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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(A True Story)

The first day of October in the year of 1900, Stella opened her eyes and saw that it was getting daylight. Quickly she jumped out of bed and began dressing. She wondered if "Mother Mary" was all right. She called her Mother Mary because her own mother had died several years ago; and her father had married Mary Williams, a cute little Dutch girl with black eyes and long, black hair. Stella liked to feel her smooth, white hands and hear her soft voice singing as she went about her work. Mother Mary had brought happiness into their sad family.

Now she was sick. Papa had sent Stella and her older brother, Henry, to bed early last night and had walked over to get Mrs. Tully. Mrs. Tully was the only one within miles who knew anything about treating sick folks.

She heard the squeaking of the cane-bottom rocking chair. "Mother Mary must be up," she murmured hopefully. Peeking down from the loft where she slept, Stella saw Papa rocking in the chair holding a curious bundle in his hands.

"Good morning," he whispered. "Come down and see your baby sister." Quickly Stella worked her way down the ladder, being careful not to disturb anyone. Happily she took the baby and sat down in the old rocker where her

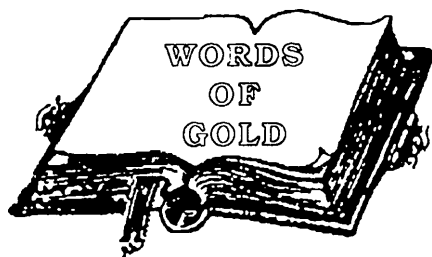
father had sat. The instant Stella saw the cute round face, she loved her. "Papa, she's smiling at me," Stella said looking up at her big papa. One strap of his overalls was dangling behind his back, his red, tussled hair hung over his big, broad forehead. "If we were Indians we might call her 'Smiling One.' What will we name her?"

"Her name is Mabel Mae Kelly, but perhaps you'll want to call her Smiling Mabel."

"Oh, could I, Papa?" asked seven-year-old Stella, feeling much like a grownup lady with a baby all her own.

As soon as Papa had put the baby back in bed with Mother Mary, Stella started looking for ways she could help. First she swept up the bark and small chips which had fallen from the logs each time Papa had filled the stove during the night. She leaned the broom upside-down in the corner as she had seen Mother Mary do.

Then she filled the old, battered, blue tea kettle with water from the large, new bucket which stood on a log bench beside the wash basin. Stella loved the shiny bucket. It was not heavy or smelly like the old, wooden bucket. She rubbed her hand over the smooth, clean metal. Henry liked the mossy, old, wooden bucket, but Stella thought it made the whole cabin smell musty and earthy. But what she liked best about the new bucket was that it wasn't heavy. She could carry it all the way from the well, filled half-full with water.



Being A Good Tree

Jeremiah 17:7-8

7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Revelations 22:1-2

1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 ...On either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruit...

Matthew 7:17-20

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Galatians 5:22-24

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

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

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

James 3:17-18

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

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

The Message: Those who produce good fruit draw their strength from God.

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Verse to Memorize

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 1:3.

Let's



Talk . . .

Did you make a New Year's resolution? Many people did. Some resolved to lose weight, others promised to be diligent about their school work, some children may have planned to be more obedient. Perhaps many promised to be better Christians this year. What changes do you plan to make?

Promises are difficult to keep, and many will be broken before the end of January. Doing evil also seems easier than doing good, but Jesus can help us, for He is very pleased when people want to do better. There is, however, a secret to keeping promises to do better. As you read, see if you can discover the secret.

The last twelve weeks, we studied about an evil tree which represented a person who bore evil fruits. These awful fruits were pride, anger, covetousness, lust, deceit, lying, jealousy, murder, witchcraft, drunkenness and being unthankful. God's Word says that every tree that bears not good fruit will be cut down, and thrown into the fire. (Matthew 7:19.)

We will now study about the fruits a good tree bears. This tree is planted by the River of Life, which flows from under the throne of God. Its roots draw water and nourishment from this river so that its leaves are always green, and it can bear good fruit continually. The good fruits it bears are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, faith,

meekness, temperance and holy attitudes.

Strength to bear these fruits comes from God, for all goodness comes from Him. As we draw from the throne of God, we draw God's holiness. Christ is the main tree and we are just branches, although the Bible also likens a person to a tree. Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing," John 15:5.

Now do you know the secret? The secret is that we must draw strength from God to bear good fruit. Get connected to Jesus by repenting of sins and then keep loving Him more than anything else. In this way, we can become better Christians, which will make it much easier to keep those New Year's resolutions.

—Charlotte Huskey

Be sure and save the picture of the tree on the back of this page, so you can paste a good fruit on it each Sunday.

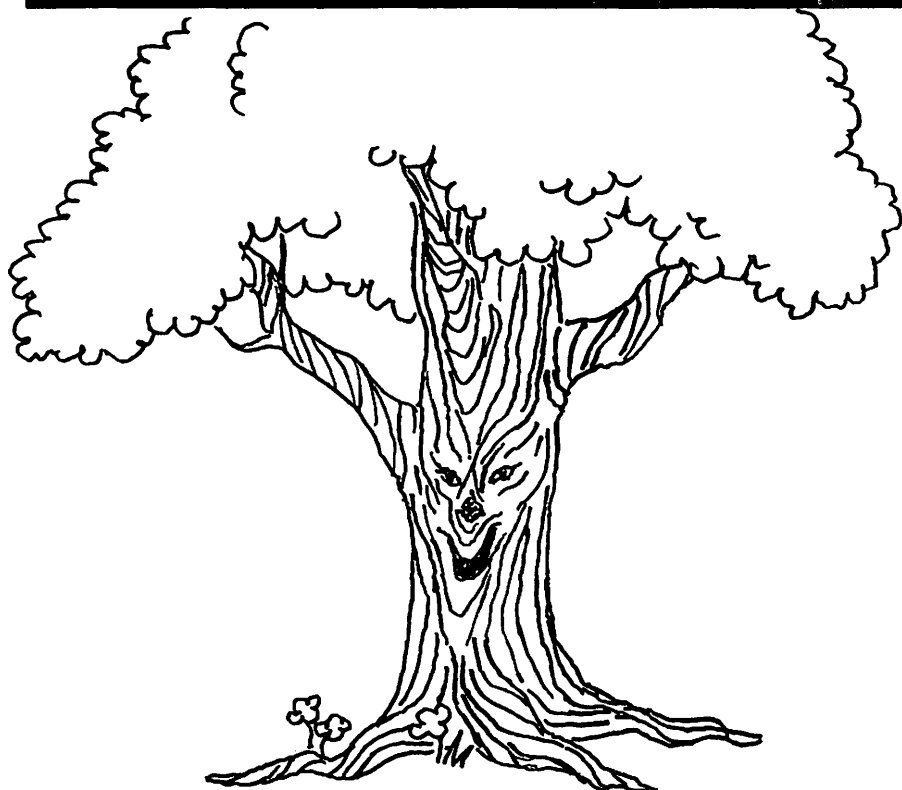
Questions:

1. A person who trusts in the Lord is like what?
2. The good tree is planted by what river?
3. From where does the River of Life come?
4. What kind of fruit does a good tree have?
5. Can an evil tree bear good fruit?
6. What will happen to the trees that do not bear good fruit?
7. Name some fruits of the Spirit of God.
8. How will the person be, who has wisdom from above?
9. How is the fruit of the righteous sown?

Stella took some biscuits from the tin bread box and put them in a flat pan. She slid it inside the big, hot oven being careful not to burn herself, as Mother Mary had often cautioned her. While they were warming, she made cornmeal mush. Clever Mother Mary had showed her the easy way to make mush. Other women sifted the cornmeal slowly through their fingers, letting only a few grains at a time fall into the boiling water, which they often stirred rapidly. This took a long, long time and if not very careful the mush would lump into hard, dry balls. Stella put cold water in a bowl, then added the cornmeal, stirring it until all the cornmeal was moistened. This she poured into the boiling water, stirring it rapidly as it mixed into the water. In a few minutes the mush was ready to eat. Papa fried seven brown eggs, three for himself, two for Mother Mary and one each for Henry and her. Stella set enamel plates and tin cups on the smooth table which Papa had made from board brought from the sawmill up on Turkey Creek. Then Papa called to Henry.

"I am surprised that you can make such smooth mush," Papa said to Stella while they were eating. Here was yet another reason to love Mother Mary.

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. A green tree planted by a river. 2. The River of Life. 3. From the throne of God. 4. Good fruit. 5. No. 6. They will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 7. Any of the following: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. 8. He will be pure, peaceable, gentle, easily entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 9. In peace.)

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Mabel's Triumphs

(Continued from last week.)

Stella Shows Love

Before Mrs. Tully left, Stella heard her say, "Mr. Kelly, Mary's a sick woman, she must stay in bed at least ten days. You'll need to hire someone to nurse her and your new baby."

"Schoolteacher's wages don't stretch around food for a family and a maid, too," he answered. "We don't get paid \$1.10 a day like other men who work nine hours a day, although sometimes we work much longer. Stella and I will do it, won't we, Stella?"

"Yes, Papa," she answered, "I'll help Mother Mary. I'll stay home every day and take care of her and Smiling Mabel."

"That's my girl. I'll help you with lessons in the evenings. Please pack a lunch for Henry and me." As Stella packed the lunch, she could hear the creaking of the pulley as Papa drew water from the well. She heard it splashing as he emptied the long, narrow well-bucket into the large, round, galvanized tub. One, two, three, four buckets were emptied into the tub. Then with his pocketknife, he shaved up homemade lye soap, letting the shavings fall into the water. Next he took out Henry's dirty shirt, Mother Mary's print dress, some socks and underclothes and put them in to soak.

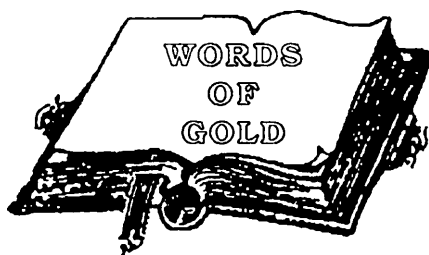
Henry carried in the wood he had been splitting and stacked it near the stove. "Be sure and keep wood in the

fire," Papa told Stella. "New mommies and babies have to be kept warm."

Stella watched sadly as Henry and Papa walked away. She loved going with Papa to the school two miles away in Pineville. It wasn't crowded like the one room school over in Antioch, which had 144 students. She also felt nervous about staying alone with sick Mother Mary. Only the anticipation of holding baby Mabel kept her from running after Papa.

"Now what am I supposed to do?" she asked herself. "Oh, yes, the house must stay warm." She hurried to check the fire. Papa had filled it with wood. "Put beans to cook," Mother Mary had said to Papa. She found the big white enamel pot and filled it half-full of water and set it on the big stove. She poured the brown, dry beans on the table, and patted them flat. Then she picked out the rocks and sticks. She washed the beans and poured them into the big, blue kettle. While they were cooking she washed the dishes. After that, she crept quietly into the other room and sat near the bed so she could watch baby Mabel. She was asleep and so was Mother Mary.

Stella soon grew tired of watching the two people sleeping. Silently she slipped out into the yard to find something to do. First she played on the rope that hung from the tree. Then she tidied up her playhouse and swept all the yard clean. "Papa will be proud of me!" she said to herself.



The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-31

28 And one of the scribes came, and...asked him [Jesus], Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is....

30 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is...this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

I Corinthians 13:1-8

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

The Message: Love is the most important element in a Christian's life.

Questions:

1. What did the scribe ask Jesus?
2. What is the greatest commandment?
3. What is the second greatest commandment?
4. What is the most important element in anyone's life?
5. Can a person with much wisdom and faith be great without love?
6. Under what conditions does love continue to show kindness?
7. Is a person filled with love easily angered?
8. In what does charity rejoice?
9. What is the one thing that will never fail?

Verse to Memorize

Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

I Corinthians 13:13.

Let's



Talk . . .

Can you imagine copying every word from your Reading, your Science, your Social Studies, and your Math book? Years ago every book had to be copied by hand, for there were no printing presses. Men, called scribes, copied all the books and the laws and commandments of God. One of these scribes came to Jesus and asked, "Which is the greatest of all God's laws?"

Jesus answered, "To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength is the greatest of all the commandments." Sometimes people appear to love God on Sunday, but the other days they are doing things that God says not to do. Do they love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength?

Jesus said, "The second greatest commandment is to love thy neighbor as thyself." It is much like the first, and they both work together. We can know how much we love God by looking at our feelings for our neighbors. Our love for God is just as strong as our love for others. A person who loves God will not abuse others.

The second part of the Bible lesson describes how important charity is and how it shows in our conduct. We often think of charity as help given to the poor or suffering. In this chapter, charity

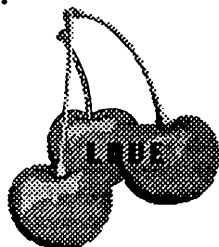
is "the love of God." But our actions of charity for others are also a gage of our love for God. So our love for God is expressed in helping the poor and suffering.

Love is more important than anything. We honor people with wisdom, understanding or faith. But the apostle Paul says, "People with these gifts are nothing without the love of God." Giving all we have to the poor without the love of God is like primitive people who gave their lives as a sacrifice to gods. It is useless.

Now let us think about the fruits that God's love produces. This love is not proud, nor does it envy. It will be kind, although abused often. (Have your neighbors treated you cruelly? Are you still kind to them?) God's love will cause Christians to act like Christ, to think loving thoughts of others and be patient at all times. What beautiful fruit will show in our lives if we continually love God with our whole being!

—Charlotte Huskey

Cut out the fruit of love and paste it on the good tree which draws its strength from God.



Then she saw the clothes that were soaking in the tub. "I'll wash these clothes and show Papa that I love him," she said. Quickly she found a low stool and the metal washboard. Climbing up on the stool she placed the tin washboard in the tub and began rubbing her stockings up and down on the board. Thinking it was fun, she scrubbed Papa's and Henry's socks, then their underclothes and her petticoats.

Just as she was finishing her petticoat, she heard Papa and Henry returning early from school. Embarrassed that Henry would see her petticoat, she quickly leaned across the tub to tuck the petticoat into the new bucket where she had been putting the clean clothing. This overbalanced the tub. "Watch out!" Papa shouted, running to help. But it was too late. The big tub fell, knocking her to the ground and burying her in wet clothes.

"Stella looks like a chick just coming out of its shell," Henry said, laughing.

"Trying to help?" questioned Papa.

"I wanted to show that I love you," she said as she trembled in the cold October wind.

"I know you love me, but now I'll have to draw more water, and these clothes are not just dirty, they're muddy. You should..." Then he noticed Stella was crying. "I'm sorry," he said, "Thanks, Honey, for trying so hard. Tomorrow I'll put the tub inside on a low bench and you may wash the baby's clothes."

"Okay!" said Stella as she ran shivering into the house.

Every day Stella hurried through the housework so she could wash Mabel's little clothes. She hung them on a low line Papa had made especially for her.

When Mother Mary was able to do the work, Stella went back to school, but she could hardly wait to get home and play with her little sister.

Summer came and Stella played with little Mabel out under the low blackjack trees. Winter passed and another summer. Now Mabel, on short chubby legs, followed Stella around the house and yard.

During the following winter, Stella had another scare when Mother Mary gave birth to little William.

Four years later on the last day of September as Stella, Papa and Henry were walking home from school, Stella said, "Say Papa, Mabel's gonna be six tomorrow. What shall we do for her birthday?"

"Probably nothing unless Mary is feeling better," he said rather seriously.

Stella shivered down to the tip of her toes as the fear of losing Mother Mary came crashing down on her. She had been so happy, was this coming to an end? Suddenly she realized that Mother Mary had been coughing for a long, long time and she acted so tired. Often when they came home, she would be lying down. Sometimes, Stella and Papa made supper and she stayed in bed. "Why haven't I helped more?" she scolded.

While they were eating their supper of fried potatoes and gravy, which Papa and Stella had made, Papa said, "I think we better go to bed quietly tonight. Pray with Mabel before going to sleep. We will do the dishes in the morning."

"Come on," Stella said, grabbing Mabel by the arm. Tears blinding her eyes, she climbed the ladder to their loft bedroom.

"Mabel," she said in a trembling voice, "we must pray hard for Mother Mary. She is sick." Stella fell on her knees and began sobbing.

"Why are you crying?" Mabel asked.

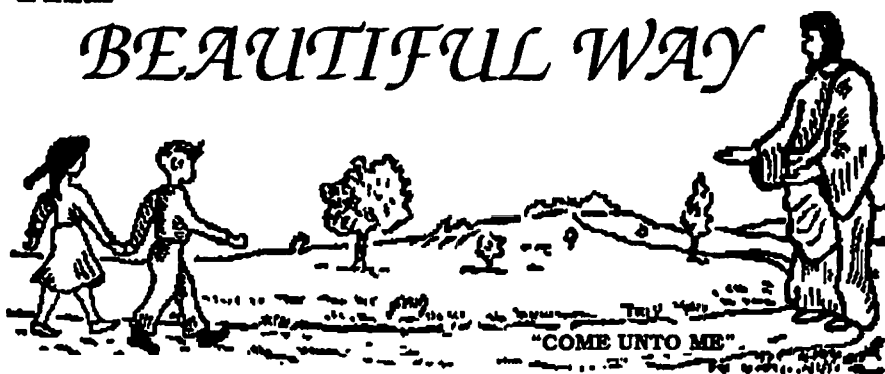
"Oh, Mabel, it-it's such a horrible thing to not have a mama," she forced herself to say. "When I-I-I was a l-l-little girl like you, my mama got sick and-and she n-n-never got well. Then I had to stay alone while Papa and Henry had to be away. It's scary to be alone."

(To be continued next week.)

[Answers: 1. What is the greatest commandment? 2. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. 3. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 4. Love. 5. No. 6. After it has suffered a long time. 7. No. 8. In the truth. 9. Love.]

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Joy for Sorrow

"Let me read a Bible verse and then we will pray as Papa told us," Stella said. She opened her Bible and began reading, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning," Psalms 30:5."

"I think God is telling us that Mama will be well in the morning," Mabel explained.

"I hope you're right," Stella said hopefully.

Mother was not well the next morning. From that day, her hacking cough increased and she stayed in bed more. Sometimes during the night, when everyone was asleep, Mabel could hear Stella crying. She cried, too. Then she would remember the verse that Stella read so often, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

When they started school the following fall, Papa said that Stella would not be going; she must stay home to nurse Mother.

A lump came up in Mabel's throat. Tears filled her eyes. Hurriedly she ran outside so Papa wouldn't see her crying. She went straight to the straw pile. Throwing herself upon it, she cried until William found her. "Why you crying?" he asked, pulling at her apron with which she covered her face.

Without uncovering her face, Mabel said, "Stella says it is awful for a mama to not get well."

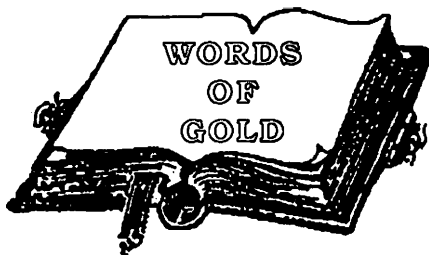
"Our mama's just resting. She told me so."

"Oh, William, what would I do without you?" she said, hugging him, just as Stella often did her.

Then spring came with warm days and bright sunshine, but a cloud always hung over their house because Mama was still very sick. One day she called them to her bed. Stella and Mabel stood at the foot of the bed. Henry, holding little William, stood on the left side near the head. Papa entered the room and sat down on the low stool near her pillow, where he had sat many nights rubbing her back and arms trying to make her comfortable, and wondering if she would live until morning. His face was solemn, his eyes red and swollen. He said nothing. The only noise was snuffles and wiping of tears.

Suddenly Papa lay his huge head over on Mama's bed and began sobbing like a baby. Mabel had never seen her papa act like that. He was big—brave—and strong. Mama feebly stroked his bushy, red hair. "Don't cry, Simon Pleasant, please don't cry. I'm going to a better place where I'll never suffer again." She stopped.

Her breathing was shallow and slow. Mabel noticed a stream of tears running from her eyes. She spoke in a low whisper. Mabel thought she said, "You children help Papa and do all you can to make each other happy. Live for God, and you can come where I am going."



Why are Christians Happy? *Joy is a Strong Feeling of Happiness*

Luke 10:1

1 ...The Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two...into every city...

Luke 10:17, 19-20

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 [However] in this rejoice not,... but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 15:4-5, 7-10

4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the [99] in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

7 ...Likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not...seek diligently till she find it?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth...Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Isalah 61:10

10 ...My soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,....

Psalms 149:5

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

Psalms 95:2

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Ephesians 5:19

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Romans 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

II Corinthians 7:4

4 ...I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

The Message: Christians are happy because their names are written in God's Book. Singing praises to God will help them stay happy.

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

Verse to Memorize

...Rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:20.

Let's



Talk . . .

Jesus sent seventy disciples, in pairs, throughout Judea to preach salvation. They were given power over sickness and devils. The men returned very happy, saying, "Wow! We even had control over devils!"

It was wonderful that they had such power from God, and Jesus promised to give them more power. "However, you should not be happy because of this power," Jesus told them. "You should be happy because your names are written in heaven."

Having our names written down in heaven is more important than any other thing and should make us happier than any other thing. Jesus told a story to illustrate how happy He is when a new name is written in heaven. A shepherd had 100 sheep, and one lamb went astray. The shepherd left the 99 and hunted until he found the lost one. Then He rejoiced over that one lamb more than over the 99 who were already safe. A woman lost one of her ten pieces of silver. After finding the coin, she called her friends and rejoiced with them. These stories illustrate the happiness of God and the angels in heaven when a person repents of his sins and his name is written in God's Book.

When a sinner gets saved it causes much happiness in heaven and also on earth. That is easy to understand because getting saved is wonderful, but what is hard to understand is how God's children can be happy during severe problems. The apostle Paul said he was happy in tribulation because his name was in heaven.

God will also help us to be happy during trouble. He says that if we sing when trouble is all around, it will help us to keep happy. King David said to sing praises to God on your bed when you are resting. I have found it helps to sing while working. If we do sing, usually before long, we will be feeling better. Even if we do not have a beautiful voice or know music, we must sing. We are making a joyful noise unto God. In the Bible it says to "sing to yourselves," so if you are embarrassed about your singing, just sing alone.

We must be choosy, however, about what we sing. Not all songs arouse feelings of happiness; some bring feelings of sadness, others a desire to rebel. That is why the Bible instructs us to sing hymns, psalms and spiritual songs. Singing these songs will help us feel better, and remembering that our names are written in God's Book of Life should also make us happy.

—Charlotte Huskey

Cut out the fruit of
joy and paste it on
the good tree.



Questions:

1. Why were the seventy happy?
2. What other powers did Jesus give to them?
3. What is a better reason to be happy?
4. Why was the man with 100 sheep happy?
5. Why was the woman with the coins happy?
6. When are the angels especially happy?
7. Why was Isaiah happy?
8. What are the saints to do?
9. Are the saints to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs?
10. Are some saints joyful through tribulations?

Mabel could not understand why the neighbors came tiptoeing in to look at Mama. They spoke in a whisper. "Why don't they speak loudly and wake Mama so she will talk to us?" Mabel asked Stella.

Stella just put her finger to her lips in silence, and kept wiping tears. Mabel thought Stella's tears meant a lot of things.

The next day Uncle Henry and some strange men came, bringing a big, wooden box. They lifted Mama carefully and, placing her in the big box, carried her out to his wagon. Then Papa and the children got in the wagon and went away. The men walked behind. Finally they stopped at a clearing among the blackjack oak where there were mounds and mounds of dirt. Some were covered with crumpled, dead flowers. Here and there a white cross was stuck into the dirt. Scattered among the mounds, were odd-shaped, gray rocks sticking up out of the earth. Mabel had never seen such a strange place. The next thing Mabel knew the men had slipped strong ropes under the box and were lowering Mama down into a big hole. Then the men started shoveling dirt in on her. "No! No!" Mabel wanted to shout. "Don't do that! When my mama wakes, she will not be able to get out." But something was choking Mabel, keeping her from speaking.

Some ladies were singing about a beautiful home over there. Mabel wondered where. She'd like to go. From then on everything was mixed up in Mabel's mind. Stella had been holding little William by one hand and her by the other. Now people whom she had never seen were separating them. "I'm Cousin William, postmaster in Rocky Comfort," an old man was saying. "I need a girl just like you to come live with me," and he took her, pulling her away from Stella, wrapping his arms around her.

Another man who looked much like Papa said, "I'm Uncle Lon, I think little William ought to be my boy now. My wife will take good care of him," and he lifted William up in his arms.

Everybody was wanting to help by taking a child. "No," Papa said, "My

family will stay together as long as I can manage."

"Simon Pleasant Andrew Kelly, you were born to fight," an old lady was saying. "You came into this world the day the first gun was shot in the Civil War. But how will you manage with four children and no wife? You surely don't plan on marrying again at age 45, although you do look much younger—no gray hairs and not getting bald."

"We'll make it somehow. God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us," Papa answered. "My faith is in Him."

She just shook her head and walked away.

That night when they were safe at home together, Papa read Psalm 68:3-5. "God will always be with us, and we'll all see Mother again, if we obey God's commandments," he said. Mabel sure wanted to see her mama again. So when they bowed to pray, she asked Jesus to make her a good girl.

About a month later Stella said to Papa, "I can't understand why Mabel is so happy."

"She's probably too young to understand," answered Papa, as he looked up from the book he was studying. "She's only seven."

"But she does understand," remarked Henry, as he pulled on his boots. "Yesterday she was singing to that old rag she calls her doll. 'Our dear Mama, she's gone away; but I'm happy anyway, 'cause I'll see her someday.'"

"Well, then," said Papa, "God has given Mabel 'joy for mourning,' just as He said He would."

(To be continued next week.)

Answers: 1. Because the devils were subject to them. 2. Power over serpents, scorpions and enemies so that nothing would hurt them. 3. Because our names are written in heaven. 4. Because he found his lost lamb. 5. Because she found her lost coin. 6. When a sinner repents. 7. God had clothed him with salvation and righteousness. 8. They are to be joyful to sing and to make a joyful noise. 9. Yes. 10. Yes.)

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

Stella Finds Peace

Stella sat resting in the shade of the plum tree. She had just finished hanging the laundry. Presently she saw Mabel and William running home from school. William's pants were torn, Mabel's hair shaggy. Her soiled calico dress was terribly wrinkled, although Mabel had affirmed before going to school that she had ironed it carefully. Their sweaty faces were streaked with dirt. "They look like two full-time orphans, and I try so hard," she said to herself.

"Hello, Stella," they called cheerfully. "Let's go to the creek!"

"You two go," she answered. Dropping their books inside the door, they raced away down the hill.

Stella went in the house and laid down across the bed. "Oh, God," she cried, "why can't I be happy like Mabel and William?" While praying, she remembered a verse Papa had often read. "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them." (Psalm 119:165.)

The next thing she knew, it was time for supper. She rushed outside to get kindling to start a fire in the cook stove. "Mabel, Mabel," she called. "Oh, William, William, come help me

with supper. Papa and Henry will be in, and supper won't be ready."

