

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Why Is Jesse In Jail?

"Where is Jesse? He has been gone three weeks," Zach said to Ryan.

"I don't know," Ryan whispered, covering his mouth so Mrs. Taylor couldn't hear him. "I heard he's in jail."

"In jail!" Zach exclaimed. "He is not. He's vacationing in Europe."

"I don't know, but that's what I heard," Ryan answered.

While Mrs. Taylor lectured the sixth grade class about the Civil War, Zach's mind drifted back into the past. Zach's mother had taken Jesse and him to their first day of school. Jesse clung to her and cried, "I want my mommy."

"Your mommy couldn't leave her work today. You'll be all right," she said as she led him to the teacher.

He cried all that day.

Zach was glad when the day was over so Jesse could see his mommy. Zach's mother had come for them after school and had driven Jesse and his sister Brittany to their home on Cleveland Street. Zach thought Jesse's house looked like a castle. But inside there were no dark secret rooms in which to hide gold, nor a dungeon for prisoners. The inside of Jesse's house was like "a country of always summer." The rooms were built in a square around a large patio covered with sky lights, where tropical plants grew in pots around a big swimming pool. Since that day

Zach had enjoyed many a swim in the warm water while the north wind blew snow drifts against the outside walls.

But Jesse didn't want to go into his beautiful home that day. He cried, "Take me to my mommy."

Brittany hugged her little brother. "I'll play with you until Mama comes," she said.

"No!" Jesse screamed. "I want Mommy!"

Mrs. Gonzales, the maid, heard the cry and came out. She took Jesse in her arms. He beat her with his fists. He kicked her, but she held tight. "He okay when mama home," she said.

"But that's four more hours," said Mrs. Chang, Zach's mother.

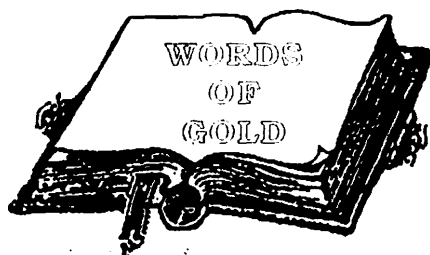
"He cry until then," she said with a sigh. "I tired of crying Jesse."

As they drove away, Shana, Zach's sister said, "I'm glad my little brother doesn't cry like that." Zach smiled.

That evening when dinner was finished, Mrs. Chang and Shana cleared the table. Then Mr. Chang opened his Bible and read Psalms 91:4. "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be* thy shield and buckler."

"God has feathers?" Zach asked.

"No, God doesn't have feathers. It's just an illustration of God's care for His children," answered Mr. Chang. "Feathers are



About God's Word

Hebrews 11:3

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

John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Isaiah 40:8

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

Luke 11:28

28 ...blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,...and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

James 1:21-25

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,...

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 ...and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso...[is] not a forgetful hearer, but a doer...this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Luke 4:4

4 ...It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Matthew 5:18

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. [A jot or tittle is a small mark such as a period, comma or accent mark.]

The Message: The Word of God has neither beginning nor end. It can be everywhere at the same time, and has no limit to its power.

Questions:

1. By what was the world made?
2. What was in the beginning?
3. How long will the Word of God stand?
4. Whom will God bless?
5. Describe the Word according to Hebrews 4:12.
6. What can the engrafted Word do?
7. Should Christians do what the Word says to do?
8. What should man live by?
9. Which will pass away first, the world or the Word?

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 . . .

Our lesson today is about God's Word. We have God's written words in the Bible. Each book was written as men were directed by God. As the person was writing, God was putting into his mind the words to be written.

The first book to be written was Genesis. It was written many hundreds of years before John, but both books give the same truth. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." John 1:1-3 says, "In the beginning was the Word,...and the Word was God.... All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made..." (The Word was Jesus. John 1:14.)

Many men have studied the Bible trying to prove that it is not true. As they studied, however, many became convinced that it was true and that God is real, for only a supernatural power such as God could have inspired such a Book. The books were written in different countries by people who did not know each other or what the other had written, yet their messages fit together like pieces of an interlocking puzzle.

Here are some other reasons why men have come to believe that the Bible is God's Word: They read where it said that the Assyrians would be destroyed and saw that they were destroyed. They read that the country of Israel would be destroyed. They saw it was destroyed. They followed the advice given in Proverbs and found that it worked for their good. They read that Christ said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." Whatever was in the Bible they found to be true.

God's words are different from the words of people. Men's words have power according to the authority given them of God. Here are some examples: An angry king's words can cause his whole country to tremble. By his words, the President of the United States can control all the armed forces. The principal of your school can order all the children to go home, and they will go. The words of your city mayor have power, so do those of your mother and father. But none of their words have power to create a world, calm a storm, heal the sick or raise dead people. God's Words do.

No person's words will stand forever. When a king dies, his words have no power. When a president is out of office, he has no power. God's Word lasts forever. Heaven and earth will pass away, but God's Word will not.

Man's words must be broadcast to reach many people. God's Words can be in all places at the same time. He can speak to you in the United States of America and to someone in Japan at the same time.

Besides these differences, God's Word has supreme authority. All other authority is under Him. Even though people may ignore God's Word while they are living, at the end of their life their actions will be judged by what it says. There is no way to escape the authority of God's Word. For this reason it is very important to know what God says.

There are many commandments in God's Word. For the next twelve lessons we will be studying a portion of God's Word called the Ten Commandments. We will also study the new commandment which Jesus gave. Most of the rules of conduct in the Bible are based on these commandments. God is pleased when we obey them.

—Charlotte Huskey

soft and a protection to the bird. They also help it fly away from danger."

"Flying would be fun!" Zach exclaimed. Then he laughed as he thought how he might look hiding under God's feathers while others were hunting him.

Mr. Chang said, "God's Word is also our shield. We need never be afraid, because God is always with us."

"I wasn't afraid at school," Zach said. "But Jesse was."

"I'm glad you were brave. That is because Jesus was with you," Mother said.

"You see this Bible is very important," said Mr. Chang as he held it up. "For we would not know about Jesus nor how to trust Him unless we had the Bible to read."

"I guess Jesse doesn't know about Jesus," Shana said.

"His mommy didn't tell him?" questioned Zach.

"No, she isn't a Christian," Mother said.

"Then we must tell her how to be one," Zach added.

"I will talk to her, if I ever get a chance," Mother said. "She is hardly ever at home. She works long hours and goes to business meetings with her husband in the evenings."

The following days Zach stuck close to Jesse to try to comfort him. That's when they became best friends.

All through first, second, third, fourth and fifth grades they had been best friends. This year things were a little different.

Just before Halloween, Zach and Jesse stayed after class was dismissed to help the teacher pin up decorations. When they came into the cafeteria the seventh graders had already come in. "Where will we sit?" questioned Zach, as the boys looked over the crowded cafeteria. "Look, there are two vacant chairs at that table," Jesse said, pointing to the table.

After they began eating, a boy at the table asked, "Are you both sixth graders?"

"Yes," Zach answered without looking up.

"Don't be afraid of us, we're nice even though we are seventh graders," a tall boy

said. Everyone at the table laughed.

Then a girl with red hair and freckles spoke. "Sure we're nice. We belong to the What Would Jesus Do Club."

Jesse pointed at Zach and said, "This guy would like to join your club."

"Really?" several asked.

"Yeah, he wants to be the pope."

"Cut it out would you," Zach snapped.

"Do you really want to be the pope?" the tall boy asked.

"No, he just says that because I won't do all the things he does."

"You are a Christian?" the freckle-faced girl asked.

"Yes, I am."

"But I'm not," Jesse spoke quickly.

"You are both welcome to come to a club meeting," a girl sitting at the end of the table said.

"What do you do?" Zach asked.

"Everyone in this club has to promise that they will do only what they think Jesus would do," the tall boy said.

"That sounds easy enough," Zach answered.

"We meet every Thursday night in Mrs. Smith's home," the girl said. "She teaches Home Ec., you know?"

"No I don't," answered Zach. "I'm not studying to be a housewife." Everyone laughed. "But I will ask my folks."

"Won't you come, too?" Zach asked Jesse as they left the cafeteria.

"I might, just once and see if it will be fun."

Zach knew Jesse was doing things he wouldn't do. But what had he done to be in jail? "He just can't be in jail," Zach said to himself.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. By the Word of God.

2. The Word. 3. It will stand forever.

4. Those who hear the Word and keep it.

5. It is quick and powerful and sharper

than a two-edged sword. 6. It can save

the soul. 7. Yes. 8. By every Word that

comes from God. 9. The world.)

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Why Is Jesse In Jail?

(Continued from last week.)

As Mrs. Chang drove Zach and Jesse to the What Would Jesus Do meeting, Jesse said, "I don't like going to religious things. There are lots of things more fun to do. But I will do anything to keep from staying home alone."

Zach wondered if Jesse had gone with other boys and done something really bad. Why else could he be in jail? Then his mind went back to the first meeting.

The boys were introduced to the students they had met in the cafeteria; Jim Meed, the tall boy, freckle-faced Sandy and Hoel, Mrs. Smith's son. These had become some of Zach's best friends.

Pastor White read Exodus. 20:3, '...Have no other gods before me.' Notice that 'gods' begins with a small letter. The God who created the heavens and earth always begins with a large letter, because there is no other god equal to 'Him,' he said. Every religion has a god or many gods. But there is only one true God."

"I read that Hindus worship many gods," said Jim.

"I think they believe in one supreme being of many forms and natures," said Pastor White.

"But doesn't our God have three forms?" questioned Sandy. "Maybe others think we serve three Gods."

"Didn't Mr. Ore say we served three Gods?" Hoel asked his father, Mr. Smith.

"Yes, because we baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Zach wanted to ask, "Are they not three?" Then Jim asked the question.

"This is a little hard to understand because God is a spirit and one spirit can have different forms," Pastor White said. "But let's have Mrs. Smith explain from a homemaker's view about this God that is three in one."

"I think of God as being like an egg," she said.

"An egg?" several questioned.

"An egg is easily broken," Sandy said. "I don't see how God can be like an egg."

