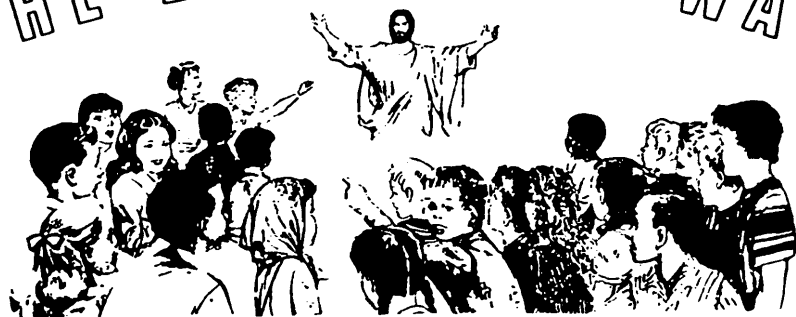


# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Byron's New Family

(This is a true story, only the names have been changed. It shows how God is merciful to forgive those who seek His help.)

All day long Byron had been looking for a job. Wearily he trudged up the cement steps of the third floor apartment where he lived with his brothers, sisters, and mother. On the second floor he met Tony and his dad, with fishing poles in hand.

"We're going fishing!" Tony announced happily.

"Nothing better than an evening fishing on the old Mississippi," Tony's Dad said as he slipped an old hat down over his head.

"I'd give anything to have my dad take me fishing," Byron was thinking when he entered the apartment.

"Any luck today?" his mom questioned.

"No luck, Mom. No one wants to hire a kid just turned 16."

"Listen, Byron, I just can't feed and house all you kids alone. With one less kid, I can get in a smaller apartment and pay less rent."

"You want me to leave?" Byron questioned. "Is that my birthday present?"

"It's the best thing that could happen to me."

Furiously angry, Byron left home.

He hitchhiked all the way from Mississippi to New York City where he thought he could find a job. How surprised he was when a nice looking man offered him a job and a place to stay. He was even more surprised

when he learned that the man was a criminal. Criminals seem to be the first people who notice tired, cold, desperate children. They notice, because one lonely, homeless, hungry child can earn them thousands of dollars each year. That is why one had quickly offered Byron a place to stay, food, clothes, and even money. Byron did what most any hungry homeless boy would have done. He believed a stranger who offered to help him.

For a few weeks things were nice. Then he was told he must do a few things to pay for his living. Byron was forced to do evil things he hated to do. Things that are awful. Things that are terrible. Things that he knew would eventually cause his death. He tried running away, but was caught and punished so severely that he never wanted to try again. The other boys who lived with the man were told to watch Byron and report any misbehavior.

Byron was still angry because of his mother's rejection. This made him more angry. He fought often. One was a bad fight. He was carried away to the hospital. After a few days he was dismissed from the hospital. With his jaws wired together, his eyes swollen, and his face black with bruises, he walked out into an unforgiving city of over 10 million people. His criminal boss wasn't interested in him now. Who wanted to buy special food for a strange homeless boy who couldn't open his mouth? Who wanted to

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### A Question and an Answer

**New Words:** 1. A *burden* is the prophet's message. Often it is forecast of a coming punishment, making the prophet feel heavy.

2. A *prophet* is a person inspired of God to give instructions to better the present or future of those who will accept it.

**Habakkuk 1:1** The burden which I habakkuk the prophet did see.

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.

6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.

7 They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

**Romans 1:17** For therein [the gospel of Christ] is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, . . .

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

**The Message: Through faith in Christ, a person can live right, even in a wicked nation.**



#### Questions:

1. What was Habakkuk always seeing in his country?
2. What had surrounded the righteous?
3. Why was Habakkuk sad?
4. What did God say He would do?
5. What did Habakkuk promise to do?
6. What did God command Habakkuk to do?
7. How must the just person live in an evil country?
8. How is the righteousness of God revealed?
9. Why are men's hearts darkened?

#### Bible Verse

**The just shall live by faith.**  
(Rom. 1:17).

# Let's Talk

Jonah was a prophet whom God had sent to the heathen city of Nineveh. The people in Nineveh repented of their sins when Jonah warned them. God gave the city many more years of good times. Later, however, they returned to their wicked sinful habits. God was watching all this. He sent another prophet to warn them to turn from their sinful ways. Nahum was this second prophet. He pleaded with the men of Nineveh to change their ways. The people only scoffed at Nahum. Then God let their enemies destroy their city. Only a few sheep graze on the grass covered hills where the once grand walled city of Nineveh stood.

The country of Judah was also very wicked when Habakkuk came to warn them. Habakkuk lived in Judah, and he saw the righteous being persecuted. He questioned God about how long the righteous would have to see all this wickedness. God said that unless the wicked would repent and change their sinful habits, He would allow their enemy to come in and destroy them just as He let Nineveh be destroyed. This would be their punishment for evil.

Habakkuk took courage and said he would stand in faith for God through this time of trouble. Then God gave him another job. Habakkuk was to write this warning in plain words so that all who read it could run from the destruction that was surely to come. He was to tell the people that the vision was not a lie, and even if it did not happen soon, it would happen. We who live now, know that it did happen. The Chaldeans came in and took over the country of Judah. They carried the people away and made slaves of them in the land of Babylon for 70 years.

God warned the people in the days of Noah that the earth would be destroyed by water. The earth *was* destroyed with water.

The Bible warns us that some day the earth will be destroyed with fire. That is not a lie. It will burn. Those who believe and repent will be saved, just as those who believed Habakkuk and ran were saved.

Sin must be punished, but repentance brings salvation from punishment. The people of Nineveh repented at Jonah's preaching and were saved. They did not repent at Nahum's preaching, and were destroyed. Judah did not repent at Habakkuk's preaching and they were taken captive by an enemy who badly abused them.

God is full of tender mercy and will not punish people who repent of their evil actions. Repentance shows faith. Those who repent are justified before God. "The just shall live by faith."

—Charlotte Huskey



(Answers: 1. He saw iniquity, violence, strife, and contention. 2. Wicked people. 3. He thought God was not listening. 4. He would allow their enemy, the Chaldeans, to take their dwelling places. 5. To watch and wait. 6. To write the vision in plain language so that all who read it could run. 7. He must live with faith, committing the evil into God's hands. 8. Through faith. 9. Because they are not thankful, nor do they glorify God as God.)

nurse him until he got well? Where would Byron sleep tonight?

The police hadn't asked who Byron's parents were. The law in New York says that once a child is 16 he is no more a runaway. They hadn't asked where he lived, for New York City has hundreds of children roaming the streets, fighting, selling drugs, running errands for criminals, or selling themselves. It is impossible to check on all of them. Investigations are made only on the very young who happen to get caught. A 16-year-old must make it any way he can without government help. Who would help Byron?

God was watching.

Byron wandered into a mission. He was given a place to sleep. The next day some rules were explained. "We take anyone under 21," Sandra, the director, told him. "We are happy you are here. You will have a bed and food. In return for this you must show us by your actions that you want to be respectable. A child who stays here can not be using drugs, drinking alcohol, or doing any criminal act."

Byron nodded to show his agreement.

He was assigned a bed, and special food was prepared for him. For three weeks he ate only liquids through a straw. He spent most of the days in Sandra's office; because he didn't want others to see him.

Eventually, the bruises cleared up and the wires were taken out of his jaws. At last he could speak.

The mission helped him find a job. The week he was to get his first pay check, he got a letter telling of his mother's death. Sandra tried to comfort Byron, but he seemed not to need comfort. When this happened, Sandra knew trouble was ahead.

That weekend he disappeared.

Two days later he appeared.

The next payday, he disappeared again.

Sandra wondered if Byron was getting drunk for a weekend to forget his sorrow. Or maybe he was using drugs and must stay away to cover that.

"I see you don't want to lose your job," Sandra said, the day he returned. "I'm happy

for that, but are you using drugs?" she questioned.

Byron denied using drugs.

The third time Byron disappeared for a weekend, he found himself locked out of the mission.

Byron was sitting on the curb crying. Another teen who lived at the mission told Sandra that Byron had no place to go.

Sandra sat down on the curb beside Byron. Minutes passed without either one saying a word.

Byron broke the silence. "I'm on crack," he confessed. "I'm sorry I disobeyed the rules. How can I get off this stuff? I spent my whole pay check in one night," he blurted out. Then he buried his face in Sandra's lap and sobbed like a baby, begging all the while for someone to help, someone to care, someone to love him.

He was much bigger than Sandra, much stronger, and one would think more able to handle problems. But he was bound by something worse than chains. Sandra was a little woman, but she had learned to trust in a mighty powerful God who could break the chains of sin and habit.

"With God's power we can and will help you, Byron. If you truly want to, we can and will help you to get off and stay off drugs."

The next day Byron entered a drug abuse program.

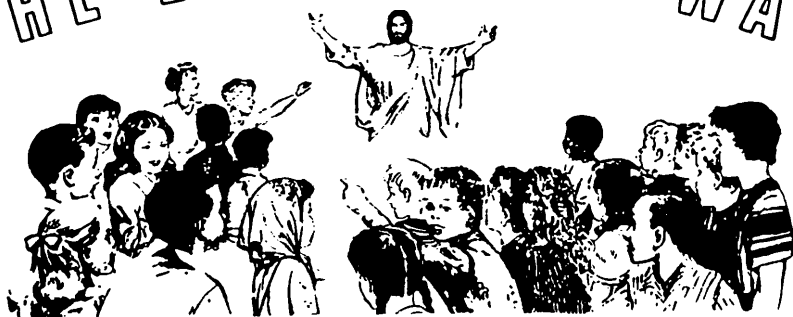
He did overcome the drug habit, but it was a slow painful process.

After Byron left the mission, he wrote to Sandra every week. Some letters were just friendly letters. Others letters told of his determination to be a good man. "If it hadn't been for the mission, I would be dead today," he wrote. "You have taught me all I know about how to have a good life."

When vacation came he showed up at the mission. "I've come home for a visit," he said. Sandra was surprised he had made such a neat, well-mannered, young man. Although he had never known his earthly father, he learned to trust the power of a Heavenly Father.

—Charlotte Huskey

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## What Did Chet Win?

(From the *San Diego Tribune*,  
June 7, 1991)

Thunderous applause arose from 5000 students and parents as Chet hurried to receive an athletic award from Columbia's athletic director, Ralph Furey. Chet Forte had been voted college basketball's Player of the Year.

The following day, Chet's best friend asked, "Are you going to continue studying medicine or go all out for sports?"

"I think I will try sports. I have a contract with the Eastern League for this next season."

"You'll do great! I never thought you were cut out to be a doctor. Your gruff brutal ways would scare a sick guy to death." They laughed together.

Chet played one season, then he was drafted by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) as a production assistant. "I don't know much about TV production," he admitted. "But I am willing to learn."

Chet did learn. He learned fast. He moved back to Hackensack, New Jersey, his hometown. His wages increased. However, before they increased enough to please Chet, a friend said to him, "Hey, Chet, wanna bet a few baseball

games?" Chet bet \$20 on five games. He lost.

The next weekend, he bet on some more games. This time things went better. Chet thought this was an easy way to make some extra money.

Sometimes he was gambling \$50 a game.

"I'd be careful of gambling so much," his wife cautioned. "I've heard that gambling is like a silent, incurable, disease—like a cancer that gets its hold and can't be shaken off."

"I'm just having a little fun. Don't worry about me."

A few years later Chet landed a very good job with the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). Soon he wasn't only betting on weekends, but he was betting thousands of dollars everyday on several dozen games—baseball, basketball, and football, pro and college, it didn't matter. If it moved, Chet bet on it. Sometimes he bet \$30,000 a day.

"We could have bought a new car with what you lost gambling this week," his wife stormed. "I'm tired of you losing money."

"I'll buy you whatever you want."

"A Mercedes will do."

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Destruction of Israel

**New Words:** 1. Day in this lesson is a period of time, not a 24-hour day.  
2. Land is the country of Israel.  
3. Zephaniah is the name of the prophet; it means God is hidden.

Zephaniah 1:1 The word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah . . . in the days of Josiah . . . king of Judah.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal. . . .

6 And . . . those that have not sought the Lord, . . .

9 In the same day also will I punish all those . . . which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.

2:3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

Ecclesiastes 8:10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

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.

12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet

surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, . . .

**The Message: Sin will always be punished, but those who seek the Lord can escape.**



#### Questions:

1. Who was the prophet?
2. What did the prophet's name mean?
3. Who was the king of Judah at this time?
4. What was God going to do?
5. What was to happen to those who filled their master's houses with violence?
6. Who said, "The Lord will not do good nor evil?"
7. What were the people to do to hide from the Lord's anger?
8. What often happens when evil is not promptly punished?
9. What will happen to those who fear God?

#### Bible Verse

**Seek ye the Lord, . . . seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.** Zeph. 2:3.



# Let's Talk

In today's lesson, Zephaniah was warning Judah of destruction because of their sins. Disobedience against God is always punished. Some may seem to escape when the punishment does not come soon, but sooner or later they will be punished.

Sixteen-year-old King Josiah believed that God punished evil, so he made many reforms that kept Judah from being destroyed while he was king. However, soon after he died the people returned to their evil ways, and God allowed them to suffer.

Let's discuss some of the sins for which Israel suffered:

1. God's commandment was: *Thou shalt have no graven images before me, nor bow down to them, nor serve them.* The people of Judah rebuilt the idols' temples, which Josiah had destroyed, and again worshiped idols. Only a very few remained true to God.

2. Another gross sin was immorality. God's law says, people must *not commit adultery nor fornication.* But some men in Israel had several wives at the same time. Others divorced their wives and married other women. Sometimes they swapped wives.

3. God commanded: *"Thou shalt not steal."* People were stealing from one another and from God. "Ye have robbed me," said the Lord, "by not paying your tithes and offerings." The rich were robbing the poor by charging high interest on loans. The priests were robbing the people by demanding unnecessary offerings, and robbing God by pocketing money which belonged in the temple treasury.

4. Murders were common in those days. Only in war or self defense was a person allowed to kill. Can you name the commandment being broken? If you said, *"Thou shalt not kill,"* you were right.

5. Another commandment which may not seem very important is: *"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy."* This

commandment is explained in Exodus 23:10-12. The people, animals, and the land were to rest every seven days. The land was to be farmed for six years, but not sowed or reaped the seventh year. For a while the men of Israel were careful to rest every seven days and to let their land rest every seventh year. Later, however, they became covetous and farmed every year.

6. *"Thou shalt not covet,"* was another commandment broken. Coveting is wanting things that belong to others. Besides wanting money and riches which belonged to others, the young people of Judah wanted the respect and honor that was due to only their parents.

7. They quit honoring their parents, thus disobeying, *"Honor thy father and thy mother."*

8. They wanted riches and often bore *"false witness against their neighbor"* to gain riches.

9. Sometimes they would swear in God's name when God had commanded, *"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."*

God sent prophets to remind them of His commandments which they were disobeying. The people only scoffed and ignored the warnings. God patiently worked with the people of Judah and Israel for 490 years, but they continued breaking His laws. Finally He allowed the people to be carried away as slaves into the land of Babylon where they were kept for 70 years. The land which they overworked rested those seventy years. If you divide 490 years by 7 you will see that these 70 years were the time which the land would have rested had the people obeyed God's law.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Zephaniah. 2. God is hidden. 3. Josiah. 4. He was going to consume all things from the land. 5. They would be punished. 6. Those who settled on their lees. 7. They were to seek righteousness and meekness. 8. People are more determined to do evil. 9. It will be well with them.)

Chet bought her a Mercedes. He bought another Mercedes.

"Say, Chet, betting's gonna kill you," his friends cautioned.

"I've got plenty of money," Chet boasted, and someday I'll make a million gambling."

"Son, you're just hurting yourself and your family," his mother pleaded. "You lose more than money when you gamble. How about the time that should be spent with your family?"

"I know, Mom. I'm going to do better."

Chet's wages went up like a skyrocket until they reached \$900,000 a year. That's \$17,307 per week.

Chet lived first-class. He wore gold medallions and tailored silk shirts. His seven-bedroom home in Saddle River, New Jersey was worth \$1.5 million.

As his earnings increased so did his gambling. One night in Atlantic City, N. J. he played blackjack. He just wouldn't quit—until he had lost \$200,000. Even that didn't stop Chet from gambling.

"You've got to stop this," his wife often shouted. Her words fell on deaf ears.

Later he began spending more money gambling than he was earning. He was losing more than \$900,000 a year betting on sports. When his earnings were gone, he got money through a bank loan. Before long, all that money and his \$75,000 monthly wages was gone. He went to another bank and borrowed money. Soon he had gambled away that money. He borrowed from another bank. He lied about what he owned to get the bank to make the loan. This happened to several more banks. Next he defrauded his co-workers and friends out of money. Then he cheated his family to get money and continued gambling.

When Chet did quit gambling, he was \$1.3 million in debt. He had even sold

his contract with ABC because he needed some quick cash. This put him out of a job.

His \$1,500,000 home and his two Mercedes were seized by federal agents. His home was sold at public auction.

Attorney Lustberg is trying hard to keep Chet Forte from going to prison. "He's never been threatened over any of his gambling," Lustberg says. "It is income tax evasions and fraud. (Some say he borrowed \$147 million from banks by misstating his assets.) He could receive up to 11 years in prison.

Chet Forte is now working as a radio talk show host in San Diego, California. He sends all his pay checks to his wife, who lives with their daughter and Chet's mother. He has suffered three heart attacks, and undergone surgery for skin cancer.

Chet says, "I'm sure I'm never gonna gamble again. I haven't gambled since April Fool's Day (1988), which is perfect for me, for that is what I was, a fool."

—Charlotte Huskey

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## Out Of Business

Here are two Scripture texts you should remember:

"Be sure your sins will find you out."

"The way of the transgressor is hard."

Sin twists your steering gear; batters up your fenders; breaks your windshield; and fumbles your brakes.

Sin puts you physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually out of business.

How far down life's highway will a person get with a bent axle shaft, twisted steering gear, flat tires, etc? The moral atmosphere is right when your car of life is kept FIT. Then you can go down life's way in high and get somewhere.

—Selected



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Out of the Darkness



"Wake up! Wake up!" I called to Kent. He opened one glazed eye and laid back on his pillow. "Get up," I said, "breakfast is almost ready."

"I don't want to eat," he mumbled.

Every morning I had to get Kent up. Sometimes I had to give him his clothes. At other times I had to help him get dressed. I had to make him eat. Sometimes I put spoonfuls of food in his mouth. Sugar was the only thing he wanted.

He was a speed freak who had just about destroyed himself. His older brother had brought him to us at the Inner-City Mission, hoping we could help Kent.

We had tried hard with Kent. The policy to stay at the mission, was "No drugs," yet we kept Kent, knowing that he was sneaking them. Each time he returned excited, happy, and smiling, we knew he had disobeyed. Yet we would forgive. We were hoping to somehow help the poor boy. We knew six or eight hours later that Kent would tumble into a puddle of gooey misery and hopeless depression. "I hate myself," he would wail. "Why? Why did I do it?" At those times he wanted to kill himself.

The staff decided to surround him with watchful eyes 24 hours a day. While doing his usual work, each staff member took his turn watching over Kent. Two of the

men took turns sleeping with open ears to keep a tab on Kent at night.

Even with all these watchful eyes, Kent managed to escape. When the guardian was least expecting it, Kent would vanish and be back soon with the zip and zap of a speed freak. Kent didn't want to do what he was doing—he was forced by his habit. He knew he was disappointing us. That made him feel even worse.

One night before going to bed, I noticed Kent had a sad make-believe smile. At three o'clock in the morning I heard a loud thud. I found Kent collapsed on the bathroom floor, an empty bottle of sleeping pills beside him. We rushed him to the hospital. God blessed and Kent lived. "I'm too miserable to live," he protested. "Why did you do this to me?"

"Because we love you," I answered.

He studied me. I think he was trying to see if I really did love him.

Fearing the next time he would kill himself, I took him for an examination to one of the major New York medical centers where a research program in methadine (speed) addiction was being carried out. The doctors tested and studied him for two weeks. Seven experts evaluated him. "There is no hope for this boy," they told me. "He should already be dead."

"Isn't there any way I can help?"

"Do what you have been doing. When you stop, he will die," they said.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Restoration of Israel

Zephaniah 3:11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty. . . .

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

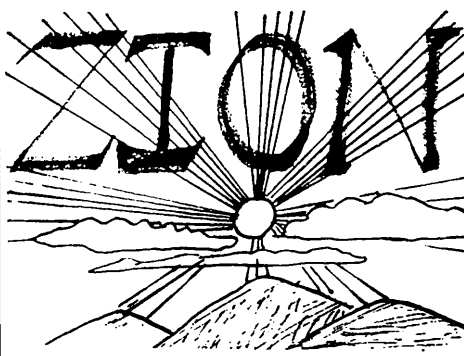
18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was

driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord.

**The Message: God restored Israel through Christ.**



#### Questions:

1. Who was God going to take away?
2. Who was God going to save?
3. What would the poor afflicted people do?
4. Name three characteristics of the remnant of Israel?
5. Who did the Lord cast out?
6. Who would be in the midst of Israel?
7. Who would God gather for the assembly?
8. What would happen to the people who afflicted Israel?
9. What would God get for Israel?

#### Bible Verse

**The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; . . .**

**Zeph. 3:17.**



# Let's Talk

Last week we studied the first part of Zephaniah, in which Zephaniah prophesied the destruction of the small part of Israel that remained. The people who remained were the descendents of King David, and their country was called Judah. They were fathers of the Jews who were living when Jesus came. In this way, Jesus was the son of David.

Today's lesson promises hope to these people. Zephaniah is prophesying of Jesus when he says in verse 17, "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save." He is speaking of the people who are saved when he says, "The remnant shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth." These prophecies are of spiritual Israel, which is all saved people.

Some of the other verses are prophesying about the small country of Judah which was part of Israel. After they will have been scattered and enslaved by their enemy as punishment for their sins, God would again bless them. He was to bring them again to their own land. The temple was to be rebuilt. Those who seriously served God would again assemble in the temple for their much beloved worship service. How happy the people must have been to hear the last of Zephaniah's prophecy!

The sin which caused Israel the most trouble was idol worship. Everyday, while captive in Babylon, they saw people sacrificing to the idols. At last they saw the foolishness of what they had insisted on in their own homeland. They then longed to sing the songs of Zion and worship the true God. Once they had been ashamed of the solemn assembly of holy worship; they had

thought that idol worship was more exciting.

Often the Devil causes children and teenagers to be ashamed of the people of God. Sometimes they think other churches have more exciting things to do, like music festivals and sweet-heart dances.

If you have such an attitude, ask God to change it, or you may also have to become enslaved to sin and suffer before you can appreciate the true worship of God.

Zephaniah told Israel that God would save of them a poor and afflicted people, those who would trust in the name of the Lord. All of those who were proud would be destroyed. It is very important that we develop a humble poor spirit. Having very little money does not make a person poor in spirit. In our nation, the poor are frequently very aggressive in demanding their rights. Neither does having a lot of money or honor make a person proud.

Daniel and the three Hebrew children were four of the captives who were poor in spirit, yet Daniel was the number one president under the king. The three Hebrew children were high officials in the country also, but they too were poor in spirit.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:3.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Those who rejoiced in pride. 2. An afflicted and poor people. 3. They would trust in the name of the Lord. 4. They would not do iniquity (they would be sinless), nor speak lies, nor have a deceitful tongue. 5. The enemies of His people. 6. The Lord God. 7. The sorrowful. 8. God would undo them. (Undo means to ruin or destroy). 9. Praise and fame in every land where they had been put to shame.)

I took Kent back to the mission. The staff decided to continue caring for Kent 24 hours a day. What a sacrifice for the staff; this added to their already heavy work load.

Days passed into weeks. The staff continued to pray for a miracle. Finally it happened. One day Kent did not fly away. He was at the mission all day. Then three days slipped by and Kent had not disappeared for one minute. A whole week passed and Kent had not shot up. We celebrated! "I think I shall live," Kent said.

No one had told him he was going to die. He knew himself that he was slowly killing himself, and he didn't really want to die.

The second miracle: Some dear friends knew about Kent. They offered to take Kent with them to the mountains. They would be in a wilderness near a lake all summer. Kent would be isolated from the city where he had drug suppliers, but of course he could hike away anytime and return to his suppliers or find new ones.

We took a chance. Kent was 5' 10" tall and weighed 110 pounds, was skinny and lifeless. Two months later I went to visit him. A strong 140-pound boy met me. He smiled and showed me his biceps. He showed me the wood he had cut for the fireplace. He took me up a steep hiking trail. Exhausted, I said, "Let's sit on this log and you tell me about your summer."

I had always loved Kent. I loved him even more for the effort he was putting forth. He was repelling the darkness that had once so engulfed him. He had buried himself in drugs and tried to pull the dirt in after himself when he took the sleeping pills. Now he had chosen to fight—to struggle against evil and death.

Before he came back in the fall, God opened up a really great Christian high school for Kent to attend. The brethren there supported and encouraged Kent. This forced his mind to come to life again. He did wonderful. There were many times when it looked like Kent was going to

return to the pit. At those times, we prayed harder and encouraged him more. Love and praise were some of the tools we used most often.

*"There is no hope for this boy. When you stop what you are doing, he will die."* These words have been on my mind during the past four years. I was sustained by the promise of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in Isaiah which reads like this: "The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

Jesus Christ bound up Kent's broken heart. Kent was a captive to speed. Jesus opened the drug prison and let Kent go free. But Jesus needed some humans to help Kent believe that freedom for him was possible.

"... They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness... and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. . . . they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Psalm 107: 13-20.

Today Kent is a sophomore in college, getting A's and B's.

—Charlotte Huskey

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**God is able to deliver  
people from every  
bad habit!**

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Four Times as Much

John had been taught by his mother to give to God one tenth of all the money he earned. It is a noble thing to do, and the Bible says that people who follow this plan with their money will always be sure of receiving a special blessing.

