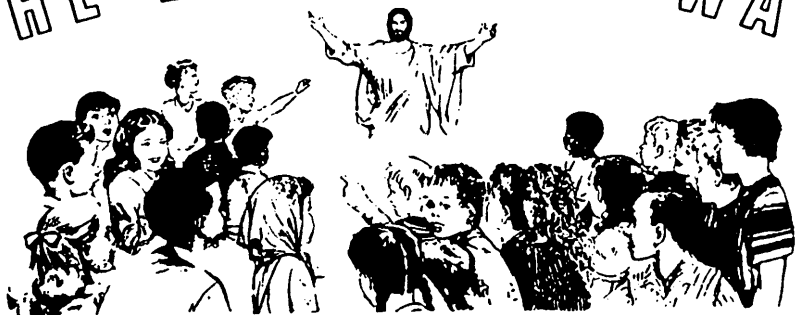


THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Learning to Obey Bible Commands

One morning, as Henry Day sat studying his lessons, his little sister Mary asked him to lend her his new book. Henry did not look very pleasant, and kept on studying, without seeming to notice her.

She asked again, in a softer tone, "Henry, will you please let me look at your new book?"

Mary asked a third time and then began to cry.

Their mother had heard and seen all, and now said, in a voice of mild reproach, "Henry, are you doing right?"

"I don't want her to have my new book," He answered angrily. "She will tear it and soil the pages."

"I'll be very careful," Mary said, in her sweetest tone. "Look, my hands are clean." And she held up to Henry the palms of her little hands.

But he would not look at them. He still kept his eyes on his lessons.

"What is the great Bible rule?" asked Mrs. Day.

"I can tell it," answered Mary.

"I want Henry to repeat it."

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," answered Henry, in a low and hurried way.

"If Mary had a new book, you would like to have her lend it to you," began Mother.

Henry did not wait to hear her apply the rule to his own conduct, but went for his

book. He brought it in and tossed it into Mary's hands, saying, "There, I wish I could have something to myself. I never can have anything."

"God loveth a cheerful giver," Mother said.

Then turning to Mary, she added, "If Henry doesn't want you to have his book, I wouldn't take it. I am sorry he is doing so differently from what Jesus told him to do and that Jesus would have done Himself. Give the book back to Henry. Let him see if he will enjoy it, keeping it all to himself."

Henry felt ashamed of his selfishness, but he was too proud and stubborn to say so. He knew it is better and braver to overcome pride and shame and naughtiness quickly, by saying, "I am sorry, or I did wrong, please forgive me." But he was not good and brave enough to do so. He took his new book, as Mary handed it to him and put it in his drawer. He could hardly study when he went back to his lessons. He tried to drive the thoughts of the trouble from his mind, but it kept coming back. The more he thought about it, the more he wished his uncle had not given him the book. When he finally finished his schoolwork and got up to go out and play, he could not look in his mother's face. He could not enjoy playing with the boy next door. He felt as though he would cry.

He knew that Mother enjoyed hearing him read. So to help erase the pain in his heart, he said to her, "Wouldn't you like for me to read to you from my new book?"

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Book for all Times

It Is Of Divine Origin:

Isaiah 34:16 Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: . . .

II Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

II Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

It Is Everlasting:

Psalms 119:89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

I Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

It Is A Guide For All People:

Deuteronomy 12:28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever,

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Romans 15:4 . . . Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books [The books of the Bible] were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

The Message: The Bible, which is the Word of God, is the perfect guide for every generation.

The Bible is the Word of God.

Questions:

1. Who inspired all Scriptures?
2. Did the Word come by the will of man or God?
3. How did holy men speak the Word?
4. Where is the Word of God settled?
5. How long will it endure?
6. Should you or I add to or take away from the Word of God?
7. What is a light to our pathway?
8. Why was the Word of God written?
9. By what Books will the world be judged?

BIBLE VERSE

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isa. 40:8



Let's Talk

During the next several months, we will be studying topics which are current events in our world. There will be a variety of subjects that range from Dinosaurs to Zip pills.

The Bible was written with laws that span (cover) all ages from the beginning of time, until the end of the world. Although you may not find written in the Bible the "modern" name for each current issue, the Word of God has principles, which are guidelines that govern every area of life.

The teachers of the world are giving their views on these present issues, therefore we feel it is very important that we know what the Bible teaches on these subjects. Since we will be looking to God's Word for our answers, we thought it would be good to have the first lesson about "The Bible."

The word "Bible" means book of books. It is made up of 66 smaller books. It is the best and greatest Book in the world, because it is the Word of God for all generations.

It is the perfect guide for the whole world. There are skeptics (doubters) who believe the Bible is either man-made or outdated. The fact, however, is that it is the living Word of God, written by man as God commanded it to be. It is very current, because God looked through the annals of time and inspired a Book that was complete for every age, as His Word says, "There is nothing new under the sun."

How can you know the Bible is true? The Bible is accurate in its records of historical events. Every prophecy written in its pages comes to pass. A greater evidence of its truth is its power. It changes lives and even nations. It has been tried and proven. In it there is a solution for every one of life's problems.

It is not just an ordinary book. Every part of the Bible is sacred. God told men

what to write so that it contains the answers for all people, of all times.

Live by it, for someday, you will be judged by it.

—Altina Cox

The Bible Lives

Generations follow generations—
yet it lives.
Nations rise and fall—yet it lives.
Kings, dictators, presidents come
and go—yet it lives.
Torn, condemned, burned—
yet it lives.
Hated, despised, cursed—yet it lives.
Doubted, suspected, criticized—
yet it lives.
Damned by atheists—yet it lives.
Exaggerated by fanatics—yet it lives.
Misconstrued and misstated—yet it
lives.
Ranted and raved about—yet it lives.
Its inspiration denied—yet it lives.

Yet it lives—as a lamp to our feet.
Yet it lives—as a light to our path.
Yet it lives—as a standard for
childhood.
Yet it lives—as a guide for youth.
Yet it lives—as an inspiration for
the mature.
Yet it lives—as a comfort for
the aged.
Yet it lives—as food for the hungry.
Yet it lives—as water for the thirsty.
Yet it lives—as rest for the weary.
Yet it lives—as salvation for the
sinner.
Yet it lives—as grace for the
Christian.
To know it is to love it.
To love it is to accept it.
To accept it means life eternal.

—Author Unknown

Answers: 1. God. 2. By God. 3. By the Holy Ghost. 4. In heaven. 5. Forever. 6. No. 7. The Word of God. 8. For our learning. 9. By the books in the Old and New Testaments, and the book of life.

"No," she answered, "I want you to have your new book all to yourself."

Henry felt bad. He went to his room to get rid of the tears that came to his eyes. He took out his book and read it to himself, but that was no fun. He could hear his little sisters laughing and playing. He wished he could enjoy playing, but he could not. He stood by his window and looked out into the street.

He drooped around all afternoon. When Father came home in the evening, Henry took his new book to show it to his father, "But you wanted your book all to yourself," Mother remarked. "You must not share it with anyone."

Henry's proud heart would not let him say he was sorry, so he went back into his room and read his book all alone.

He read for a long time, but could hardly keep his thought on the stories, until he came to a story called, "SELFISHNESS."

After reading the story, Henry was more unhappy than before. He trembled on account of his own selfishness, lest it might at last become a monster as it had to Joseph, the boy in the story. The monster of selfishness in Joseph caused everyone to dislike him. Henry wanted people to like him. Sometimes, however, he didn't know if he wanted his sisters to like him or not. They were such a nuisance.

When he knelt to pray, before going to bed, he felt so guilty that he thought God would not hear him, and when he lay down he could not go to sleep for a long time.

The next day some of his friends came to see him. He showed them his new book, exclaiming, "See the book Uncle George gave me!"

"Put it away," whispered his mother. "I want you to have it all to yourself."

Henry obeyed, but his face turned red with anger. He was so upset that he took little interest in his friends, so they soon left.

When they were gone, he carried the new book to his mother and laid it in her lap, saying, "I don't want this book at all. I won't have it."

"But you must keep it. Your Uncle George gave it to you, and you cannot reject his gift. It is yours to have entirely to yourself."

"I don't want it all to myself. I don't want anything all to myself," said Henry sadly.

"Have you found that things kept all for yourself aren't much fun, and that things shared are much more pleasant?"

"Yes, Ma'am," replied Henry.

"I hope you have learned that. 'Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them,' is a very wise rule. Those who obey it are happy and make others happy. Those who disobey it are unhappy and make others unhappy. Did disobeying it make you unhappy?"

"Yes, Ma'am, I felt very badly," said Henry bursting into tears.

"You felt unhappy. Have you felt sorry for doing wrong?"

"I am sorry," answered Henry.

"Well, you know God's way. You must repent, confess, and stop doing the wrong. You did wrong to Mary in not sharing your book with her. Wrong was done to God in breaking His law that you should love others as you do yourself."

Henry stood looking down.

"Never wait in doing your duty," said Mother.

Henry went to his sister Mary, and said, "I'm very sorry I was so selfish with my book. Will you forgive me?" Then he gave her a hug.

"Oh, yes," said Mary, "I'm glad you are good again."

"You may have my book now."

Henry knelt beside his bed and asked God to forgive him. Mother came into his room and read from the Bible, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

She turned to Job 5:17, and had Henry read, "Happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: God was correcting you by making you feel badly," Mother said.

How thankful Henry was for the Bible. The verses Mother read gave him comfort. They also brought him courage as he was learning to obey its commands.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Selfishness



(This is the story that Henry Day read from the new book that his Uncle George had given to him.)

There were two cousins about the same age, named Joseph and Thomas. Joseph's father died when he was quite young. He was left in the care of his mother, who was an unwise sickly woman.

She was very fond of Joseph and thought she could not do too much for him. She would not suffer him to be crossed in the least thing if she could prevent it. She showed him so much attention that he grew to be a proud selfish boy and therefore very unlovely and disagreeable.

When he was about eight years old his mother died. He was then adopted by his uncle to be raised with his son Thomas. The boys were about the same age.

Tom had learned to love others as well as himself. He had learned to "suffer long and be kind, to envy not, to not be puffed up, and to not seek his own." He shared his toys, books, and whatever he had with his younger brothers and sisters. One of his first thoughts was to make them happy, and as they had the same kind spirit, they were a very happy family.

Joseph's uncle and aunt were careful to treat him in the same way that they did Tom,

but this did not satisfy Joseph, and he was often cross and pouty.

If both boys received gifts which were intended to be equal, Joseph would examine them carefully, and if he found the smallest reason for preferring the one given to Tom, he would insist upon having it himself. Tom had too little regard of trifles and too much good nature to refuse him.

When Tom received a present and Joseph did not, Joseph would be angry and behave so badly, that in order to calm him, Tom gave him something. The more he gave to Joseph, the more Joseph demanded.

One day the two boys were in a book store which was managed by a friend of Tom's father. The man gave Tom a copy of *Aesop's Fables*. It was red morocco and full of fine pictures. The bookseller did not like Joseph's conduct, but as he did not wish to neglect him, he gave him a small book called *History of Animals*.

Joseph cared nothing for education, all he wanted was amusement. He therefore did not like the book. As soon as they were a little ways from the store, he threw the book upon the pavement and left it there. Tom returned and picked it up. He offered it to Joseph, telling him it was very valuable and full of important information, but Joseph refused it, knocking it from Tom's hand. Tom again picked it up and went on his way.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Creation, not Evolution

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.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

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.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

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: . . .

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.

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.

Nehemiah 9:6 Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; . . .

Psalms 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

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 [can be seen].

The Message: Things in the world did not evolve into what they are now, but were created by God.

**"God created
the heaven and
the earth."**

Questions:

1. What did God create?
2. How many days did it take?
3. On what day were the sun, moon, and stars created?
4. In whose image did God make man?
5. What did God see about His creation?
6. Who is preserving all things?
7. What did God lay?
8. How were the worlds framed?
9. Were things made from things man could see?

BIBLE VERSE

". . . In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, . . ." Ex. 20:11

Let's Talk

How wonderful is the story of the creation! It is an amazing and miraculous account of the true power of God!

Worldly minded men have come up with many "theories." Theories are explanations based on thought, but have not been proven. There are many of these theories or assumptions to explain the existence of the universe, and plant and animal life. One of the most popular ideas is called "evolution." It states that the world and all living things came about in gradual processes, as a few of each kind changed into another more highly developed being. It also states that it took billions of years for the world to become what it is today. This is false!

The Bible teaches that plants and animals and the right conditions so they could live, were created in just six days. What a mighty God! He did not need an explosion of atoms and gases, nor a division of a single cell that multiplies over and over; He simply spoke the word, and creation took place. He made it all from nothing, and it took less than a week.

Some of you may wonder why we are having a lesson on the creation. The creation is not taught in most public schools, but evolution is required to be taught, therefore it is very important that you are reminded often that this great universe was created by God. It did not just evolve until it is what it is today.

There are some people who try to blend evolution with the creation by suggesting that each day of creation represents a thousand years or more. Thus it allows time for gradual evolution! This is error, and it undermines the omnipotence of God. The Bible says that the evening and morning were the first day, the evening and morning were the second day . . . and so on. It was six days, not six thousand years.

All the research, devices, excavation, exploration, theories and expense to explain the existence of the world could cease, if they were exchanged for simple faith in God.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God," not by evolution. —Altina Cox

The different theories of evolution teach that evolution came about in different ways, but all teach that everything in existence today developed from something already existing. This thought is contrary to the Word of God. The Word plainly says, "Things which are seen were not made of things which do appear [can be seen]." (Heb. 11:3). King David said, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." Ps. 33:6. God's words nor His breath can be seen.

Every kind of plant and animal and all nature was created by God. They did not develop through evolution. Some animals have become extinct, and some animals have changed a little according to their environment, but none have completely changed from being another kind of animal or changed from being a plant into being an animal.

Fossils are the remains or traces of plants and animals preserved in rock deposits. Fossils help us prove either creation or evolution, for fossils are clues to the past. —Charlotte Huskey



Answers: 1. Heaven and earth, and everything in or on them. 2. Six days. 3. Day four. 4. In His image. 5. That it was very good. 6. God. 7. The foundations of the earth. 8. By the word of God. 9. No.

When they had gone about halfway home, Joseph asked to look at the book of fables. Tom handed it to him. Joseph looked at the book and some of the pictures, and then closing it, carried it as if it were his own.

Tom asked for the book time and time again. Each time he asked, Joseph answered, "You have a book."

Tom tried all his powers of argument and persuasion to get his book. He would not force Joseph to give the book by fighting him, and he hated to complain to his father unless it was really necessary. He decided to wait a few days and see if Joseph would peaceably return the book.

Three days passed before Tom again asked for his book.

Joseph answered, "You've had that book so long, you've got to keep it. You needn't think I'll trade now."

Tom knew this was really dishonest, so he told his father, and Joseph was forced to return Tom's book. Then calling all the children together, the father said, "Joseph is an orphan, and since he came among us we have pitied him and tried to make him feel that he had a father, a mother, brothers, and sisters. We have also tried to make him happy. We have tried to teach him to be good and to obey the blessed rule, '*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*' He will not obey it. He does not seem to understand that it is the only rule of conduct by which we can please God and be happy ourselves. Now we will treat him according to his own way. We will do to him as he does to us, so that he may see what selfishness is. I want each one of you to treat him exactly as he treats you."

"We don't want to be bad," the smallest girl said.

"Daddy says you must do it, so you must," Father said. "I think it will be the best thing we can do for Joseph, and the easiest way to make him see his great fault."

So the children refused to play with him whenever he asked them to, and insisted on his playing with them whenever they wanted.

If he did not, they pulled him by the sleeve or tipped him out of his chair, just as he had done them. They did not let him touch their toys or books. If he did, they scolded him with harsh words, as he did them when they touched his things. They took his things whenever they could get them and threw them around. If they had any treats, they gave him none. If he had anything good, they would not let him eat in peace. Sometimes when he spoke to them, they did not answer him. If he asked for help, they ignored him.

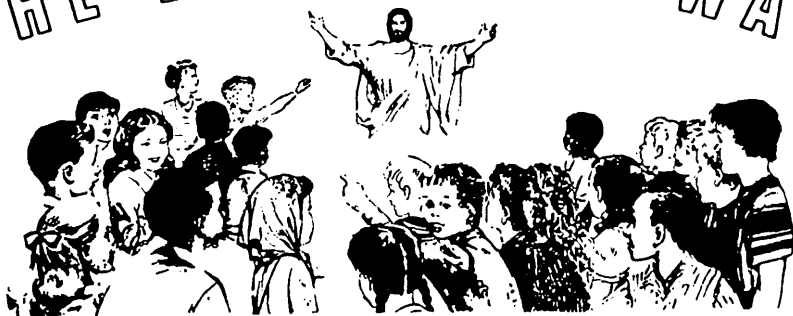
If he had thought they were really selfish and unkind, it would only have made him more so, but he knew they were only trying to show him to himself. He soon grew to be quite ashamed that he was so selfish. He told his uncle that he was ashamed and that he would change. His uncle was glad to hear this and told the children to stop treating him the way he had been treating them. He also told the children to be a good example to him and to try and help him overcome his evil habit. (To be continued)

The God who created the universe, needed to create within Joseph a new heart. King David, years ago, prayed for God to create in him a new heart. His prayer is found in Psalm 51. Here is what David prayed: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge . . . my sin. . . . Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. . . . Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. . . . Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. . . ."

If you are having trouble with selfishness, with all your heart pray the prayer that David did and God will cleanse you from selfishness and help you to overcome the temptation to be selfish in the future.

—Charlotte Huskey

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Happy Day



When Henry opened the shades of his window, the sun was shining so brightly that it reminded him of a text he had often heard his mother repeat, "Truly the light is sweet; and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun."

Henry felt that God was very good to make every thing so nice for his happiness. He loved God for His goodness and wished he was more like God. He determined to be as good as he possibly could all day, but he knew he could not be good without the help of God. He knelt and prayed for God to help him be good, and that he might not be led "into temptation, but be delivered from evil."

When he went down to breakfast, his face showed kindness, and cheerfulness, for it reflected what was in his heart. His little sister, noticing it, said to him, "Thoo look all nice, Henly."

After breakfast his father sent him on an errand. Now, Henry had formed a bad habit of loitering along his way, looking in store windows or talking with the boys whom he met or watching men working. He knew it was wrong to do so, when he had been told to hurry right back.

This morning, when he went out of the door, he said to himself, "I'll see how well and quickly I can do this errand. I won't stop on my way for anything." Then he silently asked God for help, adding, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

While walking, he acted in accordance with his prayer. He did not walk slowly along, looking on either side as if seeking for temptations to hinder him. He went straight forward thinking of his business. "There is no use in praying to God to keep me from temptation if I rush right into them," he thought, "or go where I cannot expect to escape them. I must make some effort to avoid and resist sin, if I expect God to help me."

When Henry returned from his errand, his father was surprised and gave him a dime as a reward for doing it so well and quickly. He put it in his savings box, hoping to soon have enough money to buy a set of carpenter's tools.

He took his books from their shelf and started his lessons without the least delay. He studied quietly and carefully and had them all learned much earlier than usual. Then he had time to carry a message to his father's store and to help mother. This pleased her and won for him her praise, which Henry was always glad to get.

In the afternoon he had a writing lesson, and when this was over, he told his little sisters to come and he would play with them. He was not often contented to play with them, but today he was trying to be very good.

"What will we play?" asked Mary the older one.

"What do you want to play?" asked Henry. Mary answered, "Hide and seek."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Our Earth

New Words: *Subdue:* To control; rule.
Dress: Cultivate; till; nurture.
Bdellium: Considered by Bible commentators to be a pearl, a crystal, or amber.
Onyx: Precious stone from which comes emerald and aquamarine.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them [Adam and Eve], and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, . . .

8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Psalms 104:13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

The Message: God provided the earth and its resources for man to enjoy and to care for.

Take care of God's earth.

Questions:

1. Who did God command to subdue the earth?
2. Why did God place man in the garden of Eden?
3. For what were plants created?
4. What three resources were found in Havilah?
5. How does God water the hills?
6. For what does the grass grow?
7. How long will the seasons last?
8. What planet did God give to man?

BIBLE VERSE

**"The heaven, even the heavens,
are the Lord's: but the earth hath
he given to the children of men."**

Psa. 115:16



Let's Talk

The Lord gave man a planet for his own. It is the earth. God placed within it all the natural resources to sustain life, such as fresh air and water, light, and plants from which man finds food and shelter. He also placed within it minerals and other materials.

After making this great planet, He made a man to care for it and to enjoy it. The first man was to care for the beautiful garden. He could simply prune the trees and gather the fruit to eat. It was easy to cultivate, until Adam sinned. After Adam disobeyed, God sent him out of the garden and cursed the ground to bring forth weeds and thorns. Adam then had to work hard to bring forth enough food for himself and his family.

Have you ever had a garden? It is a lot of work to plow the land, plant the seeds, water it, pull the weeds, fight the pests, and then gather the vegetables. The labor is rewarded by the good fruit and vegetables. Having your own garden does make you appreciate the farmers. Adam was given the job of farming and he was a good farmer, because he cared well for this earth that God had placed him over.

People still have a responsibility to care for this earth which God has given to them. Many strip nutrients (minerals and earth particles required for plant growth) from the soil, but fail to replace them. Others are polluting the air with harmful gases. Some are not properly disposing of harmful waste. This is not being good stewards over what God has given. The list of ways man is mistreating the earth could be very, very long.

You may not be able to do much about the major environmental concerns, but you can do your part. The Bible says, "Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Do you refuse to pick

up litter that others have dropped? Do you ever litter? Have you asked your mom to take you to a store across town, when one closer would do? (Automobiles release harmful exhaust into the air.) Do you water, feed, and protect the grass, trees and flowers around your own home? Discuss with your friends other ways of caring for this wonderful earth that God has given us to enjoy. —Altina Cox

Earth Year

You may be studying a lot about the earth and how to care for it. It is very important that boys and girls and everyone else take good care of this wonderful world that God had given us. Man's first duty to God was to care for the earth. It is still our duty.

Forming habits of caring for the natural things that God gave will help strengthen us to form good spiritual habits.

Among all the good lessons about caring for the earth, the Devil has placed some very ungodly thoughts. Have you ever heard the term, "Mother Earth." This term means the earth is our mother, our creator. It means that all life began with the Earth. It is another form of the theory of evolution. We know God is our Creator.

Many of the posters, films, books, and other materials about saving our earth are printed by organizations that would like for children to believe there is no God, heaven or hell, that this life and this earth is the only place man will ever live.

People are created in God's image and must live only a short part of their lives here on our wonderful earth.

—Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. Man. 2. To dress or take care of it. 3. For food. 4. Gold, onyx, and bdellium. 5. From His chambers. 6. As food for cattle and for the service of man. 7. As long as the earth remains. 8. Earth.

She always chose to play it, and Henry chose not to; so when they played together, they were seldom both satisfied. But today he felt like making them happy.

"Come, Mary; you and I will hide first, and Susy will find us."

They made Susy shut her eyes and lay her face on a pillow; but she kept opening her eyes and lifting up her face just enough to see where Mary and Henry were hiding. They had hard work to make her control her curiosity long enough for them to hide. But at last Mary made it behind the door and Henry into the closet, where he crawled upon an empty shelf.

Henry then made a little noise to let Susy know that they were ready for her to search. She looked under the bed, but they were not there. She said, "No," to herself and shook her head. Then she looked under the table, and shook her head. She got down on the floor and looked under the dresser.

She could not find them and called out loudly in a troubled tone, "Where are thoo, Maly? I can't find thoo, Maly."

Mary began to laugh and said, "Why, don't you look where I am?" Then Susy knew where she was, and ran to her behind the door.

"Me found thoo, Maly. Me found thoo," she said joyfully.

"Now you must find Henry," said Mary.

Then Susy looked in all the places she had looked before and sat down discouraged, saying, "Me can't find him."

Henry made lots of funny noises until Susy finally found him on the shelf.

Mary called Henry a wolf in cage, and then Henry played wolf. He growled and snapped and moved restlessly from one side of the shelf to the other, using his hands for paws. This was great fun!

When they tired of it, they agreed that Henry should blindfold his eyes and try to find the girls. This offered a little more challenge to Henry so he enjoyed it more. Susy, however, kept jumping out of her hiding place, saying, "I am here, come and find me."

Next Henry took down his train set. It was among his favorite toys, and he had not been very willing to share it with his sisters. Today

he let them play with it as they wished, only watching to see that they were careful. The cars were painted red and yellow, and in them were seated ladies and gentlemen. They were hurried along by a little black engine.

Sometimes they played that the engine would not run, then Henry would use his very smart and gentle horse which he called Lightfoot. It also ran on wheels, and he would hitch Lightfoot to the cars and pull them around the track.

Mary was sometimes engineer and took the passengers to Chicago, or New York, or other places which she knew something about. Henry would be ticket master and sell little paper tickets to passengers and give instructions, be depot master and call for baggage, number it, check it, then put it on the baggage car.

Sometimes Susy played engineer and started to go to her daddy's store or the candy shop. But she often ran off the track. Then Henry had to be the doctor and take care of the injured passengers and make them all right again.

Henry's spirit of kindness and love was felt by the others, and when Mother called the children for dinner, Mary said, "oh, I wish we didn't have to go so quick!"

Susy lifted up her hands in joy, exclaiming, "Didn't we have a fun day?"

When Henry knelt to say his evening prayers, he had no fear that God would not hear his prayers. He felt so good and so different than he had felt the day he acted selfish about his new book.

When he opened his Bible to read, it fell open to Genesis 1:27. He read, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; . . ." "So God has created me in his image so I can be like Him," he said to himself. Then he added, "Thank you God for helping me be a little more like you today."

Later he read verse 31, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. . . ."

"Thank you God for making me good today and making my day very good."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A New Friend, Mikey

One day, late in the fall, a poor man was sawing wood for Henry's father and had brought with him one of his boys to stack it. The weather was cold and windy and the ground was almost frozen. Henry was shocked to see the boy without a coat and no shoes on his feet. He was shivering while he worked, and his feet were red and chapped.

"Where are your shoes?" Henry asked.

"I have none," answered the boy named Mikey.

Henry went to the father and asked, "Why don't you buy Mikey some shoes?"