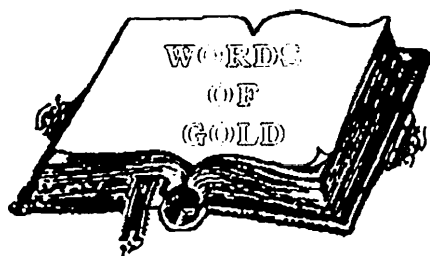
"Well, I hadn't thought of that aspect of an egg, but God is easily broken, or made sad, by the conduct of His children. And our relationship with Him is also easily broken. But God is like an egg in that an egg can be separated into three, the shell, the white and the yoke. It is still one egg and no part is an egg without the other. So is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. All are God and yet separate in their function," Mrs. Smith said.

"And we worship all three?" questioned Kim.

"We worship one, for they are not three but one," Mrs. Smith answered.

"That is called the Trinity," Pastor White added. "Now let us think of ways we can let other gods come before God."

When Zach and Jesse left the meeting,



The First of the Ten Commandments

Worship God Only

Exodus 20:1, 3

And God spake all these words, saying, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams,...

2 ...Saying, Let us go after other gods,...

3 Thou shalt not hearken...for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Ezekiel 14:3-8

3 ...These men have set up their idols in their heart,...

4 Therefore...say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Every man...that setteth up his idols in his heart,...I the Lord will answer him...according to the multitude of his idols;

5 ...because they are all estranged [separated] from me through their idols.

6 ...Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols;...

7 For every one...which...setteth up his idols in his heart,...

8 ...I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Matthew 22:34-40

34 But when the Pharisees had heard

that he [Jesus] had put the Sadducees to silence,...

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question,...

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Message: We should love and worship God, never allowing anything to come between us and Him.

Questions:

1. What is the first of the Ten Commandments?
2. Should we follow prophets who suggest that we worship other gods?
3. Are idols always things that can be seen?
4. How will God answer those who have idols?
5. What caused the people to be separated from God?
6. What will God do to those who have idols in their hearts?
7. Why will God do this?
8. Which is the greatest commandment?
9. Do you have an idol in your heart?

Verse to Memorize

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:3.

Let's



Talk . . .

A god is a being thought to have more than human powers and also worthy of worship. But God is a spirit of love, who created all things. So He is the originator. He is omniscient, which means that He knows all things. He is also omnipotent, that is, He has unlimited power. God has always been and will never die. God is in every place at the same time. Please note that God begins with a large, capital letter. The other is a god. It begins with a small letter.

The first man and woman worshiped the true God that had created everything. But they did not always obey Him. When they disobeyed, sin entered into the world.

After sin entered the world, people turned away from God. They worshiped the natural forces that they did not understand such as the sun, wind and rain. Later people gave forms to their gods. Some were thought to look like men, with bodies, voices and human desires.

Each country had its own imagination of gods, so images were made according to their many different imaginations. Worship services were as varied as were the gods.

While most people believed in many gods, the Hebrews worshiped only the true God. Because of this, they were called the Children of God, and God blessed them above all the other nations. He commanded, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The Hebrews loved and served this invisible God for hundreds of years.

After they became a great nation, there was trouble and the nation divided. One king built an idol for his people to worship, hoping this would

keep them from going back into the other nation to worship the true God. It did keep the people under his control, but God was displeased.

Some people were not bold enough to bow to this image but they loved the image because of their patriotic spirit. The image became an idol hidden in their hearts.

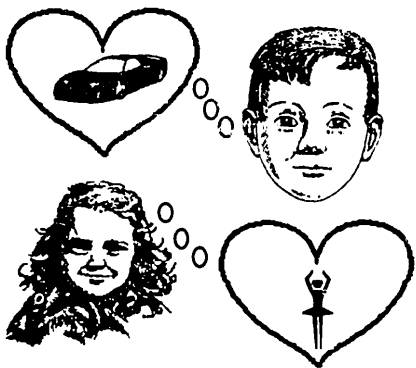
Did they cut open their hearts and place the idol inside? No. An idol is not always an image made of metal or stone.

Anything that is loved very, very much can become an idol. Sometimes people say, "Little Michael is the idol of his family." Michael is not their god. But the family loves him and is devoted to him. If God wants to take Michael on to heaven and the family is unwilling to let God take the child, then Michael has become their idol. Anything we love more than God is an idol.

God said He would set His face against those who have idols in their hearts. It would be horrible to have God's face turned against us. The air we breathe, our food, our strength, our happiness all come from God. We cannot be happy without His approval. So let us always keep idols out of our hearts.

God loves us and gives us many blessings. We must love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind. In this way we will be obeying the first of the Ten Commandments. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

—Charlotte Huskey



Jesse said, "I'm never coming. It was boring."

Just before Christmas vacation, Jesse had called. "Say, Zach, we're going to the Yosemite mountains, and Dad says I can take you along. Isn't that great?"

Zach didn't answer.

"Why so quiet? Don't you want to go? We can fish, hike, and if there is snow, we can go sledding."

"Oh Jesse, I love going to Yosemite Park."

"Then let's go!"

"It's just that our family is going to a church meeting."

"Let them go. We'll have more fun."

"I'm sure we will, but the church meeting will do me more good."

"HOW? Learn more of the Bible? You already know too much. We can never do anything fun because you think it's incorrect according to *that Bible*. Is going to the mountains incorrect, too?"

"No, Jesse. It's all right. It's just that—well, like I said, the other will help me."

"Help you to be more religious? You must want to be a bishop, or a guru. Oh, yes, I forgot you are dreaming to someday be the pope."

Zach said nothing.

Jesse continued. "Well, if you don't want to have a good time, just keep your religion and I'll find another friend."

"I like being your friend. But-but-I love..." Zach said slowly.

"Okay!" Jesse answered. "I've had enough of your religion. Find another friend. I've already got one," and he slammed his phone down.

Did Jesse have other friends that Zach knew nothing about? Had they influenced Jesse into doing something that had caused him to be in jail? Zach was dying to know. He listened just a moment to Mrs. Taylor's lesson about the Civil War and then his mind drifted again.

When Jesse had seen Zach on that first day of school after the Christmas break, he seemed to have forgotten his threat to not be friends. They ate lunch together. They rooted for each other when playing baseball. Zach

swam again in Jesse's indoor pool.

In April the boys began playing baseball. "I'm dropping out of the team," Zach told Jesse.

"Dropping baseball? Why?"

"It's just that my folks don't have the money to buy me a new uniform and I'm too big for my old one."

"What happened? Have people quit renting motels these days?"

"Well, it's just that dad lost his best client. You know all those people from the box factory up north that came here every year. Well, my dad promised God to not allow liquor on his property. And—and they just quit coming, 'cause they didn't like it."

"I think your dad is the most stupid man in the world," Jesse stormed.

"Don't you dare call my dad stupid!" Zach yelled. "I'll sock you for that."

"How about your promise to do only what Jesus would do? Zap, Pap," Jesse said, as he put his face square in Zach's face.

Zach felt his face getting hot. He knew it was red. He clinched his fists, and tears swelled in his eyes. He couldn't hit Jesse, because Jesus wouldn't.

Jesse laughed and ran away.

The next day, as the boys left Mrs. Taylor's history class, Jesse said, "I am sorry, Zach. I won't tease you anymore. I'm trying to be better, honestly I am."

"Are you also trying to do only what Jesus would do?" Zach had asked.

How he wished Jesse was there again.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." 2. No. 3. No. 4. He will answer according to their multitude of idols. 5. The idols in their hearts. 6. He will turn His face away and make them a sign and proverb, then He will cut them off. 7. So the people will know that He is God. 8. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." 9. We should not have an idol in our hearts.)

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Why Is Jesse In Jail?

(Continued from last week.)

Days had passed and Jesse hadn't returned to school. Zach hadn't told his folks that Jesse might be in jail. He was sure they would never again let him go places with Jesse. But Zach remembered that Jesse was trying to be *good*. Oh, yes, but not because he wanted to be good. A few weeks ago Jesse had told Zach, "Since Mom and Dad attended the *matusri*, and asked for cleansing from their sins, our family has been trying to love one another and be good to others."

"Are they Christians now?" Zach asked his friend Jesse.

"No, not Christians. They worship *Kami* at the Shinto shrines. Come with me sometime. I've been to church with you. The shrine is big and awesome. And you feel chills when you go in."

"Who is *Kami*?"

"That's another god."

"But the Bible says, 'Have no other Gods before me.' Remember we studied about that in the What Would Jesus Do club?"

"I know, but the world has many names for God. *Kami* is just another name," Jesse said.

"Is there an image of *Kami* in your church?"

"There are different images," Jesse said.

"And the Bible says we should not bow to images," Zach answered.

"I bow in your church when the others bow."

"I know. But God's children can't bow to other gods," Zach protested. "I'm afraid something bad would happen to me if I disobeyed God."

"Well, you don't have to bow. Just come along. You'll see. Anyway, haven't I been better lately?"

"Yes, you have," Zach admitted.

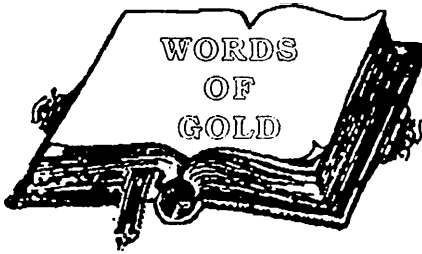
"But I'll tell you a secret," Jesse said leaning closer to Zach. "Dad promised to let me go to Europe with my cousin Kelly, if I could prove to him that I could be good."

"Tell you what, Zach, I'll go with you to another What Would Jesus Do meeting. That should also impress my dad."

Thursday evening Jesse went with Zach to the What Would Jesus Do meeting. As they were going home, Jesse said, "February is the month that Shinto people visit the graves of the dead. We eat special foods, and have lots of fun and of course our family tells interesting stories of grandpa, grandma, uncles and aunts. Ask your folks if you can spend the day with us, okay?"

Zach had always wondered how and why people worship their dead ancestors. Now was his chance.

Early in the morning, Jesse's dad drove his family and Zach to the cemetery where Jesse's grandmother and grandfather were buried. Crowds of people had already arrived. Many women were wailing as if in sorrow. Some families were kneeling on the ground around a grave. Others were sitting in groups while an older man spoke to them in a lan-



The Second Commandment

Bow To No Images

Exodus 20:4-5

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Deuteronomy 4:15-20, 23-26

15 Take...heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude [image] on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:

16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

17 The likeness of any beast...the likeness of any winged fowl (bird)...

18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish...

19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes
unto heaven, and when thou seest
the sun, and the moon, and the
stars,...shouldest be driven to wor-
ship them,...

20 But the Lord hath taken
you,...out of the iron furnace, even
out of Egypt, to be unto him a people...

23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image,...which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee.