From the very first time that John had earned any money of his own, he had most carefully set aside one tenth for the Lord. This he had put in the offering at church. If he received \$1.00 for doing some gardening, then he saved 10¢ for God. If he received \$2.00 for helping to wash somebody's car, then he put 20¢ aside in the same way.

Year by year, as he grew older, he continued to divide his money like this. But, later, as he saw many things he wanted to buy, he began sometimes to leave God out. He didn't tell his mother, of course; because he knew she would be disappointed. So that he wouldn't feel too bad about what he was doing, he made a note in a little book of all he knew he should be giving to God. He told himself that someday, when he had made a great deal of money, he would pay it all back.

Of course that day did not come. It never does. The figures in John's little notebook grew larger and larger, and the possibility of him ever paying it became more and more remote.

Then one day he came home from school all excited with the news that a very special outing had been planned. His teacher had arranged for a wonderful trip where they would have boat rides, games, and good

things to eat. The only difficulty was the expense. It was going to cost \$8.00 each.

"Well," said Mother, "that settles it. I couldn't pay all that. If you want to go very bad, you will have to use some of your own money."

John's face fell. He did so want to go with all the others in his class, but how could he use any more of his money when he owed God so much already?

Going upstairs, he opened the drawer where he kept his money and the little account book. He began to count his money to see how much he still had left.

Twenty-five cents, fifty cents, a dollar, one dollar fifty, one dollar seventy-five cents, two dollars, he counted.

Two dollars and fifty cents, two dollars seventy-five cents, three dollars. . . . On he counted.

He had enough! Just enough! He could go to the outing!

But then he noticed the little notebook. Opening it slowly, he began counting again. And the more he counted, the more his heart sank.

Could it be possible he owed God so much?

One dollar, two dollars, three dollars, five dollars, eight dollars. It was a dreadful thought!

If he paid God all he owed Him, there would be nothing left. Then he could not possibly go. What should he do?

He was getting into a terrible state of mind when the door opened softly and Mother

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Understanding The Word

New Word: 1. *Genealogies* are investigations of family descent or pedigrees.

I Timothy 1:3 . . . I [Paul] besought [encouraged] thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying. . . .

5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience. . . .

6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm [prove it].

8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, . . . for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers [adulterers], for them that defile themselves with mankind (homosexuals), for menstealers (kidnappers), for liars, . . . and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

12 . . . I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, . . . for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, . . .

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, . . . that thou . . . mightest war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

**The Message: Do not study the Bible to argue a doctrine. Study it to better know God's love, for His commandments are based on love.**



**Study the Bible to  
learn how God wants  
us to live.**

#### Questions:

1. Why did Paul want Timothy to stay in Ephesus?
2. What do fables and endless genealogies cause?
3. What is the end or purpose of God's commandments?
4. For whom is the law made?
5. Why did Paul blaspheme and persecute?
6. Who did Jesus come to save?
7. Why did Paul find mercy?
8. Why did Paul charge Timothy with this work?
9. Why do some make shipwreck?

#### Bible Verse

**Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience. (I Tim. 1:5).**



# Let's Talk

Timothy lived in Lystra. His Jewish Christian mother and grandmother had taught him how to serve God. On Paul's second missionary journey to Lystra he invited Timothy to travel with him. They traveled together all over Asia Minor. Timothy was also with Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome. After Paul was free, they went together on more missionary trips. Eventually, Timothy settled down to pastor the church at Ephesus.

When Paul heard of trouble in the church at Ephesus, he wrote to Timothy giving him instructions on how to handle the problem. Two brethren had turned away from what Paul had taught and were teaching false doctrines. Others were believing these false teachings, and this was causing contentions and arguments. There were arguments over the old Jewish Law which Christ had nailed to the cross. There were questions about who belonged to what family. This was important under the Old Testament Law because certain authority and godly powers were passed from father to son, to grandson etc. Christ, however, said that each one would give account to God for himself.

Most organizations have laws. If you belong to a club, it has some laws. Our schools, our cities, our states, and our nation have laws. When the New Testament uses the word *law*, it is referring to the Jewish laws of the Old Testament.

Some of the people in the congregation at Ephesus thought that being a Christian was just obeying all these *laws*. Children sometimes grow up thinking they will gain heaven by being good and obeying church laws. Although being good is a vital part of the Christian's life, it will not unlock heaven's door. Jesus Christ is the only one worthy of opening this door. (1 Tim. 2:5).

The brethren seemed to have lost sight of God's love manifested through His Son. If they had studied the law more closely, perhaps they could have seen that the purpose of the *law* was to show God's love. It was love that caused God to make laws to punish those who mistreated others. If He had not, people would have been killing, stealing,

kidnapping, and making life miserable for everyone.

The problem in Ephesus seemed to be that preachers were not using the *law* to show God's love, but to win arguments. The goal in an argument is to win. But the goal of God's Word is to show His love. This is also the goal of those who speak God's Word from a pure conscience.

The law was like a schoolmaster, taking the Israelite people to the place where they could begin to learn. Part of the law taught them to control their affections; it shows us the importance of keeping our love centered on God and gives some guidelines to help us do that. "Remember the Sabbath" was meant to teach us to take time for spiritual things.

Another part of the *law* taught the people how to live lovingly with others. Adultery, stealing, disrespect to parents, lying, and being greedy (coveting) only leads to trouble. Paying back things you borrow, replacing things you have broken, and helping with a neighbor's run-a-way animal are pointers on how to live happily with others.

Still other parts of the *law* dealt with civil law—how to correct those who were not living by the laws God had established.

A Christian today, without knowing the *law*, is already obeying its principles. However studying the *law* will show us areas in which we may improve our living. As we perfect our lives, we must never trust our good works for our salvation. We are saved only by the mercy and lovingkindness of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Timothy had a big job on his hands, but I am sure that through the grace of God he was able to show the great love of God to his congregation.

—Charlotte Huskey

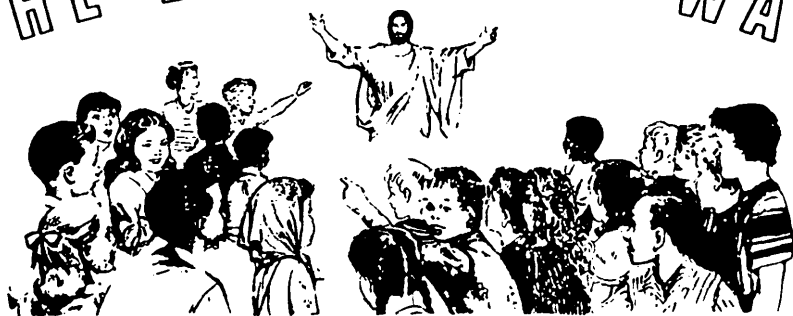
*'Do unto others, as you would have them do to you.'*

(Answers: 1 So he could help the brethren to keep teaching the true doctrine. 2. Questions and trouble. 3. Love coming out of a pure heart. 4. For godless people. 5. Because he was ignorant of God's law. 6. Sinners. 7. Because Jesus wanted to show His longsuffering. 8. So he could war a good warfare. 9. Because they do not keep faith and a good clean conscience.)





# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Seventeen Cowards

Breathlessly Bill came rushing into the house and flopped down in a chair. He looked scared to death.

At that moment Father came into the room too. "Whatever is the matter, Bill?" he asked anxiously.

"Oh, nothing," said Bill.

"Yes, there is; I can tell by the look on your face. What has happened?"

"Oh, Dad," said Bill, wriggling uncomfortably on his chair. "You see, we were all playing ball up there on that vacant lot near old Mrs. Boliger's. You know where it is, about half a mile down the street from here."

"Yes, I know it well," said Dad. "I used to play on that lot myself when I was a boy."

"Well," hesitated Bill, "the ball—"

"I know what you are going to say," said Dad. "The ball went through Mrs. Boliger's window."

"Yes, that is what happened. How did you know?"

"I just guessed. But say, Bill, why are you so scared?"

"I'm not really scared," said Bill. "But Dad, you know—Mrs. Boliger is such a mean old woman. She makes such a fuss about things like that."

"Well, what did you all do after the window was broken?"

"We ran away."

"You all ran away?"

"Yes."

"How many boys were playing?"

"Seventeen."

"And you tell me that all seventeen of you ran away. All of you afraid of what some elderly woman might say to you?"

"Yes, Dad," said Bill, hanging his head.

"Well, all I can say is that I think you were just seventeen cowards, that's all."

Bill didn't like what Dad said, but he knew that the accusation was true. For the moment, however, he tried to defend himself. "But Mrs. Boliger is so awfully cranky," he said.

"It doesn't matter how cranky she is. If you boys broke her window, you should have had the courage to go and tell her you did and offer to pay for the damage. Why, it wouldn't have cost more than a few cents apiece to replace it. By the way, who hit the ball that broke the window?"

Bill hesitated, "Er—er—er—"

"Tell me. Who hit the ball that broke the window?"

"I did," said Bill.

"I thought so. But I wanted you to admit it. And now, no matter what the others do, you must go to Mrs. Boliger's and tell her you are sorry."

"I can't," cried Bill.

"But you must," said Dad severely. "It is the only proper thing to do. No boy of mine is

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Train Yourself in Godliness

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron:

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving. . .

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

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, . .

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

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.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

**The Message: Training yourself to live godly is much more important than physical exercise.**

**"Keep spiritually fit!"**



#### Questions:

1. What will happen in the latter times?
2. What will these men speak?
3. Name some things that will be forbidden.
4. What is to be refused?
5. Which is most profitable, exercise or godliness?
6. Why will the brethren suffer reproach?
7. What are young people commanded to do?
8. To what should attention be given?
9. How was Timothy to save himself and others?

#### Bible Verse

**For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things. (1 Tim. 4:8).**



# Let's Talk

Although this was a letter to Timothy, it is also a prophecy. Paul is telling some things that will happen in the last days. We have studied about several different times when God sent prophets to the people of Israel and told them what was going to happen. Sometimes it was to happen if they did not repent; at other times the prophet just spoke about things that would happen in the future. The Spirit, through Paul, is speaking very clearly about what will come in the future.

In years to come, and already, some will and have turned away from the truth and will give attention to doctrines of devils and be seduced by evil spirits. When this happens, they will speak or preach lies. They will form church laws that will not allow men to marry, nor to eat certain foods.

If you read the story of Martin Luther, you already know that the church he was in would not allow the priests, monks, nuns, and other church workers to marry. Luther had lots of trouble; because he said the Bible did not condemn people who married. The Catholic church is not the only church which teaches this false doctrine; neither are they the only church who teaches against eating certain foods.

If a person is to keep clear of false doctrines, they must refuse a lot of things they hear. Many radio and television programs, through stories, sermons, and testimonies are teaching false doctrines. Books, newspapers, and magazines are doing the same. Almost everyday I get mail from some organization that is spreading false doctrines.

If you hear something that doesn't seem right, ask an older godly person to

explain to you what the Bible teaches about that subject. We should be selective about which programs we listen to. Have someone help you decide about ones that seem strange.

Timothy's father was a Greek. The Greeks served many gods. They held many festivals in honor of their gods. The programs included drama, prayer, animal sacrifices, and athletic contests. The Olympic Games held every four years were part of their religious festivals. Paul warned Timothy against becoming caught up in this spirit, when he told him that bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable not only in this world, but also in the next world. More than anything else, Paul wanted Timothy to be a good servant of God.

Paul's instruction will help anyone to be successful. He says, "Get your priorities straightened out. Godliness is more important than bodily exercise, so one should give more attention to godly exercise than bodily exercise. Be an example to other believers by what you say, by the way you live, by doing good deeds, by having a good attitude, by real faith, and living pure. If you do these things, you shall save yourself and others from falling into a trap that will cause them to lose their soul.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Some will depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. 2. Lies. 3. Marrying and eating meats. 4. Profane and old wives' fables. 5. Godliness. 6. Because they trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men. 7. To be examples of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 8. To reading the Bible, to exhortation, and to doctrine. 9. By taking heed to the doctrines of God and continuing in them.)

going to be such a coward as not to apologize when he has done a thing like this. So get yourself cleaned up and we'll go."

"You mean you are going to go with me?"

"Yes, I am going with you as far as Mrs. Boliger's front gate, and then you are going to the door and speak to her all by yourself."

"Oh, groans," Bill muttered to himself as he got off his chair and went to the bathroom to wash his hands and brush his hair.

He came downstairs again, and together they set out for Mrs. Boliger's.

It wasn't a very happy journey, at least not for Bill. He couldn't have been more scared if he had been on his way to a final test, or to prison.

"Do I really have to go?" he asked after a painfully long silence.

"Yes you do. There is really no other way, and you will feel a great deal happier when you have done the right thing."

Silence fell again. They walked on. Bill was wishing that the distance might have been twenty miles so Dad would get tired and give up.

At last they turned a corner and came to the vacant lot where the accident had taken place. Mrs. Boliger's house was in full view, and so was the broken window.

"Here we are," said Dad, as they reached the little white gate. "I will wait here while you go to the house and speak to her. It is much better for you to do this little job alone. I shall be nearby if you need me."

There was nothing else for Bill to do now but go on alone. As he went up the path he felt sure that Mrs. Boliger's eyes were watching him all the way.

And all the time he kept thinking to himself, "What will she say when I confess that I was the one who broke her window?"

Bill rang the bell. It sounded loud and long, like the very knell of doom.

The door opened, and there stood Mrs. Boliger. To Bill's amazement she had a smile on her face.

"How do you do?" she said in a kindly tone of voice. "What may I do for you?"

"Well—er—well—er," stuttered Bill, blushing all over. "I—er—er am the boy who—er—hit the ball that—er—broke your window this afternoon." Bill turned away just a little and hesitated as though he were waiting for a bomb to explode.

But it didn't. Instead he heard a very sweet voice saying, "I am proud of you. I have had my windows broken this way many, many times, but you are the very first boy who has ever come to tell me about it. You are a real gentlemen. You surely must have been taught right. You must have a wonderful father."

"Oh," said Bill, pointing to his father, "that's my dad over there. He came along with me."

"You have a fine boy here," said Mrs. Boliger. "In fact, I think he's the best boy I've ever met. You know, Sir, no boy has ever come here before and spoken to me like this about breaking my windows."

"Bill and I would like to pay you for putting the glass in again."

"Oh, dear no," she said. "I wouldn't think of it. It's quite all right. I've repaired so many before, I wouldn't have this dear boy pay for one of my windows."

Bill beamed with joy.

They talked together for a little while, and then Dad and Bill said good-bye and started home.

"I suppose you aren't sorry you came to see her?" Dad asked.

"I should say not. Why she was nice. I would never have dreamed that she would be like that. I wonder why the boys say that she is mean. She isn't a bit mean or even cranky."

"Boys sometimes say things like that because they don't understand. By the way, Bill, don't you feel better now since you have done the right thing, the brave thing?"

"Do I? I feel that I could jump clear over the moon!"

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**Always be honest!**

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Billy Wins

In a little village tucked away between beautiful mountains covered with ash, birch, elder and maple trees there is a small chapel. Each year in the fall when nature has splashed the mountains with hues of orange, red, and yellow, a preacher comes to tell about the Inner-City Mission for Homeless Children.

Billy, his five sisters, mom and dad sitting on the church bench reminded the preacher of crisp new books on a bookshelf. Billy was always there, on the same bench, three rows from the pulpit.

Every year Billy sat listening as carefully as the year before. "I'm coming to work at your mission," nine-year-old Billy told him.

"I'm coming to help you, when my dad lets me," he said the following year.

"I'm coming when I'm out of school," he said when the preacher returned.

The following year the preacher noted something different about the family. Billy had a mustache and he wasn't sitting between his sisters, he was sitting beside his father. "I'm graduating in two more years," Billy said.

The following year, Billy was sitting in the rear of the church beside a pretty girl. He didn't speak to the preacher.

At Billy's home later that night, Billy said, "I'm coming to help you when I finish school."

When Billy finished school, his promise changed. "I'm coming to help in your mission when I finish college."

The preacher hadn't seen Billy for a long time. One day a letter came. "I'm in my last year of college. I'll be ready to come in the spring. Do you still need me?"

In the early summer Billy came to the Inner-City Mission for Homeless Children. "Here, I am ready to help," he said. "God must want me here. I just had to come."

There Billy was in the dirty, hot, muggy, cement city. When he stepped outside of the Mission walls he saw drug pushers, drunks sleeping on the sidewalks, and prostitutes. He saw hungry homeless children, and gaunt-eyed alcoholic mothers. How different from the beautiful hill that surrounded his father's farm. Yet Billy was happy. His happiness showed in his eyes. It showed in his walk as he skipped along from one job to another. It showed in his smile. It showed in the kind patient way he treated the undesirable people who came in off the street.

Billy, loving, caring, Billy, he is just what the homeless, lonely children

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Set Your Priorities

1 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 [clothing] let us be . . . 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.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, . . .

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute

[share], willing to communicate [or to pass along];

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings [useless talk], and oppositions of science falsely so called:

21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

**The Message: A Christian's most important priority is being godly and contented with life.**

*Be content with such things as you have.  
(Heb. 13:5)*

#### Questions:

1. What is of great gain?
2. What does each person bring into life?
3. Will we take anything with us when we die?
4. What will happen to those who want to be rich?
5. What is the root of all evil?
6. What should a Christian follow?
7. From where does the rich man's wealth come?
8. How should a rich man use his wealth?
9. What things was Timothy to avoid?

#### Bible Verse

**Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.  
(1 Tim. 6:11).**



# Let's Talk

Tony was a street boy in New York City. Once he had shared a dingy apartment with his parents, six brothers and sisters, and who knows how many cockroaches and mice. That was before his father died. After his father's death, his mother told him he would have to move out. "Get your own job and room," she said. "I just can't take care of all of you."

Tony was sixteen. He left his southern home and went to New York with a determination to get rich and show his mother how valuable he could have been to her. He was smart. Within months he was making \$100.00 a week, then \$200, then \$300. At the age of nineteen he was making \$400 every week, but he was not happy. He wondered into a shelter and asked for help. Why should a guy making \$400.00 a week need help?

Tony had found out that his life was rotten. He was already tired of the fast life. He had plenty of friends when he had money and none when it was gone. He was often abused, sick from partying, and in constant danger.

"Can you help me?" he asked the man in charge of the shelter.

"We can help you if you will promise to obey the rules around here and stay on the program."

"Can you find me a job?"

"We can. In fact there is an opening for one today. It will be 40 hours a week at minimum wage."

"Not much, compared to what I've been making," Tony said. "But it doesn't matter; money hasn't satisfied my needs. I want to finish my education and learn a trade. I need stable friends whom I can trust. I need my life turned around."

"We can help you with those needs," the man assured him.

Tony was getting his priorities straight. He had learned in three years what some take a lifetime to learn. Have you learned what Tony has learned? That money doesn't satisfy? That money is the root of all evil?

Those who have set their heart to become rich have pierced themselves with many hurtful lusts. "Pierce" means to go all the way through. A desire to get rich will cause the joy and happiness of life to leak out. It will make one discontent with whatever they have. A new bike will not bring happiness; they will want a more expensive one.

What should a person want most, getting rich, or loving God and being content with what God provides? Apostle Paul said, "Godliness with contentment is g-r-e-a-t gain."

Jesus said that we could not love two masters, because we will hate one and love the other. You can not love God and money. Don't fool yourself in trying to love both money and God. It just can't be done. We must love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and trust Him to allow us to earn the money He sees is best for us.

If a person continues striving after riches he will come to spiritual ruin and lose his soul. If you are wishing to some day become rich, take Tony's advice. He would say, "Lay that down, buddy, before it gets you into lots of misery like it did me."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Godliness with contentment. 2. Not a thing. 3. No. 4. They will fall into temptations, snares, and foolish and harmful lusts which will drown them in destruction and perdition. 5. The love of money. 6. Righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. 7. From God. 8. He should be ready to share. 9. Profane and vain babblings.)

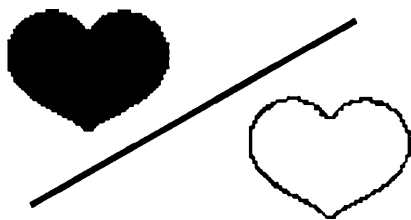
needed. Love oozes out from him. It pours over the loveable and the unloveable. What would the mission people do without his love.

Billy gets a place to stay, his food, and \$10 a week for clothes and personal needs. For this he works eight hours daily—maybe sixteen hours when emergencies arise. The workers pray together everyday and fast once a week.

Remember the story "Chet's Destruction" in *The Beautiful Way*, July 12? Chet earned \$75,000 a month but spent all his earnings and a lot of borrowed money on gambling. He ended up facing 11 years in prison.

Who is the happiest, Chet or Billy? Isn't happiness what everyone wants more than anything else? Was Chet happy? Was his family happy? Is Billy happy? You decide.

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## The New Heart

"A new heart also will I give you."  
(Ezek. 36:26)

Why does God promise to give us a new heart? Because our old hearts are so evil that they can not be made any better; and so nothing will do any good but giving us a new heart.

Because we can not make a new heart for ourselves; the more we try, the more we shall find we can not do it; so

God, in His great pity and kindness, says He will give it to us.

Unless we have a new heart we can not enter the Kingdom of God—we can not even see it! Without this gift we must be left outside in the terrible darkness when "the door is shut."

What is the difference? The old heart *likes* to be naughty in some way or other; either it likes to be idle, or it likes to let out sharp words, or to go on being sulky or fretful instead of clearing up and saying, "I am sorry!" The new heart *wants* to be good; and is grieved when a temptation comes, and does not wish to yield to it; and would like to be always pleasing the Saviour.

The old heart is afraid of God, and does not love Him, and would much rather He were not always seeing us. And it does not care to hear about Jesus, but would rather be just let alone. The new heart loves God and trusts what He says, and likes to know that He is always watching it. And it is glad to hear about Jesus, and wants to come closer to Him.

The old heart is a slave of Satan, taking his orders and doing what he wishes. The new heart is a happy servant of Christ, listening to His orders and doing what He wishes.

Oh how happy and blessed to have this new heart! Do you not want to have a new heart? Then "ask, and you *shall* receive"; for He has said, "A new heart also *will* I give you!"

"Oh for a heart to praise my God,

A heart from sin set free!

A heart that always feels thy blood,

So freely shed for me.

"A heart resigned, submissive, meek,

My dear Redeemer's throne;

Where only Christ is heard to speak,

Where Jesus reigns alone."

—Frances Havergal



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Missing Pie

Shawn loved his mother. There were many reasons why he loved her. He loved her because she cooked good food for him to eat. He loved her because she worked every day at the office to earn money so she could buy food and pay the rent. He loved her because she washed his clothes. He loved her because she shared his problems.

Friday, Shawn's Dad, who was divorced from his mom, took him to a drive-in to eat. Shawn ordered a hamburger, french fries, a strawberry shake, and an apple turn-over. While he was eating he remembered how much his mother loved apple turn-overs. "I'll save this turn-over for Mother," he told himself. While his dad was looking away, he unbuttoned his shirt and carefully slid the pie inside it. It felt warm against his stomach. Then he rebuttoned his shirt and pulled it out just a little to make a pocket for the pie.

At home again Shawn looked around for a place to hide the pie. He couldn't leave it on the table or his little brother, John, would get it. He couldn't leave it in the refrigerator or his big sister, Laura, would eat it. He pulled a chair up close to the sink, climbed upon it and laid the precious pie on the cabinet top high above the sink. "No one will find it here," he said.

He then went outside to play with John. When Mother came home he usually came inside and helped her with the housework. At school the neighbor boys sometimes teased

him about doing *girl's work*. The teasing hurt, but it made him feel bad when his tired mother worked while he was playing. He knew he should help, so he did. Sometimes he washed the dishes, or vacuumed the carpet, or folded the clean clothes. Everyday he made his own bed and put away his own things. Sometimes he also put away John's things that were left on the floor.

Laura was home now. She had put in a load of clothes to wash. He could hear the washer.

An hour later Mother stopped the car in front of the house. Shawn ran to meet her.

"I brought you an apple turn-over from my lunch," he told her, trying hard to keep his voice in a whisper although he was very excited about it. Mother gave him a real tight squeeze and smiled even brighter than usual.

"Give me a hug, too," wailed John. "You always hug him mor'n you do me." Mother bent down and hugged John.

"It's on the top shelf by the sink," Shawn said to Mother when they were inside. Mother reached her hand high on the shelf, but she couldn't find the pie. She reached further back and felt all around.

"I put it right there," Shawn sighed. Mother felt again, but there was no pie.

"Laura may know something about the pie, because I left \$4.27 here for her to pay Mrs. Murry. "Laura," Mother called, "did you see an apple turn-over?"

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Careful With God's Word

II Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me [Paul] . . . the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the

Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, . . .

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: . . .

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**The Message: A Christian's character will become like Christ's character when the Bible is studied and obeyed.**

#### Questions:

1. What was Timothy encouraged to do?
2. What was he to commit to faithful men?
3. In what way should a Christian endure hardness?
4. Why doesn't a warrior entangle himself in the affairs of this life?
5. Why did apostle Paul endure all things?
6. What will happen to those who suffer with Christ?
7. What will happen to those who deny Him?
8. Why should a Christian study the Bible?
9. From what should every Christian depart?

#### Bible Verse

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

**II Tim. 2:15.**



# Let's Talk

A story is told of the days when Alexander the Great was leading his soldiers against an enemy. In a very hot battle, when every soldier was especially needed, one young man became so frightened that he ran from his post. He hid in an abandoned mine until the battle was over. Later, when he did not report for roll call, a search was sent out. Eventually he was found and brought before the head commander, Alexander the Great.

"What is your name?" the great commander questioned.

Timidly the fearful man answered, "My name is Alexander. . . ."

"What? Your name is Alexander? And you are a coward?" the commander questioned in a rage. "It can't be so! You either change your name, or change your character."

Some people who call themselves Christians, should also quit calling themselves Christians, or change their character and become Christ-like. In our lesson today apostle Paul tells Timothy what kind of character a Christian should have.

In the first seven verses he tells Timothy that a Christian character is one of strength. He said to be *strong* and to teach others to be *strong*. Verse one: Be strong in *grace*.

Verse two: Be strong in your *speech*. Share with others the things you have learned.

Verse three: Be a strong *soldier*; endure *hardness*."

Verse four: Be strong and *don't get entangled in things of this earthly life*.

Verse five: Be strong like an *athlete*, (play by the rules).

Verse six: Be strong like a farmer, *who plants in faith that seed will produce*.

Verse seven: Be strong in *mind* to understand what I am saying.

If a young Christian will practice being strong in all these areas of his life, he will be a victorious happy person.

Being strong, does not guarantee a trouble-free life. Jesus was strong, but he had trouble in this world. Paul was a strong Christian, but he received persecution from proud men who did not want to accept Jesus. II Timothy 3:12 says, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Christians, however, can be triumphant although they must suffer. "If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him."

Athletes and soldiers exercise daily to keep strong. To keep our spirit strong, we must daily study the Bible, talk to God in prayer, and refuse the temptations that surround us.

Talking too much is a temptation that causes many to be weak. Paul warned Timothy three times about it. One time he said, "Refuse profane and old wives' fables." Another time he said, "Avoid profane and vain babblings." In today's lesson he said, "Shun profane and vain babblings."

If we will follow the advice of apostle Paul, our character will be as the character of Christ, and we can truthfully be called a Christian.

—Charlotte Huskey

## "Be strong in the Lord."

(Answers: 1. To be strong in grace. 2. The things he had heard from Paul. 3. As a good soldier. 4. So that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5. So the elect could obtain salvation. 6. They will reign with Him. 7. They will be denied. 8. To show himself approved unto God. 9. Iniquity [sin].)

"Yes, Mother, I found it," she answered from the bedroom. "Thank you, it was delicious!"

Shawn wanted to shout at her. He wanted to scream, "Why did you eat my pie?" But he stood there silently. Tears welled up in his eyes and trickled down his cheeks. He quickly wiped them away so John couldn't see. John might tell the boys he was crying.

"I'm glad Laura ate the pie," sneered John. "Cause you're always doing things so Mother will love you more than me."

Shawn clenched his fist. He felt like hitting John, but he knew he shouldn't. He relaxed his fist. He felt bitter at Laura, angry at John, and sorry for Mother and himself.

Mother was telling him something about it being alright. He forced himself to look at her. Their eyes met. He knew she understood, and that made him feel better. He said, "Okay," but he knew things weren't okay. He knew he didn't feel right inside.

John went outside, and Shawn sat down on the sofa, thinking about his bitter feelings. Laura was still in the bedroom. He could hear Mother talking to her about the pie. Suddenly he remembered a lesson he'd heard about forgiving others when they do something to hurt you. "I must forgive," he told himself. He got up and went to the door.

There was John in the tree. John had laughed because Laura ate his gift. Sure he could forgive Laura, she hadn't known the pie was for Mother. She may have thought it was for her. Why else would it be laying where Mother had left the money? Besides, Laura did a lot of nice things for him.

He could hear Mother and Laura coming from the bedroom. He stood still, with his back to Laura. She was talking, "Shawn, I'm awfully sorry I ate the pie. I thought Mother had left it for me. Will you please forgive me?"

The bitter feelings came back. He did not want to forgive her. "She should have asked or shared it with John and me, if she really thought it was for her," he reasoned. Again he remembered the lesson. The memory verse had been: "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven

forgive your trespasses." He wanted God to forgive him when he made a mistake. "But this may not be a mistake," he thought. Then he remembered the time God had told him to share his Sunday school paper with a boy at school. He hadn't done it because he was afraid of being teased by the other boys. God had forgiven him, and that wasn't a mistake either.

"Yes, I guess so," Shawn finally muttered.

Late that evening after Shawn and Laura had finished cleaning the kitchen and doing their homework, Mother laid down her mending and called them for family worship. John put away his toys, and they listened while Mother read from the Bible. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . . For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:12-15.

Shawn wondered how Mother knew what he had been thinking; but she usually did.

After John had gone to sleep, Shawn got out of bed and went into the living room. He knelt beside the sofa. He stayed there a long time telling God all about his feelings. He knew God already knew about his feelings, but it always made him feel better when he told Him about them. When he got up, all the bitter feelings were gone. Even those towards John.

As he opened the door to his room, he could hear his mother praying in the room across the hall. He listened. "Oh, God," she was saying, "please help Shawn not to be bitter. Help him to be able to forgive. Lord you know how much I love him. He brings so much happiness to me. Thank you, God, for Shawn."

He walked over to John and kissed him. He crawled under the covers and lay there thinking. He loved his mother. He loved his mother more than ever before. He had another reason to love her—he loved her because she prayed for *him*!

—Charlotte Huskey

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Faithful Friends



It was a fine summer morning as thirteen boys from the Southgate Christian School started off together for a day's outing in the mountains.

What a wonderful day it was going to be! They had looked forward to it for a long time and planned a thousand things to do. Now, at last, the day had come, and here they were with their lunches in lunch boxes and paper bags, with bright smiles on their faces, all ready for the journey. How they shouted! How they laughed with one another!

They crowded into three cars driven by older friends, and away they went, as happy as could be. Higher and higher they climbed up the mountain road, until at last they came to the beautiful forest where they all loved to go for special recreation. Here they all jumped out, and the drivers, waving good-bye, returned to the city.

Now they were alone, thirteen boys all ready for the greatest day of their lives. They wandered among the trees down to the river and followed it to the lake. There someone suggested that they might as well eat in such a pretty spot, and it didn't take more than one sug-

gestion like that to set all of them to opening their lunches.

There was silence for awhile. Everybody was too busy eating to talk. At last David, who was a leader among them, spoke up and asked what the others would like to do after lunch.

"Let's swing on the wild vines," they all called out together, and it was clear that this was what they wanted to do most of all.

"All right," said David. "Has everybody finished eating?" If so, then let's be off to the vines."

You see, the boys had all been in this forest several times before, and they remembered that in a certain part of it there were some strange wild vines that not only grew around the trees, but actually spread from tree to tree until all were bound together as in some tropical jungle. Between the branches of some trees the vines would hang in great loops like the ropes of a swing, and the boys were not slow to recognize the fun they could have swinging from vine to vine, or just using one as a swing.

There were so many of these loops that there were plenty of swings for all

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Being Faithful

II Timothy 3:10 . . . Thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; . . . but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them,

15 . . . From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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.

4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, . . .

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For . . . the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, . . . shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**The Message: When others turn from the truth, keep believing the things you have learned from godly persons.**

### "Be faithful to God."

#### Questions:

1. Name some of apostle Paul's godly traits?
2. From what had God delivered Paul?
3. What will all godly people suffer?
4. What was Timothy to do when others were being deceived?
5. How long had Timothy known the Scriptures?
6. What was Timothy charged to do?
7. Was Timothy to watch and pray and endure afflictions?
8. What was Paul's testimony?
9. What is laid up for all those who love God's appearing?

#### Bible Verse

**. . . Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned . . . knowing of whom thou hast learned them, II Tim. 3:14.**



# Let's Talk

Frank Laubach was a missionary in the Philippines. Some natives had gotten saved and wanted to read portions of the Scriptures, but they did not know how to read. One day several natives went to Bro. Laubach and said, "Will you please teach us to read?"

He was a very busy man, translating the Scriptures into their language, preaching, teaching, and caring for the sick. But he wanted very much for the men to be able to study the Scriptures. Studying the Bible would help them grow spiritually. Finally he said, "Yes, I will teach you to read, if each of you will teach someone else to read."

They promised.

After a few months the men could read. They taught others, who promised to teach others. These readers taught more men. Before long, people all over the island were reading the Scriptures.

Apostle Paul taught Timothy the truth, and he wanted Timothy to teach others the truth. It has been said that if each Christian would win one more soul in nine months, and each one of them would win one more within nine months, that within twenty years everyone in the world would be saved.

The main message in this last letter to Timothy is for him to "be faithful to teach others." Paul thought the ruler Nero would soon have him beheaded. After he was dead, he wanted Timothy not to give up when trouble came. He reminded Timothy of the persecutions he had endured and told Timothy to get prepared to endure some persecution also. "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye

may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. "Keep on teaching the truth, Timothy, and do not be discouraged when people will not accept the truth," he said. "Some will set up their own churches and get preachers who will preach what they want to hear, but you continue preaching the things you have learned, even when you see these people growing in number, for seducers will wax worse and worse."

Timothy had known the Holy Scriptures since childhood, and Paul had taught him the true meaning of these Scriptures. He wanted this passed on to others, who would pass it on to others, who would do the same. In this way many could know the truth, just as many learned to read under Bro. Laubach's teaching method.

—Charlotte Huskey

## The Fir Tree

Hark, hark! What does the fir tree say  
Standing still all night, all day—  
Never a moan from over his way,  
Green though all the winter's gray—  
What does the steadfast fir tree say?  
Creak, creak! Listen "Be firm, be true:  
The winter's frost and the summer's  
dew  
Are all in God's time, and all for you;  
Only live your life, and your duty do,  
And be brave, strong, steadfast,  
and true."  
—Selected

(Answers: 1. Faith, longsuffering, charity, patience. 2. From afflictions and persecutions. 3. Persecution. 4. He was to continue in the things he had already learned. 5. From childhood. 6. To preach the word; be instant in season; reprove; rebuke; and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 7. Yes. 8. That he had fought a good fight. 9. A crown of righteousness.)

of them and more to spare. Soon all thirteen boys were hanging on to the vines, swinging to their hearts' content.

It was such fun, with each boy trying to swing higher than the rest. If one of them did not like the swing he had chosen, he just moved on and found a better one.

Sometimes a boy would climb quite a good way up a tree in order to reach one of the larger and longer loops, and then he would slide down till he reached the middle and swing until he was tired.

Presently David called out, "Look at that beauty over there," pointing to an unusually fine vine that drooped temptingly from one branch to another. It was fairly high up. Several made a rush to get to it first. David, however, was ahead, and making a great leap, seized the vine and was soon swinging away.

Suddenly, to their horror, they heard a terrible rending sound as the vine broke loose from one of the trees. At that moment David was in the middle of a mighty swing, and crashing down to the ground hit his head on a rock.

"Oh," exclaimed all the boys at once as they jumped from their swings and ran toward the place where David lay on the ground.

John was first to get there. He tried to help David get up. David did not move.

By this time all twelve boys had gathered around, looking down at David's limp form. Suddenly the dreadful thought came to them that he might be dead. No one said it, but each knew what the other was thinking. They shuddered as they saw the blood trickling from the wound on David's head.

"What shall we do?" exclaimed Jerd.

"Someone had better run and get help," gasped Bert. But nobody moved.

Then somebody else spoke, "Let us kneel down and pray for him," he said. "It is the best thing we can do."

"Yes," murmured the others very solemnly. "Let's pray."

There in that lonely forest these twelve boys knelt upon the ground around their friend, David, and asked God for help.

John prayed first. Then Jerd. Then another and another, until at last all twelve had sent up a brief, halting petition to the great Heavenly Father, whom they knew was a friend to all boys.

Now it may sound unbelievable, I know, but when the last simple prayer had been said, David began to move.

"Look!" they cried as one voice, "He's not dead after all."

Then one of them ran for some water. They bathed David's face. Soon he opened his eyes. Then they gave him a drink. By and by he sat up.

They all sat around telling David what had happened and how they had thought he was dead. When David was finally about to stand up, they partly carried him, partly led him back to the highway where they waited for a car to take him home.

Years have passed since then, but when they get together they talk about this wonderful day. Sometimes when their own boys want to go alone in the forest, they tell them about this experience when they went with their friends to the woods. Not one of them has ever forgotten that strange and beautiful prayer meeting in the forest.

Everyone of them agrees with David that it is a fine thing to have twelve faithful friends to pray for you when you need help.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A New Method of Preaching

Four hundred students listened as Paul Jones was finishing his speech. "How long will it be until you guys fall like dominoes to the love of money, desire for power or ambition, or sell yourself to the lusts of the flesh? Will you sell out before you are 21 years old?" he asked.

Mr. Jones was happy that so many students had come to the campus church that bright fall morning. He knew they must love God or they would be hiking, picnicing, boating, or anything to absorb the warm sunshine before the winter freeze. He tried hard to encourage them to be careful and not fall away from God. He liked the sermon and thought it was a good one until . . .

Hugh McDonald, president of the student body, spoke up, "Say, Mr. Jones, we think you are a good teacher, but we don't like your sermons. There are two mistakes in the one you just gave. First of all, how do you expect students not to sell out to the things of the world when adults and even some preachers have sold out to them? Why don't you lead us into a better lifestyle by your example?"

The other students agreed.

Chad spoke. "There are 148 divorces in the United States every minute. Those grown-ups are selling out to the lusts of the flesh as you call it, or they'd be sticking with their first marriage. People everywhere are laying down their personal convictions to keep their jobs so that money keeps rolling in. I

don't know of anyone who doesn't. Except maybe some of the students. How many preachers would be in church if they weren't getting paid? How many would preach under the scorching sun when they are accustomed to air-conditioned auditoriums? How many would live among the poor like Jesus did?"

Paul was glad when Chad finally stopped.

"This is supposed to be a Christian college. You know what goes on in the dormitories," added a red-headed student, whose nick name was *Fiery*. "There is drinking, stealing, drugs, promiscuity, and Satan worship. Why isn't more done to stop it? It is hard for us to keep clean when we're daily rubbing shoulders with smut. The monkeys say, 'See no evil. Hear no evil. Speak no evil. That is impossible, unless you are blind, deaf, and dumb.'"

Hugh, interrupting *Fiery*, added, "And not one in this chapel is blind, deaf, or dumb. We have to hear and see sin all day long."

"Yeah, show us how to live right when everyone else is living like the Devil," *Fiery* challenged.

"I will show you how to live right," he promised them.

That night Paul made phone calls and wrote letters to get some wrongs made right.

Next he settled down in his lazy-boy recliner with Bible in hand. Having studied the Bible for years, it didn't take him long to recall persons who had been good models. They had lived righteously during wicked times.

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Be a Model in Deed and in Word

Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: In doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

**The Message: A Christian model will say "no" to all ungodliness and worldly lusts.**



### Questions:

1. What should others see in a Christian?
2. Should we live so that others can't truthfully speak evil against us?
3. What are some things we should deny?
4. Why did Christ give Himself for us?
5. In verse two, what are we instructed to do?
6. Is anyone saved by works of righteousness which they do?
7. How are people saved?
8. To what are we heirs after being justified?
9. Is maintaining good works profitable?

### Bible Verse

**In all things show thyself a pattern of good works. (Tit. 2:7).**



# Let's Talk

"Going to the parade, Sherry?" asked Tonya excitedly. All morning Sherry had been hearing drums and the "toot, toot," of the horns as bands were getting warmed up, the roar of motorcycles, honking of car horns, and occasional neighing of horses. "I'm going to be in the parade," Tonya was saying without giving Sherry a chance to answer.

"Are you in a band?"

"Nope. All us kids are parading against drugs. We're carrying signs that say, 'Just say NO to drugs.' Isn't that great?"

"Sure thing."

Tonya hurried on up the brick sidewalk toward the noise.

Nancy Reagan is to be thanked for this motto and her anti-drug campaign. Hopefully it has helped some children turn down invitations to use drugs.

It is very important that Christians say "no" not only to drugs, but to all "ungodliness and worldly lusts."

Very small children quickly learn to say "no" to things they do not like, yet many teenagers fall under peer pressure and can not say "no" to other teenagers who ask them to do things they really do not want to do. It didn't seem hard to say "no" when they were younger. Now you are bigger and stronger, don't be afraid to use the simple word, "No." How strong are you? Can you say "no" and stand alone when others are doing wrong?

Titus was another young minister whom Paul called his son, just as he had called Timothy. He had traveled with Paul as Timothy had done. Paul left Timothy at Ephesus to teach the truth and rebuke those who were teaching false doctrines. Titus was left at

Crete to "set things in order." To set in order means to make straight again.

The people in Crete were lustful, liars, evil brutes, and lazy gluttons. Some in the church had fallen back into their old way of life. Titus would need to say "no" often when brethren right in the church would tempt him to do wrong. He was also to teach and correct these brethren until they again became sound in faith.

They needed someone to live right among them in a pure holy way so they could see that God's grace can keep a person clean in this present world. Paul told Titus to be this model for these brethren to imitate.

Are you a good model for others to imitate? What kind of young people's group would your church have if everyone in the group comes as often as you come, testifies as often as you testify, studies the Bible the way you study it, prays the way you pray, talks about people the way you talk about people, forgives the way you forgive, loves the way you love, and gives the way you give?

Quite often people want others to be the models, but do not want to be one themselves. Paul instructed his son, Titus, to be an example. He also told Timothy to be an example. Timothy was a young man. If he could be a good example, so can you! If he could say "no" to sin, so can you!

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Good works, sincerity, and sound speech. 2. Yes. 3. Ungodliness and worldly lusts. 4. To redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people. 5. To speak evil of no man, not to be a brawler, but gentle and meek. 6. No. 7. By God's mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. 8. We become heirs of eternal life. 9. Yes.)

There was Abraham, who was surrounded by wicked idol worshipers. He left his country and went into a strange unsettled land so he could start a nation of people that would fear God.

Joseph, the son of Jacob, was mistreated by his brothers. He was sold into a strange land and unjustly treated by godless persons. Joseph knew no one else in Egypt who lived righteous, but he did.

There was no man like Job in the earth. The Devil stripped him of everything—family, wealth, and health. His wife said, "Curse God." He said, "No."

In the country of Babylon the law was, "Whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man except the king for thirty days, he shall be cast into the den of lions." Daniel prayed to God three times a day as had been his habit before the law was passed. "Thou shalt not bow down to any idol," God had commanded. The three Hebrew children stood up when everyone else bowed to the golden image.

"Yes," Paul Jones said to himself. "All these men lived righteous lives when others did not. I, too, can and will live right, even if everyone I know is doing wrong. I will show my students that by faith in God's grace, a person can live righteously when surrounded by evil.

The next Sunday, Paul Jones apologized to his congregation for not being a living example of what he had preached.

He resigned his teaching and pulpit preaching and went to the slums to live and work among the poor. He rented three rooms in a complex of 72 apartments. A couple of junkies had been busted, so he was able to take over their apartment. The bathtub was in the kitchen. The toilet was in the hallway, nor was the apartment empty. About a million cockroaches and a dozen mice found shelter there also.

When the neighbors saw Paul, one whispered to another, "A narc, has moved in upstairs." (A narc is an undercover narcotics agent.) The gossip swept the complex of which at least half were drug addicts—junkies. The whole neighborhood was quiet for the next few months.

After those first few months, Paul found a few opportunities to help when someone

was beaten or overdosed, but generally the neighbors were still afraid to call on him.

Six months passed, then seven, and eight. Suspicion changed to curiosity. Who was Paul? Why was he living among the junkies? He was not a narc. He was not a junkie.

Paul was hoping that he could see some lives changed. He waited patiently for God to open a door, and when it opened, it wasn't what Paul had expected.

One night he was awakened by someone pounding on his door. "Who's there," he called.

"It's Jack, and Ernie, and Bill, and . . .

"And Cindy," a female voice interrupted.

The boy continued, "We're cold. We need a place to stay. Can we come in?"

Paul cracked open the door. Snow was swiftly covering the bare heads of the four boys and two girls, who were begging for entrance. "We've been staying in that abandoned building on the corner. But we can't stay there any longer. Can we sleep on the floor of your apartment?"

The teenagers were dancing and shaking trying to keep warm. The blast of cold wind made his teeth chatter. He hugged his robe tighter around himself, then opening the door, he motioned for the gang to come in.

Paul had lived in the area long enough to know that there were many homeless teens around. They came from everywhere—from the East, from the West, from the North, and from the South. They came from good homes and from bad homes. Many had come with someone who pretended to be a friend. Others had been brought by kidnappers and sold to junkies. Some were looking for a chance to escape the terrible mess they found themselves in. Others were already hooked on drugs and would stay around, for drugs were as plentiful as candy. All these teens were suffering.

"We'll behave," one of the boys was saying. "We'll work. We'll do anything you say. Only let us stay."

Paul passed out all the blankets he had. Then he pushed the small dining table into a corner. The boys stacked the chairs and coffee table on the dining table to make room for everyone.

Paul's ministry to homeless people had begun!

—Charlotte Huskey

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Sucked Under a Dam

About noon on a clear November day, Nick Lomangino and his faithful dog, Lady, headed across the ranch to check out the three interconnecting ponds. Beavers in the ponds had been gathering sticks and small logs all summer. Nick was afraid that these sticks might cause the dam overflow pipe to become jammed up. If this pipe got clogged up, the ponds could become too full—so full the dam might burst!

Two of the ponds looked fine, but water was dangerously flowing over the dam of the third pond. "The dam might give way any minute," he said to Lady. Lady whined as if she understood the danger.

Rushing back to the farm, he loaded his canoe and oars on the pick-up. He was thankful he had already winterized all the farm equipment, for there was no time to do it now, and a snowstorm was in forecast for the night. He raced around the raspberry patch and over the rocky road as fast as possible, keeping an eye on the canoe as it bounced in the pick-up bed. About a city block from the pond the road ended. Hoisting the canoe on his back, oars in hand, he almost ran to the pond.

"Stay on the bank," he ordered Lady, as he paddled out to the drain pipe. He punched at the sticks laying across the drain pipe until the jammed up sticks began plunging one or two at a time down the pipe. Slowly, the water began flowing down the drain. He continued stirring among the sticks until the water was flowing in a rapid circular motion. He hurriedly paddled away, fearing he might get caught in the whirlpool action of the water and be sucked down the drain pipe.

About 20 yards from the pipe, he heard a terrible sucking noise. Lady began barking as if she wanted to help. "No," Nick called back. At the same moment the canoe darted backward and began spinning with the whirlpool of water. Nick was instantly hanging over the drain pipe. It seemed like the mouth of a giant monster ready to devour him.

Pushing desperately against the cement lip of the pipe, he got the canoe out of the spin. Paddling vehemently, he rushed toward the bank. Just 15 feet from the bank the watery arms of the whirlpool reached out and grabbed him again. Nick jumped free of the canoe

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### ABRAM

Genesis 11:31 . . . Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai . . . Abram's wife; and they went forth from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

11:30 . . . Sarai . . . had no child.

12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, . . .

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 . . . Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; . . .

6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. . . .

7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt

to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld . . . [Sarai] that she was very fair.

15 . . . And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

17 And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him [Abram]: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

**The Message: Although God's promise to Abram looked impossible, Abram believed and obeyed God's commands.**

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**Be a good model for others to follow.**

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#### Questions:

1. Who was Abram's father, brother, and wife?
2. Where did Terah die, and how old was he when he died?
3. What did Abram do after his father's death?
4. Who went with Abram?
5. What was God's promise to Abram?
6. What did Abram do in Sichem?
7. Why did they go into Egypt?
8. What happened to Sarai in Egypt?
9. What did God do to Pharaoh's house because of Sarai?

#### Bible Verse

**I [God] will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee [Abraham] shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Gen. 12:3).**



# Let's Talk

Daddy sat on the brown sofa holding his head in his hands. "What shall we do?" he questioned. "God says to go, but we only have \$10.00."

"Is that enough to rent the shack?" questioned Mother.

"Yes, the owner said we could move in for \$10.00. But then we'll need a stove and groceries for six hungry mouths."

"I don't know what to do," Mother sighed. "Getting to Mexico does look impossible, but then, renting a house for \$10.00 seemed impossible, too."

"What would you do?" Daddy questioned six-year-old Bobby.

"Why, I'd do whatever God said to do. If God said go, then I'd go."

When they got to Rosaritto, Mexico, the owner of the small house let them live in the house without paying rent. A cook stove was in the house, and there was a little money left for groceries.

Abram also went when God said, "Go." He left his home, his friends, his city and his country.

In last week's lesson, we learned that Paul told Titus to be a model for the brethren to follow. Abram was a good model for the people of his time. He is a good model for us to follow. God is also expecting us to be good examples for others to follow.

Abram believed the promise that God would make from him a great nation. A large group of people and many animals traveled with Abram. They came into a country where there was no grass for the animals, and very little food for the people. At this point Abram went into Egypt where he found food for all.

In Egypt, some of Pharaoh's princes saw Abram's beautiful wife, Sarai. They told the king about her, and Pharaoh

had her brought to the palace, intending to make her his wife.

Soon after Sarai was taken, Pharaoh's servants and all who were in the palace began getting sick. Pharaoh was a heaten man, but he felt sure that God was sending this plague because of some sin. He took Sarai back to Abram and sent them away in peace.

I think this lesson shows God's great hatred toward adultery. I Corinthians 6:18 says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." I Corinthians 7:2 reads, "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." Sarai, was Abram's wife. God did not allow Pharaoh to have Abram's wife.

God has many times punished people for committing adultery and fornication. One time 23,000 people died because of this sin. I Corinthians 10:8 warns us not to "commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

Let us always do what God says to do. In this way we, too, can be like Abram and be a blessing to others.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. His father was Terah, his brother was Haran, and his wife was Sarai. 2. Terah died in the land of Haran when he was 205 years old. 3. He went on toward the land of Canaan. 4. His wife, his nephew Lot, and all the people and animals they had acquired while living at Haran. 5. God promised to make of him a great nation—all the people of the earth would be blessed through Abram. Also God promised to bless those who blessed Abram and curse those who cursed him. 6. He worshiped God. 7. Because there was a famine. 8. King Pharaoh took her. 9. He plagued Pharaoh's house.)

just as it was sucked back into a spin. Like the arms of a great octopus, the pool enveloped him. An instant later he was in the hole, hanging on to the lip of the pipe. He braced his feet against the other side of the pipe. Although his water filled boots were heavy, he was able to walk backward up the side of the pipe. Now he was lying face-down across the pipe, looking straight into the mouth of the great monster.

The torrent of water pulled and tugged at him as it hurried down the drain, but he held his position—until the lip of the cement pipe broke! Suddenly his body was being whipped back and forth against the sides of the pipe as he went down with the whirling water. He hit bottom, standing on his feet. The water rushed on into the 25-foot long pipe that went all the way under the dam and spilled into the gorge.

The whirling motion of the water caused it to be pushed against the sides of the pipe, letting air down to Nick at the bottom of the ten-foot pipe. He could even see the blue sky above. Then he felt the pipe filling up with water. It was to his waist—his chest—his shoulders. He would drown at the bottom of this pipe if he didn't do something fast.

In a second he had a plan to escape. He pressed his feet against one side of the pipe and his bare back against the other. Oh, how it hurt! Slowly, so slowly he inched his way up the pipe. The rough pipe walls scraped the skin off his back as he inched upward, but losing skin was better than losing one's life. Almost at the top the water movement changed. It began going down, he lost his grip and fell again to the bottom.

Fortunately, the water was rushing down again in a circular motion. He could breathe. Now it rushed more force-

ful than ever before. He could feel himself being forced toward the opening of the long, long pipe that went under the dam. He braced himself and prayed, "Oh, God, just get me through the tube and I will do the rest," he promised.

His feet slipped. He struggled. He fought. He reached for something to cling to. Suddenly he sat down with a thud and began slipping through the long dark pipe. "How long would it take to slide under a 25-foot dam? How long would it be before he could breathe again?"

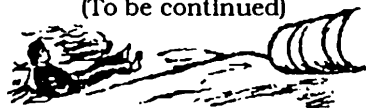
His lungs felt like they were bursting. The icy water slapped him and baptized him. It pushed him faster and faster until it hurled him 20 yards out of the pipe onto a rocky ledge above the gorge.

He took a deep breath and felt gratitude in his heart that God had taken him through the long, long pipe filled with water. It was nothing less than a miracle! He lay on the ledge just a moment to rest, but realizing he was not out of danger, he dragged himself across the ledge. As he reached to pull himself upon the bank, he found that his right arm was pulled out of the shoulder socket. He lay back in the shallow water to rest. Then he noticed that just above his left knee a bone had broken through the flesh and ripped through his pants. It pointed angrily at him as if daring him to try to haul himself out of the stream and to the farm house a least four blocks away.

"God, help me," he prayed. Then he remembered his promise: "Get me through the pipe and I will do the rest."

"But, God, this is impossible!"

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Sucked Under a Dam

(Continued from last week)

Nick Lomangino lay in shallow water on the small ledge above the gorge. A dislocated right shoulder and broken left femur made his body almost useless. He called for help. He yelled again. His voice was drowned by the thundering noise of the water. Who could hear him anyway? His mother and father had lived on this farm years ago. It had been desolate since their death. He alone came to look about the place. Here he was today trying to save the dam, and near to losing his own life.

Alone on the edge of the pond, he would have to reset his shoulder and splint up his broken leg. He couldn't go slithering like a snake over the rocky hill through the raspberry patch and over the stone fence that separated him from the telephone in the old farm house. Nick gritted his teeth and pulled at his shoulder. The pain was like a death blow. It almost knocked him out. He pulled again and again. Now he could open and close his hand.

With his left hand holding to a sturdy bush, he dragged himself up the bank. Then he took off his boot laces. Rolling around he reached a three-foot stick. Next he pushed on the protruding bone. The pain caused him to feel dizzy. Ev-

erything turned black. He bowed his head to keep from fainting. He waited. He tried again, pushing and panting because of the pain. Finally the jagged bone went back inside his skin. With the long boot laces and stick, he formed a splint.

Using another stick for a crutch, he inched his way backwards up the hill.

He noticed that the sky had changed from blue to gray. Dark clouds were coming from the north. Nick knew the snowstorm was on its way. The icy water had numbed him so that he had not felt when his leg had broken. Now though, his body was blue and his teeth insisted on chattering. His raw back, unprotected by either skin or clothing, stung like many bee's stings. He knew he was bleeding inside from the broken bone, and wondered how much longer he could bleed before the end. But he had said to God, "If you will get me through this 25-foot pipe under the dam, I will do the rest." He wanted to keep his promise. One minute he would think he could make it to a place where he could get help—the next minute it seemed impossible.

Inch by inch he drew himself closer to his pick-up parked about two blocks away. At last he touched it. What joy!

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### God Calls Moses

Exodus 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, . . .

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire . . . and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

4 . . . God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, . . . put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 . . . I am the God of thy father, . . . And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry. . . .

10 Come now . . . and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people. . . .

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; . . .

13 And Moses said . . . when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said . . . Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, . . . I have . . . seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17 . . . I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt. . . .

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, . . . unto the king of Egypt, and . . . say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, . . . three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

20 And I will . . . smite Egypt with all my wonders . . . and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and . . . ye shall not go empty:

**The Message: God chose and prepared Moses to deliver His people who were crying to Him for deliverance.**

#### Questions:

1. How did God appear to Moses?
2. What had God seen and heard?
3. What had God planned to do?
4. What did God ask Moses to do?
5. What is God's name?
6. Would the elders of Israel believe Moses?
7. What was Moses to ask the king of Egypt?
8. When would the king of Egypt let the people go?
9. Would the people leave Egypt empty?

#### Bible Verse

[God] said, Certainly I will be with thee. (Exod. 3:12).

# Let's Talk

For almost 400 years the Children of Israel had lived in Egypt. They had moved to Egypt while Joseph, their kinsman, was ruler of that land. The Lord blessed them to multiply very fast, and soon they were a great nation. Things went very well for them as long as Joseph was in power, and even in the years after his death. However, one pharaoh who came into power grew suspicious of these millions of people who were not blood Egyptians. He feared they might form an army and revolt.

To keep the number of men from getting any larger, he ordered the midwives to kill all baby boys the instant they were born. The God-fearing midwives saved the boys, and that is how Moses was spared. Later, Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in the river and kept him for herself.

While living with the princess, Moses was trained in the Egyptian language and ways. He was just the man God needed to bring the people away from Egypt.

Fearing Pharaoh's wrath after having killed an Egyptian, Moses had escaped to Midian. God found him out in the desert tending sheep. There He spoke to Moses from a burning bush. He asked Moses to return to Egypt and tell His people that God had heard their cries and would now deliver them. Moses was also to ask Pharaoh to allow the people to make a pilgrimage into the wilderness for three days.

When God first spoke, Moses said, "Who am I, that I should do this work?"

"I will certainly go with you," God assured Moses.

Then Moses complained, "But who shall I say sent me to do this? Surely

they will ask, for they know I can not do it by myself."

"Tell them, 'I AM has sent me,'" God answered. "I know they will believe you and do as you say. I also know Pharaoh will not let them go until I have hit him hard with my wonders. After that he will let them go," God said. "Now don't be afraid, I will be with you. And the Egyptians will not send you away empty; they will want the Israelis to leave and will give them jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment."

Since the beginning of time, God has been calling and preparing men, women, boys, and girls to do special things for Him. Sometimes He calls someone to a big, big job, like He did Moses. At other times He calls someone to do a very simple task. Whatever God asks us to do, let's be willing to do it cheerfully. Remember, God will surely be with you. He will give you strength, if you will give to Him a willing body and mind as Moses did.

—Charlotte Huskey



(Answers: 1. In a burning bush. 2. He saw the affliction of His people and heard their cries. 3. To deliver them. 4. To go unto Pharaoh and bring forth His people. 5. I AM. 6. Yes. 7. To let the people of Israel go in the wilderness to worship. 8. After God smote the Egyptians with all His wonders. 9. No.)

As he touched the door handle of the pick-up, his happiness plunged into despair. He could not drive a stick shift with a broken leg and dislocated shoulder.

"I can not go on," he wailed, leaning against the pick-up.

"But I promised."

He pushed himself on. Thorns tore angrily at his bleeding back as he fought his way through the raspberry patch. Once through it, inch by inch he worked his way to the stone fence. Down the fence he inched until he found a place where the stones had fallen down. Over the pile of stones he dragged himself, and on down the road until he fell into the soft grass of the yard.

Then another miracle happened. His friends Pat Fitzpatrick and Bob Bloomer found him there.

Dr. Paul Koenig, while setting the bone, said to Nick, "This is the most amazing episode of survival I have seen in my ten years of practice. It's almost like you've been born again."

"Some call me a hero," Nick said, "but I was just trying to stay alive. God gave me another chance. Now it's up to me to give something back."

It took all Nick's guts and strength to get himself to the house, but he kept struggling until he succeeded. He was tempted many times to give up. Keeping on gave him hope of life. Not keeping on was sure death. Living for God is a great struggle also. It is a life or death matter. Keeping determined and doing God's will means eternal life. Not keeping on means eternal death.

Every move Nick made brought pain. He knew that enduring this pain was the only way to save his life. Many things in the Christian life are painful. Here are just a few: having to obey authority, being different from the world,

obeying the voice of one's conscience, disciplining the body to get up early and pray, and going to church when you would rather go play. All these things cause us some pain, but we must remember that more pain comes to those who disobey God. Let us not give in to the temptation to stop living for God when the going gets rough; we will lose our life if we do. Are you working as hard to keep your eternal life as Nick did to keep his physical life?

(—Adapted by Charlotte Huskey from an article in *The Readers' Digest*)

## Be Strong

Be strong!

We are not here to play—

To dream, to drift,

We have hard work to do

And loads to lift.

Shun not the struggle—

Face it; it's God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil,

Who's to blame?

And fold the hands and

Acquiesce—Oh shame!

Stand up, speak out, and

Bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep

Intrenched the wrong.

How hard the battle goes,

The day how long;

Faint not—fight on!

Tomorrow comes the song.

—M. D. Babcock

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Carpet's on Fire!

The light of a beautiful Sunday was fast fading, and the last golden gleams fell softly upon the form of a light-haired little girl who sat by a cottage window, her head leaning upon her hand as if in deep thought.

The sun had departed like a grand old monarch, leaving behind it a glory of purple and gold. Yet the girl saw nothing of all this beauty. She was thinking of the story in the Sunday school book she had been reading—the story of a child's life—and she wondered if all that had happened in the story could really be true.

Jennie was pondering in her troubled brain a question which the reading of the book had brought. What could it be? Evidently it was not to be answered easily, for her face only grew more clouded, until at last she resolved to ask the help of some wiser mind, like that of her mother's.

"Mama, I want you to tell me something," said Jennie Browning.

"Well, Dear, what is it?"

"I've just finished a Sunday school book about the best girl. She was always doing kind things for others. I've been trying to think of why it is that little girls in books have so many chances for doing good, and girls like me don't have any at all."

"None at all?" questioned her mother. "Is that really so?"

"Well, no, not quite, I suppose," said Jennie, "but they are just the tiniest little bits of things. There's never anything big and splendid for real little girls like me to do. Katlyn, in the story, saved her little sister's life. Wasn't that a great thing to do?"

"Yes, that was a wonderful thing for a girl to do."

"But, Mama, you know that nothing ever does happen to me; and besides I don't have a little sister or brother."

"Don't let that bother you. Just do carefully everything you do, and obey cheerfully even when you can not see why you should. This will please your Heavenly Father and make me happy. Then perhaps someday you may have the chance to do something you think is big and splendid."

"Thank you, Mama," said Jennie, "for helping me understand."

Everyday Jennie waited anxiously for something to happen.

One day a letter came from Jennie's aunt, Mrs. Graham. It said she would come and spend a few days with her sister and bring her son, little Willie, who was almost two years old.

Of course, they were very welcome. Jennie greatly enjoyed playing with her cousin. He was a charming child, but very fond of having his own way. One of his greatest enjoyments was to plunge two

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### JOSHUA

Joshua 1:1 Now after the death of Moses . . . it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, . . . saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, . . .

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, . . .

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, . . . for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you. . . .

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

**The Message: Joshua was to prosper and be successful if he continually obeyed God's laws.**



#### Questions:

1. To whom did God speak after Moses died?
2. What did God command Joshua and the people to do?
3. What land did God promise to Joshua?
4. What else did God promise Joshua?
5. Was Joshua to be strong and courageous?
6. Why was Joshua to meditate on the law?
7. What was to be Joshua's reward for observing God's law?
8. What did the people promise Joshua?

#### Bible Verse

**This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, . . . then thou shalt have good success. Josh. 1:8.**



# Let's Talk

An army held back the hundreds of settlers that lined up at the border of Indian Territory, later called Oklahoma. It was April 22, 1889. At noon a pistol shot would signal the opening of 1,900,000 acres of land to be settled. A man was to claim, for his own, any land he could ride around and drive a stake in its four corners before sundown.

God had made a similar promise to Joshua. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you," God had promised.

Joshua is another Old Testament character who is a good example to follow. He was with Moses as he lead the nation of Israel out of Egypt, across the Red Sea and the Wilderness of Sin. They were ready to cross the Jordan River and go into Cannan, the land which God had promised to them. First though, Moses sent out twelve spies to look over the land. This would help Moses to map out the route and get prepared for what was ahead.

Joshua was one of these spies. The spies brought back a bunch of grapes so large that it took two men to carry it. Other reports were of a beautiful land filled with food and water. All the spies were excited about the abundance of the land. They were also amazed at the giants who lived there. Caleb interrupted the excited men as they talked about their trip. "Let us go up at once and take it, for we are well able," he said.

"These giants will not let us take their land," shouted the other ten spies. "We will be as grasshoppers to them."

Joshua agreed with Caleb, but the people only listened to the bad report. The next day a great deal of murmuring

was going on. It continued until God was so angry that He commanded the people to just stay where they were until the children under 20 years old would be grown. God knew that the people must have courage to go into the land and conquer the giants.

Moses and all the grown-up people died during the following years while they lived on the banks of Jordan. Joshua became the leader after Moses died.

In our lesson today, God was calling Joshua to lead the people across the Jordan into the land of promise. "Be strong and very courageous," God commanded. "No man will be able to stand before you. I have given you all the land you walk on."

Joshua and Caleb had stood alone against the other spies. That was forty years ago. It had not been easy to do what was right at that time, neither would it be easy at this time, but Joshua had learned to trust in God. He had a big job ahead. He accepted it with courage. His faith was not in his own strength, but in the power of God. He would take the land which he could tread on.

Each of us can take the spiritual land which we tread upon, if we are strong and courageous. We must not look at the giant troubles that sometimes surround us, but we must look at God's power that can destroy all trouble.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. To Joshua. 2. To go into the land God gave them. 3. Every place that the sole of his feet would tread. 4. That He would not fail nor forsake him, and that no man would be able to stand before him. 5. Yes. 6. So he could obey it. 7. He would prosper and be successful. 8. To do all that he commanded and go wherever he sent them.)

chubby hands into Jennie's thick, light hair, and pull it with all his might.

She never gave him a cross word, even and when the nurse, Maggie, would say impatiently, "Indeed, there Miss Jennie, it's a wonder you don't just slap his hands!"

Jennie would answer gravely, "Oh, no, he's so much smaller than I am."

Although Jennie was good to her little cousin, she was not perfect. Usually she tried to do what was right; however, sometimes she wanted to do what she knew was wrong.

One bright afternoon when she was playing in the yard, her mother said, "Your aunt and I must go to the station right now, and pick up your uncle and your father. I would like to have you go quietly into the nursery and sit there until Maggie returns; it will not be long."

"But Willie is sound asleep, Mama; he doesn't need me," said Jennie, "I want to stay outside and play."

"Yes, Dear, I know, but we shall feel safer to have someone in the room even if he is asleep. Something may happen if he is alone."

Jennie was so unwilling to sit quietly in the house that even these words did not attract her. With slow steps and a sullen face, she obeyed her mother.

She knew quite well how small a thing she had been asked to do, and at another time she would not have objected. But just now, when she wanted to do something else, it did seem very hard.

Her conscience was disagreeable too, for it kept saying to her, "I am ashamed of you, Jennie. Can't you do this for your good Mama, even if you want to do something else?"

Jennie hushed her conscience and murmured, "How tiresome it all is. I wish I could just do as I like!"

Thoughts like these were filling Jennie's mind as she stood alone in the nursery looking out the window. After a while, she was aroused by the strong smell of something burning.

Turning quickly, the child grew almost rigid with fear! She saw, just in front of her, flames bursting out from the rug before the fireplace. It was near the crib where Willie lay sleeping.

"What shall I do?" she questioned. Then she remembered what her mother had often said, "If your dress should ever get on fire, you must try to smother it at once. Never run away, but throw yourself down and wrap yourself in anything to be found."

Remembering this, she hastily caught up the other end of the rug. It was very large and heavy, but using all her strength she was able to throw it over the flame. This quite extinguished it, for it had only just started when Jennie saw it. But in her zeal she tore off the bedspread and blankets, and crowning all with two large pillows she seated herself upon it.

Now she thought she needed some help, and not daring to move, she began to scream. This awakened Willie, who added his crying voice to the uproar, and soon the nurse came running to the rescue.

In less than an hour her father, mother, aunt and uncle came. They saw quickly what had happened and trembled to think what might have happened. Jennie was kissed and praised more than she had ever been in all her life.

That night as Willie's mother bent over Jennie's bed to give Jennie her good-night kiss, she said, "May God bless you, my wonderful niece, for you have saved your cousin's life today!"

"Did I really?" questioned Jennie.

"Yes, if you had not been there, the fire would have caught the crib and then Willie would have been burned. That would have been awful."

Jennie thought how her conscience had fairly pushed her into the room. "I will never fight with my conscience again, for if I had had my own way, I could never have saved Willie's life. Now I know how the children in the story books do great things."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Winner!

Janet lay on her bed sobbing. "Mother," she questioned, "why did you ask me to stay with Daddy? He's so mean." She sat up and looked at her legs, rubbing the red and blue welts from the whipping she had just received from him. Her arms hurt too. He had twisted them and thrown her hard against the wall. She could hear her father in his bedroom still cursing her.

He was all right during the week. But every other Friday evening he came home drunk and acted like this.

Janet slid from the bed and on to her knees. "Oh, Jesus," she prayed, "please forgive me for being angry. And please tell Mother, I'm sorry for not wanting to obey her just then. You know, Jesus, I love you. I love my mother too and want to honor and obey her even though she's in heaven with you. It's just that Daddy's strong and it hurts awfully bad when he beats on me."

That night Janet dreamed that her mother walked into her room. "Janet, dear," she said. "Don't leave your daddy. Someday he will change."

Janet cheerfully made toast, eggs, and bacon for her father's breakfast. He was so sick from being drunk the night before that he hung his head over his plate like an old hound dog that had been given a good beating for chewing up his master's morning newspaper.

"I hope you get to feeling better," Janet said kindly as she worked around the kitchen. Her father just sat there holding his head in his hands. Finally he dragged himself over to

the sofa. Soon he was asleep. Janet cleaned up his bedroom and went out to play.

When she went to school Monday, she wore long socks to cover up the bruises on her legs; she did this often.

One Saturday evening the rain fell in torrents. The wind rattled the windows and doors of the old house. Janet felt alone and afraid in the storm. She hoped that her father wouldn't slip down on the slick walks or catch a cold from getting wet. Suddenly she heard someone banging at the door. Immediately her father called, "Let me in! Let me in. Don't you know it's raining?"

Janet hurried to the door, but not soon enough. Her father was angry. "Why didn't you open the first time I knocked?"

"I didn't hear you, Daddy," she said. "The wind has been rattling the windows and doors all evening."

"I know why you didn't open the door. You didn't want me to come in. You're afraid of me—that's why. I'll teach you to be afraid of me. I'm your daddy, and you—" He started for her.

"No, Daddy, no," Janet cried as she dashed into the kitchen. She unlocked the back door. His cold wet hand slid down her back clutching at her blouse as she slipped through the door.

"Well, well," he laughed, "so you like being out in the cold rain. Good enough. Now you will see how I felt. Just stay out," he stormed.

Janet heard him bolt the door.

There was no porch on the house, so Janet was soon wet to her skin. She hovered close to the back wall. Although the house shielded

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Deborah Goes to Battle

Judges 4:1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, . . .

2 And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, . . . the captain of whose host was Sisera, . . .

3 . . . Twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 . . . Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 And . . . the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 . . . She . . . called Barak . . . and said . . . the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men. . . .

7 And I will draw unto thee . . . Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, . . . and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 . . . Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: . . .

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: . . . for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. . . .

10 . . . He went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, . . . father in law of Moses, had . . . pitched his tent . . . by Kedesh.

12 And they . . . [told] Sisera that Barak . . . was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 . . . Sisera gathered . . . nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, . . .

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: . . .

15 And the Lord discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, . . .

16 . . . And all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; . . .

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: . . .

19 And he said unto her, Give me, . . . a little water to drink; . . . And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

21 . . . [Later] Jael . . . took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, . . .

**The Message: God uses both men and women to do His will.**

#### Questions:

1. Why had the children of Israel been oppressed for 20 years?
2. Who was the judge of Israel at this time?
3. What did Deborah say should be done?
4. Under what conditions would Barak go to battle?
5. When did they go into battle with Sisera's army?
6. What happened to Sisera's army?
7. Where did Sisera go?
8. Into whose hands did God deliver Sisera?
9. Who subdued Jabin before the children of Israel?

#### Bible Verse

**And she said, I will surely go with thee: . . . for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.**  
... Judg. 4:9.



France and England had so many wars during a 100-year period that this period is called the One Hundred Years War. The power of this great conflict was broken when Joan of Arc, a young woman who could neither read nor write, led the French army to liberate Orléans. Four other battles followed in which she led the Frenchmen in victory. She then said she was ready to go home, but King Charles IV forced her to lead his army in an attack to liberate Paris. The battle was a great loss. She was captured and taken to England. There she was imprisoned. Later she was tried as a witch and burned at the stake.

The memory of this heroic girl lives in the hearts of millions.

Deborah, like Joan of Arc, lived in a time when women did not take places of leadership. However, God called Deborah to be the judge of Israel. She was married; however, she was led by God to do other things. She knew the voice of God and followed it. In this way she successfully judged Israel.

The people of Israel had suffered 20 years of oppression because of their sins. This suffering had softened their proud hearts. They repented. God was ready to forgive and help them.

The men of Israel went to Deborah and asked if they should fight for their liberation. Deborah said, "Yes. If you will gather 10,000 soldiers on Mount Tabor, God will draw your enemy there and deliver them into your hands."

Israel's captain, Barak, said he was afraid to go unless Deborah went also. Deborah answered, "I will go, for God will give our enemies into the hand of a woman."

Perhaps Barak thought she was talking about herself, but Deborah was not. God was going to use Jael, a heathen woman, to kill the captain of their enemy.

Barak and his 10,000 men gathered on the mount. Captain Sisera gathered together his 900 chariots of iron and his soldiers. Each army was set ready for an attack.

Barak was waiting for Deborah to give the command to fight. Deborah was waiting for God to say when it was the right time for the battle. One morning she said, "Up, for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into your hands. The Lord has gone out before thee."

Barak and his 10,000 soldiers raced down the mountain toward the river where Sisera's army was camped. Sisera's soldiers became confused. The great iron chariots raced this way and that. Swords and spears flashed in the sunlight as men lashed them at one another. Sisera jumped out of his chariot and ran on foot across the desert. Jael saw him coming and went out to meet him. "Come into my tent and rest," she invited. She gave him milk to drink and offered him a bed. Exhausted, Sisera fell on the bed and was soon fast asleep.

Sisera never woke up. God had delivered the wicked man into the hands of a woman, just as Deborah had said God would.

So God used two women, Deborah and Jael, to bring victory to His people

—Charlotte Huskey

## God uses men and women to do His great work.

(Answers: 1. Because they did evil. 2. Deborah. 3. She told the army captain to go to Mount Tabor with 10,000 men. 4. If Deborah would go with him. 5. The day Deborah said, "Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hands." 6. They fell upon the edge of the sword. 7. To the tent of Jael. 8. Into the hands of Jael. 9. God.)

her from the blast of wind, she was still very cold.

At eleven o'clock that night when the neighbor came home, he saw her sitting on the front step. "What are you doing?" he asked.

"Daddy ran me out," Janet answered softly. "But he'll soon be asleep. Then I'll go in. His room is right there," she said pointing to a window beside the steps.

"He can't do you like this," the neighbor stormed, starting toward his house. "I'm going to call the police."

"Please don't do that," Janet begged, running after the man. "He's nice when he isn't drunk."

"Well, come on in my house and get warmed up. Wife will find some dry clothes for you."

"I'm listening for him to start snoring any minute now. Thanks anyway."

At times like this Janet did feel like running away, but in her heart she loved her daddy. She just wished he would change. And she had promised her mother just before she died that she would stay with him.

Months passed. Janet noticed that her father was not as violent. He would sometimes go right to sleep as soon as he came home. She wasn't sure if he was getting better or just drinking more. At times he could hardly walk.

One Saturday Janet waited anxiously for her father's return. She hoped he would not be drunk.

He was drunk. "Where's my supper?" he growled as he slouched into a ragged chair at the small kitchen table.

Janet filled his plate with the food she'd been trying to keep warm for him. He took a bite of mashed potatoes. "Yuck, these potatoes are cold. And you burned the peas. I'll have to go down to Mr. Forg's Bar and get something fit to eat," he said cursing her.

Janet watched from the house steps as he swayed from one edge of the sidewalk to the other. One time he almost ran right into a lady coming towards him. Anger, fear, and sorrow tore at Janet. She was angry that he was going back to the bar and that he had used the food being cold as an excuse to go. Thinking of how late it would be when he came home made her afraid. She always felt afraid when she stayed home alone late at night. "I'm afraid of him when he's drunk,

and I'm afraid of staying alone," she mumbled. "Why don't things change?" she wanted to shout at the top of her lungs.

As she went into the house, she remembered her mother saying, "Someday he will change." It gave her a glimmer of hope. Finding her favorite book—a Bible story book, she read and waited.

For some reason she felt responsible to see that her father was safely home before she went to bed. Maybe because Mother always waited up for him. Maybe that was her way of trying to win him back from his sinful ways.

She read awhile, then lay down on the sofa.

Then she awoke. It was 11:30. Thoughts spun through her mind. He must have fallen and was too drunk to get up.

Out into the night she went to find him. She searched the street as she went to Mr. Forg's. Her heart beat fast as she slowly opened the bar room door. She hated the place because of what happened to her father when he went there.

"Looking for someone?" the bartender questioned.

"For my daddy, Lee."

"Over there on the floor."

"Oh," Janet screamed, rushing to his side.

"Don't get excited. He's not hurt, just a drunken sleep."

Janet knelt beside her father and rubbed his face.

"Who there?" he mumbled.

"It's me, Daddy. I've come to help you home."

"Oh, Janet, what makes you come to me?"

"Because I love you."

Suddenly Lee was wide awake. "You love me—a poor miserable drunk? Everyone else despises me. Why don't you?"

"Mother taught me to love you. And often I dream of her. She always says, 'Janet, don't leave your Daddy. Someday Daddy will change. He will get free from the power of drink. God will deliver him, and then how happy you will be.'"

That was Lee's last drink.

Janet's courage had made her a winner!

—Charlotte Huskey

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Mary's Pet Lamb

"Go home, now, and learn your lessons for school tomorrow," said Madam Lufer to her daughter Mary, who was helping her bind wheat sheaves in the field.

Mary sprang gayly away because she liked to obey her mother, and she also liked to study.

On the way home she came to a thick hedge, and, jumping over, saw something white lying on the ground. Looking closely she saw it was a little lamb. The lamb seemed to be dead. Mary stood over the little creature with a sorrowful, troubled face.

"How come you're here, you poor thing?" she asked. "Was your life frightened away by some naughty dog? Did some cruel man kill you? Did you stray away from your mother, and die of hunger? O, you poor little lamb, how I pity you!"

Saying this, she knelt down and stroked the lamb gently. She thought it moved a little. She stroked it again, and moved it on its side—the lamb stirred slightly. "O, you're still alive," she exclaimed joyfully. "You are only weak and hungry. If I could only help you." She took the lamb on her lap, stroked it, and blew in its face, as if to breathe new life into it. The lamb gave stronger signs of life.

"O, now I've thought of something!" exclaimed Mary, taking her little milk bottle from her bag. "There is still some milk in it". She poured a little into the lamb's mouth. Then finding a bite of very hard bread, she soaked it in the milk and gave it to the lamb.

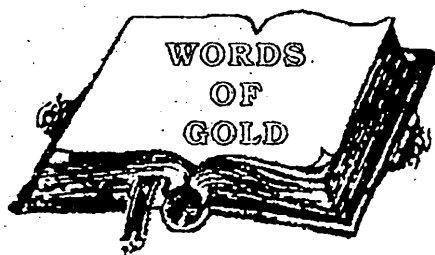
The starving little creature gladly ate from Mary's hand. Mary's efforts to recall it to life were successful, for soon the lamb was able to rise on its feet. Delightfully she questioned, "But now, what shall I do with you? Shall I take you home with me? Yes. Come, come, and I will take good care of you."

She hung her bag on her arm, then taking the weak lamb, she carried it in her arms as if it were a child.

At home she gave it more to eat, then seated herself to learn her lessons. When the lamb had eaten, it came up to Mary, and looked into her face as if to say thank-you. Then it laid down at her feet and slept.

When Mary saw her mother coming, she ran to meet her, followed by the now awakened lamb. Mary told her mother where and how she had found it. "May I keep it, dear Mother?" she asked. "I will gladly share my food with it, and will eat less, in order to give it enough."

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## Samuel, Israel's Last Judge

**I Samuel 7:15, 16**

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal. . . .

**I Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22**

1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their

voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

**The Message: Being left to our own way will bring sadness. Following God's way will bring happiness.**

### Questions:

1. How long did Samuel judge Israel?
2. Who became the judges after Samuel?
3. Did Saul walk in the godly ways of Samuel?
4. For what leader did the Israelites ask?
5. Why did Israel want a king?
6. Whose leadership was rejected when they begged for a king?
7. Do you believe the people were happy without God's guidance?
8. Who must be our guide if we are to be happy?

### Verse to Memorize

**The LORD said unto Samuel,  
... they have not rejected thee,  
but they have rejected me,  
that I should not reign over  
them.**

**I Samuel 8:7**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

"Jane, I wish you could stay and play a while before going home," Stacy said as they were walking home from school.

"Maybe I can another day, but Mother is expecting me at 3:45. If I'm five minutes late, she'll be upset with me. She always fears that something awful will happen to me. Finally, now that I am twelve years old, she thinks I'm responsible enough to walk home alone."

"My Mom has worked since I started school. I always get home an hour before she does. I have to hurry home though, because I have to have the house tidied up and the breakfast dishes washed before she comes home."

"If you have all that to do, we couldn't play if I did get permission to stop by on my way home."

"You could help me. We'd finish fast and then play. Or I could do the work before going to school if I knew you were coming."

As Jane walked on home after leaving Stacy, she dreamed how grown-up Stacy must feel to have the key to her house and be at home alone for an hour before her mother came. Sometimes Stacy was her own boss for two or three hours. How wonderful!

The more Jane thought about Stacy and her other school friends who were left home alone the more she wished that she too could be left alone. More and more often she said to her mother, "I'm big enough to take care of myself, why don't you leave me alone?"

One day she returned home, and found her mother crying. "What happened?" she asked.

"Oh, Jane, Mother and Dad have been in a terrible car accident. Mother has broken ribs, a leg, and her jaw. Dad is hurt even worse. I must go and nurse them until we can find other good help."

"I will take good care of things here," Jane said, glad for the chance of being alone.

"I'll take the baby, but you will have to walk Billy and Chad to school and go by Mrs. Davis' house and bring them home. I've already arranged for her to watch them until you are out of school."

Jane was happy as she walked her brothers home after school. She made supper without any trouble. "What a wonderful cook!" her father said.

The next two days things went great. A week after mother left, Billy wouldn't get up. She pulled him out. He pouted. He spilled his milk. Jane cleaned it up. He poked all the way to school. Jane was late to school and was sent to the office. Mom wasn't home to verify why she was late.

The next day, Jane cut her hand peeling potatoes. Mom wasn't there to comfort her and finish the meal.

She could hardly write the next day. She cried when a batted ball hit her hand. The girls called her a baby. Stacy hurried away ahead of her as if ashamed to be her friend. Jane wished Mother was home to tell her about it.

Billy and Chad said, "We don't want to go home with you." Mrs. Davis forced them to go, but all the way home and through the evening, they said ugly things to Jane. Mother wasn't there to make them stop.

That night Jane prayed, "Father in heaven, please bless Mother and bring her home again soon. I don't like being without her."

—Charlotte Huskey

"But, my child, it is not yours. Today it is late. Tomorrow you must go and find the shepherd. It must belong with the castle sheep. If you are not able to find the lamb's owner, then you may keep the lamb, although we are now so poor. It is difficult to get food enough for ourselves."

"Now make it a nice bed of clean straw, and tomorrow look for the shepherd. He can do more to nourish and protect it than we can."

Almost the entire evening Mary played with the lamb. She liked it better every moment. Although she was a good, honest girl, she hoped with all her heart that she would not find the owner of the sheep.

She fell asleep, wishing that the lamb would always be hers. She dreamed the long night through of the lamb, and possibly, the lamb dreamed of Mary, for already both seemed to be best friends.

The next morning, Mary was awakened by its bleating. "But must I really go and find the shepherd?" asked Mary.

Her mother looked at her wonderingly. She was surprised that Mary would think of disobeying. All she said was, "Mary, do you still ask?"

Mary understood her mother. After sharing her early breakfast with the lamb, she took it quietly in her arms, and carried it half gladly, half sorrowfully to the cottage of the shepherd of the castle.

The shepherd recognized it at once. He was astonished to find it again. "I thought it was dead. Three days ago it was lost. Where, oh where, my brave little girl, did you find the lamb?"

Mary told him.

The good old shepherd was pleased at Mary's kindness and care of the lamb. "If it were only mine, I

know what I would do, and perhaps—"

Just then an elegant carriage stopped in front of the shepherd's cottage. Mary stroked once more the little lamb, took a sorrowful farewell of her new pet, and started to run away.

"Wait a while, child," the shepherd said to her.

"No, no," replied Mary. "I will not disturb you," and off she ran.

The countess sitting in the carriage, owned the village and all the surrounding land. She came often to ask the shepherd if her sheep were doing well, for he had the care of them.

While asking many questions, the countess noticed the pretty lamb standing in the door of the cottage. She asked if it were the shepherd's pet.

The shepherd then told the kind-hearted lady how he had lost it, and of Mary's finding and caring for it. "She really wants the lamb for her own," he added.

"Oh, but the good girl shall not part with it," said the countess. "She shall have it again. Send the lamb to her house. I will tell you how to arrange it, that she may not know she receives it from me." Then after a few moments' conversation, the countess returned to the castle.

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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Mary's Pet Lamb

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In the evening Mary sat alone in their small hut, reading in her book. The door was partially opened, and in walked the lamb.

"Ah, here you are again! You dear one! But who brought you?" She went to the door—looked out—and saw no one. "How strange it is! Did you come alone?" she said, putting her arms around the lamb. Her hand touched a ribbon on its neck, from which hung a little note.

She took it off, but could not read it. Although she could read printed letters, she had not learned to read hand written characters. It seemed a long time before her mother came but when she entered, Mary gave her the note, which read as follows:—

*"Because you saved my life I will remain with you. From this moment I belong to you!! The shepherd presents you with—  
Your Lamb."*

Mary looked at her mother. "Do I really dare to keep it?"

"Yes, dear child. Now it is your own. I hope you will nourish it with care, and faithfully watch over it."

"O, certainly, dear mother, I will do it gladly. And you, my darling lamb, you love me, do you not?"

The lamb bleated, as if he would say "Yes!" Mary and her mother laughed.

From this time forth, Mary saved something from every meal to feed the lamb. She spent every play hour with it, taking it to the green meadow to eat grass and play. It followed her everywhere, and the people in the village knew it by the name of Mary's lamb.

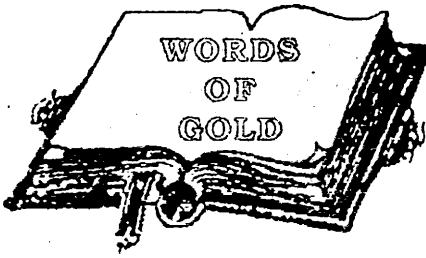
Still Mary did not forget her duties. She helped her mother even more industriously than before. She learned her school lessons, and it seemed as if, through the lamb, she became even a better child.

She told it her troubles as if it understood. Often she wept on its neck when she saw her mother sinking under the bitter load of poverty—toiling daily to receive only the smallest wages, which was only enough to keep them from starving.

Mary became ill. Now sorrow and anguish fell more heavily on the heart of her poor, widowed mother. Mary lay in her bed, and was often quite alone during the long day, for her mother went out to work, and could not stay to tend her suffering child.

Those long lonely hours were shortened by the faithful, loving lamb. It lay beside the bed and looked up tenderly and affectionately at Mary.

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## Israel's Great King, David

**I Samuel 16:1, 6, 7, 11-13**

1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

**2 Samuel 5:1-5**

1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD

said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

**The Message: Favor with God is not gained by our beauty, for God looks into our heart.**

### Questions:

1. Who had God rejected from being king?
2. Does anyone remember why he was rejected? (the answer is not in today's Bible reading.)
3. In whose home was Samuel to find the new king?
4. Why did Samuel think Eliab would be chosen king?
5. What does God see when He looks at a person?
6. What came on David when he was anointed to be king?
7. How can we tell the way a person's heart looks?
8. Will the person who looks the best, or the person who acts the best make the best friend?
9. Should we work harder to improve our actions, or how we look?

### Verse to Memorize:

The LORD said unto Samuel, . . . the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

**I Samuel 16:7.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Saul was chosen of God to be king of Israel. God's blessings were on him as long as he trusted in God for guidance. After Saul had reigned several years and won victories in battles, he began trusting in his own wisdom.

God spoke to Samuel and Samuel would take God's messages to Saul. When he was a young king he took these messages very seriously and obeyed them carefully. Later, however, he became slack and then bold to disobey God's commands. He was then rejected as king.

Samuel felt very sad that Saul was rejected. He wished that something could be worked out so that Saul could continue to reign. God, however, was looking all over the kingdom, watching the actions and attitude of other boys and men to be the next king. He chose one from the family of Jesse.

Many years passed before David became king. When Samuel anointed David the Spirit of God came on David. We believe that David was a "good boy" before this time, because God looked on his heart and chose him. After the Spirit of God came on him, he was taken to the palace to play music for King Saul when an evil spirit troubled the king.

The Spirit of God guided David's fingers over the harp in such a way that the music banished the evil spirit. Saul could then find rest.

Later David was sent back home. From his home, he traveled to the battle front for his father, to bring news of his brothers and to take them

a gift from the father. While there, the Spirit of God gave David courage to fight with the giant Goliath. David hurled a stone at Goliath. God's Spirit guided the stone and forced it into the head of the great strong man.

This great victory caused King Saul to choose David as one of his most important military men. After a few successful battles, however, the women praised David, saying, "Saul has killed his thousands, David his ten thousands."

"So, the women think David is ten times better than me!" he stormed. He pouted. The evil spirit began troubling him again. David was called. While David was playing on his harp, Saul hurled a huge javelin at David's heart. Saul hoped to pin David to the wall, but David escaped.

Saul was sure now that God's Spirit was protecting David, but he tried once more to nail David to the wall by hurling a javelin at him. After this he planned to get David killed in battle, but that didn't work either. He encouraged David to marry the princess Merab but when it was time to be married, Saul gave the princess to another man. His other daughter Michal loved David so Saul arranged for the wedding, if David could kill 200 of the Philistines. David did.

Every success which David had showed Saul that God was with him, and made Saul more jealous. Living at the palace became so dangerous, that David had to flee to the desert. He and a band of men who came to help him roamed the desert for many years while King Saul and his army hunted David. Finally Saul was killed by his old enemy the Philistine.

Soon David was crowned king of Judah, a part of the land of Israel. Later the whole country made him their king.

He was a good king, leading the people in the ways of God.

—Charlotte Huskey

The lamb was content with the gentle stroking of her hand and the bits of bread it received from time to time. It seemed to know Mary suffered, and looked as if it would fain express its sorrow and sympathy.

Mary grew worse, until the mother thought she must die.

One morning a carriage arrived at the door of the poor cottage. Mary's mother was not at home, and Mary lay very ill, with the lamb beside her.

A lady, simply dressed, quietly entered the room, and seated herself on the rough bench beside Mary. It was the countess. She asked Mary how she came to be so ill, and why her mother was not there to watch her. Mary told, with tears, the necessity which caused her mother's absence.

"I have watched you for a long time, my good child. I have seen how dutifully you are, I know how faithfully and patiently you have assisted your mother. I know also how you have deprived yourself each day of a portion of your own scanty meal, to nourish this lamb. It shall be well with you hereafter. You shall not die! I have brought a nurse to help you."

She arose from the bench, and looking sweetly at the lamb she said, "You must love the lamb dearly?"

"Oh, yes," replied Mary, "and it loves me."

"Now God watch over you," said the countess, as she left.

The nurse took care of Mary, and provided her every need. After two weeks, Mary was quite well again.

Happiness visited the cottage again. Mary and her mother thanked the good God, who had watched over them, and in the darkest hour removed the trial and sorrow which surrounded them.

"The countess has done so much for you, Mary, you must thank her,"

said the mother one day. "Don't you think so?"

"Oh, certainly. I will go and thank her today."

"Yes, but that is not enough. It is not enough to thank her with words. We must give to her something in return, for she has done so much for us."

"But, dearest Mother, we have nothing. We are so poor. What could I give to the rich countess?"

"I know. I know. We are very poor. There is only one thing in this house we could possibly give away."

"Oh, my lamb! My good gentle lamb! My friend and my play mate! Oh, Mother, must I give my lamb. How can I part with it? But—yes—yes, I will do it," Mary said sadly. Then she covered her face for a moment.

Suddenly Mary turned away, went to the lamb, and kneeling beside it, wept on its neck.

A sadness like death had entered the little cottage. The mother wept also, then she continued, "Now, Mary, when I return from my work, tell me you have been to the countess," and she opened the door to go.

Mary ran to her, as if to ask her something, but she turned again, and said, "Yes, mother, you can trust me. I will take my lamb to the countess."

(To be continued.)



Answers to last week's questions:  
1. James Earl Ray thought he could win without Samuels and so made it.  
2. 1000000.  
3. Because he looked good.  
4. The heart.  
5. The spirit of God.  
6. By the way a person acts.  
7. The person who acts the best.  
8. Our nation.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Mary's Pet Lamb

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When her mother was gone, Mary took the lamb and washed it, then arranged its long, woolly curls. Again she tied on its neck the ribbon which had been on the lamb when it came back to her. Then she hugged and kissed it many, many times.

It was a sorrowful and serious Mary that led the lamb through the village that day. Finally, she came to the castle, which was built on a hill just beyond.

The countess received her with kindness and pleasure. After Mary had stammered a few words of thanks, she said, "I have brought a little gift for you."

"For me," said the countess. "I am exceedingly pleased. Give it to me."

Mary went to the door, opened it, and her lamb entered.

"Oh, that is a real living gift. Thank you, dear child! Now you must let me also thank you. But does it not make you unhappy to part with your lamb?"

"Oh, yes. I am, indeed, very sad. But—but—"

The countess did not permit her to continue, but conversed with her a long time about other subjects. The

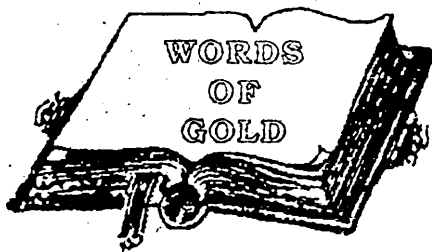
countess could see by her answers that Mary was intelligent, and had a good honest heart. She also learned that Mary also knew how to be contented, and even thankful in her humble position in life. After a while she let Mary go home, but she kept the lamb.

Although Mary knew how very much she owed the kind countess, and that the lamb would never repay her, or be a return for even half the lady had done, she could not but wish in her very heart that she might be permitted to take the lamb back with her. She had believed that the countess would do that.

Now, all alone and sad she went to her home. She said to herself, "Of what use can my lamb be to that rich lady? She cannot love it. She will not feed it with her own hands, and watch over it as I have done. She is so rich, and has so many lambs! Oh, could she not have given me back my one, dear lamb? But no, she was good to me, and so kind to my poor mother—and I am glad I could give her something in return. I will be satisfied. But how sorrowfully my lamb looked at me in parting! Must I forget it? Shall I never see it again?"

Then suddenly another thought came to her mind. "Oh—Jesus was

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## King Solomon's Wise Choice

### I Kings 2:1-4

1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

### I Kings 3:5-12

5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

**The Message: Everyone should ask God for an understanding heart to discern between good and bad.**

### Questions:

1. Just before his death, what did David tell Solomon?
2. How would Solomon be blessed if he kept God's laws?
3. In a dream, what did God tell Solomon?
4. What did Solomon say that showed he was not proud?
5. For what did Solomon ask?
6. Was God pleased with Solomon's request?
7. What did God promise to give Solomon?
8. Discuss reasons for needing an understanding heart.
9. Do you desire an understanding heart more than anything else?

### Verse to Memorize

**Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart, . . . that I may discern between good and bad: . . .**

**II Kings 2:9**

# Let's Talk . . .

David was a well loved and highly respected king, but his son Absalom stole the hearts of the people away from David and had himself crowned king. A great battle followed in a very dense forest. Absalom rode in the battle upon a mule and the mule went under the low thick branches of a great oak which caught Absalom's long hair. The racing mule ran on leaving Absalom hanging defenseless by his hair. Soon he was killed and thrown into a deep pit.

Later when David was old and near death, Absalom's brother Adonijah prepared a great feast and had himself crowned king. Nathan the prophet knew about this, and he plotted a way to get Solomon crowned, for he knew David had promised Bathsheba that Solomon would be king after he died.

Nathan's plan worked and Solomon was given the throne.

Solomon loved God and was very dependant on God's help to lead this great nation. One night God gave him a dream in which Solomon was to ask whatever he wished.

Solomon did not immediately ask for anything. First he thanked God for blessing his father and establishing his kingdom. Then he thanked God that he had chosen one of David's sons to be king. Next he expressed his fears of not being able to lead so many people. Finally he said, "I am but a child. I need an understanding heart. I must have your wisdom to know how to chose between good and bad."

God was happy with Solomon's request. He said, "Because you have not asked for long life, riches or victory over your enemies, I will give you a heart of wisdom, riches and honor."

Solomon ruled with much wisdom. He wrote 3,000 proverbs which have helped people since that time until today. He wrote 1,005 songs. He wrote about many kinds of trees, and animals. People of all nations came to hear of his wisdom.

Solomon's wealth was also unequaled. Every year he received 666 talents of gold. (I Kings 10:14) A footnote in the *New International Version* of the Bible states that to be 50,000 pounds. Find out how much gold is worth and figure how many dollars that would be. I'd guess between 25 to 35 million dollars.

He built the gold lined temple in Jerusalem, which took seven years to build. His own house took thirteen years to build. The daily palace menu required more than five hundred bushels of flour and meal, thirty oxen, and a hundred sheep, besides the wild game that was provided. (I Kings 4:22, 23)

As long as Solomon obeyed God's commandments his kingdom was blessed. However, there came a time in his life that he turned from God and went after the world. How very powerful is the lure of the world. Solomon with all his wisdom and understanding was trapped by it. Of course we know that he failed to listen to the still small voice of God's wisdom which spoke to his heart. Had he always listened, he would never have fallen.

We must also take a lesson from this to be very watchful and attend to God's voice above every other desire.

—Charlotte Huskey

called a lamb. Now I know how God felt when He gave Jesus, His Lamb, to come to this world. I too, must be willing, like God, to give my precious lamb."

When Mary arrived home her mother had returned from work. "You have been a long time in returning," she said. "See, the countess has sent a letter for you to take to the post office," said her mother as Mary entered the house.

Mary did not know the countess had asked her to do this just to get Mary away from her home.

Mary's mother comforted her sorrowing little daughter, then sent her away with the letter.

Mary went away with the letter. Every step of the way, she thought of the faithful pet lamb no longer beside her. She walked slowly, and her heart was very heavy. She had loved the lamb so much that she made a great sacrifice for it. The lamb had been, next to her mother, the joy of her life.

Still, she tried hard to be happy and cheerfully bear the loss. Remembering that she had pleased her mother and had done right gave her much satisfaction, and by the time she returned home, she was feeling quite happy.

How surprised she was when she opened the cottage door and saw two beautiful lambs, side by side. The one was her own, the other was a stranger. Both were decorated with gay ribbons and wreaths of flowers, and on the neck of each hung a letter.

Mary ran and hugged her mother. Her joy was too great to permit her to speak for a few moments. After a few minutes she said, "Oh, Mother, read me the notes."

"I will help you read them," answered her smiling mother. Mary could now read herself with the assistance of her mother. She read the letter first which she found on the neck of her own lamb. It read—

"Dear Friend, I cannot be happy and live without you. I love you too dearly. For this reason I return to you, and now, if you will let me, I will stay by you always, as the your true and faithful lamb."

"Oh, how wonderful!" exclaimed Mary. "How kind is the countess!"

Then she read the other note. It said—

"Dear Mary, the countess will promise to you. I cannot live without her and be happy. I love her too well. Therefore, as I belong to you now, please go with me to live at the castle. Take, also, your own lamb and your mother with you. The countess will take care of everything else."

*Your friend, Lamb*

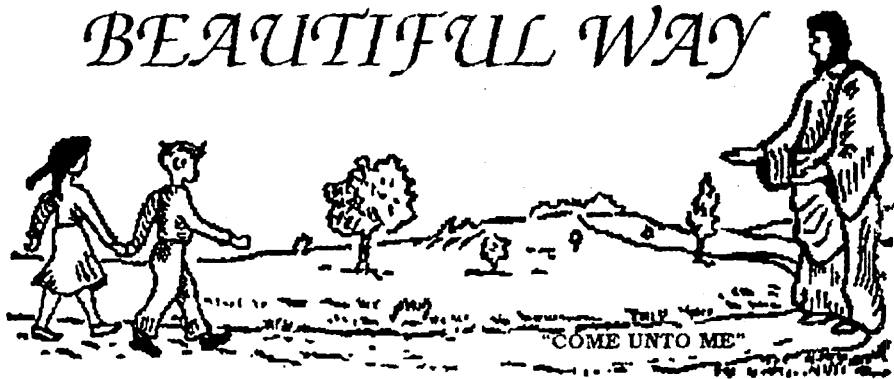
Mary, her mother, and the two lambs, went together to the castle. The countess took Mary's mother into her service, and they were well cared for. Mary returned the kindness shown to them by being good, studying well and helping all she could. She was humble and gentle always, being the same good child she had been in the poor cottage.

—Bright Pictures from Child Life—  
(Translated from German in 1957, revised by Charlotte Huskey, 1992.)

Answers: 1. He told him to be strong, to tell an enemy away, and to keep the commandments. 2. He would prosper in all that he did. 3. He asked for whatever he wanted. 4. He thanked and praised God for blessing his father and for making him king, and he said he was like a child. 5. For an understanding heart to unite between God and man. 6. Yes. 7. And for understanding heart to unite also long life, riches and the life of his enemies. 8. We can be informed many more problems. I would not have an understanding heart. (Student should name someone or himself.) 9. Yes.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## What About Witchcraft?

Most of us have a lot of questions we would like to ask about witchcraft. We would like to know if it is a craft, or something to do with witches. Are witches real, or only make-believe? Are there invisible spirits who have supernatural powers? Is investigation in these things a sin? Is visiting fortunetellers only for entertainment, sinful?

In the following paragraphs, we will try to answer these questions. Witchcraft is things that a witch can do through magic power or influence. You have probably been told that witches are only make believe and therefore feel they have no magic power or evil influence. This is not true. If witches were only make-believe, God would not have commanded them to be destroyed from the land of Israel. God commanded in Exodus 22:18, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." Witches are not ugly women that fly through the air on brooms. They are living people possessed by evil spirits.

Many people consider witchcraft an ancient art and study it only from curiosity. But the Bible tells us in Deuteronomy 18:9-12, "*Thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found around you any one that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an*

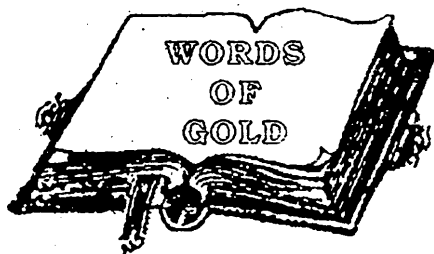
*enchanter or a witch, or a charmer or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, [a male witch] or a necromancer [which foretells the future by communicating with the dead persons]. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord.*" An abomination is anything that arouses strong disgust from God, anything strongly disliked by God. If we let ourselves become interested in these things and begin to learn them, it will be strongly disliked by God.

Many times, children play with an eight ball or Ouija board just for fun, but it is not a good practice because these same things are used when doing things abominable to God. Any kind of play or toys that would make something disgusting to God seem like a harmless past-time, is destructive to us.

Many Junior High and High School students are "*observers of times*" because they believe the stars and planets influence persons and events. For curiosity, they read the horoscope of themselves and friends; and before long, they see things happen just as the horoscope said. Little by little this causes one to begin believing in it. But God said it is an abomination.

"*Divinations*" includes clairvoyance, augury, palmistry and chiromancy. Many are practiced in the

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## Josiah: King of Reforms

**2 Chronicles 34:2, 8, 14-16, 19-21, 30-32**

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.  
8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD given by Moses.

15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it.

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

21 Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

**The Message: Each one must take personal responsibility to do what is right.**

### Questions:

1. Did Josiah take personal responsibility to do what was right?
2. Name some things that Josiah did?
3. What did Hilkiah find while repairing the House of God?
4. Was King Josiah happy when he learned that his nation was not obeying the laws of God?
5. What did he think would be poured out on his nation?
6. How did Josiah react to the situation?
7. What did Josiah promise to do?
8. Did Josiah cause his people to also follow God's law?
9. Are you obeying God's law as Josiah and his people did?

### Verse to Memorize

**The king . . . made a covenant . . . to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul....**

**2 Chronicles 34:31.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Josiah was only eight years old when he became king. Although he was young he had his mind made up to serve the Lord. He had a heart like that of King David, and he followed the ways of that great king. He also wanted his nation to be blessed of God, and he knew that obeying the laws of God would bring many blessings to his nation.

Josiah knew that it was not right to worship idols. He knew people should not bow before idols. He believed they should pray to God alone, so one of the first things he did was to have the idols destroyed.

Some idols were in temples and had beautiful trees around them. Others were set above an altar among a grove of trees. Josiah had his workers to tear down the temples and cut down the trees. Then he had the idols ground to powder and thrown over the graves of those who had worshiped the idols. He hoped this would help the people not to be tempted to worship idols again. This big job took eighteen years.

Now Josiah was twenty-six years old. He began having the great temple of God repaired. Inside the temple Hilkiah found a book of the law of the Lord which Moses had written. Shaphan carried the book to Josiah and began reading to the king and his high court. Josiah became more and

more disturbed as he heard the book being read. "We are not obeying many of God's laws," he sighed. Then he tore his clothes which was the Hebrew's way of showing extreme grief. "What should we do to escape the wrath of God?" he questioned. "For God has said he will surely punish men who do the things we and our fathers have done. Go inquire of the Lord," he said to Hilkiah, Ahikam, Abdon, Shaphan, and Asaiah. "Ask Him what we must do to escape the punishment due us."

The men hurried off to Huldah the prophetess of God. There they inquired of God. The Lord spoke to Huldah and she spoke these words to the men, "Go tell King Josiah God says he will surely punish this nation for their great wickedness, by letting much trouble come to their land. However, because Josiah has a tender heart and has repented of this evil, I will not let the punishment come as long as he is living. His nation will be blessed as long as he is king."

Josiah felt very thankful when he heard these words. Then he called his leaders and they went to the temple together. There the books of the laws were read to them. Josiah promised God that he and his people would obey God's commandments, His testimonies, and His statues, with all their heart.

From the time Josiah began to reign when he was eight years old until after his death, he and the people of Israel followed God.

Are you eight years old or older? You too, can begin to serve the Lord, and you will be blessed and escape the punishment that comes to those who do not obey God.

—Charlotte Huskey

United States, such as Clairvoyance or (ESP), that is the power of knowing events in other localities or the future. Angury is the belief in knowing Gods will through spirit nature. Palmistry or chiromancy is fortune telling or divination by inspection of a persons hand.

Many supernatural things are done through "people who talk with familiar spirits." Secrets of others may be revealed, objects of furniture moved, dead people sometimes talk giving advice for business dealings to make one successful. The witch of Endor caused dead Samuel to talk to King Saul. Dead people still appear to spirit-ual mediums or witches.

Children often ask if fortunetellers know the future? If the fortuneteller is possessed with an evil spirit, he has a supernatural power which enables him to know many things of the future. The girl we read about in Acts 16, knew who Paul and Silas were. In Luke 8, we read about a man possessed with many devils. These devils talked to Jesus.

deals. Most everyone travels. It is always safe for a fortuneteller to say, "You will take a journey," or "meet a tall man." Almost everyone takes a trip now and then, and few people go one week without meeting a tall man.

Some people believe that visiting fortunetellers just for entertainment, is not sin. However it is and it is also dangerous. One of the most dependable reference books in the United States, says, "Fortune telling is often harmful to the one whose fortune is told. Scientists believe it will cause a person to lose faith in himself and his ability. The person may become ambitious or lazy, because he feels he cannot change what will happen to him in the future. Some have lost money in business by depending on the advice of an astrologer or palmist. Marriages have been wrecked because a man or woman believed in what a fortuneteller had said. Many cities and cities now have laws against fortunetelling because of these very



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Where Did the Devil Come From?

"Do you know where the devil came from?" asked Phil. "In our lesson today, we talked about the serpent, and how he lied to Eve. If it weren't for the devil, we wouldn't have to die!"

"I think it says God created the devil," said Joe, with a puzzled look.

"You think so?" asked Mother. "Let's get our Bibles out and be sure, because we often think wrongly. The Word of God will help us be sure about what we say. Where would we find the story of Adam and Eve?"

"In Genesis!" shouted Caitlin. Caitlin was the smallest child, but even she knew that.

Mother went on. "Here in Genesis 3:1, it says that *'the serpent was more subtle [or sly] than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.'*" God did create the serpent and all the animals, but God didn't create the devil who was talking through the serpent. We can prove that by reading, John 8:44.

Joe read, *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*

"Here Jesus said the devil was 'a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth,'" Mother added.

"So the devil existed from the beginning?" questioned Phil.

"Yes, like God, he was from the beginning," Mother continued. "And he has been evil from his beginning."

"Then God didn't make him," Caitlin added. "cause everything God made was good."

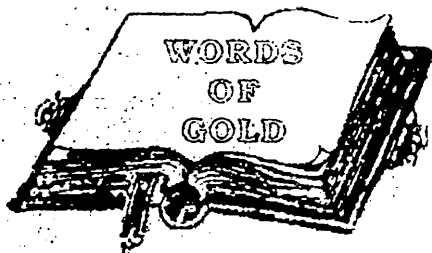
"Caitlin is right, God made only good. Genesis 1:31 reads, *'And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.'*" He did not create something evil. We do not know where the devil came from, neither do we know from where God came. The Bible does not tell us. It is best to believe and obey God and not question Him. We can get along well by sticking to what God's Word says."

"But I have some friends at school who say that the devil used to be an angel in heaven" said Phil. "They quote some scripture about Lucifer falling from heaven."

"That scripture about Lucifer is found in the 14th chapter of Isaiah," said Mother. "Let's read it."

Phil got his Bible and quickly found the place. Then he began reading, *"Thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say,*

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## **Elijah, a Prophet of Courage**

### **I Kings 16:33**

33 . . . Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

### **I Kings 18:17-24, 29, 36-39**

17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel, unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD. . . .

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

29 . . . And they prophesied until the

time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, [but] there was neither voice, nor any to answer. . . .

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

**The Message: God will prove himself to be real to all those who trust Him.**



### **Questions:**

1. Who provoked God to anger more than any other king of Israel?
2. Who accused Elijah of causing trouble in Israel?
3. How had Ahab caused Israel trouble?
4. What did Elijah ask the people to do?
5. How many prophets did Elijah say were faithful to God?
6. How many prophets did not worship God?
7. How was Elijah to prove God was the true God?
8. Which god answered by fire?
9. In the end what did the people say about God?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**Elijah said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.**

**I Kings 18:21.**

# Let's Talk . . .

King Ahab and his wicked wife, Jezebel, erected many images of a god called Baal. These idols were in many major cities throughout the country of Israel. Priests were paid from the king's treasure to lead worship services for these idols.

It all sounds very strange to us that people would bow themselves to the ground and worship an image which they had carved themselves from wood or stone. However, in the time when Ahab lived, all the nations of the world worshipped idols. Anyone who did not worship idols was looked on as a very strange person. A nation which did not worship idols was rejected by all the other nations. Many times these other nations would join their armies together and fight against the people of Israel. These armies were always defeated by Israel, when the Israelites were worshipping and obeying God's commandments. Whenever Israel failed to win it was because they had sinned.

The trouble which Ahab was blaming on Elijah was a drouth. Elijah had told Ahab because he had not worshipped God, there would be no rain. That was three years ago, and no rain had fallen since that day so long ago.

The people were suffering greatly because of the lack of rain. Elijah was sure they were ready to again call upon a God which could

help them out of their troubles.

He asked for a public gathering to prove that Baal had no power to help them. Two bullocks (cows) would be put on two altars. The real God would send fire from heaven to cook the sacrifice.

Around an altar gathered 450 prophets. They prayed unto their god all day.

Finally it was Elijah's turn. He prepared his altar and had his servants dig a mote around his altar. Then they poured twelve barrels of water over the wood laying on the altar. How will the fire burn now that the wood is wet? But that's the way Elijah wanted it, so the people could see the great power of God.

"Oh, God," Elijah prayed, "let this people know that you are God, and that you have turned their hearts back to you again, and that I am doing this because you have commanded it."

As soon as Elijah said "Amen," the fire fell from heaven. It burnt the meat and wood to ashes, and licked up all the water in the trench that surrounded the altar.

When the people saw it, they fell on their faces and cried out, "The Lord, he is God! The Lord, he is God!"

Now Elijah had some good news for King Ahab, "Eat and drink and have a good time, for a lot of rain is coming. Then Elijah hurried away to ask God to send the rain. When he saw a small cloud he went again to Ahab and said, "Hurry on home, or you will get caught in the rain." A wonderful rain fell on the penitnant land of Israel.

—Charlotte Huskey<sub>3</sub>



... The Lord hath overcome the staff of the wicked. . . . All they shall speak and say, Art thou also become weak as we? and thou become like unto us?

How art thou fallen from heaven, daughter of the most high! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations? For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . . I will be like the most high. Yet, thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the stars of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, and did shake kingdoms, . . . and destroy the cities?

... I will rise up now, saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew. Saith the Lord: This is a parable against Babylon's king. It never mentions the devil. Phil said, when he finished reading.

"Yes, that whole chapter is telling about the fall of Babylon and how King Nebuchadnezzar would be humbled and brought down from the high position he held over the other nations." Mother assured Phil.

"Nebuchadnezzar thought in his heart that he could exalt his throne to heaven," Phil added. "He sure had a poor understanding of the word."

Mother continued: "Yes, he was using the word heaven like we might when very special things happen to us and we say, 'I feel like I'm in heaven.' The word heaven can mean different things. In this chapter it means the king's exalted position. Now, was the devil ever in heaven? The Bible teaches that there are three heavens. (II Corinthians 12:2). One is the sky, another the spiritual highs of the soul, the other a place to go after death."

The scriptures teach that the devil was a murderer and liar from the beginning, so he couldn't have been good and holy at any time. The heaven where God lives is as pure as God. Nothing evil could ever happen or happen there. Neither the devil, nor anything sinful or wrong has ever been in heaven where God is.

"We must be careful, children, not to accept everything we hear, because many false teachings and spirits are in the world today. If we ask the Lord to give us understanding and keep our hearts honest and open to the truth, God will give us a clear understanding. This understanding will always fit exactly with the Word of God."

#### THEY FOUL UP AT HIM, TOO

People laughed and pointed at the Precious One.

At the One who came and died for what we had done.

Little did they know it was God's

Holy Son.

But they were right on slightly, and pointing him.

If you want to be one of his followers,

He has promised: He will take you through,

You will meet things that are tough, tough, and taller,

But remember, they poked fun at Him, too.

— Bob Hickey

... The Lord hath overcome the staff of the wicked. . . . All they shall speak and say, Art thou also become weak as we? and thou become like unto us? How art thou fallen from heaven, daughter of the most high! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations? For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . . I will be like the most high. Yet, thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the stars of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, and did shake kingdoms, . . . and destroy the cities? ... I will rise up now, saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew. Saith the Lord: This is a parable against Babylon's king. It never mentions the devil. Phil said, when he finished reading.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Penny Roll

"We shall all die of hunger. What can I do? I am now eighty years old; have lived through many a hard year of care and want, yet never knew one like this. Had I but strength enough to work, it might be well with us, but old and weak—, fast going down to my grave, how can I help or protect you, dear ones?"

So said the old grandfather. His daughter, a young woman whose husband had recently died, lay sick in bed. Ellen and Robert, her two children, sat sorrowfully in the corner, listening anxiously to their grandfather as he continued.—"I have worked today as long as I could. My old bones ached, and my strength gave way. I earned but two pence."

"Yes, in order to make a good meat soup for me," said the sick woman. "Oh, you good father, how dreadful it is to see you suffer thus from hunger, and not be able to help you! Our want is too great."

"Courage and patience," said the old man, more cheerfully. "God won't let us sink or perish in our distress. Although we have eaten nothing today, I have a penny left to buy bread for tomorrow. God will help!"

"Oh, that someone would aid us!" said his daughter, weeping.

"No one knows we are starving. We have never made our poverty known."

"But," said the poor woman, "might Robert and Ellen ask for—"

"Beg! No, honesty waits long, even until the last stay falls away. I will not show them a path which might lead to lying, stealing, and God alone knows what evil! No, Robert shall go with me tomorrow and help me, that he may eat even his morsel of bread, earned by honesty. He shall earn, not beg his bread."

"I will be industrious, dear grandfather," said Robert.

"If I could only help, too," said little Ellen.

"Stay by your mother, darling; watch over her, help and comfort her as much as possible."

"It is now quite dark," said Robert.

"Yes, go to bed, my child," replied the grandfather. "Sleep well, and forget your hunger and misery. Sleep is God's gift to the poor and wretched! Hunger and poverty, care and anguish, it drives away, if but for a little time. Sleep then, my children, for the good God will watch over us tonight and stay by us tomorrow."

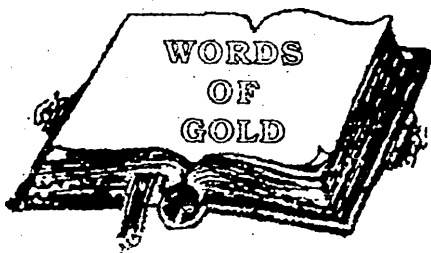
As the old man sat silently by the wall, he heard little Ellen sobbing, and her brother saying in low tones, trying to comfort her, "Oh, dear Ellen, only wait until tomorrow and you will have bread."

"But I am very, very hungry."

"Haven't you eaten anything today?"

"Oh, no, nothing."

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## Amos, the Prophet of Justice

### Amos 2:6, 11-13, 15, 16

6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; 11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. . . .

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

16 And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

### Amos 3:11

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;

### Amos 5:6-9, 11-15

6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, . . .

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

9 That strengtheneth the spoiled [or the looser] against the strong, . . .

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him . . . ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye

have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

**The Message: God patiently waits for sinners to repent, but if they will not repent, they will be punished for sin.**

### Questions:

1. Why was God to punish Israel?
2. Name a very selfish thing that Israel was doing?
3. What did the people do to the Nazarites and the prophets?
4. How did God feel under the burden of Israel's sin?
5. Which verses show that personal abilities will not help in the day when God sends punishment?
6. Will the people be able to enjoy the houses and vineyards which they have made for themselves?
7. What sin did Amos speak about several times?
8. What did God say they should hate?
9. What was promised if they would seek the Lord?

### Verse to Memorize:

**Let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. Amos 5:24.**

# Let's Talk . . .

King Ahab's son Jehoram reigned after his father's death. During his reign a great general named Jehu staged a rebellion and wiped out all of Ahab's family. His wife, wicked Queen Jezebel, was killed and her body eaten by the dogs, just as Elijah had prophesied. The prophets and priests of Baal were also destroyed.

Elijah had proven to the people of Israel that Baal was nothing. "Why then should we be taxed to support hundreds of men who do nothing but spend their time in this worship?" the people asked. It was easy for Jehu to find help in destroying these priests.

Although Jehu put an end to the worship of Baal, he was not truly convinced that all idols were evil. He allowed the golden calf to still be worshipped. God extended mercy and the people enjoyed a good life. For several more generations, God showed his patience with his people.

In the lesson today, Jehu's great-grandson is king of Israel. God is tired of Israel's sins. He sends Amos to warn the people that their time of enjoying God's mercy is about to run out. God said, "For your transgressions, I will not turn away the punishment. You have sold the righteous people for silver and the poor for a pair of shoes."

Some Bible students think this refers to injustice in the courts. A righteous man could be accused

before a judge, and a judge would take silver or money as a bribe and give an unfair decision against a poor man even though the poor man was in the right. Also in those years when a person got in debt, the creditor would sell the debtor as a slave and receive the money in place of the man's debt. So the meaning may be that a person was so poor that he could not pay his debt, and a cruel creditor would sell him into slavery for a debt as small as what a pair of shoes would cost.

Amos points out other sins of Israel by telling the sins of seven other nations around them. These nations God had destroyed before the Israelites in battles, yet says God, "You are doing the same sins as they did."

The people of Israel were not different than people today. It is always easier to see the faults and sins of others than to see our own. How often have you tattled on someone else for doing some things that you had also done secretly?

How often do we trust our own strength to get us out of troubles? The men of Israel did the same. But God said, "The strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself." He that was skillful with the bow and arrows, would not be able to deliver himself with the bow. Nor the man who ran swift be able to save himself.

When we have sinned against God, repenting of those sins is the only way we can help ourselves. The people of Israel would not repent so God punished them just as He said He would.

Let us be careful and repent of all known sin.

—Charlotte Huskey



"But the bread and meat from yesterday?"

"Mother, really?"  
"You're not telling!"

"I kept saying I was not hungry, playing about the room to make her think so. Mother asked me to eat, but there was so little, and she is so sick!" Robert's tears fell fast, and his sobbings were louder than all else. He could no longer comfort her.

"The grandfather could listen no longer. He called, "Robert, come with me to bed and you, darling, help your mother to bed and sleep."

And so it was quiet in the humble dwelling, for God sent an angel to comfort them all in sorrow, peace fell afresh on them.

The next day broke, Ellen, suffering from the pains of hunger, was the first to awaken. She could no longer comfort herself, but wept bitterly.

To make it still sadder, the grandfather entered the room. He knew the child's tears were caused by suffering. Plainly, Ellen told him about her pain, and said, "Oh, grandfather, I am so sick I cannot move."

Heart and generous hand came to relieve the misery, comfort the sorrow of the poverty-stricken and broken-hearted Robert. He took a penny, pressed closely in his hand, knowing all too well that he did so near the baker's, he saw a boy begging at the window, and the baker reach him a piece of bread with his eyes eagerly. Robert came to the window, and asked for a day's penny roll. The baker offered him one, and when Robert opened his hand to give him the penny, almost fell, and tumbled into the drain under the old wall's Robert gave a loud cry of anguish. The baker, who had not seen what had happened, said, "The boy is using your roll where's your penny?"

"Oh, dear, sir, I have lost it, and I cannot get it again." "Ah, a young fellow, I understand that you never had one?" Robert looked with his eyes at the baker, not understanding what it was to be called a cheat. "If you have any penny, you don't get it back!" said the baker, laying it on the window sill. "Oh, dear sir, pleaded Robert with tears in his eyes, forgive me, help me, if

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE PENNY ROLL

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Robert did not move. He could not go without bread. He thought what he should do, but his thoughts did not relieve him. He saw his grandfather angry; his sick mother, his suffering sister. He trembled with anguish—and there on the window lay the bread tempting him.

Robert had always been truthful and honest. He was not accustomed to evil thoughts, yet in one breath he had heard himself called liar and cheat.

Now a dark, wicked thought came to his heart, yet to him it seemed a gleam of light in his uncertainty and distress. He saw the baker look at him, and then stand up as if he were about to come out of his shop and chase him away. A sharp pain shot through him, caused by long fasting and weakness. He thought of his lost penny, of the baker's injustice, and then quickly raising the window, he snatched the bread, and was off like an arrow.

The baker saw the act, ran quickly out of his shop and through the streets, after Robert; but the boy went into narrow, dark by-ways, and was soon out of sight.

When within a few rods of his home, Robert paused. Breathless and frightened, he looked around to see if he were still pursued. Then slowly, with weak steps, he went onward. The nearer he drew to home, the more he wished to

linger on the way. The bread seemed heavy as a stone in his hands. A fear and dread, unknown to him until now, made him wish to throw the bread far from him. Only the thought of his mother and his sister restrained him. He reached the house—leaned up against its walls, but dared not enter.

Burning red glowed in his face, and large drops of moisture stood at every pore.

He went to the door. Should he open it? Should he take stolen bread under the honest roof? Could he say, "It is stolen!" Should he say this to his upright grandfather, or should he take it back to the hard-hearted baker?

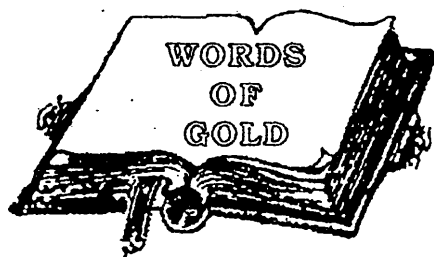
Robert could scarcely stand. He was overcome by his fears and tormented by his sin. The poor boy might have remained long standing at his door in this state of despairing uncertainty, had not his grandfather come out suddenly, saying, "He does not come! what keeps him?—O, here he is. Thank God! Have you bread? Now, little Ellen, come, you shall eat."

"Come, Robert, come quickly into the house. Why do you stand trembling so? Bring the bread."

Robert could not look into his grandfather's face. He entered the room, but he held the bread fast with both hands.

His grandfather shook his head and said, "What is the matter, Robert?"

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## Hosea Shows God's Love

### Hosea 1:10

10 The number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

### Hosea 2:5-9, 12, 14, 15, 19, 23

5 For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.

6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold. . . .

9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, . . . and speak comfortably unto her. 15 I will give her her vineyards . . . and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth. . . .

19 I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

23 . . . I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

### Hosea 6:1

1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

**The Message: God's love will sometimes cause suffering so that we will not stray far from Him.**

### Questions:

1. Some said Israel would not be called the children of God, but what will they be called?
2. What did the mother say she was going to do?
3. What did God do to stop her?
4. The woman thought her corn and wine came from where?
5. Who gave corn, wine, oil, and flax to the woman?
6. Why did God take away the woman's blessings?
7. What did the woman decide to do?
8. What did God do after the woman changed?
9. What will God call the people who were once not His people?

### Verse to Memorize

**Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. Hosea 6:1.**



# Let's



# Talk . . .

God shows his love to us in many different ways. A loving mother will not let her children play in the street or other dangerous places. She will not let the child eat whatever he wishes, but she will give him nourishing food. She will demand that the child get enough rest and not stay up to play as late as he would sometimes like. So God is with His children. He will sometimes keep us from going places we would like to go because He knows going there is not good for us. He will sometimes keep us from getting things we wish very much to have, because He knows those things will do us harm.

In the Bible lesson the mother in the story left her husband and went with another man she called her lover. When she was reproved for her actions, she said, "I will go again to my lover. He gives me food, drink, clothing and other good things."

God knew this woman was deceived by her lover and would get into more trouble if she returned to him instead of staying with her husband. To keep the woman from returning and getting more hurt, God built a hedge of thorns in her way. She found it difficult to go that way. God took away her food, drink, and clothing so that she would realize these things had come from God and not from her lover. God worked in many ways to keep the

woman from getting into deeper, more hurting trouble.

Hosea told this story to the people of Israel so they could see that they had gone away from God as the woman went away from her husband, and that God was letting trouble come to them so they would not go farther from Him and get into more serious trouble.

To love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength is God's number one commandment. But have you not sometimes found yourself loving other things more than God? That is just what the people of Israel did.

Have you not sometimes asked, "Why, God, can't I get or do the things I want?" It is because God knows it will bring you more trouble in the end, so He has built some kind of hedge so you cannot. That's what He did to Israel.

Isn't it nice to have fun friends? Isn't playing with them fun? Isn't talking to them fun? Don't you love giving and receiving gifts? Do you sometimes forget that your happiness even with your friends comes from God? Israel, too, forgot that their blessing came from God, so God had to remove the blessing that they would remember.

God had to punish Israel for having more love for people and other things than for Him. But afterwards, He gave them righteousness, and made a life promise to always give mercy and love. So when you have disappointed God and put him second on your list of loves, remember He still loves you. He is waiting to give you His mercy and blessing again. All you must do is repent and come again to Him. His love is everlasting.

—Charlotte Huskey

Give me the bread. What are you thinking of? See your little sister is starving!"

But Robert, clinging to the bread, said, "Let me breathe—let me tell you how I got it. Oh, I am afraid, but it will tell you." Robert sadly related that the bread was stolen.

"We dare not eat this bread," said the grandfather, "let us rather starve. Go, Robert, return at once to the baker. Say we are starving, but we will not eat this bread. But eat him to forgive you. He will, for he cannot be so hard-hearted as to punish you. O God, that we should come to this!"

"Grandfather," said little Ellen, "do not send the bread away. O, I am so hungry—so hungry!"

"I know it, my poor little one; but of this bread you shall not eat. Wait but a little while. You shall have bread in an hour, if I have to go and beg for you."

Robert retraced his steps to the baker's. He ran to the window, and holding up the roll, said, "Here is your bread again." He felt himself, in the same instant, encircled by two strong arms, and was carried into the shop in spite of his weak effort to resist. The baker had seen him returning and thus secured him.

"Oh, forgive me," exclaimed Robert. "I am indeed not a thief. I will tell you everything if you let me go."

The baker now thought Robert one of the wild, mischievous street boys who often tormented him, by pretending to steal, only to make him run after them. Seating Robert on a stool before him, he said, "Boy, you did not want bread, for you brought it back; you'll get paid for the trouble you have given me. Now take your choice. Shall I whip you, or send you to the police station?"

Robert replied, trembling, "Oh, sir, I will tell the truth. I took the bread."

"Hush!" said the baker, harshly. "All yes! Shall I punish you, or have you put in prison?"

"Oh, yes, whip me! Don't send me to prison! Oh, my poor grandfather! I have a sick mother, and a little weak sister. I took the bread for them."

Something in the earnest, child-like tone of the boy touched the baker's heart. He was now convinced that Robert's story was true, and he said, more kindly, "But how was the penny lost? Why did you return the bread?"

Robert then related all which had taken place for the last two days in his grandfather's house.

The baker, who was really a kind-hearted man, said, as Robert concluded his sad story, "Here, little fellow, take this bread again. I feel I did you wrong in calling you thief and liar, but I will prove I am as ready to do you service. Take this bread. Come to me every morning and you shall receive the same sized loaf. Will you come?"

"Oh, yes, gladly. How can I thank you?"

"Go, in God's name. Go quickly to your sister and grandfather."

Robert took the loaf from the baker and with arrow-like swiftness ran homeward, his heart full of joy and gratitude. He did not, as before, stand at the door, but with a cry of delight rushed into the house.

Many days Robert did go for the bread. The baker liked him better as he knew him. He took Robert into his own family and taught him to make the best bread in the city. Robert never forgot the baker's kindness, or that he owed his success to his grandfather's honesty. In making him return the penny roll.

—Bright Pictures from Child Life—  
(Translated from German in 1857, re-vised by Charlotte Huskey, 1922.)

(Amos 5:1) "The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Go after her, Amos. She has built an altar of thorns, so she cannot do what she wanted.' From my lovers, O God, O God, she would know her blessing came from God. O, return to her husband, O Amos, comfortably to her. Showed mercy and made her a promise. O, my people!"

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Ice-Crusted River

**"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." Prov. 12:15.**

"You cannot go out skating this morning; it is Sunday. You must go to meeting," Mother said to her son Claud, who stood with a sour look on his face. "Go! and when you return home you can tell me what the preacher has said so I, too, can receive a blessing. Are you ready? Then hasten; the bells are ringing!"

Claud, with Bible in hand, walked from the house. Before going to church I will walk by the river and see if it is still frozen, he thought. The weather had been mild for a week, and the snow and ice were fast melting away. Everyone was expecting that the thick ice on the river would break any day. When the ice began to break, the river was extremely dangerous. No one dared to set foot on it!

Claud saw persons crossing the river from both sides. Oh, joy, the river was still frozen over! He walked along the bank, on up the river toward the church. The more he looked at its frozen surface, the more inviting it seemed. Claud could almost hear it saying, "Come on and skate. My ice is thick and safe. This may be your last chance to ice skate this

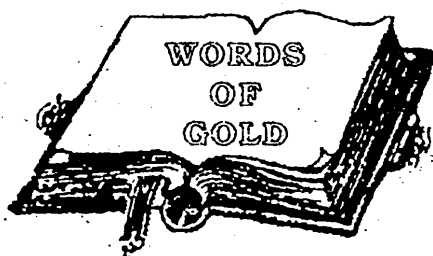
winter. The summer will be long and hot." He stopped and looked again at the river. "I would much rather play on the ice than go to church and listen to the preaching, as Mother requested. I can go to church often enough!" he said and thrust his Bible into his coat pocket. "The church will always remain where it is. But the ice that may be gone by tomorrow. But I dare not go here; someone might see me, and tell my mother I was not at church!"

With these thoughts he continued up the river. At last, when he was out of sight of the people, he said, "Now for a good slide!"

He sprang on the ice so hard that it frightened away a flock of ravens who were seeking food on the sunny side of the bank where the snow had melted. He thought he heard the ice crack under him, but felt sure he was mistaken, so he continued onwards up the river. Gradually he walked towards the middle of the stream, where the ice was more smooth, making skating better.

On the other side of the river, some distance from the city, stood a hunter's house. Claud saw Henry the hunter's son, dressed in a Sunday suit, come out of the house and start toward the city.

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## Micah: the Prophet of Righteousness

### Micah 6:1-8

1 Hear ye now what the LORD saith: Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

### Micah 7:5-7, 18, 19

5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors

of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For the son dishonoureth the father: the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

**The Message: God rebukes his people for their sins, but gives them hope of forgiveness and a better life through Christ.**

### Questions:

1. With whom was God going to plead?
2. What did God ask the people?
3. What had God done for the people?
4. Does God require people to give a sacrifice for their soul?
5. What does God require of people?
6. Where can a person find the enemies of his soul?
7. What will God do to our iniquities?
8. In what does God delight?
9. What will God do with our sins?

### Verse to Memorize

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

# Let's Talk . . .

The books in the Old Testament are divided into groups according to their content, not by the years they were written. The first five books have information about God's laws for man. The next group are books written about the history of God's people. Following that group are books written in the form of poetry. Then come the books written about or by the major prophets. The book of Micah, which we are studying today, is found in the group called minor prophets.

The group of books about the minor prophets is at the end of the Old Testament, but these prophets were active in other times, not the years just before the happenings of the New Testament.

Micah prophesied for many years in the land of Israel. He lived through the reign of three kings, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Together these three kings ruled a total of fifty years or more. You may read about these kings in 2 Kings chapters 15 through 20 and 2 Chronicles chapters 27 through 32. Micah came at different times to warn the people of their sins and also to encourage them to look for better days in the future.

Micah prophesies of Christ's coming. In chapter five, he names Bethlehem as the town from which the Saviour will come. Chapter four mentions the healings that Christ will do.

Micah presented his case to the people as though he were in a court room. He says God has a case against the people because they have received His help through the years, but they have not kept His commandments. God delivered Israel from slavery, preformed many wonders, saved them from their enemies, gave them food, clothing and many other blessings. "Has God ever mistreated you?" he asks. "Has He required too much of you? Has He asked large sacrifices, such as a thousand rams, or 10,000 rivers of oil? Has He asked you to sacrifice your first born child, as the pagan gods do?"

"God had never required a person to do any of these things to save their soul," Micah said. "You people know this. You know that God has only required that you be fair to all other people, that you love others and show mercy to them, and that you keep always in mind that God is the almighty God and man is nothing compared to Him."

God requires the same actions of us today. He tells us not to help others just to get praise from others, or because we know it is our duty. He asks us to have a feeling of love and compassion toward others so that helping them will be easy. More than that He has promised to place just that kind of love in our hearts. He says He will take out our stony heart that would cause us to have hard feelings toward others and not want to help. In its place He will put a soft heart.

—Charlotte Huskey



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Ice Crusted River

(Continued from last week)

The whole river was in motion. It was "the breaking up of the river." There is never a more dangerous time to be on the river. The layer of ice that has crusted the river all winter splinters in every direction. Within minutes after the first slender split, blocks of ice are quickly separated, making hundreds of ice islands. Soon they are floating widely apart, and the wild waves foam over them.

Henry saw it was impossible to jump to another block of ice nearer to the bank. He was stranded on the ice island that was being carried down the river by the rapid current. He looked backward, and saw Claud still laying where he had fallen on another ice island. He was thankful that both their ice islands were large, but he also knew that any minute the blocks might split; maybe right under Claud. Would Claud be able to roll himself onto the larger block of ice if this should happen?

All Henry could do was remain standing on the block, and pray that someone would rescue Claud and him.

In anguish and terror he looked towards the shore to see if there was a hope of being discovered and saved. He did see a few persons on the bank of the river. He shouted, "HELP! HELP!"

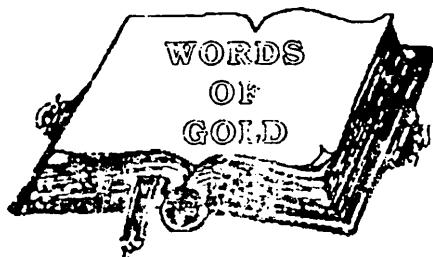
No one seemed to hear Henry. He cried louder; but the crashing ice and roaring waves seemed to mock his agony.

Just then the block of ice on which he stood split as if it was a piece of butter being cut into by a hot knife. Henry struggled. He swayed frontward, then backward. Water dashed continually over the block of ice, blinding his view of its edge. After a battle with balancing, he regained his footing on the ice block as it sailed madly down stream.

He could see in the distance, the bridge which crossed the river near the town. He thought if he were not crushed by the blocks of ice, or swept away by the rushing waters, he would surely be dashed in pieces against the pier. He could see only death before him. Remembering that his parents had often told him to call on God in the hour of need, he cried, "Oh, God, save us!" Then thinking death was surely ahead for him, he repeated the hymn his mother had taught him that morning.

*"Glory to Thee, who safe hast kept,  
And hast refreshed me while I slept;  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless life partake.  
Lord, I my vows to thee renew:—  
Refresh my soul, as morning dew;  
Guard my first spring of thought and will  
And with thyself my spirit fill."*

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## Jeremiah, a Determined Prophet

**New Words:** 1. *derision* means to ridicule or scorn. 2. *entice* means to lead or attract by arousing hope of pleasure, comfort or profit.

### Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

### Jeremiah 20:7-11

7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

**The Message: Determination seems to be one of the most important factors in any success.**

### Questions:

1. When did God ordain Jeremiah for his job?
2. What was Jeremiah's protest?
3. What did God say Jeremiah would do?
4. What should Jeremiah not fear?
5. What words showed Jeremiah's disappointment?
6. What were the people continually doing to Jeremiah?
7. What did Jeremiah say he would not do again?
8. Why could he not keep silent?
9. What will happen to Jeremiah's persecutors?

### Verse to Memorize

**Then I said, I will not speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I could not stay. [stay means stop]. Jeremiah 20:9.**



# Let's Talk . . .

In this quarter we have studied about four great kings of Israel, and four prophets. Our lesson today is the fifth prophet. Each of these prophets met persecution.

Elijah spoke God's word in Israel and then went into hiding to save his life so he could proclaim God's word again. (I Kings chapters 17 & 18).

Amos preached God's words in Israel and was told to get out of the country and go to Judah. (Amos 7:10-13).

Hosea worked hard to turn the people from their sinful ways, but all his teaching fell on ears that seemed to be deaf. The people ignored the fervent warnings of God that Hosea gave.

Of all the prophets Micah seemed to be accepted more than any other. He worked while good King Hezekiah ruled Israel. Israel returned to God during Hezekiah's reign. However, it is believed that Hezekiah's son, King Manasseh, had Micah killed.

Fifty-seven years after Hezekiah's death, some men conspired against wicked King Amon and killed him. A revolt among the people ended when they had killed the murderers and Amon's eight year old son, Josiah, was crowned king.

On September 25, we had a lesson about King Josiah. Do you remember that he was a good strong king? He destroyed the idol wor-

ship and restored the people to worshipping the true God.

Jeremiah began to prophesy when Josiah was about twenty years old. He had been king twelve years already and was making many changes in the country. One might think that Jeremiah would have an easy time proclaiming God's word with such a good king in power. But we find that the people hated Jeremiah. He told them that God would punish the country for the sins they were doing. The people did not want to be punished, neither did they want to change their ways and stop sinning.

After Josiah's death, persecution against Jeremiah became stronger. Different times men plotted to have him put to death. One priest put him in stock in a public place where all could see him. The new king burned all the prophecies which Jeremiah had written in a book. One time they threw him into a deep pit. He sank down into the mud and was there with only a little bread and water to eat. After many days a servant threw down some old rags into the pit and lowered a rope. Using the rags for padding under his arms, the servant was able to get Jeremiah out of the muddy pit.

Although Jeremiah endured all this persecution, he could not keep silent. God's word burned in his bones and he would go again into the streets and declare it. Thank God for determined people like Jeremiah. He was a blessing while he lived and has been a blessing through the ages since, to all those who study Jeremiah, the book written by him. —Charlotte Huskey

As was usual, many people had gathered on the bridge, near the city, to watch the breaking up of the ice. Seeing the huge masses of ice forcing their way down the river, and through the piles which sustained the bridge was a spectacular sight. With great force, the blocks of ice crashed against the heavy piles. Year after year the piles trembled violently, but always stood firm.

There seemed to be no end to the large masses of ice, which constantly came, one after the other, threatening to sweep whatever was before them. Henry, too, had watched from the bridge the "breaking up of the river." Today, however, he was not thinking of the sights, he was praying that someone would see him in time to save him from being killed. As he drew nearer the bridge, he saw someone pointing out toward the center of the river. He was sure they were pointing to Claud.

Many people were now looking in that direction. "I hope they can save him," Henry said, "and I hope someone sees me!"

No sooner had he said this than someone was pointing toward him. He waved and called, "Help, help." A man waved back. Henry's hopes soared. But when he looked down he saw the huge piles of the bridge directly in front of him. He swayed back and forth on his ice island trying to steer it away from the pile.

He looked back up to the people on the bridge and heard them talking excitedly then looked down on the river where they were pointing. Immediately he heard a block of ice crack and split. He heard shrieks of agony, when the ice block rushed against the pier. Something dark bounced up, then the water dashed and foamed over the spot. Henry was sure the dark spot was Claud. The boy was no longer to be seen: he was gone—gone forever!

All the while, Henry had been striving to keep a foothold by rocking to and fro. He again stretched out his arms, and cried loudly, "Help, help!"

A murmur, then a cry ran through the crowd. A heavy rope was swung down from the bridge right in front of him. "Help me God," he cried grasping at the rope. Henry clung desperately to the rope, as the block of ice on which he had been standing dashed against the pier, and was shattered to atoms.

A moment later he was safely standing on the bridge.

"Who are you?" someone asked.

"Henry, the hunter's son," Henry said weakly. The people huddled about to find out what had happened, but Henry was too exhausted to talk.

"I will take him home," said the good sailor who had saved Henry's life. "I never once thought about saving a life when I started across the bridge. But now that I did, I want to see him safely in the arms of his mother." So he carried Henry home.

What joy was in the hunter's cabin! "What reward would you like?" asked the hunter, to the sailor.

"Your thanks is reward enough," said the sailor.

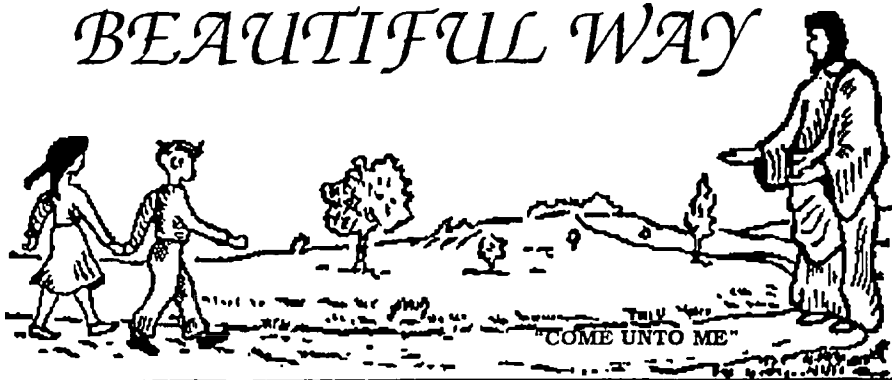
What mourning and weeping in the house from which Claud had departed that day.

Often Claud's mother wanders by the river side, trusting that her son repented of his sin and was forgiven, and that she might meet him again in the world where temptation and sorrow are banished forever!

—"Bright Pictures from Child Life"  
(Translated from German in 1857, revised by Charlotte Huskey, 1992.)

(Answers: 1. Before he was born. 2. I cannot speak, I am but a child. 3. He would go to all that God sent him too, and speak all that God commanded. 4. The people's faces. 5. "Lord, thou hast deceived me." 6. Ridiculing and mocking. 7. Speak about God or in His name. 8. God's word was like a burning fire shut up in his bones. 9. They shall stumble, be greatly ashamed, not prosper and not prevail.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Stolen Watch

Carl and Dan lived with their aunt in a small southern town of New York. Their aunt had a large house. Each boy had his own room upstairs, across the hall from Aunt Martha's.

Aunt Martha was very strict on the boys and never allowed them to have bad friends, or go anywhere she thought would not be for their good. Sometimes Dan thought she was terrible, especially when she wouldn't let him do like the other boys. Carl, who was four years older than Dan, understood Aunt Martha. He was willing to abide by her rules. Carl, however had a job with Mr. Homers, one of Aunt Martha's friends. He didn't have to stay around home with Aunt Martha as much as Dan.

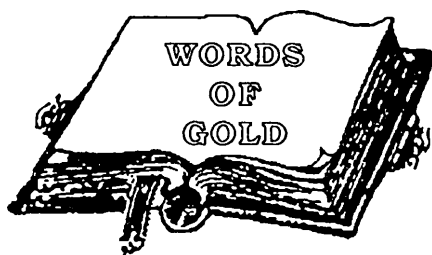
This evening Dan was especially bored. He looked longingly out of his bedroom window and watched the school football team practicing for the game. "I wish I could go to the game tonight," he grumbled. "It's going to be the biggest game of the year. But how can I hope to go? Aunt Martha won't let me do anything." He turned away from the window and went slowly toward the stairs.

As he passed Aunt Martha's room, he saw her sitting in her chair looking at the watch she had purchased as a

Christmas present for Carl. "What a beautiful watch," he thought, "and for Carl. She always does the nicer things for him. She thinks I'm not old enough for an expensive watch. She will probably get me a wagon or some toy cars." He went back in his room and flung himself across the bed. Oh! how I wish I could go to the game tonight, but Aunt Martha would never give me permission. He lay there for a long time thinking about the game. Finally, he fell asleep.

Aunt Martha awoke him saying, "Good-bye, Dan. I'm going over to Mrs. Jones for the evening. I'll be back about ten-thirty." He lay still a moment. Then suddenly he realized that it was Wednesday night! "Wow," he said, "Mary, the maid, will be going to prayer meeting and Carl is working until eleven, so I'll be home alone! This is my chance to go to the game. But how will I know the time to be sure and get home before anyone else?" He put on his heavy coat and hat. "I surely need a watch," he mumbled. Then walking across the hall and into Aunt Martha's room, he opened the door and took out the watch. "I'll just take a look at it while she's out. It sure is a beauty! Oh how I do wish it were mine—especially tonight."

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## God's Love For Man

### Hebrews 1:1-4

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

### Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**The Message: God speaks to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.**

### Questions:

1. In olden days through whom did God speak to people?
2. Through whom does He now speak to people?
3. By whom were the worlds made?
4. Is Christ in the express image of God?
5. When were we chosen to be holy?
6. Through whom do we have forgiveness of sins?
7. Through whom have we obtained an inheritance?
8. When do men learn to trust in Christ?
9. Will Christ gather together the saved in heaven and on earth?

### Verse to Memorize

**God, . . . Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, . . . by whom also he made the worlds. Hebrews 1:1, 2.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

"No, thanks, I don't smoke," Aaron said, as Tom passed around a carton of cigarettes offering one to each of the seventh grade boys.

"Why don't you smoke?" asked Derek

"It isn't pleasing to God," Aaron answered.

"Who is God?" Josh questioned.

"God is the supreme power that created the universe," Derek said before Aaron had a chance to answer.

Looking more puzzled, Josh asked, "How could a person know what he does is displeasing to such a supreme power? I mean how could anyone communicate with an invisible power."

"We feel wind, and electricity. Isn't that communicating?" Aaron said.

"Ah, that's crazy," Tom said. "Besides, my Dad smokes and he's a Christian, goes to church every Sunday, and I do too, when he makes me."

"But how do you know what God likes or dislikes?" Josh questioned Aaron, for he thought Aaron knew more about religion than any boy in the class. "Does God talk to people?"

"Let's get out of here, I hate discussions about religion," Tom said as he walked away. The other boys followed, leaving Aaron and Josh alone.

"God has many ways in which he speaks to people," Aaron said. "Abraham, Moses, and Paul heard God's voice speaking to them. Gideon, Lot, Mary and the parents of Samson were visited by angels who brought each one a message from God. When God's people were traveling through the wilderness, God showed them

when to move by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud in the day. When the cloud moved the people knew it was time to move. God spoke to Daniel and Joseph by dreams, or visions."

"Did you learn about these by reading the Bible?" Josh asked.

"Yes, you can read about them in the Old Testament part of the Bible. In the olden days, God gave His messages to the people through special men called prophets, such as the ones I have mentioned. Of course, there were many more. However, after Jesus came to live on the earth, God is speaking to people through Jesus."

"You mean that Jesus talks to you like I am talking to you?"

"Well, no. He talks to me when I read His words in the New Testament. Sometimes I have a question and what I read gives me the answer. That is Jesus talking to me."

"I hoped you would say, 'I hear His voice.'"

"My heart hears His voice, and it's just as real as if my ears heard it."

"I think it would be easier to know God's messages if someone told them to us."

"Jesus is telling us God's messages every time a person reads His words in the Bible. Jesus usually said things easy to understand. Often, if a person says they cannot understand Jesus' words, it is because they do not want to do what He says to do," Aaron explained. "If people would believe that God is love and that all He tells us to do is for our good, then it wouldn't seem so hard. Christ gave His life for us because He loved us. Then He chose us to be His children. He redeems us from sin, blesses us, and prepares us a home in heaven where we can be together with our friends and family forever."

"That's great! I wish I believed it like you do. You're the nicest guy I know," Josh answered, as the two boys walked away toward their class.

—Charlotte Huskey

He laid it back in its place, went out of the room and down the stairs. Just as his foot hit the bottom stair he spun around saying, "I think I'll just borrow that watch for tonight. I'll be back before anyone, and the watch will be back in place when they return home."

He again took the watch from the box, then placed it carefully on his wrist. Down the stairs and across the living room he flew. Opening the door he stepped out. "But how will I get in when I get back? I shouldn't leave the door unlocked but neither do I have a key." After a moment's hesitation he stepped back into the room and unlocked the lower window that opened to the north side of the house. Carefully he unlocked the screen, and closed the window leaving an inch at the bottom to make it easy to open from the outside.

It was 8:15, the game was already starting. He felt so free and excited. "I won't mind missing the other games now that I'm getting to go to the most important one!" he told himself as he hurried along the sidewalk.

As he was taking his place beside his friends, the whistle blew ending the first quarter. "So you made it," called Sam from behind him. Dan looked at the watch, it was 8:30.

"Look, Dan has a new watch," said Bill, who was sitting to his left.

"Let me see!" cried Sam. Soon a dozen boys were gathered around Dan looking at the watch. "It is a beauty," they all agreed.

"Did your Aunt Martha get it for you?" asked Bill. Dan couldn't muster the courage to tell the boys that it wasn't his watch. He pretended to not hear.

"Wow, Dan, you've the best aunt in the world!" said Sam.

"Not bad at all," answered Dan, a little shyly.

It was fifteen until ten when Dan got out of the stadium. I'll have to hurry so I can get in bed before anyone gets home. Hurriedly he covered the blocks—past the intersection with the traffic light and on to the next.

A policeman was stationed there to direct traffic as it was unlighted. Dan waited his turn, then started across. Just as he was nearing the curb on the other side of the street, a truck came speeding through the intersection. "Look out!" called the policeman. Dan jumped for the curb; and as he did, his foot slipped and he fell. "Are you hurt?" asked the policeman, as he helped Dan to his feet.

"No, I'm just wet and muddy."

"What is your name, and where do you live?" Dan gave his name and address.

I hope he doesn't come to the house and ask questions about this, he thought. "Just forget all about this," Dan said. "The truck driver couldn't see me because of the rain and darkness. Probably there is usually no reason for him stopping here. I'm just fine, but I must hurry home, as I must be in before ten-thirty. Good-bye." Through the darkness he ran until he could clearly see the house. Everything was dark. "Now, if I can get in and get undressed before Aunt Martha or Mary get home." He forced open the window which he had prepared before leaving. In he climbed. He turned to switch on the lights when he heard a taxi stop in front of the house.

(To be continued)

(Answers: 1. Through the prophets. 2. Through Jesus Christ. 3. By God and Christ. 4. Yes. 5. Before the foundation of the world. 6. Jesus Christ. 7. Through Jesus Christ. 8. After they have heard the truth. 9. Yes.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Stolen Watch

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"That must be Mary," Dan thought. Hurriedly he latched the screen and lowered the window. He raced upstairs and into his room closing the door softly behind him. "What will I do with these muddy clothes. How will I ever explain?" He slipped them off and got into his pajamas. "Shall I hang them over the chair to dry? No, someone might come into my room," he thought. He put them under the bed and pulled the spread down to hide them. He was just getting ready to jump in bed when he remembered the WATCH! "Where is it?"

"How could I have lost it?" Then he remembered having taken it off as he left the stadium. He was carrying it in his hand inside his pocket. He wanted to be sure and get the watch back safely and believed that to be the safest way to carry it. He locked the door, then slipped under the bed and searched his pockets. "Are there holes in my pockets?" he asked himself. "No none at all. Maybe I dropped it as I climbed in the window, or at the corner when I fell."

He unlocked the door and got in bed. The thought made him sick all over. "How could I ever have been so foolish to have taken the watch?" Then another thought came to him. "It isn't me that is foolish, it is Aunt Martha. If she would have given me permission to go to the game, I would not have needed the watch. And if she loved me as much

as she does Carl, she would have gotten me one also. Then I would not have needed to wear Carl's just this once. She is always doing nice things for Carl. She never does anything for me." He was so disturbed, he could not cry. Waves of hatred and bitterness swept over him. "I hate Aunt Martha," he said to himself.

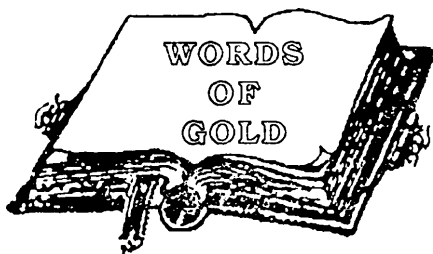
Just then Carl passed his room and noticed the light on. "What are you doing up so late?" he asked as he opened the door.

"Nothing much, why can't I stay up as late as you? After all I'm not a baby."

"Okay, I was just asking, thought you might be sick." He closed the door and went on to bed.

Aunt Martha had already gone to bed. As soon as Dan heard them breathing heavily, as if asleep, he redressed himself. Opening the top drawer, he took out his flashlight and gloves. Quietly he descended the stairs, crossed the living room and climbed out the window. Carefully he searched under the window and every inch of the sidewalk as he walked. Then he searched the entire intersection and vainly started toward the stadium. "There is no use doing this," he said to himself. "I will come early tomorrow before school and look." Sadly he returned home, reopened the window and climbed through. As he turned toward the stairs, he bumped something. It crashed. "I hope Aunt

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## God's Promise to Zacharias

**Luke 1:5-22**

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the

hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God;

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak, . . . and remained speechless.

**The Message: God sends John to prepare the way for Jesus.**

### Questions:

1. What kind of people were Zacharias and Elisabeth?
2. What were the people doing while Zacharias was in the temple?
3. Who appeared to Zacharias?
4. What did the angel tell Zacharias?
5. Why didn't Zacharias believe the angel's message?
6. What was John never to drink?
7. What were some of John's duties to be?
8. How will John's message effect the people of Israel?
9. Are you happy that John and Jesus have come?

### Verse to Memorize

**And he shall go before Him, . . . to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and . . . to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17.**



# Let's Talk . . .

Many years ago when the American Revolutionary War was being fought, General Washington had one soldier who was always at his post of duty. He was not an unusually strong or brave soldier. He never did anything outstanding, but he was there doing his duty. He served Washington in the nearly disastrous campaign around New York City. He was with him during the terrible winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. All the while, he did nothing special. Finally, after the victory at Yorktown, General Washington gave the young soldier a special commendation for heroism.

"But Sir," he protested, "I never did anything heroic. All I did was stay and do my duty."

"Doing your duty is the highest form of heroism that I know," answered Washington.

In our lesson today, we have a couple that lived carefully before God always doing their duty. They were righteous. Then when God needed someone dependable, he chose them.

Zacharias was just an ordinary priest, serving in a remote village far from the splendor of the beloved temple. He was old now. All his life he had served quietly as a priest. Many years he had been a good example to the people of his village. Each year when the lots were cast to see which priest should burn the incense in the temple, he no doubt hoped to be chosen.

Incense was burned twice a day, but there were so many priests, that some were never chosen, and rarely

was one chosen more than once in a life time. The temple had many parts. There was a court for the Gentile, a court for the women, a court for the men, and a place for the priest just outside the Holy place. The altar of incense was in the Holy place right in front of the veil that separated the Holy place from the Holy of Holies.

The chosen priest, with tongs, carried hot coals from the altar where the animal had just been sacrificed. These he placed on the altar of incense. Then while offering a prayer of thanksgiving he put the incense on the coals. This caused a smoke to rise. When the priests, the men, the women, and the Gentiles, each in their places saw the smoke arise, they fell on their faces and prayed.

Now in his old age, Zacharias was offering the incense. When the people's prayers were finished they arose and expected Zacharias to soon come out, but he didn't. He was inside, talking with an *angel*. Zacharias' and Elisabeth's years of faithful living had paid off. God was giving them a baby. A baby who would prepare the way for the Messiah for whom they had longed and prayed for so many years.

The Messiah was on His way, and their baby would get people ready to receive Him. Many people would be turned to the Lord.

What great news Zacharias was receiving, but he needed a sign to believe it. He got one alright, he would not be able to talk until the baby was born.

Their son was to never drink wine. This was a command the angel gave before the baby's birth. God knew Zacharias had been faithful at his duty thus far, and God could trust him to be faithful at this duty also.

—Charlotte Huskey

Martha didn't hear that!" He stood listening for a moment. All was quiet. He knew it was his Aunt's new blue vase. Tip-toeing carefully, he ascended the stairs and got into bed.

He couldn't sleep. All he could do was think of the watch, the broken vase, his muddy clothes and how he could get himself out of this mess. "It's all because Aunt Martha is so strict. How could she expect a boy to obey?" Finally, he decided on a plan that he thought would get him out of his troubles. Then he fell asleep.

"I need to go early today," he said to Mary as he sat down at the breakfast table. "May I eat now?" He ate breakfast, picked up his books and as he left the house said, "Please tell Aunt Martha I'll be a little late getting home tonight."

Dan thought most anyone who found the watch would probably keep it, but he searched the stadium anyway.

After school he went by the jewellers. "Like to buy a watch?" asked Mr. Riley, the jeweler, as Dan stood looking at the watch display.

"I sure would like to have one like this," he said pointing to a watch like Carl's.

"That's a beauty! But its pretty expensive for a boy like you to buy."

"Could I pay a little down and a little each week?"

"Yes, you could. I would need your Mother to come in and sign the papers for you."

"Never mind then," answered Dan.

He was turning away when Mr. Riley said, "Like to put it on Lay-Away? You may pay a little now and a little each week. When it is all paid, you may take the watch home."

Dan paid all the money he had saved from his allowance on the watch and walked out of the store. "How will I get Aunt Martha to consent for me to work after school?" He knew several people who would pay a boy to help with work around their homes. Besides making money, he would be away from Aunt

Martha. "She is really to blame for all this. I hope she hasn't missed the watch."

"Aunt Martha," he called as he went into the house. "Mrs. Jones would like for me to rake her yard. May I please?"

Aunt Martha was coming down the stairs. She looked pale and sick. "What's the matter?" he asked, ducking his head so she could not look at him directly. He thought she had missed the watch!

"Oh, Dan, someone has broken into our house. This morning Mary found my lovely blue vase laying on the floor broken. At first I thought she had carelessly bumped it. But this afternoon as I sat knitting, I felt cool air and saw that the window was not completely closed. The screen was also unlocked. I always keep the windows locked. Mary must have left it open and the screen unlatched when she washed the window. She is so careless!"

Dan had forgotten the vase. He was happy she hadn't discovered the missing watch. "I'm sorry," he said, then wanting to leave as soon as possible, he added, "Mrs. Jones is waiting. I told her I would be right back if you didn't mind."

"Of course I don't mind you helping Mrs. Jones. But I do not wish you to work anywhere else."

Dan hurried out of the house and over to Mrs. Jones. After finishing with her, he went around the corner to help another lady. "If Aunt Martha finds out about this, I'll have to go to bed without dinner."

(To be continued)

(Answers: 1. They were righteous people. 2. They were praying. 3. An angel. 4. That his wife would have a son. 5. Because he and his wife were old. 6. Wine. 7. He was to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers, the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, and prepare the people for the Lord. 8. Many will rejoice. 9. The answer should be, yes.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Stolen Watch

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It was almost dark when Dan got home. "You are late," said Mary. "I'm waiting dinner for you. Aunt Martha isn't coming down tonight as she is very disturbed about the broken vase."

Dan was glad. He was very hungry, and if Aunt Martha had been there, he would have gone to bed without dinner. After eating, he went straight to his room. He checked his pants that were drying under the bed, and cleaned off the dried mud before putting them in the laundry. He was tired from working hard, sick over the broken vase and miserable from fear that the missing watch would be discovered. The more he thought about it, the more he hated Aunt Martha, Carl, and himself.

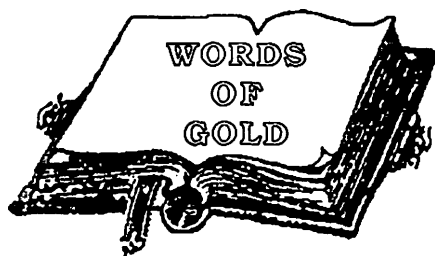
Dan tried again, but Aunt Martha still would not give her consent for Dan to work for anyone but Mrs. Jones or the teacher. "People will think I am cruel if they see you working in the cold weather," she explained.

Every morning he left home early before Aunt Martha came down. He worked at different places. In the evenings, Dan worked again awhile before coming home and told his aunt that he was helping the teacher at school. Aunt Martha was very pleased with him helping the teacher.

Two weeks had passed. He had paid two payments on the watch. He had managed to avoid being around Aunt Martha, and she hadn't discovered the missing watch. But he was so terribly miserable! He could hardly eat or sleep. His mind was on nothing except his troubles. His teacher had told him if he could not study better, that she was going to call his aunt to find out why. Now he was tormented with the fear that Aunt Martha would find out what he was doing in the mornings and evenings. Sometimes he thought he would tell, but he couldn't make himself confess what he had done.

A few days later as he was nearing home, he noticed a taxi in the street and Mary loading her belongings into it. He could see she had been crying. She never looked up, so Dan went on into the house without speaking. It seemed like walking into a funeral parlor. Aunt Martha was standing beside the dining table looking pale and sick like she did the day the broken vase was discovered. "I'm sending Mary away," she said. "She has stolen Carl's watch. I know she has. First she broke my lovely vase that I bought when your mother and I visited England. Now I know she unlocked the window to make me believe someone had broken into the house. I

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## A Saviour For All People

**Luke 2:1-7, 22-32**

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.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

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.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon;

and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

**The Message: We should do all of God's commandments just as Mary and Joseph did.**

### Questions:

1. What did Caesar have the people do?
2. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?
3. Why was Jesus laid in a manger?
4. Where was Jesus presented to the Lord?
5. What kind of man was Simeon?
6. What was revealed to him?
7. What had Simeon's eyes seen?
8. For whom was this salvation prepared?
9. Have you received this salvation?

### Verse to Memorize

**The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10, 11.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Last week we studied about Zacharias who was just a common priest. His faithfulness to God caused him to be chosen to father a special servant of God. Today we are reading about Mary and Joseph. They, too were just ordinary people who lived in Nazareth, a small town located in the Galilean hills. Although Nazareth was far from the sacred temple in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph loved and served God daily. So when God was looking for someone of the family of David to be the parents of His Son, He chose them.

Until now they had met each trouble with hope and faith that God would give them victory. But now the ruler ordered each person to go to his home town to be taxed. This would mean an eight to ten day trip for them, and it was nearly time for Jesus to be born. How could God allow Mary to be forced to walk or ride a plodding donkey for nearly one hundred miles? Could Mary and Joseph meet this trial with victory? They did. How tired and miserable she must have been when they finally arrived in Bethlehem, but she knew God makes no mistakes.

Many inns in those days were two stories high. The people slept in the second story rooms, while the animals stayed in the stables underneath. Smaller inns had the stables on the outside walls. All rooms were filled before Mary and Joseph arrived, so they made camp among the animals in the stable. In this place, Jesus was born. Mary was able to cope with all these conditions, be-

cause she had trusted in God's grace for other problems.

Neither did Jesus' birth bring an end to Mary's troubles. When her dear Son was eight days old, she courageously allowed him to be circumcised, which was a commandment of the law. When baby Jesus was forty days old, they walked a long distance to Jerusalem and presented Him to the Lord.

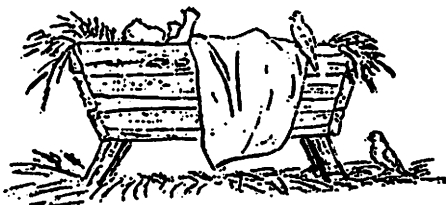
This presentation was a long ceremony. A year old lamb and a pigeon or turtledove was offered. Those too poor to offer a lamb could offer two pigeons or two doves. Mary and Joseph were poor. They brought two doves.

Every firstborn was to be given to God. If it was a firstborn cow or sheep, it was to be sacrificed to the Lord. If it was a donkey or other unclean animal, it was to be given to the Lord and redeemed again by giving an animal to be sacrificed in its place. A first-born son was to be given to God and then redeemed by giving a certain amount of money to the priest.

We could think of this as an offering to God for a child. Mary and Joseph were poor and traveling away from home, so they made a real sacrifice to give this offering for the child Jesus. Luke 2:39 tells us that Mary and Joseph did according to all the law commanded, even though it caused them some suffering.

We are just ordinary people but we also should be very careful to do according to all the laws of God. Then when God needs a person for a job, we will be prepared to help.

—Charlotte Huskey



discovered the watch was missing today, as I thought to show it to Mrs. Jones. I will miss Mary, for she has been a good cook and kept the house well, and I had supposed was a good Christian. She says she doesn't have the watch so I have reported it to the police. Her brother has probably sold it for her."

"You may get yourself something to eat. I'm feeling sick after all this, I must lie down."

"Okay," answered Dan, as he hurried into the kitchen. He was glad to do anything to get away from her. He thought he couldn't stand it any longer. "I must tell," he thought. "I must. Poor Mary, her father is dead and her mother ill." Mary and her brother both had to work so the family could live. To lose her job just before Christmas was terrible. He tried to eat the sandwich he had made, but he couldn't swallow. He put it in the refrigerator, went upstairs and got in bed.

The next morning, he left without seeing his aunt. He was so guilty that his head ached. He felt sick and weak from having not eaten dinner last night nor breakfast that morning, so he asked to be excused from class and went home.

When he arrived home, Aunt Martha was getting ready to go to the police station to identify a watch that had been found. Dan hoped it wasn't the one he lost the night of the game. He would have to confess, but maybe it wasn't, and how would they know that it had dropped off HIS arm?

The watch was so crushed, Aunt Martha wasn't sure if it was the missing one, so it was taken to the jeweler for identification. Sure enough, it was the same watch.

"Where was this watch found?" asked Aunt Martha.

"It was picked up by Mr. Davis, the policeman on duty the night of December 5. A boy fell at the intersection of Pine and Elwood as he hurried

across to avoid a speeding truck. The back wheel of the truck must have run over it. We thought it belonged to the boy, and we expected him to call for it, but evidently it wasn't or he had stolen it. How long has your watch been missing?"

"I thought the watch had been missing only a day or two," she answered. "However, it may have disappeared that very night. My maid stole it. I was sure she would confess, but yesterday I realized she was not going to; so I fired her and reported the missing watch. Her brother must have been taking it somewhere to sell. Did you get the boy's name?"

"Yes, we have a record of his name. It is Dan Westcock, his address is 613 North Perkins."

"Goodness me," cried Aunt Martha, "He even gave my address. How bold can thieves get?"

"Would you like to press charges?" asked the police chief.

"No, thank you, I have known him a long time; he will pay for it, now that he has been caught," she said haughtily as she arose to leave.

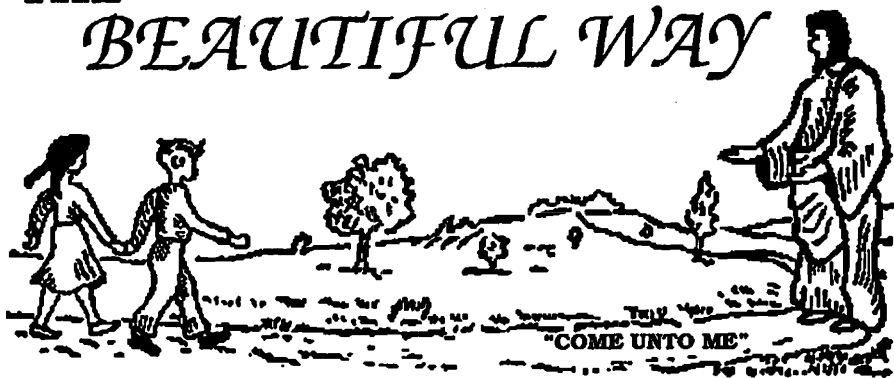
"If you have any trouble, just let us know," the police said.

"I sure played that slick," she said to herself as she drove home. "They won't have a record on my little Dan." She was so proud of how she kept Dan out of trouble with the police that she forgot her anger until she drove into the garage. Then suddenly her anger returned.

(To be continued)

(Answers: 1. He had them taxed. 2. Because they were of the family of David. 3. There was no room for them in the inn. 4. In Jerusalem. 5. A just, devout man. 6. That he would see Christ before he died. 7. God's salvation through Christ. 8. For all people. 9. Answer will be yes, or no.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Stolen Watch

(continued from last week)

Dan was hurrying toward the stairs, when Aunt Martha entered. She shouted angrily, "Dan, you're the thief, not Mary. How dare you let me blame Mary and send her away. It is such hard work to get a good maid these days. Now, go to your bedroom and stay there until you are ready to confess this whole thing." Dan flew up the stairs and into his room.

He felt a little relieved that the truth was known. Any punishment Aunt Martha would give couldn't be worse than what he had suffered the last twenty-one days. It was too horrible to explain in words. At first, he thought he would confess it all. But then he asked himself, "Why should she know everything? If I could work until Christmas, I'd have my watch paid for, and then she would let me keep it. Oh! What about the vase? A supposed burglar would be blamed for that." Carefully, he planned his confession, then slowly went back downstairs.

Aunt Martha was sitting in the chair by the table on which the blue vase had set. "Ready to confess?" she asked, looking astounded at him. Dan stammered out his confession of leaving the house for the game and needing the watch for time. Then, he told about the accident and the watch, and how he had hunted vainly for it, but had never thought of calling the police station.

"How did you get into the house when you returned? Through the window, I suppose. That explains the unlocked window and broken vase."

Dan thought he would admit that also, but his courage failed. "No, Aunt Martha," he said rather shyly. "I came in as Mary returned from prayer meeting."

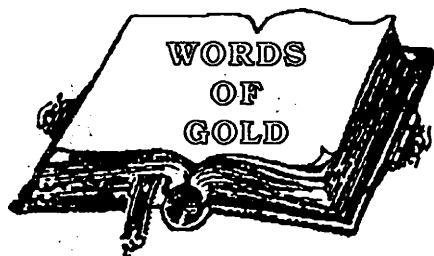
"So Mary knew you were out and did not tell me?"

"Mary didn't know that you hadn't given me permission to go to the game."

"I guess maybe she didn't," answered Aunt Martha, leaning back in her chair again. "I have already decided how you will be punished. I had planned for you and Carl to spend your Christmas vacation with Uncle Jim in New York City. Carl is buying his own airplane ticket, and yours was to be a gift from me. As you already know, Carl's gift was to be the watch. However, now I shall buy Carl another watch with the money I have for your ticket. You shall stay home and receive nothing for Christmas."

Suddenly Dan burst into tears. He just couldn't keep them in. He had wished for a long, long time to visit his uncle in New York City. He remembered the watch he was paying for. "Aunt Martha," he sobbed, "I didn't mean to steal. I have another watch on lay-away at the jeweler's for Carl." He saw that she was looking tenderly, so he contin-

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## Jesus Obeys God

### Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

### Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge

concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him 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.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

**The Message: Jesus obeyed all of God's commandments, and so should every Christian.**

### Questions:

1. What did Jesus ask John to do?
2. Why did Jesus want to be baptized?
3. What did the voice from heaven say?
4. How long did Jesus fast?
5. By what did Jesus say men should live?
6. Did the tempter use Bible verses to tempt Jesus?
7. What did Satan offer Jesus if Jesus would worship him?
8. Who is the only one that should be worshipped?
9. Who ministered to Jesus after he had resisted Satan?

### Verse to Memorize

**Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Matthew 3:15.**



# Let's



# Talk . . .

Have you ever been tempted to do things you knew were wrong? Of course you have. There are times in everyone's life that they are tempted of evil. Jesus, too, was tempted to disobey God.

Satan appeared to Jesus and cunningly tried to persuade Jesus to do wrong actions. Satan quoted Bible verses that could have encouraged Jesus to do what was really displeasing to God. Even John the Baptist tried to discourage Jesus from doing *all* of God's will, when he forbade Jesus to be baptized.

Jesus, however, did not let anything keep Him from doing *all* of God's will. He said to John, "Let me be baptized now, for it is becoming that I perform *all* ceremonies of righteousness." Jesus was wanting to do everything God wanted Him to do. He had a willing heart to sacrifice everything so that He might be perfect before God.

Is your heart willing to sacrifice everything necessary so that you may walk perfect before God? It is becoming to every Christian to fulfill *all* righteousness.

Satan uses temptation to draw the Christian's mind and body away from God. A temptation is a desire to do wrong. Sometimes people suggest we do something we know we should not do. At other times, a temptation comes from something we see. Seeing brings thoughts. When these thoughts enter your mind, Satan begins to bring other thoughts. This is his way of talking to us, as he talked with Jesus in the wilderness.

If a saved person will immediately began to refuse these evil thoughts, the temptation cannot grow. A temptation will grow, stronger and stronger, until it is strong enough to break our Christian resistance to this evil. When a person is born into Christ, he gets Christ's nature, and this nature hates evil. So every Christian has a natural resistance to evil.

Temptations can break resistances to evil more easily when a person's emotions are either high or low. If a lot of good things are happening to you, your emotions will be high. You feel good all over. You are happy. You feel life is wonderful and you want to enjoy it forever! Beware at these times. While your mind is pleasantly daydreaming, the devil is hatching up a way to get you to do wrong.

A person's emotions are down when everything seems to be going against them. The devil may suggest that you have not had any happiness for a long time and that you now deserve enjoying some secret sin. He may suggest the Christian life isn't worth living. Beware when you are down. Your resistance to evil is weak.

It is best during emotional highs or lows, to not let yourself be in places where you will be tempted. Stay away from friends who might ask you to do wrong. Don't go places where you might be tempted. Don't look at things that might tempt you to do wrong.

This advice is good to be followed at anytime, but guard yourself especially at times when you are either very happy or very depressed.

Jesus had been fasting, so His emotions were low. Satan came at that time to tempt Him to do things that were not pleasing to God. He will also tempt you more severely.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1:12.

—Charlotte Huskey

ued, "I'll give you all my allowance for the next year to pay for the watch if you will only let me go."

"I'll think about it," she said, "Leave me to think awhile."

Dan went to his room. He could hear her talking on the phone to the jeweler. "He's paid forty-seven dollars?" she asked, "Where on earth did he get all that money?"

After she had hung up, she called, "Dan, where did you get the forty-seven dollars you paid on the watch?"

Dan knew his only hope was to tell everything. "You see," he said, "I've been working, helping people with storm windows, cleaning yards, getting gardens ready for winter, etc. I haven't been helping the teacher at all. Every morning and evening I've worked. I have earned thirty-two dollars. The other fifteen dollars came from my allowance."

"I must say you have done well, but you have also disobeyed me by working. What will people think of me? You shall not go to New York, nor shall you eat at the table with me, during your vacation, except on Christmas day. Only that day, because we are having the Jones for dinner, and I wouldn't want them to know that I am raising a disobedient, lying, thief."

During the two weeks vacation, Dan had to eat alone in his room. He could go nowhere unless with Aunt Martha. How he wished he could be with Carl at Uncle Jim's!

Mary, who was a true Christian, was praying every night that the truth would be discovered and that she could have her job again. She had asked her church to pray also. One of them invited Aunt Martha to their mid-winter meeting, which was held the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Aunt Martha decided to go, for this would be an opportunity to see Mary. She was hoping that Mary would be willing to work for her again. Moreover, she felt the influence of religious services would help Dan be a better boy.

The church was almost full when they arrived. A young man helped them find seats close to the center aisle in the middle part of the chapel.

As the evangelist spoke the word of God, Dan realized he would never be happy until he told Aunt Martha the whole truth and that he needed to confess to God. Aunt Martha also saw her need of God's help when he read Psalm 120:2, "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue."

After he had finished speaking, he invited all who felt they needed to confess sins to come forward and pray. Dan went forward, and Aunt Martha followed.

At home that night, Dan confessed that he had broken the vase and left the window open. "I'm sorry for all," he said. "God has forgiven me for lying, stealing, hating, and being disobedient."

Then Aunt Martha told Dan how deceitful she had been at the police station to protect him and also herself from embarrassment. She immediately called the police station and corrected the trouble with them.

What a change in the home of Aunt Martha, Carl, and Dan! Salvation brought it! Carl came home the day before New Year's and the following Monday, Mary came back to work again. Things seemed normal, but there was a change of heart. Now Dan loves Aunt Martha. There is no more stealing, hating, disobeying or lying from Dan or Aunt Martha.

*Adopted from Readings For the Family Circle, by Charlotte Huskey.*

(Answers: 1. To baptize him. 2. Because it was becoming to him to do all righteousness, or it was best for him to be a good example for others. 3. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 4. 40 days. 5. By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 6. Yes. 7. All the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. 8. God. 9. Angels.)