"I'd be glad to," was the answer, "but it's little work I git to buy the bread for seven hungry mouths that there are of us, let alone the shoes and things that I'm sure Mikey is wantin'."

Henry was sure what the man said was true, so he asked his mother, "Can I give Mikey some of my clothes that are getting too small for me?" Mother was happy to see Henry wanting to help others, so she helped him pick out a complete outfit of good clothing that would fit Mikey.

When Mikey put on the warm garments, it was hard to tell which of the two boys was happiest. But he still had

no shoes. Henry's were too small, besides they were worn out and were no protection against the snow and wet.

Henry went to his room and came out with the money he was saving to buy tools. "Is this enough to buy shoes?" he asked his mother. "If I had no shoes and couldn't buy any, I think I would want someone to buy me some. So if I am to obey the great rule, I must buy Mikey some shoes."

"This is not enough," Mother said after counting it.

"May I ask Mary for her savings?"

"Yes, but do not force her to give."

Mary was glad to give her money for the shoes, and Susan came bringing her savings.

Altogether there was enough to buy a good pair of shoes.

After Mikey's shoes were purchased, there was little money left.

"Now we must save to get him some good warm socks," Henry told his excited sisters. Mother, however, felt she too had a duty to perform towards the needy boy whom her children had so willingly helped, so she offered to buy the stockings.

Breakfast was scarcely over in the morning when Mikey appeared, looking much taller than before, in his new shoes and clothes.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Conserving God's Creation

New Words: *Conserve:* Protect from loss or waste.

Glean: Gather that which is left after reaping.

Slothful: Unwilling to work; lazy.

Ruth 2:2 . . . Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech [her father in law].

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: . . .

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, . . . Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

15 . . . Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah [1.1 bushels] of barley.

John 6:10 . . . Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

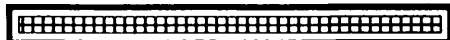
11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

Proverbs 18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

The Message: God's people are to be good examples in conservation.



Questions:

1. Who went to a field to glean?
2. While gleaning, with whom did Ruth find favor?
3. How long did Ruth work that day?
4. How many men did Jesus feed?
5. What was left after the men were full?
6. What did Jesus command be done with the leftovers?
7. Jesus had power to make food, why did He say to gather the leftovers?
8. Who is a brother to the slothful?
9. What did Jesus say about a person who is faithful in little things?

BIBLE VERSE

"Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten." John 6:13



Let's Talk

This lesson of "conservation" is connected with the lesson we had last Sunday about "Our Earth." In order to be good caretakers of the earth, we must conserve. We must not waste the vast resources God has given us in His creation.

The first example we have today is that of Ruth gleaning in a field. Gleaners gather the bits of grain or fruit left in the fields when the crops are harvested. Ruth and her mother-in-law were poor. They gleaned for necessary food.

There are gleaners yet today. Some are volunteers who gather excess crops and distribute this food to the poor, instead of allowing it to rot in the fields.

Hundreds of years later, Jesus, a great . . . great . . . grandson of Ruth, gave another lesson in conservation. He fed 5,000 people by miraculously increasing a small bit of food. When the people were filled, He told His disciples to gather the leftovers so no food would be wasted.

The Bible also tells of people who found themselves in trouble because they had wasted. Some did not waste food, but time, money, goods, or other things. Christians are to be good managers of the things God has blessed them with. They should not be wasteful, but careful and faithful even with little things.

Are you careful not to waste water, paper, or electricity? There are nationwide efforts being made toward conserving natural resources and energy. Recycling stations have been set up to encourage reuse of materials. Look around you and ask God to help you as a Christian to be a good example in conservation.

—Altina Cox

Scattering Crumbs

"I threw some crumbs from my window at the falling of the night.
And thought no more about them,
till at break of morning light
A ceaseless chirp and twitter on
the morning air I heard . . .
The sparrows' morning blessing!
And my heart with joy was
stirred"

—Selected

So very often we carelessly throw away things that could be a help to another person, or animal. The next time you are tempted to throw away food, think of the hungry children of the world, and ask that your plate be served with less food. If you have already soiled the food and cannot eat it, look for an animal to give it to.

There is a story about a man who wanted to do something good for people, so he traveled all over the country planting apple seeds. He became known as Johnny Appleseed. Children laughed at the funny man. But years later they and their families happily ate apples from the seeds he had planted.

The little things you do to conserve natural things that God has given may not seem important, but it may keep children and animals of future generations from being hungry.

—Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. Ruth 2. With Boaz. 3. All day until evening. 4. 5,000. 5. A lot of bread and fish. 6. That it be gathered so that nothing be lost. 7. To show that it is important to conserve. 8. A waster. 9. That he would be faithful in much.

"Just came to thank you for the shoes and clothes," he said.

"We have a surprise for you," said Mary, as Henry disappeared into his room. Then he presented to Mikey two pairs of nice, thick socks.

It seemed that he would never finish praising them and saying, "I'm thankful to you, and to your mother."

"You ought to thank God the most," Mary said.

After Mikey left, Henry went to his mother and said, "I haven't forgotten what you told me about giving. You said, we must 'do good, hoping for nothing again.' I don't expect anything back from Mikey, and I shall go without my tools this winter."

"I don't think you will ever be sorry for what you have done for the poor boy," said Mother. "I have lived a great many years and I have never been sorry for a good action. It would have been very cruel of you to have let Mikey suffer from the cold when you could prevent it by denying yourself of something unnecessary."

"What do you think Mikey would have done if we had not given him the shoes?" asked Henry.

"Someone else might have given him a pair, but most likely he would have picked up some old things to cover his feet which could have done permanent damage to his feet."

"The poor are generally very kind and helpful to each other. There would be far more suffering among the poor if it wasn't for the little ways they help each other," Mother commented.

"But how can they help each other when they have so little?"

"They help by doing for others and denying themselves of some things. Also by saving things and keeping them until they find someone who has need for it.

When your lessons are finished, I will let you read what a very poor boy with a spirit of love and compassion did.

Henry always began his lessons by first praying. Today he thanked God he had shoes, and he asked God to help him take good care of his things so the things would still be nice to give away when he was finished using them. "And please God, give me the spirit of love and a willingness to deny myself for others."

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Faithfulness

The servant who had only two talents to trade with, but traded faithfully with them, had just the same glorious words spoken to him as the servant who had five talents: "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Think what it would be to hear the Lord Jesus saying that to you, really to you! Oh how sweet! How blessed! How you would listen to that gracious voice saying those wonderfully gracious words to you!

But could He say them to you? Are you "faithful over a few things?" He has given every one, even the youngest, a few things to be faithful over, and so He has to you. You "few things" may be very few, and very small things, but He expects you to be faithful over them.

What is being faithful over them? It means doing the very best you can with them; doing whatever duties He gives you as well as you can. It means doing them just the same whether others see you or know about it or not.

If you recollect many things in which you have not been quite faithful, come at once to your gracious Lord, and ask Him to forgive all the unfaithfulness, and to make you faithful today.

—Frances Havergal

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Judy's Shoes

As Henry was looking at the book Uncle George had given him, he happened upon this story:

Gene had a pair of good shoes, but Judy's were torn out at the toes and run down at the heels. Wretched things they were, and she could hardly keep them on her feet.

Gene needed good shoes, or his feet would freeze while he went in the cold winter weather, gathering wood for the fire at home. His father was very poor, but he managed somehow to buy Gene good shoes. Judy's work was to help their mother in the house, so she was left to go nearly barefoot. They lived in a one-room, windowless apartment which was full of great wind-whistling cracks. Judy's feet were very cold, yet they were not cold enough to freeze.

She very seldom stepped into the street with such shoes, and only when it was warm enough to go barefoot could she have any outdoor fun. The fall, the long winter and most of the spring, she must stay inside. It was a pleasure just to go to the grocery store on a trifling errand. It delighted her eyes to see the stacks of ripe juicy apples, the baskets of rich nuts, the luscious oranges, dates, and raisins. She liked to see the good things even if she could not have them. But Judy's shoes were so bad she could not even go to the grocery store.

When Gene came home she would ask him all about what he had seen. In the fall he

saw the trees changing colors, and the animals scurrying about gathering their food for the winter. In the winter he saw the snow piled high, the snowmen and forts built by boys who had good boots and plenty of time. Around Christmas, there were displays in the stores of toys and warm clothing for gift giving. Gene kindly told his sister about all he saw, for he pitied her that she was so shut up in one little room and could not see and know of the merriment of winter outdoors.

He often wondered if there was any way to get her a pair of shoes. He studied and contrived how he might buy her some. He looked longingly in the store windows at the shoes. One day he went in and asked the price of a pair which he thought would be just right for his sister. They cost more money than Gene had ever had, but he had a brave heart. He determined to try and buy them. He loved Judy. She was a dear sister, and he wanted to make her happy.

Soon heavy snow would be falling. Gene thought he was big enough to clear off sidewalks. But he had no shovel. The neighbors had shovels they would loan him, but it was at snow-falling that they wanted them most. It was then, too, he had to work the hardest himself, for wood was less easily found, and more of it was burned. "I can get a large store of wood before the snowfall," he told himself, "then I will have time to clear sidewalks if I only had a shovel."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Dinosaurs and Other Creatures

New Words: *Behemoth*: Beast

Dragon: Large land or sea reptile.

Sea monster or Leviathan: A large strong water animal.

Unicorn of the Bible: A two-horned animal, probably a wild ferocious ox with powerful horns.

Genesis 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, . . . and every winged fowl after his kind: . . .

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: . . .

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.

Psalm 22:21 . . . Thou hast heard me
from the horns of the unicorns.

29:6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; . . . like a young unicorn.

104:24 O Lord, how manifold are thy
works! in wisdom hast thou made them
all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea,
wherein are things creeping innumerable,
both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: there is that
leviathan, whom thou hast made to play
therein.

Job 41:1 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

Psalm 74:14 Thou brakest the heads of
leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be

meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

Isalah 27:1 In that day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

Job 40:15 Behold now behemoth,
which I made with thee; he eateth grass as
an ox.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.

24 . . His nose pierceth through
snares.

Jeremiah 51:37 . . . Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and . . . without an inhabitant.

Psalm 148:7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, . . .

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

The Message: Every animal that ever existed was created by God for His glory.

Questions:

1. Who is the Creator of all animals?
2. Who was given dominion over animals?
3. What two things have we learned about the unicorn?
4. Can the leviathan be caught with a hook?
5. What food did the behemoth eat?
6. How strong were its bones?
7. What animal was living around Babylon?
8. Did God use wisdom in creating the animals?

BIBLE VERSE

**"Let every thing that hath breath
praise the Lord." (Ps. 150:6)**



Let's Talk

Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, dinosaurs! Almost everyone seems fascinated by these creatures. They are featured on clothing, sheets, toys, and household items. It is common to see food items like cereals and cookies shaped like dinosaurs. Is this interest caused by the enormous size of these animals or is it just another fad?

Many people believe that dinosaurs provide strong evidence to support the theory of evolution. They believe these animals existed billions of years ago, long before man ruled the earth. What does the Bible have to say about this?

The word "dinosaur" is not mentioned in the Bible, but many Scriptures, however, refer to very large reptiles. The word dinosaur was not a part of the English language at the time the Bible was translated into English. When the first fossils of these animals were found in 1841, men did not know what to call them. Later they placed the name "dinosaur" on these large fossil animals. This was many years after the English Bible was printed.

Early Bible scholars thought the animal described in Job as a behemoth referred to an elephant or hippopotamus, as these were the largest land animals known until the discovery of the dinosaur fossils. Now, many believe that a dinosaur was the animal that Job describes, because it more clearly resembles a dinosaur than an elephant or hippo. One thing for sure is that Job uses this mighty animal to describe the power of God.

Some skeptics also reason that the story of Noah and the ark is not true, because these enormous creatures could not have fit into the ark. The Bible did not say that Noah took full grown animals into the ark. It is possible that young dinosaurs or dragons did fit in the ark, and were in it. It is also possible that the larger ones had already become extinct by that time. From the Bible we also find that

there was a period when there were many giants, but as far as we know they no longer exist. Scientists believe the flood caused the embedding and preservation of the dinosaur fossils.

Dinosaurs did not rule the earth. God gave man dominion over every animal.

Most of the unusual animals are mentioned in the Old Testament, with the exception of Revelation. In the book of Revelation, the animals are used to represent political and spiritual powers in the world.

Some things God did not reveal to us in His Word. So what should we say when some ask about dinosaurs? We can say that all animals whether extinct or still in existence were created in wisdom by God to His glory and for His praise.

—Altina Cox

Fossils of those terrible lizards, called dinosaurs, are found on every continent of the world. They are found as far north as the north shores of Alaska and as far south as Antarctica. Some are as small as chickens and some are believed to have weighed over 50 tons. Large fossil graveyards are found in North America, Africa, Asia, and other places. One of the largest is at Agate Springs, Nebraska.

Dinosaurs are found only in three geologic systems. All of these are in the Mesozoic zone, which are ecological and sedimentary zones, according to creationists.

Dinosaurs are not the only extinct animals. There were flying reptiles, or winged monsters, the marine reptiles, mammoths, some fish, some tigers, the elephant bird, and other birds, and many, many other animals.

God has a purpose in all that He allows to happen on the earth, even though men do not understand it all.

—Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. God. 2. Man. 3. That it has mighty horns and skips like a calf. 4. No. 5. Grass. 6. They were like brass. 7. Dragons. 8. Yes.

At last he hit upon a plan by which he might get the use of a shovel. The grocery man had one which he would not use after his own walk was cleared. Gene would offer to clear it for him on the condition that he would loan him the shovel afterwards.

He gathered a lot of wood, then looked anxiously to see the sky grow misty with snow. Getting up one morning, he was glad to find snow had fallen during the night, and it lay quite deep in the streets.

Gene hurried to the grocery store to make the offer he had planned. The grocer was glad to accept it, for he thought Gene was honest and would return his shovel.

Gene was not a big boy, and the shovel was large and heavy. It was therefore very slow as well as very hard and tiresome work for him to clear off the snow. His purpose gave him strength and energy, so he did his best. The grocery store stood on a corner, too, so that there was sidewalk across the front and along the side of the store. When it was finally finished, he started off to look for other work. He found men and boys shoveling everywhere and almost every sidewalk was half cleared.

He began to fear that he had lost his morning's labor and that his plan would fail. But he did not give up. He went through every street and court in the neighborhood. At last he found a job at the end of a narrow court where the snow had drifted. "Has no one asked to clean your walk?" Gene asked the lady at the door.

"Yes, many, but they ask double the amount I have to pay."

"I will clean it for whatever you pay," Gene said hopefully.

This job was harder than the one at the store, but he was full of hope and energy.

When he took the small pay, he grumbled not a bit; in word, nor in his heart. He even felt well paid, because he had made a beginning. The money looked like a great lot to him. It was Judy's shoes.

The next few days he worked hard getting more wood, for he heard some say that more snow was on the way.

The snow came. Gene hurried again to the grocery store to hire the shovel as before. The grocer was again willing to loan it, so Gene cleared off the store sidewalks. He then started towards the little court to the low paying job. On the way he found another sidewalk and cleaned it. Two jobs in one morning—he felt triumphant as he pocketed his money.

When he returned the shovel, the grocer said to him, "Well, Gene, how many walks did you clear this morning?"

"Two Sir, besides yours," Gene said, blowing his hands to warm them.

"And how much money did you get?"

"Enough, Sir," Gene answered.

"Have you spent the money you made last week?" questioned the grocer.

"No, Sir."

"For what are you going to spend it? Candy, or sweets? Maybe a toy?"

Gene looked up indignantly. "I want to buy my sister some shoes," he said.

"Really! Are you shoveling snow for that?"

"Yes, Sir. Her shoes are very bad."

"Well, Gene, I guess I owe you some money. It should be worth some money, besides the use of the shovel to clear off my long walks. Don't you think so?"

Gene's heart beat fast. He wanted the money, but he bargained to do it just to use the shovel. "I was happy just to use your shovel," he said.

"Just the same, here is my pay," and he laid some heavy coins in Gene's hand.

"Thank you, Sir! Thank you!" What a lucky day for Judy. He now had maybe half enough for the shoes.

A boy who was in the store saw Gene receive the money. He followed Gene out of the store and caught up with him.

"How much money have you got Gene? How much did he give you?" questioned the boy whom Gene did not know.

"I haven't counted it yet," answered Gene, and kept walking.

"Let me see it. I'll count it for you."

"Thank you, I can count it myself."

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Judy's Shoes

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"Come on, Gene," said the strange boy who walked beside Gene. "I know your pockets are full of money. Come, let me see what you have. Maybe together we could have enough to buy some food and something warm to drink. It's terribly cold out here, and I'm awfully hungry."

Gene kept his money and hands in his pockets. He wouldn't run the risk of having his money snatched away. "I don't want to spend my money for food. I wouldn't be driving the sweat out of me over the snow shovel on such a day as this just to eat in a shop uptown."

"I wouldn't have thought you to be such a mean tight guy. I took you to be a generous fellow," answered the other. "Keep your coins until they're turned to rust." Then giving Gene a hard push, he ran away.

Gene felt hard because his hands were in his pockets, but that protected his money. It was hard to be called stingy and treated so badly, but finding his money safe, he went quickly on home. One look at poor Judy's feet made him forget the work and bad treatment he had received.

The next snowstorm, he was successful as at the last. When he returned the shovel this time, the grocer asked him, "Any luck today?"

"I cleaned two walks besides yours," Gene answered triumphantly.

"Good money?"

"Same as before."

"How much of the other have you spent?"

"Not a cent."

"Then how much have you in all?"

"I haven't counted it all, Sir."

"Well let's see," said the grocer, "you have how much at home? How much did you earn today?" He busied himself adding the amounts that Gene gave him. "And the shoes cost how much? Hum, Well, Gene, you only lack a small amount."

"Maybe I can find another walk to clean this afternoon, if you don't mind me taking your shovel again."

"Gene," the grocer said, reaching into his cash register, "I think I owe you a little more for doing such a great job on my walks." He handed Gene several coins. Now you should have enough to buy your sister's shoes."

"Thank you, Sir. Thank you."

"Now go quickly and buy a good pair, and here are some apples to share with your sister. When I see a boy who is above nosing around and picking up things in my store, I like to give him good things."

"Thank you, Sir," Gene said again.

With quick steps and a light heart, he went home for the rest of his money. His mother carefully measured Judy's foot, telling her nothing of what Gene planned to do.

He found a pair of shoes he thought Judy would like and the clerk said should fit her perfectly. What great joy was his! What a surprise he would give to Judy. Now they would go to the park together. He would take her to the grocery store and let the grocer see the splendid shoes he had purchased. They

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WORDS OF GOLD



Patriotism

New Words: *Patriot:* One who supports, loves, and defends his country.

Ordinances: Laws or rules of a city or country.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, . . . confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have . . . returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God . . . hath prepared for them a city.

13:14 For here have we no continuing [everlasting] city, but we seek one to come.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

The Message: A Christian's patriotism for his earthly country is governed by his love for his heavenly country.



Questions:

1. Why did Abraham leave his country?
2. What did the pilgrims seek and desire?
3. Who prepared this city?
4. Is there an everlasting city here on earth?
5. To what kind of nation do Christian's belong?
6. From what do people of this holy nation abstain?
7. Why should Christians submit to ordinances?
8. How do the Christians of this holy nation regard God?
9. Does this nation's people honor their earthly rulers?

BIBLE VERSE

"I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God." Eccles. 8:2



Let's Talk

Patriotism is expressed in many ways. It can be through songs, colors, symbols, holidays, flag salutes, voting, etc. It is a feeling of unity and support by those who are citizens of a country.

Are God's people patriotic? If so, are there limits to that patriotism? What does the Bible teach about this? God created the earth and put mankind over it. However, a one-world government would be unwise, so God divided it into different countries. Each man receives good from the country where he lives, therefore he has a duty towards it.

In the Old Testament we can read about those who loved their country, and many of them even fought for their country. Yet there were others who had to leave their country because the laws of their country would not allow them freedom to serve God.

The Bible does teach Christians to support their country, yet this is regulated by their supreme allegiance for God.

Abraham loved his country, but he was willing to leave it because of his vision of a better heavenly country.

We know that state and local governments do not have as much power as national government. The national government has the highest authority, although you are to respect your local government. God has the highest authority, yet we are to support our earthly authorities because the Word of God tells us to do so. There are many ways in which a Christian can support his country, and there are some areas in which he is limited.

Some people refuse to salute the flag, as they feel it is worshiping an image. Christians who choose to salute are not giving total allegiance to the flag, nor to the country it represents, but they are acknowledging support for the principles the flag represents. If the principles upheld by a country are godly, then a Christian is at liberty to support its principles. If, however, they are contrary to the Word of God, the Christian will not support them.

If you live in a country that allows you freedom to worship God and support your

heavenly country, be thankful. Whatever country you live in, give it the support you can; in doing so you will be obeying the Word of God.
—Altina Cox

I hope this lesson will help you to understand why you do not fit with the world. Christians are like aliens from outer space, in that their interests and love is in heaven. They look forward to the time they can go to heaven, just as an alien looks backward to the love and interests he left in his other country. The Christian's desires are to please God. Because of this, they do things that are very different than the world. The world's greatest desires are to please self, so they are busy trying to make themselves happy. Remember, you are a citizen of an heavenly country. You are a stranger in this world.
—Charlotte Huskey



This is America

This is America,
The land of the free,
A country men founded
For true liberty.

A nation created
For all of the best
By those who were able
To face every test.

Their hands were not idle,
Their backs bent with toil,
They hewed out the forests,
And tended the soul.

All their trust was in God,
Their faith was secure,
Their courage and honor
Were steadfast and sure.

They built America
This nation we cherish,
The land that we love!
With strength from above.

—V. K. Oliver

Answers: 1. He was looking for a city whose maker is God. 2. A better country. 3. God. 4. No. 5. To a holy nation. 6. From worldly lusts. 7. For the Lord's sake. 8. With reverence. 9. Yes.

might even build a snow man and have a snowball fight. What fun! What fun Judy would have walking in her new shoes! He had not told her what he was doing, for if he did not succeed, she would not be disappointed.

On the way from the shoe store, the boy who had pushed him down saw him and called out, "Hey, old stingy bones, how are you?"

Gene paid no attention to him. The bundle he carried told him that he was not stingy. Something within told him so, too. "If God and our own hearts whisper to us pleasant things, we can ignore the sneers and revilings of evil persons," his father had often told him.

When Judy opened the box and saw the shoes, she clapped her hands and jumped barefoot around the room on the cold floor. When she finally stopped, Mother had a pair of clean socks ready for her. "They are a perfect fit," Mother said.

When Father saw them he asked, "Where did you get them? I'm sure you didn't find a pair of new shoes in the street. There never was such luck. And a pair found wouldn't just fit Judy. And who would ever give you such a fine pair as that?"

"I bought them myself," answered Gene.

"Now don't be joking. Where did you get them?"

"I bought them with my own money."

"And where did you get the money?" questioned his dad.

Then Gene told all about the grocer and using his shovel to clean sidewalks. "God bless you, Son," said his father. "You are the joy of my life!"

Then Gene took the apples from the drawer where he kept his personal things. "The grocer gave us these fine apples," he said, giving each one a juicy red apple.

"These are the best apples I have ever tasted," remarked Father. Then Mother completed the party by serving clam chowder and cornbread.

Gene was rewarded a thousand times and more for his goodness to Judy. He felt newly paid every time he saw her walking happily along the street or playing outside with other children. Even in the house he felt repaid when he heard her quick firm steps,

so different from the skuff, skuff of her old slippshod shoes.

One day before spring had come, he passed the grocery store and heard his named called. "Gene, Gene, come in here," the grocer was calling.

"I need a boy to help around here," he told Gene after he was inside. "You're a smart boy and a good one, too. I want a boy to sweep the floor, clean the walks, and help my man fill the shelves and deliver packages. I know you are willing to work and self-denying and most of all honest. I'll pay you every week. Think you want the job?"

Then he told Gene what would be expected of him and how much he would get paid.

Gene couldn't believe his ears. He stood silent trying to convince himself that it was really true. "I surely do want the job, Sir, and thank you," he finally said. "I'll ask my father if it will be okay, then I'll come and tell you."

Gene dashed away leaping over the puddles made by the melting snow, like a young fawn. He ran all the way to where his father was working and spilled out the good news.

"Do you think you could please the man?" questioned his father.

"Oh, yes, Sir, he isn't hard to please. And I could buy wood with some of the money, 'cause I wouldn't have time to gather wood."

"If you think you can do it, Son, it is fine with me. The wages sound good, and the extra would be a great help to the family."

Gene went to work the following Monday. He not only helped his poor parents with his wages, but he also learned many useful things. He can now add rapidly, and can also weigh and figure the cost of the items weighed. He can measure and package rice, sugar, beans, and other items which must be packaged. He is careful and thoughtful and does his work well. Some day, no doubt, he will be a good grocer himself, and maybe have his own store, for he learned while very young to discipline himself and save his money for important things. He has also learned while young the great rule of God, "Do unto others as you would that they do unto you." Knowing and obeying this rule will help him to become a successful man.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Going to Boston Park

One beautiful fall morning, Henry rose very early and learned nearly all his lessons before lunch. When he finished, he asked to go to the park. Henry lived in Boston.

Henry's mother said he could go, and Mary and Susan, hearing it came running begging that they also could go.

"I don't want them to go with me. I want to play ball, and I can't if they go."

"The girls haven't been to the park for a long time, and the weather will soon be very cold. I think you should take them," said his mother.

"Then I can't play ball," insisted Henry, in a cross whining tone. "I just won't go. Anyway, why can't they go alone?"

"Henry," said Mother with reproof, "remember the great rule? 'Therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.' Will you break God's rule?"

Henry remembered how much better he felt at the end of those days when he tried to obey the rule and make others happy, even his little pesky sisters, as he sometimes calls them. He said no more about playing ball, but went to work getting the girls ready. Then taking Susan by the hand, he led her carefully along, while Mary walked by herself.

The girls were very happy. As they walked, Susan, looked up in Henry's face

and said, "Thoo're a good boy, Henry. I do love thoo, Henry."

Almost all the people whom they met smiled to see them going along together. Henry's heart had grown warm and tender by the time they reached the park. He thought no more about himself, but tried his best to amuse his sisters.