24 For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

25 When thou...shall...make a graven image,...and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God,..

26 ...Ye shall soon utterly perish
from off the land...

■ **The Message: When God**
 ■ **spoke from Mt. Horeb there**
 ■ **was no image to be seen, for**
 ■ **God is a spirit, and His chil-**
 ■ **dren should worship Him in**
 ■ **faith.**

Questions:

- 1. What is the second commandment?**
- 2. Is God jealous?**
- 3. Could the people see an image when God spoke to them from Mt. Horeb?**
- 4. What could they see on the mountain?**
- 5. Were they allowed to worship the sun? The moon? The stars?**
- 6. Were they allowed to bow before images of people?**
- 7. Could they have bowed before an image of Christ?**
- 8. Name some other images which were forbidden.**
- 9. What will happen to those who make or bow before images?**

Verse to Memorize

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,...[nor] bow down...to them.

Exodus 20:4-5.

Let's



Talk . . .

In the beginning God created Adam and placed him in the beautiful garden of Eden. Every evening God came to this beautiful garden and talked with Adam. Later Adam disobeyed God and that caused sadness. He and his wife, Eve, were sent out of the garden. Although they had disobeyed God, Adam, Eve and their sons still wanted to be friends of God. Their sons, Cain and Abel, built an altar and sacrificed an offering to God.

Every person is born with the desire to worship God. If they are not taught how to worship the true God, they will worship other things. That is why there are so many religions in the world.

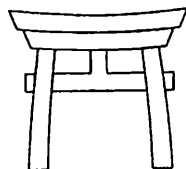
Ancient people worshiped the natural forces which they did not understand. They bowed in worship to the sun, the moon and the stars. Wind, lightening, thunder and rain were also worshiped. Soon men were forming images from wood, stone, gold and silver. These they placed on high altars and bowed in worship of them. As years passed, gods were made in different forms. Some looked like people, some were like animals, or half man and half animal. Gods shaped like birds, fish and creeping animals, were also worshiped.

People all around God's children were worshiping these images. But God strictly commanded that His people not make nor bow down to any images, for God is a spirit. A spirit can be felt but not seen. God said that we should worship Him in faith without seeing anything. Faith is believing He

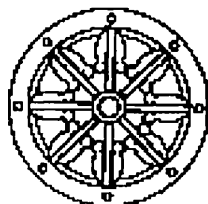
hears and sees our worship, although we cannot see Him.

Many religions use images. Some are pictures, some are statues, others are varied metals formed in different shapes. Any person that worships an image is breaking God's commandment.

A Wooden Gate called a torii is the symbol of Shinto.



The wheel below is an important symbol of Buddhism. It is called both the wheel of the Law and the Wheel of Life.



Many people worship idols of this type. Others worship Christian objects such as patron saints, the virgin Mary, Christ, or a cross. God says we should make no images nor bow to any, even though it is of Christian origin.



Christ wants to visit with us just as God did with Adam. But Christ is a spirit, just as God is a spirit. By faith we can visit with Him although we cannot see Him. We can visit with Christ by reading His Word and praying to Him. —Charlotte Huskey

guage that Zach could not understand. Here and there among the throng, Zach noticed a person standing while all the other family members were bowing. It looked odd. Zach wondered if they were Christians and did not feel comfortable worshipping ancestors.

Visiting the cemetery aroused Zach's curiosity so he whispered to Jesse, "I'll ask if I can go with you to the shrine the next time your folks take you."

"We'll be going next month," Jesse whispered back. "Ask your mom if you can go out to eat with us, 'cause we always do."

That is what Zach did. Before leaving with Jesse, however, he prayed that God would help him be strong enough to not bow to an image.

The shrine was awesome and Zach felt chills go down his spine, just like Jesse said he would feel. The people were bowing before images just as Zach had imagined they would. He did not bow.

Jesse bowed. "Be a good sport," Jesse whispered. "I bow at your church."

"I can't. I told you that before I came."

"You're crazy," Jesse retorted.

Zach felt hot and angry that Jesse called him crazy. He looked around. Not another person was standing. Although the people had their faces down, it seemed to Zach that hundreds of eyes were glaring at him. He looked over at Jesse's dad who motioned for Zach to bow.

Zach's legs began to tremble. His knees began bending. Before he knew it, he, too, was howing as were all the other people.

How heavy and miserable he felt. "Oh, I wish I hadn't come! I wish I hadn't come!" he said over and over to himself.

Well, Jesse had proved to his dad that he could be good and had gone away to Europe with Kelly. Now where was he? No one knew. The students had many things to say, but none satisfied Zach. He had to know where his friend was.

On his way home from school, he decided that his mother could probably help

him. So as soon as he got home he said to her, "Jesse hasn't been at school for more than three weeks. They are saying he is in jail in New York."

"Jesse in jail? He's not a bad boy," she said.

"His mother hasn't said anything about him?"

"I haven't talked to his mother in months."

"Call her please and find out. Okay?"

Zach listened on the phone in the kitchen. He heard Jesse's mom say, "Oh, Mrs. Chang what you heard is correct. It is all so unfair. We're doing all we can to get him sent down here for the trial. I guess Zach told you that Jesse went to Europe with his cousin, Kelly, and Kelly's friend, Ronald. They visited with our relatives there."

"While waiting at the airport to return home, Kelly said to Jesse, 'Watch our bags while we go get a snack, and we'll bring you something. What do you want?'"

"Jesse asked for a drink. Then Ronald handed his belt purse to Jesse and said, 'Strap this on you for safekeeping, okay?' And Jesse put it on."

"When Jesse boarded the plane he didn't see the other boys, so he carried on their bags. After he was seated, Kelly showed up but Ronald never did."

"Well—well—when Jesse arrived in—in—New York with the purse strapped on—," and she began crying.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," Mrs. Chang said. "Is there something I can do to help?"

"No, no, except—well—would you please ask your God to help Jesse get justice. Ronald's purse was full of cocaine."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, ...[nor] bow down thyself to them." 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. Fire. 5. No, no, no. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Birds, animals, fish, reptiles. 9. They will perish.)

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Angel of the Books

"What dreadful language you are bringing into this house, Tom," said Mother one day. "Why, even Joan and Jess are calling each other 'little beasts' and things like that. It's got to stop!"

"Can't help it," said Tom, who had just started going to school. "All the boys call each other names."

"But you mustn't do it, Tom. You must be different, and set the other boys a good example."

"Can't," said Tom. "They're all bigger than I am, and they won't listen to me."

"That may be," said Mama, "but you don't need to use the same language as the other boys. Anyhow, you mustn't use it in this house, that's sure."

"Oh, blow!" said Tom.

"Tom!" exclaimed Mother. "That's the last time you have said that. You hear?"

"Oh, blow!" came an echo from the dining room.

"Hear that?" asked Mother. "There's little Joan learning that from you now. I won't have it. The next time you use any of those idle words, you shall go straight to bed without any supper."

"Beastly mean!" muttered Tom under his breath.

"That's enough," said Mother. "Up you go."

"But I was just going out to play football."

"Doesn't matter. It is much more important to learn that you must not use bad language."

Tom sauntered slowly upstairs and into his bedroom. More slowly still, he undressed and got into bed. He didn't mind going to bed so much, but the fact that there was to be no supper was too much for him. Tears began to trickle down his cheeks. He tossed and turned, wiped his eyes, put the handkerchief under his pillow, and pulled it out again. Gradually he dozed off.

"Hello!" Who is this in my bedroom? He rubbed his eyes and sat up, very much frightened.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I am the Angel of the Books," said the visitor.

"Books!" gasped Tom. "What books?"

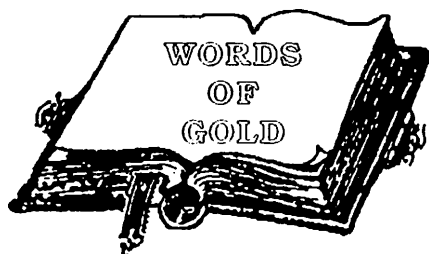
"The books of heaven," said the angel. "I record every idle word that men speak."

"Good Lord!" said Tom.

"That also will be written down."

"Mustn't I say that?"

"It is very wrong. Have you not



The Third Commandment

*Do Not Take God's
Name In Vain*

Exodus 20:7

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Numbers 30:2

2 If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath...he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

Leviticus 5:4, 19:12

4 ...If a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be...he shall be guilty in one of these.

12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy Go:....

Matthew 5:33-36

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool:...

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

James 4:13-15, 5:12

13 Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath:...lest ye fall into condemnation.

The Message: Moses said,

"When you swear, be sure and do what you promised."

Jesus said, "Swear not at all, for we do not know what might happen to us tomorrow."

Questions:

1. Repeat the third commandment.
2. Must a person do whatever he swears he will do?
3. Will God hold the person guilty who does not do what he has sworn to do?
4. What did Jesus say about swearing?
5. Why should a person not say what they will do tomorrow?
6. What should people say about their future plans?
7. What does James say about swearing?
8. Why should a person not swear?
9. Discuss ways of taking God's name in vain.

Verse to Memorize

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Exodus 20:7.

Let's



Talk . . .

God showed His love by creating the beautiful world which has in it everything that people need to live comfortably and happily in. The Bible tells us in I Timothy 6:17 that "God gives us richly all things to enjoy." Should we appreciate all God has done for us? Yes, we should, and we should have so much love and respect for God that we will only speak His name in love.

There is great spiritual and physical power in God's name, just as there is great electrical power in a hot, electrical wire. We respect hot, electrical wires because being careless with them may cause much damage or even death. It is the same way with God's name. In God's name there is power for eternal salvation, for healing, for wisdom, for understanding, for money, and other material needs. There is also the power of death in His name.

For these reasons, His name must be highly respected and used only in the proper way. The third of the Ten Commandments, says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Being guilty before God is very dangerous because God has power to cast into hell. (...Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Luke 12:5.) Those who take God's name in vain, will be held guilty before God until they ask forgiveness for their offending words.

There are many ways in which a person can "take God's name in vain." Let's discuss just a few of these.

Sinners sometimes "take God's name in vain" by using it when angry. How many times have you said something when angry that you wished you

had never said? It is so very easy to do, that most everyone has done it at one time or another. Sinners often bring God into these angry speeches. They say words that mean, "God is no good," or "I hope God causes something really bad to happen to you." Don't allow yourself to speak God's name when you are angry.