For worship that evening, Stella wanted Papa to explain about peace. "Peace has many meanings," said Papa. "It means people work and play together without fighting, like my good children do." William and Mabel giggled, Stella smiled, Henry grunted. He didn't know if home was peaceful or not, for he worked from early morning until sundown. "It is also a feeling within us," Papa continued. "With God's peace in our hearts, we can be happy when surrounding things could make us unhappy."

That is what I need, thought Stella.

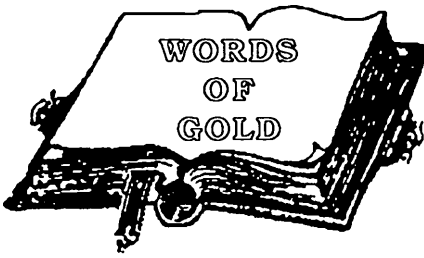
"I know a verse like that," said Mabel. "'Great peace have they that love thy law, and-and-and...'"

"Thy law, and nothing shall offend them," Papa said, helping Mabel. "Not being offended means that no matter how much trouble we have, we will not be angry with God because of it."

"But why did God let both Mother and Mother Mary die?" asked Stella.

"God knows what is best," answered Papa. "Perhaps He knows we will try harder to live right if we have someone in heaven to go see."

"I'm going to see Mama," said William.



Isaac Finds Peace

(Isaac had just moved into Gerar Valley and begun digging wells.)

Genesis 26:19-32

19 Isaac's servants digged in the valley and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is our's:...

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also:...

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not:...and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from there to Beersheba.

24 And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said,... fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25 ...And there Isaac's servants digged a well.

26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath...and Phichol...

27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28 And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee:

and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us,...and let us make a covenant with thee;

29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee,... and have sent thee away...

30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they...sware one to another...and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him...We have found water.

The Message: God will bless those who willingly submit their rights to live in peace with others.

Questions:

1. What were Isaac's servants doing?
2. Who argued with Isaac's servants about the well?
3. How was the problem solved?
4. What happened to the second well they dug?
5. To where did Isaac move?
6. Who came to visit with Isaac after he moved?
7. Why did they come?
8. What did Isaac promise the men who had taken his wells?
9. What good news did Isaac's servants bring to him?

Verse To Memorize

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

Romans 12:18.

Let's



Talk . . .

What is peace? It is freedom from war and strife. So, spiritual peace is when our spirit is free from strife. God gives spiritual peace to His children. Everyone has problems, but God promises Christians peace through problems. Having this peace helps us to be peaceable with ourselves and others.

Sometimes it is necessary to give up personal rights to keep peace. Isaac gave up the wells his servants had dug. Later those who had taken his wells saw God blessing Isaac and they went to him and made peace. Like Isaac, many Christians have found that giving up their rights has worked out to be a blessing for them.

God has always helped Christians to be peaceful even against great odds. The Church of God was growing rapidly in 100 A.D. because of its peaceable, loving attitude. The saints were patient even when cheated. The Church valued peace so highly that its men would not fight in the Roman army. For this reason, some Roman Emperors persecuted and killed many Christians. Other emperors were very happy to have such peaceable people in their kingdoms.

Just as God helped the early Church of God to live peacefully, He will also help children and young people be peaceable. Robert wanted to be peaceable. When trouble arose he often took the blame to keep

peace. The other boys noticed and asked him why. "I'm a Christian," he told them, "and Christians shouldn't fight."

The boys whispered, "Let's make him fight!" One after another pretended to accidentally bump or trip him. Often they laughed at his hair, his pants, the way he walked and the mole near his eye. Sometimes they teased him about being in love with fat, ugly girls. Through all this, Robert displayed no violence.

One day when the boys were behind the school and no teachers were in sight, Sidney bullied up to Robert, grabbing him by the shirt collar and saying, "Now if you don't knock me away, I'm gonna wipe your nose all over your face." The other boys came running and laughing.

"I will not fight," Robert said.

Sidney pushed Robert, backing him against the rough, brick wall. All the while he barked, "You gonna fight? You gonna fight?" Robert was praying, while he tried hard to wiggle out of Sidney's grip. Sidney growled out the threat again, "I'm gonna wipe your nose all over your face!" He drew back his monstrous hand and swung.

Robert ducked, and Sidney slammed his fist against the wall. At the same moment a big bumble bee stung Sidney on his nose.

—Charlotte Huskey

Paste the fruit of peace on the good tree that depends on God for its strength.



"We all will," Henry spoke sharply. "But can't we think of something more pleasant to talk about?"

The following winter, William began acting tired and not eating much, and he was coughing a lot just like Mother had.

Mabel thought sure he would die. "He'll be all right as soon as the weather breaks. This winter has been very cold," Stella told Mabel for the twentieth time. "Now quit fretting about him."

When William stayed in bed, Mabel carried food and water to him. She drew pictures on her slate board. Sometimes she gathered old acorns and hickory nuts and drew faces on them to make him laugh. She sat by his bed every spare minute.

One morning when she tiptoed to his bedside, he was very quiet. She sat patiently waiting for him to arouse. Stella was busy tidying up the house. Henry had already gone to work.

When Papa came in from doing the chores, she met him at the door. "Why has little William been sleeping so long?" she asked.

Papa took her by the hand and led her to the old rocking chair. He lifted her onto his lap and held her close to himself just as he had done the day she was born. He cleared his throat a couple of times, then spoke in the saddest voice Mabel had ever heard. "Little William is taking a long, long nap. He-he-he's gone to see Mama."

"You mean he will never play with me? He'll just sleep and sleep, from now on? Why doesn't he want to talk with me?" She slipped from her father's lap and raced to William's bed. Shaking him roughly she said loudly. "Wake up, William, wake up! William, W-William, open your eyes, and talk to..."

Stella jerked her away. "Don't act crazy! You can't wake up a dead person," she scolded. Then realizing how

his death would hurt Mabel, she hugged Mabel. Holding Mabel tenderly, she looked down at William and said, "Our darling William, the nearest thing to heaven in this house. Why did you go away? Why, God? Why did you take our William?" Then she remembered the verse Papa had explained not long ago. "Great peace have they that love thy law and nothing shall offend them." Nothing? Nothing? Not even when your little brother and your mothers are taken away?

Mabel broke the silence. "Has William gone to see Mama, like he said?" she questioned.

"Yes." Stella was still wondering if she could love God after all these deaths.

"Then he will never be sick again?"

"No."

"If I am good, can I go and see him?"

"Yes, Mabel, we'll all be good so we can go see William, Mother Mary and my mother. And-and-we'll always love God no matter what happens." As soon as Stella made that decision, PEACE filled her heart.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Digging a water well. 2. The herdsmen of Gerar. 3. Isaac gave them his well. 4. Isaac also gave it to the men. 5. To Beersheba. 6. Three leaders from Gerar. 7. To make a covenant with Isaac, because they saw that God was with him. 8. To not harm them. 9. That the well had water in it.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

Papa Goes Away

The last few weeks Mabel had noticed a grave look upon Papa's face. Tonight he sat at the homemade desk studying a map. Presently he looked up and said, "Mabel, I must talk to you."

"Yes, Papa," she said as she hung up the skirt she had just finished ironing. She took the only other chair in the room and sat down directly across from him.

"The school term will soon be finished," he said. "I've just been thinking I may go west and see if I can locate another school for the fall term. I've read that the climate there is better for folks with asthma. My asthma condition is getting worse, and perhaps I won't suffer so much in the drier climate. I'll leave as soon as school is out for the summer. That will give me time to find a job and get us a place to live before school starts again."

"Will I get to stay with Stella and Wallace?" Mabel asked excitedly. "I'd love to help take care of their new baby."

"No, my child," he said. "I'm sorry to disappoint you, but Wallace's business isn't doing well. He can hardly

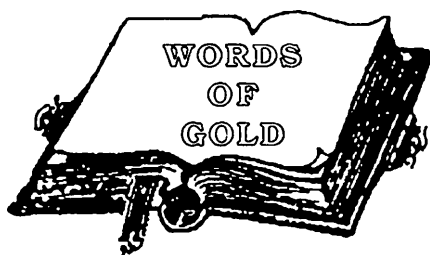
care for his wife and baby, much less care for you, too. I've already arranged with Mrs. McAlley to keep you. You can be a lot of help, for you're big and strong for a twelve-year-old. Mrs. McAlley says she'll be glad to give you a place to live in exchange for your help. They have a nice home, and you'll have her children to play with."

"Papa, Papa, I don't want you to leave," she said, beginning to cry. "You're the only family I've got. Oh, Papa, please don't leave me, too." She laid her head on the desk and cried. Clumsily, he fingered her long, black braids with his big hands. There wasn't a sound in the room except for Mabel's crying.

For a long time, the lump in Papa's throat kept him from speaking. Finally he could say, "Mabel, Mabel, don't take it so hard, please, please," he begged. "We won't be separated very long."

"I know, Papa, I must have hope," she said raising her head. "Please forgive me for being such a baby. It's just that Mama and William are gone away to heaven, and Henry is so far away in Missouri. Will I ever see him again? And Stella, I never get to see her either."

"I know, Honey, you miss your family," he said. "But this kind of



God Blesses Jacob

Genesis 31:1-9, 11, 13-16

1 [Jacob] heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's;...

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and,...it was not toward him as before.

3 And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers,...and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, I see your father...is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying....

13 I am the God of Bethel,...where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now

arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is our's, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

The Message: Meditating on God's Word will help a Christian suffer patiently.

Questions:

1. What did Laban's son say about Jacob?
2. What did God say to Jacob?
3. How had Jacob served Laban?
4. Who had deceived Jacob?
5. How many times had he changed his wages?
6. Who had taken Laban's cattle and given them to Jacob?
7. Why were Rachel and Leah willing to go with Jacob?
8. The riches which God had taken from Laban really belonged to whom?
9. What did Rachel and Leah encourage Jacob to do?

Verse to Memorize

Put on therefore, as the elect of God,...mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.

Colossians 3:12.

Let's



Talk . . .

For twenty years Jacob worked diligently for deceitful Laban. The first seven years he worked to marry Rachel, Laban's daughter. But Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah, his older daughter. Jacob still loved Rachel so he worked another seven years without pay. After 14 years of working, Laban began paying Jacob wages, but continued to cheat him. Finally, Jacob decided to take his family and leave. Laban did not want his daughters and grand children to move far away, so he made another deal with Jacob. Jacob continued working, but soon trouble arose again. Then Jacob prayed again. God told him to leave Laban and return with his family to his own country.

Jacob was bearing the fruit of longsuffering as he worked diligently for Laban. God helped him to treat Laban good although Laban abused him in many different ways, cheating him ten times.

The Redpoll, a small arctic bird, illustrates, by its eating habits, how we can draw strength from God. This bird can withstand temperatures of -100° F. His unique way of eating makes this possible. The Redpoll swings upside down on a branch until the seed fall on the snow-crusted tundra. Then he quickly picks up the seed, storing it in his pouch which is large

enough to hold twelve hours worth of food. When the pouch is filled, the Redpoll gets into a sheltered place, often a burrow in the snow. There he brings up some seeds, hulls and eats them, saving some for times during the night when he will need food for energy to keep warm. The Redpoll would freeze to death without a continual supply of food energy.

Christians also need continual energy from God's Word to have spiritual strength. We must store His Word in our hearts, just as the Redpoll stores his food in his pouch. When we are discouraged, a verse of encouragement will come to our minds, giving us needed courage or spiritual energy. When tempted, a verse will help us resist evil and continue bearing good fruit.

Bearing the fruit of long-suffering is very difficult. Only those who trust in God's strength will be able to produce this fruit, for to be able to suffer long, a person must have love, forgiveness, patience, kindness and a good attitude. Without God, none of us have all these good fruits. But God will give them to us. Then we will have the needed strength and energy to produce this wonderful fruit of long-suffering that Jacob bore.

—Charlotte Huskey

**Cut out the fruit of
long-suffering
and paste it on the good tree.**



surprised me. You have handled everything else so well; I must have thought you would smile through this, too."

During that summer, Mabel was working from early morning until late into the night. She found no time to feel sorry for herself. She made beds, swept and mopped floors, baked bread, mended socks and clothing, tended the garden, washed clothes and fed and watered the chickens.

Every evening Mabel tumbled into bed ready to sleep. "Oh, God," she prayed, "Will this ever end?" Sometimes she would remember, "Charity suffereth long and is kind," and she would make herself take out her little red Testament and read the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. (For she had already learned that reading the Bible helped her a great deal.) Then she would ask God to help her to suffer patiently.

Sometimes that wasn't so easy to do, especially when the boys were careless and dirtied more than one pair of pants a week for her to wash, or came into the freshly mopped floors with muddy shoes, or when they spilled tomato soup on the white linen tablecloth that she had washed, starched and ironed. It would take her at least two hours of hard work to put that tablecloth back on the table in the same condition that it was two minutes before they carelessly spilled the soup. Then there were times when Mrs. McAlley thought she was dreadfully slow. Mabel knew she was naturally slow, but being so tired made her work even more slowly.

Mabel always looked forward to receiving letters from her papa. He told her about the different things he had seen and about the interesting places where he had been. Always, he ended his letters with, "We'll be seeing each other soon." One time she

and Mrs. McAlley received a letter the same day. Hastily she read:

"Dear Mabel,

I am in La Mesa, Arizona. It is a very nice town. New people from the east are coming here every day. I am feeling much better and have found a school in which to teach. There is only one sad thing about it. The town is very full and I cannot find a place suitable for us to live together. It breaks my heart to write this to you. I have written Mrs. McAlley asking if she can keep you another year. If she cannot, I'm sure Stella will help you find a job for room and board at the hotel downtown. I have written explaining everything to her.

Love, Papa"

Mabel was alone in her room. She wanted to scream, "Oh, Papa, my Papa, how could you do this to me? How could you leave me so alone, so alone? Papa, Papa, if you only knew how I felt, you would never do this!"

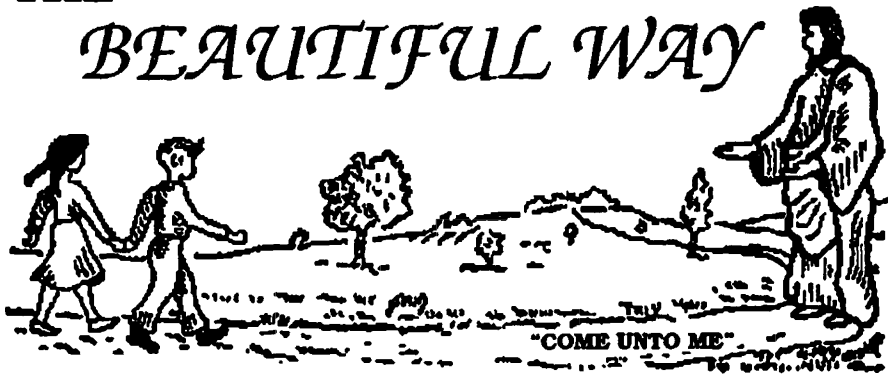
She fell on her knees and began praying, "Oh, God, help me to patiently suffer this." Then she remembered Peter had asked Jesus, "How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" And Jesus answered, "Seventy times seven." She stayed on her knees until God helped her to forgive Papa. Then she could smile again.

(To be continued next week.)

Answers. 1. That Jacob had taken all that was their father's. 2. "Return to the land of thy fathers and I will be with thee." 3. With all his power. 4. Laban. 5. Ten times. 6. God. 7. Their father had sold them and had also devoured their money. 8. Rachel and Leah and their children. 9. To do whatever God told him to do.)

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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

Gentle Miss Perkins

Mrs. McAlley couldn't afford to keep Mabel any longer, so Stella helped her get a job at the hotel in Mangum. "Your pay will be a place to sleep and food every day," said Mrs. Snodgrass, the hotel manager. "You can attend school when I don't need you here."

"Please be kind to my little sister," begged Stella. "She worked awfully hard at her other job."

"I'll do the best I can by her," answered Mrs. Snodgrass, "but she came here to work, didn't she?"

And work she did. In the mornings before going to school she helped prepare breakfast for the hotel guests. After school she stripped each bed of soiled linens and put clean ones in their place. She swept and mopped each room. Then she scrubbed the soiled sheets, pillowcases and towels on the old metal washboard until dark. Mabel's muscles were strong now. Mrs. McAlley was to be thanked for that. But just the same, many nights she tossed restlessly because of tiredness.

Working in the mornings often caused Mabel to arrive late to school. Miss Perkins, the teacher, was always kind although Mabel, entering late, interrupted the lesson.

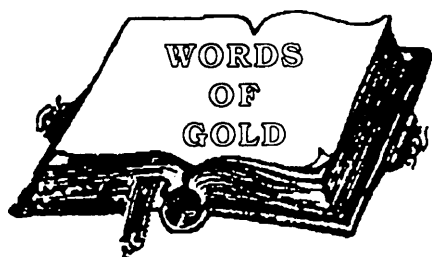
Sometimes Miss Perkins acted angry when lessons from the days she

missed were not caught up, but her eyes told Mabel that she understood.

The evening of the school program, Mabel's heart was heavy. There were no guests at the hotel the night before; so Mrs. Snodgrass put her to washing dishes. Her tears splashed in the dish-water as she thought of Papa not being there for her. John Smith's papa wouldn't be there for him, because his mother was sick. All the other mothers had promised to come. Mabel had no one. She pictured just how her mother would look sitting there among all the other mothers, smiling at Mabel. After the kitchen was clean and the floors swept and mopped, she hurriedly slipped into her clean clothing, combed her hair and rushed away.

As Mabel entered the school, she saw Hope, dressed in the beautiful blue dress her mother had made for this occasion. There was Bess, her black hair falling in ringlets to her waist. Her mother had arranged each one perfectly. Mary's mother was re-tying her sash.

Mabel hurried on, hoping no one had noticed her sad face. "Hello, Mabel," the girls called cheerfully. Mabel tried to smile. Miss Perkins seemed to understand, and asked Mabel to help her with some decorating. When they were alone she said, "Mabel, I love your pretty smile, but look, Honey, you must straighten your stockings—like this," and she began to demonstrate how to



David is Kind

II Samuel 9:1, 3, 5, 6-13

1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

3 ...And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

5 Then king David sent, and fetched him...

6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence....

7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat:...Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do....

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

The Message: Kindness is shown by little things we do—by encouraging words we say, or words of praise, also by the way we look at others.

Questions:

1. Why did David want to find one of Saul's family?
2. How did Mephibosheth show fear of David?
3. How did David comfort Mephibosheth?
4. In what two ways did David show his kindness?
5. Did David sacrifice many servants to help Mephibosheth?
6. What were these servants to do?
7. Where was Mephibosheth to eat his meals?
8. Name some ways you can show kindness?
9. Does Jesus expect us to be kind only to our friends?

Verse to Memorize

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee,...saith the Lord...

Isaiah 54:10.

Let's



Talk . . .

David and Jonathan were great friends. The friendship had begun years ago when David was a young shepherd who had been called to live in the palace because of his unusual musical talent. Jonathan had given David his clothing, his sword, and his bow. Years later when his father, King Saul, wanted to kill David, Jonathan helped David to escape.

Now Jonathan was dead, and David wanted to show kindness to Jonathan's family. One of David's servants, old Ziba, had also been a servant to King Saul, so he knew Jonathan's only son, Mephibosheth. David sent for him.

Crippled Mephibosheth bowed before King David. "Fear not," David said. "I want to invite you to be my table guest every day. Also, I am giving you all the land that once belonged to your grandfather. I will also let Ziba, his 15 sons and his 20 servants be your workers."

We cannot do great, kind deeds as David did, for we are not rich kings. But kindness can be shown by doing little things that don't take money. Encouraging words, words of praise or an understanding smile show kindness. It is a fruit that even very poor Christians can bear.

Even animals show kindness. The pelican shows kindness even when mistreated. Sometimes while a big pelican is draining the water from his pouch so he can eat his

catch, a crafty sea gull lands on him. Hopping back and forth to keep his balance, the gull slowly works its way onto the pelican's long bill. When the pelican finishes draining the water, he cracks open his bill. At that moment the thieving gull grabs the fish, quickly flips it into the air and swallows it. Then, kicking the pelican in the face, he flies away.

Without making a fuss, the pelican spreads his seven-foot wings, mounts 70 feet into the sky, and begins searching the water below for another good meal.

Let's ask ourselves, "Could I be kind if I was treated like the pelican?" The answer is, "Yes." I can be kind under abusive conditions, for God's promise is, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. Kindness comes from God. When God is in our hearts, we can draw strength from Him to be kind.

Think of ways to show kindness to someone who has been kind to you. Now think of ways to be kind to those who have abused you. Remember, if you have no money—do something without using money, for we are not rich like King David.

—Charlotte Huskey

Cut out the fruit of
kindness and paste
it on the good tree
that draws its
strength from God.



pull on a stocking so every rib comes straight up the leg.

Mabel bent over and straightened her stockings as hot tears dropped on her shoes. "If I had a Mama, I'd know this already," she thought.

As Miss Perkins brushed and rearranged Mabel's hair, she said, "Girls should always keep the ribs in their stockings going straight up their legs." Then she placed a kiss on Mabel's forehead, saying, "Now, you look wonderful and I know you will do your part well."

Mabel didn't hurt anymore—she had Miss Perkins.

When Mabel returned to the hotel her brother was waiting to see her. "Henry!" she cried throwing her arms around him.

Henry held her out at arms length and looked her over, "Mabel, you've grown so much," he gasped. "You're a young lady now. You must have had a nice evening. You look so happy."

"I'm happy 'cause you're here," she said, squeezing him again. "You gonna live here now?"

"I can only stay tonight."

"Why can't you stay a long time?"

"Come outside, and we'll talk," he said, taking her by the hand. When they were out where Mrs. Snodgrass couldn't hear, he said, "Mabel, there is a World War being fought right now, and the government is demanding all young men to fight. I've thought and prayed about this a long time. I love my country and want to help it, but—but—I could never kill a man, even if he was my enemy."

"This past year I've been working hard raising food. I thought that would be helping our country win the war, but the folks at Diamond aren't satisfied. They say I must go and fight. I think the authorities here are the same. As soon as they find out I'm in town, they'll be sending me to the battlefield. I'd be useless on the battlefield with a gun if I wasn't going to shoot. So I've decided

to go out west and hide away in the mountains where no one can find me."

"You could go live with Papa," explained Mabel. "Maybe I can come too, before long! You'll write me just like Papa does?"

"I can't stay with Papa. He lives in a crowded city. Mabel, Honey, if I write letters, people will know where I am hiding."

"You will come back when the war is over?"

"Time alone will tell. You may not be here then, but I will try to locate you. However, not writing letters for several years may mean we will never see each other again, and I may have to change my name."

"Henry, please, please tell me you'll be all right," Mabel begged, tightening her grip on his arm, "and that we will see each other before long."

"I wish I could promise you that, but only God knows."

"I must go see Stella, also." He kissed Mabel good-bye and left. As she watched Henry disappear into the darkness, she began feeling weak and dizzy. Leaning against the corner of the hotel, she said softly, "Oh, Henry, Henry don't leave me, I'm so lonely." Suddenly, like a ray of sunshine, she remembered her favorite verse, "Weeping endureth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

"I think I'll see him soon," she said.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. So he could show kindness to them for Jonathan's sake. 2. By falling on his face and making reverence. 3. By saying, "Fear not for I will surely show kindness to thee." 4. David restored all Saul's land to him and invited him to eat continually at David's table. 5. Yes. 6. The servants were to till the land and bring the fruits to Mephibosheth. 7. At David's table. 8. Answers will vary. 9. No, for Jesus said, "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you." Luke 6:27.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

Old Joe's Advice

At the Mangum Hotel where Mabel lived and worked, there were comfortable rooms for those who paid. But for Mabel, there was not a private room. She and Mrs. Snodgrass shared the hotel kitchen. Mabel's clothes, books, toothbrush, comb and trinkets were kept in a cardboard box tucked under her narrow bed.

People came in and went out of the kitchen from early morning until late in the evening. Mabel studied as she worked, or while Mrs. Snodgrass and her friends clattered loudly. If Mabel felt lonely, her tears fell in the audience of she who often imagined evil. If she decided to look in the mirror, as all girls do, it was under the critical eyes of Mrs. Snodgrass.

These were problems, but none were equal to the problem of dressing. Very, very early in the mornings, old Joe came to build fires in the hotel stoves. The one in the kitchen was made first so breakfast could be started. Mabel thought it sinful to dress in front of a man, so she tried hard to be up and dressed

before Joe came. Sometimes, however, after working late in the evening, or studying far into the night, she did not awake until old Joe was tapping at the door. On those mornings she stayed covered in the bed until he left the room.

This made Mrs. Snodgrass very angry. "I've never seen anyone as modest as you" she stormed. "You are just plain stupid to try and be so pure. If you were the daughter of a rich man, you might be that silly modest, but you ain't. If ye 'spect to make a livin' working in hotels, you've got to be rough like all the hotel gang."

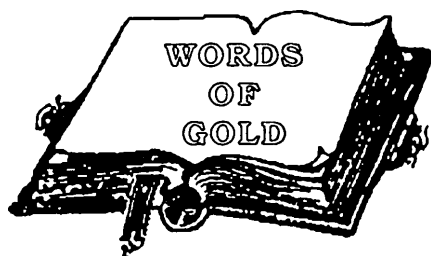
Joe pretended not to hear. He just went ahead with his work.

Mabel covered her face with her quilt and prayed, "Lord, help me go with Papa. He won't do this to me."

"Well, just lay there, lazy little Miss Modest," Mrs. Snodgrass snickered as she pulled on her stockings. "Who ever'd think it'd be wrong to dress in front of old Joe?" Mabel trembled when Mrs. Snodgrass stood up, fearing she might rip her quilt away.

When Joe left, she got up and dressed.

One day old Joe saw Mabel coming out of the variety store. "Hey,



A Pure Standard

Genesis 12:10-15, 17-20

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

11 ...When he was come near to... Egypt, he said unto Sarai his wife,... thou art a fair woman...

12 ...The Egyptians...shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 Say,...thou art my sister:...

14 And...the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her,...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.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me?...

19 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife:...

20 And...they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

Genesis 26:1, 7-10

1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech...unto Gerar.

7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared...the men of the place should kill [him] for Rebekah; because she was fair...

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw,...Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

The Message: Even the Egyptians and Philistines had a standard against adultery, which God commands for all people.

Questions:

1. Why did Abram go to live in Egypt?
2. Why did he ask Sarai to say she was his sister?
3. What did Pharaoh do to Sarai?
4. What happened in Egypt because Pharaoh had Abram's wife?
5. When was the plague stopped?
6. Why did Isaac go to Gerar to live?
7. What did Isaac fear would happen to him?
8. Why was King Abimelech angry with Isaac?
9. Did the heathens believe that a man must die before his wife could become the wife of another man?

Verse to Memorize

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

II Timothy 2:22.

Let's



Talk . . .

God planned that men and women should marry for life. Our nation permits divorce and remarriage, but in some countries adulterers are as severely punished as murderers, even by death. Years ago, adultery was not allowed, even in countries where God was not worshiped. The Egyptians and the Philistines worshiped idols. However, neither country tolerated adultery. They allowed men to marry only women who had never been married or whose husbands were dead. Although they did not know it, they were obeying God's commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

This practice was so common that both Abram and his son Isaac feared they would be killed by men who wanted their wives. Each pretended his wife was his sister, and each one got into trouble. When Abram's beautiful wife was brought to the palace to become Pharaoh's wife, a plague broke out among the Egyptians. Pharaoh quickly returned Sarai to her husband, and sent them away. The Philistine king, Abimelech, was also very angry with Isaac. He feared some man might have ignorantly taken Isaac's wife, and his country would also have been in trouble because of adultery.