He picked the finest clover blossoms he could find for them. He showed them the pretty singing birds among the branches of the trees or hopping along the ground. Henry had a great interest in birds, and this was almost as good as playing ball with the boys. While he studied the different birds, he wove little reed grass chairs for the girls to carry home to their dolls. When the girls were tired, they sat down to rest. When they wanted a drink, he gave them water from the fountain.

Sometimes Susan ran as fast as she could go, and ran away from Mary and him. Henry did not scold her. He ran playfully after her, catching her and bringing her back.

The girls were playing with the reed chairs, and Henry was watching the birds when they heard someone call out, "Aha! I found you!" It was Mother.

"I am going to Mr. Wilson's and if you have been good children, I will take you along so you can see his birds and flowers. 'Have you been good?'"

"I think we've been good, Mama," said Mary.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Rulers and Laws

I Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

Acts 23:5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

Proverbs 24:21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: . . .

Ezra 7:26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

I Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Proverbs 11:11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: . . .

14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

The Message: Christians should respect their rulers and abide by the laws of their country.

*"Righteousness exalteth a nation:
but sin is a reproach to any people."*

Questions:

1. What duty do we have for our rulers?
2. Why should Christians pray for their rulers.
3. Should Christians speak evil of rulers?
4. Who should be feared?
5. Did God say for lawbreakers to be punished?
6. To what should every soul be subject?
7. Who ordains the powers of government?
8. What is a blessing to any city?
9. What will righteousness do for a nation?

BIBLE VERSE

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,"

Titus 3:1

Let's Talk

If everyone in your country was a Christian, there would be no need for prisons. It would be a righteous nation. What a blessing that would be!

Laws and rules are established by the rulers of a country to keep an orderly society. A Christian is governed by the laws of God. Included in the laws of God is the command for Christians to honor their rulers and obey the laws of their city and country.

Many people speak disrespectfully of their governors and officials, but God's Word tells us not to speak evil of those in authority. They would not be in authority except it is permitted by God. Therefore, they should be honored and obeyed.

When a Christian abides by the laws, they do so as unto the Lord. These laws are obeyed not because one is afraid of punishment, but because they know it is pleasing to God.

People who obey the laws do not have to be afraid, but those who disobey the laws have reason to be afraid. Suppose there are three cars speeding along the highway. The posted sign reads, "Speed limit, 65." One car is traveling 60 m.p.h. The second car is traveling 65 m.p.h. The third car is traveling 85 m.p.h. If a highway patrol was to suddenly appear, which driver would be most afraid? The driver who was consciously breaking the law would have more reason to be afraid.

The same is true in the home. Parents are the authorities. They make rules for the order of the family. Sometimes they assign chores to be finished by the time they return from an errand. The children who have obeyed will welcome the return of their parents, but those who have failed to obey will fear their return.

Homes, schools, cities, and countries whose laws are based on righteous principles will be blessed if these laws are obeyed. Righteousness exalts any nation,

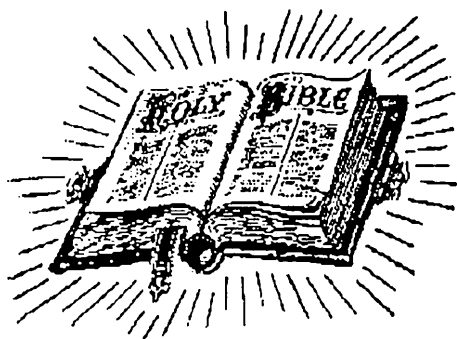
so a nation with many righteous people will naturally be exalted. If this same nation becomes wicked and does not obey God, it is headed for destruction.

In the Bible we can read about Lot who lived in the city that became so wicked that God destroyed it.

When you obey the laws of your nation and honor your rulers as the Word of God commands, you are being a good Christian.
—Altina Cox

Not gold, but only men can make
A nation great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others shy.
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.
—Selected



*The Supreme Law
of mankind is
God's Holy Word.*

Answers: 1. To pray for them. 2. To have quiet peaceable lives. 3. No. 4. God and the king. 5. Yes. 6. To the higher powers. 7. God. 8. The upright. 9. It will exalt it.

"We've been velly good," said Susan.

"You haven't said anything," Mrs. Day said to Henry.

"I don't think I've broken God's great rule since I came out," he answered very thoughtfully.

"I see you've made your sisters happy, so I am sure you have done very well," she said praising Henry.

At Mr. Wilson's they saw many birds. Some were beautiful and rare. He had mocking birds, Irish larks, goldfinches, robins with red breasts, green and yellow canaries singing sweetly, parrots squawking, and many other birds that Henry could not name. The children liked best a pair of pretty ringdoves. The doves were a delicate light color, all except for a ring of black around their necks. The mother dove was sitting on her eggs in a little nest made from a small basket fastened to the side of the cage. On the perch beside her sat the male dove.

"Won't you buy them, Mama? I do want some doves," Henry whispered to his mother.

"I don't want caged birds," she answered. Then turning to Mr. Wilson, she asked, "Do these ringdoves need to be kept in cages in this area?"

"Yes," he answered, "but the common dove, or city pigeon, can be easily trained to know its house and it can then be set free and it will return to its home."

"Then won't you buy some of those?" Henry suggested. Just then another customer called on Mr. Wilson. While he was gone Mrs. Day decided not to buy the birds. She bought bouquets of fresh flowers for the girls and a blooming geranium in a pot for Henry.

On their way home she said to Henry, "Don't you find that whenever you do right you are rewarded for it? You did right in taking your sisters to the park, and weren't you happier with them than you would have been playing ball?"

"Yes, Mother," he answered. "I had fun with them, and sometimes the boys get in a fight over the ball game."

"I am sure you are, for you have the approval of your own conscience and the pleasant feeling that God is pleased with you. Also you got to visit with Mr. Wilson and see his birds and flowers. If you had gone alone to play ball, I would have gone to Mr. Wilson's with only the girls."

"I'm glad I didn't miss going to see Mr. Wilson and his birds."

"I bought the geranium for you because you love plants. It will give you a great deal of pleasure and perhaps teach you some good lessons. If you will only let it stand in the sunshine and water it a little each day, it will bloom for you almost continually. As soon as one set of blossoms fades, it will again bud and put forth another set of blossoms. This is a good reminder to be continually doing good works, just as the plant continually gives flowers. Never weary in well doing. When it is not in full bloom, it will still be cheerful, which is an illustration of the pleasant influence of a good child at all times, even when the child is doing nothing special. Henry, you will be a bright spot in this dark world if you will live for God."

"I am very glad I did right this morning," Henry said.

"Thank God for it, for we know all our goodness comes from Him."

"I wish always to be good."

"Then ask God to make you good. You are hungering for righteousness and Jesus said, 'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.' You must desire to be good that you may please God, not that you may be rewarded for it. When Christ was upon the earth, some people followed Him, not to learn how to be good, but because He healed and fed them. Jesus rebuked them for it. The Bible says to do good, hoping for nothing again."

"I will do that, Mother, and I know God will help me."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Doves

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About a month after Henry had given the Irish boy, Mikey, the clothes and shoes, he came to see Henry. This time he brought a large wooden box.

"Good morning to you," Mikey said. "I thought you might be pleased with these doves. You were so kind to me."

"Doves?" said Henry. "Have you got some doves?"

Mikey raised a little slide which was on one side of the box, so Henry could look in. Inside were two pretty doves. One as white as milk, and the other spotted with black, with a pretty green and violet neck.

"I've brought them for you. These are babies from my own pair of doves," said Mikey.

"And where could I keep them?" asked Henry.

"In this house; I made it to go with them."

"You made this birdhouse?" questioned Henry. "Where did you get tools?"

"With those strong shoes you got me, I was able to run errands for a carpenter who let me use his tools for my pay. The boards were given to me by first one and then another of the people we cut wood for."

"And the paint? How did you get the paint?"

"Well, I was able to shovel snow and pay for it."

Mikey gave Henry full directions on how to care for the birds.

When Henry's father came home that night he fastened the birdhouse in the back window of the attic.

Henry kept the birds shut up four nights as Mikey had said. Everyday he gave them food and fresh water. After four days, he took the birds out of their house and fed them from his hand and showed them to his sisters. They were delighted and liked to hold the birds.

Henry called the little white bird Rosy and the spotted one Daisy. Susy thought Rosy was the prettiest.

When he thought the birds were well accustomed to their new home, and had learned to like it, he opened the attic window while the birdhouse was open. They seemed to think this very strange at first. But after a time they approached the window cautiously and looked out. Then they went upon the window sill, and flew off a little distance.

They looked carefully about them to see where they were. They flew here and there. Finally they spread their wings and flew far behind the high houses.

Henry, Mary, and Susan had watched them with happy eager interest until they took the long flight, and did not return. "Oh, no!" cried Henry. "I think we have lost them. They have gone so far away they never can find their way back home."

"Oh, no!" repeated Mary, and Susan began crying.

All the rest of the day the children waited and watched anxiously for the little birds to

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WORDS OF GOLD



Do Animals Have Rights?

New Words: *Rights:* A just or legal claim to something.

Dam: A mother bird.

Sacred: Belonging to, or dedicated to God.

Genesis 1:26 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.

9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

1 Timothy 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

Psalms 8:6 Thou madest him [man] to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

Deuteronomy 22:1 Thou shalt not see the brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the

eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

25:4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. . . .

Luke 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: . . .

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

The Message: Animals are not equal to men. They were created for the service of and as food for man, but they should not be abused nor worshiped.



Questions:

1. Who was given rule over animals?
2. For what were animals created?
3. What was put under man's feet?
4. Were stray animals to be ignored?
5. What should be done for an animal fallen in a ditch?
6. What was to be set free if found sitting on a nest?
7. Who feeds the ravens?
8. Did God command that animals have good care?
9. What animals are to be worshiped?

BIBLE VERSE

"A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

(Prov. 12:10)

Let's Talk

This is another lesson about caring for God's world. Before we finish studying about creation, it is necessary to discuss the place God gave to animals. As we stated before, all things, including animals, were made for God's glory. He gave man control over the animals. They were created as food and to serve man.

There are places in the world where people are suffering from starvation, yet around them are cows and other animals they will not kill and eat. They believe the cows are sacred, and that other animals might be a reincarnated ancestor. There are other organizations that are investing millions of dollars into saving an endangered species of animal, while people in their own community may be jobless, homeless, or hungry. There are some extremists who also believe if someone kills an animal, he should be killed.

On the other hand, there are those who simply slaughter or abuse animals for sport, greed, or Satanic rituals. Debates and protests arise because some think using animals in experiments is wrong. Many say that an animal's rights are being violated. Others say an animal has no rights, only humans have rights. What does the Word of God say?

Soon after man was created, God gave him dominion or control over animals. However, God also gave guidelines to govern the treatment of animals. Some of the laws God established were specific, such as those in the book of Deuteronomy in the Old Testament. Others were a general loving care God expressed for animals.

Some people try to place animals on an equal level with humans. Ecclesiastes 3:19-21, says that the body of man and animals are both the same. It is stating that they both live, die, and return to the dust. An animal's life simply ends and its body returns to the earth. But man possesses a spirit or soul that returns to God who gave it. (Eccles. 12:7). Animals are not equal to man. Man is superior. It is inordinate (unreasonable) then to place the value of an animal's life equal to or better than that of a human.

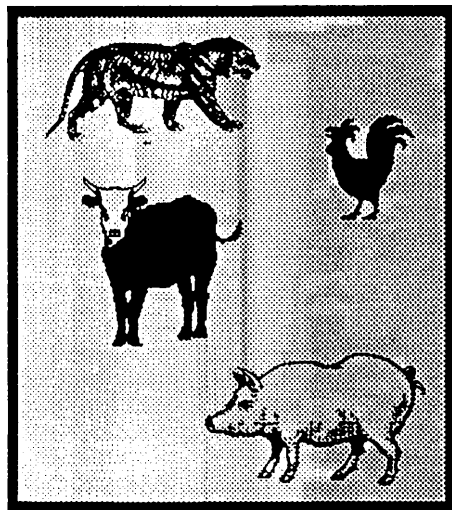
The superiority man has over animals does not justify abuse or mistreatment. God has divine care for His creation, and righteous people take good care of animals. Many of you have pets. It is pleasing to God for you to take good care of them. They can be useful and enjoyable, but not one has a soul.

I understand there is a movie and a book which implies that dogs go to heaven. This is not true, nor do cats have nine lives, as we often hear. After an animal dies, it will not live again, on this earth or in heaven.

There are some people who teach against eating certain meats, for religious purposes. The New Testament states that every animal is good for meat. It may not be a practice to eat certain animals in your country, but people of other countries may eat them freely.

In conclusion, we thank the Lord for this wonderful part of His creation. We can learn much from animals. Many times the Bible compares Jesus or mankind with traits of animals. (Jesus was called the Lamb of God and the Lion of Judah; King Herod a fox.) Animals are to be cared for, but all worship belongs to God and His Son who created the animals.

—Altina Cox



Answers: 1. Man. 2. For food and service to man. 3. All things. 4. No. 5. They should be helped. 6. The mother bird. 7. God. 8. Yes. 9. None.

return. Each time a bird flew within sight, they hoped it would be one of their doves. They hoped it would fly back into its house. Evening came, then darkness, and Daisy and Rosy had not returned.

Susan and Mary were crying, and Henry was too sad to eat his dinner. Before going to bed Mother said, "Come children, let us talk about doves from the Bible."

"Do you remember what happened after Jesus was baptized?"

"A bird sat on his head," Mary remarked excitedly.

"A dove," Henry corrected her.

"Yes," Mother answered. "That dove was a symbol of the Holy Spirit."

"Does someone else remember about another dove?"

"Didn't Noah send a dove out of the ark to see if the water had gone down after the flood?" asked Henry.

"That is right. Noah sent the first dove out and it returned."

"Then will our doves return?" questioned Susan.

"We hope they will," Mother said.

"What did Mary and Joseph take to the temple to offer thanks to God?"

"Two pigeons or two turtledoves," Henry answered.

"Yes, that is correct."

"What did the people at the temple do with the doves?" Mary asked.

"The doves were an offering to God," Mother said. "We give money as an offering to God. The people in those times gave animals, food, and sometimes gold or jewels. When they gave two doves or pigeons, one was called a sin offering, the other a burnt offering. When people brought their offerings to the temple and the priest performed the ceremony that God commanded, then God forgave their sins and they were free of their sins."

"Were the doves white?" Henry asked.

"I don't know, why do you ask?"

"I thought maybe they were to be white, like a person's heart after sin is forgiven," he added.

"That is a good thought. Doves were also offered when a person was healed of leprosy."

A person afflicted with leprosy could not live in the city because other people would contact the disease. So when he was healed, the priest had to check him and perform a ceremony so others would know that he was well and could again live in the city. Over a stream of running water, they were to kill one of the birds. The live bird was set free after it had been dipped in the blood.

"Someone may have killed our Daisy and Wosy, too," Susy said very seriously.

"Don't be afraid. I think Daisy and Rosy are sleeping safely in the eaves of some building."

"I think the ceremony for the leper is a picture of Jesus cleansing our sins. We come to Jesus full of ugly, stinky, sickening sins and Jesus covers all those sins with His blood and we go away free from all of them, just as the bird flew away free."

"I am thankful God is keeping me from sin," Henry remarked. "He helps me every day when I pray very seriously to Him."

"Yes, Henry, I, too, am happy you are doing so well. You love to serve God, don't you?"

"Yes, Mother, I love God and want to be like Him."

"You can, my son, for His Word says, 'Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.' Psalm 37:4."

"My desire is to be more like Jesus, and I am already finding more happiness in obeying God's commandments than in having my own way."

"Mama, will God send Daisy and Rosy back if we pray?" asked Mary.

"There is a verse which says, 'Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.' " Psalm 37:5."

"That doesn't say anything about Daisy and Wosy," Susan said.

"It says, trust in the Lord and He will bring it to pass," Henry said. "It must be whatever we pray for."

"That is right," said Mother. "Now let us ask God to care for our doves and send them back home."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The New Family

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The next day, at sunset, Henry was sitting at a back window searching the sky for his lost doves. Suddenly they flew down to the roof of the house across the alley. Then spying their own house which they had left yesterday, they flew across to it as if glad to get home.

"The doves are back!" he called down the stairs to Mary and Susy, his sisters.

"Wosy, is back, Wosy has come," Susy explained, running about and clapping her hands.

"And Daisy, too," Mary said, as they climbed the stairs to the attic to see the birds.

"How did the birds know their way home?" the children asked.

"God has given birds a special gift of knowing where they have been so they can return. He has given every animal wonderful and sometimes unique powers. The little summer birds that go south to avoid the cold winter return again in the spring. They are able to come back to the same spot where they lived before, though they have been thousands of miles away, over strange lands and seas.

"God made everything wonderful," said Henry.

"Yes, and the more we learn of animals and their habits, the more we admire God. All His works show forth His wisdom. 'Behold, they are very good,' God said about His creation."

Henry's doves never strayed away from home all night again. Many times they flew out of sight, but always came back before dark.

The children waited anxiously for many months, for the doves to build a nest. One spring morning Henry saw Daisy fly to the birdhouse with a straw in his mouth. Then he flew away and soon returned with another straw. He was very busy, but Rosy did not come out. Henry looked into the house and saw Rosy making a nest. She stopped working when she saw Henry watching her.

Henry wanted to help, so he brought a handful of straw and laid it just inside the birdhouse door. Daisy continued bringing straw and Rosy used all the straw in the nest. Henry called Mary and Susy to quietly watch.

A few days later, Daisy seemed to have nothing more to do. He swelled and strutted about as if he had grown greatly important. Henry looked into the dove house the next time he flew away. At that moment Rosy got off her nest. He saw a pretty white egg in the nest! He quietly went away and told his sisters.

The next morning there was another egg in Rosy's nest. Rosy sat on the nest almost all day. A little while before night Daisy took her place so that she might get some food and water and rest herself by flying about. The birds took turns sitting on the eggs for a great many days. At last the shells broke and two baby birds were in the nest.

As soon as the babies had feathers and could fly a little, Henry took them from the

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WORDS OF GOLD



Conflicts With Authorities

Luke 21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

Acts 5:17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly [sternly] command you that ye should

not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Psalm 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

Daniel 2:21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

The Message: When a country has a law that opposes the law of God, a Christian will obey the law of God.



Questions:

1. Why are Christians persecuted and brought before rulers?
2. Who was angry and jealous of the apostles?
3. Where did the rulers place the apostles?
4. What did the angel tell the apostles to do?
5. What had the rulers told the apostles not to do?
6. Who did the apostles obey?
7. Are God's or man's commands most important?
8. Who is the king over all the earth?
9. Does God have the power to remove and set up kings?

BIBLE VERSE

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:29



Let's Talk

Sometimes the laws of the land are contrary to the Word of God. What must a child of God do in those circumstances? Should he continue to submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, or should he disregard that law and respect the higher authority of God?

In the Old Testament, Daniel and the Hebrew children met with this conflict. The king had decreed that no man should pray to any other than himself. Daniel continued to pray to God and was put in a den of lions. God delivered Daniel, and the king changed the law.

The Hebrew children were ordered to bow down to an idol. They refused, because God's Ten Commandments says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, . . ." (Ex. 20:4-5). After being given two chances to bow and still refusing, they were cast into a fiery furnace. God delivered again, and the king made a new law.

Today we read from the book of Acts how the apostles also obeyed God rather than men. The book of Acts is a collection of actions of the early Church. How they handled affairs is how we should handle them. Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." This is not disrespecting the earthly authorities, but rather acknowledging God as the supreme authority. When an earthly law violates the law of God, obey the law of God.

If a person fails to comply with a law because of rebellion or negligence, the penalty they pay will be because of their own fault. However, if because of serving God, a law of the land becomes violated and one is arrested by the authorities, the Lord has promised to

stand by them. I Peter 4:14 reads, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: . . ."

The motive of Christians is not to be rebellious toward officials and break the laws; their only aim is to please the Lord. When laws do oppose the laws of God, Christians will "meekly hold the true position," and obey the Word of God.

—Altina Cox

Every day new laws are being made in our country that are not pleasing to God. Children in many places are being embarrassed and persecuted because they are choosing to be Christ-like in their words and actions. Some of these new laws cause authorities to bring pressure against Christian children. You must be brave and stand for Jesus regardless of what others do or say.

Jesus says, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall . . . [I] be ashamed, when . . . [I come] in the glory of . . . [my] Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38). All of us want Jesus to be ready to receive us when He comes again, so we must be willing to do what is right even though it may be contrary to some authority. —Charlotte Huskey

"We ought to obey God rather than men."

Answers: 1. So they can testify about Jesus. 2. Religious men called Sadducees and the high priest. 3. In a prison. 4. To speak to the people in the temple about this Christian life. 5. They told them not to teach in Jesus' name. 6. The angel of the Lord. 7. God's. 8. God. 9. Yes.

nest and gave one to each sister. Susy wanted to call hers Wosy, but Henry said they could not have two Rosys, so she called it Effie.

"I will name my bird, Lightwing," Mary said, "for I am sure it will fly fast."

Henry felt happily rewarded to see his sisters so delighted with the birds he had given them. "I always am rewarded when I obey what God says. I did not hope for anything from poor Mikey when I gave him the clothes and shoes. Yet this pair of doves he gave me is something I really wanted."

"I am glad," said Mother, "you are finding out that God's laws are excellent and that 'in keeping them there is great reward.'"

"There is another command about doing good which you might find harder to obey than, 'Do good, hoping for nothing again.' Want to hear what it is?"

"Yes," Henry answered.

"Do good to those who hate you," Mother said.

Very thoughtfully, Henry said, "I don't think any body hates me."

"Perhaps not. You are a very pleasant boy and therefore others like you. But wicked people often hate others. Even Jesus had enemies. There were those who hated Him, yet He did them only good. He prayed for them, and finally died for their redemption."

"I do want to be like Jesus," Henry said.

"You can be, for the Bible says, 'He left us an example that we should follow His steps.'"

When the young bird's wings were grown large and strong so they could fly a little, the parent birds called them out of the nest. Then flying a little bit themselves, they urged the babies to follow. They did so, but when they tried to follow the older birds on a longer flight, little Effie missed her aim and was not able to alight. She fell to the ground in the alley.

Henry saw her fall and ran as fast as he could to pick her up. He was too late. Another boy had already caught her and would not give her to Henry. "That birds belongs to my little sister," he said. The boy only made a wry face at him.

"She will cry very hard if you do not give it back to her."

"Let her cry. I'm not giving it back," and he began running.

Henry ran after him. The boy ran faster. Henry did not care to fight, but he followed to see where the boy lived.

When he told that the bird was stolen, Susy cried, "He's a bad boy!"

"I think so too," said Henry.

"He probably is," said Mrs. Day, "but we ought not to judge him very severely till we know more about him. It is possible that he was never taught to do right. He may even have been taught to do wrong. There are some parents who force their children to do wrong."

"Is it sin to the children when their parents compel them to do wrong?"

"It is wrong, and we must not do wrong to please anyone or to escape any suffering—not even to save our lives."

"Do such children know what is right and what is wrong?"

"They do not know the Bible, but each one has a conscience which tells him if something is good or bad. Apostle Paul tells us that we each have a law written in our heart, or conscience, and that our thoughts either accuse or excuse us."

Susy was still crying for her poor bird, and Mary was trying to soothe her.

"Don't cry, Susy," said Henry. "You shall have another bird sometime."

When Mr. Day came home to dinner, Susy ran to tell him that Effie was stolen."

"What boy was it, Henry?" asked Mr. Day.

"I don't know him," answered Henry. "Another boy told me his name was John Collins. I know where he lives, at least I know where he carried the bird."

After dinner, Mr. Day took Henry and went to the house where the bird had been taken. They told the woman what had happened and she gave the bird to them.

Susy laughed and danced and kissed Effie's feathers.

When Effie was put back into her house, she ran up to Daisy, screaming loud and earnestly, and shaking her wings. It was her bird way of asking for something to eat. She had not yet learned to pick up food with her beak, so she was very hungry. Daisy like a good father, gave her some food.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Kite

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This was not the end of the matter for Henry. John Collins was very angry. The next time he saw Henry in the street, he called out in a rough tone, "Why did you come and take away my bird?"

"It was not your bird. It was my little sister's."

"It was mine, too. I found it in the alley."

"It was my sister's," Henry said, going on his way.

"You're a mean thief!" John shouted. Afterwards, whenever he had a chance, he would try to annoy Henry by calling him abusive names, knocking off his cap, or crowding him from the sidewalk.

Henry told his mother what John was doing. She said, "The Bible says, 'resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.'"

Henry said nothing, but he felt that he had obeyed this Scripture by the way he had treated John.

As Henry was flying a new kite in Boston Park, he noticed a boy whom he had not seen before. The boy watched the kite as it danced and fluttered in the air. After a while the kite began to sink, and Henry drew it in and waited for a breeze to carry it aloft again.

The strange boy came close as if admiring the kite very much. It was a fine one, so large, yet light, and with such a pretty,

graceful tail. "May I fly your kite?" he asked politely.

Henry let him take the string and run with it, for this was the easiest way to get the kite in the air. Henry tossed the kite into the air to start it well on its upward journey. But the strange boy, instead of stopping at the right time and giving out more string, continued to run on and on, not letting the kite fly, but drawing it along after him.

Henry ran after the boy, and came close to him just in time to see him hand the string and kite to a larger boy. The big boy ran with all his might.

Henry called, "Hey, stop, that's my kite."

The boy kept running until the kite was caught in a low tree.

"Give it to me," he shouted.

"Get it if you can," the boy called back.

"Let me have my kite," Henry said, as he caught hold of the string.

Then he saw the boy was John Collins. "Take it," John said, and take this and this, and he began hitting Henry in the face with his fists.

The blood rushed fast through Henry's veins, and he backed off to use all his strength to fight John. Then something in his heart stopped him. "No, I mustn't fight if I am wronged and abused," he told himself.

John was pulling and jerking on the string to get the kite from the tree. When he saw it would not come loose, he quickly cut

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WORDS OF GOLD



What About War?

OLD TESTAMENT LAW:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Deuteronomy 20:1 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, . . .

Psalms 18:34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

THE PROPHECY:

Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord. . . .

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: . . . neither shall they learn war any more.

NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS:

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for

them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, . . .

Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

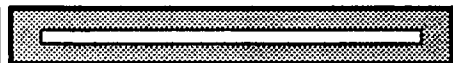
19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: . . .

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

The Message: Christians oppose physical wars.



Questions:

1. Is there a time and season for all things?
2. Who went to war along with the children of Israel?
3. From where was the Law to come?
4. What would the people learn no more?
5. What are peacemakers called?
6. How are enemies to be treated?
7. What did Christ say His disciples would do if His kingdom were of this world?
8. To whom does vengeance belong?
9. How do Christians overcome evil?

BIBLE VERSE

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Matt. 5:9



Most people believe a person who is patriotic will defend their country. In other words, they will fight for what they believe or for the protection of their nation. This is another area where a Christian's patriotism is limited.

There are some who believe a Christian should fight for his country because God supported wars and battles in the Old Testament times. God had a chosen group of people during that period and these people fought. That was for that time and season. We are no longer under the Old Testament Law. We are living under grace in the gospel dispensation (time). The prophet Isaiah told that the time of Grace should come when God's people would destroy their spears and swords and would learn war no more.

Jesus came and taught a better way to handle enemies. The better way is through love. In the New Testament, God's people were beaten, stoned, and killed, yet we do not see them fighting back to defend themselves or their country. Christ was our leading example in this. He allowed Himself to be killed even though He could have called a large army of angels to fight for Him.

Some think there is a difference in fighting for personal beliefs and fighting for a country. They believe that if a country such as America, which was built on righteous principles, enters into war, then a Christian is obligated to defend that country. I'd like to quote a statement here that Bro. Ed Wilson made. He said, "God is not an American!" Nor is He of any nationality. He has no respect of only certain persons or countries. All souls are His. He does not delight in people killing anyone for any cause.

What does a Christian do if he is forced to go to war? Most serve as conscientious objectors. This means they do not approve

of the war, nor will they kill anyone. The government usually allows them to do humanitarian jobs instead of being a part of the United States military force.

The Bible says that a Christian must not strive, but be gentle to all men. It also commands them to "Love their neighbor as themselves," which includes those in neighboring countries. Wars will continue until the end of time. God's children are to pray for those in authority who make the decision to fight, that we can lead peaceable lives.

A Christian does have a war and battle to fight. It is a daily battle against the forces of evil. They fight valiantly in this spiritual warfare, but they oppose physical wars.

—Altina Cox

The Bravest Battle

The bravest battle that ever was fought
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not;
Tis fought in the minds of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle-shot,
With a sword or noble pen:
Nay, not with eloquent words of thought
From mouths of wonderful men!

But deep in a walled-up human's heart—
Of a person who would not yield,
But bravely, silently bore their part—
Lo, there is that battlefield!

No marshaling troops, no praise in song
No banner to gleam and wave;
But, oh! these battles, they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave.

—Selected

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. God. 3. From Zion (God's Church). 4. War. 5. The children of God. 6. Good. 7. They would fight. 8. To God. 9. By doing good.

the string with his pocketknife. Then he ran away laughing and shouting with Henry's ball of strong string.

As Henry walked slowly homeward, he thought of the command, "Resist not evil." "This is the hardest commandment that I've tried to obey," he muttered.

When he reached home, he at once told that John had taken his kite and also hit him. "I almost hit back," he confessed, until I remembered the commandment, 'Resist not evil.' "

"I am glad you did not strike back," said his father. Be like Jesus, who 'when He was reviled, reviled not again. When He suffered, He threatened not.' Jesus in His last agonies prayed for those who had scourged, spit upon, mocked, and crucified Him. Do you remember what Jesus said when He prayed on the cross?"

"He said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'" Henry said, "but no one is as good as Jesus."

"No one is," said Father, "for in Him only was no sin. But His followers may be like him."

"Father, have you known any one very much like Jesus?"

"I knew a business man who showed uncommon meekness and forgiveness. His brother-in-law was a very mean selfish man. He borrowed much from the merchant and asked many other favors, which the merchant kindly did.

One day the brother-in-law asked another favor which the merchant said he could not do. This greatly angered the man. Forgetting all the good which he had received from the merchant, he attacked and severely beat the merchant right downtown where everyone could see him.

The merchant made no resistance, but silently bore the insults and cruel beating. His wife said that he never complained about it, but prayed often for his brother-in-law."

"Wow, he was like Jesus!" Henry exclaimed.

"Yes, he was, and all who knew about this said he was truly a Christian. Have you

prayed for the boy who injured you?" Mr. Day asked.

"Not yet."

"Have you forgiven him."

"God helped me to forgive him right after it happened."

"That is good. Jesus will help you to do His command which says, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you.' "

"I know He will," Henry answered.

When Henry knelt alone before God that night, he was not afraid to say, "Forgive me my trespasses as I forgive those who trespass against me;" for he had forgiven John. He also prayed for John and asked God to show him something nice he could do for John.

In his extra time Henry began making another kite. It was larger, prettier, and better than the one which John had ruined in the tree.

Getting up early one morning in hopes of finding John at home, he took the kite and went to the house where John lived. John answered the door.

"Good morning," said Henry. "I've brought you a kite."

"What for?" asked John, surprised.

"I thought you'd like one. Don't you think this is a fine kite?"

"Why, yes, but you needn't give me kites."

"I made this for you."

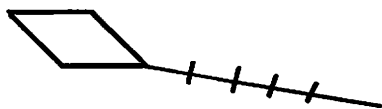
John hung his head for a minute. "I don't want your old kite. I can make a better one, if I had some paper and sticks."

"This one is already made, and it flies well. I want you to have it as a gift from me."

"I don't want it," persisted John.

"Good-bye, John," Henry said, and walked away, leaving the beautiful kite laying at John's feet.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Sunday School

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Henry found out that John did fly the kite he had made and given to him. John spoke roughly to Henry and would never admit that he liked the kite. Henry prayed often for John and spoke cheerfully to him each time they met. He had often hoped to invite John to Sunday school, but he had never found courage to do so, because he thought John would just make fun of going.

One day, however, Henry was on his way to Sunday school when he met John. "Are you going to Sunday school?" Henry asked.

"No, I'm going to the pier," answered John.

"What do you do at the pier?"

"Oh, nothing but look around and see the ships. Sometimes I talk to the sailors or some fisherman."

"Do you ever go to Sunday school?"

"No."

"I wish you would go with me this morning. It is better to go to Sunday school. You can go to the pier any day."

"Is that where you learn to be so good?"

"That's where they teach children to be good," Henry said, rather surprised at John's statement.

"Well, maybe I will go and see how it is. It won't hurt me, anyhow," said John, so he turned and went with Henry.

Henry thought his forgiveness and kindness had made an impression on John.

Henry took John to his class and gave him a seat next to his own. The teacher happily received him with a cordial welcome.

The lesson that day was the story of Christ's agony and prayer in the garden. John had heard of Jesus Christ. He knew Jesus was supposed to be the Saviour of the world, whatever that meant, but he knew very little of what Jesus had suffered and how much He loved people. He was amazed at Christ's great love, His willing endurance, and His sacrifice.

When Sunday school was over, Henry asked John how he liked it.

"Well enough, why?"

"Because I want you to like it and come again."

The next Sunday morning, Henry went to invite John. To his surprise John was ready to go. The next Sunday was the same, and the next. John went every time Henry stopped for him. Then one day he said, "I'll meet you at Sunday school next Sunday." John was going to Sunday school on his own. Henry was happy he had won his enemy.

John continued to go to Sunday school and his actions began to change. He stole no more kites from other boys. He became more agreeable and kind in his speech and manners.

John was older and bigger than Henry and one day he took a job on a ship as cabin boy. The Sunday school teacher gave him a Bible as a parting gift from the Sunday school. John promised to read it every day as she had asked him to do.

"I am so glad I forced myself to overcome fear and invite John to Sunday school," Henry said to his mother.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Patriotism in Civic Duties

New Words Taxed: Census; registration for paying taxes.

Tribute: Money given to the government.

Luke 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

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

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

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

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

22:15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

16 . . . Saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, . . .

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

The Message: Christians are to support their country by paying taxes.



Questions:

1. What was Caesar Augustus' decree?
2. Where did everyone go to be taxed?
3. What two people also went to be taxed?
4. Who did Peter meet at Capernaum?
5. What question did they ask?
6. How did Peter get the tax money?
7. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus?
8. How did Jesus answer their question?
9. Should Christians pay taxes?

BIBLE VERSE

"For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing." Rom. 13:6

Let's Talk

Christians are to pay their taxes. This is one way God teaches them to support their country.

There are many taxes to be paid. They include, income taxes, property taxes, social security taxes, inheritance taxes, sales taxes, and others.

The tax that Jesus and Peter paid was a "temple tax." It was an offering paid unto the Lord for the atonement for souls. This is found in Exodus 30:11-15. It was required of everyone over 20 years old. Jesus had no sin, so in the sight of God He did not have to pay the tax. However, He was willing to comply so as not to upset anyone, and to be an example for us in paying taxes.

The tax that the Pharisees and Herodians asked Jesus about was a government tax. The Herodians were strongly in favor of taxes because of the good favors their group received from Caesar, the Roman ruler. The Pharisees were opposed, because they felt the Jews should not be in bondage to the Romans or to any other country. They were hoping to trick Jesus in being disloyal to either the Jews (God's people) or the Romans (His authority).

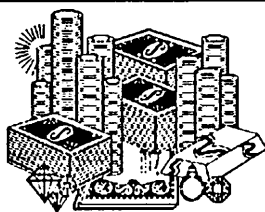
Jesus simply asked them to look at the coin, and see whose picture and writing was on it. They answered, "Caesars." He was the ruler. He then told them that they should give or return to the government those things that belonged to it.

This is still a good example for today. The next time you feel it is unfair to pay a tax required of you, take a look at those coins or bills. Does it have your name and picture on it? No, it was made by your government. Instead, thank the Lord who enables you to obtain it from your country and pay the tax.

Taxes are very important to maintaining and running an orderly society. Many officials such as firemen, policemen, governors, and teachers are paid from the tax monies given by you and your family. Many of our country's roads, parks, and public libraries are funded by taxes. We all benefit from these things. Christians should show their support by being willing to pay taxes.

The older you become, the more familiar you will become with taxes. Most of you are probably only paying sales tax when you buy something. As soon as you get your first public job, you will learn more about the world of taxes. When the time comes, don't grumble about the taxes. Be willing to render tribute to whom tribute is do. By doing so you will be supporting your country and obeying the Word of God.

—Altina Cox



BIBLE EXERCISE

Name two tax collectors found in the New Testament.

(Hint: One was a disciple, the other a short man.)

Answers: 1. "That all the world should be taxed." 2. To his own city of birth. 3. Joseph and Mary (Jesus' earthly parents). 4. Tax collectors. 5. Does your Master pay taxes? 6. From the mouth of a fish. 7. He taught men to pay taxes. 8. He said to give to Caesar (the government) the things that belong to Caesar (the government), and to God the things that are God's. 9. Yes.

"Yes, I am too," said Mrs. Day. "Sunday school is a blessing, particularly to children who have been neglected at home. When they have once become regular attendants, they seem to appreciate it more than other children. A little effort made to bring them into Sunday school often results in great good."

"When I was teaching Sunday school in Accord, many years ago, in a basement apartment, I found two little boys, the oldest a chubby, broad-faced fellow, about four years old. His name was Cornelius. I told his mother I had received a promise from the children in the neighborhood that they would go to Sunday school and that I would like to have Cornelius go with them, if she thought he would walk that far."

"I don't remember what answer she made me, but I did not expect to see the boy at Sunday school. It was only one or two Sundays, however, before he made his appearance there with the other children."

"After this he came regularly every Sunday. Whether the neighbor children came or not, he was always in his place, barefooted and without any jacket. When I sometimes met him and asked him if he liked the Sunday school, he would smile and answer that he did. I don't think he had any encouragement from his parents to attend, for his father was a drunkard. His mother never went to church and seemed to be a hopeless discouraged woman."

"When the weather grew cold, Cornelius wore a large thick jacket which kept him warm, though it had holes in the elbows, but his feet were still bare. He walked almost a mile over the icy pavement and part of the way over rough frozen ground."

"Why didn't you buy him some shoes, Mother?" asked Mary.

"I had so many children in my own class to help clothe, that I didn't have much to give to anyone else. But I should have got some shoes for Cornelius. He sat at the other end of the schoolroom from me, and though I could see his head and knew that he was always there, I did not often see his feet. One of the other men teachers saw they were bare and told his class who gladly bought him a pair of shoes with the money in their charity box."

"Like we did when we bought shoes for Mikey," Susy said.

"Yes, and so Cornelius came through the snow to Sunday school all winter. The next summer his little brother came with him. As long as I lived in Accord, the little fellows were among the most regular attendants of the Sunday school and there were no brighter or better looking faces than theirs."

"I wish I could help some poor children come to Sunday school," said Henry.

"You probably could by helping to clothe them so that they could look decent. Children are ashamed of being barefooted and in rags among others who are well dressed. Sometimes their parents are embarrassed too, and a few clothes will also encourage parents to send them or let them come."

"Be encouraged, Henry, you may never know how much good you did for John by inviting him to Sunday school," Mrs. Day said.

A few months later when Henry returned from a visit, he found a miniature ship on his dresser. A note tied to the ship said:

"Henry Day,

I thank you very much for being good to me. The Bible, which I wish to live by, requires that he who has stolen shall in some cases return fourfold. According to that, I ought to give you four kites, but I think you will like this ship better than you would the kites I owe you. The sailors on the ship helped me built it.

Your friend,
John Collins."

"What will you name your ship?" Mother asked.

Henry thought for a long time. Finally he said, "I will name it Robert Raikes. Isn't that a good name for it?"

"I don't think it is a pretty name at all," Mary remarked.

"I think it is very good," said Henry. "It is the name of the man who established the first Sunday school. If John hadn't come to Sunday school, I don't think I would have had this boat."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Antonio

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Henry had often seen an organ grinder in Boston Park. He was usually accompanied by a little Italian boy with a tambourine. When the organ played, the little boy jingled the tambourine in rhythm with the music, and keeping time with his feet, hopped up and down, dancing and clowning, laughing and making others laugh. People pitched coins into a box on the ground. This is how the organ grinder earned money.

When winter came the organ grinder went out alone. Henry missed the little boy and asked the organ grinder what had become of him.

"He sick," said the man. "Can't dance good no more."

"What makes him sick?" asked Henry.

"Not much, he get well," answered the man carelessly.

Months later, one morning when Henry was in the yard, there was a knock on the back gate. When Martha, Mrs. Days helper opened the gate, there stood the little tambourine player. He looked weak and sick and was shivering in his ragged clothes.

"May have food?" he asked.

While Martha went for food, Henry asked the boy his name and if he had been sick.

"Name, Antonio. No sick," he answered. "Woman say I got cold."

"Where is your mother?"

"My mother die, me father no live here. No brother, no sisters."

"Who do you live with?"

"Mean woman."

"Don't you have any other clothes or a coat?"

"Jest these clothes," he said, pointing to his big old ragged shirt.

Henry found out that a man brought him from Italy to America but had abandoned him. The organ grinder would not keep Antonio any longer because he was too sick to dance, so a woman had taken him in with the promise that Antonio, by begging, would keep her with food.

Henry took him into the kitchen to get warm, while he went to get permission to give him a glass of milk and a roll. He drank the milk, but put the bread in his basket.

"Why don't you eat it?" asked Henry.

"Woman scold, I carry to her."

Henry pitied the poor boy and told him to come again. He also found out where he lived. After the boy was gone, Henry went to his mother and told her all about Antonio. Then he added, "Mother, can I do something for him?"

"What could you do, my son?"

"I could give him clothes and shoes as I did Mikey, but that wouldn't be much when he has no home and nobody to take

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The Homeless and Poor

Luke 9:58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

Deuteronomy 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren . . . thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, . . .

9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, . . . and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, . . . because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, . . .

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Exodus 22:25 If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

23:6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause.

Psalms 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Leviticus 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

Leviticus 19:10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: . . .

23:22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean rid-

dance of the corners of thy field . . . thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

25:25 If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it [buy it back at the price for which it was sold], then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

35 And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; . . .

Proverbs 21:13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Acts 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

The Message: It is the duty of God's children to help the homeless and poor, especially fellow Christians.



Questions:

1. Did Christ have an earthly home?
2. What should be open to the poor and needy?
3. Who will never cease out of the land?
4. How should the poor be treated?
5. How does a person lend to the Lord?
6. What does the verse in Proverbs say will happen to the one who ignores the poor?
7. Why did the Christians sell their goods?
8. How was the farmer to help the poor?
9. What group of needy should be given priority?

BIBLE VERSE

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10

Let's Talk

A growing social problem in our country is that of the homeless and poor. There are many programs and governmental agencies to help, yet it continues to exist. In most large cities you can find an area where the homeless gather. It may be in a park, near a mission, near abandoned railroad cars, or under some bridge.

They can be seen with bags, backpacks, or pushing carts containing their belongings. Some are homeless by choice, others cannot afford housing. High bills, unemployment, or other misfortune has driven them to the streets.

This is not a new problem; it existed in early Bible times. Job was a wealthy man of God and he noticed the poor and helped them. God said "The poor shall never cease out of the land." Jesus said the poor would always be with us, and He left us instructions of how to help them.

Jesus tells us to have compassion on the poor and to give special consideration to those who are saved and yet poor. God commanded His people to have their hand open to the poor. This meant for them to share their food, money, and goods.

When we help others, we must not be thinking about how the persons got themselves into this terrible condition, but we should be giving God thanks that we are able to help as God commands us to.

Helping the poor requires more than just acknowledging a need, or encouraging the needy to trust God. Apostle James said, "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; . . . and gives them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15-16). To illustrate this, let's suppose you packed your lunch with two sandwiches, an apple, an orange, and six cookies. When you arrived at the school picnic you see Tom is without a lunch. He says that his mother was unable to provide him lunch

because their food stamps had not yet arrived in the mail. You then say to Tom, "I'm terribly sorry you have no lunch; I'll be praying that you won't feel hungry today."

This is not the way Jesus wants you to do. He wants you to share part of that nice lunch you have. When we are able to help the poor, it is our responsibility to do so. The Christians we read about in the book of Acts even sold their goods to help other Christians who were in need.

Today, the Lord wants us to show continued care for the poor. I have seen some children who make fun of, or shun poor children. This is not pleasing to God. If you know or see someone who is less fortunate than yourself, don't talk about them. Use this as an opportunity to show the love of Christ by helping those poor people.

—Altina Cox



Answers: 1. No. 2. Our hands, for giving. 3. The poor. 4. They should be given justice, and if mistreated they should be defended. 5. By giving to the poor. 6. He will be in need and no one will help him. 7. To help the poor. 8. By leaving fruit or grain for the poor to glean. 9. The saints or other Christians.

care of him. And he's so sick and skinny. He really needs a place to live."

"There is a home here in the city where orphans or people who are too old or sick to work can live."

"But that isn't much of a place for a sick child who has no family or friends. Couldn't we let him come and live with us?"

"Do you think you could share all you have with another child?"

"I have been learning to share with my sisters."

"Martha and I have as much work now as we can get done, and I don't know if your father would feel able to bear the expense of supporting another child."

"I could help you and Martha. I could bring in the wood and make the fire in the furnace every morning. I know how, for I've done it. I could water the flowers, and tend the garden, and sweep the floors and walks like Gene did for the grocer. You need not make my bed any more, either, for the boys at the Blind School make their beds neatly, so I am sure I can make mine and Mary's too."

"Do you think you could do so much and get your schoolwork done on these short days? I wouldn't want you to get behind with your lessons."

"I think so, if Martha will wake me when she gets up. I am sure Antonio will help some. Don't you think we both could do enough so that you wouldn't have any more work than now?"

"Maybe you could. Your father and I will talk it over tonight."

"Thank you, Mother. If I were a poor little boy from Italy, I would want some good woman to give me a home and be like my mother to me, though I don't think anybody would be as good to me as you are."

"Many boys think their mother is the best in the world," Mrs Day said smiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Day decided to investigate Antonio's condition, and took him as their own child.

The old woman who sheltered him was sorry to lose him, for she spent nothing on him and he was a good beggar, supplying her with food. However, she had no right to claim him, so she didn't resist him being taken.

A little cot bed was placed in Henry's room. A new set of clothes was waiting when he came, and Henry helped him get bathed and comb his hair before putting them on.

The first afternoon that Antonio spent in his new home, he was very quiet and acted a little fearful. Henry chose one of his amusing picture books and read aloud from it. Antonio listened eagerly. The pictures were of great interest to him when he heard the stories. He was quiet pleased when Henry took Susan's First Book and tried to teach him the letters of the alphabet. He liked better to hear Henry read, until he understood that he must learn letters in order to know how to read, then he wanted to be taught the letters.

That night, after family prayer, Henry asked Antonio, "Do you know how to pray?"

"Nope."

"Do you want to pray?"

"Don't know how."

"Aren't you glad for a good home, a good supper, and a nice bed?"

"Yes."

"Well, God gave them to you, so just thank Him for them."

Antonio said, "Thank you, God. Amen."

Henry could hardly keep from laughing as he said, "And don't you want God to keep you alive and give you good food and a good home tomorrow?"

"Yes."

"Well, then you had better kneel down to show God respect and honor and ask Him for these things."

"Well," said Antonio, then he knelt beside his bed and prayed a little prayer.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Antonio

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"Henry," Father said one day, "I have another commandment for you to learn. I hope it will help you to continue working as well as you have been. It is, 'Be not slothful in business.'"

"Have I done well helping Mother since Antonio has come?"

"Yes, Mother tells me that, with Antonio's help, you have done every job that you promised to do and have kept up with your schoolwork also. You know, Son, many boys make big promises about what they will do. Then they begin well, but finding the work hard and sometimes difficult, they soon give up. I don't believe you will do that, but just in case, you might learn this rule by memory."

"The great commandment 'Do unto others as you would that they do unto you,' requires that each one do his own duty so that no one will have to suffer from having too much to do. Isn't that right, Father?"

"Yes, if you can obey these two rules, we can all be happy with Antonio living in our family."

Although Henry felt very sleepy when Martha called him in the mornings, he sprang up and washed and dressed himself. Antonio did the same. He saw that Henry knelt and prayed, and he knelt and prayed too. When he finished saying, "Thank you God, for good new home—for Henry, . . ." Henry felt already rewarded for all the effort and self-denial he would have to make on account of Antonio.

He made kindlings ready the evening before so that in a few minutes he could have the furnace fire burning. He cleaned around the furnace. He fed the doves and gave them water, for there was snow on the ground and he was afraid they could not find food and water for themselves. He usually did some small jobs for Martha before going back to his room. Then the boys straightened their own beds and tidied up their room before being called to breakfast.

Antonio followed him everywhere, helping all he could. Henry liked to do his work promptly, so they did promptly whatever they were asked to do.

After Henry's lessons were finished, he spent some time teaching Antonio how to read, and what he knew about the Bible. Antonio learned very rapidly, for he was often studying his lessons and trying to make them out when he was alone. Sometimes when Henry was gone, he asked Mary to help him.

One morning when the doves were feeding in the yard, Antonio threw a stick at them and frightened them away. He laughed heartily as he saw them fluttering and flying in every direction.

"No, Antonio, don't hurt my birds," Henry shouted.

"I no hurt birds."

"You frightened them and made them afraid."

"That's nothin'. I make 'em fly."

"Why don't you throw them crumbs and have them come and eat. When you throw a

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WORDS OF GOLD



Volunteer Services

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom. . .

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you,

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

The Message: The Lord rewards those who help others in need.



Questions:

1. To whom does a virtuous woman reach out her hands?
2. What will praise the godly woman?
3. What did the people do when the king was hungry?
4. Should the righteous visit prisoners?
5. What reward will they receive for their works?
6. When is Christ served?
7. For what can we hope if we love our enemies, do good, and lend?
8. To what should we provoke one another?
9. Are we always rewarded for works done for Christ?

BIBLE VERSE

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Matt. 10:42



Let's Talk

There are many community services, organizations, and support groups that are available to help those in need. Many of these are made up of volunteers. Volunteers are those who offer their services willingly, not expecting payment or fame. Their reward is the blessing of God that comes from helping someone in need.

There are many others who need help besides the homeless and poor. There are those in rest homes, hospitals, or prisons who need visitors. There are others who are sick, aged, or lonely. There are troubled youths, and people facing various difficulties in life who need help emotionally, financially, physically, or spiritually.

A Christian life is one of service. It is a life of compassion. It is God's law of tenderness deep within which causes, "the heart and voice and hand to reach out to help the weary and distressed." The good works that a Christian does will not save him, but if one is saved he will help others, which is working for Jesus.

In the book of James we read, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Many strive hard to keep unspotted from the world, but they neglect those who are distressed. To help those in need is part of a Christian's life, and God will bless those who do.

There is a reward for Christian service, but this should not be our motive in helping others. Our motive in helping others comes from the love that God has put within our hearts for others.

Jesus said that the righteous will be rewarded for the good they do.

Are you a volunteer worker for the Lord? Or do you serve others only because you are expected to do so? There is a greater blessing when you offer yourself willingly to the Lord.

You may know many people who have troubles. Some friend may have told you about being abused. You will not be able to help everyone, but you can pray. Some needs are too great for young people to handle. These you must direct to your parents, teachers, or ministers.

There are many things that you can do. You can make cards or pictures for the elderly or sick. You could help someone who is disabled. You can tutor someone who is having trouble with homework that you already know. You could read a story to a younger child, or a blind person. You can also help your parents or other Christians make preparation for their service to the Lord.

Whatever you do, do it unto the Lord. Never do it to show off or to receive praise. Just do your best and leave the results to Jesus. Your service will not be in vain. The Lord will bless and reward you.

—Altina Cox



Lend a helping hand

Answers: 1. To the poor and needy.
2. Her works. 3. They gave him food. 4. Yes. 5. They will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. 6. When others are served. 7. A great reward. 8. To love and good works. 9. Yes.

stick, they are afraid someone is going to kill them."

"I throw stick no more," he said. "I sorry."

Then Henry told Antonio about the birds in the Bible stories. He told him about Noah using the dove, and how the ravens fed Elijah when he had nothing to eat. Then he told him about the dove that lighted on the head of Jesus at His baptism.