Another way to "take God's name in vain," is to use one of His names when making a promise. Do you ever say, "I promise under God," or "I cross my heart and hope to die?" Do you really hope you will die? Who has power over life and death? Saying such words is bringing God into a promise. Have you ever been to a trial in a courtroom and seen a witness place a right hand on the Bible and raise a left hand then say, "I swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth so help me God?" When men take political offices they sometimes place one hand on the Bible and swear to do their best in the office. Promising to tell the truth or do our best is good, but if a person is not honestly seeking God to help him speak only the truth, or to do his very best, he or she is taking "God's name in vain." God's name is too sacred to use carelessly when making a promise.

Another way that many are taking "God's name in vain" is by saying they are Christians when they are not. A Christian is a person who believes in Jesus and keeps His commandments. He should at least keep the two which Christ said were the most important. They are, "...Love...God with all thy heart,...soul,...mind, and...strength: and...thy neighbor as thyself." Mark 12:30-31. Many who claim to be Christians do not love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, nor their neighbor as themselves. Evil, hateful actions show their lack of love. If we say we are Christian let us show it by our actions. Then we will not be taking God's name in vain.

The name of the God who has done so many marvelous things should be respected above all other names.

—Charlotte Huskey

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Bill Takes His Stand

Martha Donaldson sat in the emergency room of Saint Anthony Hospital. Tears streamed down her face, and she cried so hard that her body shook. "Please, God, let Frank be all right," she prayed. "Bill and I need him so badly."

An hour passed, then another. At last a nurse appeared and said, "Mrs. Donaldson, your husband has regained consciousness, but must remain in intensive care for many days. His condition is critical."

The following weeks during Frank's stay in the hospital, the great towering question, "Why did this happen?" hung always in her mind. Her staunch faith in God, however, helped her to weather the storm.

After many weeks, Mr. Donaldson was able to be taken home where Martha could continue nursing him. "It may be seven months before he will be able to walk normally," the doctor had said.

The family had no insurance and when their savings were spent, their son, Bill, dropped his college studies and returned home to find a job. He spent weeks walking the streets every day looking for a job. He filled out applications and spoke to many

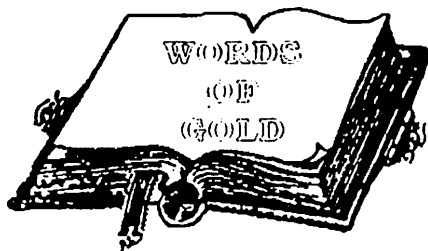
employers. Although he practically begged for work, no one hired him.

The starvation wolf seemed not only to scratch on the kitchen door, but came right in, showing his bared fangs and looking at the family with glittering, greedy eyes. In fact, he seemed at times to sit right down to the table. Then one day, when their stomachs were growling like snarling coyotes, Bill found a job in the produce department at the local Food Mart.

That night Frank, Martha and Bill prayed a prayer of thanksgiving. Now that the home was more cheerful, Frank also began to recover more rapidly. The family began dreaming of better days and making plans for a happy future, when Bill came home with this news, "Mr. Wright has decided to keep the Food Mart open on Sundays. He said that every employee must appear for work Sunday morning at eight o'clock."

The whole family sat in stunned silence. Martha was wiping tears, while Bill and Frank were looking very serious. After a long time, Frank said, "Son, when our ways please the Lord, He makes even our enemies to be at peace with us."

Bill went to his employer believing his employer would understand. He said, "Mr. Wright, I have never worked



The Fourth Commandment

Remember The Sabbath Day

Exodus 20:8, 35:2, 31:16

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

2 Six days shall work be done,...whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

What Jesus Said about the Sabbath

Luke 13:10-11, 13-14

10 And he [Jesus] was teaching...on the sabbath.

11 And,...there was a woman...bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue...said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

Luke 6:1-2, 5-6, 10

1 And...he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat,...

2 And...the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?

5 And he said...the Son of man [Jesus] is Lord also of the sabbath.

6 ...On another sabbath,...he entered into the synagogue...and there

was a man whose right hand was withered.

10 And...he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

John 5:5, 8-10

5 And a certain man was there [in Jerusalem], which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:...

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

John 9:16

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day....

Hebrews 4:9-10

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

The Message: God commanded the Israelites to rest on the Sabbath. Christ commands us to rest from evil and allow Him to work good through us at all times.

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

Verse to Memorize

**For we which have believed
do enter into rest.**

Hebrews 4:3.

Let's



Talk . . .

God gave the Ten Commandments as a guide for His children. A guide leads in unknown places. We follow guides when walking through a strange, dark cave. A guide leads on a hike through an unknown forest or over a dangerous mountain. A guide is for protection, it shows us the safe way to go. The Ten Commandments shows us a safe way to live.

Without guides people get into dangerous situations from which some never get out. A college student went on a walk in a flat field that looked very safe. But hidden among the tall grass of the field was a wide, uncovered well. Step by step he went out into the field. Suddenly he was tumbling downward. He clawed at the rough walls trying to stop himself. A protruding rock caught his shirt and ripped it. "No one knows where I am," he mumbled as he sat looking up from the bottom of the pit. His parents thought he was at school. The school thought he had gone home for the three day weekend. After missing him for two days the school called his parents. Then is when he was discovered missing. The news reported it and people began searching. During these six days, the student had tried every possible way to climb out. He had yelled for help until his voice was almost gone. He prayed. Toward the evening of the sixth day he was found. A guide could have kept him safe.

For our own safety we should obey the Ten Commandments. Each

one has a principle that we need. The principle of "Keeping the Sabbath" is that we must take time for God. Jesus plainly showed us that it was not a sin to do good on the Sabbath, nor to do some work. His disciples picked the corn and the healed man carried his bed.

Jesus is very happy when children and adults attend worship service and fellowship with other saved persons. That is usually done on Sunday, but not always. The disciples began meeting on Sunday to remember Jesus, because He had risen on Sunday.

In the complex world of today, many person's jobs require them to work on Sunday or Saturday, but they have other days off. These people can spend another day for the Lord. They can visit the sick, or help the needy, read and study the Bible, visit with other Christians and receive spiritual strength. Christ would be pleased because they would be keeping the principle of the Fourth Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." The Ten Commandments are a guide to lead us safely through life.

—Charlotte Huskey

Questions:

1. What is the Fourth Commandment?
2. What was the penalty for breaking this commandment?
3. Who was to keep the Sabbath?
4. For what did the Pharisees accuse Jesus?
5. What kind of work did Jesus do on the Sabbath?
6. What kind of work did His disciples do on the Sabbath?
7. What kind of work did the crippled man do?
8. Why did the Pharisees think Jesus was not of God?
9. If Jesus did not keep the Sabbath, is it necessary that Christians do?

on Sunday. I believe Sunday is the day to worship God by attending church services. I am willing to work longer hours on Saturday or Monday."

"If you won't work on Sunday, then go get your pay and don't come back," Mr. Wright stormed.

Bill stood speechless for a few minutes. He thought of all his family had suffered when he was without work. He thought of the huge unpaid hospital bill. Was this Bible standard worth such suffering? He stood there thinking for awhile, then slowly he went to the office, got his check and walked home.

The future looked very dark, but the family stood together with Bill. "God's standards are worth suffering for," Martha told her son.

Early Monday morning Bill started out again to look for a job. Day after day he went from shop to shop seeking some work. He was willing to do most any kind of work, but no one needed another worker.

One evening Martha saw her faithful son trudging up the lane with his head down. Knowing he was very discouraged, she hurriedly warmed up the potato soup and corn bread she had made for lunch.

When he had finished eating, she said, "God has promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. God's riches are many, so let's kneel beside your father's bed and pray together."

The following day Mr. Wright and Mr. Brown, the bank president, had coffee together in the Dew Drop Inn Cafe at the corner. After they had discussed some business problems, Mr. Brown looked his friend in the eyes and asked, "Do you know where I can find a good, honest young man for a teller? I want a dependable one

whom I can train for a future cashier."

"I recommend Bill Donaldson," Mr. Wright said.

"Bill Donaldson? I thought you fired him about a month ago?"

"I did."

"Then why do you think I need him?"

"It's like this. Bill quit me because he refused to work on Sundays. He's what I call a religious fanatic, but I have to admit he is honest and dependable. I think you can trust a guy who gave up his job for his convictions, especially in these hard times when a job can hardly be bought."

"If that's the way you feel about him, I just may hire him. Does he have a phone?"

"Not now, but I will send my boy down to tell him, if you wish."

"Do, please."

Thirty minutes later, Ray Wright was knocking on the Donaldsons' door. "Is Bill here?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Mr. Joe Brown, the bank president, wants to see him," he said.

Bill hurried to talk with Mr. Brown, and in less than an hour had a job at the First National Bank.

That is when he found out that Mr. Wright had recommended him for the job.

—Rewritten by Charlotte Huskey,
from *Grains of Salt*.

(Answers: 1. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." 2. Death. 3. The children of Israel in their generations. 4. They said Jesus did not keep the Sabbath. 5. Jesus healed on the Sabbath. 6. They picked corn. 7. He carried his bed. 8. Because he did not keep the Sabbath. 9. No.)

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Abigail's Apple



"I'm going to take lunch to sick Mrs. Smith. Will you be good while I'm away?" asked Mother.

"I want to go," said Abigail.

"You must not be around the sick. You might contract their sickness."

"Okay, I'll be good. Can I play out in the yard?"

"Yes, in the fenced back yard, but don't invite any children in, and please don't be climbing the trees while I am away. You might fall and get hurt."

Abigail filled her doll buggy with dolls and took them for a stroll in the back yard.

Now there were four large apple trees there. Most of the apples had been picked and sold or put away for winter, but here and there were great, big rosy apples. Abigail had tasted them and they seemed to get better the longer they were on the tree. But these apples were very high in the top of the large old trees, whose branches were higher than Abigail's house.

"Wouldn't you dollies love to have a juicy apple?" Abigail asked.

Of course the dollies couldn't talk, so Abigail answered for them. "Yes, yes, get us an apple."

So Abigail continued her conversation with the dolls. "Now Mama said I must not climb the trees, so I will not disobey her. Let's see, how can I get an apple without climbing a tree?"

Then Abigail saw a ladder that had been left standing near a tree when the men were picking apples. Oh, glory, glory, there was a rosy apple hanging right near it!