How wonderful it would be if our country had laws prohibiting divorce and remarriage. Instead of being discouraged, in many ways adultery and fornication are encouraged. Christians must be strong against this sin and keep God's standard, which is to be married for life.

The Bible also commands, "Keep thyself pure." If a friend says, "Keep my dog," we have a job to do; we take care of it. The dog could be stolen or run away if we aren't careful. Just so, a person's purity can be stolen. It can be stolen by a handsome boy or a beautiful girl. To keep pure, we must guard our affections and our friendships. Always remember, if a friend wants you to do something that you think is wrong, they do not really love you. A true friend will inspire you to do right and stay pure.

It is only possible to keep pure if we have a pure mind. Ask God to keep your heart pure, then use the shield of faith, daily, to ward off every evil thought. Obscene words, filthy jokes, evil pictures, and seeing scantily clothed people invades our minds. We need God's help to clear them out, and He will help each one to overcome impure thoughts. Then each can keep pure.

Promise yourself right now that you will be a pure bride or groom on your wedding day. It is not easy, but it is a most rewarding adventure. Try it. Your future happiness depends on it. If you are pure on your wedding day, your chances of having a good, lasting marriage is greatly increased. Let the others laugh. They won't be laughing when your marriage is happy and theirs ends up in a divorce. Be very careful and keep pure.

—Charlotte Huskey

Cut out the important fruit of purity and paste in on the good tree.



you girl," he said rather softly. "Hey, you, Mabel, I wants to talk to ye."

"Yes sir," said Mabel as she came close and looked into his pleasant face.

"Say, girl, I jest wants to say, you a good girl. Don't you do what dat Mrs. Snodgrass tell you. She a bad woman. You a good girl. You jest stay good like you are and dee good Lord, He bless you. I been wanting tu tell you this fer a long time—but I dare not get Mrs. Snodgrass angry. Old Joe can't afford to lose his job. Dat's all I has to say." He tottered on down the road.

"Hmm... the Bible says, 'Even a child is known by his doings whether his work be pure and whether it be right,'" Mabel said to herself as she was walking back to the hotel.

That night Mabel read from her New Testament, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Then she prayed, "God, make my heart pure, for I want to see You, my mama and my little brother, William. You know how lonely I am for my family. Papa is so ill now that he can't work. Oh, God, are You going to take him to live with You, too? Will I ever see him again? These three years I've been with Mrs. Snodgrass seem so-o-o long. Won't You please help me go to Papa. He really needs me."

Just before falling asleep, she thought of a wonderful plan, but she would ask Stella's opinion before doing it.

Early the following morning she said to Mrs. Snodgrass, "May I have a day off next week? I'm having a birthday and Stella asked me to spend the day with her."

"Well, yes, you can," she answered gruffly. "Just be sure you are back before I go to bed."

Stella came for Mabel the morning of her birthday. "Let's go to the photographer first," she said. "You are only sixteen once. Better have your picture made while you are young and pretty. Put on your new white dress. White means purity, and you are pure, so you must have it taken in white."

Mabel hardly heard what Stella was saying. She wanted to get away from the hotel so she could talk over her new plans.

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. Because of a famine. 2. He feared some man would kill him so he could have Sarai for his wife. 3. She was brought into the palace for Pharaoh to marry her. 4. A plague broke out among the people in Egypt. 5. When Pharaoh returned Sarai to Abram. 6. Because there was a famine. 7. That some man would kill him so he could marry his beautiful wife. 8. He feared that a punishment from God would come on his country if some innocent man had taken Isaac's wife while Isaac was living. 9. Yes.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

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A Tragic Day

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Mabel said to herself as she stepped into the train bound for Oklahoma City. Tucked in her secret pocket were the few cents that remained of her savings after paying for her ticket, and her papa's last letter. The street name and house number were plainly legible. Heavy fog shut out the rising sun.

As the train entered Oklahoma City, Mabel began reading the street names. She had never seen so many streets nor such large buildings. A sign on a very tall building read, "Hotel." Maybe I could get a job there, she thought. Surely such a fine hotel would pay good, and I could rent a little house for Papa and me.

In the big station, Mabel watched people scurrying this way and that. She wondered where each was going and if any were going to see their papa whom they hadn't seen in four years. Everyone, even the ticket agents, seemed so busy that she hesitated to stop anyone to ask directions.

She perched on the edge of a seat to think. After sitting there a few minutes, she noticed a large city map on the south wall of the station. Carry-

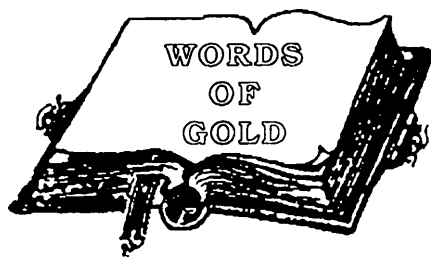
ing the cardboard box which held everything she owned, she walked over and began studying the map. "There is the street where my papa lives!" she said to herself, her heart beating wildly. Now she had courage to ask the ticket agent which streetcar to take.

Asking the streetcar driver which way to go after she got off, she was soon on the right street. Walking slowly along, she read every house number....1120, 1122, 1124,... Soon she would find a number like the one on her papa's letter which she held tightly in her hand.

There it was, right in front of her! Trembling with excitement she knocked at the door. A woman opened it. "Does Simon Kelly live here?" Mabel asked.

"No, he doesn't," the woman answered. "He was living here, but he moved last week. He said something about getting a place so he could do his own cooking. I only rent out sleeping rooms."

Mabel stood speechless. Unwanted tears dripped from her eyes. She wiped them away, hoping the woman wouldn't notice. When she could finally speak, she said, "Do you know where he has moved? I've come a long way to see him. He-he's my-my papa."



The Importance of Faith

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Romans 10:17

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Ephesians 6:16

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

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I John 5:4

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

The Message: Faith comes from God and without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Questions:

1. Who cried after Jesus?
2. Why did the woman need Jesus?
3. What did the disciples ask Jesus to do?
4. How did the woman react to Jesus' negative answer?
5. What was Jesus' second remark to her?
6. What was the woman's answer?
7. How did Jesus classify her faith?
8. How does a person get faith?
9. It is impossible to please God without which fruit?
10. How is victory over the world gained?

Verse to Memorize

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

Ephesians 6:16.

Let's



Talk . . .

The sturdy tree that produces good fruit draws its nourishment from the River of Life. This river flows out from under the throne of God. Faith is another fruit that grows on this tree. The Bible tells us it is impossible to please God without faith. A person may discipline himself to be kind, to be peaceable, to be temperate, to suffer patiently, and to keep pure. All of these will help that person, but he will not be totally pleasing to God unless he has faith.

Galatians 5:6 says that faith worketh by love. From where does love come? It comes from God, for "God is love," so faith is from God. People can accept it or reject it, but we can never have it unless God gives it to us. After God has given us faith, we must guard the desires of our heart to keep the devil from stealing it. The fruit of faith can be retained as long as we love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The woman from Canaan came seeking Jesus because of her faith. She believed He would heal her daughter. At first Jesus paid no attention to her, but she kept on begging Him. Then His disciples began saying, "Send her away." She ignored them also and continued asking for healing. Finally when Jesus did speak, He said, "I am not sent to help people like you." Then she fell at his feet begging harder than ever. After that He said, "It is not proper to give the children's bread to dogs."

"That is true, Lord, but the dogs get the crumbs," she answered.

"What great faith!" Jesus exclaimed. Then He healed her daughter.

Faith, like a physical body, can be made stronger through exercise. It gets

weaker when not used. Trusting God through difficult times is exercising our faith. It grows stronger each time we see God working. Then we can trust Him in more difficult circumstances. Jesus said we can do many things if we have faith. Faith will stop the fiery darts of the enemy, and we will be overcomers. So exercise your faith and it will grow stronger and stronger until it becomes like a sturdy tree that bears fruit every day.

—Charlotte Huskey

A Song of Faith

Day will return with a fresher boon;
God will remember the world!
Night will come with a newer moon,
God will remember the world!

Evil is only the slave of good,
Sorrow the servant of joy;
And the soul is mad that refuses food
Of the meanest in God's employ.

The fountain of joy is fed by tears,
And love is lit by the breath of sighs;

The deepest griefs and the wildest fears
Have holiest ministries:

Strong grows the oak in the sweeping storm;

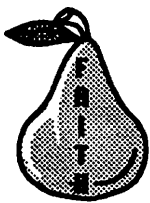
Safely the flower sleeps under the snow;

And the farmer's hearth is never warm
Till the cold wind starts to blow.

Day will return with a fresher boon;
God will remember the world!
Night will come with a newer moon,
God will remember the world!

—Josiah Gilbert Holland

Cut out the important fruit of faith and paste it on the good tree that draws its strength from the throne of God.



The woman saw Mabel needed help, so asking the other men who stayed there, she gave Mabel directions as to where she might find her papa. As Mabel walked along following the woman's directions, she remembered her new verse. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." On and on she went, carrying her box of clothing. She found the house. "Does Simon Kelly live here?" she asked.

"Who did you say?" asked the lady at the door.

"Simon Pleasant Kelly?"

"No, he doesn't live here, never did. There are more apartments at the bottom of this hill, on 8th Street. Maybe you'll find him there."

Neither did the manager of the apartment on 8th Street know Simon Kelly.

Wondering what to do, Mabel walked slowly on. Darkness was coming soon, and she had no place to spend the night, nor any money. "God, give me faith and courage," she prayed. Then she thought of the busy station.

Thinking it would be open all night, she asked directions here and there along the way, and finally she found it. She sat down her box, which now felt as if it weighed 100 pounds, and slumped onto a bench. Her back and arms were aching, her feet burning. She watched the people who were milling around and wondered if some were like her with no place to go.

By 10:00, the busy station was quiet and lonely. Only one ticket agent was left. He kept glancing at Mabel and then at the clock. Finally he called to her, "The station will be closing in five minutes. There are no more arrivals or departures tonight."

Mabel went to his window, "I-I-I wasn't waiting for a train..." she hesitated.

"You'll have to find a room for the

night, Madam," he said. "It's time to close the station."

Mabel picked up her box and walked out. Get a room for the night? Without money? She looked one way and another for some kind of shelter. All the businesses were closed except a saloon down the way and the tavern across the street. The dim flicker of the gas streetlight was her only protection. She stood under one for a while, then she walked to another and sat down wearily on her box. Each time she saw a man coming down the street she jumped up and started walking as if she had somewhere to go. Sometimes she was sure one was following her. At other times, she saw men in shadowed places watching her. At these times, she walked faster and prayed.

Finally the tavern and saloon closed and the streets were empty. She found a corner which looked fairly safe, and sat down on her box. Silently she prayed, "Father in heaven, protect me here on the street tonight. Help me to not be afraid. You told me I could do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. I still believe I can, even though my faith is a little foggy because things have been so tragic today. Amen."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. A woman of Canaan. 2. Her daughter needed healing. 3. To send her away. 4. She worshiped him and said, "Lord help me." 5. He said, "It is not right to take the children's bread and give it to dogs." 6. "Truth, Lord but the dogs eat the crumbs." 7. He said that her faith was great. 8. By hearing the Word of God. 9. The fruit of faith. 10. By faith.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

The Long Search

Mabel was standing directly under the street light so Mr. Martin, the policeman, had no trouble spotting her. "Another one of those runaway girls, waiting for someone to pick her up," he said to himself. "Let her learn her lesson the hard way."

He stopped his shiny, new, Model-T and got out. "Hey, there," he said gruffly. "You better get home to your dad." Mabel just stood there, thinking how she'd love to do just that. Her heart beat hard. She couldn't talk or move.

"Get in, you runaway!" he ordered. "I'll take you to the chief and see what he wants to do with you."

Mabel got in, dragging her box onto her lap. She had never been in a car with a strange man. She was very fearful because she knew that the police men who came into the Mangum Hotel were not to be trusted. Thus she was praying all the time.

"What's your name?"

"Mabel Mae Kelly"

He wrote it in his book, then asked, "Why'd you leave home?"

When she got control of herself enough to speak, Mabel said, "I'm not a runaway. I came here today from Mangum. I'm looking for my papa. I have a letter saying where he was living, but he's moved."

"Let me see your letter," he barked.

"The letter is probably from your boyfriend."

"Oh, Sir, I don't have a boyfriend. That letter is from my papa, and please, Sir, give it back after you read it. That's all I have of my papa." Mabel dug out the letter and handed it to him.

"Where's your mom?"

"She died when I was seven."

"No brothers or sisters to live with?"

"I have one married sister, and a lost brother."

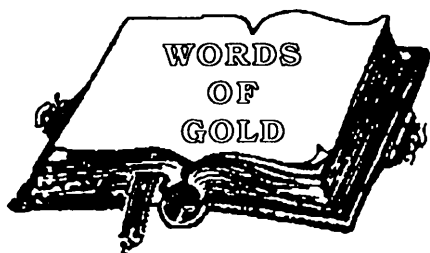
"I've heard stories like that before, and most of them are not true," he said slowly. Then he paused. "But somehow I believe you. I think I will take you to my home. Hunting for your papa in Oklahoma City is like hunting for a needle in a haystack. There are more than 90,000 people here."

Mabel couldn't imagine 90,000 people. She thought it must be the biggest city in the world.

"My wife's been looking for a girl to help with the housework. If she likes you, you'll have a job and home until we do find your dad."

Tears of thanksgiving rolled down Mabel's cheeks and fell on her new white dress. It was the first time she had noticed how soiled it was. Yesterday she had washed and ironed it. Yes, just yesterday. It seemed like it had been a week since she left Mrs. Snodgrass in Mangum.

Mrs. Martin, the policeman's wife, liked Mabel. After she had been there a few weeks, she heard Mrs. Martin say to



No Wine For Daniel

Proverbs 20:1

1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 21:17

17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

Proverbs 23:31-32

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent [a snake], and stingeth like an adder.

Daniel 1:3, 5, 8, 12,

15-16, 18-20

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz...that he should bring certain of the children of Israel....

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the...king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:...[saying]

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days;...

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine...

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them;...

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

The Message: People who are temperate will be happier.

Questions:

1. What will wine do for a man?
2. Are wise people deceived by wine?
3. Will those who love pleasure and wine become rich?
4. Wine bites like what animal?
5. What did the king want Daniel and his friends to do?
6. What did Daniel not want to do?
7. After ten days, which looked best, those who had eaten and drunk as the king or those who had not?
8. Was Daniel then dismissed from drinking wine and eating the king's meat?
9. Who were the wisest men in the kingdom?

Verse to Memorize

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

Proverbs 21:17.

Let's



Talk . . .

The fruit of temperance can be used in almost every area of our lives. Using it brings satisfaction; not using it will result in bad habits, which bring much unhappiness. Temperance has several definitions. The two we will discuss are very different. The most common definition of temperance is keeping actions, habits or speech within proper bounds. Another is the practice of never drinking alcoholic drinks. Our Bible lesson deals with that definition, so we will discuss it first.

Daniel and his three friends, although captives, were chosen to be future leaders in Babylon, under King Nebuchadnezzar. Being in prison, they were compelled to eat whatever was served; but they soon realized the meat and wine served to them were forbidden by God. So they asked permission to eat differently and not drink wine. This privilege was granted after completing a ten day test. Three years later, they were wiser than the wisest men in Babylon and were given high positions in the government. Daniel and his friends were temperate; they refused wine.

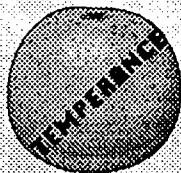
Another meaning of temperance is keeping actions, habits and speech within proper bounds. Are you unhappy about yourself?

Do you know people who are? Are they too fat, too skinny, failing in school, or unable to make and keep friends? Many problems can be corrected by practicing temperance. Too fat? Too skinny? Get your eating and exercising within proper bounds. Failing in school? Often bringing study habits into proper bounds will solve that problem. Not being able to make and keep friends? People like well-balanced persons, who keep their habits, actions and speech in proper bounds.

There is suffering in the end for those who are not temperate, especially with the use of alcoholic drinks. Most people who start drinking keep drinking long after they wished they had quit. The wise man who wrote Proverbs said, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." It not only brings suffering to the drinker, but to many others. Most crimes are done while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Let's all promise God we will be temperate and keep our actions, speech and habits in proper bounds and never drink alcoholic drinks.

—Charlotte Huskey

Cut out the fruit of
temperance and
paste it on the good tree
that is blessed of God.



Mr. Martin, "Mabel is a good, well-balanced girl. She works well, is polite, obedient, doesn't eat too much and isn't too talkative nor sullen."

"I think she is a Christian," added Mr. Martin, "don't you?"

"Yes, I do," continued Mrs. Martin. "She sings a lot of hymns while working, and I have never heard her say a bad word or even slang."

"I never misjudged anyone so wrongly in my life as I did her the night I picked her up."

"Do you think her papa is in this city? The poor girl is so lonesome to see him."

"He has been. I've found a place he had been working but they said he quit because of illness."

"Maybe you could trace him through medical records," Mrs. Martin suggested.

Weeks and months passed, and Mabel continued believing she could do all things through Christ, even find her papa.

One evening Mr. Martin came home very happy. "Let's take Mabel and go for a ride," he said to his wife.

Always when Mabel went out, she looked carefully at every man. Sometimes she was sure she saw Papa and her heart would skip a beat. But when she looked more carefully, it was not. Tonight they went down through the center of the city and over to the other side. From a narrow street, Mr. Martin made a left turn, stopped in front of an apartment house, and got out. "I'll be right back," he called as he hurried. He went around to the side door and knocked. "We're here," Mabel heard him say. Immediately, a tall, heavy man stepped out.

"My papa, my papal" cried Mabel, almost breaking the car door off its hinges. Taking four long leaps across the yard, she jumped into his open arms. "My papa, my papal! Is it really you?" she asked, looking up at his big, gentle face and bushy, red hair.

That night Mabel sat beside her papa as he lay in his bed. They talked

for hours about many things that had happened in the five years they had been separated. "Oh, Mabel," he said, "I never thought when I left you that things would turn out like they did. The past years have been so hard for you. It broke my heart when Mr. Martin told me how he'd found you out on the street corner without a place to go." His chin quivered and he was unable to speak.

"Let's not talk about it," said Mabel. "God helped me to find you, and that's all that matters."

"Yes, that is the most important. Maybe we had better get some rest now. It will soon be morning."

"I'm not sleepy," Mabel said as she traced the lines in his hands. I just want to look at you, to hear your voice, and feel your big hands. This seems so much like a dream, I'm afraid I will awake and you will be gone. Then I'll have to start looking all over again."

They both laughed.

"But you must rest, my child. All of this has been so hard on you. Let us pray and thank God for all His blessings."

"Oh, God," Papa prayed, "Thank you for keeping Mabel pure. Thank you, with all my heart, for keeping her from smoking, drinking and other sins, and that she did not follow Mrs. Snodgrass' advice. You kept Your big hand over her and gave her a mind to do right. Please dear God, help Stella and Henry to also have a mind to do right. And we can never thank You enough for bringing us together again...."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. It will mock a man. 2. No. 3. No. 4. Like a serpent or snake. 5. To eat the meat and drink the wine that he did. 6. Daniel didn't want to eat the king's meat nor drink wine. 7. Those who had not eaten the meat nor drunk the wine. 8. Yes. 9. Daniel and his friends who had not eaten the meat nor drunk the wine of the king.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

Mabel Meets A Friend

As Mabel stood in the Webb City postoffice reading a letter from Stella, a lovely, crippled girl came in. Her angelic glow caused Mabel to want to meet her at once. Immediately the girl spoke. "I am Ella Mae Hughes," she said cheerfully. "I haven't met you."

"My name is Mabel Kelly. My papa and I moved here two months ago. We're from Oklahoma."

"Did your papa come to find work in the lead and zinc mines?"

"No, he is ill. We came hoping the climate will help him to recover."

"Do you live nearby?"

"We live on South Walker."

"That's near where I live on South Devon St. We might as well walk toward home together." As the girls walked along the brick sidewalk, Ella Mae continued speaking. "My family attends the Church of God. It's a block up the street from our home. Are you a Christian?"

"I try to obey the Bible, because just before my mother died, she told my sister, my two brothers and me to obey God and we would get to see

her in heaven. Every day since, I've asked God to help me obey Him."

"I'm sorry your mother died. It must be sad not to have a mother."

"It wasn't so bad when our family all lived together, but then my brother went away to work, my sister got married, and then Papa went out West. I was left kind-of on my own. The verses Papa had taught me to memorize have helped me to stay out of a lot of trouble. Papa used to read the Bible and pray with us every evening before we went to bed."

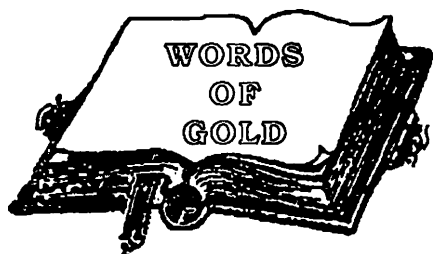
"My dad reads a Psalm and prays with our family every evening also. We call it family worship. Well, I must turn here," Ella Mae said. "I'd love to hear more of your experiences, and I'm sure the Saints would also. Why don't you start coming to church with me?"

"I'd be happy to, if Papa doesn't mind staying home alone."

"We'd be glad to have him, too."

"There was only one church in all of Oklahoma City that he would attend. He says most churches aren't teaching like Jesus taught."

"Then I think he will like what's being taught in the church where I go," she added with a sparkle in her



Doing Good is Rewarding

II Samuel 16:1-2

1 When David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

Matthew 25:34-40

34 Then shall [Jesus] the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

The Message: God rewards people for doing good deeds for others.

Questions:

1. What did Ziba bring to David?
2. Who was Ziba?
3. What were those on the right hand to inherit?
4. What had they done for the hungry?
5. What had they done for the sick?
6. What did they do for those in prison?
7. Why were the men surprised when Jesus said they had done good to Him?
8. Is there a reward for doing good?
9. When we do something good for the brethren is it the same as doing it for Jesus?

Verse to Memorize

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Psalms 37:3.

Let's



Talk . . .

Each boy, girl, man or woman is uniquely different. Some see people's needs and delight in helping those with needs. Others don't even notice if a neighbor is dying of lung cancer or has been convicted of murder and is in prison. This doesn't mean that the helper is good and the other is bad. Good deeds are sometimes done from a selfish motive. The person who doesn't notice his neighbors needs could be working on an invention that will clean the polluted air which could save many lives.

Goodness is love in action. Jesus says giving a cup of cold water merits a reward. God promised that those who do good will always have food. The apostle Paul tells us that God will not forget our good deeds. There are many other promises for those who love to do good. In the Bible lesson, King David and his people were fleeing Jerusalem, because Absalom was taking the kingdom. Mephibosheth's servant, Ziba, brought food to David. David had helped Mephibosheth, now he was doing good to David.

Remember the old saying, "You reap what you sow." Well, we do. The more good we do, the more good deeds will be done to us. God counts our doing good to others as doing it to Jesus. In the parable, He told the righteous to inherit the kingdom because they had done

much good to Him. But the righteous had only done good to their brethren.

The ant and aphids are examples of doing good. There are no "poor" ants or aphids in an ant colony. Each one is like a self-employed farmer, producing food for itself and storing additional food for those it decides to help.

The ant is able to store food in its "social stomach," or crop. When two ants meet, and one is hungry, honeydew from the "social stomach" of one is brought up and shared with the other. The social stomach can also be greatly enlarged to provide the equivalent of a storage tank of honeydew for the winter, thus making ample provision to help others during times of need.

The ants and aphids by nature are good to one another. People receive the nature of Christ when they are filled with His spirit. The nature of Jesus is to do good; therefore, Christians will by nature do good. Regardless of our uniqueness, all Christians have one thing in common, the love of God. This love will cause us to reach out and do good to others.

—Charlotte Huskey



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eye. "It's been nice meeting you. I'll be by to get you early Sunday morning. Okay?"

"I'll be ready, if Papa thinks it's all right. Good-bye." Mabel really wanted to visit the church because Ella Mae had called them saints, and that's what the church in Oklahoma called themselves.

Before many weeks, Mabel and Papa were going to the church every chance they got; and Ella Mae was visiting their home regularly. Often she brought her father, Bro. Hughes. Papa and he enjoyed discussing the scriptures. Usually when Bro. Hughes came he brought a sack of flour, fresh or canned fruits and vegetables, or something else they needed. Sis. Hughes sometimes sent food ready to eat. This gave Mabel a chance to rest or catch up on other housework. Ella Mae started bringing books to share with Mabel. But Mabel, after working nine hours a day at the Nabisco Bakery, cooking, cleaning and washing clothes, had no time left for reading anything except the Bible. (This she read every day.) So crippled Ella Mae would sit on the washbench and tell Mabel inspiring stories she had read about missionaries and preachers. Having this understanding friend meant as much to Mabel as the needed gifts.

Besides suffering with asthma, Papa now suffered from dropsy and poor digestion. One day Bro. Hughes said to his wife, Effie, "I think I will buy a food grinder for Mr. Kelly."

"That's a splendid idea," Effie said. "Seems he can hardly digest food. Maybe if it was ground, he could."

"At least it's worth a try."

When Mr. Hughes gave Papa the food grinder, Papa exclaimed, "I think we should call you Bro. Dorcas. You are just like Dorcas, full of good works and alms deeds."

After he had gone, Mabel washed the food grinder. She placed a piece of cooked meat in it, turned the handle and out came the ground meat. She placed it on a plate, added some mashed potatoes, gravy and finely chopped cabbage. While Papa was eating, Mabel washed the grinder again and ground a fresh apple into applesauce.

While Mabel was eating, she asked, "Did God bring Dorcas back to life because of all the good works she did, or because the people needed her?"

"God gave her a second life, but just why, we do not know, for the Bible does not say. Perhaps it was because the widows and the poor needed her."

They were both silent for awhile, then Mabel asked, "If Ella Mae should die, do you think God would give her life again?"

"Why do you ask?" questioned Papa.

"Cause she is just as helpful as Dorcas, and-and-and, I need her just as they needed Dorcas."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. A couple of asses laden with 200 loaves of bread, 100 bunches of raisins, 100 of summer fruits and a bottle of wine. 2. Mephibosheth's servant. 3. The kingdom prepared for them. 4. They fed them. 5. They had visited them. 6. They visited them. 7. Because they had not done good deeds to Jesus but to their brethren. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

Papa's Surprise

With the wages earned at the bakery, Mabel could barely buy food and pay the apartment rent and utilities. Only a few cents were left for clothing. Papa was such a big man that his pants and shoes had to be special made which made them very expensive.

Mabel had three work dresses and a nice one for Sunday. She had seen some pretty calico in the dry goods store up town and had saved for months, hoping to buy it before Easter. Her friends had gotten new summer dresses for Easter. Now it was the first of June and she was still wearing her old winter dresses.

She picked up the little box containing her savings, and counted every cent. "Almost enough," she said hopefully. The following week she was able to add a few more cents. She counted it again. "If I am able to add this same amount another week, I can buy that material," she said to herself.

All week Mabel dreamed about a new dress. Every evening as she passed the store, she looked through the window at the pretty calico.

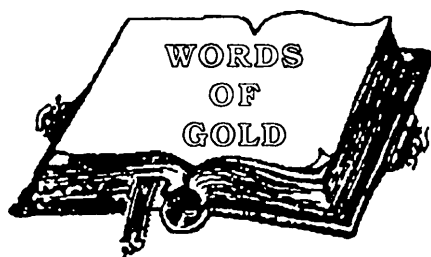
Thursday evening she decided which one she would buy and planned how she'd have it made. "I'll take it over to the dressmaker as soon as I get it," she said to herself. "By the time the dressmaker has it finished, I'll have the money to pay her."

As she walked on down the sidewalk, she noticed a SALE sign in the men's clothing store. She stopped to look. "How I wish I could buy Papa a shirt for Sunday," she said to herself. "But I could never afford one of those even at the sale price."

Payday finally came! She hurried home and put on her very best dress. She took out her savings and added a few cents of her wages. There was exactly enough for the material!

"I'll be back soon and make your supper," she told Papa. "I must get into the dry goods store before it closes."

On the way to the store she met Ella Mae. "How nice to see you!" exclaimed Mabel. "I'm going now to buy material for a new dress. Do you know a good dressmaker—one who doesn't charge a great lot for her work?"



Self-denial

Matthew 16:24

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

I Kings 19:14-16, 18-21

14 [Elijah] said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts:... and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, anoint Hazeel to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu...shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha... shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

18 ...I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal,...

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha...plowing...and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee....

21 ...Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Luke 5:27-32

27 ...After these things [Jesus] went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Romans 15:1

1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

The Message: Those who deny themselves for Christ receive two rewards, one on earth, the other in heaven.

Questions:

1. What does Jesus ask His disciples to do?
2. Why was Elijah sad?
3. How many men still served God?
4. Did Elijah continue denying himself for God?
5. Of what did Elisha deny himself?
6. What did Levi do when Jesus called him?
7. What are the strong to do?
8. If a Christian pleases himself is he weak or strong?
9. List ways you can deny yourself and make others happier.

Verse to Memorize

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Matthew 16:24.

Let's



Talk . . .

Jesus said we must deny ourselves, to be His disciples. Perhaps some will not follow Jesus because of this. But I know a secret. Every happy person denies himself for others. In every happy home, self-denial is practiced. In every friendship one friend will at some time deny himself for the other. So every happy person, even unsaved people, deny themselves. If we do it willingly for Christ, we have two rewards—one from Christ, the other from thankful people.

Many times Elijah had denied himself in order to deliver God's message to rebellious Israel. One day, very discouraged, he prayed, "Lord, I am the only man in Israel who worships You and now I'm going to be killed for it."

God answered, "There are 7,000 men in Israel, who have not bowed down to nor kissed an idol." Then he told Elijah to take courage and anoint himself a helper, and that two new kings would punish those who wanted to kill him. Renewed in his spirit, Elijah went forth to continue denying himself to help others live for God.

Elisha and Matthew also denied themselves. Elisha told his parents good-bye, left his home and farm, and became Elijah's servant. After Elijah went to heaven, Elisha continued a life of self-denial until his death. When Jesus called Matthew Levi, he immediately left his job and

followed Jesus. He made a big feast and invited his sinner friends to introduce them to his new Master, Jesus. Never again did he return to his old job of collecting taxes. He denied himself of that easy way of making money. Then he walked all over Judea helping Jesus and writing a record of what Jesus was doing. These records were so important that years later men collected them and put them in the Bible. The book of Matthew would be missing from the New Testament if Levi had not denied himself.

Many people have denied themselves of doing wonderful things, but not as Christ did. Christ left heaven (where all is blissful happiness) and came into this world, knowing He would suffer poverty, hunger, thirst, tiredness and abuse, and in the end be rejected and nailed to a cross by those He loved and came to help.

Christ denied Himself for us, and we should be willing to deny ourselves for others. The next time you have to deny yourself, just remember what Jesus suffered for you. Denying self isn't as hard when we keep in mind that it is a way to gain happiness and rewards.

—Charlotte Huskey

Paste this fruit of self-denial (that will bring much happiness) on the good tree that draws it strength from God.



"Mrs. Short, who lives on Webb Street, does very good work for a reasonable price," Ella Mae said.

"Thank you so very much. I must hurry on before the store closes."

"Can you take just one minute to see what I have bought for my father?" asked Ella Mae as she opened her package.

"Wow! A beautiful shirt!" exclaimed Mabel. "That should make any father happy."

"I think my father will like it. Well, I'll see you later, Mabel."

Mabel's head dropped lower and lower as she walked along. Her heart ached. All she could think about was Papa's old faded shirts, so threadbare she dared not scrub them hard lest they tear into threads. When she finally raised her head, she was in front of the men's clothing store. She saw a shirt like the one Ella Mae had bought. Behind it she noticed a sign, "Give a shirt for Father's Day."

"Don't I wish I could," she muttered as she walked on. "Oh, if Henry would come back and live with us. He and I together could share living expenses and then we could buy Papa the clothes he needs. And we would be so happy together! God, won't you send Henry back to us? He's been gone so long."

At the dry goods store, the clerk showed Mabel several pieces of material that she hadn't seen before. How beautiful they were! Now Mabel couldn't decide which she wanted. Besides being unable to decide on a pattern, she was thinking about Father's Day.

With several different pieces in her hand, she walked over to a long mirror which hung on the south wall. She draped one piece at a time

over her shoulder pretending to be seeing which looked best, but she was really studying how worn her dress was.

Back at the material counter, she asked, "Do you have an inexpensive piece suitable for a man's shirt?" The clerk showed her several. "I will take this blue one. It will look good on my papa because his eyes are blue," Mabel said.

Mabel walked out of the store with a light, happy heart. Denying herself for someone else always made her feel great.

She went straight to the dress maker so the shirt would be ready for Father's Day. Just how she would get money so quickly to pay for having it made, she wasn't sure, but she knew God would supply. Now if Henry would come, wouldn't Papa have a splendid Father's Day?

Mabel hurried on home and prepared supper. She had worked hard all day, had walked home, back to town and over to the dressmaker's. It had been a long day, but she didn't feel tired. She felt wonderful, both inside and outside! That night when she went to bed, she was happy, even though she hadn't gotten the new dress.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him. 2. He thought he was the only man of God left in Israel. 3. 7,000. 4. Yes. 5. His home and parents. 6. He rose and followed Jesus. 7. To bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please themselves. 8. Weak. 9. Answers will vary.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

Love in Action

Mabel looked out the window at the beautiful Corpus Christi Bay. Sails on the boats seemed to be waving good-bye. The flying sea gulls caused her to notice the great expansion of space. How awesome! Where does it end? Is heaven on the other side of it?

Papa and she had just received a letter saying that Stella had died. In her mind, she pictured Stella flying through space and meeting all their family that was already in heaven—Stella's little son, her husband, her mother, Mabel's mother, and their brother, William. How Mabel longed to see them, too. What are they doing just now? "I really don't know," she said to herself. "But one thing I know is that I will see them again." Then she took her Testament from her pocket and read what she had read early in the morning. "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, (or dead) that ye sorrow, not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

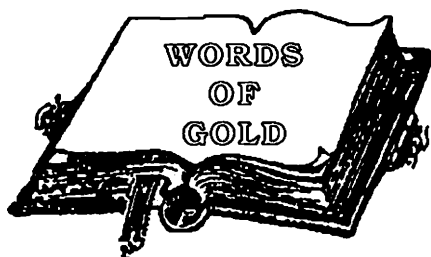
Mabel checked the bathroom, the wastepaper baskets, the floors. The

beautiful room was clean. She must hurry because she had six more rooms in the hotel to clean and the day was passing quickly.

Mabel liked living in Corpus Christi, but she missed the friends she'd met in Webb City, especially Ella Mae. She missed going to church. She liked the mild climate and the view out over the bay as she went about her work.

There were very rich and very poor people in the city. Working among the rich who came to the hotel, Mabel learned that the rich, as well as the poor, have problems. A very rich lady was staying at the hotel hoping to regain her health. Papa and her had come for the same reason. Mabel tried in her humble way to comfort the lady. The sick woman would have gladly given all her money to be well. Papa had no money. Then Mabel realized money can't buy the most valuable things.

Walking to work and back, Mabel passed a group of houses where very poor people lived. Often she stopped and talked with sad-looking women. Sometimes women told her their troubles. Mabel would then tell how God had many times helped her, and she encouraged them to also trust in Him. Out of her meager wages she sometimes bought candy or other



Love in Action

II Kings 4:8-10

8 ...Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband,...I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, ...and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

Luke 10:30-35, 37

30 ...A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by...

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds,...and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence,

and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
37 ...Then said Jesus...Go, and do thou likewise.

Matthew 9:35-36

35 And Jesus went...preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

The Message: As we show compassion by doing for others, feelings of compassion will grow in our heart.

Questions:

1. How did the woman show compassion on Elisha?
2. What happened to the man on his way to Jericho?
3. How much compassion did the priest show?
4. Did the Levite show compassion?
5. What feeling did the Samaritan have for the wounded man?
6. How did he show his compassion?
7. Did the Samaritan's compassion cost him money?
8. How did Jesus show compassion?
9. What feeling did Jesus have for the people?

Verse to Memorize

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.

I Peter 3:8.

Let's



Talk . . .

Compassion is feeling for another's hardship that leads to helping him. The Shunammite woman felt compassion for the prophet Elisha as he walked through the country teaching about God. He could not return to his home each evening to a good meal and a warm bed. Sometimes people invited him to stay in their homes, at other times he slept outside. The woman and her husband had a room built and furnished so that Elisha could rest when he came to Shunem. God rewarded this compassionate woman by giving her a much wanted son.

Jesus told about a Samaritan helping a stranger who had been robbed, beaten and left to die. Two religious men had passed by the needy man without helping him. The despised Samaritan showed compassion.

Jesus felt much compassion for the weary, disoriented multitudes. He showed it by healing the sick, casting out tormenting spirits, and at times feeding them.

Christians should have compassion like Jesus did. What kind of feelings do we have toward the needy? Think. Then ask yourself these questions. Are there times I secretly rejoice when a bully suffers? Have I watched an enemy get hurt and felt no compassion for him or her? If so, how much of God's love is in my heart? On the cross,

Jesus prayed, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Jesus had compassion for His enemies.

Compassion will grow if we cultivate it. A compassionate mother invited a little humpbacked boy to play with her son, warning her son to ignore his humpback and play as with any other boy. That night the son said, "I don't like playing with humpbacks."

Later she noticed he seemed to enjoy the other child. Then one day she heard him say, "I know what is on your back. It's a box holding a pair of wings, and some day it will open up, and the wings will carry you away to heaven." This remark seemed to help the humpbacked child very much. Perhaps God used the compassion, developed in the woman's son, to help him understand and bear his affliction less painfully.

We may not feel much compassion for those who have hurt us, but we can cultivate what we do have. Start by saying or doing kind things. At first this may be difficult, but it will become easier as feelings of compassion grow stronger. God will help us. He helped the little boy, the Shunammite woman and the good Samaritan.

—Charlotte Huskey

**Cut out the fruit
of compassion
and paste it on
the good tree**



treats for the poor children. Her compassion caused many people to be happy.

Neither did Mabel ignore the beggars. She shared what she had with those who were crippled, blind, too old to work or had no legs or arms. One neighbor noticed this and asked, "Why do you sacrifice to help beggars?"

"I believe God wants us to help the poor," Mabel answered. "For the Bible says, 'He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he,' and 'Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.'"

Mabel pitied the sick and poor wherever she saw them, but she pitied her sick papa more than any other. She bought fresh fruit each day and cooked tasty foods for him. She massaged his arms, legs and back and did everything she could to help him get well, but he was getting no better. For weeks now he had not been able to lay down. He sat day and night in a chair. To sleep, he placed his arms over the back of another chair and laid his head on his arms. Sometimes Mabel heard Papa struggling for breath all through the night.

Before going to work, she prepared his breakfast and placed it on the table beside his chair. She couldn't wait until he had finished eating because he had to rest between every few bites, thus taking a long, long time to eat. Each day she wondered how she would find him when she returned home. Finally she asked, "Do you think the climate here is making you worse?"

"I don't know," he said slowly, as if almost too weak to talk. "I do know—my health is failing fast. I have been wanting to talk to you and see what you think. You suppose we

should go back to Oklahoma City?" He rested a while then continued. "We have a lot of good friends and the saints there. It might be better for you to be near them."

Fear gripped Mabel. Did Papa think he might die? What would she do if he did? Oh, if Henry would come right now, like he did that night so long ago when Mabel felt so alone. That was almost fourteen years ago. But surely Henry was still hunting for them, like she was hunting for him.

"Mabel, why don't you talk? Don't you want to move back to Oklahoma City?" Papa was saying.

"Oh, yes. Yes, Papa, it might be better. We have no family at Mangum, and not much anywhere else. It would be better to be near saints at a time like this than among strangers."

Two weeks later Mabel and Papa left beautiful Corpus Christi. "I hope I can come and live here again sometime," Mabel said as the city disappeared out of sight.

The following Sunday, Mabel went to the Capitol Hill Church of God chapel where they had attended before moving to Webb City. She enjoyed seeing familiar people, hearing old hymns and inspired sermons. However, there was one face she hoped to see that wasn't there.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. By giving Elisha food each time he came, and having a room built for him. 2. He fell among thieves who left him half dead. 3. None. 4. No. 5. A feeling of compassion. 6. He cleaned the wounds, took him to an inn and paid the innkeeper to take care of him. 7. Yes. 8. By preaching and healing the sick. 9. A feeling of compassion.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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MABEL'S TRIUMPHS

(Continued from last week.)

A Great Change

There was money from Mabel's savings to rent a small apartment in Oklahoma City and buy a few groceries. As soon as she got Papa a bit comfortable, she went to look for a job. She could not wait to find one that paid well or was something she enjoyed doing. She would have to take whatever job was available. God blessed her to get a job again in the Wilson Meat Packing House where she had worked before they had moved away. Her friend, Alvin, worked there also, so occasionally she would meet him.

Each morning when Mabel kissed Papa good-bye, she feared he might fall and lie on the floor until she returned, because his body was now very full of water. He could hardly move. He looked very, very fat, except for his face which was gaunt. His legs were now almost as big as his waist had been...his arms big like his legs. All this fullness made it even more difficult to breathe.

While Mabel worked, she trusted God to care for him. Some days when he felt very sickly, she stayed home with him. But missing a day's work meant losing a day's wages. Losing a day's wages meant going without something they needed.

The time came when Papa's skin became so stretched that it burst and water started leaking out. These breaks

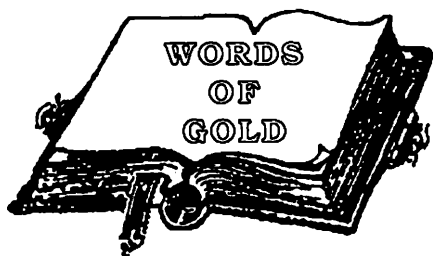
soon turned into draining sores. Mabel got up very early and carefully bandaged these and cooked their food before going to work. After working nine hours, she returned, prepared supper and cleaned and bandaged his sores again. Through the night she got out of bed and helped him.

The people from the Church of God found out about Papa's awful condition. They started checking on him while Mabel was at work and sitting with him at night so she could get some much needed sleep.

At first, Mabel wondered why the saints did so much for sick Papa. Then she remembered that Jesus had said, "I was sick and ye visited Me." And His disciples asked, "When saw we Thee sick and visited Thee?" And He answered them, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." The saints were helping Papa as if he was Jesus!

Alvin and his mother came some nights and sat with Papa. But Papa had all of Mabel's attention right then. Her feelings for Papa were mixed. She felt she couldn't bear watching him suffer more. At the same time she knew she would be so lonely without him. Every night she prayed that Henry would come to see Papa before he died. And too, she so wanted to have her brother near at a time like this.

The dreaded day came, and Henry wasn't there. Papa called Mabel to his



Working Diligently

Proverbs 24: 30-34

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof,...

32 Then I saw, and considered it well:...and received instruction.

33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come...as an armed man.

Proverbs 13:4

4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 20:13

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

Nehemiah 2:17-18

17 Then said I [Nehemiah] unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste,...

18 ..And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

Nehemiah 4:11, 23

11 And our adversaries said,...we [shall] come in the midst...and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing.

Nehemiah 6:5, 9, 15

5 Then sent Sanballat unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

9 For they all made us afraid saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done, Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

15 So the wall was finished...in fifty and two days.

The message: A diligent worker will be happy and will have things he needs.

Questions:

1. What happened to the field of the slothful?
2. What was learned by looking at the field of the slothful?
3. What will the sluggard have?
4. Who will have plenty of bread?
5. In what condition was the city of Jerusalem?
6. What were the men willing to do?
7. Who tried to hinder the work?
8. How many times did they try to stop the work?
9. In how many days was the job completed?

Verse to Memorize

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 10:4.

Let's



Talk . . .

Riding through the country one day, King Solomon noticed fields grown over by thorns, and vineyards covered with weeds. "Now I know why some families are so poor," he said. "The men are just plain lazy. That's why their children are hungry."

King Solomon tried to help his people be more diligent workers. But his lustful indulgence, luxurious living, and relaxed attitude toward idol worship distracted his people. More and more of them turned from diligent work habits to riotous living. They went farther and farther away from right living until God allowed neighboring enemies to raze their cities, carrying away many captives.

Nehemiah was one of these Jewish captives, now cup-bearer of King Artaxerxes in Shushan. One day some of his fellow Jews told him about the terrible condition of Jerusalem, their most beloved city. Nehemiah began fasting and praying about this condition. Soon Nehemiah's sadness aroused the sympathy of the king, who gave him a leave of absence and loaned him soldiers for protection and letters to get materials for reconstruction.

The men of Jerusalem and its suburbs cooperated with Nehemiah. Each worked diligently while their enemies tried to stop

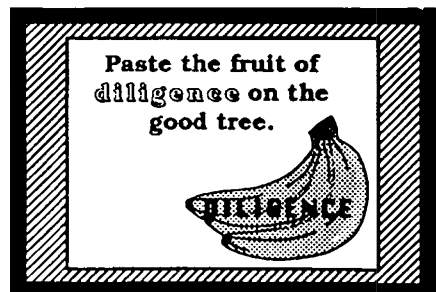
them. Armed guards watched. Carpenters and masons worked with their weapons closeby. Day and night they remained fully dressed, ready for a sudden enemy attack.

In 52 days the last stone was laid and the huge city gates were hung! What a great example of working diligently!

Have your parents, a teacher, or a friend asked you to do something? Do it with the enthusiasm of Nehemiah and the job will soon be done. If others try to distract you, pay no attention. First, Nehemiah's enemies tried to discourage him by saying, "A fox could kick that wall down." Then they held a council of war and planned a surprise attack. Next they tried to trick him into a fake peace conference, planning to assassinate him. Lots of people will try to drag you down. But to be successful, you will have to ignore them and work diligently just as Nehemiah did.

The slothful student will have to be diligent to have good grades at the end of the term. The slothful man does not supply his family's needs. Slothful Christians do not have victories. Flee slothfulness as if it were a poisonous snake. Work diligently, and you will be happy and will make others happy.

—Charlotte Huskey



bedside. Holding her hand between his, he said, "You are a wonderful child. No other child could have been better. I hate to leave you to face life's problems alone, but I have no other choice. I'm sorry to have made so much work for you."

"Papa, Papa," she cried, "I'd be glad to care for you if you could stay. I-I-I don't want you to leave me... And I don't want you to suffer..."

Mabel stood in the graveyard beside Papa's casket. She felt alone, strange and fearful! The funeral was over, but not one relative was there to share her loss, or help pay the expenses—no brother, nor sister, no aunt, nor uncle, cousin nor grandparent to help buy a stone to mark where dear Papa would lay.

The saints were saying comforting things to her but their words seemed so useless. She thought she would die if she had to return to that awfully silent emptiness of the apartment. Then her favorite childhood verse came rushing back into her memory. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." From this verse she gathered a little control and told herself that she must go on living and not give up just because Papa was gone.

Then Lou Ellen Hightower put her hand on Mabel's shoulder and said, "Alvin and I will go with you to the apartment and get your things. You must come home with us a few days."

After she returned to the apartment she took the two nice shirts she had recently bought for Papa and folded them carefully. These and the lamp that sat beside his bed, his pictures, a couple of poems he had written, and a few other things, she placed carefully in her trunk. "This is all I have left of my dear Papa," she said.

Alvin came almost every day to see her. Sometimes they went for walks. How comforting it was to know someone cared! One day she noticed he was unusually nervous when she opened the door. He stood holding his hat in

front of him with both hands, and shifting his weight from one foot to another. "Just wonder if you would like to go for a ride today?" he asked, staring down at the floor.

They rode around for awhile, shouting above the roar of the motor, about things they saw along the way. It was supposed to be a pleasure ride, but Mabel felt like she was being churned as they bounced over the rough brick streets. She was kept busy replacing her falling hair pins and while she was speaking the car hit a bump causing her to bite her tongue. She enjoyed it anyway.

Alvin had admired Mabel since she had worked as a housekeeper for his mother twelve years ago. He noticed she was honest and humble and did her work well. Most of the girls who had worked for his mother were either careless, dishonest or proud.

Twelve years ago, Mabel had no thought of getting married. She had just found her Papa and thought she never wanted to part with him again.

Before the evening was over, Alvin and Mabel were making plans to get married.

That night before going to bed, Mabel prayed: "Thank you God, for turning my weeping into joy, for watching over me and providing someone to fill this terrible loneliness in my heart. God, I will work hard to make a happy, godly home. Help me to always be content with whatever he supplies. And please, oh, please God, if you give me any children, let me live until they are grown. Lord, I don't want my children to be lonely for a mother." —Sis. Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. It was grown over with thorns and nettles (weeds). 2. That poverty comes from too much sleep. 3. Nothing. 4. Those who do not sleep too much. 5. It was laid waste. 6. To rebuild Jerusalem. 7. Their adversaries (enemies). 8. Five. 9. In 52 days.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Prize Egg

I walked to the edge of the lawn and called out to Gilbert, who was playing in his back yard. "Hey, Bert Dirt," I said, "Are you going to the Easter egg hunt at Farewell Park, Saturday?" (I knew he wouldn't go, that's why I asked him. You see, he's one of those odd guys who never does any of the usual things all of us do.)

He didn't answer, so I pressed him for an answer. "You are going to the Easter egg hunt, aren't you? All the others are going!"

"No, I won't be going," he answered rather halfheartedly.

"I suppose you think it would be a sin of some kind to run over the grass and dig around for some painted-up eggs?"

"Ah, Jim," he said calm as a hibernating turtle, "if you knew what Easter was all about you would understand me."

"Me? I know what Easter is about. It's a special day in which Christians celebrate Christ's rising from the dead. The egg is a perfect symbol of His coming out of the tomb. Just as the little chicken picks the shell open and comes out, so Jesus came out of the tomb alive."

"Yes, Jim, I've heard that story about the egg, but Easter means even more than Jesus having power over death. It means that through Him I have eternal life. He will give me a new body after I die

and I will live forever in heaven."

"Ah, Bert Dirt, if you would give up your fanatic scruples and do the fun things that all the gang does, you wouldn't be wishing so much for a happy life after death. Let's go to the park Saturday to hunt eggs, after that we'll go on some rides, and then to a hot movie."

"That's just why I don't want to go. Now hunting around for some eggs in the grass isn't a sin, it's all the other things that go along with it. Besides, I'm working for Uncle Bill that day because his usual helper wants the day off."

"Well then, work, while the rest of us have fun!"

"So long, Jim, I'll see you at school Monday."

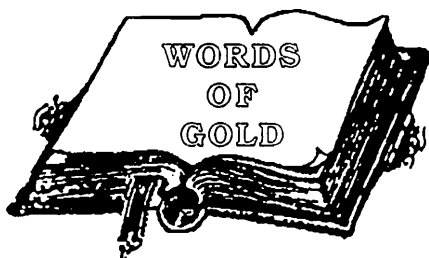
Saturday morning, I begged ten dollars from my dad and went to the park for the day!

Gilbert went to work with his uncle.

I met my other friends at Farewell Park. Everyone was there, the city mayor, the preacher from my church, my Sunday school teacher, our neighbors and lots of children from school. I felt sorry for Gilbert!

"Hi, Jim," called Tom. "Couldn't you get Bert Dirt to come?"

"Nope! He thinks we're going to do too many bad things. Besides, he is working for his uncle today. He says he is going to give half the money he makes to his church as a "thank you" to Christ for dying on the cross.



Jesus Conquers Death

Matthew 28:1-2, 5-7

1 ...As it began to dawn...the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and...Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And...the angel of the Lord...rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

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

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

7 ...Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen....

John 20: 19-20, 24, 26-27, 29, 31

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled...came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And...he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad,...

24 But Thomas,...was not with them when Jesus came.

26 And after eight days again ...came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst,...

27 Then saith he to Thomas,...behold my hands;...and thrust [thy hand]...into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

29 ...Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;...

Acts 1:3

1 ...He shewed himself alive after...many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days,...

I Corinthians 15:5-6

5 ...He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once;...

The Message: After Jesus arose from death, He was seen many times by many people. Once He was seen by more than 500 brethren.

Questions:

1. What day did the women go to Jesus' tomb?
2. In what condition did they find the tomb?
3. What did the angel say?
4. What day did Jesus visit His disciples?
5. Why did Thomas not believe?
6. Why were these things written about Jesus?
7. How many days was Jesus on the earth after His resurrection?
8. Was Jesus seen of more than 500 brethren?
9. What did Jesus tell Thomas about those who believe without seeing?

Verse to Memorize

...Ye seek Jesus...which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here:..."

Mark 16:6.

Let's



Talk . . .

Very early Sunday morning Mary and her friend, Mary Magdalene, hurried down the road to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. They carried spices to anoint Jesus' body as was the custom of that time.

A huge stone had been placed in the door of the tomb and had been sealed by the authorities, banning its removal. They asked, "How shall we get the stone moved?" Yet, they hurried on as if driven by an inner faith that the impossible was about to happen.

Nearing the tomb, they saw the stone laying to one side of the cave entrance and an angel sitting on it. "Fear not," the angel said, "Jesus whom you seek, is not here, look in and see for yourself. Then hurry and tell His disciples He will be seeing them."

Seeing them? What unbelievable news! The women ran and told it. Some of the disciples could not believe the women, so they ran to the tomb to check it out. The message was true! Jesus had risen!

Mary followed the disciples back to the garden and Jesus met her there. She fell at His feet. "Don't be afraid," He said. "I'm on my way to Galilee, go tell the disciples to meet me there."

So the disciples gathered, as Jesus said, and waited for the promised visit. That evening, He suddenly appeared in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you." How He came in no one knew, for the doors were tightly shut.

He showed them the nail prints in His hands and His pierced side from which He shed His blood for man's sins. How happy the disciples were!

When the disciples told Thomas that Jesus was alive, he couldn't believe it. "Unless I put my fingers in the nail prints of His hands, I can not believe," he said.

Jesus visited different places for seven more days. He visited with Peter and two men who were walking to Emmaus. At one place 500 disciples were together and he talked with them. Then on the eighth day He came again to His disciples and Thomas was with them. "Here," Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger in my nail prints and my side, and don't be so faithless. You have believed because you have seen. Blessed are they that have not seen, yet have believed."

Those who have believed although they have not seen, are you and I and all the believers since Jesus walked on the earth. Yes, we are blessed. We must always be thankful that Jesus gives us faith to believe. "Without faith, it is impossible to please God." Mary, Mary Magdalene, Peter and all the disciples believed in Jesus' resurrection because they experienced a physical relationship with the live body of Jesus. We believe because we experience a spiritual relationship with Jesus. This spiritual communion with Jesus is just as real as was that of the disciples. They touched Jesus with their hands and saw Him with their eye. We touch Jesus in the spirit.

We must always remember that the spirit world is just as real as the physical world. When this body is dead, we will live in the spirit world. If we live now according to God's laws, we will also experience a resurrection and be forever with Jesus.

—Charlotte Huskey

"Wow! "

"I told him I'd be giving more than him, because I would find the prize egg that's worth a crisp, new one hundred dollar bill, and have a day full of fun, too!"

At ten o'clock sharp, we were lined up waiting for the whistle to blow so we could enter the roped off area and begin hunting the eggs.

"Tom," I whispered, "I'm saying a prayer that God will help me find that prize egg." Right then I closed my eyes and prayed.

The whistle blew and we started. Tom and I ran to the far end of the area; several of our friends followed. First Tom found an egg, then Phil and Rick. I was looking everywhere! I heard happy shouts all over the area as children found eggs, but I found none. Then all of a sudden I couldn't believe my eyes. In front of me, carefully hidden under a turf of grass, was the prize egg! I trembled all over as I lifted the egg in my hands. I said nothing for fear someone might take it away from me. Tucking it quickly into my shirt I ran as rapidly as my trembling legs could carry me to the head man.

"The prize egg has been found by Jim McCrush!" he said into the microphone. My friends gathered around me! Each congratulated me in their own way. My Sunday school teacher and preacher found me, too, and gave their congratulations. I told the preacher about my promise to give more money to our church than Gilbert was giving to his. He praised me.

After that, the boys and I went for the rides. Because I couldn't pick up the prize money until Monday, I borrowed twenty dollars from Phil's older brother who was our overseer for the day. That was soon gone, so I borrowed ten extra dollars that Rick had. We had a great time trying all the rides we hadn't been able to afford at other times. At the movie intermission, I treated all eight of my friends to drinks and popcorn with money I borrowed from Tom's mom who met us there to drive us home in their station wagon. After the movie, I begged

her to let me treat them to pizza. She didn't want to do so, but after much persuasion by the boys, she consented.

I didn't have to tell Gilbert about finding the prize egg, my friends beat me to it! I wonder how he felt?

After school on Monday I collected the \$100.00. Mom got it changed and took me around to pay all that I had borrowed—twenty dollars to Phil's brother and ten dollars to Rick. Twelve dollars went for popcorn and drinks, and twenty-three dollars and seventy-four cents for pizza went to Tom's mom.

I only had thirty-four dollars and twenty-six cents left. Mom was furious with me at how I'd wasted the money. I wasn't a bit happy either! And I still wanted to keep my promise to give to the church more than Gilbert, as a thank-you to God for helping me find the prize egg.

It was Thursday before I had the courage to ask Gilbert how much money he was giving to his church. He said, "Uncle Bill paid me five dollars an hour and we worked ten hours, so I earned fifty dollars!"

"So you are giving the church twenty-five dollars?"

"That's right," he assured me. (I knew he would because he always did just what he said he would do.) "And do you know, Jim, the Tyco remote control cars we have been wanting at Sears are on sale this week for half price, and with what I already have saved I can buy it! Come over Saturday and we'll play with it."

For some reason I just couldn't call Gilbert "Bert Dirt" after that. He was the kind of guy I wanted to be!

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. The first day of the week, Sunday. 2. It was open and an angel sitting beside it. 3. "Fear not, He is not here, He is risen." 4. The first day of the week (Sunday). 5. Because he had not seen. 6. So the people would believe that Jesus is the Christ. 7. 40 days. 8. Yes. 9. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.")

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A 19th Century Prophet

(A true story about an education-deficient Irish girl who experienced an unusual relationship with Jesus Christ.)

Mrs. Preston had just finished washing new cotton in the creek that wound through the secluded village of Ballamacally. "I must hoe the potatoes. You stay here and watch this cotton," she said to her daughter, Ann. "Today's bright sun should bleach it white by evening."

"Yes, Mother," little Ann answered.

"Watch it every minute, all day," warned her mother. "Many a woman would love to have my cotton."

"I will," Ann promised.

Leaving Ann alone, her mother returned to their Irish shanty. Hour after hour Ann watched her mother's cotton. She gathered sticks and stones. With the sticks, she built imaginary houses, barns and fences. She pretended the stones were people and cattle. Sometimes she placed leaves in the shallow water and watched them float away. In the evening a girl came and asked Ann to do her a favor. Ann wanted to help but, remembering her mother's command, she said, "I can't leave this cotton."

"I'll be glad to care for it," answered the girl.

"No, Mama said I had to watch it all the time," Ann answered.

"Your mama wouldn't mind you leaving the cotton if you were helping some-

one and they were doing your job," the girl protested.

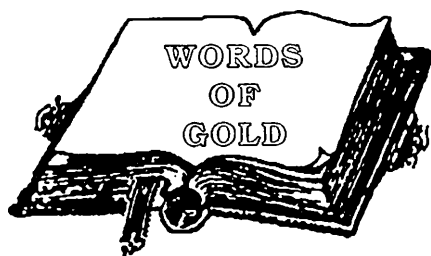
"Oh, yes she would," Ann affirmed.

"Most mama's like for their children to help others. I think yours would, too. You will only be away a few minutes."

After much persuasion, she convinced Ann. So Ann sped away across the field to run an errand for the girl. When Ann returned, the girl and the cotton were gone.

That night Ann got a spanking she never forgot. "I told you to watch that cotton," Mrs. Preston said over and over as she spanked Ann. "A person who can't do what they are told can't keep a job and will starve to death." Five-year-old Ann didn't understand why she needed to keep a job, but she did understand that "starving" had something to do with being hungry.

She had heard her father say, "The whole family must work to keep from starving." She worked, too, watching her two younger sisters and tiny brother, James. Her father herded cattle everyday for the rich landowners and tended his small patch of land in the evenings. Her mother planted, cultivated and hoed it during the day with her two older sisters. Days they didn't work in the garden, they gathered peat from the marshes. Each autumn, the cellar was restocked with fluffy, brown peat and the potatoes and beets were stored to be used during the cold winter months when vegetables could not be grown. As



A Warning for Nineveh

Nahum 1:1-8, 10-13, 15

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum...

2 God is jealous,...and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm,...

4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers:...

5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

6 Who...can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

10 ...And while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, a wicked counsellor.

12 Thus saith the Lord; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through....

13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

The Message: God delivered His good people, but destroyed Nineveh because of its sins.

Questions:

1. For whom was Nahum burdened?
2. What kind of power does God have?
3. Does God have His way in the whirlwind and storms?
4. Will God acquit the wicked?
5. What could happen to the sea if God rebukes it?
6. How might the mountains and hills respond to God?
7. What is God to those who trust in Him?
8. How would God make an end to Nineveh?
9. What was Judah warned to do?

Verse to Memorize

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Psalms 2:5.

Let's



Talk . . .

This prophecy of Nahum, is called "Nineveh's Death Song" and a "Cry of Humanity for Justice." The prophet Jonah was also sent to Nineveh about 150 years before Nahum. Jonah told the inhabitants that their city would be destroyed in 40 days. The people believed Jonah's message and turned from their wickedness. They prayed with fasting for God to spare their city. God spared it. Later, however, the people became more wicked, and God's anger was again aroused.

Little is known about Nahum, but history and archaeological finds prove that the destruction of Nineveh happened just as Nahum had said.

Nineveh was the capital of the great Assyrian Empire. At the time of Nahum, it was the most powerful city of the earth, mighty and brutal beyond imagination. Its magnificent, greatly adorned walls and palaces were built by foreign slaves, using unlimited loot brought from all nations. It was called both "The Bloody City," and "The Robber City."

Nineveh included all the villages in the northern Euphrates valley. The main city was protected by five walls, and three moats (canals). It may have had a population of a million. The inhabitants believed no army could enter their highly fortified region. First Jonah, then Nahum, warned them that God would not let their wickedness go without punishment. All traces of the Assyrian Empire had so completely disappeared that many scholars were thinking that the references to it in the Bible and other ancient histories were mythical. They believed that such a city never existed. In 1820 Claude Rich

found an inscribed brick. Then men began searching for the remains of this ancient nation.

Henry Layard in 1845 found the walled area of Nineveh had covered 1,800 acres. He uncovered a portion and found King Sennacherib's royal palace which had 71 halls. These were panelled with sculptured alabaster on which were recorded his great deeds and triumphs. It listed the same cities and the spoils taken from Judah, just as the Bible lists them. On one wall was pictured the capture of Lachish. Under the picture was written: "Sennacherib King of the Universe...reviews the spoil of the city of Lachish." It also said he shut up Hezekiah, "like a caged bird," but does not tell why he did not capture Jerusalem. The Bible tells in II Kings 19:35 that he did not capture Jerusalem because the angel of the Lord smote the Assyrian camp. The next morning 145,000 soldiers were dead!

The Biblical story of Sennacherib's final days is confirmed and supplemented by a large, six-sided, baked, clay cylinder which was unearthed in a portion of King Eserhadden's palace. The accounts of this king are found in Isaiah chapters 36 and 37, also in II Kings chapters 18 and 19.

Also unearthed were many thousands of clay tablets. They are a portion of the royal library collected by various kings. One read: "I, Ashurbani-pal,...had the joy of reading inscriptions on stone from the time before the flood." This king became the most enlightened monarch of his time, and one of the world's greatest patrons of literature. He sent learned men throughout the world, who collected and copied all kinds of clay books. His library contained something near 100,000 copies. One of these tablets contained the story of Noah's flood. On another the creation story was written. All these finds prove Nahum's prophecy of Nineveh's destruction came true.

—Charlotte Huskey

soon as Ann's little sister was old enough to care for the two younger children, Ann went to work rocking the cradle in a neighbor's home.

During this time, a Christian aunt came to live with the Prestons. Ann noticed her aunt was happy and hopeful; her parents were not. Mary, her older sister, often talked with the aunt. Then Ann noticed that Mary, too, was different. Instead of being bossy and hateful, she was kind and loving. When the aunt took sick, she did not complain or blame God. She suffered patiently, and spoke often of going to a better land. She died smiling. Mary explained to Ann that their aunt was happy because she was a Christian and was going to that good country, where there would be no more suffering.

When Ann was older, she lived with the people where she worked. Her employer also herded cattle for a living. But on Sunday, he took his family to church, something Ann's parents did not do. Ann was left to care for the cattle while the family was at church. She had worked hard all week, scrubbing clothes, floors, dishes and children. On Sunday she was so tired she could hardly stay awake while sitting in the warm sun watching the cattle graze. The spanking for not watching her mother's cotton had taught her to watch when given a job of watching. So to keep awake she started sewing quilts from small scraps.

The other servants in the home took the opportunity to have fun when the owner was away. They considered their fun incomplete unless they could have some Irish whiskey to drink. They often invited Ann to their parties, but Ann refused saying, "I hate that fire water."

The servants took Ann's refusal as a challenge. They tried different plans to get her to drink with them. After every plan failed, they decided to force her. One Sunday after Ann put the cattle into the corral, a servant caught her and held her down. Another forced open her mouth and poured in whiskey. Ann struggled to spit it out. She could not,

so to keep from strangling she swallowed the burning liquor. Again and again they filled her mouth until they knew she was drunk. Then they enjoyed the rest of the evening laughing at her.

Ann couldn't understand why, but after that, she would hunt for her master's bottle which he kept hidden in different places in the pasture. Occasionally all the servants were taken seven miles away to cut turf in the marshes. For a treat they were taken by the tavern on the way back home.

Ann loved whiskey, but she hated taverns. She would wait in the wagon while they went in. If she was pressured to go into the tavern, she would run away through the darkness to her parents home. Then because of her fears of darkness she would coax her father to accompany her back to her job.

A Christian woman in the neighborhood had been noticing Ann's desire to be good. She knew Ann would suffer for her sins and be lost if she did not learn about God's plan of salvation. Thinking that learning the Lord's Prayer could help Ann, she came to the home where Ann was working to give the first lesson. The woman tried to help Ann memorize the Lord's Prayer, but Ann could not remember one line. Now the lady knew why Ann had been pronounced unteachable and sent home from school.

"Oh, God," she prayed, "please help this uneducated girl know how to choose to do right, for we know You always punish sin."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1 Nineveh. 2 God has great power. 3. Yes.. 4. No. 5. It could dry up. 6. The mountains might quake and the hills melt. 7. A strong hold in the day of trouble. 8. With an overrunning flood. 9. Keep the solemn feasts and perform their vows.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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

After four years of stealing whiskey from her boss, Ann lost her job. She worked six months on the next job and then came the opportunity to work for the saloonkeeper himself. Ann was planning to accept that job when she met Mrs. McKay.

"I've been looking for a good worker just like I think you will be," she said. "Do come and be a servant in my home."

Mrs. McKay's warm friendly ways attracted Ann, so she went to be her maid. Soon Ann realized that Mrs. McKay was a Christian. Every day she called her family together and they worshipped God. She read a story about God, they sang songs about God and they prayed together. She invited Ann to join them. Ann was surprised, for not many people invited their servants to take part in their family activities. Besides, she liked the secure feeling that came from that little act.

One evening Mrs. McKay forgot to bring her book. "Ann, would you please get my New Testament?" she asked. There was no New Testament in Ann's home, nor had she seen one in any of the homes where she had worked. Her dull mind had not noticed what Mrs.

McKay had been reading from each evening. She left the room and after awhile returned carrying the newspaper. The children snickered and covered their mouths. Ann didn't notice. Thinking it was a New Testament, she carefully handed it to Mrs. McKay, who thanked her and sent a child for the needed book.

Mrs. McKay noticed Ann's interest in prayer so one day she pressed her to attend an afternoon women's meeting. After a little persuading, Ann agreed to go. Some women praised God loudly. Others cried when they talked. Ann hated hypocrites. She watched closely to see if their tears were real, or if they were only wetting their faces. A few times during the afternoon Ann thought she liked the meeting, but most of the time she felt disgusted.

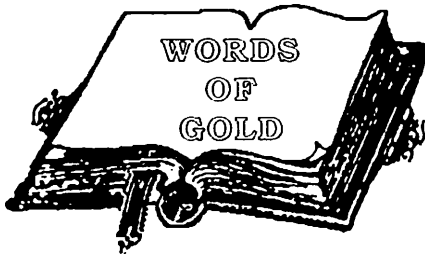
After dinner that evening, Mrs. McKay rang the bell for Ann. "Won't you please have a seat and visit with me?" Mrs. McKay asked.

Ann readily accepted the invitation and politely put her tired bones down in a cozy chair.

"How did you like the meeting?" Mrs. McKay asked.

"I don't know," Ann answered. She felt embarrassed to say she was miserable while the women were giving their testimonies or that she thought they were just pretending to enjoy their religion.

"Won't you go again?"



How Was Nineveh Destroyed?

Nahum 2:1-6, 8-13

1 He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.

2 For the Lord hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out,...

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet:...

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

5 ...They shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

8 But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back.

9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture.

10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together,...and the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where is the dwelling of the lions,...where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?

12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and...his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey,...

13 Behold, I am against thee, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will burn her chariots...and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

The Message: By the providence of God, enemies enter Nineveh, a city thought to be unconquerable.

Questions:

1. What happened to Israel and Jacob?
2. What color were the shields of the mighty men?
3. What would the chariots be doing?
4. Would the defence prepare themselves?
5. What would happen to the river's gates?
6. How were the people described in verse ten?
7. Unto what animal were Nineveh's warriors likened?
8. What would happen to Nineveh's chariots?
9. What would happen to its young warriors (lions)?

Verse to Memorize

**...Go to Nineveh,...and cry against it for their wickedness is come up before me.
Jonah 1:2.**

Let's



Talk . . .

Nahum told exactly how Nineveh would be destroyed in this prediction of its destruction. This famous city was founded by Nimrod shortly after the worldwide Flood. (Genesis 10:11-13.) It rose to world power about 900 B.C. and continued to grow for 100 years. Nineveh became the capital of the Assyrian World Empire which ruled with brutality for 300 years.

Nahum first prophesied that the Assyrians would empty Israel of its riches and its people (verse 2). This they did near the years 785 B.C. and 721 B.C. Besides the Bible account of this forced evacuation, archaeologists have found clay tablets which the Assyrians wrote about their conquests.

One very interesting discovery is that of Sargon, king of Assyria. He sent Tartan who fought against Ashdod and took it. (Isaiah 20:1.) This is the only known mention of Sargon in any history. Critics have said this was one of the Bible's blunders. But in 1842, the ruins of Sargon's palace were discovered on the north edge of Nineveh. In the University of Chicago are pictures of Sargon's throneroom, his throne, and the great stone bull which guarded his doorway. Sargon's inscription read, "*Azuri, king of Ashdod, planned not to pay tribute. In my anger I marched against Ashdod. I conquered Ashdod and Gath. I took their treasures and their people....*" Thus another proof that the Bible is true.

Nahum tells that the shields and the mighty men would be red (bloody), the chariots would jostle one against

another, the gates of the river would open. The leaders would shout, "Stand! Stand!" But the people would be fearful and run away, not even looking back. What had happened to those lion like warriors who robbed and tore to pieces.

About twenty years after Nahum's prediction an army of Babylonians and Medes closed in on Nineveh. After two years of siege, a sudden flooding of the river washed away part of the city's wall. Through this opening, the enemy armies swept in. Their swift chariots raged through Nineveh's broad streets, jostling against those of Nineveh's army. Whips cracked, wheels rattled, swords flashed, cutting men and beast until both shields and men were red with blood as Nahum had predicted. The river which had served for the city's protection, was the entry way for its destruction, as Nahum said the "river gates would be opened and the palace would be dissolved."

Where then were the strong, brave soldiers of the king who called himself, "*King of The Universe?*" Where was the powerful army who practiced cruelty, skinning their prisoners alive, cutting off their hands, feet, noses, or ears; or putting out their eyes, or pulling out their tongues? This army, who made mounds of human skulls to inspire terror, had been conquered. Why couldn't it protect the city? Because God is against human abuse and those who do such wickedness must be destroyed.

Who can stand against the decree of God? No one. Neither could one of the most fortified cities of the world. From that time until recent years, over 2000 years, sheep have grazed on the hills where Nineveh, the queen city of the Assyrian World Empire, once stood. Today it is being preserved for archaeological study. Each new discovery is more proof that the Bible prophecies are true.

—Charlotte Huskey

Ann stubbornly replied, "I don't think so."

"Why not?"

"I felt so out of place, 'cause I had nothing to say. The others were praising and crying and I was dry as a post. Besides I know nothing about praying."

"But you could praise God for food and clothes. Who gives you food to eat and dresses to wear?"

Ann held her tongue, but she wanted to shout, "I work very hard for every bite I eat and the scanty clothes I have."

Mrs. McKay tried to encourage Ann to return with her to the meetings, but Ann made no promises.

The next Sunday she begged again, "Do go with me today for Mr. Armstrong Halliday will speak. He may not come again for a long time. The parlor in which they gathered that day was crowded with people. Ann felt comfortable hidden away among the crowd.

Mr. Halliday read Matthew 6:6, "...When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." What else he said Ann did not know. But she remembered the words, "enter into thy closet, shut the door and pray."

All afternoon while Ann was doing her work, she kept thinking of the verse that Mr. Halliday had read. When the last dish was washed, the kitchen cleaned, and the smaller children tucked in bed, Ann was finished for the day.

She went upstairs to her room, still thinking of those words, "enter into thy closet." She wanted to do just that. But where was a closet? Ann thought of the attic, so up the back stairs she climbed.

The attic was a bare room. Its only furniture was a large, wooden chair. Ann had never before prayed, and as she had told Mrs. McKay, she didn't know how to pray. But a strange, compelling impulse caused her to kneel before the chair. Suddenly she was crying, like she had seen the ladies do at the meeting. She cried so loudly that

Mrs. McKay heard her way down in the parlor. "Ann is taking Bro. Halliday's advice," she told her daughter. "I'm going up to see her."

She carefully opened the attic door and tenderly asked, "Why are you crying?"

Ann looked up into Mrs. McKay's gentle face. "I don't know," she answered. Then suddenly she did know, for all her sins were pictured before her. "I see my sins, and hell open, ready to swallow me!" she cried, "Oh God, have mercy on me, a sinner! God have mercy on me, a sinner!" She repeated this prayer over and over, getting louder and louder.

"Be calm, be calm," Mrs. McKay said, trying to hush her. "Don't let Mr. McKay hear you."

"I don't care if all the world hears me," Ann retorted, "I must cry for mercy." And she continued begging God for mercy.

"Come, come, now—go to your room and get some rest," Mrs. McKay begged. "You'll make yourself sick. I'll go to mine and pray for you."

Ann ignored Mrs. McKay and continued praying. Finally, Mrs. McKay gently closed the attic door and descended the stairs.

After a long while Ann also went to her room, but she kept praying. Finally, at the point of great discouragement, she jumped out of bed and asked, "Is there no mercy for me, Lord?" In that instant, she saw Jesus hanging on the cross, bleeding and dying.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. The Lord turned away from them. 2. Red. 3. They would rage in the streets, jostle against each other, seem like torches and run like lightning. 4. Yes. 5. They would be opened. 6. "Their heart will melt (be without courage), their knees will be knocking for fear." 7. Lions. 8. Its chariots would be burned. 9 They would be devoured by the sword.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A 19th Century Prophet

(Continued from last week.)

"...We know that all things work together for good to them that love God,..."
Romans 8:28.

Ann felt the heavy, guilty feeling lifting. She knew her sins were gone. "I'd like to tell the whole world about this," she said, but it was the middle of the night and everyone was asleep.

Anxious to know more about God, Ann picked up a New Testament that one of the girls had left laying on her table and said, "Now Lord, You have taken away my awful burden, couldn't You help me to read one of these little things?" She opened the book and began reading, "Who-so-ever drink-eth of this wa-ter shall thirst a-gain, but who-soever drinketh of the water that I shall give shall ne-ver thirst.' I shall never thirst again," she said.

Early the next morning, she said to Mrs. McKay, "I feel like a little fire is burning in my heart."

"Is that why you jumped out of bed?" questioned Mrs. McKay.

"Why do you ask?"

"It was 12:00 a.m. when I heard you hit the floor. I thought you might like to know the time you were saved."

"That's when it was all right. I saw a vision of Jesus on the cross and my burden of sin was gone. I sure want to go and tell my father and mother what has happened to me, but first listen to me read." Ann read John 4:13-14 to

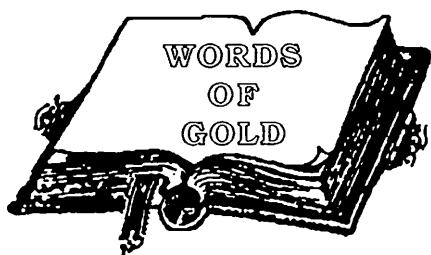
Mrs. McKay. It was the first time she had been able to read.

"You may go as soon as your work is done. Hurry now or you will be late getting drink for Mr. McKay and he will be very angry." Liquor was not kept in the McKay home. Mr. McKay had spent time in a mental hospital because of it. His stay in the hospital, however, had not cured him of alcoholism. He still drank a little every morning. Ann was sent to the tavern to get his drink. Mrs. McKay warned all who came into the home of the dangers that intoxicating drinks can create. The warning gripped Ann so that she hated liquor. As she walked in the tavern door she heard a woman saying, "Don't give that poison to the child."

Looking around Ann saw a woman holding a glass of whisky to a child's lips. Ann's eyes flashed. Her Irish temper soared. She remembered how her first drink had given her a craving for the "fire water." Horrified, she turned directly to the tavernkeeper and said, "Well, why do you keep and sell poison?"

The sad faced woman hung her head. Then she said, "I wouldn't if I had my choice, but my husband sells it and forces me to help."

Ann was surprised that she had so boldly protested against sin. "What a changed person I am," she said to herself as she was walking back to the McKay's.



Nineveh Is Fallen!

**Nahum 3:1, 3-8,
10, 12, 15, 17-19**

1 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery;...

3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain,...

4 Because of the multitude...of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 Behold, I am against thee, saith the Lord of hosts;...I will shew the nations...thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock.

7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall...say Nineveh is laid waste:...

8 Art thou better than populous No,...that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea...

10 Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces...and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

12 All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

15 There shall the fire devour thee: the sword shall cut thee off,...

17 Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers,...their place is not known where they are.

18 ...O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered...and no man gathereth them.

19 There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit (news) of thee shall clap the hands...for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

The Message: The nations who forget God do not receive His good blessing of protection.

Questions:

1. What would the city of Nineveh be called?
2. How many would be slain?
3. What was one of Nineveh's worst sins?
4. What would others say about Nineveh?
5. How was Nineveh to be like a fig tree?
6. What would devour Nineveh?
7. To what were its leaders likened?
8. Who would slumber where Nineveh had been?
9. Why would the people clap their hands?

Verse to Memorize

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Psalms 9:17

Let's



Talk . . .

Let us take a backward look. Israel and Judah were the only countries of the world who worshiped God and lived righteously. For many years they served Him with a pure heart. Then they became rich and pride crept into their hearts. They drifted away from God and became idol worshipers. For this and many other sins, God often reproved them, but they refused His counsel. At last He allowed the Assyrians to conquer Israel (which was more sinful than Judah). They completely destroyed that nation.

Now the Assyrians were destroyed because of their witchcraft, idol worship and abuse of people. So we see that all men suffer the consequences of not obeying God's laws.

Nineveh had not obeyed God's laws, her armies had robbed; shed the blood of all nations, until it was called "The Bloody City."

The city of No, like Nineveh, was well protected by water. No was situated on the Delta between two forks of the Nile River which emptied into the Mediterranean Sea. Thus it was completely surrounded by water. It was almost impossible for enemies to get across this water without being seen. But No was also destroyed because of its wickedness.

The Tigris and Euphrates rivers ran on either side of Nineveh. A moat 140 feet wide and sixty feet deep surrounded the walls. It had five walls. The walls of its capital were 100 feet high, broad enough for four

chariots to be driven abreast and eight miles around. The people thought nothing could destroy their city. They laughed and scorned any prediction of its destruction.

Nineveh and all traces of the Assyrian Empire so completely disappeared that many scholars had come to think that the accounts of it in the Bible and other ancient histories were mythical. They believed no such city or empire existed. But in 1820 Claude Rich's curiosity was aroused when he found a brick on which something was written. He then spent four months searching the mounds where he suspected Nineveh to be. In 1845 Mr. Layard and his many helpers uncovered ruins of some magnificent (awesome) palaces of the Assyrian kings. One palace was about the size of three large city blocks. These buildings contained hundreds of thousands of inscriptions from which people can read the history of wicked Assyria as the Assyrians themselves wrote it.

God's ears were listening to the cries of the abused, although it may have seemed that He was not. Nahum 1:2 says, "...The Lord revengeth, (pays back) and is furious;..." Chapter three, verse nineteen, tells us that *all nations* would clap their hands when they heard that God had paid back the Assyrians for the horrible way they had abused other nations.

"All nations that forget God will be destroyed" is a universal law for all times. It was the law of old and reaches down to our day. Any nation that ignores this law will fall. They may prosper and conquer for awhile, but something will happen that brings their end. Our nation will also be destroyed unless its people submit to God's laws.

—Charlotte Huskey

That evening when her work was done, she started off to testify to her parents. As she was walking, the devil said to her, "That warm feeling is gone out of your heart. You had better not say anything about your sins being forgiven until you are sure."

Ann hurried on toward home. The nearer she got, the more the devil flooded her mind with discouraging thoughts. Ann, however, had learned to do what she must do, not what she felt like doing. She had rocked baby cradles when she would rather have been playing. She had built many fires when her hands were stiff with cold. She had worked when she felt like hiding away and feeling sorry for herself. All these things had taught her to do what she must do.

"Oh Mom, I have come with great news," Ann exclaimed. "God has taken away my heavy burden of sin, and placed a warm, happy feeling in my heart. And Mom, I read a verse in the New Testament this morning. Aren't you proud of your daughter who could never learn her letters, much less read?"

"Oh, you are like your old grandfather; you are losing your mind," she said uninterested. Ann was shocked. Didn't her mother care? Wasn't she happy? Ann hadn't known her grandfather was a Christian. How she wished he had told her about it when she was a little girl.

Ann arrived back at Mrs. McKay's a little downhearted, but there was a nice surprise awaiting her. It was a letter from her sister, Mary, who loved God. She was working way off in Armagh. Mrs. McKay read the letter to Ann.

Mary asked how Ann was. She told about her job, and asked if Ann liked where she was working. Then she said, "I am sure you have good news for me, Ann. I know by the answer I got while praying," Mrs. McKay read.

Ann went to sleep that night happy to know that someone in her family shared her happiness.

After Ann was saved, she believed that everything worked for her good,

although she did not know that Bible verse. One evening she cleared the ashes from the fireplace. Instead of leaving them by the grate until the morning, as she wanted to do, she took them out and set them on the brick floor of the washroom. In the morning the box and part of the lid were burned up by a fire the hot coals had started. Had she left the box on the wood floor near the fireplace it would have caught the house on fire, perhaps burning it down. To Ann this was evidence that God loved her and was protecting her.

Mrs. McKay also believed God had protected them. However, she thought leaving hot coals in a wooden box was gross carelessness. "I'm sorry. You must find another job," she told Ann, "for I cannot trust anyone so careless."

Ann went home for a few days, but could not stay as her family was too poor. She worked on another job for a few months, then Mr. Halliday came to visit her.

"Ann," he said, "one of the best homes in my circuit is needing a maid. Would you like to take the job?"

"I'll go anywhere that I am free to serve my Jesus," Ann answered.

He took her to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Reid, in Armagh. Now she could be near Mary, her saved sister. Dr. Reid agreed to pay Ann very generous wages. "Then Preacher Halliday married me to Mrs. Reid," Ann often said. "He made me promise to stay with Mrs. Reid as long as she would keep me. He made Mrs. Reid promise to keep me as long as I would stay. The contract was made. I was near my sister, had better pay and was still in a Christian family. God protected us from a fire and it did work out for my good."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1 The "bloody city." 2. A multitude. 3. Witchcraft. 4. "Nineveh was laid waste." 5. It would fall like overripe figs fall when the tree is shaken. 6. Fire. 7. Grasshoppers and locusts. 8. Shepherds. 9. Because the nation who abused them was now destroyed.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A 19th Century Prophet

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"...Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:20.

Ann Preston stood looking at her nice new home. A great stone wall surrounded a large house, beautiful yard and fertile garden. The front entrance was guarded by two gates. The first was iron, the second of heavy wood. Yes, it must be as Bro. Halliday said, "The nicest home in all the places I've preached. And I'm getting better wages. Thank You, God, for having this good place prepared for me when I had to leave Mrs. McKay's. Thank You, God, for being so good to me," Ann prayed. "And, God, do help me to be a good maid. You know my head is dull and I can't remember very well."

The big iron gate unlocked only from the inside. When Dr. Reid rattled it, Ann had to rush out and open it. Sometimes she was stirring pudding or bathing a baby when it rattled. "Be more prompt," he would scold if he had to wait a few minutes. Sometimes he came in very late and Ann would be asleep. At such times it took her awhile to get it open. He scolded.

Dr. Reid did not work in a hospital. He went to the homes where the sick were. In the winter when a call came, Ann had to hook the horse to his cutter and warm his lap robes. If she took them out a little early, he would scold, "The robes will be cold before I am

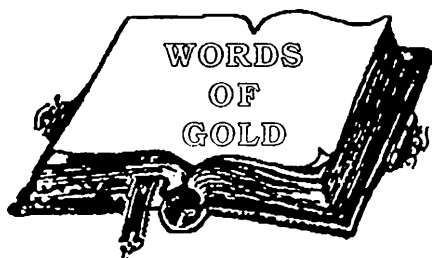
ready. Take them back. I want them warm when I leave."

Besides taking care of Dr. Reid's wishes, Ann had to satisfy Mrs. Reid with her cooking and cleaning. Ann could not remember from one time to another how Mrs. Reid liked the potatoes fried. She couldn't remember in which dish she was to serve the sour cream. She nursed sick children, and if weeds grew in the garden, she got the blame.

"I'm leaving," Ann told herself after a very trying day. "I can't please this family." She went to her room and packed her few things in a bag, planning to leave the next morning. During the night she remembered that she had promised to stay as long as the Reid's would keep her. "Why did I make such a promise?" she chided herself. After thinking a long time, she decided that breaking her promise would be the same as telling a lie. She could not do it. The next morning she unpacked her bags.

The next day Dr. Reid seemed satisfied with everything she did. She thought she never wanted to leave. But hard times came again. Again she packed her bags. Again she remembered her promise. Things got better again.

Then came a long siege of conflicts. Dr. Reid, or Mrs. Reid, or one of the children seemed to always be scolding her. This lasted so long that finally Ann decided that dying would be better than living. She could break her promise and



The Sacrifice of God

Zephaniah 1:1-2, 4-18

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

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and...Jerusalem; and I will cut...Baal from this place....

5 And them that worship the host of heaven...and them that worship...the Lord....

6 And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord,...

7 Hold thy peace...for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

8 ...In the day of the Lord's sacrifice,...I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

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

10 ...In that day, saith the Lord, there shall be...a great crashing from the hills.

11 ...for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

12 ...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.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation:...

14 The great day of the Lord is near,...the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath,...of trouble and distress,...of wasteness and desolation,...of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of...alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust,...

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire...

The Message: In the "great day of the Lord," God will sacrifice those who have rejected His laws.

Questions:

1. Under what king did Zephaniah prophesy?
2. Upon whom would God stretch out His hand?
3. In verse seven what had God prepared?
4. Who would be sacrificed (burned up)?
5. What would happen to the evil merchants?
6. With what would God search Jerusalem?
7. Those who were settled on their lees, were saying what?
8. Why would the men walk like blind men?
9. Could anything save these people?

Verse to Memorize

Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath....

Zephaniah 1:18.

Let's



Talk . . .

Zephaniah's message from God is a sad, scary prophecy about the day of God's wrath. It tells of God's judgments not only on the Jews, but also on their enemies. God said He would utterly consume all things from all the land in that day.

When the word "day" is used without a number in front of it; it usually means a period of time, not a twenty-four hour day. It is a time when God will do something unusual. In Zephaniah's prophecy, it meant the time when God would punish and bring into captivity His people for their misdeeds.

Josiah was king of Judah when Zephaniah prophesied. He must have believed Zephaniah's prediction of destruction, for he began cleaning up the country. He made laws banning the worshiping of idols. He ordered all idols and altars torn down; also the idol's priests were to be killed and their houses burned. The banning of idols ridded the nations of many sins; fornication, prostitution, drunkenness and witchcraft which were connected with idols. This change may have stayed the destruction for awhile. II Kings 22 and 23 tells about the good that this king, "which turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might," did for Judah.

After the death of King Josiah the people plunged again into their sinful ways. From that time, their

country saw no more peace nor prosperity. Each of the next two kings had a miserable end. Jehoahaz lasted only three months. He was locked up in Riblah by Pharaoh and died in Egypt. Under the next king, Eliakin, the people paid heavy taxes to Pharaoh to keep from being slaves again in Egypt. After seven years of this, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon made him a slave for three years. During these three years the country was warring with bands of Syrians, Moabites, Ammonites and the great Chaldean warriors. The last king, Zedekiah, and his children were cruelly massacred when Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem. He took the Jews to Babylon, where they stayed as captives for seventy years. The terrible "day of the Lord" had come.

"The Lord had prepared his sacrifice and invited his guests." The guests which God had invited were the Babylonians whom He had appointed to punish the Jews. God was sacrificing all who were clothed in strange apparel. Those who submitted to God were given robes of righteousness. All others were clothed in strange apparel. Everyone who worshiped idols had on strange apparel.

The sacrifice that is taking place today is a spiritual one. God is allowing deceiving spirits to possess those who have not submitted to Him and have on a robe of righteousness. They have refused His standards, or they are unbelievers who say "the Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil." Let us be attentive to God and not be one of those who, through rebellion or unbelief, is sacrificed to an evil spirit.

—Charlotte Huskey

leave. That night she lay awake thinking of ways she could end her life.

Dr. Reid had recently bought a very dangerous, wild cow. The family shepherd always held the cow to protect Ann while she milked. The next morning Ann got up very early while the Reids were asleep. She took her milk pail and went out, "I'll just milk. The cow will do the rest," she told herself. She tied the cow to a post, sat down on her milk stool, very close to the cow's strong hind leg, and began milking. The only movement the wild cow made while Ann milked was an occasional flipping of her tail.

Back at the house, Mrs. Reid found Ann missing and sent out the alarm. The family and neighbors began scouring the place for Ann. Mrs. Reid found Ann walking toward the house with a pail full of milk.

"Who held the cow?" she questioned. "No one."

"And you are all right?" Mrs. Reid said, looking Ann over from head to foot. Ann was now sure that God loved her and wanted her to live with the Reids.

The following morning, she waited for the shepherd in her usual place by the kitchen door. "Go ahead and milk the cow," Mrs. Reid said, when she saw Ann with her milk pail.

"Not without some help," Ann retorted.

Then one day Dr. Reid said to Ann, "Mrs. Reid and I have decided to move to Canada. Would you like to go with us?"

"Well, I promised to stay with you as long as you wanted me," Ann answered.

"Then I'll get you a ticket when I buy ours. I've been collecting from those who owe me and the people are paying up very well, so I have plenty of money."

A man whom the doctor often hired to do odd jobs around the estate stood in the doorway awaiting instructions for his day's work.

During the day as Ann went about her work, she thought about what she'd give up if she went to Canada. How

would she stand never seeing her dear Papa and Mama, or talking to Mary about their Jesus? Dr. Reid had said Canada was far away—across the ocean that surrounded Ireland, and that he could not send her back if she didn't like Canada.

Ann was learning that God was a loving Father. She took every problem to Him. "What shall I do?" she asked. Ann was sure God said, "Go."

There was much to be done in getting ready. The ocean trip was to take seven weeks, or maybe longer, if strong winds should slow the ship. The overland journey from New York to Toronto, Canada would take just as long. Ann would need to store potatoes, beets, flour, sugar, sausage and lamb, enough food to feed ten people for several months. There were mittens, socks and hats to knit, cloth to weave and new warm breeches to make for the boys.

Ann went out to see if there were enough potatoes in the storage pit for the journey. She noticed the hired man was stacking the turf near the outside wall of the garden. She checked the wheat and barley to be taken to the mill and ground for flour. Mrs. Reid was keeping the spinning wheel humming. Knitting needles clicked as the girls knitted. Even Ann was obliged to spin or knit every spare minute.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1 King Josiah. 2. Upon everyone. (Judah, Jerusalem, and those who worship the host of heaven, or worship God, or have rejected God, or have never sought God. All will be sacrificed.) 3. A sacrifice. 4. The princes, all those who were clothed in strange apparel, and those who practiced violence or deceit. 5 They would be cut off. 6. With a candle. 7. "The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil." 8. Because they had sinned. 9. No. There was nothing that would save the people from God's wrath.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalm 34:7.

Everyone in Armagh took care of his own money. Dr. Reid kept his in a secret place in his office. The whole town knew that the doctor was moving to Canada and had collected from many who owed him. Having so much money in the house made Ann nervous.

She avoided being home alone as if it was a poisonous snake. However, it was not always possible for her to go with the family. On New Year's night she was left with the baby. She tried to calm her fears by remembering that the house was protected by a high, stone fence. The only entrance had two gates, and the iron gate could only be unlocked from the inside. Suddenly, she heard the iron gate rattle. Breathing a sigh of relief she said, "At last they're home." She slipped on her coat and hurried to unlock the big, iron gate. Passing the clock she noticed both hands were pointing to 12:00. "The church people would be praying at 12:00. Wonder why they have come home early?" she asked herself as she opened the door.

The dark night was quiet except for the rattling gate which seemed loud as thunder to Ann's nervous ear. Ann looked around cautiously. A man was climbing over the high, iron gate. "A

robber," she gasped. Only the wooden gate separated her from him.

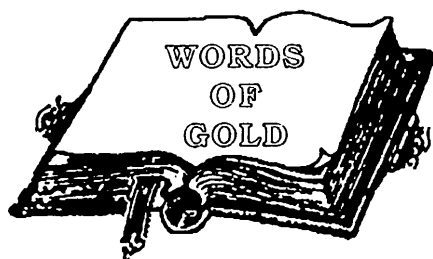
Quickly and quietly she backed inside the door and bolted it. Tiptoeing rapidly through the house she checked the kitchen door, then latched all the windows. Now she peeked through a crack in the curtains of the parlor window. The man was climbing up on the turf. Now he was up on the stone wall. Jumping into the garden, he hurried straight to the potato pit, as if he knew exactly where it was. Opening it quickly he filled his bag then, climbing back over the wall, he was gone. It was 12:10. Ann could hear him running down the road.

Ann was still trembling when the Reids came home an hour later. She told them all that happened. The children and Dr. Reid listened with interest. Mrs. Reid laughed and said, "Just some poor peasant whose family is starving. Let him have a few potatoes if he needs them."

"It was a sound warning from God," Ann retorted, her Irish temper blazing. Then turning to the doctor she admonished, "Better listen to God. Someone is aiming to steal your money."

The next day Dr. Reid ordered iron bars to be put over the windows and a large, iron bolt put on the back door.

On January 14th the doctor was called to go away into the country. Ann warmed the robes beside the fireplace while she was hooking the horse to the cutter. When she passed the hired man



God's Men Speak Truth

Zephaniah 2:1-7, 9-10, 12-15

1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;

2 Before...the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you,...

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

4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe unto...the nation of the Cherethites!...the Lord is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee,...

6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah;...in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down...for the Lord...shall...turn away their captivity.

9...Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and...Ammon as Gomorrah...a perpetual desolation:...

10 ...for...they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord...

12 Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.

13 And he will...destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her,...cormorant (sea bird) and the bittern (heron)...shall sing in the windows;...

15 This is the rejoicing city...that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me:...every one that passeth by her shall hiss,...

The Message: When God's men predict something, it will happen just as they say.

Questions:

1. What was the "not desired nation" to do?
2. What were they to seek?
3. What was to happen to the Philistine cities?
4. Where would the remnant of Judah live?
5. What would happen to Moab and Ammon?
6. Why would Moab and Ammon be treated so harshly?
7. What would happen to Assyria?
8. What would lie down where Nineveh had been?
9. What would sing from her windows?

Verse to Memorize

There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

Proverbs 19:21.

Let's



Talk . . .

The first chapter of Zephaniah tells of the destruction that would come upon Judah, and all the inhabitants around it. Even those who loved God would be consumed with the sinful idol worshipers and unbelievers.

In this second chapter Zephaniah admonishes the people who had been keeping the judgments of God to get together and call upon God. So perhaps they would "be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." The judgments of God are His laws. The people who are to call on God are those who were already obeying His laws, for they are the ones He has promised to hear.

They were to seek for His righteousness and meekness. *Righteousness* is doing right, and *meekness* is being submissive or humble. God loves these two attitudes. When a person wants mercy from God, he should be trying to do right, and should be submitting his will to God. God hates sin (unrighteousness). As long as a person is still loving his sins, God is not obligated to help him, although sometimes He does. God has promised to hear and answer the prayers of all those who are ready to abandon sin.

The people of Judah were not ready to leave their sins and serve God. They did turn from some idol worship while Josiah was king. But as soon as a new king was on the throne, they quickly returned to their sinful ways.

Therefore, the prediction of Zephaniah did come to pass but not all at the same time. Gazar was ru-

ined by the army of Alexander the Great. The great Babylonian invasion under King Nebuchadnezzar laid waste the whole region. This included the fortified cities of the Philistines, Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Ekron; also Ethiopia, whose ruler controlled all of Egypt. Nineveh, the proud capital of the Assyrian Empire, terror of the world, was also included in this destruction.

When God's men predict anything, it will happen just as they have said. If a man calls himself God's prophet, and predicts things that do not happen, that is proof that he is not speaking God's Word. A popular radio preacher predicted that September, 1995 would be the end of the world. Now it is May of 1996 and the world hasn't ended. Was this a prediction from God? Was it a man's prediction?

From verse seven, we see that God is going to save a remnant (a small part) of His people and they will live in the houses of Ashkelon. Their sheep will graze near the seacoast. After the Judians were captives for seventy years in Babylon they did return to their homeland. They were living there when Christ was born. So another one of God's prophecies came true.

Moab was to become as Sodom and Ammon as Gomorrah because they had cruelly persecuted the Jews. Sodom and Gomorrah were the two sinful cities on which fire and brimstone fell. This made the whole region a perpetual desolation. (Genesis 19:24.) Archaeologists have not been able to find any trace of these wicked cities. Most authorities believe the ruins—if there are any ruins—to be under the Dead Sea. But diving expeditions so far have found no ruins. So all things from off the land were utterly consumed just as Zephaniah had prophesied. —Charlotte Huskey

as she carried the robes out, he asked, "Why so many robes? Will the doctor be staying overnight?"

Ann, angered at his nosiness, answered, "Maybe." Why should this man ask when the doctor would be home?

In the night, while awaiting his return, Ann and Mrs. Reid heard the gate rattle. Putting on her coat, Ann started out to unlock the gate when a cloud of fear settled over her. "Madam," she said in a whisper, "that is not Dr. Reid. It's the same sound I heard when the potatoes were robbed."

Mrs. Reid laughed again. "Oh, Ann you're just nervous. Go on and unlock the gate."

Ann balked. All Mrs. Reid's talking could not persuade Ann. Finally she said, "Then we better check the kitchen door?"

Ann fairly flew to the door.

She turned the key and quickly pushed the long iron bolt across the door. No sooner had she taken her hand off the bolt, than the latch moved and someone pushed against the door. Evidently thinking the lock could be easily broken, the intruder threw his full weight upon the door. Ann started to scream, but Mrs. Reid covered her mouth. "Quiet!" she said, "You'll frighten the children." Again and again the intruder crashed against the door. Again and again the door creaked, but the bolt, which Dr. Reid had installed last week, held it secure.

Ann fell on her knees and began praying. Mrs. Reid bent over and whispered in Ann's ear, "He must be armed, or he wouldn't be so determined. Run and get someone to help."

"What if he has helpers waiting outside?" Ann whispered.

"God will protect you," Mrs. Reid whispered back.

Ann quietly snuck out the front door. She heard Mrs. Reid lock it behind her. All around was eerie darkness and imaginary robbers were behind every bush. She opened the heavy wooden gate with only a tiny squeak. Somehow Ann got out of the noisy iron gate without it rattling.

She knocked at the nearest house.

The grouchy old man would not come. She ran past the next two houses, for they were dark. "By the time a sleeping man got awake and dressed, Mrs. Reid would be dead and the money gone," Ann reasoned. She rushed on. Finally she reached a house with a light burning. Pounding on the door, she shouted, "A robber is breaking into Dr. Reid's home. Come help us."

A big, burly fellow with a revolver came out. He ran ahead of Ann, who was tired from running. When Ann got back to the house the man was talking to Dr. Reid. "I saw him run that way," he was saying.

"Yes, I saw him, too. He's the man I've been hiring to work around here."

"He probably knew the sound of your cutter and jumped out to meet ye, planning to force ye to turn over ye money. But when he saw two of us and my revolver flashing in the moonlight, he decided to run."

"I agree," said Dr. Reid. "And thanks, neighbor, thanks. Let me know if I can help you sometime."

"Think nothing of it, just the duty of a neighbor," the burly man said as he disappeared into the night.

The next morning Dr. Reid was surprised to see the intruder at his office door. Boldly he said, "I was sorry to hear of the terrible fright Mrs. Reid had last night."

"There was no need for fear, no one could get into this house," Dr. Reid answered as if he didn't recognize the robber.

Ann thanked God that Dr. Reid was not alone in the office when the man came. She thought he had other plans but couldn't carry them out because too many people were there.

(To be continued next week.)

[Answers: 1. To seek God. 2. Righteousness and meekness. 3. They would be destroyed. 4. In Ashkelon. 5. They would become as Sodom and Gomorrah. 6. Because they had reproached God's people. 7. They would be destroyed. 8. Flocks. 9. Cormorant and bittern (sea bird and heron).]

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"If I...dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me..." Psalms 139:9-10.

It was a beautiful day in Armagh, Ireland. "This is a good day to walk to Ballamacally and say goodbye to my family," Ann said. So away she went.

"The Reids are moving away to Canada and I am going with them," she told them.

"Oh, that is too far away," exclaimed her mother, throwing her hands high in the air. "We would never see you again." Both hands came down on Ann's shoulders. Ann found herself looking straight into her mother's eyes, already full of tears.

"No. No. Ann you can't go. I cannot bear it," protested her papa. "You are my special child."

"But I must go. I promised Mr. Halliday that I would stay with the Reids as long as they wanted me."

"I'm glad you want to keep your promise," Papa said. "But moving away so far is cause enough to break a promise."

"My Father, too, says I must go."

"Your Father, who is that? Am I not your father?"

"My heavenly Father," Ann explained, kissing her daddy who sat on a wooden bench warming himself in the May sun. "I love you, too, Papa."

"And if you go away to Canada, you can't find a good Irishman to marry."

"Preacher Halliday already married me to Mrs. Reid," Ann retorted.

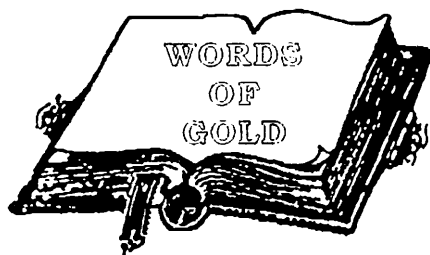
That evening Ann's mother, sisters and papa walked down the road with her, trying all the way to persuade Ann to stay in Ireland.

Mama walked with Ann to Armagh. They stopped to say goodbye to her older sister Mary. She too tried hard to keep Ann from leaving. Ann stayed firm in her conviction that God wanted her to go and that she should keep her promise.

At last the trunks and boxes were packed, strapped and loaded for the overland trip to the Moy River. They floated down the river to Killala Bay and embarked on a ship for New York.

The first morning on the ship, Dr. Reid did what he did every morning. He called his family together for worship. They sang new hymns that John and Charles Wesley had written. He read a chapter from the Bible, then they prayed.

Ann found her way around the ship to the kitchen. There she put on a pot full of potatoes to boil, then she too joined the family for prayer. After the long session of prayer, Ann returned to the kitchen, thinking the potatoes would be cooked. She found her large kettle on the floor beside the stove. It wasn't even hot. "Who moved my pot?" Ann stormed. No one answered. "Why is my kettle on the floor?" she asked again.



A Better Time Is Coming

**Zephaniah 3:1-2, 5-9,
12-15, 17, 19**

1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted,...

2 She obeyed not...she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.

5 The just Lord is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment [laws] to light [to their understanding], he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations:...I made their streets waste,...their cities are destroyed,...

7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me,...but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

8 Therefore...saith the Lord,...my determination is to gather the nations,...to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger:...

9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent.

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:

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion;...and rejoice with all the heart,...

15 The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel,...is in the midst of thee:...

17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy;...[and] singing.

19 Behold,...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.

The Message: After Judah had endured her punishment they would return to their country for a short time, then Christ would set up His Kingdom.

Questions:

1. Why was a woe pronounced on these people?
2. What did God do every morning?
3. What did God say He would do to the nations?
4. Why did God tell what He was going to do?
5. Did the people respond to God's discipline?
6. What kind of language did God promise?
7. What would the poor and afflicted people do?
8. Name three things the remnant would not do.
9. In what nations would Judah be praised?

Verse to Memorize

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

Let's



Talk . . .

Zephaniah warned many nations that they would be destroyed because they had rejected him and abused people. With most of these warnings also came the opportunity to change and save their nation, as the people of Nineveh did after Jonah predicted their destruction. The people of Judah, however did not repent, but continued to reject God's warning.

God is love. He does not like to punish, but He must for the sake of those who are being abused. Zephaniah says that God is so just that every morning He brings "His judgments to light." God's judgments are His eternal laws. God faithfully deals with all people. He does this by letting things happen that show His love and mercy, or by placing thoughts in the mind—thoughts to do something good, such as reading your Bible or praying, listening to good music or a sermon, helping a sick person, being more respectful to parents, etc. Feelings of reproof when saying, doing or listening to evil things are also God's dealings. These thoughts are bringing "God's judgments to light." God had faithfully dealt with these nations, but they did not receive His corrections nor turn from their wickedness. So He was allowing terrible trouble to come upon them.

In this third chapter Zephaniah predicts hard times for Judah, but he also gives them hope of a better time—a time when God would again restore them to their homeland and establish a new kingdom that would last forever. God did allow the Jews to come back to their homeland. Then God sent His Son, Jesus, to set up that New

Kingdom. Christ's kingdom is a perfect, spiritual Israel. Saved people from all nations are a part of this spiritual Israel.

Verses 9-20 are prophecies of the Jews returning to their homeland, and the coming of Jesus. One prophecy says, I will "turn to the people a pure language."

Language is the vehicle the heart uses to express itself. Only a person with a pure heart can have a pure language (speech). Before Christ died on the cross, men's hearts were full of sin. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful...and desperately wicked." Even those who tried to do right would at times find themselves powerless to resist evil. Their language was often not pure. Since Christ died and rose again, any person can receive a cleansing of his heart. God promises to "cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9.) With a pure heart and the power of the Holy Spirit people can resist evil. Every area of a Christian's life can be pure, even every spoken word.

Zephaniah lived many years before Christ, but he could see by prophetic vision a time when all men could call upon the name of the Lord and be able to serve him with their whole heart. He said in that time, "The remnant (the few who are saved) shall not do iniquity (sin), nor speak lies; nor have a deceitful tongue." (Verse 13.) In "that time" all nationalities will have a chance to be in this Kingdom. The people of Israel and Judah, who have been driven into many countries, will have an opportunity to accept Christ and be in it. This Kingdom, often called Israel, is the great Church of God. These Jews whose sins had caused them so much trouble would be able to enjoy freedom from all sin.

We are living in that wonderful "time" that Zephaniah predicted. Those who live for God need not fear punishment nor destruction.

—Charlotte Huskey

"Who knows," answered a tall, thin man. "This stove belongs to the ship. You should have brought your own stove if you didn't expect to share." Ann's Irish tempered flamed hotter. She jerked another kettle off the stove and replaced it with hers. Then boiling inside, herself, in place of her pot, she sat down on the floor and guarded it until the potatoes were cooked.

By midmorning Mrs. Reid and the two girls were seasick. Ann ran from one to another emptying pans and cleaning up. In her few spare minutes, she cut up cabbage, added sausage and carried it to the kitchen. Not wanting more troubles, she asked another maid to please keep her kettle on the stove.

At noon Dr. Reid prayed again with his family and the two uncles who had come. Again that night, they worshiped together. After a week Dr. Reid was nicknamed, "the praying man." Ann was branded "the praying man's biddy." (A "biddy" is a talkative, grouchy woman.)

She lived up to her name, for almost every meal one of her pots was set off the stove while she was away attending to the sick. Besides the Reids, the women of the other two families traveling with the Reids were also seasick. So Ann had to cook for and attend to all three families. Day after day she struggled to get the work done. Her temper blazed at every unnecessary provocation.

Each time Ann had a temper-tantrum, the burning warmth in her heart would die. Then she would cry to God. There was no "closet" or "attic" in which to pray and very few times, after that first day, was Ann privileged to join the family in worship. Most of the time while they were praying, Ann was cleaning or guarding a kettle.

Each day the ship rocked hard as the waves grew more violent. Finally the captain locked all doors leading to the deck. "The fierce wind may blow you into the ocean," he warned. Ann repented again of her temper-tantrums. The men who had spent the first three weeks gambling, drinking beer, cursing

and swearing were now calling for "the praying man" to pray for their salvation. After what seemed as long as eternity, the fierce blowing stopped.

Everyone in the ship clamored to get up on deck. Even Mrs. Reid came out of the hold for the first time. The terrible wind had ripped some ropes from the rigging. They were watching a man, high on the mast, repair it. "I'd be afraid of falling," Mrs. Reid said.

Suddenly the ship jerked and a man shouted, "Look out he's coming!" The man was plummeting downward, bouncing from looped ropes to projecting iron bars. He fell mangled and dead almost at Mrs. Reid's feet. She stayed in their berth the rest of the trip.

The man's death didn't affect the hardened sinners who had been begging for prayer days before. The sun was shining brightly; the water was calm and blue. They brought out their beer and resumed gambling over a card game. Ann resumed her position beside the ship's cookstove and was as cranky as ever.

Another storm struck! It seemed that surely the ship was turning upside down. Ann repented again, and the men came begging Dr. Reid to pray again. The captain again locked all deck entrances.

Passengers sprawled in every corner of the ship. Some were draped over cots or chairs. "You're the only one except my crew that is not sick," the captain remarked to Ann.

"That's 'cause I don't have time to get sick," Ann muttered, "gotta nurse the others."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1 Because they did not trust nor obey God. 2. He brought His judgments (laws) to their understanding. 3. He would cut them off. 4. He hoped they would fear Him and receive instruction. 5. No. 6. A pure language. 7. They would trust God. 8. They would not do iniquity (sin) nor speak lies, nor have a deceitful tongue. 9. In all nations where they had been put to shame.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"...I am carnal, sold under sin,...for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." Romans 7:14-15.

The trip across the Atlantic Ocean from Ireland to New York took seven weeks. Yes, seven weeks they traveled over deep, deep water—no land in sight. Two storms struck. Ann became so tired of cooking and nursing three families that she often wished she had died during the storms. From New York City they sailed up the Hudson River to Albany. In Albany they had their boxes and trunks loaded onto a large wagon. A stagecoach was hired to carry the family over land to Little York (Toronto), Canada.

Ann enjoyed this land trip. She loved the feel of solid earth under her again. She loved the sway of the coach, the rumble of the iron wheels, the steady beat of the oxen hooves. She loved the moments to sit, to look at the green mountains, to watch the birds fly from tree to tree. She loved the quiet. She loved not being called the "praying man's biddy." She loved not battling over a place to cook. At night they camped and cooked over a campfire all their own. Dr. Reid always led the family in prayer. Then they slept without being thrown about by the swaying of a ship. It was nice to be on land again.

One day their peaceful trip was disturbed by a strange noise. It sounded

like thunder in the distance, but the sky was clear. The further they traveled, the louder was the sound. The scout who led their group pulled his pony near to Dr. Reid and shouted. "That noise is a waterfall on Niagara River."

"Sounds like a big one!"

"It's a monster, all right, and a beauty to see. Must be the biggest in the world. Shall we camp before we get too close? It's always misting rain around it."

Ann liked the sound of the waterfall. It reminded her of the ocean waves that beat upon the shores of Ireland. As she lay awake that night she thought much of her dear papa and mama and wished she had been more tender in her parting words. "I wish I hadn't said...." and she was asleep.

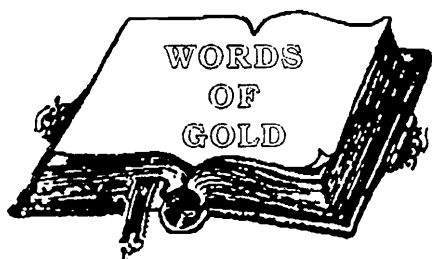
The next morning Dr. Reid asked, "Will it be dangerous crossing the river so near the falls?"

"We'll have to go up past the island where the river forms a shallow stream to forge over. There is a fort and a sawmill near the falls, but not much of a land trail into either—but if you're short on supplies, I could ride over and see what I could find."

"We've got all we need to get to Little York, (Toronto).

Dr. Reid wasn't satisfied at Little York, so after a few months they moved on to Thornhill. Here he established his business and was soon in demand as a doctor.

Mrs. Reid found an holiness church to attend. So, besides worshipping God



Why God Will Not Hear

Habakkuk 1:1-6, 8-13, 17

1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear!...

3 Why dost thou shew (show) me iniquity (sin), and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me:...

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 ...I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.

6 ...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.

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards,...they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

9 ...They shall gather the captivity as the sand.

10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold;...

11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.

12 Art thou not from everlasting,

O Lord my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment;...thou hast established them for correction.

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

The Message: Obedience will bring God's blessings on people; sin will keep God from blessing.

Questions:

1. Who was the prophet in this lesson?
2. What did Habakkuk ask God?
3. What kind of work would God be working?
4. Who would march through the land?
5. Describe the Chaldeans' horses.
6. To whom would the Chaldean leader give praise for his power?
7. Would the captives die?
8. For what had God ordained the Chaldeans?
9. How would the Chaldeans catch their enemies?

Verse to Memorize

...Your sins have hid his [God's] face from you, that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:2.

Let's



Talk . . .

An important thing to remember when reading the Bible is that it is like a library of smaller books. These books are not placed on the shelves in order as they happened. (For example: Nahum predicts the fall of the Assyrian Empire. Nahum is the fifth book from the end of the Old Testament. But in II Kings we can read about one of the last wars of the Assyrians. The book of II Kings is the twelfth book from the beginning of the Old Testament.) If the books were placed in the Bible as they happened, Nahum would be placed near the end of II Kings.

The book of Habakkuk is before Zephaniah, but he prophesied afterwards so we are studying it afterwards. The two prophets lived when Josiah was king of Judah. Zephaniah lived before and at the beginning of Josiah's reign and it is believed that his prophecy was one contributing factor for the good reforms under King Josiah. Zephaniah predicted both the fall of Judah and the complete destruction of Nineveh (capital of the great Assyrian Empire).

The swift, courageous calvary of the Babylonians was able to overthrow the proud, confident Assyrians after the angel of the Lord had smitten 185,000 of the Assyrian soldiers during a siege against Jerusalem. (This record is found in II Kings 19:35-36.) Now Habakkuk predicts that Judah will also fall under the Chaldeans.

Chaldea was the ancient name given to the sea lands at the head of the Persian Gulf, south of Babylon. In 700 B.C. they overpowered Babylon. The great king, Nebuchadnezzar, was the son of the first Chaldean king to

rule Babylon. The names *Chaldeans* and *Babylonians* are closely associated and often mixed in usage.

God told Habakkuk that this fierce, bitter nation would overthrow his country. Habakkuk knew that God is just and hates evil. He says in verse 13 that God has such pure eyes, that He can "not behold evil nor look on iniquity (sin)." Habakkuk knew that for this reason his country would be destroyed. But he could not understand why such a God would allow the wicked Babylonians to conquer his country. Although his nation had departed from God, they were much more righteous than the Babylonians.

In the the second chapter of Habakkuk, God gave the answer. God said, "When the final scores are added up, only the person who trusts God and remains loyal to Him will live. God will punish all the proud, and those who greedily grab what is not theirs, or climb to power on the backs of others, or justify cruel actions to help themselves. All those who destroy and treat humans like animals, or worship man or idols, shall be cut off, whatever their nationality."

This is an eternal truth that reaches down to us. Any nation will go down that does these things. Sin separates a nation from the blessing of prosperity and protection. Let each one pray that the people of his nation will respect all men and submit to the eternal laws of our loving God so their nation can be blessed.

In verse 11, Habakkuk prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar would offend God by imputing his ability to prosper and conquer to his god (which was himself). Habakkuk predicted this several years before it happened. We can read what Nebuchadnezzar did in Daniel 4:28-33. Again we find that the books of the Bible are not placed in order as they happened. Always remember that when you are reading the Bible. It will help you.

—Charlotte Huskey

morning and evening in the home, they also attended church on Sundays. Mrs. Reid also went to class during the week. Ann had become so discouraged because of her temper that she could hardly be coached to go. "I can't live as they say we should," she would say. "Why go to church and be a hypocrite? You know why the children keep calling me 'the praying man's biddy'."

Then Mrs. Reid took sick and suddenly died. Now Ann had different thoughts about going to church. She had sole charge of the children. She wanted them to be good children. So she would have to be a good example and go to church.

It was very hard for Ann to attend church because Dr. Reid was the class teacher. After anyone testified of their experiences, it was his duty to advise them on ways of drawing closer to God.

When Ann would testify, which she rarely did, he would quote an hymn which said:

*"Your faith by holy tempers prove,
By actions show your sins forgiven,
And seek the glorious things above,
And follow Christ, your head, to
heaven."*

Ann knew he said those words because she often became very angry. It was very annoying to have the children soil their clean clothes or track mud across her freshly scrubbed floor. Ann justified her temper-tantrums saying, "He'd get annoyed, too, if the boys dirtied the floor he had scrubbed clean on his hands and knees."

Dr. Reid, too, was sometimes the cause of Ann's angry outbreaks. Besides doing all the housecleaning, cooking and caring for the children, Ann was expected to look after his horse and buggy. Canada was much colder than Ireland, and the doctor made many calls during the winter. He wanted his lap robes brought out just one instant before he was ready to drive off. One day when Ann had placed the robes in the buggy, knowing he would not be leaving

soon, he angrily pulled Ann's hair as they walked by each other.

Ann exploded. Snatching a big stick of wood that lay in the pathway, she threw it at him with all her strength. "You can be thankful it missed you," she stormed. The words the doctor said aren't worth repeating. For the next two weeks, Ann nor the doctor spoke to each other. Ann felt it her duty to be in daily worship, but for a long time she sat with her head in her hands and her fingers in her ears whenever Dr. Reid was speaking.

Regardless of all the discouragement, Ann struggled to do what was right. She obeyed the ten commandments. She dressed modestly, without adornments. She was careful to help the poor, to admonish the children in righteousness. She attended church and family worship.

Ann's poor heart had only short periods of peace. The flame of God's love that once burned in her heart had been quenched by her uncontrollable temper. "How miserable I am," she said, "sinning and repenting, sinning and repenting. It's like the old French song says:

*'Tis worse than death my God to
love,*

And not my God alone."

"Oh, Father, I know You are with me," Ann prayed. "Will You please give me victory over my temper? I've traveled a long way from Ireland to Canada, but I haven't traveled any nearer to heaven. Father, I am Your child, and I want to be Your child forever, but I would like to grow up a bit in my actions. Please help me, at least so the children won't call me a 'biddy'."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Habakkuk. 2. "How long shall I cry and thou wilt not hear?" 3. A thing they would not believe. 4. The Chaldeans, their bitter enemy. 5. The horses were swifter than leopards and flew as eagles. 6. To his god. 7. No. 8. For judgment and correction to God's people. 9. By angles and nets.)

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"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me...I thank God through Jesus Christ..." Romans 7:24-25.

Ann was hating her temper more and more. When she knelt to pray at the end of each day her prayer often included a plea of forgiveness for some angry action.

One evening a young man visiting the Reids led the worship. He read Psalm 34. The only verse Ann remembered was, "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." When they had finished praying she asked the man to mark the verse in the Bible.

Ann tenderly closed the Bible and carried it to her room. When the children were in bed Ann opened the Bible.

The devil whispered, "You can't read that verse."

"Then God will give it to me," Ann retorted. Determined to recall the verse, she stared at the marks on the page. Slowly she made out the word "Lord," then "evil," then "do evil"—on and on she read, one word at a time, until she had read the whole verse. "I can read like I did the day I got saved," she shouted. She read it over and over and over again.

"Now Lord," she said, "I understand You are against those who do evil. What is evil?"

Then she remembered a verse which says, "Put off these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

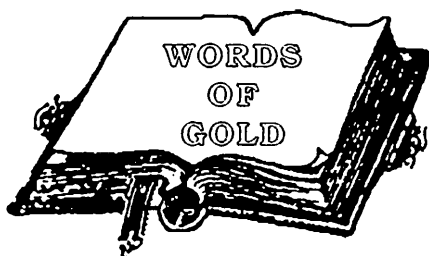
"So evil is anger, wrath, malice?" Ann said. "Oh, Lord, I have so much anger and wrath. God won't You please take away my anger, so I won't get angry, no matter what happens." On and on Ann prayed through the night.

About 2:00 in the morning, Ann remembered how Jacob had wrestled all night, too. "He wrestled until he prevailed," she remembered a preacher saying. "I wonder what prevail means?" Ann questioned.

"Prevail is to win," came the answer.

"That is what I want. If I could be a winner over my temper, I think I would be the happiest person in the world."

Finally Ann lay still thinking maybe God had given her power to conquer her temper. Then the devil presented himself again. "You'll be happy until you are scrubbing the floor and the children come running over it with mud on their shoes," he said. Fear gripped her heart. She fell off the bed and onto her knees, begging again for deliverance. Just then one of the children called. "I may die trying, but I will have victory," she muttered as she



The Just Shall Live By Faith

Habakkuk 2:1-9, 12-14, 18-20

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...

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

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

5 Yea also,...he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man,...and heapeth unto him all people:

6 Shall not all these...say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his!...

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly...and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 Woe to him that...set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

12 Woe to him that buildeth a

town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the Lord...that the people...shall weary themselves for very vanity?

Trust in God

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

18 What profiteth the graven image...the...dumb idols?

19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in...it.

20 But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Message: Every just person must live by his faith in the eternal, supreme, all-wise God.

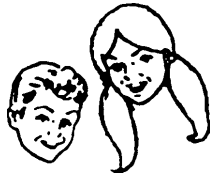
Questions:

1. What did Habakkuk decide to do?
2. For what would he watch?
3. What did God tell Habakkuk to do?
4. Was the vision true?
5. When would it come to pass?
6. By what must the just live?
7. Of what shall the earth be filled?
8. Were the gold-covered images of any value?
9. Why should all the earth be silenced (or quiet)?

Verse to Memorize

**...The just shall live
by faith.
Romans 1:17.**

Let's



Talk . . .

Habakkuk decided that he would humble himself and be more alert to God. He would do more than the ordinary watching and praying. He would clean up his life and strive harder to recognize God's messages. The ancient cities were protected by guards watching from towers on the walls surrounding the cities. At times of great danger these guards stood more alert, carefully scanning all the territory within their view. At night they listened carefully for the faintest noise that might be made by an enemy. Habakkuk would do the same, so he would be sure and hear God's voice.

God said to Habakkuk, "Have faith, and don't doubt this vision, for it is not a lie. Wait awhile and it will come to pass. Write it very plainly, so those who read it can take action, for every just person must live by his faith." God also listed the sins for which Judah must suffer. The sins were drunkenness, immodesty, violence, and idolatry. He said to warn them, for sin would separate them from faith and His blessings.

After God had encouraged Habakkuk to have faith, He told him about the Babylonians, their enemy. God says they had increased their kingdom by the blood of all nations, and that suddenly they, too, would be bootie for those nations they had treated so cruelly. God described how their king, Nebuchadnezzar, was proud and had built himself a high, fortified palace, but said that this high nest would not be able to protect him from God's wrath.

God is always displeased with injustice. Verse 13 tells us it is not of the Lord that people labor and weary themselves for very vanity. Babylon's splendid cities, awesome walls and beautiful "hanging gardens," one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, were some of these vanities. They were built by the weary captive slaves. God said He would recompense upon Nebuchadnezzar this and other injustices. This happened when Nebuchadnezzar lost his mind and lived like an animal for seven years. (Daniel 4:30-34.)

In the end of this chapter, God said to look forward, by faith, to the day when all "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord." That time is called the "Gospel Day." It began when Christ came and will last as long as time. All the world has knowledge of God's glory even though they may not chose to live for Him. Almost every day scientists discover some new, marvelous thing about God's creation.

Having knowledge and having faith are different. Faith is knowing God's plan is always right. It is also the ability to feel so sure of God that no matter how bad things get there is no doubt that all will turn out according to God's plan. Faith is knowing that God is still in His temple, in control of everything. We are to humble ourselves and watch carefully as Habakkuk did, and stay in silent awe before God, willing to do what ever He desires of us. —Charlotte Huskey

Martin Luther was a leader of the Reformation. He learned that saying prayers, fasting, paying tithes, helping the poor nor any other work would rid him of sins which separate him from God. "Every man must live by faith," he said. "Obeying God's commandments and having faith in the plan of salvation, that God set up through His son, Jesus, is the only way a person can have God's blessings."

started downstairs to attend the child. The devil had been battling her all night, just as he tempted Jesus in the wilderness. Now she felt him treading down the stairs right behind her.

Later in the day she met the young man. "Why were you crying so in the night?" he asked.

"I want to be delivered of my anger," she answered. "I think they call that being sanctified. I need all of me to be sanctified."

"Being sanctified will make you able to rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in every thing give thanks," he said.

"Who could ever do that?" Ann questioned. "I can't be praying all day when I have so much work to do," she said as she buttoned Joshua's coat.

"You can pray as you work. When the Holy Spirit comes into your heart it will be easy to pray all the time."

"How will I know when I am sanctified?" Ann questioned.

"How did you know you were saved from your sins?"

"I just believed Christ died to forgive my sins," she said shrugging her shoulders.

"Well, complete victory over your temper will come the same way. The just shall live by his faith," he said. "The promise is, 'Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.'"

Ann hurried the children through breakfast and off to school, strained the milk and put a lamb bone to boil for soup. Then she found her closet again. "Oh, Lord," she cried, "I have been knocking all night. Please, please open unto me."

Suddenly Ann felt all the burden gone. She repeated part of an old hymn:

*"The opening heavens round me shine
With streams of sacred bliss,
While Jesus shows His presence mine
And whispers 'I am His.'"*

Ann knew the Holy Spirit had come into her heart. She did not doubt that her anger was conquered. Jumping to her feet, she looked out the window. "Hmm, the tree branches are clapping praises to God. I think God expects people to praise Him more than the trees," she said as she began clapping her hands and praising God. Two hours later Ann noticed the clock and realized she had been praising God for two hours.

When the children came home, they were awed by Ann's changed attitude. "What has happened to 'the praying man's biddy'?" Henry asked Joshua.

"Papa must have thrown her out and gotten himself another housekeeper," Joshua answered. "'Cause this sure isn't Ann."

While the family ate supper, Ann praised God. "Why aren't you eating?" Marie, the oldest girl asked.

"I have meat to eat that ye know not of," Ann answered, not knowing she was quoting a verse.

The children recognized it as a verse and Henry said, "Ann is becoming a preacher."

After seeing that the girls cleaned the kitchen, Ann hurried away to tell her new Sunday school teacher.

"Ann," he said, "You'll be able to keep this wonderful contact with the Lord if you 'give thanks to God for everything, pray without ceasing and rejoice forevermore.'"

"That is the same thing another person told me," she answered. "I will do it." Then she said, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." This was the second time God had put His Word in her mouth.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Stand upon his watch. 2. To see what God would say to him. 3. To write the vision. 4. Yes. 5. At the end. 6. By their faith. 7. The knowledge of the glory of the Lord. 8. No. 9. Because the Lord is in His holy temple.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A 19th Century Prophet

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"...Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for...thou hast power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." Genesis 32:28.

Ann's first thoughts each morning were of God. She praised Him for a good night's rest, for health, for food, for clothing. She praised Him for yesterday's victory. She even praised God for Dr. Reid and the trials he caused her. "No more 'rollercoaster' life for me," she said. "I am not 'the praying man's biddy.'" The more she thought of the wonderful change, the more she praised God.

Five days after the Holy Spirit had changed Ann, Dr. Reid scolded, "The girls tell me you haven't eaten for five days. Its time you come back to reality and begin eating. You'll make yourself sick. Then who will do the work around here?"

"Thanks for your concern, Doctor, but I'm so full of joy I think I will burst if I add food."

The children looked at each other in surprise. "Ann doesn't snap anymore," Marie whispered to Joshua. He nodded his agreement.

Ann did not eat for eight days.

For weeks she felt like she was in heaven, then the devil began tormenting her with a fear of losing that joy. The very next morning, when she

awoke, she felt dull. She did not feel happy and full of gratitude. She tried to praise God, but she sounded like a hypocrite, something she hated very much. "You've lost it," the devil whispered.

Ann was so sad she turned over and buried her face in her pillow. Soon she was asleep and dreaming. Ann dreamed a woman was saying to her, "I was so happy with my Jesus for awhile, but now I feel sad and depressed. I have not sinned. What can I do?"

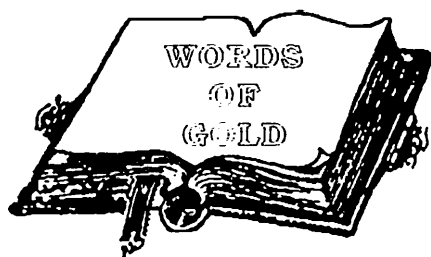
"You must walk by faith," Ann was telling the woman. "'The just shall live by faith.' You must trust God, and not let your feelings discourage you. You are still God's special child just like you were when you felt the great joy."

Ann awoke. She turned the advice she gave to the women on herself. Peace came into her mind, although her feelings were still sad. "I will praise God through the good times and through the bad times," she told herself. And she did.

"We never use an alarm clock at our house," Henry would tell his friends. "Ann wakes us up each morning shouting praises to God."

One morning, when the children left for school, they saw words written on the side of the house. "Those Catholic boys have done this to make fun of Ann," stormed Henry.

"Wonder what Ann will do when she sees it?" Marie questioned.



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Habakkuk 3:1-4, 6, 11-19

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet...

2 O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came...His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

4 And his brightness was as the light;...

6 ...His ways are everlasting.

11 The sun and moon stood still [*for Joshua*]...at the light of thine arrows they went,...

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen [*the Canaanites*] in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people,...thou woundedst the head...of the wicked by discovering the foundation unto the neck. [*The firstborn of Egypt.*]

14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: [*Pharaoh and his captains*]...their rejoicing was as to devour the poor...

15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the heap of great waters. [*Led the Israelites through the Red Sea.*]

16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself,....

17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places....

The Message: Remembering the past blessing will increase our faith for the future.

Questions:

1. How did Habakkuk feel after he heard from God?
2. What did God's glory cover?
3. How long will God's ways last?
4. What did God do to the heathen?
5. Why did God go forth?
6. Must we rejoice in the Lord through hard times?
7. Who is our strength?
8. What kind of feet will the faithful have?
9. In what kind of places will they walk?

Verse to Memorize

I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

Psalm 77:11.

Let's



Talk . . .

Habakkuk had obeyed God and announced that his country would be ruined by the godless Babylonians. This had filled him with fear, for he knew how they had cruelly abused other nations. So Habakkuk did what everyone should do when they are afraid—he prayed. While he was praying, he remembered God's greatness, and some of the awesome things God had done for his nation.

Let's look at some of the blessings which he remembered:

He thought of the time when the Ammorites had attacked the city of Gibeon. They called Joshua, who responded immediately, and began chasing the Ammorites away. Needing more time, Joshua asked the sun and moon to stand still. Neither one moved for about a day. (Joshua 10:9-14.)

He remembered that God cleared the heathen Canaanites out of the country so the Jews could possess it. Jericho, whose huge walls tumbled down after the people marched around it seven times, was the first great victory. Others enemies were driven out in miraculous ways.

Habakkuk shuddered when he thought about that night the death angel walked through the land of Egypt. The oldest son of every Egyptian family was dead the next morning. Each family depended on the firstborn to be the head of the family when the father died. The family head was gone.

He smiled when he remembered that God had walked through the great Red Sea taking the Israelite nation to safety on the other side. Then Pharaoh and his army were drowned when chasing after them.

After remembering all these miracles, Habakkuk began praising God. His body trembled and his lips quivered as he predicted the Babylonians would conquer his people. Then his faith was increased and he committed everything to God. He promised to trust in God though it meant the loss of every good thing in life. He would rejoice though life was stripped of all that gave natural happiness.

Why was Habakkuk's mind so completely changed? After remembering so many miracles, his faith became anchored in God. He then saw God to be who He really is, a God with all power and in full control of all earth. He again believed God's promises. He said, "God is my strength. He will make me walk on high places. God will give me hinds feet."

The hinds', (also called red deer) are the elk of Europe and Asia. They are famous for their courage and beauty. Their powerful leg muscles enable them to run swiftly and take long jumps. They can climb safely into the high, green pastures when the low land pastures have dried up. (A female deer is also called a hind.)

Habakkuk was also able to climb over rocky places in his life. He was living in the mountain of God's love, feeding on spiritual riches. He enjoyed many blessings that a lot of Christians do not enjoy. Remembering God's power and goodness to his nation helped him to rest the terrible destruction of his nation in God's hands. —Charlotte Huskey (Answers: 1 He was afraid. 2. The

"Wish I could be here to see," Joshua said, laughing.

"I'm sure she won't get mad," Marie added.

After Ann had cleaned the kitchen and straightened up the bedrooms, she hurried off to the market. On her return she noticed the markings over the wall beside the door. "Praise God, another mess to clean up," she said. Ann was surprised herself that she was praising God for *everything* just like the Sunday school teacher had said. "Praise the Lord," she said again.

Ann put the lamb in the big pot and added three onions. "I'll peel potatoes to finish making Irish stew, after I clean that mess on the wall," she said. She added wood to the fire, got a pail of water, soap and the broom and began scrubbing marks off the wall. "These marks look much like letters," she said as she scrubbed. "I wonder what they say?"

"When the children came home from school, Joshua asked, "How did you like the message written on the wall?"

"I couldn't read it," she answered.

"You couldn't?"

"No."

"You can read the Bible, why can't you read that?" questioned Henry.

"My Father gives me His Word."

"Hmm, I think the Catholic father gave those words to some boys, too," Tom added.

"Tell her what it said," Joshua said.

"It said, 'Holy Ann lives here. Come in and have a word of prayer.'"

Ann threw her hands high over her head and exclaimed. "I'm not holy Ann. I wish I could be holy. I'd be happier than all words."

After supper Joshua said to Henry, "I wonder if Ann was just too angry to read what was written on the wall. Maybe she's losing her control again."

"Let's try her out," Henry suggested.

"A great idea! Let's see if she can read another book."

"Here is the newspaper."

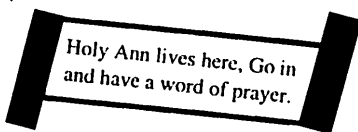
As soon as Ann had finished her work and sat down, the boys came bringing the newspaper. "Ann, you're reading so well, we believe you could read this paper. Won't you try?"

"Sure," Ann said, laying aside her knitting needles. She took the paper in her hands and made sure it was right side up. She remembered the pain of those times when the children had laughed at her for holding it upside-down. Putting her finger on the large letters of the head lines, she traced each one. She looked a long time at each letter, her forehead wrinkled, but she said nothing. Leaving the headlines, her finger went down a column headline. The column was about Lord Robert's achievements in the South African War. "That word looks like 'Lord' she said, but it isn't *my Lord* for my heart doesn't burn when I see it." Ann tried until her eyes were tired but "Lord" was the only word she could read.

The boys looked at each other. They were convinced that she couldn't read that message on the wall and that God really did give Ann His Word.

That night Ann prayed a long time in her "prayer closet." When the boys put their ears to the wall to listen, she was saying, "Father, the boys are calling me 'holy.' Please make me holy so they won't be telling a lie." Henry looked at Joshua. They covered their mouths so Ann couldn't hear them laughing and hurried back to their bed.

(To be continued next week.)



Holy Ann lives here, Go in
and have a word of prayer.

whole earth. 3. Forever, they are everlasting. 4. He threshed them. 5. For the salvation of His people. 6. Yes. 7. The Lord God. 8. Hinds' feet. 9. Upon God's high places.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"...Whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." 1 John 3:22.

Old Peggy Casey lived in Thornhill where the Reids lived. Sometimes when the children walked past Mrs. Casey's house early in the morning, she would be letting her chickens out of her house. In cold weather, as they went to and from school, they could see the hens looking out Mrs. Casey's living room windows. The people laughed and joked about old Peggy. Ann did not want to be like Peggy Casey.

Since God had removed Ann's anger, she could control her temper. Her work went faster, too, so she had more time for other things. Sometimes she went for sleigh rides with the children. She even laughed with them when they laughed at her.

On one outdoor excursion, Ann jumped over a fence and twisted her foot. She hobbled home, soaked it in hot water and wrapped a band around it. Then she hobbled around to get the evening meal and went to bed early.

The next morning she awoke praising God as she did every morning. After a time of praise, she swung out of bed to kneel and pray as usual. To her surprise, her ankle was still hurting. It

hurt for many days and weeks. Nothing helped that Dr. Reid or Ann did. It became infected and so swollen that Ann could not walk.

The doctor ordered her to stay in bed. Lying in bed was nigh to impossible for Ann who had worked since early childhood. The children noticed Ann was thanking God for her problems. Often they heard her quoting:

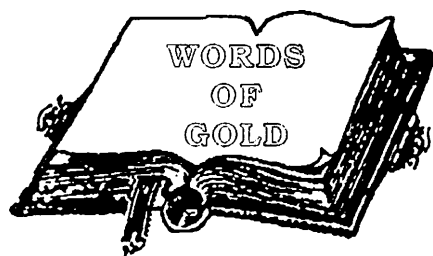
*"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone,
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries, 'It shall be done.'"*

One day after examining Ann's leg, the doctor said, "I believe the only cure for your leg is to scrape the bone."

"Then let's get it done," she said, not realizing that scraping a bone was an extremely painful operation.

"If you would get real drunk, it wouldn't hurt so badly," the doctor told her. But Ann would not drink any kind of liquor. God's great power so calmed Ann that she lay still while the doctor's knife sliced her leg open and scraped the infection away. Hard to believe isn't it? But Ann believed, "Whatsoever we ask we receive, if we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight." Ann asked and was obeying His commandments and so she received that calmness.

Ann had obeyed God's Ten Commandments while she lived her roller-coaster life. Now she was obeying **all** His commandments, even the hard



The Proud Are Brought Down

Obadiah 1:1-9, 19, 21

1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

6 How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound

under thee: there is none understanding in him.

8 Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau;...

21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

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The Message: The proud shall be brought down regardless of how secure they make themselves.

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Questions:

1. Who saw this vision from God?
2. Where was the ambassador to go?
3. What had deceived the people of Edom?
4. How secure did the Edomites feel?
5. What were the men going to do who were at peace with Edom?
6. What would happen to the wise men of Edom?
7. Who was to possess the mount of Esau?
8. Who would judge the mount of Esau?
9. Whose will the kingdom be?

Verse to Memorize

...Every one that is proud and lofty, and...every one that is lifted up;...shall be brought low.

Isaiah 2:12.

Let's



Talk . . .

Obadiah had seen a vision of Edom. Where was Edom and who were the Edomites? The Edomites came from Esau, Abraham's grandson. Esau had a twin brother, Jacob. Before they were born God told their mother, Rebekah, she would give birth to two nations.

When the twins were men, Esau sold his birthright to Jacob. By doing this he lost the blessing of being the leader in the family. Esau was so angry he wanted to kill Jacob, so Jacob left home.

Many years later, after each brother had a large family, they made peace. Then each went their separate ways. The family of Jacob became the nation of Israel. Esau's family became the nation of Edom. The two nations were never very peaceful to each other. There seemed to be a deep grain of jealousy in the Edomites against the Israelites. When they should have helped Israel, they would help Israel's enemies. This interesting story is found in Genesis 25:21-34 and 27:1-46.

Esau married women from the Hittite nation who worshiped idols. His family became idol worshippers, and settled in the land south of the Dead Sea on the western border of the Arabian plateau. He built his city in a deep basin high in the mountains, surrounded on

every side by brilliantly colored granite and sandstone cliffs. The whole region was full of caverns hewn out of the rocks so the families lived in subterranean dwellings. Sela (later Petra) became the capital of the Edom nation. It was perched on a high plateau above a perpendicular cliff overlooking a high valley of marvellous beauty. The only entrance to the city was by a narrow, mile-long gorge between towering red granite cliffs.

The city was easy to defend. Feeling so secure, the Edomites became a very proud self-confident people. We learn from ancient history that many Edomites lived only from stealing. A main travel route between important cities passed at the foot of these mountains. Lonely travelers and large caravans were highjacked on this road. Also the Edomites went on raiding expeditions and then retreated into their great fortress.

These proud people asked, "Who shall bring us down?" God answered, "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, [from there] will I bring thee down." And He did just as Obadiah predicted.

"The proud shall be brought down," is an eternal truth. We see the proud being brought down, today. Some are brought down through sickness, aids, cancer, heart attacks, etc. Some are brought down through public humiliation. Others are killed. There are many ways in which a proud person is brought low. Let us never forget that the proud will be brought down.

—Charlotte Huskey

one that says "be slow to wrath." Being so obedient made her faith strong. Her faith allowed God to perform this miracle.

"You will need to drink milk and eat an egg every day," said the doctor. That prescription was impossible to fill. It was winter and not a hen in the village was laying eggs. Even Peggy's hens, that lived in the warm, were not laying.

Ann went straight to her Father and said, "Father, I need a fresh egg. Won't You send me one?" It wasn't bitterly cold that day so the outside door was open just a little. While Ann was sitting in her chair near the stairway, a hen walked in and sat down at her feet. Ann carefully closed the door so it couldn't go out, for she felt sure that God was answering her prayers. She put the hen on the bottom step and as it began jumping up the stairs she began praying, "I do thank You for supplying me an egg, Father, but please don't let the hen cackle, for the girls will hear it and say I'm like Peggy Casey." In a little while the hen came down very quietly. Ann opened the door and it went out.

"Now how am I going to get that egg?" she questioned. "If I ask anyone to get it, the children will find out the hen was in the house."

"Go up and get it," God said. Perhaps God planned to make her able to walk, but her faith did not take in walking.

"That is impossible," she answered.

"Say your poem," God answered.

Ann obeyed, although she couldn't apply the poem to this impossibility.

*'Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone,*

Laughs at impossibilities

And cries, 'It shall be done.'"

Ann, determined to obey God and get the egg, slid out of her chair and onto the first step. She lifted herself to the next step with her hands. Away she went backwards up the stairs.

"Now how do I get down without crushing this egg?" she asked.

"Put it in your pocket."

Soon after Ann was back in her chair, Paddy, the servant, walked in. She handed him the egg, praying that he would not ask where she got it. Paddy took the egg without saying a word.

When he brought the egg for her to eat, he said, "I have walked all over this town and not one egg could I find." But strange as it may seem, he never asked Ann where she had gotten the egg.

Every day for three weeks the hen returned and laid an egg. She never cackled, but made only the slightest noise going up and down the stairs. On the twenty-first day, one of the girls came out of her room and rushed down the stairs. This frightened the hen who came cackling down behind her. "What is this, Ann?" she asked. "Are you keeping chickens in the house like Peggy Casey?" She shooed the hen out the door and it never returned.

When the doctor looked at Ann's leg that day he said, "I want you to drink beef broth daily. You will not need an egg each day."

Ann usually testified about all that God did for her, but fear of being called, "Peggy Casey" kept her from telling how God supplied her fresh egg each day. One day when God prompted her to testify and she didn't, He said, "I used a raven to feed Elijah. He wasn't ashamed to tell it. Are you so proud you can't praise Me for the hen?"

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Obadiah. 2. To the heathen. 3. The pride of their heart. 4. They felt so secure they thought no one could bring them down. 5. They would deceive them and triumph over them. 6. They would be destroyed. 7. The people of the south. 8. The saviours. 9. It will be the Lord's.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"...My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory..."
Philippians 4:19.

There are many kinds of Christians. Ann was one that believed every word God said. He said that her pride was keeping her from testifying about the hen coming into the house everyday and laying her an egg. She overcame her pride by forcing herself to testify. Ann's faith was made stronger because of this perfect obedience.

While her leg was healing, she went to visit a friend, Mrs. Jones. While she was visiting, Ann told Mrs. Jones about the hen. Mrs. Jones covered her mouth, hoping Ann wouldn't see her laughing. Ann saw. She asked, "You don't believe me, do you?"

"I'm sorry Ann, I really don't believe God did that. Neither do I believe you would tell a lie. It just happened that the hen liked the box at the top of the stairs in which she laid her egg. You know chickens do strange things."

"Well, before I go home, my Father (God) will make you believe He did it," Ann said.

When Ann decided it was time to go home, she asked her Father how much money she would need for her fare. God told her, \$3.68, so she prayed for that amount. Just as she finished praying, Mrs. Jones knocked on the door.

"I've come to tell you that my mother wants to take you out for the day. Do you wish to go?"

"I'd be happy to," Ann answered.

"Then I'll get breakfast ready."

"Before you do that, I'd like to see if you can figure the fare from here to Thornhill as well as my Father?" Ann said.

Mrs. Jones added up the miles and figured the price, then said, "It will cost \$3.68."

"That is exactly what my Father told me," Ann answered.

"Do you think God will send it to you?"

"Of course He will," Ann answered with an assurance that surprised Mrs. Jones. "All the silver and gold are His, and the cattle on a thousand hills."

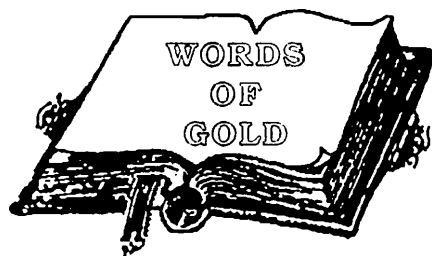
Ann went away with Mrs. Jones' mother, but she hadn't been gone more than one half hour, when a man knocked at Mrs. Jones' door. "Is the 'shouting girl' here?" he asked.

"The what?" asked Mrs. Jones.

"That Irish girl that's happy all the time. Is she here?"

"Not right now," Mrs. Jones answered, "but she'll be back tonight. She is quite a girl. This morning she told me her Father, which is what she calls God, is going to send her money to go back to Thornhill. You think God will?"

"I know He will," the man answered. "I have it right here in my pocket. When



The Proud And The Humble

Obadiah 1:10-15, 17-21

A Vision Concerning Edom

10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee [Edom], and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 ...In the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

12 ...neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly...

13 Thou shouldest not...have laid hands on [stole] their substance in the day of their calamity;

14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

15 ...As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire,...and the house of Esau

for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it.

19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau;...

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites,...

21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

**The Message: The humble
are blessed, the proud are
brought down.**

Questions:

1. Of whom was this vision?
2. Why did shame cover Edom?
3. What was Edom's attitude when the enemy entered Jerusalem?
4. What did the Edomites do during Judah's destruction?
5. How did the Edomites treat those who were escaping?
6. Would the Edomites be treated as they had treated others?
7. What would the house of Jacob be?
8. Who would remain of the house of Esau?
9. What would the captives of Israel possess?

Verse to Memorize

**Pride goeth before destruction,
and an haughty spirit
before a fall.**

Proverbs 16:18.

Let's



Talk . . .

Obadiah was led of God to predict that there would not "be any remaining of the house of Esau." The nation of Edom was the family of Esau. The family of his twin brother, Jacob, formed the nation of Israel. The Israelites and the Edomites, like Jacob and Esau, were long time enemies.

God's command to Israel was, "Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother" (Deuteronomy 23:7.) Because of this the Israelites respected Edom although the Edomites had shown hatred for Israel for many years. Edom refused to let Israel walk through their land when Moses was leading them away from Egyptian slavery. Obadiah said they would be destroyed because of their violent actions against the family of their brother, Jacob. When enemies attacked Israel, the Edomites were ready to help the enemies. They even blocked the roadways preventing the poor Israelites from escaping. Thus they threw them back into the teeth of their enemies. The few who found refuge in their country were also delivered into the enemy's hands. When the Chaldeans (the Babylonians) cast lots for the spoils of Jerusalem, the Edomites crept in and shared the loot. (Verse 13.) This is not the way a brother should be treated.

The Edomites, secure in their natural fortress, developed a great friendship with Babylon. Between four or five years later, they were driven out of their safe, rocky homes by the Babylonians with whom they had developed a great friendship. (Verse 7.) The few Edomites that were not killed were confined to a region in south

Judah, where for four centuries they continued as a nation apart from the Jews. Later they married into Jacob's family and were then absorbed into the Jewish nation.

The strong but cruel Herod family was one of the few that had not intermarried with the Jews. When the Romans conquered Palestine, (in 63 B.C.) the Herods were placed as kings over Judah. When Jerusalem was destroyed after the death of Christ, the family of Esau disappeared from history.

The ruins of Edom's capital city, Sela, later called Petra, can be visited today. Its only entrance is a narrow, mile-long gorge between towering, red granite cliffs. The gorge is only twelve feet wide in some places. Inside the city, one's eyes may turn in any direction for almost a mile and see forums, theaters, temples, palaces dwellings, and tombs carved from multicolored Nubian sandstone cliffs towering 200 to 400 feet into the air. After the Edomites were destroyed, their great fortress city was used for three centuries by the Nabateans, until A.D 106.

Although Jacob's family was also rebellious and was punished for their rebellion, they humbled themselves. God had mercy and restored them to their land. Then God gave His Son, Jesus, to the world through the Jews. Later, however, after they refused Jesus, their nation was also completely destroyed. God replaced their nation with a spiritual kingdom. In the New Testament this Kingdom is often call Israel, Judah, Zion, or the Jews. Sometimes people are confused by these words. Some think these words are referring to the Jewish nation. Jacob's family is no more important to God than any other nation. Every nation or person who humbles himself before God is accepted of Him. Every person or nation that is proud, shall be brought down.

—Charlotte Huskey

I was praying this morning, God told me to take \$3.68 to...to...now what is her name?"

"Her name is Ann Preston."

"Well, give this to Ann when she returns." He placed the money in Mrs. Jones' hand and was gone.

Mrs. Jones stared at the money in her hand, then she looked up. It was like a window in heaven had opened and money had fallen directly from God. She glanced down the road, hoping that Ann was coming back already so she could break the good news. All through the day Mrs. Jones watched for Ann.

When she finally saw Ann coming, she ran out to meet her. "Guess what happened today," she said, digging the money out of her apron pocket. Without letting Ann answer she continued, "Right after you left this morning, a man came bringing this." She placed \$3.68 in Ann's hand. "He said God sent him."

"Didn't I tell you?" Ann said as if it was nothing unusual. "I knew my Father would send it for me. Remember? You didn't believe my story about the hen and the egg. I told you my Father would make you believe it before I left. Now this was sent for you," Ann said pointing at Mrs. Jones.

"If it's for me, then give me back the money," Mrs. Jones said teasing Ann.

Ann very seriously said, "No, no, the money was sent for me, the lesson is for you."

Ann seemed to always know the voice of God.

Every spring Ann made two barrels of soap. One was for the family to use, the other was to be given to the poor. Making lye soap was a long, hard job. For many months before making soap, when Ann or the boys cleaned ashes from the fireplace or cooking stove, the ashes were stored in a dry place. When Ann was ready to make soap, hot water was poured on these wood ashes. The water draining through the ashes made

an alkali called potash. This potash and animal fat were boiled in a kettle over a fire in the yard until it thickened. This was poured into a barrel or into differently shaped molds.

Sometimes the soap thickened more quickly than at other times. This spring each kettle had thickened properly. The last kettle was boiling. It boiled, and boiled and boiled, but would not thicken. "What is wrong with the soap?" Joshua asked.

"I just asked my Father about it," Ann answered. "He says it needs a fresh bone."

"Where can we find a fresh bone?" Joshua asked.

"I don't know, but my Father will send one. He says to wait until the morning."

"I thought I heard you say that soap can't sit overnight."

"That's right. Rain or any moisture could spoil it more, but my Father says to wait, so I will wait." She covered the kettle and went into the house.

When Joshua awoke the next morning, the first thing he thought about was Ann's bone. He hurried out. "Got a bone?" he questioned.

"A nice big, clean bone was laying beside the kettle when I came out this morning," Ann answered. "I've already chopped it up and the soap is getting thicker."

"I guess a dog dropped it there," Joshua said.

In a flash Ann retorted, "I don't care if the devil dropped it there, my Father sent it."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Edom. 2. For violence against his brother Jacob. 3. They were as one of the enemies. 4. They rejoiced. 5. They stood in the crossways to cut them off. 6. Yes. 7. A fire. 8. No one. 9. That land of the Canaanites.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A 19th Century Prophet

(Continued from last week.)

"...It came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants...said unto him, We have found water." Genesis 26:32.

It was one of those long, hot summer evenings. The supper dishes were washed and the kitchen cleaned. Ann was sitting in her favorite chair on the back porch with her leg propped on a box. Henry and Joshua had just finished feeding and watering the animals. For six weeks the well had been dry, so hauling barrels of water was an added, daily chore. They plopped down beside Ann to rest. Joshua said, "Please tell us a story, tonight."

"What kind of a story?" questioned Ann.

"Any kind that isn't make believe," he answered.

"How about a snow story on this hot day?"

"Maybe that would cool us off a bit," remarked Henry.

So Ann began, "Remember when I could hardly walk for a whole year?" The boys nodded that they remembered. "Well, one day while I was still using crutches to walk, there came a big snow. I had planned to go to church, but there was no man in the house to shovel a path. Your dad was out of town, and you boys were away at school. 'Oh Lord,' I prayed, 'I do want

to go to church. Won't You please send someone to clear a trail for me?' Believing God would, I went to get ready. While I was dressing, I heard Marie say, 'Look who is clearing the path for Ann.'

"I looked out and there were five horses, one following the other, walking up the long driveway. The horses walked in single file all the way to the house. Then they turned and followed each other back to the street. At the street they turn around and followed each other back to the house. They did this four times. In this way they cleared a path for me through the deep snow. Then they separated and went galloping down the road.

"I went on my crutches to church and told how God had sent the horses to clear the path. That was one of the best meetings I have ever attended."

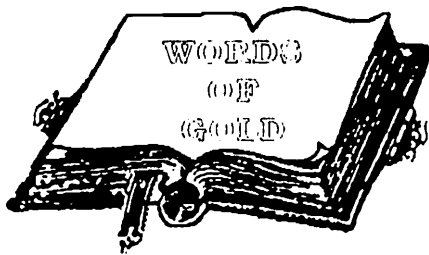
"That wasn't the only time that God cleared a path for you to church, was it?" Henry questioned.

"No it wasn't, but the other times he sent men to shovel the snow.

"Let me tell you about the time God made the hens lay eggs."

"Oh, yes, when you became Peggy Casey!" Joshua teased.

"Nope not then, another time. The Salvation Army had just opened up their building here in Thornhill to help the poor and homeless. They were really needing donations and I wanted



Building God's House

Haggai 1:1-4, 6-10, 12-14

1 In the second year of Darius the king,...came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel...governor of Judah, and to Joshua...the high priest, saying,

2 ...This people say, The time is not come...that the Lord's house should be built.

3 Then came...the Lord...saying,

4 Is it time for you,...to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled...ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he...earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the Lord...Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house [of God]; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

12 Then Zerubbabel...and Joshua...with all the...people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord.

13 Then spake Haggai...the Lord's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the Lord.

14 And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel...and Joshua...and...all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of...their God.

The Message: We must give attention to God's house, then God will bless our wages to be enough for our needs.

Questions:

1. Haggai prophesied under which king?
2. Who was the governor of Judah?
3. The high priest was _____.
4. For what did Haggai reprove the people?
5. Into what kind of bags was the earning put?
6. What should the people do to glorify God?
7. What happened to the things that were brought home?
8. Why did God blow on what they had?
9. In what ways did the people change?

Verse to Memorize

...Build the house [of God]; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

Haggai 1:8.

Let's



Talk . . .

Haggai did not predict destruction for sins as many of the other prophets did. He spoke about values. He said that to receive God's blessing people must honor God and His house more than any other thing. Jesus also spoke this eternal truth, when He said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matthew 22:37.)

Haggai prophesied about 90 years after Obadiah. Judah had suffered the destruction which Habakkuk and Zephaniah predicted. They had suffered as captives in Babylon for 70 years. Several of the minor prophets had also predicted that Israel and Judah would be destroyed because of their sins. Those predictions happened. The nation of Israel was so destroyed by the Assyrians that it was never again a nation. Several years later the Babylonians conquered Judah and took most of its inhabitants as captives to Babylon. After returning to their homeland, they never established political independence but were ruled by Gentile nations from that time until 1948, over 2,000 years.

Zerubbabel led about 50,000 Jews from Babylon back to Jerusalem. They returned with zeal to rebuild the temple and re-establish a correct worship of God. When the foundation was finished, some were very disappointed because they could see it was to be much smaller

than the former temple which Solomon had built. Others were very, very happy. The happy people shouted loudly, the sad ones cried. Together they made such a noise that their enemies' curiosity was aroused. The enemies came and started trouble. The work stopped. (This story is found in Ezra 3:11-13, 4:1, 4:11-24.)

During the following fourteen or fifteen years, the people lost interest in God's house. God used Haggai to revive their interest. He asked, "Should you live in cieleed houses, and the house of God lie waste?"

The people said, "There is no time to work on God's house. We can never earn enough for our own families. We plant, but get little produce. We have clothes, but need more. Our wages are put in bags with holes."

"God is blowing on what you bring home, because you are using all your earning on yourself, and none for the house of God," Haggai told them. "God is also calling for a drought and things will be worse unless you begin working on the Lord's house."

Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the priest and the people believed Haggai's message was from God. Within twenty-four days the men put aside their personal jobs, and were clearing away the weeds and brush that had grown over the temple ground. Then they began repairing the broken down foundation.

Now they would receive God's blessings for they were showing God's house was more important than their own. We, too, will be more blessed when we put more value on God's commands than our own desires.

—Charlotte Huskey

to give. I had nothing to give, so I asked a friend if she had anything to donate. 'We have given at different times,' she said. 'But right now we have barely food for ourselves.'

"You have chickens," I said, "are there no eggs?"

"The hens are not laying," she answered.

"If I ask my Father to send us eggs, will you give them to the Salvation Army?" I questioned.

"Yes, I will," she answered. I found a secret place and prayed. After I felt God told me there were eggs, I took a basket and went to the barn. There I collected over a dozen eggs. Those we gave."

"Why don't you ask God to put water in our well," Henry asked, teasing Ann. "It sure is a lot of work to haul water every summer, especially with all these animals we have around here. I got down in the well today and it is just as dry as this floor."

"I guess I never thought about praying for God to heal a dry well. I know you boys work hard all day, then have to lift those heavy buckets full of water and fill the barrels in the evening."

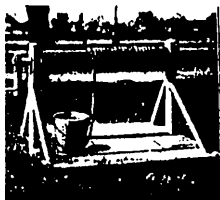
That night after the children had gone to bed and Ann was in her little room, she prayed. "Father, You heard what Henry said.

"And Henry knows Your Word says, 'Whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.' Now God, I am asking You to put water in the well so Henry will believe that You keep Your Word, and that I am doing what is pleasing in Your sight." Ann continued pleading that God would send water. Finally, rising from her knees, she said, "Father, if I am Your child as I profess to be, there will be water in the well in the morning. Amen."

The next morning when Ann came into the kitchen, she saw that Henry had already hitched the horse to the wagon with the barrels. He came in for the pails, just as Ann picked them up and started outside. He watched her go straight to the well. She hooked the bail to the rope and let the bucket fall into the well. Henry listened to see if it would bang on the dry bottom. He thought he heard a splash, but could not believe his ears. So he watched. If the pail was full of water, Ann would struggle to bring it back to the top. Ann began turning the windlass. At first it turned easily, then Henry noticed it was becoming difficult. In awed unbelief he saw Ann set a full bucket of water on the ground beside the well. He stood, as if glued to the floor, while Ann brought up another pail full of water. With both pails full of clear, sparkling water she walked to the kitchen. Henry opened the door and she set them at his feet saying, "Well what do you say now?"

Ann expected him to be wild with excitement, but he calmly muttered, "Well, why didn't you do this a long time ago?"

(To be continued next week.)



"The well has never again been known to be dry summer or winter."

(Answers: 1. Darius. 2. Zerubbabel. 3. Joshua. 4. Letting God's house lie waste. 5. Bags with holes. 6. Go to the mountains, bring wood and build the house of God. 7. God blew on them. 8. Because they ran to their own houses and let the house of God lie waste. 9. They quit working for themselves, and began working on the house of the Lord.)