Antonio listened intently and then said again, "I sorry. I no hurt birds more."

Henry also told Antonio how that Mikey had given him the birds as a gift of gratitude. Antonio looked very sad.

"Antonio no nothin' for Henry," he said.

"That's okay, you help. Don't be sad."

The ship which John Collins had given Henry stood on a large bracket in his room. On returning home one day, he saw that something had happened to it. A mast and two cords were broken.

"Have you played with my ship?" Henry asked Antonio.

"No! No!" said Antonio, his face growing red, and his voice trembling. "I no touch it."

"If you did, I want you to tell me, although I am very sorry about it, I will not scold you. I am sure it must have been broken by accident."

Henry said no more, but he believed that Antonio had tried to take it down and it had fallen. His sisters had never taken it down, and they always cried whenever an accident happened.

When Antonio knelt to pray that night Henry said very kindly to him, "If you told a lie today, tell God about it and we will both pray to Him to forgive you."

Antonio was very sensitive and tender-hearted. He was silent awhile, then said, "I—I—did—lie," he said, slowly as if almost crying. "I broke ship, ship drop. I very sorry."

"Never mind the ship. I can fix it. But I am sorry for the lie. It is such a great sin. Oh, never tell a lie again."

"No, never," said Antonio.

He kept his word and told no more lies.

Though Antonio was well taken care of, he did not gain weight and become stronger. He continued to cough, and his strength rapidly failed.

The children looked forward to spring, so they could play together outside, but when

spring came, Antonio was so weak, he stayed lying down most of the time. A great deal of Henry's playtime was spent trying to amuse Antonio.

Mary too, liked to carry him water, a flower, or anything she might have. Susy would go to him with her cheerful chatter and almost always make him laugh.

"Are thoo sick, Tonio?" she often asked.

"Well, will soon get well."

"No, Susy, I no get well. I die. Then he would burst into tears.

"Don't cry about dying," said Henry each time he cried.

"I afraid to die. I bad. Tell great many lies to organ man. Organ man tell lies. I 'fraid, God loves me not."

Henry told Antonio that Jesus loved him and that He died on the cross to save him from sin. Antonio listened as if he had never heard it before, even though Henry and Mrs. Day had told him many times. After listening to the whole story again, he said, "I go to Jesus, He save Antonio," and began praying in his own language.

Soon he turned to Henry with a bright countenance and said, "God love me now, take my sins away. I love God."

The next time Susy came she said sorrowfully, "Will thoo die, Tonio? I solly. I don't want thoo to die."

This time Antonio shed no tears. He answered cheerfully, "I go to heaven, Susy. I live with God."

The change in Antonio's feeling continued. "God is so good," he would say. God told Henry give me home and teach me pray. God love me so. I want to be good like God."

One day he was very weak and Mrs. Day and the children were all in his room. He said, "I go to Jesus. Jesus loves Antonio." Then reaching his hand to Mrs. Day, he said, "I love you, good to me, God love you."

To Mary and Susan he said, "Good-bye, you good girls."

Then when he saw the tears on Henry cheeks, he said, "Don't cry. I love you much. I see you in heaven." Henry took his hand and Antonio went to sleep.

He never woke up.

—Phoebe Harris Phelps

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Parker Family

In a lovely brick home in the middle of Alder Lane lived the happy Parker family. They were known in their neighborhood as a family of fine principles that they lived by daily. The Parkers were Christians and their deep love and devotion to God was the reason for their success and happiness.

The father, John Parker, was an editor at the *Daily Star* newspaper. He was also the Sunday school teacher for the adult class of the Church of God where they attended, and a member of the local school board. His wife, Nancy, was a homemaker. She was known by many for her sewing. She was like Dorcas in the Bible, and used her ability to aid those in need. The Parkers had three children, Justin, who was 12, Connie, 10, and Breanna who was 4.

The family had just finished a nutritious meal, and everyone except Connie had left the table. She was busily chasing green peas with her fork, while Mother loaded the dishwasher.

"Mother, do I have to eat these yucky peas?" she asked with a frown.

"Yes, dear, you mustn't waste food, and besides they are good for you. I do want a healthy daughter."

"I think I could be just as healthy without peas, broccoli, asparagus, cabbage, lima beans, cooked carrots . . ."

"Hold it a minute, young lady, that's quite a list you have. Vegetables are a very important part of a nutritional diet. They contain vitamins and minerals that your body needs."

"But I think that I could have enough faith to eat whatever I want and ask God to bless it, and I'd have all the nutrition that I'd need." Connie could see the skeptical look on her mother's face. "Mom, the Bible says that all things are possible to those that believe," explained Connie.

"It does say that, but your application sounds more like presumption than faith," Mother said.

"Could we have an experiment like Daniel and the Hebrew children? But not for as long a time. For just three days, could I eat whatever I want to eat?" asked Connie.

"I don't know about that," Mother said.

"Please, Mother, just this once?" pleaded Connie.

"Mother thought a moment. "All right, on one condition: I will still require you to have three glasses of milk and at least four glasses of water each day."

"Great!" exclaimed Connie with delight. "You will see that the Lord will bless me."

"Yes, we shall see. Now finish those peas on your plate," said Mother.

"Yes, Ma'am," Connie said, scooping the peas into her mouth.

Connie was filled with excitement. She could hardly fall asleep, thinking of her freedom for three whole days and dreaming up what meals she would have.

Morning came. Mother prepared oatmeal, toast, milk, and sliced oranges for the other family members. Connie placed a frosted doughnut and a can of strawberry soda on

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WORDS OF GOLD



HEALTHY CHRISTIANS

I Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

II Corinthians 7:1 . . . Dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, . . .

Proverbs 23:20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: . . .

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Proverbs 20:13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

Mark 6:31 . . . He [Jesus] said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for . . . they had no leisure so much as to eat.

James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: . . . that it defileth the whole body, . . .

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison [anger is like poison to the body].

Isaiah 53:5 . . . With his stripes we are healed.

Psalms 103:2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

II Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound [healthy] mind.

I Thessalonians 5:23 . . . I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message: God planned for a Christian to have a healthy soul, mind, and body.

Questions:

1. In relationship to God, what is our body?
2. Are Christians to be temperate in all things?
3. What will happen to those who drink wine or eat too much?
4. What if a person sleeps too much?
5. Did Jesus command His disciples to rest?
6. Name some causes for sickness and trouble.
7. What does God heal?
8. Name the type of mind God gives.
9. Name some ways to keep healthy.

BIBLE VERSE

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2



Let's Talk

Our world today is filled with many campaigns for good health. There are many who are concerned about nutrition in food, others are concerned about fitness and exercise.

When the Lord created the first humans, He made them with healthy souls, minds, and bodies. The fall of man into sin brought natural death as well as spiritual death. Along with the entrance of death, came pain, disease, and sickness of all kinds.

This plight was not God's desire, but the result of sin. God's desire was that man would have a healthy body and soul, so that he would be able to glorify God with his whole being.

God so loved the world that He sent Christ with an atonement for the soul and body. This means that Christ shed His blood so that we could have spiritual, mental, and physical health. He died for the sins of our soul and the health of our bodies. The prophet Isaiah said that by Jesus' stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5). The prophet Malachi said that Christ arose with healing in His wings.

A great benefit we have in salvation is to have a plan that includes the whole man. The world has many people and organizations devoted to good health, including, doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists, clinics, hospitals, and many other agencies. Man at his best, however, is limited. There are many physical, mental, and of course spiritual illnesses, for which man has no cure.

There is One, however, who has all power in heaven and earth in His hands. This One is able to heal all manner of sickness and disease. He is also able to change the vilest sinner, and to restore a person's mind to perfect soundness. What a mighty God!

The plan of salvation has healing for the soul and body. This, however, does not

free us from taking care of our bodies, which are the temple of God. The Bible gives guidelines on maintaining good health. It outlines the importance of cleanliness, of eating good food, of getting proper rest, and of keeping our mind on good things. It also warns us against being gluttonous (overeating), sleeping too much, and other harmful things.

God's greatest concern is for the soul, because this body will die, but the soul will live on. Therefore, it is of great importance to eat good spiritual food, and exercise ourselves unto godliness. Then someday you will be rewarded with a new body that will not need to eat or sleep, neither will it ever again be sick.

Until then, take good care of the body you have and glorify God with a healthy, soul, mind, and body. —Altina Cox

Our bodies are little temples of God which have been given to us to live in and care for. He is the owner. We are hired to care for the temple. Someday He will pay us for the good work we have done, or pay us for not doing a good job.

This temple of God, has a lot of delicate machinery which needs good care. The mind needs pure happy thoughts, the body needs nutritious food, plenty of rest, and good hygiene. If this machinery gets clogged up with sugar, fats, and junk foods, it will not be in good shape when the Master comes to pay. If the mind gets filled with evil thoughts, it cannot be used as God planned. Take good care of your temple and you'll get good wages.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. The temple of God. 2. Yes. 3. They will become poor. 4. Poverty may come to him. 5. Yes. 6. Rioting, anger, dishonesty, overeating, sin. 7. All diseases. 8. A sound mind. 9. Obey God, pay close attention to parent's advice, don't eat or sleep too much, think good thoughts, and have a happy mental attitude.

her place mat. "What are you doing?" inquired Justin.

"Eating breakfast," replied Connie. Justin just shook his head.

"I want what Connie has," protested Breanna.

"No, dear, Connie is trying a health experiment, or should I say an unhealthy experiment," said Mother.

For lunch Mother served turkey breast on oat bran bread with cheese and sliced tomatoes. She then garnished the meal with carrot sticks and fresh strawberries. Connie fixed herself a peanut butter sandwich loaded with grape jelly. She also chose a package of chips and three cookies. Of course she did drink a glass of milk as her mother requested.

During the afternoon Mother noticed Connie eating jelly beans as she read a book. "Connie, I know we made an agreement, but don't you think you're over doing it on the sweets?"

"Mom, I feel great! I have so much energy that I already have my chores done."

At last it was dinner. "Connie's fudge brownie delight, which was loaded with ice cream and whipped cream, was quite a contrast to the family's dinner of broiled fish, baked potatoes, and steamed broccoli.

When everyone else went to bed, Connie felt too wound-up to sleep. She lay in bed a long while. "Maybe a cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows will help me," she thought. "Oooh, I feel sick," she said as she drank down the last bit of chocolate. "I hope I can sleep this off," she said softly, as she crawled back in bed. The longer she lay, the worse she felt. Her stomach churned and ached.

Finally, after a long time, Connie crawled out of bed and knocked softly at her parent's door. "Could you and Daddy pray for me?"

"What's the matter?"

"I feel like I have the flu."

"Flu? in the middle of August?" asked Father.

"Yes, my stomach hurts. I can't sleep, and I feel terrible all over."

Mother felt Connie's head, "You don't seem to have a temperature. Do you think . . .

maybe it could be something that you ate, or perhaps didn't eat?" inquired Mother.

"Will you please pray for me?" begged Connie.

"Maybe you should pray for yourself," suggested Daddy. "Where is all that great faith you had yesterday? Was it really faith in God that prompted your experiment or something else?"

"I guess I really just wanted to eat what I wanted. I suppose that would be selfishness instead of faith. I'm sorry, Mom, I see that wasn't a good idea."

"Connie, there is nothing wrong with sometimes eating the things we enjoy, but the Word of God tells us that we must be temperate in all things. Temperate means balanced. We should eat balanced meals. Too much sugar causes hyperactiveness in some people. That must be the reason you had excessive energy and couldn't sleep. Excessive amounts of sugar can also result in obesity and tooth decay, and also stomach aches such as you have now. It's your body's way of telling you that you have abused it."

"Abused it? Do you mean like drug abuse? I know that cigarettes, caffeine, alcohol and other drugs are harmful, but I thought sugar was okay."

"Connie, too much sugar, salt, vitamin C, or almost anything out of balance is not good for you. Some Christians teach fervently against drugs, but abuse their bodies in other ways, by overeating, or not getting the proper rest or exercise. This is not being balanced or temperate in all things."

"If we want the Lord to bless us with good health, we must do our part. Your body belongs to the Lord; it is His temple. You must take good care of it, even if it means eating things you don't enjoy. It works the same spiritually. God does not only allow good things that we like to happen to us, but He permits things we don't enjoy, because it will help to build a strong healthy soul."

"I believe Connie has learned a valuable lesson. Now let her pray, and we will pray for her. Then we can all get to sleep," said Daddy, yawning.

—Altina Cox



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Truth About Halloween

It was autumn. The leaves had turned beautiful colors, and they drifted down lazily from the almost bare branches of the trees in Ben's back yard. He eyed the piles of leaves, then turned away. Normally he would have been running and jumping through these piles of leaves, but he had too much on his mind today—a real problem he needed to make a decision about. Mr. Green had announced the annual Halloween poster contest that very day. Now that he was in the sixth grade he could participate. He had wanted to last year and the year before.

Ben opened the back door and entered the warm, cozy kitchen. Mother was putting the last batch of chocolate chip cookies in the oven.

"Mom," said Ben, pulling up a chair, "what exactly does Halloween mean?" Mother looked at Ben thoughtfully.

She took off her apron and pulled up a chair next to Ben and said, "The celebration

of Halloween started many years ago in the 7th century. It was the evening before All Saints' Day which is on November 1st."

"Who started it?" asked Ben.

"A pope in the Roman Catholic church started a festival on that day," replied Mother.

"Why?" asked Ben.

"Well, he had taken possession of a pantheon and given it to the Catholic church."

"A pantheon, what's that?" asked Ben. Mother thought for a moment. "Let's go into the den and look it up in the encyclopedia."

They went into the den and pulled down several books and began looking up the information. After mother had read for a few minutes she said, "It says here that a pantheon was a shrine where they studied a belief that God and the material universe were the same. The pope, whose army captured the shrine, dedicated it to the Virgin Mary and the dead."

"Was it dedicated to several famous people who were already dead?"

"It was for all the dead; the mother of Jesus was the only notable person. She was given the name Virgin Mary by the Catholic church. They believe she has great influence with Jesus and God. They say Jesus is very angry with people because they crucified Him, so they teach their people to pray to Mary who will ask Jesus to help them."

"But the Bible says to ask in Jesus' name, doesn't it?" asked Ben.

"Yes, it does. People can pray straight to God in Jesus' name, and He will hear them. It says nothing about praying to the Virgin Mary. They are teaching the people wrong.

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WORDS OF GOLD



SATANIC WORSHIP

Exodus 22:18 Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

Deuteronomy 18:10 There shall not be found among you any one . . . that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

II Chronicles 33:6 He [Manasseh] . . . observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him [Jesus] up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Galatians 5:20 . . . Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 . . . They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:19 Many of them . . . which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

II Corinthians 11:14 . . . Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

I John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

19 Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy:
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The Message: The Devil is not to be worshiped, but to be resisted and rebuked.

"I give unto you power over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19

Questions:

1. Where did the Devil take Christ?
2. Did Jesus worship the Devil?
3. Will a witch enter the Kingdom of God?
4. What did those who used curious arts, burn?
5. Into what can Satan change himself?
6. Why should the Devil be resisted?
7. Whose works did Christ come to destroy?
8. Why did the seventy rejoice?
9. Who does Jesus give us power over?

BIBLE VERSE

"Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matt. 4:10



Let's Talk

A great evil that is becoming more common is Devil worship. Satan even has a number of churches where individuals worship him. Beware of anyone who says they attend the "Church of Wiccan." It is a church of modern day witches.

The Devil is not to be played with. He is to be resisted. Some people just let the Devil talk to them. Don't listen to the Devil.

Games such as Seance, Ouija, Dungeons and Dragons, and others are merely openings to the occult world.

In the Old Testament, a witch was to be stoned. Today, unless a witch violates a criminal law, they are free to exercise. Many well known people openly confess their allegiance with the Devil.

Horoscopes, palm reading, magicians, mind over matter, and many other things have ties with the occult. Stay away from anything you know to be associated with Devil worship.

The Devil does not always appear as an ugly creature with horns and a tail, but many times he will appear as an angel of light and try to trap a soul. This is why many Christians do not celebrate Halloween. Halloween is a great day of celebration for those who worship the Devil.

You do not have to be afraid of the Devil, because he is a defeated foe. Christ conquered him at Calvary, and He granted us power over the enemy. So resist him steadfast in the faith, and give your worship to God alone.

—Altina Cox

Don't be tricked into thinking witchcraft isn't really bad. Here are some things some modern day witches say about witchcraft: "It is a life of self-exploration and empowerment." It is "appreciation of the sacred, a way of living what you feel is most important to your soul." "Anyone who is in touch with the earth and their power is a witch." "It is drawing forth Gaia's (Mother Earth's) energy, being a sort of conductor through different symbols and actions." "It is bringing forth magic from the universe, utilizing it for a purpose, then putting that magical force out again."

Doesn't this all seem harmless? Would you like to be able to draw power from the universe and use it? That is the Devil's trick. He never says that when one becomes able to use the power of witchcraft that they become powerless to make right judgments. They are bound by the same power they hope to control. God warns over and over in the Bible about curious arts, black arts, magic, witchcraft, fortune-telling, etc. Beware, young people, and don't let your curiosity get you into trouble.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

"Resist the Devil."

(Answers: 1. To a high mountain. 2. No. 3. No. 4. Their books. 5. Into an angel of light. 6. So he will flee. 7. He came to destroy the works of the Devil. 8. Because the devils were subject to them. 9. He gives us power over all the power of the enemy [Satan].)

Another wrong custom that was started that day was praying for the unsaved dead and teaching that their prayers would cause God to forgive the sins of their loved ones who had been dead for many years."

"So that is why it was called All Saints' Day. They must have thought all the dead, good and bad, suddenly became saints."

"I think they did. They believed that the prayers of the pope and the priests caused God to open heaven's doors and welcome in drunkards, liars, thieves, and all."

"But doesn't the Bible say that liars will have their part in the lake of fire and that drunkards will not inherit the kingdom of heaven?" questioned Ben. "I thought when we die it's already decided where we will go by how we have lived."

"That's right, if we believe in Jesus as our Saviour," Mother said. "It takes faith in Christ and living right. I'm glad you are paying attention to Bible teachings."

"Do the Catholics still celebrate All Saints' Day?" asked Ben.

"Yes, in some countries it is a great day of celebration. The people fill a table full of delicious food for the spirits of their dead loved ones to eat when they come to visit."

"Do they dress up in costumes and masks?"

"I don't think the people in America do. Maybe in some other countries they do. The custom originated among superstitious people who believed the spirits of dead people could come back and do harm on the eve before All Saints' Day, so on Halloween they dressed in evil looking costumes to scare the spirits away. The food also was to make the spirits happy so they would do no harm."

"Can people come back from the dead?" Ben asked.

"No, not unless God has a special need for it, as the time when Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus. However, the Devil can disguise himself and pretend to be someone who is dead."

"The Devil sometimes does fool people into thinking they have seen or even talked to a dead person. It is very dangerous to fall for one of the Devil's tricks."

"But today, people dress up on Halloween just for fun," Ben said.

"Yes, most children do. But there are a lot of adults and some teenagers who really do

try to talk with dead spirits on Halloween, and that is something God strongly condemns. It isn't good to make fun of something the Bible warns us about. Deuteronomy tells about it. Also Exodus 22:18 says, 'Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live,' and in Leviticus 20:27 is another command, 'A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death.' So you see, Ben, any communication with evil spirits or the dead is terrible in God's sight."

Ben sat in his room for a long time going over what Mother had told him. She had explained that people dress in costumes representing the Devil, spirits, witches, and such like, because they don't believe there are such things. They just make a game out of scaring people. The movies and theaters make lots of money making horror films and all the while people are being tricked into accepting these things as innocent entertainment. The Devil knows how to trick us into thinking there is no harm in these things, Mother had told him.

I want to read those verses in Deuteronomy he said, then opening his Bible he read: "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do."

Ben closed his Bible and knelt beside his bed. He prayed that God would help him to never have a desire to participate in Halloween again. He also asked the Lord to help him to know what to do about the art contest. He crawled into bed feeling good.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Art Contest

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Ben walked to school with positive steps. He knew exactly what he was going to do about the contest. The idea had come to him while he was brushing his teeth. He whistled as he went along.

Soon after he passed Jeremy's house, Jeremy ran out and called, "Hey, Ben, wait up." Ben slowed down and Jeremy ran to catch up."

"Aren't you excited?" he asked. "About the contest I mean! I think you will win, because you're the best artist in the sixth grade. What will you draw, Ben? I'm putting a big green witch and a black cat on mine." Jeremy talked excitedly, all the way to school.



Though he asked Ben several questions, he didn't stop talking long enough to get any answers. Ben was glad, because he hadn't decided just what to say to Jeremy. Jeremy had al-

ways dressed up on Halloween and gone trick-or-treating. Ben's parents had never let him go. Sometimes he wanted to go, but his family always did such fun things on that

night, that he didn't feel he had missed out on any fun. But only yesterday had he realized how God feels about witches, spirits, and things like that. How could he ever play like and make fun out of something that God so strongly condemned. Now he felt it would really be wrong for him to have any part in Halloween, but he would have to think about what to say to Jeremy.

The bell rang just as Ben and Jeremy took their seats. Mr. Green was in front of the class.

"Well, class, this is the big day!" he said. "No studying this morning!" a cheer rang out in the room. "I hope each one has been getting things prepared to make your poster this morning. They must be finished and turned in before lunch. They will be judged and returned before school is out. Then we will know who the winner is. I'll write the judging rules on the board," he said. "Ten points can be earned by staying with a Halloween theme; ten points for the work and idea being your own; and ten points for the art work." There are colored pencils, crayons, construction paper, glue, and scissors on the back table. Please work quietly."

The class worked hard all morning. Some of the students even worked during recess. Jeremy did put a witch and black cat on his poster. Ben worked hard on his poster, too. Ben was glad everyone was too busy to notice what he was doing. At 12 noon they handed in their posters and filed out of the room to lunch.

"Ben, did you put a witch on your poster?" questioned Jeremy.

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WORDS OF GOLD



WORLDLY HONOR AND FAME

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

6-7 Who, . . . made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

1 Peter 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

John 5:44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

John 6:15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Psalms 49:12 Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: . . .

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

The Message: Christians should not seek for the honor and fame of the world.

Questions:

1. Whose mind should we have?
2. What kind of person did Jesus choose to become?
3. Did Jesus make a worldly reputation for Himself?
4. Why did some people not believe on Jesus?
5. What did Jesus do when the men wanted to make Him king?
6. From where does the desire for worldly honor and the pride of life come?
7. Whose honor should we seek?
8. Does the glory and honor of man last?

BIBLE VERSE

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
1 John 2:15



Let's Talk

Many people wish they were famous. They dream of becoming a movie star, professional athlete, or some great political figure. Maybe this has not been your desire, but have you wished to be the best liked person in your school or neighborhood. Perhaps you have even imagined yourself doing great wonders for God like Peter or Paul.

The Devil paints a glamorous picture of fame. You are encouraged by worldly minded counselors to "be somebody" to pursue your goals and ambitions at any cost. Many people even engage in foolish or dangerous feats just for a chance to be famous.

The names and pictures of famous people can be seen all around us. You almost feel that you know these people, although you have never met them.

There are two types of fame. One type comes from God, the other from man. They work just the opposite. The honor that comes from the world is a result of the approval of man. It is fleshly and achieved by doing what pleases the world and exalting oneself. It fades away and it does not mix with Christianity.

The honor that comes from God comes by one humbling himself, and God exalting him. It comes through a life of self-denial and not pleasing the flesh. It comes through esteeming others better than oneself. It is a glory that doesn't fade away.

Christ is a great example of this. He humbled Himself and did not try to make a name for Himself, but God exalted Him and gave Him a name above every name.

While Christ was here on earth, His fame spread abroad because of the miracles He had done and the words He

had spoken. Yet He did not use His good works for any personal honor. When the people tried to make Him king, He left. Jesus did not come to seek His own glory, but the glory of God.

This same mind should be in us. We should seek the glory of God, and not the honor of men. Yes, you should choose to have a good name, but not seek for worldly recognition.

"Do you love the world, its applause and fame? Soon 'twill end in sorrow, remorse and shame;" "Is the pride of life, more than heav'n above? Will you lose your soul for the sins you love?" The remorseful side of worldly fame is a fact. Many famous people have been so unhappy they have killed themselves. Famous people who die without Christ have only a great name to be remembered by, they have no hope of eternal life.

I knew a dear old saint who never travelled much, nor did she say much in her local congregation. She was a housewife and not known by very many people, yet she loved the Lord and served Him faithfully until death.

While I was at her funeral, I was inspired with this thought: Our dear sister's name was never mentioned on Broadway, nor in the news, and very few knew her here on earth, yet her name was written in heaven. She is well known in the portals of glory. Now she is there to praise our Saviour, who is the greatest of all kings. What greater honor and fame could one want? "Only one life 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." —Alcina Cox

Answers: 1. Christ's mind. 2. A servant. 3. No. 4. Because they wanted to be honored by the Pharisees and kept in the synagogue. 5. He went away to the mountains to be alone. 6. From the world. 7. The honor of God. 8. No.

"No," replied Ben.

"You must have put a ghost then, right?"

"No, I didn't draw a ghost either."

"Then what did you put on your poster?"

Before Ben could answer, another boy came by tagging Jeremy and calling, "You're it!" Jeremy dashed off to join the game of tag. Ben pondered just a moment about what he would say to Jeremy, then dashed away and played hard until the bell rang.

The students wondered all afternoon who would win the art contest. Excitement was high when Mr. Green quieted the children after the last recess. They were whispering and talking in small groups around the room. "Please take your seats and remain silent. Our principal will be announcing the winner within the hour."

The children talked and whispered until finally, the P. A. system crackled to life and Mr. Thompson's voice broke into the classrooms.

"Good afternoon, students," he said. "I would like to commend each student for a job well done. It was very difficult for the judges to make a final decision. We know you all tried very hard. Thank you for participating in this year's contest." There was a pause. "The winner is from Mr. Green's class." The class exploded into cheers and applause.

Ben's heart beat fast. Jeremy whispered, "I know you won. Everyone knows you draw better than anyone else in our class." Ben's heart beat even faster.

"Now for the moment you've been waiting for." Mr. Thompson paused again. Then in a loud voice he said, "The winner is William Parks! He earned 25 points."

The class erupted again in cheers and applause, William being the loudest of all. The P. A. system cracked again. "The winner will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate from Dover's Department store. Congratulations, William. Come to see me in my office after school." The children crowded around William, all asking at once what he was going to buy. Mr. Green handed out the posters. Ben turned his over and looked at the judges' marks: "Theme, 0 points; Originality, 9 points; Art work 10 points." William Parks had earned 25 points: Theme, 10 points; Originality, 10 points; Art work, 5 points.

The bell rang and the children crowded out noisily. Ben picked up his poster and started for the door.

"Ben," Mr. Green called.

"Yes, Sir," said Ben as he walked to where Mr. Green was standing.

"You did a very good poster, Ben."

"Thank you, Sir," Ben replied.

"You are very good in art and could have won if you would have used the proper theme. Why didn't you?"

Ben thought for a moment then said, "Well, Sir, I don't believe I should celebrate Halloween."

"Why not?" asked the teacher.

"Well, Halloween is a celebration of witches, ghosts, evil spirits, devils, and things like that. The Bible says those things are very bad."

"Now, Ben, you know we are all just having fun," exclaimed Mr. Green. "We are not doing anything evil."

"It's wrong when we disobey the Bible, and the Bible tells us not to have anything to do with a witch, evil spirit, or fortune-tellers. We have to obey God. I don't think we should make fun out of things that God considers very bad," Ben said breathlessly.

"Let's not debate religion. It's just too bad you didn't win the contest."

Ben walked home thoughtfully. He felt so good, that he was sure he had done the right thing. He felt a little bit sad he hadn't won, but happy he had pleased God. "This must be how Jesus felt, when He lived here on earth, for there were a lot of things others did which He wouldn't do," Ben said to himself.

He quickened his steps. He could hardly wait to get home to show his mother the points he had earned on the poster.

"Mom," called Ben, as he entered the back door. "Mom, Mr. Green said I could have won, but I didn't." Mother turned from the stove and held out her arms. Ben knew his mother understood why he hadn't won.

"You did what God showed you to do?" she asked.

"Yes," he said leaning against Mother's shoulder, and I'm glad I did."

"I knew the Lord would help you, and He will reward you, too."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Ben's Reward

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As Ben finished his last bite of dinner, the doorbell rang. "I'll get it," he said, opening the door.

"Hi, Ben," said Jeremy.

"Can I come in?"

"Sure, we can go to my room and play," answered Ben.

"I didn't get to see your poster," said Jeremy as they went up the stairs. You're the best artist in the whole class. I thought you would win."

As they entered Ben's room, Jeremy saw the poster hanging on the wall across the room. "Ben, you didn't do a Halloween poster," gasped Jeremy. "Why?"

"Well, I learned just yesterday the history of Halloween, so I don't want to celebrate it any more."

"Really?" asked Jeremy.

So Ben began telling Jeremy what he and his mother had read about Halloween, how it began from an evil religious belief. "People dressed in costumes to frighten away spirits of the dead whom they believed came out on that night. Black cats were considered sacred and believed to have been human beings, but were changed as a punishment for

evil deeds. The tale behind the jack-o-lantern is that Jack, too evil to enter heaven, could not enter hell, because he had played jokes on the Devil, so he had to walk the earth until judgment day."

"I didn't know that," Jeremy said in surprise. "But we just have it for fun."

"I know," continued Ben, "But from what it says in the Bible, God thinks witches are very bad, so I didn't want to draw a witch. And God says that fortune-tellers, or any kind of diviners, or anyone who gets messages from ghosts are evil also. I don't think it's right to have fun about things God says are bad. So you see, Jeremy, I just couldn't make a Halloween poster."

"Then what are you doing on Halloween?" questioned Jeremy.

"We always have a family night. We do fun things that have nothing to do with celebrating those old evil customs. Then we read the Bible and pray together, but we do that every evening."

They didn't talk any more about Halloween or the poster, but Ben did notice that Jeremy was very quiet and kept stealing looks at his poster.

Just before Jeremy went home, he said, "Ben, after what you said, I feel

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WORDS OF GOLD



CRIME AND VIOLENCE

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.

Psalms 32:7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee [God].

62:8 Trust in him [God] at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Mark 7:20 And he [Jesus] said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

The Message: We have a refuge in Christ, as the world becomes more and more dangerous.



Questions:

1. What type of thoughts are in the heart of the wicked?
2. Where do murders and violence come from?
3. What kind of times will come in the last days?
4. What are men's hearts fully set to do?
5. Who is our refuge?
6. If you are afraid, whom should you trust?
7. What encamps around those who fear God?
8. Who should be trusted at all times?

BIBLE VERSE

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1



The crime of our nation is increasing at an alarming rate. New prisons are being built for law breakers, because many of the existing ones are overcrowded.

Many people remember the days when they didn't have to lock their homes or cars, but nowadays, especially in the larger cities, many people have burglar alarms on their cars and bars on their windows and doors of their homes.

Why is all this happening? The Word of God says that in the last days, dangerous times would come. We are living in the last days. Men's hearts and thoughts are evil continually. There is also less respect and regard for human life, hence crimes such as child abuse, murder, suicide, and abortion are increasing.

What can Christians do about this? Should we bear arms (have a gun) to protect ourselves? Should we support the death penalty, or block clinics where crimes against the unborn are committed, or should we just pray?

Prayer, of course, is very necessary. There is power in prayer, but there are other ways God can use His children in these violent times, too. First, live a life free from violence, crime, and strife. Keep your own temper in control; don't fight with your family or friends. If you should see a fight, do not support it with your presence. Report it to an adult.

You can also encourage your friends and classmates to do something more constructive with their time than watching television. It has been proven that television encourages violence and crime.

Older Christians and gospel workers can visit the prisons, taking the message of salvation to the criminals, in hopes they can have a change of heart. Having Bible schools or children's meetings in an area known for crime is another way Christians can help. Some are serving as volunteers for crisis lines where those who are depressed or in trouble can talk to someone.

I wish you children and young people were exempt from crime and violence, but you aren't. We live in a cruel world. Do you have to live in constant fear? No, because we have a refuge, and the angel of the Lord encamps around us. However, you must be careful. Don't walk to places alone, keep away from the wrong crowd or places noted for crime.

Should it ever seem that a crime is about to be committed against you, whether it is theft or physical harm, call on the name of the Lord, for He promised to be a very present help in time of trouble.

—Altina Cox

"God is a refuge for us."

(Answers: 1. Evil thoughts. 2. From the heart. 3. Perilous times. 4. Wickedness. 5. God. 6. The Lord. 7. The angel of the Lord. 8. God.)

kind of sad about celebrating Halloween. Do you think God is making me feel like this?"

"Could be," Ben answered.

That night Ben thanked God for giving him the courage to do what was right. He thanked God for parents who had taught him right from wrong. He asked God to bless Jeremy and help him to understand.

The bright morning sun shown on the falling leaves. The air was clear and crisp, and there was no school. Ben went outside and began raking leaves. He liked to rake leaves on mornings like this. It was so nice outside, and soon winter would be here and confine him more to the house.

"Ben, Ben," Mother called from the back door, "Telephone."

Ben threw down the rake and ran to the house.

"Jeremy's on the phone," she said, as Ben entered the kitchen and headed into the living room. Ben picked up the receiver.

"Hello, Jeremy," said Ben.

"Hi, Ben." There was a short silence on the other end of the phone. "You know it's Halloween today," Jeremy said in a small voice.

"Yes, I know," replied Ben.

"Well, remember all the things you told me last night?"

"Yes, I remember."

"Well, I was wondering if, . . . well if, . . . you know if . . ."

"If what?" asked Ben.

"If, if, if I could come over to your house tonight instead of going trick-or-treating?" questioned Jeremy, as if he could hardly talk.

Ben was so surprised, he couldn't speak for a minute. Finally he asked, "Can Jeremy come over tonight instead of going trick-or-treating?"

"Yes, tell him he is very welcome!" replied Mother.

After Ben finished talking to Jeremy, he said, "Mom, Jeremy believed what I told him about Halloween."

"Well, Ben," Mother said, "besides being blessed of God, you have another reward."

—Sheri Rich

THE END



Ben's Poster

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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There's No Difference

Julie Jones lived on the same street as Justin and Connie Parker. For 12 years Mr. Harvey Jones and Mr. John Parker had worked together as editors of the local newspaper, the *Daily Star*.

Harvey Jones was known for being a very opinionated man. He had very little tolerance for those whom he considered different from himself. He was highly recognized for critical editorials about those who are less fortunate, which included minorities, the poor, and the uneducated.

He held a very skeptical view of religious folks also. But over the past years he had made one exception, and that was for John Parker. Working daily beside John had convinced him that John did possess something different from most folks.

John Parker prayed daily that Harvey Jones would be saved. He knew Mr. Jones influenced many people in the city and that his intolerant views of others had far-reaching effects. His greatest desire for his friend Harvey was that he would be won to Christ. John knew that "he that winneth souls is wise," so he often asked God for wisdom. He had also gone on an occasional fishing trip with Harvey in an effort to win his soul.

One August morning, John Parker noticed that Harvey Jones couldn't concentrate on his work. He was restless and apparently troubled. He doodled with his pencil, then stood up and walked to the window and back to his desk again. He walked to the water fountain and back to his desk. Often he shook his head as if saying "No, no, this can't be."

After Harvey had passed John's desk three times in five minutes, John suggested they take a break.

"Sure," replied Harvey, "although it seems I have been on break all morning."

The two men entered the break room. It was empty, just as John Parker had hoped. After getting snacks and a drink, John asked Harvey what was on his mind.

"Ah, come on Parker. You know well what's bothering me. It's that crazy ordinance you rascals on the school board passed. And our city council let it get by. But I'm not finished yet," he said angrily.

Mr. Jones had written many editorials denouncing integration and had organized citizen protests against it. Much to his dismay, the ordinance to integrate the public school system had passed by a unanimous vote.

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WORDS OF GOLD



DISCRIMINATION OR RESPECT OF PERSONS

Leviticus 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?

Matthew 5:45 . . . He [God] maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Acts 17:26 . . . [God] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

James 2:1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

The Message: God does not want Christians to be prejudiced towards others.

Questions:

1. Should special respect be given a person because they are either poor or rich?
2. Who is the father of all people?
3. How many bloods are the peoples of the world made of?
4. On whom does God send rain?
5. Who has an unprejudiced God chosen?
6. What is the royal law?
7. Is having respect of persons sin?
8. Does God have respect of persons?

BIBLE VERSE

"If ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin." James 2:9

Let's Talk

What a beautiful rainbow of people God created. All different ages, sizes, and skin colors. What a dull world it would be if everything and everybody looked alike. God chose to display a variety in the flowers, trees, animals, and the humans He created. This variety declares His omnipotence and His majesty. Yet, in our world today, instead of having a great appreciation for this, there are many who dislike others simply because they are different. This prejudice may be because one has more money. It may be educational differences, age, or the color of one's skin. Prejudice in one form or another has existed almost since the beginning of man.

What causes one to feel he is superior to another? Pride is one reason. Ignorance may be another reason. Some people have been taught from childhood that they are better than others, and many times they are unaware that the Word of God teaches against this.

Prejudice is referred to in the Bible as partiality or respect of persons. This is not to be part of a Christian's life. God's Word teaches in Philippians 2:3 to esteem others better than one's self.

The Word also declares that God is the Creator of all. He is the One who made the rich and poor, simple and wise, black and white, and old and young. God is the Father of all, so in a natural way, we are all God's children.

There is one distinction or separation that God supports. It is righteousness from unrighteousness. God does have special respect unto the righteous. This, however, is not respect of persons, it is respect to His grace in that person.

Many efforts in our nation have been made to ensure that people are not discriminated against. However, there are some groups in our land who want acceptance of their wicked lifestyles, and claim they are rights. The Bible never condones unrighteousness, neither should we sympathize with such a movement.

Our stand against sin, however, does not mean that we look down on the sinner. Our attitude should be like that of the great preacher, D. L. Moody. He once saw an old drunk in the gutter and said, "If it were not for the grace of God, there lies D. L. Moody."

When you are tempted to feel better than someone else or to be prejudiced, ask God to help you to value all of His children. Ask Him to fill you with the love of Christ, that regardless if a person is red, yellow, black, or white, rich or poor, young or old, saved or unsaved, you can treat them as you ought.

— Altina Cox



Answers: 1. No. 2. God. 3. Of one blood. 4. On the just and the unjust. 5. The poor of this world. 6. "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." 7. Yes. 8. No.

Knowing how adamant Harvey and many others of his co-workers and neighbors had been concerning integration, John quietly asked God to grant him a soft answer that might turn his companion's wrath away.

Mr. Jones continued, "Wilma and I just can't stand the thought of our precious Julie going to school with, with Black people. It isn't right, John."

"Have you ever been around Blacks?" asked John.

"Well, then how do you know they are different?" inquired John.

"They look different," Harvey replied.

"That's an immature, prejudiced statement for a man of your caliber."

"Call it what you want, but school starts tomorrow, and I have a mind to keep Julie home because of this ordinance."

"Harvey, please don't be unreasonable. Our constitution which you so readily uphold in your articles states that all men are created equal. We have no right to feel that our children are better than other children because of their race. I'm sure this will be an adjustment for all of us, but we hope it will work out for the best. God made all people, and we need each other."

"I hope you are right, John, but I don't believe I'll ever need any of the Blacks," he said, leaving the break room.

The following morning, Harvey and Wilma Jones decided to let Julie attend at least the first day of school. They gave strict instructions for her to stay away from the new students. When Wilma Jones finished combing Julie's curly red hair, she pointed at Julie's freckled face and said, "They are different from you. Stay away from them."

A few houses down Alder Lane, Nancy Parker finished having prayer with Justin and Connie. She then brushed Connie's golden hair and as she looked

into her sparkling blue eyes, she said, "Be very kind to everyone. A lot of people are angry because of the new students, so you must be an example to the other children."

"Mother, do you think Erika will be in my class?" Connie asked hopefully. Erika's mother, Sis. Karen Johnson, was Connie's Sunday school teacher.

"I don't know, but it is possible," Mother replied.

"I hope so. After all Erika is my best friend," Connie said, as she answered a rap on the door. Julie and Betty had come to walk with her to school.

Julie, Connie, and Betty chatted happily on their way to school. They admired each other's new shoes and backpacks. As they neared the school, a big yellow school bus could be seen up ahead. "Hey, that must be the bus with the new students. Let's go meet them," said Connie almost bursting with excitement.

"Oh, no, not me!" exclaimed Julie. "My folks told me to stay away from them."

"How come?" questioned Connie.

"Because they are different."

"Different?"

"Yes, look at their skin and their hair," she remarked.

"Connie laughed, "So what, that's a silly reason! Why, you and I look different. We are the same age, but I'm tall and slim with straight blond hair and blue eyes. You're short with freckles, brown eyes, and red curly hair. We don't look anything alike."

"But we are of the same race."

"RACE? We're all of the human race."

"Maybe to God, but to my folks every race is very different."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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There's No Difference

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When Julie, Connie, and Betty were entering the schoolyard, they could see a group of angry parents protesting with signs saying, "GO HOME!" "GO HOME!" On the school steps was another group of parents and administrators warmly welcoming the new students.

Connie saw Erika and Todd Johnson step off the school bus. "Erika!" she said, running and waving with delight. Erika skipped through the crowd, not even noticing the protesters.

"Connie," she squealed, "I'm so happy to see you. Mother said that you would be one of the new students." In her excitement, Connie had forgotten about Julie, until she heard someone calling her name. She turned to see Betty and Julie making faces and sticking out their tongue at her. She tried to ignore their looks and told Erika, "Never mind them. They will have to adjust."

The first bell rang and the two girls ran inside to find their classrooms. On each door was posted a list of students who were to be in that room. They found Connie Parker and Erika Johnson on Mrs. Cook's door. "Thank the Lord!" said Connie.

"Amen," answered Erika, and both girls giggled. God had given them their heart's desire to be in the same classroom.

Mrs. Cook granted Connie special permission to show Erika around the school. As

they passed the library, they noticed that two boys appeared to be following them. Connie recognized one as Scott Haynes. "Hey, Connie, you'd better keep away from them or something bad will happen to you," he threatened. Connie ignored the remark.

As they continued walking the halls, Erika noticed others watching them closely, so she said, "Maybe you shouldn't be with me. I wouldn't want anything to happen to you."

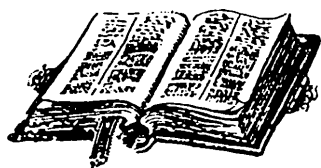
"Oh, Erika, don't worry, we are friends. You and I will stick together no matter what. Besides, the angel of the Lord is encamped about us," Connie assured her.

The morning passed quickly. The lunch bell rang and all the fifth grade classes passed to the cafeteria. It was Connie's first opportunity to see Julie and Betty since they had made a face at her.

Erika and another new student named Teresa followed Connie through the food line. After Connie picked up her tray, she said, "I'll find us a table." She entered the big room and to her left she saw Julie and Betty motioning and calling for her to come and join them. Connie headed to the table. There were plenty of empty seats for Erika and Teresa, also two other church girls, Stephanie and Carolyn, were sitting at the table.

Connie, Julie, and Betty were talking about their new teachers and the events of the morning when Erika and Teresa approached the table. Julie suddenly stopped in the middle of her sentence. All was quiet. Erika and Teresa sat down. The silence continued

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PEER PRESSURE

Evil Influences:

Exodus 23:2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

Proverbs 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

24:1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

I Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Good Influences:

Psalms 37:37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

I Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

II Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

19 . . . Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

The Message: Be careful of the influence you are and the type of influence that others have on you.

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."

Questions:

1. Should you follow a crowd to do evil?
2. What should you do if sinner's entice you?
3. What corrupts good manners?
4. Does righteousness blend with unrighteousness?
5. Who should we choose to pattern our lives after?
6. Which path should one keep?
7. Who should you be an example to?
8. What should you flee?
9. How will unsaved people glorify God?

BIBLE VERSE

"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself."

Rom. 14:7

Let's Talk

Have you ever done something wrong and later asked yourself, "Why did I do that?" Your answer may very well have been, "Because everyone else was doing it." It is a fact that pressure to be like those around you is very strong among youths. It is so strong that you may find yourself doing things you don't really want to do, merely because your friends are doing them.

Following what "everyone else" is doing would not be so bad if "everyone" was following Jesus. The sad truth, however, is that usually the most popular thing being done is the wrong thing to do.

Our lesson today teaches us against following a crowd to do evil, and it warns us against making friends with evil people. Associations which will cause you to forsake the good training you have had from your parents is not good and will cause you to do evil deeds.

You may feel you are strong enough to withstand the evil influence of the wrong crowd, but be not deceived. The Bible says, "Evil communications, [associations] corrupt good manners [conduct]."

Many children and young people have discovered this through hard personal experiences. The Lord and your parents desire to spare you many troubles. This is why they discourage you from having evil friends and point out bad examples so that you may learn from other's mistakes.

You can and will be affected by the friends you choose, either you will be influenced for good or bad. You will also have an influence on them.

I am reminded of a boy who found himself in the wrong crowd. One boy in the group pulled out a cigarette and began smoking. Each one in the circle would smoke the cigarette a little and then pass it to the next, until it got around to this certain boy who was a Christian. What would he do? Would he yield to the peer

pressure of the group? As they passed it to him, he took courage and said, "You all know that I don't do things like this." He then left the place. He asked the Lord to help him to not get into a situation like that again. He also stayed away from that group.

Young people, when someone tries to get you to do wrong, don't give in to them. Go the other way. You be the leader and example in doing right. Follow those who are following Christ, and let your light shine.

—Altina Cox

Jenny Lind won great success as an operatic singer, and money poured into her purse. Yet she left the stage while singing her best and never went back. She must have missed the money, the fame, and the applause of thousands.

One day a friend found her sitting on the beach looking at a glorious sunset. They talked and the conversation drew near to the inevitable question, so the friend asked, "Oh, Madame, why did you leave the stage at the very height of your success?"

In soft low tones she spoke, "Because every day the success and fame made me think less and less of this blessed Book," she said laying her hand on the open Bible in her lap.

Jenny was not pressured into losing her soul.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Our greatest peer pressure should be from God's all-seeing eye.



Answers: 1. No. 2. Consent not 3. Evil communications or associations 4. No 5. After the perfect man 6. The path of the righteous 7. To the believers 8. Youthful firsts (deeds) 9. Displaying the good works of Christian people.

until Julie stood up and said, "I'm not going to eat at this table."

"Me either," echoed Betty.

"Let's go to that table over there," said Julie, pointing to another table three rows down.

"Come along, Connie, so we can finish our conversation," coaxed Julie. Stephanie and Carolyn followed Julie. Connie felt like the whole school was condemning her for being with the black girls. "Come on," Julie called again.

Connie picked up her tray and joined Julie and the other girls.

She tried hard to smile as Julie told about a rabbit escaping from his cage and hopping all over the classroom. But she couldn't keep her mind off of poor Erika and Teresa sitting alone at the big table, while ten girls laughed and talked together around their table.

"Where are you going?" asked Betty when Connie arose from the table with her tray still full.

"I'm not hungry," Connie answered, and returning her tray she left the cafeteria alone.

All afternoon, Connie avoided Erika. She just couldn't face her. As soon as school was out, Connie raced home alone.

"Hello, Dear," Mrs. Parker greeted her cheerfully. "How was the first day?"

"All right, I guess," said Connie.

"Hi, Sissy," Breanna said running into the living room.

"Hi," said Connie slowly. "Mom, why didn't God make everyone the same color?" she asked.

"So you had a pretty rough day?" remarked Mother, putting her arm around Connie. "Tell me about it." With tears trickling down her cheeks, she told her mother of the day's happenings. "I feel like I betrayed Erika, but I want Julie to be my friend, too. Mother I feel so terrible," she sobbed. "Do I have to go back to school? I guess I wasn't a very good example today."

Breanna walked up to Connie and asked, "Mother, why is Connie crying?"

"Connie had a big test," Mother said.

"But it's not too big for Jesus is it, Mommy?"

"No, it's not too big for Jesus."

"Mother, did I fail the test?" asked Connie, looking into her Mother's eyes.

"Connie, it sounds like you passed the first and second test. But it does seem that you were overcome in the last one. So we do have something to be thankful for and something to pray about."

"Did you know that the apostle Peter had a test like the one you had today?" Connie's eyes lit up. "He was in a meeting with the Gentile brothers eating with them. But when some brethren came up from Jerusalem, Peter no longer ate with the Gentiles, because of fear of the Jews."

Connie looked surprised and asked, "Peter did that?"

"Yes, he did. But Paul reproved him for it, because those types of actions bring discord instead of harmony. Connie, it is not nearly as important what people think about you, as it is about what Jesus thinks."

"I know it's not easy, but no temptation has come to you except that which is common to everybody, and God will be faithful to help you bear it. Just like your little sister said, 'this test is not too big for Jesus.' He can help you."

"Mother, will you pray with me?" asked Connie.

"Of course, Dear!" They knelt and prayed. Connie asked the Lord to help her to stand up for Jesus. After prayer they took the *Evening Light Songs* book and sang a verse of "Be An Overcomer," number 172.

Connie called Erika. She readily accepted her apology. "I knew it was difficult for you, Connie, since Julie is your friend also," said Erika. "Let's pray for Julie. The Lord can talk to her. And I know it's going to get better, because prayer always works."

As a result of Connie and Erika's prayers and good Christian example, Julie's attitude began to change. One day as Betty, Julie, and Connie walked home from school, Julie said, "Connie, I've been thinking of our talk on the first day of school about the new students. I have decided that there's not much difference." Connie smiled; she knew this was the start of an answer to their prayers.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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There's No Difference

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Despite the change in Julie's attitude, her father, Mr. Jones, still held firm that he had no need for people who were different, and that he didn't want to be around them. He stated his opinion often to Mr. Parker as they worked together.

"I don't know what it will take to shake Mr. Jones from his prejudiced ways," Mr. Parker remarked to his wife, Nancy. "You know that old saying, 'It's hard to teach an old dog new tricks?' Well, it seems very true in Mr. Jones' case."

"Yes, Dear, unless God gets it over to him," replied his wife.

"Only Jesus can change him," replied John Parker. "I have talked and talked, but Harvey insists he has no need of anyone whose skin is different from his. It seems so foreign to me, because I can't even imagine what I'd do without a friend and brother in the Lord like Paul Johnson has been to me."

"Yes, and think of the blessing pioneer brethren like Bro. Phillips and Bro. Chandler have been to the Church," added Nancy. "I'm glad that I learned long ago that we need each other," John said. "I wish Harvey could meet Paul someday. Maybe I could arrange a lunch or something so he could."

The following week at the office, Harvey asked, "How about joining me this Saturday afternoon at our favorite fishing spot near Creeks Landing?"

"Not this time, I promised Nancy to help her paint the basement this Saturday," John answered.

"Happy painting, but if you should finish early, come on out and see what's biting."

That Saturday Mr. Jones drove to the river. There were several fishing spots, but his favorite was Creeks Landing. It was isolated from the other areas, so it served as a great getaway spot. It was surrounded by trees and bushes and was away from the main roads that went around the river. It was very quiet and peaceful. On this day, it seemed even more secluded than ever. "The cold weather and recent heavy rains in the mountains must be keeping the fishermen at home," he thought. "Looks like I'm the only one at the park today. That's great! Away from everyone! Ahh, I needed this rest, and it's just as well ole Parker didn't come, since it's partially his fault that my mind has been in such a swirl. He could have stopped that ordinance to integrate the public schools if he had wanted to. Religious folks get on my nerves."

Mr. Jones, still thinking about the ordinance, opened his box of tackle and prepared his pole. "It just seems real foolish of them to pass such an outlandish thing. We don't need those folks intruding into our lives," he thought, as he threw his line into the water. "I don't believe I have ever seen the water moving so fast. Maybe that's why no fishermen are here. Hardly anybody could

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WORDS OF GOLD



THE LOVE OF MONEY

Ecclesiastes 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: . . .

Proverbs 15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; . . .

28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him [Jesus] unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

I Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

James 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

The Message: An excessive desire for money often leads to great evil.

Questions:

1. Will a lover of silver be satisfied with it?
2. Who will a greedy man cause trouble for?
3. Who will not be innocent?
4. How much did Judas get for betraying Jesus?
5. What is great gain?
6. With what did we enter this world?
7. Who falls into snares and temptations?
8. What is the root of all evil?
9. Should a person have a desire to be rich?

BIBLE VERSE

"The love of money is the root of all evil." (I Tim. 6:10)



Let's Talk

Our lesson today is warning you against the love of money. It is not teaching you that money is wrong or that having it is evil, but that the **love** of money is where evil begins.

Count the troubles in our lesson that are connected to the love of money. It tells us of covetousness (greediness), lying, oppressing the poor, intemperance, punishment, and death. Is it possible that giving your affections to money can cause all this?

If a person loves something, he will do all he can to get it. People who love money often end up gambling, cheating, stealing, or harming others to get it. There are people who sit and dream of ways to get money quickly or easily. They dream of winning the lottery or of winning lots of money playing Bingo, which are forms of gambling.

There are many "get rich quick" schemes in our land. Some are as simple as stuffing envelopes, and some are as deadly as selling drugs. The Bible says, "He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." Watch out for any offer to get rich quick. There is usually an element of evil behind it.

There are some people who try to get money by robbery or embezzlement. These ways are criminal offenses and can be punished by fines or imprisonment. There are others who trick people by swindling; some even pose as beggars or handicapped people to get money.

All those who gain riches by such methods will meet up with a just God

who will require them to pay for those unjust deeds.

The Bible gives several examples of the fate that those who loved money have met. Gehazi, a servant of Elisha, became a leper, because he coveted after money. Achan and his whole family lost their lives because he coveted silver. (This story is in the book of Joshua.) Judas is also an example, mentioned in our lesson today. His love of silver caused him to betray Jesus, and later he killed himself.

Let us not be greedy for money. God does not want us to waste money, but neither are we to covet it. Be satisfied with the money God permits you to have. Some people will have more than others, but God has promised to supply your needs. If you have a lot of money, remember that it belongs to the Lord and use it to His glory. If you have a little, be content. Do not allow yourself to have an excessive desire for money, because it can get you into great trouble.

—Alcina Cox

"The love of



is the root of all evil."

(Answers: 1. No. 2. His household (family). 3. One who makes haste to be rich. 4. Thirty pieces of silver. 5. Godliness with contentment. 6. With nothing. 7. Those who want to be rich. 8. The love of money. 9. No.)

swim in that current." The fast current of the water drove his line back to the edge. He threw it out again. He felt a slight tug and reeled it in, only to discover the bait was gone. "I'll fix him," he said, hooking a new worm tighter. He threw it out again, but the current drove it back and tangled it in a bush. He tugged and the line broke.

He prepared the line again and threw it out once more. The current drove it back. Mr. Jones tugged on the pole and saw the line was caught in another bush. "I'm not about to break another line. I'll just retrieve this one." He sat his pole on the ground and carefully eased along the embankment and down to a tree that was growing out over the water's edge. He pulled at the line but could not free it. He saw that a tree branch was hanging over the bush where his line was caught. "If I can use that branch for support, then I can easily untangle the line," he told himself.

He thought about just breaking the line, but now the challenge of retrieving it had gotten the best of him. He stepped a little closer to the water, standing on a rock wedged into the river's bank. He grabbed the branch with his left hand and with his right hand reached for the line entangled in the bush. Much to his dismay the rock gave way beneath his feet and the branch, unable to support his weight, broke. In an instant he felt himself falling into the fast moving current of the icy water.

He was an excellent swimmer, but the strong current and heavy clothing were too much. He was being quickly carried downstream. He frantically grabbed for support as he passed objects along the bank. In one last desperate action, he reached for a large branch that came from a fallen tree overhanging the lake. He caught it with his left hand and held on for his life. After much struggling he was able to get both hands around the tree, but found he was unable to lift himself.

After gaining control of his nerves, he realized that his life was in his hands. How

long could he hold to the branch? Would the branch support his weight? The icy water caused cramping and numbness in his legs. He knew he could not swim to shore. "Funny," he thought "the current carried my hooks toward the shore, and me, it carried away." He tried again and again to lift himself out of the water and onto the overhanging branch, but his wet clothes and hip boots filled with water felt like they weighed a ton. If no help came, he was sure he was doomed.

"Help, help!" he yelled. "Better save my strength," he told himself. "No one is in hearing distance." The restless isolated cove turned suddenly into a nightmare. No one coming to this part of the lake except for him and John had always been a peaceful thought to him, now it was frightening. "John, John why hadn't he come today?" Mr. Jones was angry as he thought, "I wouldn't be facing death if John wasn't painting that old basement for his wife. He then began to think soberly. Had he settled his affairs for his wife? Would there be sufficient insurance to care for her and his darling daughter, Julie? "Oh, Julie." It was almost too painful for him to think of leaving his precious Julie behind.

He yelled again, "Somebody help me, somebody help me." Before he realized it, he, "Harvey Jones the Ultra Macho news editor," was sobbing. He realized just how helpless he was. He saw the sun beginning to set. He was hoarse from yelling and almost too exhausted to hold himself out of the water any longer. He looked over his life. How foolish some of his ideas seemed now as he faced death. He then began to think of John Parker and began believing that perhaps he was right. What if there is something more after death? The reality terrified him. "I'm not ready! I'm not ready to die," he said. Only the rushing water answered. "Oh, God, if you get me out of this, I'll change. I'll live like Parker," he promised.

It seemed no one had heard his cry. The huge cold lake was desolate. "I'm soon to be lost, lost, lost, forever," he told himself.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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There's No Difference

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Harvey Jones felt his strength giving way as he clung to the branch, holding his head and shoulders out of the icy river. Sinking into the water would be certain death. How many minutes until that would happen, he did not know. He cried again for help. Though no human heard his cry for help, God heard it. God caused his co-worker John Parker to be thinking so strongly about him, that he could hardly keep his mind on the painting he was doing for his wife. "Nancy," he said, "I'm very burdened for Harvey. Let's stop and have prayer for him."

Meanwhile, Paul Johnson had taken his two children, Todd and Erika, for ice cream. "How about taking the scenic route along the river as we go home?" suggested Erika.

"Sure, why not?" said Mr. Johnson, making a right turn at the signal light. Erika read the signs as they drove around. "Picnic area," "Fisherman's Cove," "Big Ben's," "Knott's Grove," . . . "What are all those places, Daddy?" she asked.

"Fishing spots," he answered.

"Could we go see one?" she asked.

"What interest does a ten-year-old girl have in fishing spots?" teased her father.

"I just want to see them."

"I do too," said Todd. "There's another one, 'Creek's Landing.'"

"Hmmm, that sounds familiar, I think that is where Bro. John said he goes." Mr.

Johnson turned down the road that pointed to Creek's Landing.

"Look, there's a truck," said Todd.

"It looks like Julie's dad's pick-up," said Erika. "We'd better not stop if he is here. Julie says he doesn't like Blacks or anyone different."

"Now, Erika, that may not be his truck and if so, the river does not belong to Mr. Jones. However, if we do get out, don't be noisy, you might frighten the fish away. Most people enjoy fishing because it is a quiet relaxing sport. I'm sure they would not appreciate two noisy children out here at six o'clock in the evening."

The Johnsons got out of the car and Todd raced to the water's edge not far from the truck. "Don't get too close, the current is very swift. It will swallow you up if you fall in," warned Mr. Johnson.

"Hey, look what I found!" shouted Todd. "A box of tackle and a fishing pole!"

"Sh-sh," cautioned Mr. Johnson, as he walked over and examined the box. "Why it says Harvey Jones on the side."

"I told you that was his truck," said Erika. "We better get out of here."

"Maybe he's hiding from us. It might be a trick to accuse us of stealing," suggested Todd.

"Son, save your remarks. This could be serious. I wonder where he is? Maybe he is hurt. It's not like a fisherman to leave a pole tangled in the brush."

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WORDS OF GOLD



THANKSGIVING

I Chronicles 16:8 Give thanks unto the Lord, . . .

Psalms 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

35:28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

50:14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

92:1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

104:33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

107:22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

145:2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

I Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Deuteronomy 8:10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

The Message: We should always give thanks unto the Lord.



Questions:

1. At what time should God be blessed?
2. How much of the day should God be praised?
3. What should be offered to the Lord?
4. How should one enter the Lord's gates?
5. Should the goodness of God be told?
6. Name one sacrifice to the Lord.
7. "Be ye ____."
8. In what things should thanks be given?
9. What is the will of God for us?

BIBLE VERSE

"Be ye thankful." Col. 3:15

Let's Talk

We have so much to be thankful for! This includes the sun, moon, seasons, plants, food, clothing, life, and salvation. I feel like the Psalmist who said, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Ps. 107:8.

During the past few weeks we have been talking about many of the current issues and problems in our world, so today I thought it would be good to stop in the midst of the topics and give thanks to the Lord for all of His goodness.

As many of you know, we will be observing a national holiday this Thursday. It is Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on the many blessings of God. I am very thankful that, despite the many changes in America, Thanksgiving is still celebrated.

The pilgrims who were a group of Christians seeking religious freedom began the first Thanksgiving Day. They had suffered many things in coming to America, and many of the group had lost their lives. Yet, when God blessed their harvest, those remaining set a special day of Thanksgiving to Him.

They could have set aside a day of mourning or memorial for those who had died, or they could have set a day to celebrate themselves for all the hardships they had overcome. Instead, they chose to have a day to give thanks unto the Lord. It blesses and challenges me when I consider that they endured with a heart of thanksgiving. This was because they loved God.

We always have something to thank the Lord for. I know an elderly sister who, when her legs ache, smiles and says, "Lord, I thank you that I have legs." She also exhorts the saints to praise the Lord all the day long and then there will be no time to complain.

You may wonder how you can give thanks in everything. Stop wondering and just do it! Can you be thankful for a punishment? Well, you can be thankful for parents who care enough to discipline you. Whenever things look bad and you feel ungrateful, begin to count your blessings and think of all the good things God has done.

The Bible says that in the last days people will be unthankful. It is the truth, and it seems to affect children also. Instead of being grateful that they have a new pair of sneakers, they'll complain because it's not a name brand. It seems that the more children have the less they appreciate it. Let's hope

this is not your case.



Have a happy Thanksgiving Day, but don't just be thankful because of the good food you will eat. Thank the Lord for your family, your home, your health, for sending His Son, and thank God because He is God. Whatever comes your way, just thank the Lord.

—Altina Cox

Answers: 1. At all times 2. All day long 3. Thanksgiving 4. With thanksgiving 5. Yes 6. Thanksgiving 7. Thankful 8. In everything 9. His will is that we be thankful

"Daddy, what's that noise?" questioned Erika.

"Maybe it's the three bears, and Goldilocks," teased Todd.

"No, listen!"

Mr. Johnson and Todd listened intently with Erika.

"Sounds like a faint cry for help," Daddy said. "It's coming from downstream."

The three quickly but carefully hurried toward the voice. "Quiet," Mr. Johnson cautioned. "We need to hear it again to be sure we're going in the right direction." On they went downstream along the water's edge. The sound became clearer as they went. "We're going in the right direction. Listen."

"Help, help," they heard very plainly. They peered out across the lake.

"There he is," Todd shouted pointing to what looked like a middle-aged man clinging to a tree that was hanging over the water.

"Oh, Lord, someone is in trouble. I need your help," Father prayed as they moved on along the shore.

"Help me, help me," pleaded a man's voice.

"We're coming," Mr. Johnson answered.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry," the voice pleaded, sounding weaker each time it spoke.

"When they were at the nearest point, Mr. Johnson surveyed the situation and called, 'I'll have to go get some help.'"

"No, no, please don't leave me.

"I'll be back quickly."

"No, I can't last much longer."

"Yes, you can," Mr. Johnson assured him. He could see that the man, although they had never met, must be Harvey Jones. He was about to panic.

"I won't leave you. I'll help you," said Mr. Johnson. Then turning to Todd he demanded, "Get the rope out of the trunk. Here are the keys. Now hurry faster than you ever have."

Mr. Jones began to panic again. "I'm sinking," he said. "I think I am dying. Help me, please. I can't hold myself up any longer," he said faintly.

Todd returned with the rope. Mr. Johnson tied it to a strong tree and tossed it out into

the river with all his might. "Grab it, and I will pull you to shore.

The man made a struggle to move his hands, then called, "I can't, my hands are cemented to this tree."

Mr. Johnson pulled the rope back and tied it securely around himself. "Dad, don't get in that icy water," pleaded Todd.

"Son, I must go. Maybe I won't have to get in the water. You and Erika pray for the Lord to help me. Mr. Johnson listened carefully for any sound of the tree cracking, as he crawled along its huge trunk that hung over the lake. He prayed that it might be strong enough to support him and the other man.

Reaching to where the man was hanging, he began trying to tie the rope around the other man's chest. Several times he nearly fell in too, but the Lord was helping him. After a long struggle, the man was securely tied.

Now he began prying his fingers from the tree branch. The man refused to let his hands be freed. Each time Mr. Johnson would loosen one finger, he would tighten it back again. Finally he said, gasping, "Tie me up out of the water first. If I fall in the water, I am so weak, I will drown."

Mr. Johnson used the stick in his hand to get the rope. Then he placed it over the limb and began pulling. Again God helped him, and the man was soon rising higher out of the water. Now he took off the man's heavy boots, which made him much lighter. Next he tied the rope securely to the tree and started again to pry his hands loose. Then the man began shouting, "Stop, stop, you'll make me drown."

"No, no, you must turn loose of this limb and climb onto the tree and to safety." At last both men were on top of the branch, but the man could not move either leg. "I could barely get myself out on this limb, how can I ever get this man back to shore?" he was thinking.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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There's No Difference

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"Dad, somebody's coming," Todd called as Mr. Johnson stood over the almost lifeless body he had just pulled out of the icy river. Mr. Johnson thought it must be the angel of the Lord, but it turned out to be his best friend and brother in the Lord, John Parker.

Pull that rope for me, John," yelled Paul Johnson. Mr. Parker and Todd pulled on the rope that held the man, while Paul rolled and scooted him along the log. As they reached the trunk of the tree, Paul could feel it beginning to pull away from the bank. He leaped to the bank and grabbed the rope. The three then lifted the unconscious man to safety.

Erika ran to her father and buried her face in his wet shirt. "It's all right, Erika. Daddy's okay."

"This is Harvey," Mr. Parker almost shouted as he rolled the man over. "He's the man I've been asking you to pray for. We better pray for him right now, before taking him to the hospital. It looks like he's almost gone."

While they were praying, Harvey revived. Upon seeing John Parker, he grabbed him, sobbing and saying, "A

black man saved my life! He rescued me. He risked his life. I saw his blood, John, when he cut his hands and it was just like mine. John, there's no difference, there's no difference." By this time Mr. Jones was weeping uncontrollably.

"Harvey, that's my brother in the Lord, Paul Johnson. I've been wanting you to meet him," said Mr. Parker.

"How can I ever thank you?" Harvey said, reaching out his hand to shake Paul's.

"To God be the glory. I couldn't have done it without His help," said Bro. Johnson. Now we need to get you out of here and to the hospital." Harvey Jones could not use his legs, so the two men carried him to Mr. Parker's car, and took him to the emergency room of the hospital.

"You're a lucky man, Mr. Jones. A couple more hours in that water and you might have lost a limb," the doctor told him. "Furthermore, as you well know, many people have lost their lives in that river when the current is like it was today."

"How did you happen to come to Creek's Landing tonight?" Paul asked John.

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WORDS OF GOLD



EQUALITY IN CHRIST

Matthew 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

1 Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; . . .

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; . . .

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

The Message: God's Word declares that in Christ everyone is equal.



**"Ye are all one
in Christ Jesus."**

Questions:

1. Why should we not call religious leaders, Master, Reverend, or Father?
2. On whom did God pour His Spirit?
3. What would both sons and daughters do?
4. What did Peter perceive?
5. In what nation are the righteous accepted?
6. What did Christ break down?
7. To whom does the grace of God appear?
8. Who can be saved?
9. Is every part of Christ's body to be honored equally?

BIBLE VERSE

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, . . . bond nor free, . . . male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Gal. 3:28



Let's Talk

The Constitution of the United States of America says, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal . . ." Many laws have been enforced and lives lost to ensure such equality. There is, however, no equality that can be compared to the equality found in Christ. The equality Christ gives does not only grant rights, but it unites, making all one.

God is fair and equal in all His ways. He sent His Son to die for the sins of the whole world. His grace appears to all people, regardless of who they are. He will save anyone who will call upon Him with their whole heart. Then He will pour out His Spirit on them. Even though people come from all walks of life, they become one in Christ.

Christians are humble people, they believe everyone is important, for "we are all brethren." Some groups have religious leaders who are set above the others and worshiped, but not in the Church of God. "The Bible is our rule of faith and Christ alone is Lord, All we are equal in His sight when we obey His Word."

We do respect our elders and leaders, but we recognize that no one is greater than another. All are to be subject one to another and clothed with humility.

Sometimes God gives a personal revelation of "Bible Equality" to someone as He did to Peter. God revealed to him that salvation was for all mankind. Even after this revelation, Peter was tested. Once he separated himself from his Gentile brethren because of fear of the Jews. Paul reproved him, because segregation causes division instead of unity.

This equality in Christ also includes women. There are many religious organizations that believe women can be saved, but they are not allowed to preach or hold offices in the church. According to the Word of God, women as well as men can

be used to preach the gospel and hold offices like Phoebe, who was a deaconess in the early Church.

Wealth nor education is a barrier in salvation. It is a free gift of God, making it accessible to the poor. The apostle Peter was uneducated, while the apostle Paul was highly educated, yet both of these men were greatly used of God.

Regardless of who you are, where you live, or whatever your station in life, when you are saved, you will find there is equality in the Church of God through Jesus Christ.



—Altina Cox

We must never confuse equality, with authority. Equality means that each person can start at equal points. Who you were when you became saved does not cause you to start in the Christian race at a lower or higher point. All start as newborn babes.

As people live for Christ, they gain knowledge, authority, and respect; they are also given gifts from God as He sees they are capable of handling them. As a person gains in these areas, his field of exercise also grows. At the same time he is exercising in the Lord, he is gaining a circle of people who respect him and will listen carefully to what he has to say.

The Church of God has order—leaders and authority which are to be respected. We are all equal as brethren, but some of us are following and some are leading.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

In Christ,  and 
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(Answers: 1. Because Christ is our Master, and all people are brethren. 2. All flesh, both men and women. 3. They would prophesy. 4. That God doesn't respect persons. 5. In every nation. 6. The wall of partition that separates believers. 7. To all men. 8. Whosoever will on the Lord. 9. Yes.)

"I was ready to ask you the same thing," he replied. "I believe we will both agree that it was the Lord for sure. I was helping Nancy, but I couldn't get Harvey off my mind. I called his home and his wife told me that he had not returned from fishing. I just felt so troubled that Nancy told me to go over to the river and see if anything was wrong."

Paul then shared with him how they ended up at the park.

The next morning, Mr. Parker picked up the *Sunday Daily Star*. "Look at this Nancy," he called to his wife.

She read the headlines, "RACIST EDITOR RESCUED BY MINORITY." The paper stated that Harvey Jones found himself out on a limb before he was able to acknowledge the importance of every human being.

Later that afternoon Mr. Parker told his wife that Harvey had promised to come to church as soon as he was released.

The next Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Julie came to the little chapel on Sandy Street. Connie was overjoyed as she sat at the Sunday school table with both Erika and Julie. She could hardly believe she was sharing the same table with her two best friends. Sis. Johnson was equally delighted to meet the girl whom Erika and Connie had prayed so earnestly for.

During the morning service, Mr. Jones stood up to express his thanksgiving. "First I am thankful for my life. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Mr. Paul Johnson and Mr. John Parker. I'm a changed man because of them. These folks proved to me that God made all nationalities of one blood."

Mr. Jones voice then began to tremble, "And that's not all I realized while I was hanging on that limb for my

life. I came to know that there was one account I didn't have settled. I realized that I was a lost man. I didn't know God, but folks, I believe I met him out on that branch!" Mr. Jones began to wipe his tears. "When I was no longer able to hold to the branch, I felt some big arms holding me."

"Although I met the Lord out there alone on the water, I have done so much wrong in the public, that I want to kneel at that little wooden bench you have up there, for it reminds me of the branch I clung to for my life. It also reminds me of the old rugged cross that I intend to cling to for the rest of my life. Mr. Jones went trembling and weeping to the altar. Mr. Parker began leaping and praising God.

Mr. Jones arose from the altar and embraced first Bro. Johnson, and then Bro. Parker. The three men stood looking at each other, hand in hand. Words could not express the joy that John Parker felt at that moment.

Just two aisles back stood another smaller circle of three girls holding hands and crying.

"I wonder what tomorrow's headlines will read," thought Sis. Parker, as she beheld the scene, "for now, Christ had broken down the wall that stood between them and the Joneses. Now they, too, could all say, 'There's no difference,' for God had also broken down the partition that separates the righteous from the unrighteous.

—Alitna Cox

THE END



**"Red, and
yellow, black,
and white, all
are precious in
God's sight!"**

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Playmates

"You can't come in our yard like that!" yelled four-year-old Breanna. "No, you can't play over here like that," she continued.

Connie ran to the window to see what the commotion was. "Who are you shouting at?" she asked her little sister.

"It's Becky and Amber, and they can't come in our yard dressed like that."

"Mother!" called Connie. "Breanna is not being neighborly."

Mother entered the living room, wiping her hands on the towel that was attached to the green apron she wore.

"Breanna says Becky and Amber can't come over to play with her."

"No, I didn't," protested Breanna. "I just said that they can't come over like that."

"Like what?" asked Mother trying to understand.

"In their swimsuits. Because you said that we dress modest around here, didn't you?"

Mother looked out the big picture window to see two little girls in swimwear leaving out the front gate. "Let's go into the family room and have a talk," she said.

As they were entering the room, Connie asked, "Mother did you really say they couldn't come into our yard dressed in swimwear?"

"Yes, I did."

"But why, Mother? Are clothes really that important for people who are not Christians?"

Mother picked up the Bible that lay on the desk and unzipped the cover. "Yes, clothing is important for everyone. We do not have a swimming pool, so there is no need for them to wear that type of attire to our home. Even if we did have a pool, I would still not want them to be dressed like that around your brother Justin."

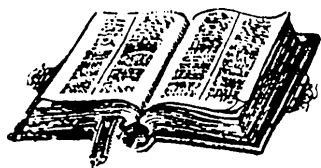
"Becky said that you are not being fair. Her mother lets her dress like that, and everyone else in the neighborhood except you allows her to wear what she wants in their yard," remarked Breanna.

"I'm not responsible for what the other neighbors allow, but I am responsible for this household."

"What is so important about what one wears, especially since God doesn't look on the outward appearance, but at the heart? Besides, Amber and Becky are just little girls. I know it's not good

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WORDS OF GOLD



GOD'S STANDARD OF PURITY

Psalms 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; . . .

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

I Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

II Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, . . .

I Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth . . . see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, . . .

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, . . . hath any inheritance in the kingdom . . . of God.

II Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

I Timothy 5:22 . . . Be [not] partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

I John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, . . .

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, . . . think on these things.

I Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

30:12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

Matthew 18:9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, . . . It is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

Proverbs 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: . . .

31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

The Message: God's Word teaches Christians to be pure in thought, word, and deed.

"Keep thyself pure."

Questions:

1. Who will be able to see God?
2. From what must a Christian be cleansed?
3. How can a person help purify himself?
4. Is uncleanness to be found in Christians?
5. What kind of clothing do pure people wear?
6. How can a Christian keep his mind pure?
7. What do a child's actions show?
8. Do some people think they are pure but are not?
9. Name some ways people can keep themselves pure?

BIBLE VERSE

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8

Let's Talk

Purity is a very important asset to keeping a healthy soul and body. To be pure is to be clean, and cleanliness covers every area of our lives. Our bodies are to be clean. The words we say and the things we do are to be clean. Even the thoughts we think are to be pure.

Some people say that the Bible doesn't say that smoking and drugs are wrong. Yet in principle it does. It says to be pure and clean. One definition of "pure" is to be free from foreign elements. Cigarettes and other drugs are foreign elements to the body. They do not provide any nutrients to the body. They cause great harm, thus defiling the body, which is the temple of God.

Purity also governs the way we talk, dress, and conduct ourselves. We are to dress as those professing godliness and cleanliness, not as those who are defiled. It is not sufficient to only dress holy, we must also live holy. There are some styles that are modest and cover a person from head to toe, yet the spirit of the one wearing the modest clothing could be unclean. We are to be pure within and without.

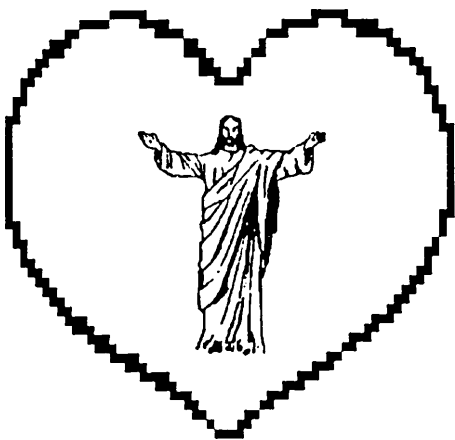
Profanity and dirty jokes are unclean. Many books, songs, and foolish sayings should be avoided by Christians. These things will defile you. Many of the lyrics found in worldly music are filthy. They cause unhealthy thoughts, and excite feelings that lead to greater evils. They also promote dancing with ungodly movements of the body. These ungodly movements will arouse your own lustful feelings and attract the attention of others. These things do not belong in a Christian's life.

Keeping yourself pure is a great protection to you. Many diseases are the result of people living impure lives. Guard against things that may spoil your purity. Be careful

about yourself. Enjoy your youth, without flirting or desiring a special boyfriend or girlfriend at a young age.

Don't allow the Devil to make you think you have missed something great because you do not dance, smoke, drink, or otherwise live a worldly lifestyle. Those who do such things cause great harm to themselves. Guard your thoughts and keep them pure, because the mind is where impure actions begin.

By keeping yourself pure in thought, word, and deed, you will be blessed and you will see God. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." —Alina Cox



Let Christ keep your heart pure.

(Answers: 1. The pure in heart. 2. Cleanliness of the flesh and spirit. 3. By obeying the truth. 4. No. 5. Modest clothing. 6. By thinking only good thoughts. 7. Whether his works are pure or whether they are right. 8. Yes. 9. By thinking good thoughts, not taking foreign substances into the body, obeying the Word of God, having good friends, speaking good words.)

for older girls or women to go around in swimwear," said Connie.

"The Word of God tells us in I Timothy 2:9 that women must dress in modest apparel with shamefacedness. Shamefacedness is being shy about exposing our bodies. Yes, God does look at the heart, but others look at our outward appearance. Therefore we must be careful about how we dress. Clothing is for our protection. It protects us from the elements of the weather and from lustful people. It is important that even little girls are properly clothed."

"What are you all doing, having a mother/daughter talk?" asked Justin, who had just come in from playing ball with a neighbor.

"Come on in, Son. We are talking about purity, and it's important that boys be pure as well as girls."

Mother then told the children how important clothing and purity have been to God since the beginning of time, and how He took the time to make clothes for Adam and Eve from skins. "I want you girls and Justin to be pure and innocent. That is why your father and I take great care to keep you modest. We are to have pure hearts, thoughts, and actions. This is one reason we do not allow television in our home. It would be very inconsistent for me to teach purity to you, live it before you, but then allow your mind to be filled with all the impurities that come over television."

"Mother, most of the guys think it's okay for my sisters to dress modest, but they think it's kind of dumb that I dress like I do," remarked Justin.

"Yes, Dear, the world often holds a double standard for purity, but God's Word teaches that young and old, male and female must all be pure.

"The way we dress and conduct ourselves plays an important role in our purity and that of others. This is why we don't dance. The ungodly movements of the body draw undue attention from those of the opposite sex.

"One other thing, children. Be careful that the words you speak are pure. Sometimes I hear little jokes, riddles, or songs that the neighborhood children are saying, that have some words or suggestive things that are not good for children to talk about."

"I guess we really do have to be careful," said Connie. "But how can we tell if something is impure?"

"If it is something that you would not feel comfortable thinking, saying, or doing in front of your parents or other Christians, it may be because there is something impure about it."

"I see now that clothes are important to purity. But not only clothes, everything is important. It's kind of like our Bible school song that says, we have to watch our eyes, ears, lips, hands, and feet," explained Connie.

"That's right!" Mother assured her.

The doorbell rang. Breanna and Connie both quickly ran to the front window and peeked out. "It's Amber and Becky," Breanna said with delight. There stood her two favorite playmates at her front door ready to play with her. Only this time they were fully clothed.

—Alitina Cox

**Dressing modestly
is pleasing to
the Lord.**

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Annie and Vanie's First Real Prayer

Two sisters, one about five years of age, the other just older, were accustomed to going each Saturday morning, some distance from home, to get chips and shavings from a cooper shop.

One morning, with basket well filled, they were returning home; when the elder one was taken suddenly sick with cramps or cholera. She was in great pain, and unable to proceed, much less to carry the basket home. She sat down on the basket, and the younger one held her from falling.

The street was a lonely one, occupied by workshops, factories, etc. Every one was busy within; not a person was seen on the street.

The little girls were at a loss what to do. Too timid to go into any workshop, they sat a while, as silent and quiet as the distressing pain would allow.

Soon the elder girl said, "You know, Annie, that a good while ago mother told us that if we ever got into trouble, we should pray, and God would help us. Now you help me to get down upon my knees, and hold me up, and we will pray."

There, on the sidewalk, did these two little children asked God to send someone to help them home.

The simple and brief prayer being ended, the sick girl was again helped up, and sat on the basket, waiting the answer to their prayers.

Presently Annie saw, far down the street on the opposite side, a man come out from a factory, look around him, up and down the street, and go back into the factory.

"Oh sister, he has gone in again," said Annie. "Well," said Vanie, "perhaps he is not the one God is going to send. If he is, he will come back again."

"There he comes again," said Annie. He walks this way. He seems looking for something. He walks slow, and is without his hat. He puts his hand to his head, as if he did not know what to do. Oh sister, he has gone in again; what shall we do?"

"That may not be the one whom God will send to help us," said Vanie. "If he is, he will come out again."

"Oh yes, there he is; this time with his hat on," said Annie. "He comes this way; he walks slowly, looking around on every side. He does not see us; perhaps the trees hide us. Now he sees us, and is coming quickly."

The brawny German in broken accents, asked, "Oh children, what is the matter?"

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WORDS OF GOLD



THE SNARE OF RICHES

Deuteronomy 8:11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

Proverbs 11:28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

I Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

The Message: It is a temptation for those who have great riches to trust in them instead of the Lord.

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Questions:

1. Who were they warned not to forget?
2. Why will riches choke the Word?
3. What is hard for a rich man to do?
4. Name the refuge of a rich man.
5. Who will fall?
6. Does God measure success by possessions?
7. Where should treasures be stored?
8. Where is a man's heart?
9. Should you trust in uncertain riches?

BIBLE VERSE

"If riches increase, set not your heart upon them." (Ps. 62:10)

Let's Talk



Since the subject of money is such an important issue in our world today, I thought we should have another lesson on it. In this lesson, we are taking a look at the snares or traps that riches can get one into and how they may draw one away from God.

Our Bible verse says that if our riches increase, we are not to set our heart on them. Why? Because there is a snare in doing so. Money offers a false feeling of power and security. One can begin to trust his wealth to supply his needs, instead of trusting in God for them.

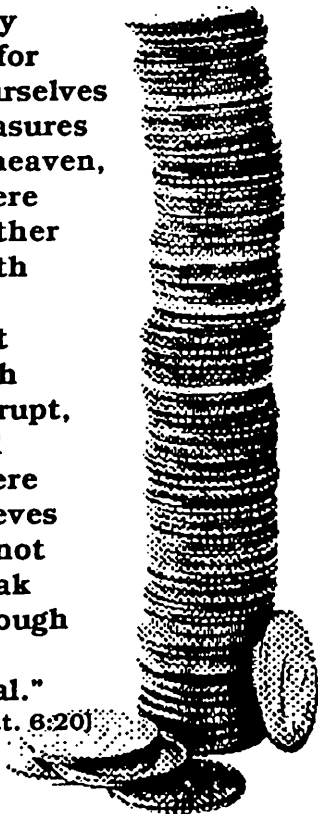
For instance, a rich man has little need to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," when he has enough money to buy a whole bakery. When poor Christians (and a lot of non-Christians) are in trouble, they cry to the Lord. A rich man can simply hire a lawyer, private detectives, or bodyguards to take care of him. When he is sick he can afford the best care of earthly physicians, instead of seeking God for healing. Riches can hinder faith in God if one trusts in them. Can you name some other ways in which a rich man could take care of himself instead of seeking God's help?

A rich man generally feels he can buy whatever he wants, including influence, favors, and peace. He can sit back and take his ease and have the best things life offers. This is a snare. Riches are uncertain. They can fail. Stocks, bonds, and currency can become worthless overnight. Thieves can rob you of your wealth. Most important, however, is that it offers no assurance of eternal life. "What will a man profit if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"

Is it wrong to be rich? No, God may even choose you to be wealthy someday. We have some good examples of rich men in the Bible, such as Cornelius and Joseph of Arimathea. These individuals used their riches to serve the Lord. The wrong is when you trust in riches and depend upon them instead of the Lord.

The Bible says that no man can serve two masters. We can't serve God and earthly riches. Choose to serve the Lord and lay up treasures in heaven, for the true riches will last forever. —Altina Cox

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."
(Matt. 6:20)



Answers: 1. God 2. They are deceitful 3. To enter the Kingdom of God 4. His riches 5. He who trusts riches 6. No 7. In heaven 8. Where his treasure is 9. No 1

"Oh sir," said Annie, "sister here is so sick she cannot walk, and we cannot get home."

"Where do you live, my dear?"

"At the end of this street. You can see the house from here."

"Never mind," said the man, "I takes you home."

So the strong man gathered the sick child in his arms, and with her head pillowed upon his shoulder, carried her to the place pointed out by the younger girl. Annie ran around the house to tell her mother that there was a man at the front door wishing to see her. The astonished mother, with a mixture of surprise and joy, took charge of the precious burden, and the child was laid upon a bed.

After thanking the man, she expected him to withdraw, but instead, he stood turning his hat in his hands, as one who wishes to say something, but knows not how to begin.

The mother, observing this, repeated her thanks, and finally said, "Would you like me to pay you for bringing my child home?"

"Oh no," said he with tears, "God pays me! God pays me! I would like to tell you something, but I speak English so poorly that I fear you will not understand."

The mother assured him that she was used to the German, and could understand him very well.

"I am the proprietor of an ink factory," said he. "My men work by the piece. I have to keep separate accounts with each. I pay them every Saturday. At twelve o'clock they will be at my desk, for their money. This week I have had many hindrances, and was behind with my books. I was working hard at them with the sweat on my

face, in my great anxiety to be ready in time. Suddenly I could not see the figures; the words in the book all ran together, and I had a plain impression on my mind that someone in the street wished to see me. I went out, looked up and down the street, but seeing no one, went back to my desk, and wrote a little. Presently the darkness was greater than before, and the impression stronger than before, that someone in the street needed me.

"Again I went out, looked up and down the street, walked a little way, puzzled to know what it meant. Was my hard work, and were the cares of business driving me out of my wits? Unable to solve the mystery, I turned again into my shop and to my desk.

"This time my fingers refused to grasp the pen. I found myself unable to write a word, or make a figure; but the impression was stronger than ever on my mind, that someone needed my help. A voice seemed to say: 'Why don't you go out as I tell you? There is need of your help.' This time I took my hat on going out, resolved to stay till I found out whether I was losing my senses, or there was a duty for me to do. I walked some distance without seeing anyone, and was more and more puzzled, till I came opposite the children, and found that there was indeed need of my help. I cannot understand it, madam."

As the noble German was about to leave the house, the younger girl had the courage to say: "Oh mother, we prayed."

Thus the mystery was solved, and with tear-stained cheeks, a heaving breast, and a humble, grateful heart, the kind man went back to his accounts.

—Selected

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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BUD LOST THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

"CHRISTMAS!" Bud Larson kicked his travel-worn suitcase savagely and jerked the closet door open. "Might as well mark it off the calendar as far as I am concerned."

There was a time when going home for Christmas was the highlight of the year, but he had faith then. It hurt mother to see how he felt, but his philosophy of life demanded that he say what he thought, regardless of who was affected. Father and Mother were good people—fine people. They did not come any better, but there was no denying they were old fashioned. But, Bud had outgrown their ideas.

Oh, well, a promise was a promise, no matter what you believed, and he had agreed to come home for Christmas. Almost grimly he packed his belongings.

He picked up his luggage, and went to the waiting car. The sun was shining faintly through a blue haze, as he headed for the open country. Many times he had heard his father tell of weather conditions before the big blizzard just before his early manhood. "Must have been like this," Bud reflected, glancing toward the horizon. "Hope it doesn't get any worse."

Mile after mile he drove. Why had he not checked with the weather bureau and the highway patrol? Thank fortune, the car was in good condition, and the tank full of gas!

At Farwell, twenty miles from home, Bud stopped. The transcontinental bus stood near the filling station, its passengers impatient over the delay.

"It would be suicide to go on," the driver informed them, "and my company ordered that I take no chances. Remember how people froze to death in a storm last year?"

"Might as well make the best of it," a man said. "Fortunately this place has a good hotel."

"What shall we do?" a young woman moaned, clinging to her husband. "We can't afford hotel bills, and we simply have to get to Webster Grove."

Webster Grove—that was ten miles beyond home. Bud looked from his sturdy powerful car with its wide, roomy seat, to the two shivering in the wind. He knew every foot of the road from here home, and they certainly would be better off there than here. His mother would know what to do. She would welcome the strangers and make them comfortable. Surely that would be wiser than this uncertainty.

"Excuse me," he said after a moment's hesitation, "but did you say you were going to Webster Grove?"

"We want very much to get there," the wife said, "I have always been home for Christmas, and—"

There it was again—Christmas!

"I live near Dexter, only ten miles from Webster Grove," he explained. "I know every foot of the road, could drive it blindfolded. My car is in perfect condition with plenty of power. I am going to risk the trip. If you want to take a chance with me, you are welcome to ride."

"I have been praying something would happen to help us get home," the woman

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WORDS OF GOLD



GLAD TIDINGS

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, . . . The Lord of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: . . .

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

2:7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

The Message: The good news of the birth of a Saviour is hope for a lost world.

Questions:

1. What is upon Christ's shoulders?
2. What type of Prince is He?
3. Who found favor with God?
4. How long shall Christ's kingdom last?
5. Why was the babe laid in a manger?
6. What appeared to the shepherds?
7. What glad tidings did the angel bring?
8. What did the shepherds hasten to do?
9. Did the shepherds also spread these glad tidings?

BIBLE VERSE

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6

Let's Talk

What a joy it is to hear good news! It is so refreshing. It sends a glow to the face and it can lift the heart of the heavy.

In a world that is filled with starvation, violence, and all kinds of wickedness, it is wonderful to know there are good tidings. There is hope for this lost world—Christ, the Saviour, the Deliverer, the King.

The first four books of the New Testament are called Gospels. They tell the story of Jesus. The word "gospel" means "good news," so the story of Jesus is good news.

The news reported in our newspapers is on current topics, but then it's no longer news. Most of the reported news is bad news, usually of accidents, deaths, wars, disasters, deficits, and so forth. This is because bad news or sensational news stirs people's emotions and sells newspapers.

But today we have good news. It's an old story, but it's just as current as ever. It's the gospel story of a Prince of Peace who can give you peace amid all the troubles of the world, because He has overcome the world.

News travels fast, especially the birth of a baby. A new baby is a celebration of life. Jesus is Life, and He came to give people life, so it was natural that such tidings would be passed along. In our lesson today, we have four messengers who helped proclaim the birth of Christ.

Isaiah prophesied years before the birth of Christ that His name would be called Wonderful, Counsellor, . . . The angel appeared before Mary with the

glad tidings, then another angel declared the news to the shepherds, and last of all the shepherds told it abroad.

Has someone ever told you some wonderful news and told you to not tell it? Remember how hard it was to keep? Sometimes it seemed you would burst if you couldn't tell. The news of salvation is so good that it's hard to keep, and we should not keep it.

Perhaps you've told the Christmas story to someone already. "Tell it again! . . . the wonderful story, sound it aloud . . ." "Each time you tell it, more wonderful it seems."

There is a solution for all the problems that we have discussed over the past few months, wars, gangs, prejudice, crime, etc. Christ is the answer. He is able to change a person, a nation, and the world. "Go tell the news, the blessed gospel news. A Saviour lives. A King is born. Go tell the news, the blessed gospel news. Oh praise His name, a King is born."

—Altina Cox



(Answers: 1. The government. 2. A Prince of peace. 3. Mary. 4. Forever. 5. Because there was no room in the inn. 6. An angel and a multitude of angels. 7. That a Saviour was born. 8. To go and see the baby. 9. Yes.)

declared, choking back the sobs, "and God answered."

"It isn't too bad, is it?" she questioned, leaning closer to her husband.

"Nothing is ever too bad," he reminded her gently. "Remember the song, 'Anywhere with Jesus?'"

"Yes, and I am so glad."

The snowflakes were larger and coming faster. It was all the windshield wipers could do to clear a space in front of the driver, and the side windows were crusted with white. If he had believed in prayer, Bud would have prayed. But his present philosophy did not include reliance on anyone but himself.

"We must be sure to tell the class how God took care of us," the woman murmured reverently. "Dot and Ralph have been doubting, but this should make it plain, even to them."

"Dot and Ralph, whoever they were, were not the only ones with doubts," Bud admitted to himself. These two actually believed that God had a hand in his offering them a ride! It had been a long time since he had anything to do with God. Small likelihood he would be a chosen instrument now.

Visibility was reduced to zero. According to the speedometer, they had traveled fifteen miles since leaving Farwell. That meant they were within five miles of home. If only he could see the sides of the road! The going grew more difficult. The snow was deeper here.

Slower and slower they went, the wind shrieking and howling about them. Two miles—one mile—half a mile—almost home! They should turn into the lane now. Bud cramped the wheel sharply. The car lurched, slid, stopped, tipped crazily, then settled on its side. Bud was underneath, the passengers weighing heavily against him.

Bud closed his eyes and bit his lips. The pain in his left shoulder was excruciating. What had become of his boasted strength? How could he get himself and these strangers out of this mess?

For a moment he lost consciousness, coming back to the sound of two young voices praying in turn.

"Dear God," the woman was saying, "help us not to be afraid. Make us sure you are still with us. Give us courage to face anything, even death, if that is your will."

"Help our friend," the man went on earnestly. "We are afraid he is badly hurt, and we don't know what to do. You are all-powerful. In some way save us—and him."

They were praying for him! The pain in his shoulder gave way to a different pain stabbing in his heart. These strangers believed in God. They thought he believed too, and were asking for guidance. He could remember what it meant to have faith like that. Suddenly he saw himself as he really was and recognized his need of God. His lips were stiff with cold but he stammered, "Forgive me, God, for slipping away from you. Help me find a way out of this, and I will serve you whole-heartedly. Send someone to us. We cannot do anything of ourselves."

He lay there, his shoulder throbbing, his whole body cramped. Eventually voices penetrated the darkness which surrounded him.

"Here's a car in trouble!" someone shouted.

"Looks like Bud's car," another added, and a third—his father—declared, "It is Bud's car!"

Then his father spoke again. Tell Dick to bring the tractor. Larry, you are the lightest, see if you can open the car door. Be careful you don't force it farther into the ditch. He must have been bringing someone home for Christmas."

At last the two strangers were free. "Think you can stand on your own legs?" Mr. Larson asked. "If so, let Dick take you to the house. Mother will know what to do next."

Bud opened his eyes feebly as a strong hand touched his arm. "Dad," he whispered, "I've come home—to you and to God."

"We've been praying for that, Son. Soon as we get you out we'll tell Mother."

From the easy chair in the living room Bud looked at his family and new-found friends. "Funny what it takes to make a fellow have some sense," he mused. "Here I thought I didn't need Christ, or God any more, and now I'm happier than I have been for weeks."

"Mother and I were saying last night," Mr. Larson commented, "the spirit of Christmas doesn't depend on gifts, but on hearts."

"We'll have the gifts too," Bud assured him, "but my biggest gift is the real spirit of Christ. I'll never lose it again."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Experience of a Minister's Wife on the Frontier

I remember a day during one winter that stands out like a boulder in my life. The weather was unusually cold, our income had not been regular, and it did not meet our needs when it was. My husband was away traveling from one district to another much of the time. Our boys were well, but my little Ruth was ailing, and at best none of us were decently clothed. I patched and repatched, with spirits sinking to their lowest ebb. The water gave out in the well, and the wind blew through the cracks in the floor.

The people in the parish were kind, and generous, too; but the settlement was new, and each family was struggling for itself. My husband's overcoat was hardly thick enough for October, and he was often obliged to ride miles to attend some meeting or funeral. Christmas was coming and the children always expected their presents. I remember the ice was thick and smooth, and the boys were each craving a pair of skates. Ruth, in some unaccountable way, had taken a fancy that the dolls I had made were no longer suitable; she wanted a nice large one, and insisted in praying for it. I knew it was impossible; but, oh, how I wanted to give each child

its present. It seemed as if God had deserted us, but I did not tell my husband all this. He worked so earnestly and heartily, I supposed him to be as hopeful as ever. I kept the sitting-room cheerful with an open fire, and tried to serve our scanty meals as invitingly as I could.

The morning before Christmas, James was called to see a sick man. I put up a piece of bread for his lunch—it was the best I could do—wrapped up my plaid shawl around his neck, and then tried to whisper a promise, as I often had, but the words died away upon my lips. I let him go without it. That was a dark hopeless day. I coaxed the children to bed early, for I could not bear their talk. When Ruth went, I listened to her prayer; she asked for the last time most explicitly for her doll, and for skates for her brothers. Her bright face looked so lovely when she whispered to me, "You know I think they'll be here early tomorrow morning, mama," that I thought I could move heaven and earth to save her from disappointment. I sat down alone, and gave way to the most bitter tears.

Before long James returned, chilled and exhausted. He drew off his boots; the thin stockings slipped off with them, and his feet were red with cold. "I

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WORDS OF GOLD



REMEMBERING THE GOOD

Genesis 9:15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember. . .

Numbers 15:38 Speak unto the children of Israel, . . . that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments. . .

39 . . . That ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; . . .

Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, . . .

Psalms 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

42:6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me [depressed]: therefore will I remember thee. . .

63:6 . . . I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

77:11 I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Proverbs 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

I Thessalonians 5:21 . . . Hold fast that which is good.

II Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and

hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Message: Remember the commandments of the Lord and obey them; also remember all of the good things the Lord has done for you.

Don't forget to remember!

Questions:

1. Why did God put a rainbow in the sky?
2. What did those of Israel do so they could remember the commandments of the Lord?
3. What should we do when we are depressed?
4. When is a good time to remember the Lord?
5. What are some things we should remember?
6. Can good things slip from us?
7. Whose instructions should we remember and obey?
8. What will happen to the man who does not forget the perfect law of liberty?
9. Who will bring all things to our remembrance?

BIBLE VERSE

**"Hold fast that which is good."
(I Thess. 5:21)**



Let's Talk

Memory is a wonderful thing God gives to people. Some can remember more clearly than others, but everyone who is mentally alert has the ability to remember some things.

God uses our memory to help us understand His will. When Jesus was leaving this world, He sent the Holy Spirit to help us remember the things He taught while He was here on earth.

James tells us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Doing something helps us to remember it. You usually forget things more quickly that you have only heard, than those that you have actually done.

We are at the end of this quarter and near the end of the year. We have learned many good things. Let's not forget them, but put them into practice. Let's take a moment and reflect over the things we have learned in Sunday school this year.

We began the year by studying how God used children and young people throughout the Bible. Do you remember the examples of Timothy and Samuel who served the Lord from childhood? We talked about the importance of making good choices like Moses did when he chose to live with the people of God. We also looked at examples such as Absalom who didn't respect his father or authority and discussed the dangers that befall those who don't. Will you serve God, or the world?

Do you remember the lesson on giving all to Jesus? How He can take the little you have and multiply it?

Don't forget the lessons about the creation and how we are to be good caretakers of the earth. Another subject to keep in mind is how Christians are in the world, but not of the world. There are limits to a Christian's participation in many things of the world. We must be careful about our peers.

We learned so much that, of course, you won't be able to remember everything, but the Holy Spirit is faithful and can bring things back to you when you need them.

Never forget that the Word of God is ageless and that the Bible is the Book for all times. Above all, young people, remember Jesus.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." (Eccl. 12:1).

May God bless you every one is my prayer.
—Altina Cox

**Remember
God's
faithfulness
and
lovingkindness!**



Forgetting all unkindness
Which friends and foes have shown,
Forgetting and forgiving
The wrong that I have known,
Remembering God provided, unsought,
Each faithful friend,
Remembering love's devotion,
I'll praise Him to the end,
Forgetting my repinings,
When disappointments came,
Forgetting all the murmurings,
Which filled my soul with shame,
Remembering God was ever true
To His Holy Word,
Remembering He was faithful,
I praise my sovereign Lord.

—Selected

(Answers: 1. As a reminder that He would never again destroy all flesh by water. 2. They sewed a fringe on their garments. 3. Remember the Lord. 4. On our bed. 5. The blessings and power of God, and all good. 6. Yes. 7. Our parents. 8. He will be blessed. 9. The Holy Spirit.)

wouldn't treat a dog that way; let alone a faithful servant," I said. Then, as I glanced up and saw the hard lines in his face and the look of despair, it flashed across me, James had let go, too. He took my hand, and we sat for an hour without a word. There came a sound of bells, a quick step, and a loud knock at the door. James sprang up to open it. There stood one of our faithful church members. "A box came for you by express just before dark. I brought it around as soon as I could get away. I reckoned it might be for Christmas; at any rate, I thought you should have it tonight. Here is a turkey my wife asked me to fetch along, and these other things I believe belong to you." There was a basket of potatoes and a bag of flour. Talking all the time, he hurried in the box, and then rode away.

Still, without speaking, James found a chisel and opened the box. He drew out first a thick red blanket, and we saw that beneath was full of clothing. It seemed at that moment as if Christ fastened upon me a look of reproach. James sat down and covered his face with his hands. "I can't touch them," he exclaimed; "I haven't been true, just when God was trying me to see if I could hold out. Do you think I could not see how you were suffering and I had no word of comfort to offer? I know now how to preach the awfulness of turning away from God."

"James," I said, clinging to him, "don't take it to heart like this; I am to blame, I ought to have helped you. We will ask Him together to forgive us."

I knelt down, and my heart broke. In an instant all the darkness, all the stubbornness rolled away. Jesus came again and stood before me, but now with the loving word: "Daughter!" Sweet promises of tenderness and joy flooded my soul. I was so lost in praise and

gratitude that I forgot everything else.

It was eleven o'clock. The fire was low, and there was the great box, and nothing touched but the warm blanket we needed. We piled on some fresh logs, lighted two candles, and began to examine our treasures.

We drew out an overcoat. Then there was a cloak. There was a warm suit of clothes also. There was a dress for me, and yards of flannel, a pair of arctic overshoes for each of us, and in mine was a slip of paper. I have it now, and mean to hand it down to my children. It was Jacob's blessing to Asher: "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days so shall thy strength be." In the gloves, evidently for James, the same dear hand had written: "I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee: Fear not, I will help thee." It was a wonderful box, and packed with thoughtful care. There was a suit of clothes for each of the boys, and a little red gown for Ruth. There were mittens, scarves, and hoods. Down in the center was a box containing a great wax doll. I burst into tears again. James wept with me for joy. Then we both exclaimed again, for close behind it came two pair of skates.

You should have seen the children the next morning. The boys raised a shout at the sight of the skates. Ruth caught up her doll, and hugged it tightly without a word.

My husband and I both tried to return thanks to the church in the East who sent us the box, and have tried to return thanks unto God every day since.

Hard times have come again and again, but we have trusted in Him, dreading nothing and having never so much as a doubt of His protecting care. Over and over again we have proved that, "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." —Selected