Abigail pushed her dolls near the ladder and said, "Now be real good while Mommy gets you an apple." As she went up the ladder she said, "It will be all right. Mama didn't say to not climb the ladder. Anyway, she won't know anything about it, 'cause I can eat an apple really fast."

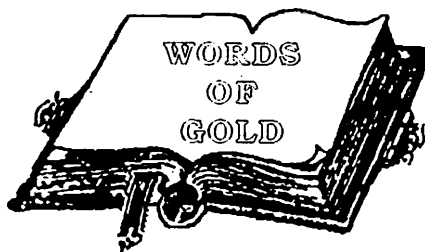
Up and up she climbed, one step at a time, until she was near the apple. But to her dismay, the apple was at her back. How could she reach it? Carefully she turned around on the ladder step and reached for the big apple. It seemed even bigger now that she was near it. Holding the ladder by one hand she reached with the other, but the apple was too far away. The only way to get it was to turn loose of the ladder, so she did.

Stretching with all her might she touched the apple. Then she got a firm hold and pulled, but the apple wouldn't come loose. Perhaps it was not quite ripe. Abigail pulled harder. Snap went the apple as it slipped from her hand. She grabbed at the falling apple.

The next thing Abigail knew, she was falling through the tree branches. Then ker-plunk! She was caught in the fork of the tree about six feet from the ground.

"Mama! Mama! Mama!" she called, as she kicked her feet and waved her arms.

Mama was half a block away when she heard the screams coming from her back



The Fifth Commandment

Honor Your Father and Mother

Exodus 20:12, 21:15, 17

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

Mark 7:6-13

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is...a gift,...he shall be free.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition,...

Ephesians 6:1-3

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

The Message: It is for our own protection that we obey and honor our parents.

Questions:

- 1.** What is a child's duty toward his parents?
- 2.** What are obedient children promised?
- 3.** What was the punishment for hitting parents?
- 4.** What was to be done to children who cursed their parents?
- 5.** Did the Pharisees teach people to honor their parents?
- 6.** What did they teach?
- 7.** What did Christ call the Pharisees?
- 8.** What is the first commandment with promise?
- 9.** What is promised to children who honor their parents?

Verse to Memorize

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Exodus 21:12.

Let's



Talk . . .

How much do you know? Can you count the many things you know? Let's try. You know your name, your age, your parents' names and those of your brothers and sisters. You know how to walk, to talk, to laugh, to jump and many, many more things. No, we cannot count the many things we know. Now think how many more things you will be learning this year. Then add them to what you already know and try to imagine how much you will learn in ten years. Add another ten years, and think how much you will know by that time.

Now think how much your parents know, for they have lived many, many years, maybe thirty, thirty-five, or forty. They have been learning new things all those years. Wow! How wise they must be! Because they have learned so many things it is best to obey them. If they say, "Don't eat so much pie, you might get sick," obey them. They may have gotten sick from eating too much.

When we lived near the Pacific Ocean, I often cautioned my children not to swim out into the deep water. Why did I tell them? I had learned from Sheri that children can't always swim back to shore. I had learned from Raúl and Mr. Stocker that a strong undercurrent tugged at swimmer's feet.

One summer Sheri and her mother came to spend a week at the beach where our children played. Their hopes of a pleasant vacation were shattered the following day when a telephone call notified them of a death in the family. "I'm sorry," Sheri's mother said, "we will have to go."

"But I don't want to go," Sheri complained. "I hardly know Uncle Phil. I only met him once. Besides, I don't like to go to funerals. They scare me."

"But think of Aunt Mae and the children. They would want you to share their grief."

"But you promised me I could swim every day."

"Yes, Dear, but this is unexpected. Come with me."

"I don't want to," Sheri whined.

After much pleading, Sheri persuaded her mother to leave her with a friend who lived near the beach.

"Now be sure you don't go swimming alone," her mother cautioned.

Early the following morning thirteen-year-old Sheri went to the beach with a couple of friends she had met the day before. She was soon out in the deep waves swimming to her heart's content. After a while the friends left. Sheri stayed.

From a recliner on his deck, Mr. Stocker watched Sheri as she played in the waves like a dolphin. That looks like fun," he thought, and soon he was in the water, too. He swam until he was tired, then returned to his recliner and closed his eyes to rest. The next thing he knew, he was awakened by a girl's screaming voice.

Mr. Stocker aroused and, looking out over the water, he saw a dark form that looked like a person with a hand rising out of the water. He ran quickly into the surf until it was too deep for running. Then he dove in and headed in the direction of the speck. The waves beat him back, but he swam on, gaining a little between each swell. When he finally reached the girl, she was limp and floating face down in the water.

An undercurrent tugged at his legs as he headed back. Fortunately, he had brought along a leash which he attached to the girl, leaving both his hands free to fight his way against the current.

Mr. Stocker and Sheri were the only ones on the beach. He couldn't revive her.

Did Sheri obey her mother? Was her mother's command for Sheri's protection?

"Honor thy father and thy mother" is the fifth of the Ten Commandments. God gave us this commandment for our good.

—Charlotte Huskey

yard. She ran the rest of the way home as fast as she could. And suddenly she saw Abigail in her pink dress hanging from the tree like a half-ripe apple.

"Get me down! Get me down!" Abigail howled, as Mama stood laughing at her large, wiggly, noisy apple.

"Boo-hoo-hoo, get me down."

"But what are you doing there?" Mama asked as she dragged the ladder near to Abigail.

When she had Abigail safely in her arms, Abigail wailed, "I'm sorry. I didn't climb the tree, honestly, Mama, I didn't. Boo—hoo—boo— You won't spank me will you? I didn't disobey."

Mama helped Abigail into the house and they sat down on the sofa. "I will not spank you," Mama said. "Falling is enough punishment. But I want you to memorize this verse, in Numbers 32:23, which says, '...Be sure your sin will find you out.' Now let's repeat it ten times."

"Be sure your sin will find you out. Be sure your sin will find you out," Abigail repeated ten times.

"Always remember that God sees everything you do, and all disobedience must be punished. Sometimes God allows things to happen so children will learn that they must always obey and honor their parents. A long time ago a woman looked at a fruit hanging on a tree that God had said, 'Do not pick.' She did the same as you did. She picked the fruit."

"Was she punished?" asked Abigail.

"Yes. She and her family were sent out of the beautiful garden in which they lived. They had a lot of trouble the rest of their lives."

"I won't have trouble all my life just because I picked an apple will I?" sobbed Abigail.

"No, you will not," Mama answered, hugging Abigail. "But you will have trouble every time you disobey your father or me. Will you be more careful to obey after this?"

"Yes, Mama," Abigail promised.

"Then let us both kneel and pray."

Abigail prayed, "Dear Jesus, help me to always obey Mama and Daddy. Thank you for keeping me safe when I fell off the ladder. Please make me to be a good girl. In Jesus' name. Amen." —Selected and rewritten

"No One Will See Me"

*"No one will see me," said little John Day,
For his father and mother were out of the way,
And he was at home alone;
"No one will see me," so he climbed on a chair
And peeped in the cupboard to spy what was there
Which of course, he ought not to have done.*

*'There stood in the cupboard so sweet and nice,
A plate of plum-cake in full, many a slice,
And apples so ripe and so fine;
"No one will see me," John said to himself,
And he stretched out his arm up to the shelf
"This apple at least shall be mine."*

*John paused and put back the nice apple so red,
For the thought of the words his mother had said
When she left all the things in his care;
"And no one will see me," the thought is not true,
For I've read that God sees us in all that we do
And is with us everywhere.*

*Well done, John! Your father and mother obey;
Try ever to please them, and mind what they say,
'Even when they are absent from you;
And never forget that, tho' no one is nigh,
You cannot be hid from the glance of God's eye
Who notices all that you do.* —Selected

[Answers: 1. Children's duty is to honor their parents. 2. Long days (that is, long life). 3. Death was the punishment for hitting parents. 4. They were to be put to death. 5. No. 6. They taught traditions. 7. Hypocrites. 8. "Honor thy father and thy mother." 9. Long life.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Respect The Girls

"She will never make it," Mary heard the neighbors say, as her mother left the cemetery. "A frail woman she is, and seven small children. Strong Mr. Lyon could hardly coax a living out of that rocky farm."

"She had better give some of those children up for adoption," added a young lady who had only two sons. "I would be happy to take Mary."

"We will work together and with God's help there will always be something to eat in this house," she told those who offered to take a child.

Each evening after the cow was milked and the pigs, chickens and horses were fed and watered, Mrs. Lyon called her children for supper. Sometimes it was only bread and milk, sometimes it was mush, but they always had something and they always thanked God for it. After supper, she took the big Bible down and read aloud just as Mr. Lyons had done. Then they prayed together.

When spring came, Mrs. Lyon and the four older children worked from sunrise to sunset, plowing the fields and planting seeds. Then they prayed that God would send rain and sunshine so that the plants would grow and produce.

While the older ones worked in the fields, Mary stayed in the house to care for the younger children. She was glad to help her mother. But how she wished for some older person to be at home, not because she was

afraid, but because she had many questions she wanted answered. She wanted to know, what caused the wind, and why birds can fly when she couldn't. She wanted to know why flowers blossom and how rainbows were formed.

Every year when her brothers prepared for school, Mary would ask, "Can I go this year?"

"Too young," her brothers always said.

"Perhaps not this year," Mrs. Lyon said. "I think she is ready to learn to read."

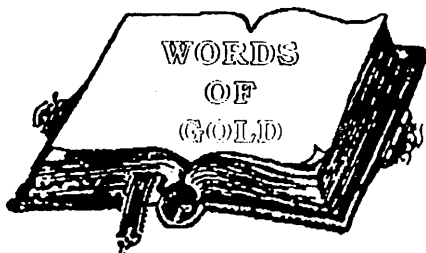
"So I can go?" Mary asked.

"Yes, if you will promise to sit very quietly and study carefully."

Although Mrs. Lyon thought Mary was very intelligent, Mary surprised her by memorizing the A-B-C's in just a few days. In a few more days she was putting letters together making words, and soon after that she was making sentences.

"I have never seen such a remarkable child," the teacher told her oldest brother. He smiled at his little sister. By the end of the school term she was reading from his books.

While she was studying Reading, she noticed that the other students memorized their grammar lessons and recited them orally to the teacher. When the teacher gave her a grammar book, she took her book home every evening to study. On the fifth day she said to the teacher, "I am ready to recite grammar." When the teacher called on her, she recited page after page of the entire book. In a few



The Sixth Commandment

Life is Sacred

Exodus 20:13, 21:12-14

13 Thou shalt not kill.

21:12 He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously (with anger) upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

I Kings 21:9-11, 17-19

9 ...[Jezebel] wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high...

10 And set two men,...to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

11 And the men of his city,...did as Jezebel had sent unto them,...

17 And...the Lord came to Elijah...saying,

18 Arise, go down to...the vineyard of Naboth, whither he [Ahab] is gone down to possess it.

19 ...And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

I Kings 22:37-38

37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria;...

38 ...And the dogs licked up his blood;...according unto the word of the Lord...

Matthew 5:21-22

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:...but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

I John 3:15

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

The message: Because people are sacred to God, whoever kills another person will be punished.

Questions:

- 1.** What is the Sixth Commandment?
- 2.** What was the punishment for a person who killed another?
- 3.** Was a person who accidentally killed another punished by death?
- 4.** What did Jezebel ask the men to do?
- 5.** Did Ahab kill Naboth?
- 6.** Was it in Ahab's power to keep Naboth from being killed?
- 7.** What happened to Ahab?
- 8.** What did Jesus say about this Sixth Commandment?
- 9.** He that hateth his brother is a _____?

Verse to Memorize

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

I John 3:15.

Let's



Talk . . .

Many, many years ago God made the earth, sun, moon, stars and sky. Then He made all the animals that live on earth. Last of all He made a man and a woman.

God breathed into man's nostrils and he became a living soul. Every human born is a living soul. God also gave the animals breath, but it was not the breath of God, therefore, they did not become living souls. When a man or woman's breath is gone, the life that God put within them is gone.

A person's life is sacred because people are a special creation of God. Therefore, God gave the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." People are not to kill people. God allows them to kill animals but not each other. God gave each person life, and only He has authority to take that life.

God put a penalty of death on a murderer unless it was an accidental act which caused the death. If it was accidental, the killer could be protected inside one of the cities of refuge until the time of his trial. If found innocent he was not put to death, but could live inside this city.

Ahab caused a death, although he did not murder. He wanted to buy Naboth's vineyard, but Naboth would not sell. Ahab's wife had Naboth falsely accused and stoned to death.

People such as Ahab who caused a murder but did not kill were not put to death by the authorities. They received punishment by an act of God. Ahab was killed in battle.

Jesus taught a stricter law on murder. He said if a man hates his brother he is a murderer, and a murderer has no part in the kingdom of God. Jesus also said that being angry with your brother without a cause was reason to be brought to judgment.

Jesus knew that if one person hates another he can destroy that person by talking evil about him. Therefore Jesus called it murder. It is murdering the person's emotional life. Sometimes murdering a person's emotions can cause sickness and death. It can also cause spiritual death to both the murderer and the murdered.

A common form of murder is abortion. Abortion is taking the life of a tiny, helpless baby. God's laws said that every murderer was to be put to death. That law is not enforced in the United States of America. Our laws protect those who do this evil, but God says He will act with vengeance on such unjust actions.

Let us be very careful that we do not murder anyone by talking against them, by abortion or by killing. We must guard our feelings and not allow hatred or selfishness to get into our hearts. These are seeds that can fall into our hearts and grow until they are powerful enough to cause us to murder.

Murder is taking the breath of God from one of His special creations. God said, "Thou shalt not kill."

—Charlotte Huskey

years Mary had mastered all the books in the school.

When Mary was thirteen her mother married again and was planning to move to another state. "I'd like to stay here on the farm," her older brother said, "and, Mary, I'll pay you a dollar a week if you will stay and be my housekeeper."

"That's a lot of money!" Mary exclaimed. It's more than Miss Connie makes teaching school."

"Well, you wanted to make money so you can study. Here is your chance." Mary stayed and worked for her brother, but she didn't save much money. She spent it for books, which she studied at home. When she wasn't studying she made quilts and homespun sheets.

After her brother married, she got a job teaching school. She was given a place to stay, food and seventy-five cents a week. This she saved, for now she was hoping to attend Sanderson Academy at Ashfield.

After teaching for four years, she had enough to enter Sanderson Academy, buy books and pay her room and board for a year. Here again Mary's wonderful intellect attracted the attention of her teachers and the students. "I should like to see what she could do in college," one teacher said.

Another teacher added, "It is a shame that there is no college for girls."

At the end of the year Mary had no more money. She packed her plain clothes and was ready to leave the school when a man knocked at the door. "Is Mary Lyon here?" he asked.

When Mary came to the door, he said, "I have come to tell you that the trustees of Sanderson Academy have decided to let you study without cost for another year. We hope you will enjoy it."

Mary hurried away to her room and fell on her knees, thanking God for this blessing. She exchanged her only quilt and homespun sheets for another year's room and board. Before the year was finished, people in the villages around the school were talking about this unusual student. Several school principals came to hire her.

Mary took a school that paid her well. But instead of spending it on herself, buying pretty

clothes and other fine things, she bought more books. She also hired a tutor so she could learn what was being taught in the colleges which she could not enter.

"Sometimes I wish I was a boy, then I could get a scholarship and go to college," she often said. Sometimes this unfairness caused Mary to cry bitterly.

At other times she resolved, by God's help, to change matters so that other girls like herself could have the privilege of higher education.

After teaching and studying by tutors for several years, she went back to Sanderson Academy as an instructor. Now she was helping girls reach higher goals in education, but here she also met many girls who were disappointed because they could not get into a college.

She tried different ways to influence college leaders to accept girls, but none would. Finally, she decided if girls were to get a higher education, she would have to build a college. So with faith in God and courage to work hard without any pay, she quit her teaching job and set out on a campaign to raise money to build a college for girls.

In the autumn of 1837 Mount Holyoke Seminary, the new college for girls, was ready for students. Mary Lyon became the principal. In the following twelve years 2,000 students studied and graduated from Mount Holyoke. Many of these graduates became missionaries or teachers.

The influence of the school was kept religious, for its leader was a godly woman. Every term of school felt the stirring effects of a revival and many unconverted girls found their Savior while attending the school.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not kill." 2. The murderer was to be killed. 3. No. 4. To accuse Naboth falsely and have him killed. 5. No. 6. Yes. 7. He was killed and dogs licked his blood in Naboth's vineyard. 8. Jesus said, "Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." 9. Murderer.)

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"It's Not Fair"

Kenny sat on the edge of his bed. His hands were cupped around his chin and his elbows resting on his knees. His mother passed his room carrying a load of clean towels to the bathroom. "Are you feeling all right?" she asked.

"Yes, I'm okay," Kenny answered.

Mother put away the towels and stopped again. "I'm surprised to find you sitting here. Why aren't you playing with David on such a beautiful day?"

"David went to the park with his dad," Kenny answered. "And tomorrow his dad is taking him to the zoo. I never get to go anywhere," he mumbled.

Mother sat down beside him and patted him on the back. "Your dad has been working week-ends just so we can have the things we need," she said.

"Yeah, that's all he does is work. It just isn't fair that David's dad takes him places and mine never takes me any place."

"I'm sorry you feel that way," Mother said. "But why don't you go over and see if David has come

home. You had better play outside on these warm days."

"Okay," Kenny said. Then he dragged himself out the door with his head down.

"Come home in time to be here when your father comes in."

"Okay," Kenny said again.

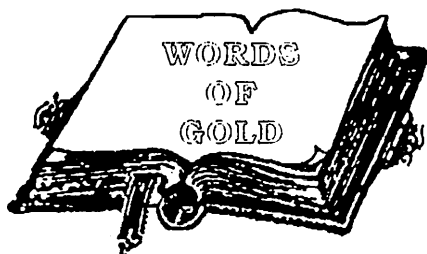
From the corner, almost a block away, Kenny could see David's dad's car in their driveway. His mom and dad were standing on the front porch. As he drew closer he could hear they were arguing, so he hid behind the hedge that separated their yard from the neighbors.

"Keep your voice down," David's mom yelled, as she slammed the front door. "David might hear you."

"But there is nothing I can do about it. If I could change what has happened, I would, but I can't. I just can't take David to the zoo. Something has come up."

"I know, I know, your girlfriend needs you to work on her car, or needs your help cleaning the house."

While Kenny was hiding behind the bushes, he felt someone was watching him. Turning quickly, he saw David standing with his finger



The Seventh Commandment

Adultery Is Sin

Exodus 20:14

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Matthew 5:27-28, 31-32

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Matthew 19:3-8

3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain [two], but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder [apart].

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement,...

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

Mark 6:16-18

16 But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

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• **The Message: God ordained** •
 • **marriage to satisfy a man and** •
 • **woman's desire to love and** •
 • **be loved.** •
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Questions:

- 1.** What is the Seventh Commandment?
- 2.** Did Jesus say adultery could be committed in the heart?
- 3.** Is it adultery to marry someone who has been divorced?
- 4.** Does God approve of divorce?
- 5.** Should a man leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife?
- 6.** Does God make a husband and a wife one?
- 7.** Should man take apart what God has put together?
- 8.** How did King Herod kill John?
- 9.** Why did Herod kill John?

Verse to Memorize

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Matthew 5:32.

Let's



Talk . . .

When God created man and woman, he put within them a great desire to love and to be loved. Adam loved Eve and she loved him. Adam and Eve both loved God and they loved the animals that He had created, but they had a stronger love for one another. There was a desire in Adam that only Eve could satisfy. There was a desire in Eve that only Adam could satisfy.

From Adam until now, men have this desire that only a woman can satisfy, and women have a desire that only a man can satisfy. For this reason God instituted marriage. This desire is satisfied in a marriage relationship that God has ordained. If a marriage is out of God's ordained will, the couple will have trouble. They may live together and find some satisfaction, but they will not have the happiness that God intended for them to have.

God planned that a married man and woman stay together until one of them dies. Sometimes, however, men and women divorce and marry someone else. Jesus called this adultery and said plainly that this was not God's plan. There are Christians who say that Jesus allows for divorce if their mate has been untrue, but Jesus did not say that.

But Moses did give permission for divorce on the grounds that the women would suffer extreme abuse

if hardhearted men were forced to stay in a marriage which they wanted out of. Moses was having pity on the women, not teaching that men should disobey God's law.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" is for our good, just as all of God's commandments are. Children need to live together with both parents. There are certain needs a child has that only his or her mother can meet. There are other needs that only the father can satisfy. When parents break God's law and divorce, they not only hurt themselves and their mate, but also the children, the grandparents and other family members.

Adultery and fornication are two sins that carry very sorrowful consequences. If a person steals, the damage can be mended by repaying. If a lie is told, it can be made right again. If a person is untrue to God, he can repent and God will make him a new creature. But adultery can get so involved that sometimes it can never be mended.

Fornication is a sin that affects children. Many adulterous grown-ups committed fornication when they were children. If you will keep yourself pure before marriage your chances are much higher that you will never commit adultery.

Some young people think that fornication only hurts themselves and no one else. Usually several people are hurt, and if abortion follows there could be scars that will last for a lifetime. Sometimes unwanted children are born. These children may have to suffer many things.

A God ordained marriage is the only way to satisfy the desire to love and be loved. —Charlotte Huskey

on his lips. Before Kenny could speak, David had joined him behind the bush and pointed at the front porch.

The argument continued. "What excuse do you have this time?"

David's dad spoke, with his head down, his hands holding his wrist behind him, and one foot moving slowly back and forth on the wooden porch. "Well, you see, Jill has a large fish aquarium and she needs my help to clean it."

David's mom interrupted, "Now I've heard everything. You're going to tell your son you can't take him to the zoo because you have to clean your girlfriend's fish tank. Excuse me, I forgot; a large tank." Her voice grew more and more angry with each word.

"When we were a family, before you moved out, you wouldn't even wash the dishes or clean the bathtub, let alone a fish tank. Oh, I'm sorry, I meant a large aquarium."

"You just don't understand. I'm the only person Jill has. She needs me and depends on me. If I could, I would change things back the way they were and come home. But she needs me."

Kenny saw David's mom put her face square in front of his dad's. For a moment he thought they were going to kiss like his mom and dad did. He wondered why she would kiss someone she was so angry at. Then he heard her calmly saying, "You aren't telling the truth. It's not 'if you could change things'—you could if you wanted to. You are doing what you want to do. So stop lying to yourself and me. You could come home. You are the only one to blame for

staying away."

"But," he stammered.

"No more pathetic excuses. I'll tell David the zoo trip will have to wait until another time. Now why don't you just leave?" With that she turned and walked into the house, shutting the door behind her.

Slowly David's dad made his way to his car and drove off. The two boys sat down on the grass in silence for a long time.

When David spoke, his voice trembled. "Kenny, would it be all right to stay overnight at your house?" As tears made their way down his cheeks, he continued, "You have a mommy and daddy all the time. I don't. It just isn't fair."

"I'll ask Mom and Dad, but I'm sure it will be okay." His thought kept taking him back to the two people arguing on the porch. The hateful look in their eyes puzzled Kenny. He thought all mommies and daddies loved each other. After awhile he asked, "Why did your mom and dad get divorced?"

David wiped the tears from his face and said, "I don't really know, but I think it's called ADULTERY. I heard my mom talking about it to her lawyer one day."

"What's that?" Kenny asked.

"It's 'cause Daddy was a girlfriend."

—Stan Reif

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Herod had John's head cut off. 9. Because John told Herod it was not right for him to be married to his brother's wife.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Trouble With Stealing

"I wish I had a bike like Tony Larkin," Eddie said to his mother, Mrs. Fisher. "Or I would like a baseball and bat, or just a piece of candy once in awhile. I never get anything."

Mother looked at him with scolding eyes as she continued kneading bread dough on their big, wooden table. But she said kindly, "I will make you poppy seed rolls for supper. They will satisfy your sweet tooth."

"But I want some candy," Eddie complained.

"Your brothers and sister would also like some candy, but we just don't have money for it. Working in the mines for nine years has given your daddy a terrible cough and now he isn't able to work very often."

"I want a piece of candy so badly, I think I could steal one," he said angrily.

"Steal?" she asked. "Is that what you've been taught at home and in Sunday school? Doesn't God command, 'Thou shalt not steal'?"

"It's easy for God to say, 'Don't steal,' because it's easy for God to do anything. If he wanted a bike or—or some candy, He could just say—"

"Easy," Mother said. "Do you think it was easy for God to let His only Son die on the cross? Do you think it is easy for God to be patient with people who are dissatisfied, complaining and not thankful? Shame on you, Eddie."

"I don't care," he mumbled, kicking the toe of his shoe against the floor. "I think stealing would be all right since I'm so hungry."

Mother looked sternly at him. "Well, if you do, you will be sorry. Besides my punishment, God will also punish, and He is strong enough to do a good job. No one ever benefits from stealing."

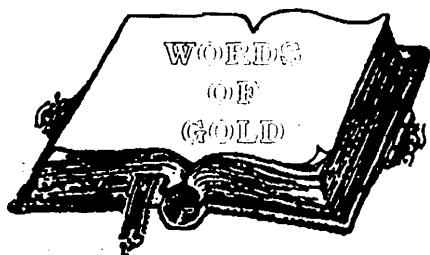
But Eddie did not believe her. That very evening, after a hard day at work, his father emptied his pockets on the dresser, took a bath and lay down to rest. Eddie saw his knife, a handkerchief and some pennies, two nickels and one dime laying there. When his father was asleep Eddie quickly snatched the dime and scampered out of the room. Away he ran down the dirt road, past the rows of brown houses that all looked alike and up the hill to the company store.

"A dime's worth of gumdrops, please," he told the store clerk. He watched the clerk put in red ones that tasted like cinnamon, green ones that tasted like spearmint, and white ones that tasted like peppermint.

How yummy they would taste. But where would he hide to eat them? If his mother looked out the kitchen window, she could see him up here on the hill.

That was the trouble with stealing, you had to *sneak* and *hide*. But hiding wasn't hard. He could go behind the chicken house and no one would ever know.

When he was halfway down the hill, his mother came bursting out of the house and



The Eighth Commandment

God Hates Stealing

Exodus 20:15, 21:16, 22:1

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he [the kidnapper] shall surely be put to death.

1 If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

Leviticus 19:11, 13

11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely,...

13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

Zechariah 5:3

3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off...

Malachi 3:8-11

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,....saith the Lord of hosts, and prove...if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Ephesians 4:28

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands...that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Matthew 5:38-40, 42

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil:...

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

The Message: There are many ways of stealing, but each one is displeasing to God and will bring trouble on the thief.

Questions:

- 1.** What is the Eighth Commandment?
- 2.** What was the penalty for stealing people?
- 3.** What was the thief to pay for an ox or a sheep?
- 4.** Were earned wages to be paid promptly?
- 5.** How can a person rob God?
- 6.** What will happen to those who steal?
- 7.** Instead of stealing what should a Christian do?
- 8.** Should we steal back what has been stolen from us?
- 9.** Should we expect the borrower to return what was borrowed?

Verse to Memorize

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour,...that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Ephesians 4:28.

Let's



Talk . . .

"Thou shalt not steal," is the Eighth of the Ten Commandments. You may have heard this commandment many times and know it by memory, but do you know there are many different ways that people steal? Five different types of stealing are mentioned in the scriptures used in this lesson.

In the Ten Commandments, God said, "Thou shalt not steal." Then God gave the penalty for stealing a person. Have you ever thought of kidnapping as a form of stealing? God considers this kind of stealing so terrible that he placed on it a very high penalty. The penalty was death. If the kidnapped person has been sold or is found alive, the kidnapper must die.

God also placed high penalties for stealing useful animals such as oxen and sheep. Besides giving milk, the ox was used to till the fields and carry heavy loads. His owner also earned money doing jobs with the oxen. Losing an ox was like a farmer losing his tractor or a traveling salesman losing his car. Because oxen were so necessary, a thief was to repay its owner five oxen for each one stolen.

Sheep were also very important because they were easy to care for and gave both food and clothing. Thieves who stole sheep were to repay four for each sheep.

God also commanded not to defraud. Defrauding is getting money by deliberately misrepresenting

something. My uncle bought a car in which bacon rind had been used to quiet the noisy connecting rod bearing. In a few days the motor broke to pieces, and the seller could not be found. He had defrauded my uncle.

Robbing is stealing by force or threat. People are called criminals who rob, but in God's eyes every form of stealing is robbing. When we cheat on a test, we steal a grade we do not deserve. When we are untrue, we rob ourselves of respect.

People can also rob God. How? God is due our praise, love, thanks and a portion of our time and money. When we do not give these things, we are robbing Him. It is as much a sin to rob God as to rob a bank. So watch out. Unless we are careful to give, we will rob God.

Another kind of stealing is exploiting. Exploiting is when an employer works people like slaves and pays them as little as possible. In Bible times, some people had only enough money to buy food for one day at a time. So God commanded the employer to pay every day. If he did not, he was exploiting the poor, and that is a form of stealing.

Jesus taught about stealing also. He said that people should stop stealing and go to work so they could have to give to the needy. This would be a change in attitude. Instead of taking from others, give to others. His standards are to give to those who ask and not expect anything in return, and if others take from us, be willing to give them something else.

All five kinds of stealing are breaking the command, "Thou shalt not steal." God placed a curse on those that steal. He said that they will be cut off, unless they repent of stealing.

—Charlotte Huskey

began walking rapidly up the road toward him. Here was another trouble with stealing—*punishment*.

Eddie turned around and ran back up the hill and around behind the store. There he ran into Tony Larkin who always had his pockets full of goodies. Before Tony had time to speak, Eddie asked, "Wh-what have you got to trade? I'll trade a dime's worth of gumdrops." Tony liked gum drops, too, and so he searched through his pockets. "This big rubber band will make a good slingshot," he said.

Eddie had no time to waste. He quickly handed Tony the bag and took the rubber band. As Tony walked away, Eddie cast hungry eyes on the bag of gumdrops but breathed a sigh of relief. "I'm rid of evidence of my stealing. Now I can lie if asked about the money," he told himself. That was another trouble with stealing. You had to *lie* to keep it covered.

Eddie put the rubber band in his pocket and came around the store to meet his mother. "Hello, Mother," he said as if nothing had happened.

"Hello, Eddie," she replied in her usual, pleasant voice. "So she didn't come to punish me," he said to himself. "She doesn't know I took the dime." That was the trouble with stealing, it makes you *afraid* when there is no reason to be afraid.

When his mother came out of the store, he asked, "What did you buy?"

"Powdered sugar, to make icing for the poppy seed rolls," she answered with a smile.

"Powdered sugar to satisfy my sweet-tooth," he thought. And those are two more troubles with stealing. There is no *need* for it, and even if you aren't caught, you *feel terribly bad* inside.

At least he had a big, red rubber band to make a slingshot. That was better than having nothing for all that he had been through. But when he reached into his pocket, it was gone. Immediately Eddie started looking for the missing rubber band. For a long time he searched in the tall grass that grew behind the store. Now here was another trouble with

stealing. You *never benefit*, just as his mother had said.

All Eddie had to show for stealing was trouble. What would he say to his father who had worked hard for the dime? How could he smile for his mother when she gave him a poppy seed roll all covered with sweet icing? He knew she had sacrificed something to be able to buy powdered sugar to satisfy his sweet tooth. He felt too mean to go home. He wanted to hide behind the chicken house and never again see his parents. But he needed a place to sleep and he was so hungry for his mother's rolls.

But Eddie was a strong boy. By the time Mother called, "Come to supper," he had other plans.

When the family was seated around the table, they bowed their heads and Father thanked God for the poppy seed rolls and milk.

Then Eddie told them about the dime, the gumdrops, the big, red rubber band and how badly he felt.

When he finished, they looked at each other with surprise and sorrow. Then Father said, "We will thank our Savior again." He prayed, "Lord, we thank Thee for teaching our son the sadness and wrong of stealing..."

When they had finished praying the second time, the family smiled at him and all the badness of the past was erased.

"Here," Mother said, passing him a roll. "Now I'm sure this will more than satisfy your sweet tooth."

Never, never in his whole life did a poppy seed roll taste so good to Eddie.

—Rewritten from *John Three Sixteen*

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not steal." 2. The kidnapper was to be put to death. 3. Five oxen were to be paid for one stolen ox, four sheep for one sheep. 4. Yes. 5. By not giving tithes. 6. The thieves will be cut off. 7. A Christian should work so he can give to others. 8. No. 9. We should expect nothing in return when we loan.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Missing Money

Elvis Gentry was a timid but caring boy. Within two weeks he knew all the boys and girls in the new school. He liked all the children very much and often brought extra fruit to share with them. Sometimes Elvis brought a piece of candy for everyone in his class.

Harley was always ready to take the apples or candy that Elvis offered to him. Harley always seemed hungry but during lunch he played instead of eating his lunch. One day while the children were eating Elvis could hear Harley outside bouncing a ball. Elvis wondered why Harley was not eating his lunch until he noticed there was no lunch for Harley on the shelf where the lunches were kept. "So Harley doesn't have a lunch," Elvis thought. The following three days Elvis watched to see if Harley brought a lunch to school.

The evening of that third day Elvis said to his mother, "Will you please make two lunches for me tomorrow?"

"Why?" she asked.

"Because Harley, my best friend, doesn't bring a lunch to school."

"What? How could a mother send her boy to school without something to eat?"

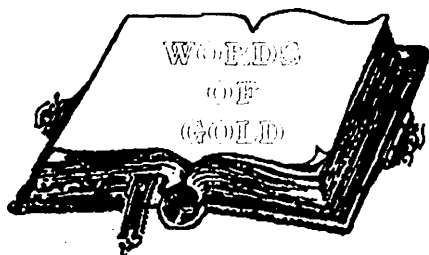
"I think his family is very poor 'cause the clothes he wears look very old and sometimes there are patches sewn over the knees of his pants."

The next morning Elvis's mother made two lunches, one for Elvis and another for Harley. Harley was very happy to have a lunch, so Elvis continued bringing him one. Now Elvis and Harley ate together, played together and studied together. Whatever one was doing the other was also doing.

One day after Mrs. Allen, the teacher, had taken the children out for recess, they stayed in the classroom to finish a project. When Elvis left for home that evening he saw Holly crying and telling Mrs. Allen something about stolen money.

The next day Mrs. Allen said, "I don't like to say this, but someone has stolen money out of Holly's purse. She left it in her desk during recess yesterday and when she came back five nickels and one dime were missing. I want the guilty person to come to me after class and confess. If no one confesses, I shall have to punish you all. I will try to find the guilty person or persons, for I do have some ideas who they may be."

"Is that where Harley got his money to buy candy and chewing gum?" Elvis asked himself. Yesterday Harley bought some chewing gum and candy when they stopped at the store on their way home from school. But Elvis couldn't believe that Harley, his best friend, would steal. Elvis had never known Harley to steal or to lie. He was sure Harley was honest. Yet he wondered why Harley had money.



The Ninth Commandment

Always Speak The Truth

Exodus 20:16

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

John 8:44, 55

44 Ye are of your father the devil,...When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

55 I know him [God]: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

I John 2:4, 21-22, 4:20

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

21 ...No lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?...

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar:...

Proverbs 19:22, 30:6

22 ...A poor man is better than a liar.

6 Add thou not unto his [God's] words, lest...and thou be found a liar.

Acts 5:1-3, 5, 7-10

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back part of the price,...and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost,...

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost:...

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter answered unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?...

10 Then fell she down...and the young men came in, and found her dead, and,...buried her by her husband.

The Message: There are many ways to tell lies, but each one has a penalty.

Questions:

- 1.** What is the Ninth Commandment?
- 2.** Who is the father of lies?
- 3.** Is it a lie not to admit we know things we do know?
- 4.** Those who say they know Christ but do not keep His commandments are _____.
- 5.** He is a _____ who denies that Jesus is the Christ.
- 6.** If a man says, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a _____.
- 7.** Those who add to God's Word are _____.
- 8.** What happened to the husband and wife who lied?
- 9.** Is bearing false witness the same as lying?

Verse to Memorize

I hate...lying; but thy law do I love.

Psalms 119:163.

Let's



Talk . . .

In today's lesson we have the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Several brethren in the congregation where they attended had sold property and had given the money to the apostles. Ananias, and his wife, Sapphira, also sold property so they could give to the apostles. But for some unknown reason they decided to give only a part of the money earned from the sale of the property. That was fine, for it was theirs and they had a right to give whatever they wished to give. The mistake they made was agreeing to pretend that they were giving all the money.

Ananias gave the money to Peter and pretended it was all they had gotten from the sale. When Peter rebuked him for this dishonesty, he fell over dead.

Three hours later Sapphira came into the temple. When Peter asked her about the amount earned from the sale, she gave the same information that her husband had given. Suddenly she, too, fell dead. The men who had buried her husband, carried her out and buried her beside him.

What a great penalty Ananias and Sapphira paid for not being truthful.

We are not likely to see anyone fall over dead because they tell a lie. If this should happen, there

would not be many people living in our country, for most every person has told a lie sometime in their life.

We are thankful that God is merciful. There does come a time, however, that the untruthful person will die a spiritual death for being dishonest. God is merciful and will forgive those who repent of their dishonesty and He will restore them to spiritual life again. If a person dies with sins of dishonesty, he will not be able to enter into heaven.

The devil is the father of all lies. If we tell or pretend a lie, we are serving the devil in that way. Do we want to be servants of the devil or servants of Jesus?

Perhaps you would be punished for something you did, so you pretend you did not do it. That is "bearing false witness." Maybe you have copied a lesson and pretended you did not know you should not copy. Pretending to love someone and talking bad about them is another form of "bearing false witness," even if the stories told are true.

Pretending to have character or attitudes which we do not have is another form of "bearing false witness." God wants Christians to be honest about themselves and admit their failures and imperfections. In this way they can grow into a more perfect image of Christ.

Do you have a habit of lying or pretending? God wants you to repent of it, and He will help you to become an honest person. Ananias and Sapphira got into big trouble for pretending.

—Charlotte Huskey

After school Harley stayed and talked to Mrs. Allen. Elvis walked home with his head down. How could his friend be so mean as to steal Holly's money? Then he thought maybe it was because Harley never had money to spend for candy and gum.

When he got home he told his mother all about the stolen money, Harley having money the same evening and Harley staying after school to talk to Mrs. Allen. She comforted him by saying, "Surely Harley had some problem with a lesson and was not confessing to stealing the money."

The question of whether Harley had stolen Holly's money still troubled Elvis's mind as he picked up two lunches and walked to school. Harley was not waiting at the corner where he usually waited for Elvis. When Elvis saw him on the school playground he called, "Hi, Harley." Harley didn't answer.

The students stood and pledged their allegiance to the United States flag. Then they recited the Lord's Prayer together. These they did every morning. After that Mrs. Allen gave the usual morning announcements. Then she said, "I am very surprised and disappointed in one of my best students, for now I know who stole the money. It is too bad that he did not confess. His friend Harley was honest and he told me all about it."

Everyone in the class turned and looked at Elvis, for they knew who was Harley's best friend. Elvis couldn't believe his ears. He looked at Harley. Harley was looking the other way. He tried hard to keep the tears from showing. But they rolled down his hot face.

"Crying won't undo what you have done," Mrs. Allen said. "You must pay back the money and stay after school one hour each day for a whole month."

"I—I—I didn't steal the money," Elvis said in a squeaky, trembling voice.

"We'll talk more about it after school," Mrs. Allen answered.

Staying after school for a whole month was a terrible punishment, but

being betrayed by a friend you loved and had helped every day was even worse. "Dear Jesus, please tell Harley how bad this hurts and how mean he is, and let Mrs. Allen find out that I didn't steal the money," Elvis prayed silently.

The following evening after school, Holly stayed to clean her desk. Suddenly she cried, "My money! My money! Look, five nickels and one dime. It was hidden under all these math papers."

Elvis jumped out of his seat and went over to see.

"I'm so sorry you got in trouble," Holly said to Elvis, and she held out her hand so he could see the money.

Mrs. Allen pushed aside the English tests she was scoring and also came. "How terrible!" she exclaimed. "So Harley lied about you and I believed it. I wonder why he did that?" She put her arms around Elvis and said, "I am very sorry. Please forgive me. I should have checked it out better before punishing you. But I will really get Harley now. What a cruel thing he did."

"Please don't be hard on Harley," Elvis said. "He's my friend."

"Your friend? How can you say that after what he has done to you?"

"I forgive him," Elvis answered. "Remember what we say every morning? 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'"

"Oh, Elvis, I would give a million dollars to have a room full of students like you. I think you are the bravest boy in this school. I won't punish Harley, but only because you asked me not to. But he must ask your forgiveness in front of all the students."

—Charlotte Huskey, rewritten from
My Jewels

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." 2. The devil. 3. Yes. 4. Liars. 5. Liar. 6. Liar. 7. Liars. 8. They died the same day that they told the lie. 9. Yes.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Stolen Flute

Mr. