leaped out of the plane and clapped his hands in delight. The five missionaries lifted their heads to signify their heavenly Father, and gave thanks for these visitors and the opening it gave to witness for Christ. They tried to hint to George that they would like an invitation to visit Terminal City, but he wasn't enthusiastic.

Nate and Pete flew back to Arajuno with the pictures they had made and their written records.

No one came the next day, so Nate and Pete took the plane and scouted Terminal City. The Aucas seemed frightened, so Nate dropped some gifts

and yelled. "Come, come." They saw George who pointed toward Palm Beach. They noticed most of the Aucas were gone. On their way back to Palm Beach, they saw a group of Aucas headed to the camp. When they landed, they informed the others and radioed the news to Marj Saint (Nate's wife). They promised to contact her again at 4:30 to report the outcome.

At 4:30, Marj Saint was unable to get in touch with the men. The next day, thoroughly alarmed, the five wives asked another missionary friend, Johnny Keenan, to fly over Palm Beach and check on the men. When he returned, his news was bad. The plane was torn apart and there was no sign of the missionaries.

On January 11, a ground search party found a body floating in the river. The wives' trust in the Lord was all that helped them through this time of tragedy. They knew He had a plan for them. Later, planes found other bodies in the river. None of the five had survived.

Investigators found signs of a struggle on the beach that seemed to indicate the missionaries had backed into the river. Apparently, even then, the men had tried to show they had love and not hate. Nobody discovered why the Aucas had attacked.

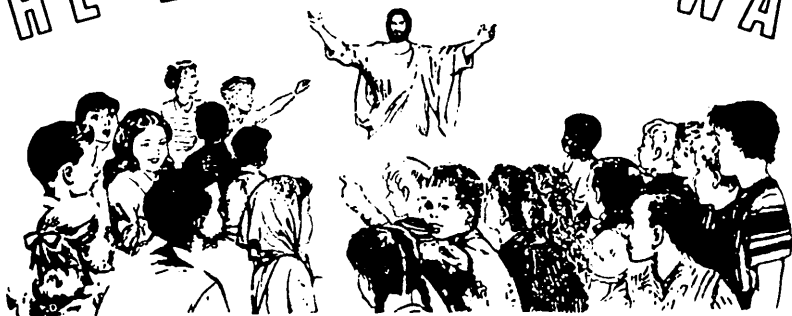
News of the missionaries' deaths was spread throughout the world, and many were inspired to become missionaries. Many totally dedicated their lives to God because of the five who had died for Him so willingly.

Rachel Saint, Nate's sister, worked with the Aucas through Dayuma, the Auca girl. George, Delilah, and the other Aucas seemed unchanged and happily accepted the gifts new missionaries dropped to them. The new missionaries continued to build on the foundation Jim, Nate, Pete, Ed, and Roger had laid. Their vision was to show the Aucas the love of Christ. One day the dream would become a reality, for the missionaries had not died in vain.

—Janet McMurrin
(From *Through Gates Of Splendor* by Elizabeth Elliot)

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Aucaland Is Reached

(Continued from last week)

Pronunciation Key

Akawo—ah-cah'-woh

Auca—ow'(as in now)-ka

Dawa—dah'-wah

Dayuma—dye-u'ma

Kimo—kee'-moh

Rachel Saint had come to Ecuador to teach the Auca Indians about God. First she had to learn the language. Since the Aucas are a savage tribe, there was only one person who could teach her. The one person was Dayuma, an Auca girl who had run away eight years ago. Dayuma told Rachel about the murder of her father; the reason she had left. She said the Auca policy was "Kill before you are killed."

While Rachel worked with Dayuma, Nate Saint, Rachel's brother, was killed with four other missionaries on "Palm Beach" by the Aucas. Now Rachel was more concerned than ever for the Aucas' salvation.

The world was interested in the Aucas after the five missionaries were killed, so Rachel and Dayuma went to the United States to tell about the work with the Aucas. As Rachel learned the language from Dayuma, she taught her about the Lord. Soon Dayuma loved the Lord.

When they were in Arkansas, Dayuma got sick. While she was recovering, Rachel got a phone call telling them two Auca women had come out of the

jungle. The news excited Dayuma, and she wondered who they were. Rachel suggested she record a tape and send it to the women. On the tape, Dayuma told who she was and asked the women who they were. Finally, she got a return tape.

It was a bad recording, but Dayuma listened eagerly. The women were her aunts. The things they said on the tape drew Dayuma back into the past fears and hatreds. They said "Delilah" who went to Palm Beach was Dayuma's younger sister. After hearing the tape, Dayuma told Rachel she was ready to return to her people and tell them about God, so they flew back to Ecuador.

When Dayuma met her aunts, they told her what had happened in the tribe since she had left. Dayuma told them about God. The aunts said Akawo, Dayuma's mother, had searched for Dayuma when she left. They told Dayuma that "George" of Palm Beach had married Delilah, Dayuma's sister. The aunts told Dayuma about the airplane that had dropped gifts in the jungle. The Aucas reasoned that the airplane must hold more Aucas (who else would be so kind to them?) and that they might be related to Dayuma.

Akawo had told Delilah and her aunt to go to the foreigners and ask about Dayuma. On the trail, they were joined by George. They asked the foreigners about Dayuma, but, naturally, the missionaries didn't understand them. Delilah asked the foreigners to take

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Resurrection

New Words: *Sepulchre:* Grave or tomb. *Watch:* Guard. *Countenance:* Appearance.

Matthew 27:59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure unto the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

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.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And 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: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Central Thought: Jesus' victory over physical death makes it possible for people to have victory over spiritual death.



Questions:

1. After Jesus' body was taken from the cross, what happened to it?
2. Why did the chief priests and Pharisees want Jesus' grave to be guarded?
3. Were guards stationed at Jesus' tomb?
4. Who went to visit Jesus' tomb early Sunday morning?
5. Who was sitting beside the tomb early Sunday morning?
6. What did the angel say to the women?
7. Who did the women meet as they ran to tell the disciples?
8. What did they do when they saw Jesus?
9. What comforting Words did Jesus speak to them?

MEMORY VERSE

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Matt. 28:6

Let's Talk

"He is not hear, He is risen!" What great words!

Have you ever thought what would have happened if Jesus hadn't been willing to come back to the earth as a man? Would you have wanted to come back to Jerusalem, if you had been crucified there?

We know Jesus went to a place called paradise after He died on the cross, because He said to the thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Don't you think that Jesus could have enjoyed staying in paradise, rather than coming back to the place where He had been killed? Jesus, however, was different than most men. He was so filled with love for mankind that He came willingly out of paradise and joined Himself to His dead body which lay in the tomb. Then, breaking asunder the bands of death from that body, He came forth from the tomb alive!

When the women came to anoint Jesus' body with sweet smelling spices, they did not find a decaying body. They found an empty tomb. The linen cloths with which they had wrapped His body were laying there, also the napkin that covered His head. But Jesus was gone!

"He is risen!" said the angel. Yes, Jesus rose again to live forevermore. His death and resurrection completed the plan which God had made for people to be saved.

God talked about this plan in the beginning of the world when He told the serpent in the garden of Eden that the Seed of the woman would bruise his head. The serpent was not a normal snake but the Devil, who wants men to be lost. The Seed of the woman was Jesus, God's Son in the form of a man. Jesus stepped right on the Devil's head when He arose from the grave and made God's plan of salvation complete.

No longer can the Devil drag people down in sin unless they choose to let him. If they choose to live free from the

condemnation of sin they can through faith in the risen Christ. This risen Saviour is now alive. He is ready to help us in any way we need Him so that we can overcome the devil.

Jesus was willing to leave His home in heaven to come to earth as a new-born baby. He suffered many things during His lifetime and was finally put to death. After death He went to paradise. Then He was willing to leave that blessed place and come again into this cruel world to live another 40 days. How very thankful we should be that Jesus was willing to come that second time to be our resurrected Saviour.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. It was wrapped in clean linen cloth and laid in Joseph's new tomb, then a great stone was rolled in front of the door. 2. They feared the disciples might steal the body to make it appear that Jesus had risen from the dead. 3. Yes. (Some writers say 16 soldiers were assigned to guard duty, four guarding at a time.) 4. Mary Magdalene and another Mary. 5. An angel. 6. "Fear not. He is not here: He is risen. Come see where He lay. Go tell Jesus' disciples that He will meet them in Galilee." 7. Jesus. 8. They fell down and worshipped Him. 9. He said, "Be not afraid.")

them in the plane to Dayuma. Instead, they took George for a ride. Delilah was sure Dayuma was dead, so she left. George followed her, but the aunt stayed. George and Delilah met Akawo in the jungle, and they told her the foreigners were bad and would kill her if she went to see them. They said the foreigners had beaten them and tried to kill them. When the aunt came back, she said George and Delilah were lying, because the foreigners were good.

The Aucas believed George and Delilah's story, so they made a lot of spears and went to Palm Beach. They killed the missionaries there. When another plane sent by the missionaries' friends came to drop gifts, Akawo believed Dayuma must still be alive.

After the aunts had told Dayuma about the tribe, they went into the jungle with Dayuma. There Dayuma was reunited with her mother, Akawo. Several of Dayuma's other relatives were also there. They told her George had been killed. They did not feel sorry though, because George was a killer himself.

After a month, Dayuma decided it was time to bring Rachel into the Aucas. They were ready to accept her. On the way, Dayuma told Rachel the results of her short stay. She said when she told the Aucas about heaven, only two did not laugh. The idea of heaven was strange to the Aucas who believed death was the end, or worse than the end. When they arrived in the jungle, the Aucas welcomed them.

One night, Dayuma woke Rachel to tell her an Auca boy wanted to be saved. This was the first of the Aucas in the tribe to accept Christ. Rachel was very glad.

Dayuma would tell the Aucas stories from the Bible as they sat around together. Soon Rachel heard Aucas besides Dayuma telling other Aucas about Jesus. She was happy, because this proved they were accepting the truth.

Dayuma and Rachel went to the United States to record Dayuma telling Bible stories in Auca for her people. Then they could hear the stories without Dayuma present.

When Rachel and Dayuma came back to the jungle, all the Aucas except two, Kimo and Dawa, had left. They didn't believe Rachel and Dayuma would come back. When Kimo went to bring them back, he found most of them were sick. They were angry at Dayuma for bringing the sickness in. They threatened to kill Dayuma and Rachel, but since no one died, they forgot the threat.

Near Easter, Dayuma told them the story of Christ's resurrection, how He left, and how He would come again. She asked who would follow Him. Dawa and Delilah said they would.

Over and over the Aucas listened to the records Dayuma had recorded for them. The records were a short version of the Old Testament.

Once the Aucas talked about the missionaries they had killed. They said after the first one was killed, the other four shot their guns into the air. The Indians waited until the bullets were gone, then killed the others. They seemed sad they had killed the missionaries.

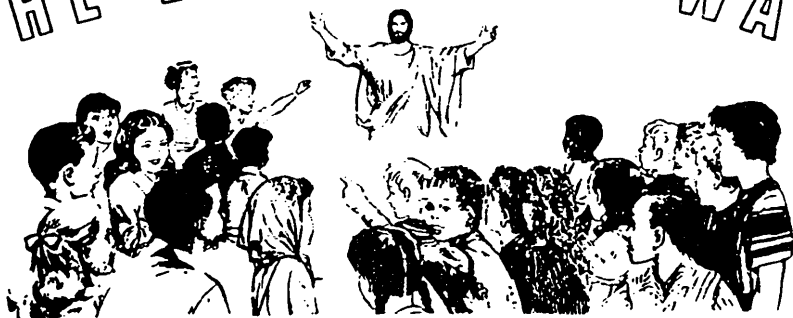
Rachel wanted to know more of the Auca stories of creation, so she went to the Aucas' storyteller, Uncle G. (Gikita). Uncle G. told her the stories that had been passed down. Then he laughed and said, "Our ancestors were talking crazy." He said "Dayuma has come and told us God created everything. Now we know the straight story."

More and more the Aucas were believing God's Word. Kimo was the first Auca man to tell Bible stories to his people. Uncle G. began to talk to the Lord as he hunted in the forest. He told the Aucas how he had killed and now was sorry. Kimo had also killed the foreigners. Uncle G. said it was very bad. Because the missionaries had not fought back, the Aucas were touched. It was through the deaths of the five missionaries that the Aucas' hearts were softened to the truth. Rachel and Dayuma rejoiced over the salvation of the Aucas. Today the dream of reaching the Aucas with the gospel is being realized.

—Janet McMurrin

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Mighty Messenger

What will you read to us tonight?" John asked as he threw himself down on the patio recliner.

Grandmother, who was rocking in a blue and white striped patio rocker, looked over her glasses at him and said, "I have a letter to read."

"A letter? Is it from Mother and Dad?"

"No, we haven't gotten a letter from them. Maybe we will get one tomorrow. Where's Melissa? I'm ready when she gets here."

Just then Melissa came around the corner carrying her Siamese cat over her hip, its head tucked under her arm and its tail hanging down in front.

John jumped up to frighten the cat out of Melissa's arms, just to make her angry. Melissa had prepared for that. She had a towel over the cat's head, and was carrying it backwards. "Guess I fooled you," she said laughing at her little brother.

"Listen, and I will read you a letter," Grandmother said.

Melissa seated herself on the edge of the swimming pool, a safe distance from John, and uncovered the cat's head.

Grandmother began reading:

"My Dear Christian Friend:

I am only a little tract, but I have a message for the whole wide world. When you have read me, send me on; oh, send me on.

What! Are you going to put me on a dusty bookshelf, or in a

musty old book, or in your dark writing desk? Oh, dear me! Are you going to bury my talent? Please do not do it. Read me, then pass me on. Put me into an envelope and let me fly on and on, stopping here with my message and then off again in another envelope until I have encircled the entire globe with my message that is for 'every creature.' Then, but not until then, can I lay me down to rest.

God's messenger in haste,

A little tract

P. S. If you have any of my brother tracts safely tucked away in any place, shake the dust off them and send them on their way that they, too, might finish their course and hear, 'Well done, little tract. You have done all that people let you do.'

"That was written by Percy G. Near," Grandmother said.

"That was a funny letter," John remarked.

"I like it," Melissa retorted. "I'm writing an essay about Hudson Taylor for Literature I. He was saved by reading a tract."

"Can you tell us about it?" Grandmother asked.

"From what little I know," Melissa answered, "as a very young boy Hudson had tried to act good like a Christian

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Walk To Emmaus

New words: *Threescore:* A score is 20; threescore is 60. *Furlongs:* 8 furlongs equal 1 mile. Threescore furlongs equal $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them [disciples] went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, . . .

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying. Abide with us: . . .

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him: and he vanished out of their sight.

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Central Thought: Jesus told the disciples that it was necessary that He suffer so that He could enter into His glory. We, too, must be willing to suffer to receive better things.

Questions:

1. Where were the two men going?
2. Of what were they talking when Jesus came to them?
3. Who did the men think Jesus was?
4. What did Jesus explain to them?
5. When was Jesus recognized?
6. Why did the men return to Jerusalem?
7. How many miles did the men walk that night?
8. Who was gathered together in Jerusalem?
9. When did the men see Jesus again?

MEMORY VERSE

"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

Luke 24:26

Let's Talk

With heads bowed, Cleopas and his friend trudged wearily along the road to Emmaus. Anyone seeing them would have thought they had lost every friend. Truly they were missing their best friend, Jesus. Jesus had made life so good. He healed their sick and did many other good things for them. Being near Jesus caused their troubles to seem feather-light. They had hoped also that Jesus would become king and release them from the bondage of high taxes and cruel treatment from their Roman rulers. But Jesus had died.

As they walked, they murmured occasionally about these disappointing things. They paid little attention to a stranger who was walking beside them until He asked, "What are you talking about that makes you so sad?"

"Are you a stranger?" Cleopas asked. "Don't you know the things that have been going on in Jerusalem?"

"What things?"

"About Jesus, the great prophet of God. He's been crucified, and now His body is gone!"

Then the stranger began talking about Moses and other prophets. He told about the many things that these prophets had said about Jesus. He explained how Jesus had to first die before He could enter into His glorious kingdom. His kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, and flesh and blood cannot enter into it. On and on he talked as they walked along. By the time they reached the village, the men didn't want the stranger to leave them. They said, "It is getting late, stay with us tonight." He accepted.

He went in with them and they sat down to eat. While He blessed the bread, they recognized the stranger. He was Jesus!

He vanished!

"We should have known the stranger was Jesus by the happiness we felt when He was talking," they said.

They were so excited they walked the 7½ miles back to Jerusalem that very night so they could tell the disciples about it.

While they were telling the people at Jerusalem, in walked the stranger.

"Jesus!" they cried.

"Peace be unto you," He said.

Some of the people were afraid because they thought He was a spirit. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Touch me. Look at my hands, and my feet. A spirit doesn't have flesh and bones." While they were looking Him over, He asked for some food and He ate it.

Yes, it was best for Jesus to suffer and die so that He could enter into His glory. It is better for us to suffer sometimes because it causes us to be closer to God. If Jesus had refused to suffer, He could not have entered into His glory. If we are not willing to suffer for Jesus, we cannot enter into heaven.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To Emmaus, a village 7½ miles from Jerusalem. 2. About Jesus' death and resurrection. 3. A stranger in Himself. 4. The Scriptures concerning Jesus. 5. After He blessed the bread. 6. To tell the disciples that Jesus was alive and that they had seen Him. 7. 7½ miles. 8. The 11 apostles and other disciples. 9. When Jesus appeared at the gathering while the men were talking to the disciples.)

does. The older he got, the more he realized he just could not be good. This made him doubt God. Another thing that influenced his feelings was that many of his friends did not believe there was a God. By the time he was 15, he also began to wonder if there was one, until the day he found a box of tracts and booklets while browsing in his father's library looking for a book with which to entertain himself. He thought these tracts might contain interesting stories. He would read the amusing parts of the tracts and ignore the rest.

"He couldn't ignore some words in one of the tracts. It caused him to realize that Christ paid for his salvation on the cross. Hudson realized that he did not have to force himself to be good. Christ would live the goodness right through him."

"It is wonderful that he got saved, for thousands of Chinese learned about Christ through Hudson Taylor's teaching," Grandmother said. "I will tell you a story about a Japanese man who also was saved because he read a tract."

"He had tried and tried to find God by worshiping his father's gods. He burned incense to idols. He decorated his father's shop with stalks of bamboo and straw ropes before New Year's. On New Year's Day he ate carp for energy and determination to overcome problems. He also ate chestnuts for success and seaweed for happiness. None of these things helped. He was just as depressed as ever.

"One night he went out on a high rocky cliff beside the ocean. Strong waves beat against the razor sharp rocks below him. Why they hadn't already worn them smooth, he didn't know. He perched himself in a very dangerous spot, waiting for the final inspiration to fling himself to his death below.

"Suddenly he was startled by a strange flapping noise. In a smooth spot not too far from where he sat was a paper held fast by a rock. He was sure that someone had placed the paper there. Being curious as to why anyone

would put a note in such a place, he was determined to find out what the note said. Laboriously he crawled over the rocks and freed the paper. He took a small pen flashlight from his shirt pocket, sat down Indian fashion and read the tract. It was a tract explaining God's free gift of salvation for all mankind. "Oh, God," he cried out, "Are you there? Is this true? Do you give mortal men freedom from evil? Will you save me from my wicked self and give me peace in my mind?"

"As soon as he had said these words, a calm quiet peace came over him."

"He got saved out there on the cliff all by himself?" John asked.

"Yes, he did. God will save a person anywhere, when they repent and believe," Grandmother assured John.

"The Japanese man was so thankful for his salvation, that he became a minister so he could share this good news with others.

"He became the pastor of a church near where he had found the tract. One evening after he had been saved about 30 years, he told the story of how he was saved. 'Yes, on the highest, most rugged cliff around here, I was saved,' he said. Then he told the exact date.

"An elderly gentleman in the congregation stood up. In a quivering high-pitched voice he exclaimed, 'Pastor, I am the man who put that tract under the rock. I had passed out about 300 tracts on the seaside that day. The tracts were not welcomed. I was treated with contempt. By the time I got to that cliff, I was very sad. I had just one more tract left, so placing it under a stone and breathing a prayer that it might fall into some welcome hands, I returned home.'

"The old man's face was aglow by the time he finished speaking and tears had thoroughly washed his face."

Grandmother took off her glasses and laid them in her lap. "We never know how much good a tract will do, so we should pass them out every chance we get."

—Charlotte Huskey



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Granny

Granny was old, possibly 100 years old—maybe older. It seemed that no one knew her history nor her family, if she had one. She had lived near Johannesburg in a little mud hut ever since the old folks of the village could remember. She was not senile; she had been a half-wit as long as any villager had known her. They said she never took a bath. Some said she never even washed her face nor her hands. Within her hut was a medley of odors; for this reason no one could stand to enter. She had but one room with no windows nor openings except the one low door. The room was always dark. Even a dog's kennel would have been more inviting.

She had no furniture of any kind, so lay on the earthen floor. At night she covered herself with an old blanket, so filthy it was stiff. During the day she sat on the floor. To cook her food, she made a small bonfire in the middle of the floor. Smoke filled the room.

She often went hungry, until Bro. Buchler moved to Johannesburg. He kept her supplied with groceries. Although Mr. Buchler believed in Jesus, he didn't have much understanding about Jesus' power to deliver from sinful habits. Therefore occasionally he added a box of snuff to Granny's basket of food because she had the habit of using snuff before he met her. He also thought that her weak mind would keep her from understanding that it was

displeasing Jesus to use tobacco in any form.

One very cold night Granny rolled herself very close to the remaining embers of her little fire. During the night her blanket caught fire. Feeling warm and cozy, the poor old woman slept even better. She didn't realize the danger until she was engulfed in flames. She ran outside to save her hut. It being on the edge of town, there were no close neighbors. Poor Granny ran wildly about, burning her arms as well as her body by beating the flames with her bare hands. Finally she fell down from exhaustion. Before morning she had recovered consciousness and crawled back into her little hut. There she lay for days before anyone happened to discover her. She refused help. In spite of filth and neglect, to the surprise of everyone who knew her, she recovered. But the burns had left her almost helpless. She could only creep about a little, and that on all fours. She could not crawl as a child crawls. But on her back, she propelled herself with her feet and elbows. She was merely a mass of filthy humanity, and so crisped by the fire, one could hardly tell whether she was a human or an animal.

Mr. Buchler prayed for Granny although he thought she was not responsible to God for her sins. He always saw that she had food to eat and wood for her fire. Often when he came to her hut he would speak about Jesus to her.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Serves The Fishermen

John 21:1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

2 There were together Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. (paraphrased)

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. . . .

8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

Central Thought: Gaining victory over death did not change Jesus' humble attitude. He did not expect to be served, but to serve others, even fishermen beside a sea.



Questions:

1. Where did the disciples decide to go?
2. How many fish had they caught before Jesus came?
3. How long had they fished?
4. How many fish were caught after they obeyed Jesus?
5. What did Jesus serve the disciples to eat?
6. Was this the third time that Jesus had appeared to His disciples since He had risen from the dead?
7. What did Jesus ask Peter after they had finished eating?
8. Did Peter love fishing or Jesus most?
9. Discuss how a person's attitude might change if they had power over death?

MEMORY VERSE

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

(Matt. 20:28)

Let's Talk

The dejected disciples were about as low as they could get. For three years they had followed Jesus. Everywhere they went, Jesus was helping the people. Blind eyes were opened, the deaf heard, the crippled walked, the sad were made happy, the beggars were made able to work. He had power over every affliction. Food increased at His command, or raging storms became calm. He had control of everything!

All the while they followed Jesus, they secretly hoped that this Jesus, which did so many good things, would someday become their king. They thought if He was king, life would be wonderful. Crowds had demanded that He become king. Some tried to take Him by force and make Him king. But He had escaped. Only ten days before, multitudes of men, women and children had heralded His entrance into Jerusalem, shouting, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

Right at the time when the disciples thought things were shaping up for Jesus to become king, He had let Himself be arrested. He was tried, falsely condemned and crucified on a cross. Their dreams vanished, their hopes were shattered.

On the third day after He had died, news came that the women had seen angels at His empty tomb, who said, "Jesus will meet you in Galilee."

Sure enough, He had met them there. Their hopes soared—only to come down with a crash. He vanished as quickly as He had come.

How they wished He would come back to stay. But what good did it do to stand and wish? "I'm going fishing," Peter said.

"We'll go along," the other six disciples agreed.

They got in their boats and rowed out on the Sea of Tiberias. With hope, they lowered their nets. All through the long

night they tried to catch some fish. But not one fish swam into the net.

When the morning had come, they heard Someone call from the shore, "Do you have any meat?"

"No," they answered.

"Then cast your net on the right side."

"It's Jesus!" John said. "This is the third time we have seen Him since He arose." Through the darkness they could see Him standing on the shore.

Hurriedly they cast the net on the right side of the boat. Almost immediately they could feel the tug of the net as the fish lunged at it, trying to get out. As they were towing it to shore, they noticed Jesus was standing beside a fire. When they got near the shore, they could see bread and fish on the fire.

Jesus said, "Bring some of your fish." Peter dragged the net on the shore and they began counting them. "One, two, three, four, . . . 100, 101, 102, . . . 150, 151, 152, 153 great fish!" they shouted.

While they were counting fish, Jesus was cooking food for His hungry friends. When the fish were charbroiled, Jesus served it to them with bread.

He was the same humble, loving, kind person they had followed for 3 years. He was always thinking of and doing for others, not sitting down and letting others serve Him. Gaining the victory over death had not changed Jesus' humble attitude.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Fishing. 2. None. 3. All night. 4. 153 great fish. 5. Bread and fish. 6. Yes. 7. Do you love me more than these fish? 8. Jesus. 9. Some might feel very proud, but there could be many answers to this question.)

One day after he had taken her some groceries, he returned to his beautiful home and announced to his family that Granny had gotten saved. No one believed it, but Mr. Buchler constantly affirmed that it was so. Granny had found peace with God.

"How could one so lacking in intelligence comprehend the way of salvation?" his son Johannas asked. "Why waste time talking to her, or praying with her," he scoffed.

Johannas was one of Mr. Buchler's younger sons. He was well-educated and a very sophisticated young man. He spent a lot of time making fun of the idea of Granny becoming a Christian. It was not long after this, however, that Johannas became convicted and repented. He was a different man. Instead of going with his friends to the worldly amusements, he spent more time at home.

One beautiful Sunday afternoon he wanted to spend the afternoon out, but he didn't know where to go or what to do. He didn't like to visit his old friends, because they thought he was silly for getting saved. He didn't want to ride around town, for there were many temptations to sin. What would he do?

"Go visit Granny," something said to him. That was the last thing he wanted to do, but the thought of visiting Granny just wouldn't leave. Finally he asked his sisters if they would walk with him out to the country to visit poor old Granny. They went.

They arrived at the hut. The sickening odor caused them to step back and not enter. As they looked in from outside where the odor could be tolerated, they saw Granny lying on her back on the dirt floor, her soft dark eyes looking out from a face scarred into inhuman form. They sat down and sang some songs to her. Although the face was too drawn from the burn to smile, they could see her eyes were gleaming. After they had sung, Johannas decided to read to her from the Bible. He opened the Book at random and began reading. He thought it mattered little where he read as she could not understand.

He was reading a description of the appearance of Jesus as John wrote in the book of Revelation when Granny said, "Wait a minute! I know that Man! He is the One who comes to see me every night."

Johannas and his sisters were astonished. Again Granny repeated what she had just said. She then told how He looked. Her description was exactly the same as that in the Scriptures, which John had not yet finished reading. She talked for a good while about her visits with Christ.

As they were walking home, Johannas said, "I thought we would encourage Granny, but she has been an inspiration to us."

The children told their father and their friends about Granny's visits from Christ. Soon, the whole town heard it and several went to her hut to see for themselves if it were true. They came away convinced that Jesus had visited Granny.

When Bro. Buchler carried her the next basket of groceries, she said, "You need not bring me any more snuff."

"Why?" he asked.

"That Man who comes to see me every night told me that if I wanted to please Him, I must not use any more snuff."

"So Granny does understand God's standards," he thought. He remembered the many years she had lived in darkness because he failed to show her the way to be saved. "Why did I underestimate God's power to reveal light to even a half-wit?" he questioned sadly.

—(Told to Julia A. Shelhamer by Johannas, who is now a pastor in Johannesburg.)

This story brought some thoughts to my mind: Why do so many professing Christians use tobacco in one form or another. Do you suppose that it is because they have not had a visit with Jesus? Are the heathens more obedient to God than some "Christians" in our country?)

—Charlotte Huskey



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A. J. Gillies

(A true story)

"Why should I give my money to the priest?" A. J. asked, as he and his mother walked out of the Roman Catholic church in Onushkis.

"Because you are a sinner, my son," Mrs. Gillies answered. "When you pay the priest, he prays to Holy Mary who gets God to forgive your sins."

"The priest, Holy Mary, then God; why can't I ask God to pardon my sins? Then I could spend my money as I wish."

"We are too sinful to talk directly to God. Only the priest can do that. And always remember to be careful with your money. We must never gamble or spend it foolishly. Giving to the church is a wise way to use money, and it pleases God."

"I like to please God, but I don't like giving my money away. I want to keep it so I will someday be a rich man."

"My dear son, it is *very* hard to be rich," Mrs. Gillies said with a sigh.

A. J. believed his mother told the truth when she said that it was hard to become rich, but he was determined to try. One day he told his family good-bye and sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to America. "I will become a rich man in America," he told himself.

At first he almost wished he hadn't come to America. He loved his home country of Lithuania. He loved the Lithuanian people. Besides that, New

York City was full of emigrants seeking jobs and a place to stay. This made it difficult for him to find a good paying job.

He left New York and went to Chicago. He liked living in Chicago better, even though it was nearly full of emigrants. These emigrants were different. A whole section of the city were Lithuanians.

Soon he found a good job and began saving his money. Every time he got paid, he went straight to the bank and deposited most of the money in his savings account.

A friend who knew that A. J. wanted to get rich told him of a game room where men played games with money and the winner kept the money.

Week after week, A. J. worked hard. He thought his savings were growing very slowly. Often he felt tempted to go to the game room and see if he, too, could win a lot of money. But he remembered that his mother said, "Be careful with your money and don't ever gamble."

One day when he was getting ready for work, he noticed his clothes were looking pretty shabby. "I need to buy a new suit," he said. "That will take every penny I make this week," He bought the suit.

The following week his rent was due. "Since my rent has been raised, all my pay check will go to pay the rent," he mumbled as he looked at his week's pay

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Shares With Others

New Word: *Infallible*: Cannot be mistaken.

John 20:19 Then the same day [that Jesus arose] 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.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

I Cor. 15:5 After that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

Acts 1:3 . . . He shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Central Thought: After Jesus arose from the grave, He appeared in different places and at different times so others would believe on Him.

Questions:

1. Did Jesus appear to the apostles the same day He arose?
2. Why did Thomas not believe that Jesus had risen?
3. How many days was it before Jesus appeared to Thomas?
4. What was unusual about the way Jesus came into the room?
5. Why did Thomas believe that Jesus had risen?
6. Whom did Jesus say was more blessed than Thomas?
7. Why did the apostles write about Jesus' resurrection?
8. What was the largest group to which Jesus appeared?
9. For how many days was Jesus on earth after He arose?

MEMORY VERSE

"These are written, that ye might believe, and believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:31)

Let's Talk

"Jesus left a home of dazzling splendor,
For this sinful world, with sorrow dim,
Humbly filling the place of a servant,
And He calls us all to follow Him."

—*Evening Light Songs*, number 145

The first chapter of John reads like this: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) . . ." By these Scriptures we know that the Word was Jesus, for Jesus is the only begotten of the Father. The Word was in the beginning, so we know that Jesus was with God. God was in heaven, therefore Jesus was also in heaven. He left His home in heaven (like a missionary leaves their home) and came into the world that others might be saved.

A missionary is a person who is sent to do a religious mission. They work to help some good cause. Jesus was a missionary sent from heaven to live in a human body instead of in a grass hut. His mission was to save men on earth.

Jesus had a body like mine and yours. He became tired, hungry and thirsty, but He kept working hard to help others know of God's love. He also suffered persecution and sometimes He was deserted by His best friends. Men who hated Him persuaded the rulers to treat Him like a criminal. They nailed Him to a cross and left Him hanging there until He died.

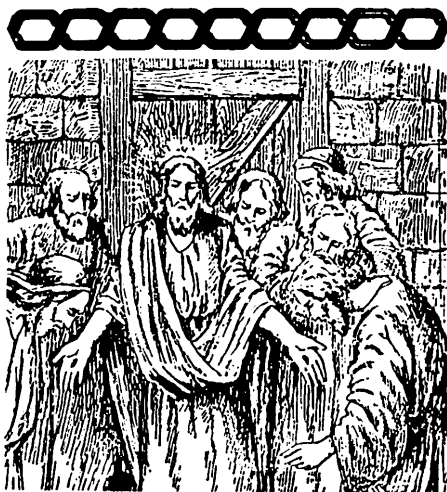
He rose the third day after He had died. Then He went from place to place seeing people so they could know for themselves that He had conquered death. That first morning after He arose, He talked with the women who came to His tomb, walked with two men to Emmaus, and went to Jerusalem to see the disciples. Early on another morning, He was beside the Sea of Tiberias. There He served breakfast to His hun-

gry disciples who had fished all night. One time He appeared at a gathering of 500 believers so that they could all see Him. Sometimes He ate with the disciples, sometimes He did not. He was busy those 40 days He was on earth after His resurrection.

Why did Jesus want people to know He had risen from the dead? He wanted people to know so they would believe on Him and through believing they could be saved. People receive spiritual life through His name, so Jesus wants everyone to believe on Him so they can have spiritual life.

He left heaven and suffered a cruel death in this world to make a way for people to come to God. Since Jesus was so willing to sacrifice Himself so others could be saved, shouldn't we, His followers, also be willing to do things that will help others to know of salvation? I think we should. Children, too, can do a lot of things that will help show others that God loves them and wants to save their souls.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Yes, but Thomas was not with them. 2. Because he had not seen the scars in Jesus' hands and side. 3. Eight days. 4. The doors were not open. 5. He saw Jesus' scarred hands and side. 6. Those who believe without seeing. 7. So that people might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing they might have life through His name." 8. 500. 9. 40 days.)

check. For many weeks A. J. was unable to save money.

Finally, one day, he said, "I'm not getting ahead like this. Tonight I am going to the game room and see if I can win some money. I'll play plenty of money so I will be sure and win," he told himself. Dreaming about winning a lot of money, he took out all his savings and went to the game room.

His heart beat fast as he played and his mother's words were again speaking to him, "Remember to be careful with your money, and never gamble."

A. J. won a little money the first game and the second; but the third he lost more than he had gained from the other two games. "Be careful with your money," rang in his head. He couldn't stop now. He'd have to play again to get his money back. He did, and lost again. "Now I must play again. This time I will win and go home." He played; he lost. He played again and lost. He played again and again. The evening was soon gone and so was his money.

He walked out of the game room a penniless man, after working hard several years and saving carefully. He wanted to scream, "Why did I do it?" He wanted to say, "Mother, I'm sorry I didn't follow your advice."

He wanted to tell God he was sorry and ask forgiveness, but he couldn't do that. He was a sinner, a real bad sinner now. He was a gambler. He had no money to pay a priest to ask Mary to plead with God to forgive him. "What shall I do?" he cried in utter hopelessness.

He looked around to see if anyone heard him. In the distance he saw a young man approaching him. The man walked right up to A. J. and said, "I have a message for you. Please read it." Then, handing him a tract, he walked on down the street.

A. J. leaned against the street lamp and began reading, "The Way Of Life Made Plain," by Norman H. Camp. He read until he had finished it. "This says that God will hear my prayers and forgive my sins if I will confess them to

Jesus. Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned against you in many ways. I am sorry with all my heart," he said.

God forgave all his sins! "I've never felt so good in all my life!" he exclaimed. "I'm sure that being rich wouldn't feel this good."

When he got back to his apartment it was 2:30 in the morning. "I must have gotten saved around 2:00 o'clock," he said, and fell into a most wonderful sleep.

A. J. lost interest in getting rich; he had something better. He bought a Bible and began reading it. He wanted to know what God's Word said to mankind. After 8 years of studying the Bible, he began teaching the real truth about God to the Lithuanians in Chicago who were Catholic. Soon, many people were saved. A. J. was their pastor for 9 years. Then he and his wife and son, John, went to Lithuania to tell his people the truth about God. "He is a loving heavenly Father who will forgive sins for anyone who repents and believes," he told them, "and it doesn't cost a penny."

When World War II was being fought in Lithuania, A. J. and his family were forced to leave the country. He went to Argentina where he found almost as many Lithuanians as were in his home country. Soon, many of them were saved. From Argentina he went to Uruguay and later to Brazil. In all these places a church was established.

During these years of working for the Lord, A. J. never forgot that a tract had showed him the way to be saved. Because of this, he came back to Chicago and began printing gospel literature for the Lithuanian people. He printed portions of the Bible, tracts, and a monthly magazine which was sent to 10 countries. He also edited gospel articles which appeared weekly in a Lithuanian newspaper which had 250,000 subscribers.

A. J. did receive a lot of money but he never kept it for himself. He used it spreading the gospel. He was rich in good works towards God.

—Charlotte Huskey

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Spiritual Mother

(A true story)

I was lonely and sad. Everything about me seemed dark and desolate. My soul, so cast down, had forgotten that the Bible says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee." (Ps. 55:22). As I sat in a chair beside the window feeling sorry for myself, I heard the music of a street organ. I knew that meant that some poor person was playing music on the street, hoping that someone would give them a few pennies that they might buy some bread.

I peeked out the window and saw a small boy playing a street organ. Immediately I went out to give him some money. From the looks of his face and eyes, I thought he must be both honest and intelligent but had met much sorrow. "He is hungry," I said to myself and hurried back in. I placed bread and meat on a plate, then added a booklet, "How To Become A Christian," which had been laying on my dining table. I handed it all to him without a word. I wanted to cry. He so courageously played music to keep from starving, and I was depressed when I had everything I needed.

He interested me so, that I continued watching him from my window, praying silently all the while for God to bless him. After he finished eating, he picked up the booklet and read the title. He smiled and put it carefully in his pocket.

Years passed, and the little organ-grinder passed out of my mind. Later, war broke out and many of the wounded were brought to the hospital in the city where I lived.

Sometimes I visited the sick at the hospital. One day when I went in to visit, the surgeon was making his rounds. When I came by, he was standing by one of the wounded, holding the wounded man's wrist as if counting his pulse. I could tell by the doctor's expression that he didn't expect the man to live. I stopped. It looked like the seal of death was on the young man's face.

At that instant, the hospital chaplain (minister) came to the bed. He leaned over the young man anxiously, to see if life was still in him.

All at once the young man opened his eyes and asked, "Am I going to die?"

The doctor left without saying a word. The chaplain, looking sad, made no answer either. "Oh, don't be afraid to tell me. I am ready."

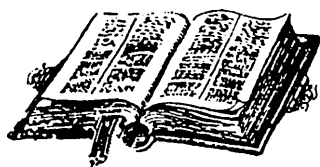
"I cannot tell you my young friend," was the chaplain's answer. "I do not know. But do you know the Saviour of all sinners? Do you know Jesus?"

"Yes. Yes. I know Him, I have just seen Him. I must tell you about it before I go. I am not wondering if I will go to heaven."

"Have you a mother that we should notify? Can I do anything for you?" the chaplain asked.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Those Last Words Of Jesus

Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. . . .

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Luke 24:26 . . . Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Central Thought: Jesus told His followers to witness for Him wherever they were, and He would save those who believe and are baptized.



Questions:

1. To whom is all power given in heaven and earth?
2. In whose names were the disciples to baptize?
3. What were they to teach believers to observe (practice or do)?
4. What will happen to those who believe and are baptized?
5. The signs that shall follow those who believe are?
6. What should be preached in all nations?
7. Why were the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem?
8. Who were to be Jesus' witnesses?
9. To whom did Jesus command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature?"

MEMORY VERSE

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19-29)

Let's Talk

Who are Jesus' disciples? I will explain by comparing a disciple of Jesus with someone playing the game of "follow the leader." Jesus is the leader, and the persons who follow are the disciples. A disciple does whatever his leader does. A disciple also believes in the teaching and thoughts of his leader. When children play follow the leader, the leader may climb up on something very high and jump off. Some children may not do what the leader does, because they feel doing it would be unsafe. Those children do not trust their leader's wisdom. In this way, being a disciple is different from playing "follow the leader." A disciple has faith in his leader. He believes whatever his leader does is right. He trusts in his leader's wisdom and his power to make things turn out good in the end.

The apostles were Jesus' disciples. Many, many other people were His disciples also. People who follow Jesus today are disciples. Any person who believes in Jesus and does what he believes Jesus would do if He were here on earth, is a disciple of Jesus.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are my witnesses of these things. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Go therefore, and teach all nations." Since we are disciples of Jesus and He tells us to be His witnesses and teach all nations, it is our responsibility to talk to others about salvation. We will not be pleasing to Jesus unless we are helping to spread God's Word.

There are many ways to do our part in witnessing for Jesus. We can speak to our friends and family about Jesus. We may give money or other things so that those who are spreading the Word can do so with less problems. We can give money to have good literature printed and mailed. Being kind and helpful to others is also an important

way for children who love Jesus to witness for Him.

We must, however, never confuse giving to the poor, nursing the sick, helping here and helping there to be totally witnessing for Jesus. Many wicked sinful people give and help, but they never witness that Jesus is the only Saviour of mankind. They do not tell the people whom they are helping that there is a heaven to gain, and a hell to shun. Nor do they say that Jesus died for the sins of the world, and that He rose again to bring eternal life to as many as believe on Him.

Although helping others is not always sharing the story of Jesus, it is one duty of Jesus' followers. Jesus helped others, and we are to do as He did. Helping others will sometimes open a heart's door so that person will be willing to hear what you have to say about salvation, heaven, hell, or Jesus.

We are disciples of Jesus if we trust Him and obey every commandment that we know.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To Jesus. 2. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 3. Whatsoever Jesus had commanded them to do. 4. They shall be saved. 5. In Jesus' name they shall cast out devils, speak with new tongues, be protected from serpents and poison, and lay hands on the sick for healing. 6. The gospel of repentance and remission of sins. 7. To receive power from on high. 8. All of His disciples. 9. To His disciples.)

"My mother is not here. I am going to be with her soon; she is in heaven." As he said these words, a lovely expression settled on his face. While he rested a moment, his expression changed to a sad one. Then he added, "I have a young sister. Poor child, she will be very lonely now. But I have committed her to the Lord. I know my God will not forsake her. But I would like to send her these things." He rested a moment, then, making a special effort, he drew from under his pillow a Bible, a photograph, a worn, dirty, blood-stained booklet and a purse in which were a few gold pieces. Curious as to why he would keep such a dirty old booklet, I looked at it. "How To Become A Christian," was the title on the crumpled cover.

"That little booklet," he said, "brought salvation to me, also to my mother. When I was a little boy, I was a poor organ-grinder. I played the organ on the streets and parks to try and earn enough money to care for my sick mother and wee little sister. We were very wretched then. One evening when I was playing, a good lady gave me this little book." He had to pause to rest, then he continued, "How glad my mother was when I read it to her! Until then, no one had ever given us anything to show us the way to heaven. No one had ever talked to us about that precious Saviour who died upon the cross to redeem us. That dear lady; we prayed for her every day. How I wish I could see her again and thank her for this booklet. . ."

I drew nearer and nearer to catch every word from the lips of the dying

man, for I thought I recognized in him the little organ-grinder who had once cheered my depressed spirit. He mumbled on. Neither I, nor the chaplain could understand.

Then his speech became clearer, although still very weak. I could hear him again! He was saying, "What a beautiful dream it was! I had come to the gates of heaven and went in. . . Everything was so lovely! But I wanted to see my Saviour, then my mother. She seemed. . . there she was near Him. Then I thought of that good lady, the giver of the booklet, and I wanted to see her. But she wasn't there. I guess she had not gone over yet."

I could no longer restrain myself, and I burst into sobbing aloud. The noise aroused the dying man, and he looked at me. A flash of recognition lit up his face. Astonished, but unable to move, he said slowly, "I thank thee, Lord; I know you have heard my prayer."

Those were his last words.

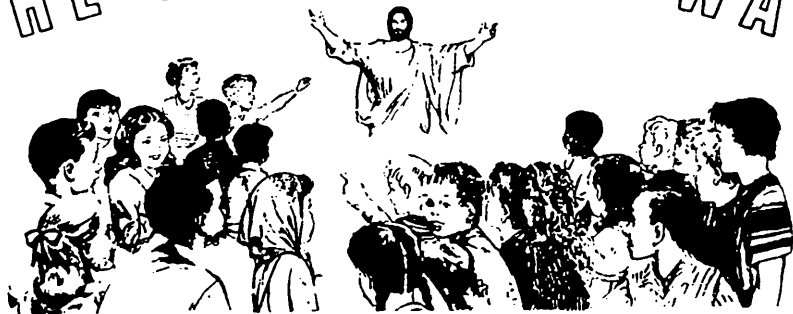
No words can describe the gratitude I felt in my heart, for the booklet was what God used to bring a new birth to the boy and his mother. I felt that I was their spiritual mother.

—Ormer Sorunt

(We must humbly sow the Word of God by giving out tracts, booklets, papers etc., everywhere we go. We must also witness whenever we have an opportunity. The Bible says, "Be instant in season, out of season." It also says, "Sow beside all waters. After many days it will return." Sooner or later some fruit will grow from the seed we cast. —Sis. Charlotte)



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Make The Paper Speak

"Looks like our first job will be to get these Greenland Eskimos to believe that there is a God," John Beck told his missionary companions, Steve and Luther.

"How can we do that?" Steve questioned.

"I have an idea how we can teach them about God. Let's translate the creation story into their language and teach it to them. Think that sounds like a good one?"

"Terrific!" Steve shouted.

The next day, John began writing the creation story into the Eskimos' own language. Steve and Luther studied the language so they could communicate better with the natives.

In a few months the 3 men gave their first lesson about the Creator of the universe. The Eskimos laughed. "Our land has always been here," they said. "It was here long before the Eskimo fathers."

The missionaries went home and prayed. Then they went from house to house, helping the sick and comforting the depressed. Whenever they could get the Eskimos to listen, they told the beautiful story of a loving God who made everything. In some homes the Eskimos sat very quietly. This encouraged the missionaries. They thought the people were beginning to believe in God. Month after month passed as the missionaries trudged through rain,

snow, ice, and sleet to help the Eskimos. It had been 3 years since they had come to Greenland. "Maybe there will soon be a lot of Christians in this place," Steve said one day as he returned from teaching.

"Things are looking promising," John agreed.

Then Luther, who always thought before he spoke, said, "Sometimes we think they may soon become Christians. Always we hope they will. But time will show what's in their hearts."

Soon afterwards the Eskimos got into a great fight and many were left badly beaten.

The missionaries prayed harder than ever. They continued telling the creation story. They thought that someday the Eskimos would believe that there was a God, and that then they would be ready to hear the story of His Son, Jesus.

John decided to go ahead and translate the life of Christ. Day after day he worked, translating. The language of the Eskimos had not yet been written. First, John decided what words of their language should be used for the English words. Then he had to spell the words from the different sounds he heard in the words. He worked hard for many, many months translating the story.

"I'll be back late this afternoon," Steve said as he put on his snowshoes and fur-lined coat. "I'm going over to talk with Kayarnak today. I think he's

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WORDS OF GOLD



God's New Prophet

I Kings 19:9 And he [Elijah] came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. . . .

15 And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother,

and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Central Thought: Elisha was called of God to minister to the needs of the 7000 persons in Israel who were worshippers of the true God, but his first job was to be a good servant to Elijah.



Questions:

1. Where was Elijah staying?
2. Why was Elijah sad?
3. How many persons in Israel had not bowed unto Baal?
4. Who was to be the new prophet?
5. Where did Elijah find Elisha?
6. How did Elisha know he was to follow Elijah?
7. What did Elisha want to do before going with Elijah?
8. What did Elisha do with the plow and oxen?
9. What was Elisha's first job as new prophet in Israel?

MEMORY VERSE

"Then he arose and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him." (I Kings 19:21)

Let's Talk

Queen Jezebel had ordered her soldiers to kill Elijah before the day was over.

What had Elijah done to make Jezebel so angry? Well, it happened like this. Queen Jezebel was a wicked woman who loved to worship an idol called Baal. At God's Word, Elijah had commanded the rain to not come until the people stopped worshiping Baal. The rain did not come for 3 years and 6 months. After the 3½ years, Elijah challenged 450 of Baal's prophets to see if God or Baal was the true God. The prophets of Baal and Elijah were to put meat on an altar and each in turn pray for fire from heaven to consume the meat. Baal never sent fire, but God did send fire. So Elijah won. Worshiping Baal would stop.

Soon the sky clouded and rain fell. Of course the people who were starving were very glad for the rain, but Queen Jezebel didn't care about her suffering people. She was angry because her people would not want to worship Baal. "Elijah, who caused this, must be killed today," she stormed.

Elijah found a cave. He sat on the cave floor thinking. "I have served God's people for many years. Why should I keep serving these rebellious people? I am the only one in Israel who loves God anyway."

Elijah's meditation was interrupted by a loud wind. "What can this be?" he questioned. Then the earth began to tremble. Elijah knew it must be God, so he looked for Him in the wind and earthquake, expecting Him to speak from one of them. After a while he heard a still small voice. It was God. He said, "Go anoint a new king over Israel and anoint Elisha to be prophet in thy place. I have 7000 men in Israel who have never bowed a knee to worship Baal."

Elijah went to do what God had commanded. He found Elisha plowing in a large field. There were 12 pairs of

oxen being worked in the field. Elijah walked across the field looking at each plowman. He walked past the first, the second, and the third man. Then he passed the fourth, the fifth and the sixth, until he came to the twelfth. There he found Elisha, the man who was to take his place as prophet of Israel. Elisha looked young and strong as he gripped the heavy wooden plow and shouted directions to the steady oxen.

Elijah slipped off his mantle and threw it over Elisha, then hastened on. Immediately Elisha stopped plowing and ran after Elijah. "Let me go back and tell my parents I'm leaving," he said.

"Go back," Elijah answered.

Elisha went back. He killed the oxen, built a fire, and cooked the meat. He shared this meat with his family and friends, and told them good-bye. Then he went with Elijah.

Elisha would be taking the place of the great prophet Elijah. What great work would God have him to do? It is important for us to note that the first duty God gave Elisha was that of being servant to Elijah. He was to carry water for Elijah to wash his hands. (II Kings 3:11). He did not call him to stand before the king, or call fire down from heaven or any other thing that would make him famous.

Elisha was willing to do whatever God wanted him to do. God did use him in great ways, but at first he was just a good faithful servant to Elijah.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. In a cave. 2. Because he thought all the people of Israel had forsaken their covenant (promise) to God, had killed God's prophets, and were seeking to kill him. 3. 7000. 4. Elisha. 5. In a field plowing with a yoke of oxen. 6. Elijah threw his mantle over him. 7. He wanted to kiss his father and mother good-bye. 8. He made a fire with the wooden plow, cooked the oxen and shared it with the people. 9. To be a servant to Elijah.)

keeping some of the other men from believing in God."

"Hope you find him home," John answered. "Knowing him, he's probably already out doing some mischief." As he waved good-bye to Steve, he noticed Luther had only one leg in his snow pants, and had stopped to think. A deep furrow was across his forehead. "Say, what's bothering you?" he asked Luther.

"You know what today is?" Luther asked.

"It's the 15th day of March," he answered, then waited. He knew Luther had something to say about the day.

"Five years ago we came here. What kind of change can we see in the Eskimos? None. I would pull out of here tomorrow if I believed what I see. But for some reason, I believe there has been a change, although I can't see any," he said pulling on his snow pants.

"There has been some change, all right," John assured him. "But not all of it is good. They were at least friendly when we came. I think now they would like to kill all 3 of us. I wouldn't doubt they are scheming our martyrdom right now."

"Well, I certainly hope not. But I better go and see that boy with the measles. See you tonight," Luther said, and closed the door behind himself.

John bolted the door and breathed a prayer for the safety of Steve and Luther.

Only the scratching of his pen on paper and the crackling of the fire could be heard in the little cabin as John worked. "Jesus cried, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do,' 'Forgive, I don't know the word for...'"

Bang! Bang! Someone was beating on the cabin door. Before he could get off his stool, the door fell from its hinges and hit the floor. Instantly John was surrounded by a mob of angry men. Kayarnak was with them.

One picked up his pen, another his bottle of ink. Other dirty hands fingered the precious papers on which he was writing the story of Jesus.

"What is this?" demanded Kayarnak, looking at the paper he held in his

rough hands. "What are these black marks?"

John explained as best he could that what he called black marks were letters. "These letters make words. They are the same words that we speak." He talked as long as he could about letters and words, wishing for a chance to back himself into a corner. But he was sitting at his table and the Eskimos were all around him. His manuscripts were precious, but John was thankful they were mauling the papers instead of him.

Kayarnak stood looking at the paper a long time, as if thinking through all that John had said. At last he exclaimed, "This piece of paper hears, and remembers, and says words?"

"That paper has a lot to say to you," John answered.

"Then make it talk," he demanded, "or else... we'll..." All the men began yelling in agreement and laughing at the impossibility.

John began reading the page. Then he read another and another, hoping that the story would calm the men enough so they would not kill him. The men became so quiet, he feared they were preparing to jump on him, so he looked up.

Kayarnak's dark face was clouded with grief, tears pouring down his weathered cheeks. "Don't stop," he cried, "Make the paper talk more. I want to know more about this Jesus."

Had the stones outside of John's cabin cried out as Kayarnak did, John would not have been any more surprised. He read on and on about the love of Jesus, until Kayarnak cried out for mercy and was saved.

When Steve and Luther returned, tired, weary and disheartened from their work, they found John praying with Kayarnak, and a dozen Eskimos looking on very respectfully.

After Kayarnak was saved, he helped in the translation, and was a real leader, bringing many to salvation. Soon, there were 50 Christians, then 100, then 2000. Years later there were thousands of believers among the Eskimos of Greenland. —Selected

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Lions In The Road!

We knew there were lions around, but we felt fairly safe on my big 500 c. c. motorcycle. Deng, my African friend, was riding on the seat behind, and I was driving the motorcycle as best I could over the rough dirt road in the half darkness of early morning.

We had left our S. I. M. station at Kabus Bridge before the sun rose; so we wouldn't have to travel in the fierce heat of a dry-season day. Deng and I often traveled together to preach the gospel to people who were serving false gods, and living in sin. We wanted to tell them that Jesus loved them so much that He died on the cross for them.

As we roared along, kicking up dust behind us, I remembered one day when my wife and I saw 5 lions coming toward us as we rounded a bend. Only we weren't riding a motorcycle; we were walking! We looked around for trees to climb. There weren't any. We couldn't turn and run—they would have jumped on us at once. We had no guns. We prayed quietly for God's protection. (And I hope that you always pray for the safety of your missionaries. You never know what they are experiencing.) They kept coming closer. The only thing we could do was to walk toward them. Then they stopped. God must have spoken to them. Suddenly they bounded off to the side of the road and stood there roaring at us. As we walked by, it

was as if some unseen Hand was holding them back.

While I was thinking about that frightening experience, we had been riding down a steep, rocky hill. I had to slow down, so we wouldn't slide in the loose stones.

Suddenly, I felt Deng's knuckles dig into my sides, and I heard him hiss in my ear. I looked up to see four eyes gleaming in the light of the headlamp. I jammed on the brakes as I saw the outline of 2 fullgrown lions. They were standing only 15 yards away, right in the middle of the road. The first rays of the sun were lighting the sky, and I could see that one was a hungry looking female, and the other a big male, his "collar" of fur bristling fiercely around his head.

Deng hung on tight, as we put our feet down on the road to steady the motorcycle, which I kept running. What should we do? I prayed that God would show us. I thought about how these lions were like Satan. The Bible says he goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. We have to ask God to keep us from Satan, just as Deng and I needed to be rescued from these lions.

The male lion decided to act. He disappeared silently into the long grass beside the road. "That's bad," I thought. "The male lion always stalks the prey, chasing it towards the female, who does

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Elisha Gets His Wish

II Kings 2:1 And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him . . . I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master . . . to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; . . .

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said . . . I will not leave thee. . . .

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said . . . I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and . . . smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken . . . it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both . . . and Elijah went up . . . into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, . . . And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elijah. . . .

Central Thought: Elisha, the servant of Elijah, wanted a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and he would not let anything keep him from getting it.

Questions:

1. In what way was Elijah to go to heaven?
2. What did Elijah ask Elisha to do?
3. What did the sons of the prophets ask Elisha?
4. Did Elisha know that his master, Elijah, was going?
5. How many times did Elijah tell Elisha to wait for him?
6. What did Elisha want from Elijah?
7. What must Elisha do to get what he wanted?
8. Did Elisha see Elijah go up in a whirlwind?
9. How did the sons of the prophets know that Elisha had the spirit of Elijah?

MEMORY VERSE

"I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me."
(II Kings 2:9)

Let's Talk

Elijah poured the anointing oil over Elisha, and announced that he would be the next prophet in Israel. Elisha killed a yoke of oxen and made a feast for his friends and family. Then he kissed them good-bye, and went to travel around with Elijah. He voluntarily became Elijah's servant, helping him in every way possible.

Elijah was a wonderful prophet and Elisha wanted to learn all he could from him so he too could be a good prophet. He wanted to serve the people in the same spirit that Elijah had served. He liked the strong, yet humble, holy ways of Elijah.

When Elijah grew old and he knew he was about to die, he asked Elisha what he would like to have. Elisha asked to have a double portion of Elijah's spirit. "You may have it," Elijah said, "if you see me when I go up."

Elisha wanted this spirit so badly that he would not let Elijah leave him. In three places, Elijah wanted to leave Elisha, and said to him, "Tarry here, I pray thee." But Elisha would not let Elijah leave without him going along.

The sons of some other prophets also tried to get Elisha to let Elijah leave him, but Elisha paid no attention to them. He just stayed right with Elijah.

When they got to the Jordan River, Elijah tried to get Elisha to stay on the opposite side of the river. Elisha again said, "I will not leave thee." Then Elijah hit the water with his mantle and the water divided. Elisha stepped right down in the river bed with Elijah. The walls of water on either side could not frighten him away from his master.

As they walked along talking, on the other side of the river, a chariot of fire cut in between them and Elijah disappeared in a whirlwind. Elisha saw the chariot of fire. "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horse-

men," he cried, as he caught sight of Elijah going up in the whirlwind.

He felt distressed; sadness overtook him. To express the sadness, he took off his cloak and tore it in two pieces. His master was gone. He must take his place and do all the work that Elijah had done. How could he do it alone?

There at his feet lay the mantle of Elijah—the same mantle which had been thrown over him the day he was chosen to follow Elijah! He picked it up and went back to the Jordan River.

He smote the river as Elijah had done hours before. The water divided, just as it had for Elijah. From a distance, fifty sons of the prophets were watching Elisha. "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha," they said to one another when they saw the waters part and Elisha walk across the river on dry land.

Elisha was the new prophet in Israel. He would be the man of God on whom the people would call when they needed help or wanted a message from God. He had the spirit of Elijah and would tell them what God had to say.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. In a whirlwind. 2. To stay while he went other places. 3. They asked if he knew that the Lord was going to take away his master. 4. Yes. 5. Three times. 6. A double portion of his spirit. 7. He must see Elijah when he was taken. 8. Yes. 9. Because the Jordan River parted when Elisha smote it.)

the killing. He's going to circle round and come up behind us."

If we had turned around, the lioness would have jumped on our backs. And if she had missed the first leap, we still could not have gotten away up the steep hill in time. I moved a little closer. She didn't budge. I blew the horn; I raced the engine; I flicked the headlight dimmer switch up and down. But she stood her ground. I didn't know how close her mate was behind us by now. Then she put her head close to the road and switched her tail back and forth like a cat watching a mouse. I knew she was going to spring on us. "Oh God, help us now!" I breathed in prayer. I quickly opened the throttle wide, and headed the motorcycle straight at the lioness. For a second she watched us; then suddenly turned around and ran down the road. I knew I had to keep after her, or she might turn on us—and maybe her mate was

following. The lioness kept running down the road, almost like a galloping donkey, with us roaring behind her for all we were worth. Then she wheeled off into the grass and disappeared. And we kept sailing right on, thankful for the Lord's deliverance.

"Deng," I said, when we finally stopped for a rest," this reminds me of the Bible verse, 'Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.' " Deng pulled his robe close around him and blinked his dark eyes. The next time the devil tempted him to sin, he would remember that verse.
—Sudan Witness

"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lion's mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; . . . He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions." Dan. 6:22, 27.

The Tater Story

Does everybody know what a 'tater is? Some people call them potatoes. I want to tell you about some 'taters. First I want you to meet Spec. Spec 'Tator. Spec loves to sit on the sidelines and watch everyone else do the work. He won't help out at church or home. He's the onlooker.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.

Well, here's the little girl. This is Emma 'Tater. When school started, the very first day Emma came home and said, "Mama, I want a dress just like Jane's." It's important to her that she act like, talk like, and be just like her friends. She doesn't know how to be original. More importantly, she doesn't know how to be the person Jesus Christ created her to be.

For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth. Deut. 14:2.

Here's the boss. This is Dick. Dick 'Tater. It doesn't make any difference what you start to do or what you start to say, he'll come along and have an input. He's got all the right answers. He's a know-it-all.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Ps. 39:4.

But you know what? When Jesus Christ comes into your life, do you know what He wants to do? He wants to make you a sweet 'tater!

—Janet McMurrin



Spec



Emma



Dick



Sweet Taters

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Only One Talent

Mrs. Marcy, the dean of women, stood in the doorway of the mission school breathing the fresh air as her weary body leaned against the door casing. All day she had been listening to life stories of the new students. Some were tragic, some strange, some amusing. All day she had been mentally placing each girl in classes she felt they could handle. From early morning, she had been appraising temperaments; dispositions, and capabilities as to adjustments, placements, and campus jobs. Already she was so weary she wished it were night so she could stretch out on her hard springless bed. Hard as it was, it would feel good. Closing her throbbing eyes, she tried rubbing away the furrows caused by all these problems. Hearing a crackling of branches, she opened them and looked down the jungle path. A tall, but manly-looking, awkward girl was approaching. Her long faded skirt flopped sloppily around her bare ankles. Across her shoulder rested a long stick from which hung a small red bundle. "All her personal possessions," Mrs. Marcy thought.

As the girl came nearer, Mrs. Marcy saw that the face was disfigured; no nose. From 2 large ugly openings where the nose should have been, water was oozing. She appeared to be one of those for whom school work is very difficult.

Mrs. Marcy turned away to avoid the sight, then straightened herself as the

girl stopped in front of her. "Why did you come?" she asked without thinking.

"School. I want to learn."

"How far have you come?" she asked, thinking she might send her home.

"Two hundred miles."

"Did you walk all the way?"

Her head nodded "Yes," and her weary eyes showed it was the truth.

"Where did you sleep?"

The girl pointed to the ground, as if too tired to talk.

"I can't send this girl back into the jungle. Why, it's almost night. I would invite a dog this weary for water and rest. I must do more for this special creation of God," she thought. She led the girl into the kitchen, where she was told to wash. What to do with her, Mrs. Marcy knew not. "Can I keep her here? Can she learn? Will the other girls treat her decently? Will they share the dining room with this hideous creature?" Her mind was drowning with thoughts. She could not speak, so waved the girl to eat the plate of leftover dinner she placed on the table. Quietly the girl ate as if she had eaten nothing since she left the place she called home.

Mrs. Marcy led the girl upstairs where a row of cots filled the long, long room. Under each cot were the belongings of each girl. At the foot hung the meager wardrobe—if there was a change of clothing. Some, who had been there before, were sitting on cots chatting, but silence reigned as the strange figure

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Respect

New Words: *Cruse:* A jug or pot made of clay. *Thence:* From this place.

II Kings 2:16 And they said unto him [Elisha], Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

23 And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name

of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

Central Thought: Preachers, elders, and teachers in the church should be respected, for God has ordained that we have these leaders.



Questions:

1. What did the 50 strong men want to do?
2. Why did they want to search for Elisha?
3. Why do you think Elisha did not want to look for Elisha?
4. After searching 3 days, what had the men found?
5. What problem did the men of the city want Elisha to solve?
6. What did Elisha do to solve the problem?
7. What did he say when he put the salt in the spring of water?
8. How many children called, "Go up, thou bald head"?
9. What happened to the children who mocked Elisha?

MEMORY VERSE

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." I Tim. 5:17



Let's Talk

Elisha may have been an ugly bald-headed man, but God had chosen him to be the spiritual leader in the land of Israel. God's Word commands people to give double honor to their spiritual leaders who rule well.

There was a time when some men rose up against Moses, whom God had chosen as their spiritual leader. Moses tried to solve the problem between them by talking with these men, but they would not listen to him. God caused the ground to open up right under these men. They fell down in the crevasse (a deep narrow opening made by an earthquake) and were killed. Then a fire broke out among their followers and burned a lot of them. When the people saw what had happened, they complained to Moses saying that he caused their friends and brethren to be destroyed. A terrible disease came on these men, making them very sick. Soon, a lot of them died. Moses prayed for God to stop the disease and God did.

God is serious when He commands that we give respect to those who have authority over us. These children who were mocking Elisha probably knew what had happened to those who disrespected Moses. God had commanded the people of Israel to tell their children all these things so that the children would fear God and obey Him.

God had already performed two miracles through Elisha. These miracles were probably being talked about all over town. The first was when the Jordan River parted. There were 50 sons of the prophets watching when Elisha slapped the river with Elijah's mantle and the water parted, letting Elisha walk across on dry land. The elders of the city heard about it. For this reason they came and asked Elisha to try and solve the problem they had with their barren ground and bad water. Elisha went right to work on the problem and with God's help soon had it

solved. Surely the children knew about these things and should have respected Elisha.

Let's say the children did not know that Elisha was the prophet of God. Should they have mocked? No, we should never mock another person. Every person is a creation of God. God made some with big ears, some with a flat nose, a long chin, or a bald head. When we make fun of how another person looks, in a sense we are mocking God.

If you modeled something out of clay, would you feel like the person who made fun of it was making fun of your ability? Would you like for others to criticize how it looked? Do you think God likes for us to criticize how He made people? If you don't think God is pleased with us mocking at how He made people look, then don't do it. Don't even criticize the things about yourself which you don't like.

Is your nose too long? Is one eye blue and one eye brown? Do you have elephant ears? Are your feet so big you trip over them? Are you too short or too tall? That is the way God made you. Be content, and patient. Your looks will change. You may like the changes, and you may wish you looked like you do right now when the changes have come.

The next time you feel tempted to complain of how you look, or make fun of how someone else looks, just remember you are mocking God who created everyone. You also might want to recall what happened to the people who disrespected Moses and the 42 children who mocked Elisha.

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. They wanted to search the mountains for Elijah's body. 2. They taken him up and dropped him somewhere. 3. Elisha had faith to believe that God took Elijah to heaven in the whirlwind, for that is what God said He would do. 4. They found nothing. 5. They wanted him to make their land fertile and their water good. 6. He put salt in the spring. 7. He said, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land." 8. 42 children. 9. They were hurt by two bears.)

was led down the aisle to the last cot in the corner.

"You'd better go right to bed and rest. We'll talk about school tomorrow." She wanted the girl to rest. She also wanted the girl out of sight. Above all, she needed time to think. Could she spare the space, when there were so many others wanting in the school? What good could there be in educating this one? The graduates from the mission school went out to make the world a better place for others. Some got good jobs and repaid the school. This kept the school going for future students.

Mrs. Marcy found no place in her heart to refuse the girl, although others were turned away because of no room. Many waited. Every 3 months only the better students remained, others left to make room for the new ones.

Three months passed. The tall, awkward, jungle girl was called into the office. She had not learned letters much less learned to read. The dull brain had, however, learned some songs, and God in His kindness had given her the ability to sing.

Mrs. Marcy told her as gently and as quickly as she could that she would have to leave. The girl stood speechless, as if dazed, she had been so happy.

"Go?" she asked and pointed in the direction of the jungle, "Go home?"

Mrs. Marcy nodded. She had meant to say kind words, but a big lump in her throat choked back the words. She stood in the heart-searching silence, fingering the papers on her desk. Finally the girl turned, went through the open door and up the stairs to the roomful of cots. The few girls who had not gone to class watched as she put her scanty belongings in the red cloth, tied it to the stick she had brought, put the stick over her shoulder and, without a word, passed down the stairs by the office door where Mrs. Marcy stood at the desk. The approaching footsteps told that the girl was leaving. Mrs. Marcy wanted to tell her good-bye, but the lump was still in her throat. Quickly reaching her, she took the girl's hand,

pressing it as they walked together to the edge of the school grounds. There, their hands slowly unclasped. The girl lifted her right hand as if to wave, then passed slowly on down the path that led to the jungle. The dean watched the drooping shoulders, and the lagging steps. A few times the girl turned, waved a farewell, and was soon lost in the shadows.

Two years passed.

An urgent message came. It said, "Please send a missionary to our village. We have never had a missionary and we wish to hear the gospel. Please come." The school had never been able to spare a person to go, but this time it was possible. Soon, a missionary was on his way to the village 200 miles away.

Many days he was led through the jungle by a guide from the village. Arriving just as the sun was setting, he came upon the whole village sitting on the hillside, waiting. Eagerly they watched the missionary's approach. A few went out to welcome him and led him to the group.

"I'll teach you to sing," he said, and quoted a simple chorus. Their eyes lit up with understanding.

"We know that," he heard one say in hushed tones. Thinking he had not heard right, the missionary started the chorus slowly so they could learn it. Soon there rose from the hillside the most beautiful music he had heard in a long time.

"We'll learn another," he said, repeating another and beginning to sing. Again that group of 300 natives took up the words.

"Where did you learn these songs? I thought you had never had a missionary."

Immediately many faces turned, fingers pointed to a crouched figure in the center of the group. There was the sent-away, forgotten girl! Her disfigured face with the 2 ugly holes where a nose should have been, came into full view. She had prepared the whole village to receive the gospel. She had no personality, but the one talent she had, she used for the Lord! —Jeanie Howland

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Thou Shalt Be Fed

Duncan was a tall, wiry Scotsman who had come to China a year ago as a missionary. Already he was wanting to try something impossible.

In those days in China, a new station was seldom opened without a riot. Duncan felt called of God to open a new one in Nanking, one of the largest cities in China. How could a man with so little of the language, and only one year of experience, hope to succeed?

He consulted the older brethren. After some hesitation and much prayer, they encouraged him to go ahead. Duncan gathered his supplies and some money and hired a Chinaman to do his cooking and cleaning.

After traveling 2 weeks in a houseboat, they reached Nanking. The authorities were surprised to hear a foreigner had come, and determined to make it impossible for him to stay. They invited him to the city hall and entertained him with Oriental courtesy, while the police officers were hurrying all over the city warning innkeepers that if they dared to harbor the foreigner, their inns would be razed to the ground and they would be cast into jail.

As the day wore on, Duncan bade his civic hosts farewell and started out to find lodging. But hotel after hotel seemed to be full. No room, nor a bed was to be had. Just before dark he found himself at the central Drum Tower of the Buddhist temple. He greeted the

Buddhist priest in charge. "I am a stranger in your honorable city," Duncan began, "I'll pay you well to stay the night in the tower."

"Of course," answered the priest, seeing his chance to earn an honest dollar. No civic threat had come to him.

Duncan's bedroom on the second story was open to the four winds, and had plenty of fresh air. The rats ran over his quilt while he tried to sleep. This didn't scare Duncan. All day long, with Gospels and tracts in hand, he went about the city. Once in a while someone would stop and listen while he told the Gospel story.

A couple of weeks later on a quiet back street, he found a carpenter willing to rent half his shop, if Duncan would pay in advance. He must also pay for the cost of the wall to divide the shop, and the necessary furniture, which the carpenter would make. Duncan's little room was 6 feet wide and 20 feet long. At least it was wide enough to have a door that opened to the street.

This was the first missionary home and chapel in Nanking. Benches pushed against either wall of the narrow room and a table and chair at the far end outfitted this chapel and home. These things made considerable inroads into his limited supply of funds.

The brethren he had left were making every effort to send supplies to him, but were unable. Often though, even in the night, they prayed for Duncan.

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Valley Of Water

II Kings 3:6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: Wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we many enquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

16 And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood:

23 And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: . . .

27 Then he [the king of Moab] took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

Central Thought: We must sometimes show our faith by our actions, as the army was doing when they labored hard to dig ditches all over the valley.



Questions:

1. What serious problem did the kings have?
2. To whom did they go for help?
3. What did Elisha tell the men to do?
4. When did water come into the ditches?
5. What did the king of Moab think was in the valley?
6. What did the king of Moab do because of what he thought?
7. Did the Israelites win the battle?
8. What did the Moabite king do after the battle was over?
9. Name some things the Moabite king lost by trusting his idols.
10. Name some of the things the Israelites gained by trusting God.

MEMORY VERSE

"Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

(James 2:17)

Let's Talk

The Bible teaches that no man can please God without having faith in Him. By this we see that faith is very important. Faith is believing something without having proof. It is a feeling of assurance inside a person that lets them know certain things will happen. Perhaps you have been praying for something: a bike, a doll, to go visit your aunt, or something else. Faith in your heart makes you feel happy, even before you get what you are praying for. Faith will also cause you to get ready for what you are expecting. Maybe you will clean the garage to make room to park the new bike that you don't have yet. You may pack your clothes to travel to your aunt's, or look for a job so you will have the money you will need on the trip. If a person gets ready for what they are praying to get, it shows their faith is not dead.

The soldiers of Judah, Israel, and Edom believed God was going to send water, just as Elisha the prophet said. They prepared for the water by digging ditches. If the army had not made a place for the water, it would not have come. God had power to do it, but their disobedience would have shown they did not believe. This would have hindered God from acting.

These men believed, even though God did not speak directly to them. God spoke to Elisha, then Elisha told the kings what God said. The kings told the captains, and the captains told the soldiers. The message came through a lot of people before it got to the men who dug the ditches. But they believed and obeyed the command of God to dig the ditches.

Have you ever wished God would speak to you? I have, and I know others who have wished the same thing. One thing most of us forget is that God does speak to us. Everyday He speaks to us from nature. The sun rising every morning speaks of God's love, His power,

His unchangeableness, etc. The rainbow speaks saying, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen. 8:22. Vapor, rivers, and oceans tell of God's amazing water cycle. Nature is full of messages from God.

Another way God speaks is through His written Word, the Bible. Any time we read the Bible, God is speaking to us.

God also speaks through people; preachers, teachers, parents, and others who counsel us. Sometimes God speaks through someone younger than we are. Because of what they say, we think of what we should do.

We must be careful to do whatever God shows us to do, even if it is as hard as digging a valley full of ditches. Our faith is dead if we do not, and we will hinder God from doing something good.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. They had no water for themselves nor their animals. 2. To dig ditches all over the valley. 3. To dig morning while they were offering sacrifices to God and worshipping Him. 4. A lot of blood. 5. He thought the men had killed each other and he came to steal what they had left. 6. Yes. 7. He offered his son as a burnt offering to his god. 8. The Moabite king lost a lot of soldiers in the battle, as well as his eldest son, who would have been the next king. 9. The other kings won the battle; nor did they suffer thirst, because God miraculously supplied water.)

There came a day when Duncan's cook had to spend the last dollar for food. That morning, before the missionary went out for his day's work, the cook, in great distress, said to him, "What shall we do now, the money has come to an end?"

With a quiet smile, Duncan replied as he departed, "We shall trust in the Lord, and do good, so shall we dwell in the land, and verily we shall be fed." Ps. 37:3.

After supper that night the cook said, "Sir, I have saved up \$5.00 from my wage and I want you to take it and use it."

Looking at him closely, Mr. Duncan asked, "Are you thinking that funds will soon be coming from Mr. Taylor and that then I shall repay you? If so, that would be a loan, and as you know, we never go into debt."

"No," replied the cook, "I have been listening to you each evening in the little chapel, and I have determined to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus. This is my first gift to Him for His work." So on this unexpected \$5.00, Duncan and his cook lived a long time. But, naturally, it came to an end. Then the cook asked, "Now, what shall we do? Your money is gone, and mine, too."

"What shall we do? We shall trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall we dwell in the land, and verily we shall be fed," and Duncan went about his work as usual.

The brethren were getting more and more worried about him. Then came Mr. Rudland, from still another mission station in China. He was just the man they needed to take money to Duncan. Mr. Rudland set out on his errand in a little hired boat. The wind caused them to make remarkably rapid progress. The boatman said, "Foreign teacher, I think your God must be the God who controls the wind and waves." This opened the door for the missionary to preach to the boatman. In just 2 days they came to a bend where the great canal had burst its banks and its bed was dry. "What can I do now?" Mr. Rudland asked himself.

He went ashore and found that he had reached a point opposite to Nanking. By traveling overland he could be at Nanking in just 2 more days, making the trip in 4 days while Duncan had taken two weeks.

He arrived in Nanking on the afternoon of the very day when the cook's last dollar was spent.

Although the city was one of the largest in China, he had no difficulty finding the home of the only foreigner in the city. When the cook opened the door he nearly fell on Mr. Rudland's neck for joy. Forgetting his Chinese politeness, he blurted out, "Have you brought any money, we are at the very end of everything!"

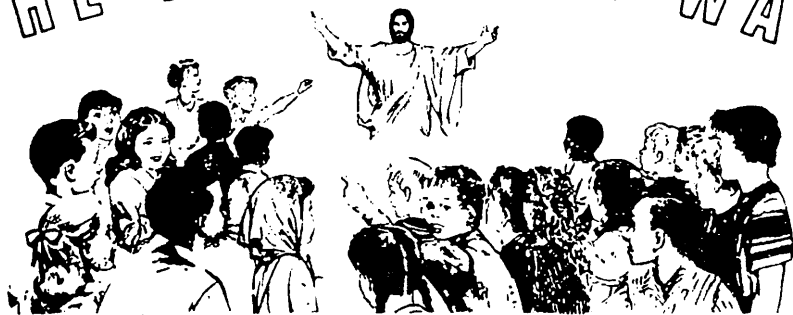
The cook was so excited about getting the money that he forgot for a time to give Mr. Rudland hot water for a wash and a cup of tea, which was usually the first thing done when a guest arrived.

While Mr. Rudland was resting, the cook went to the market. When supper was ready, he stood at the doorway watching for Duncan to return. Towering head and shoulders above most of the citizens, it was easy to see him several blocks away. When the cook finally saw Duncan, he ran as fast as he could go to tell the good news. The calm missionary put his hand on the man's shoulder and replied, "Didn't I tell you? It is always right 'to trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall we dwell in the land, and verily we shall be fed.'"

—*The Gospel Gleaners*



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Escape From Death



"Do you feel better?" Mr. Garlock asked his wife as he held the glass of water to her feverish, parched lips.

Too weak to talk, she only grunted. She swallowed a little water then lay back on her hammock.

An hour later when Mr. Garlock spoke to his wife, she made no sound. He went to her side. She was unconscious again.

He fell to his knees on the earthen floor beside his devoted wife. "Why did I bring my lovely wife into this 'white man's graveyard?' " he mumbled to himself. "Only a miracle has kept us both from dying with malaria fever or from being used as 'bar-b-que' for these cannibals, and now. . ." He touched the hot cheek of his lifeless wife. "Another malaria attack," he groaned. "When will she ever be well?"

"Oh Lord, what will I do? You know she has been terribly sick for over 2 weeks. But I could not take her through the enemy territory while they were on the war path, killing everyone. Now it's raining, and the trip through the wet jungle is too long and dangerous for her in this weak condition. She would never live to reach the city. If I could just get needed supplies, that would help, but how? The natives are still afraid to go through the enemy territory, and I cannot leave. Oh, Lord, what shall I do? What shall I do?"

There was only one thing left to do. Try again to get the natives to go for supplies. He called in his most reliable helper and pleaded with him to arrange a large caravan and go for the much needed supplies.

The caravan started out very early in the morning, in a downpour of rain. About noon the head man came running into Mr. Garlock's hut. Between gasps he said, "All my men have been captured, and Inue's been almost beaten to death. They say he was in the gang that roasted their man."

"Go back and demand the release of the other men. They haven't done any wrong.

No matter how hard Mr. Garlock tried to persuade the head man to return, he firmly said, "I will not go unless you go along."

"Then round up another group of men," Mr. Garlock ordered.

When the group was ready to go, Mr. Garlock kissed his wife's hot forehead, slipped on his jungle boots and crammed his hard hat on his head. "I'll be back shortly," he said to the native girl who was their cook.

They arrived at the village shortly before dark. The village was protected by a stockade fence of poles about 7 feet high. They quietly walked around this stockade looking through the cracks to find the prison. When Mr. Garlock found he was near the prison, he motioned for his men to hoist him over

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WORDS OF GOLD



Help For The Prophets

New Words: *Creditor:* One to whom money is owed. *Dearth:* A time when there is not enough food. *Gourds:* A hard-shelled fruit of certain vines. *Pottage:* A thick soup. *Vessels:* Containers.

II Kings 4:1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his ser-

vant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.

41 But he said, Then bring meal, And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

Central Thought: God will provide for those who labor for Him, and will also take care of their families.



Questions:

1. Who was the woman who cried to Elisha?
2. What did she say to Elisha?
3. Did Elisha expect the woman to use what she had?
4. What did he tell her to do?
5. What was the result of the woman obeying Elisha?
6. Where was Elisha during a dearth?
7. What did the men put in their soup?
8. What did they discover while eating the soup?
9. Can you tell how the poisonous soup was changed to good soup.

MEMORY VERSE

"Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

(Matt. 19:29)

Let's Talk



God included in His laws some rules about how much and what people should give. During the times before Christ, the things that the people brought to the temple as offerings were to be given to the prophets, priests, and other religious workers. Jesus also told the people to give to His apostles. He said, "The workman is worthy of his meat." (Matt. 10:10).

The prophets and priests were not to farm, raise cattle, or do any kind of work for money. They were to work at the temple keeping it repaired and clean. Also they cleaned the animals and offered them as sacrifices to God. When people came with problems, the priest or prophet talked to God about these problems and listened quietly until God gave an answer. Sometimes the answer was delayed because of sinful conditions. Sometimes the answer was instruction of things to do, like the widow in today's lesson. Sometimes it was instructions for the priest or prophet to do something, as when Elisha put meal in the pot of poisonous stew, or salt in the water. All these things kept the priests and prophets busy. They were working, but not receiving wages as the other men who were working.

When other men died, they usually left a farm, a mill, maybe a carpenter shop for their sons to work in so they could continue to make a living for whomever was left in the family. Sometimes it would be their mother and brothers and sisters, sometimes just their own family. The prophets and priests were not to own land, etc. They had nothing to leave their children, so God took care of them.

The lesson for today is about a prophet who was in debt when he died. His widow obeyed the instructions that God gave to Elisha. She borrowed many, many pots and jugs. Then when she poured oil from her little pot, God caused oil to come from it until all the

borrowed vessels were full. This oil was sold, the debt paid, and she had money left on which to live. God took care of the prophet's wife and children after he had died. Caring for the worker's family is included in the promise that God gave.

The last part of the lesson shows God caring for His prophets again. They accidentally shreaded a lot of poisonous gourds in a pot of soup. Not until some had already eaten it did they realize it was poisonous. Elisha, under the direction of God, put meal in the pot and the soup did not hurt them. A promise to protect from poisons is also found in the New Testament. Mark 16:17-18 reads, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

God is true to His promises. He will care for those who have forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for His name's sake. (Matt. 19:29). They shall "receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." (Luke 18:30).

Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. She was a widow of a prophet. (The sons of the prophets were also prophets). 2. "My husband feared God, but his creditor is coming to take my sons to be bondmen (slaves)." 3. Yes. 4. To borrow many vessels for storing oil, then close the door and empty oil from her own oil into the borrowed vessels. 5. She sold enough oil to pay the creditor and have money left for her living. 6. In Gilgal. 7. Wild gourds. 8. That the gourds were poisonous. 9. By Elisha's obedience to God when he put meal into the pot.)

the fence. "Hurry to my side when you see I need help," he whispered.

His men watched as he walked across the clearing. Two guards holding spears, stood on either side of the door. He greeted them as if they had been his friends, then took out his knife and cut the grass rope that tied the door shut. He dragged the prisoner out and sat down on an elephant's head, the half-dead prisoner lying at his feet. Immediately the guards spread the alarm. The village drums began to beat.

Mr. Garlock's men came over the fence like high jumpers, and surrounded him just as the blood-thirsty, village warriors surrounded them. The warriors were armed with knives, spears, bows, and clubs of all shapes and sizes, and yelling as loudly as seemed possible. Mr. Garlock saw fear on the faces of his men. He knew they felt the same as he did, that all of them might be torn into pieces any minute. "Oh, Lord, please help us," he prayed silently. He seemed not to be able to think of any other words to pray, so he said these words over and over.

When they were too hoarse to yell any longer, they sat down in a circle. The witch doctor stood up. His hair was in 2 long braids smeared down with cow dung and palm oil. He wore a string of leopards' teeth around his neck. From his neck, shoulders, and waist, hung pouches of jujus and other fetish medicines. In his hand he held a wand. With a hideous look on his face he came slowly toward Mr. Garlock. Then suddenly he began all sorts of scary grimaces and dives, as if trying to scare him to death. Mr. Garlock felt as if his blood was running out the end of his toes, but he just kept on praying, "Lord, help us."

When the witch doctor became tired of trying to scare Mr. Garlock to death, he went around the circle of warriors relating all their war victories and the cruel things they had done to captives. After that was finished, he laid his wand down at Mr. Garlock's feet as if to say, now it is your turn to defend yourself and your men.

Mr. Garlock prayed harder than ever. He knew very little of this tribe's language, and he didn't think his men could interpret his true feelings. Quick as a flash he remembered, Mark 13:11, 'Take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.' "I'll do it, Lord," he said under his breath.

The Holy Spirit began to speak through him.

After Mr. Garlock had talked a while the witch doctor ordered a white fowl to be brought. He took the white fowl and rung its neck. Then he stretched himself on the ground in front of Mr. Garlock. This was the sign of surrender, or asking forgiveness. After lying there for a while, he got up, smeared blood from the fowl on Mr. Garlock's head, and the head of the wounded man, then on the village chief and his own head. By this rite he was saying that Mr. Garlock and the wounded man had been condemned to be put to death, but the fowl would be a peace offering between them and the village chief and himself. While he was smearing blood, he said, "We see your God fights for you. Please tell us what we can do to atone for our mistake. We will do whatever you wish."

Mr. Garlock requested that two men be sent with him to carry the wounded man back to his home and that his men going for supplies be given food to eat and be allowed to continue on their journey.

"God will take care of his children in sickness, through threats of death and whatever comes to them, if they will trust in Him," Mr. Garlock said.

—Charlotte Huskey



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Lizzie's Fund-Raising Projects

(A true story)



Alice and Lizzie were walking silently along the path, enjoying the warm sun and the light spring breeze of southern Illinois. Only Lizzie's heavy breathing and the twitter of robins broke the silence until Lizzie said, "Hope mother has my graduation dress finished. Just three more days and I'll be out of school!"

"But I thought you wanted to go on to high school?"

"I do, but how can I? My back hurts all the time."

Lizzie's back never got better. She had a rare disease of the spine, which caused her back bone to soften until she became unable to sit or stand. Soon she had to stay in bed, and after a while she could only lie on her back.

"I want to do something," she said to herself as she lay in bed day after day. "I want to do something that will help other suffering people. What can I do?" She thought, and thought. One day she remembered hearing a missionary telling about the slave trade. He said that \$50.00 would redeem an African slave girl. "That is what I will do. I'll help to keep a girl from becoming a slave," Lizzie thought. She had read how men, women and even children, were kidnapped to be taken to other countries and

sold as slaves. These slaves were chained, beaten and auctioned as if they were animals.

Lizzie tried for many days to think of something she could do to earn money. It was hard to think of anything she could do lying flat on her back. But finally one day, she thought of something. Then she planned how to do it.

A few days later when her daddy came into her room, she said, "If you would make a tall table that would fit right over my bed, I could sew pieces of cloth scraps together to make a quilt. I want to make a quilt."

"Your're cold?" he asked. Then frowning, he called to her mother. "Don't you have another quilt to give this girl? She's wanting one."

"Yes, dear, I have plenty of quilts," Mother called from the kitchen that joined Lizzie's room. "Look in the closet and get one." Daddy opened the closet door to look for the quilt.

"I don't want a quilt for myself. I want to make one to sell."

"Make one to sell? You don't need money. I'll buy whatever you need."

"I know, Daddy. I don't want it for myself. I want to send \$50.00 to Mr. Taylor so he can get a slave girl free."

"What a girl," he said patting her head. "I'll make you a table and get whatever you need for your project."

"Thanks, Daddy," she said.

Soon Lizzie was busy making the quilt. Her head was propped up, about 4

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WORDS OF GOLD



Rewards For Giving

II Kings 4:8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in hither.

11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman . . . bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her. . . .

42 And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof according to the word of the Lord.

Central Thought: A person is always rewarded for giving to God's people or His work.



Questions:

1. Why did the Shunammite woman want to help Elisha?
2. Name some of the things she did for him.
3. What message did Elisha send to the woman?
4. Why did Gehazi think the woman would like a son?
5. Did God give her a son?
6. What did the man from Baalshalisha bring to Elisha?
7. What did Elisha tell the servitor to do?
8. Why did the servitor not want to obey Elisha?
9. Was there food left after the 100 men finished eating?

MEMORY VERSE

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom."

(Luke 6:38)

Let's Talk

The story in the lesson today reminds me of the 2 miracles of the loaves and fishes in the New Testament. One day Jesus took 5 loaves and 2 fish and caused them to increase until 5000 people had enough to eat. After all had eaten, the disciples took up 12 baskets full of bread and fish that were left. On another day, Jesus had seven loaves and two fish. From this little bit of food, He was able to satisfy the hunger of 4000 men and a lot of women and children. That day, there were seven baskets of food left.

A man brought Elisha 20 loaves of barley bread. These loaves must have been much smaller than our loaves of bread today, for the servant thought it was foolish to try to divide it among 100 men. Elisha, who knew the power of God, said, "Set it before them. They shall eat and shall leave some." They ate and there was food left, as he had said.

Elisha was also like Jesus in that he walked from town to town ministering to the needs of the people. In the town of Shunem, a great woman noticed something special about Elisha. She believed him to be a holy man, so she made him welcome in her home. After Elisha had visited in their home many times, she and her husband had a room built and furnished for him to rest in.

Elisha felt grateful. One day as he was resting, he sent his servant to ask what he could do for the woman. She did not want any special favor for what she had done. She had given because she loved, not to get something in return. To the things Elisha suggested she said, "No." Finally the servant thought she might like a child.

Elisha called the woman to his room. She stood in the door and he told her that she would have a child of her own.

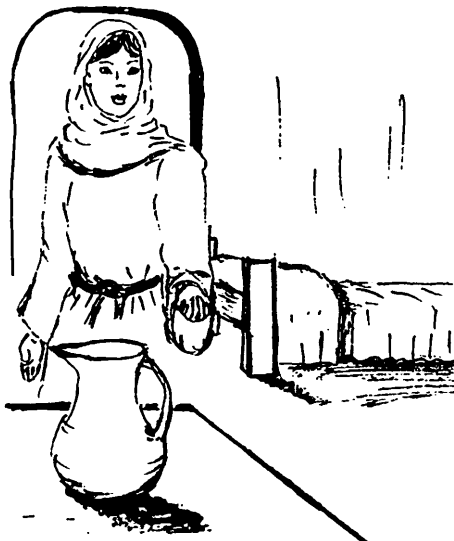
It sounded too good to be true and she even said, "Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto me."

She could hardly believe that she would have a son. But she wanted to believe and God helped her, just as He did the man in the New Testament who cried out, "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief." Before a year had passed, she gave birth to a son. God rewarded her in a marvelous way for sharing her home and food with Elisha.

God also supplied food for the 100 men whom, I believe, were prophets of God. The verses right above those of our lesson today are those we read last Sunday. They were prophets. Do you remember how they put some wild, poisonous gourds in their soup? God kept them from being poisoned. This time He supplied good fresh food for them during a time of dearth.

God always helps and rewards those who give or work for Him.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Because she believed he was a holy man of God. 2. She made a meal for him each time he came to her town, and she had a room built and furnished for him to rest in. 3. He said, "You have been very careful to care for us, what can we do for you?" 4. Because she had no children and her husband was old. 5. Yes. 6. He brought 20 loaves of bread made from fresh barley, and fresh unshucked ears of corn. 7. To serve it to all the men. (These men were the sons of the prophets.) 8. He thought it was not enough for 100 men. 9. Yes.)

inches, by a pillow, her arms braced on the table. Day after day she worked. Weeks passed. Months passed. Every day brought her nearer her goal.

Finally the day came that the quilt was finished.

Now to sell it. Alice tried to sell the quilt. Lizzie prayed every day that God would help the quilt to sell. Mother tried. Daddy tried. But no one would pay \$50.00 for the quilt. It really looked like God would not answer Lizzie's prayer; but Lizzie prayed on.

While Lizzie was praying, she was thinking. She was thinking of other ways she might make money to send to the missionary. "I would like to make some book markers," Lizzie told Alice one day when Alice came to bring her some pudding. "Since Daddy fixed me the book stand that holds my book so I can read, I have found many excellent Bible verses and other beautiful sayings. These could be printed on a nice heavy ribbon to be used for book markers. Maybe these would sell so I could earn the \$50.00."

Slowly but determinedly Lizzie wrote out the verses and sayings on paper. Mother bought ribbon and arranged to have the printing done. Before long, Lizzie was busy selling book markers while she lay on her back in bed. She showed them to her friends and neighbors. She asked them to help sell the markers. She wrote a letter explaining that she would send a box of book markers to be sold, and expect no money until every book marker in the box was sold. She sent these letters to many addresses. Many were sent to other countries of the world. Soon people were asking for a box of book markers to sell.

At last, Lizzie made \$50.00. She sent it to Mr. Taylor to redeem a slave girl.

It wasn't long until Lizzie had made another \$50.00, which she also sent to the missionary. Soon she made another \$50.00, and another, and another. She started sending money to other missionaries.

Days, months, and years passed. Lizzie made more and more money sell-

ing book markers, but neither was the quilt forgotten. Everyone who came to visit Lizzie, heard the story of the quilt. They told others about it. Many came to see it, but no one bought it.

Lizzie loved to help missionaries. Many of her friends were also interested in missions. When the General Conference was held in Chicago, Illinois, several of the people who knew Lizzie went to the conference. They told about Lizzie's quilt. One missionary from India was told many times that she must see the quilt before going back. She did.

"I've heard a lot of good things about you, so I wanted to meet you. I also would like to see your quilt," she said.

"The quilt is right there," she said, pointing to a crazy quilt laying over a quilt rack. "I've been praying to sell it for 14 years, and prayed every stitch I took while I was making it. Maybe someday. . ."

"Fourteen years?" she asked, "and you haven't sold it yet? Tell you what, I'll sell it for you," she said patting Lizzie's hand softly.

Lizzie said good-bye to her quilt and prayed another prayer that this time the quilt would sell.

Over a month passed before Lizzie heard anything from the quilt. Finally a letter came. Alice opened the envelope and out fell a check for \$600.00. She read:

Dear Lizzie:

Everywhere I went I showed your quilt and told how and why you had made it. This is the money the people gave to you. I am also mailing the quilt. The quilt is too precious to sell. It is yours to keep.

Love,

(Lizzie kept a record of the money she earned and sent to missions. She sent more than \$20,000.00. After she died, Alice and her father sold \$5,000.00 more of book markers she had made and also sent that money to missionaries. She wanted to earn \$50.00 to free a slave girl. She earned \$25,000.00.)

—Charlotte Huskey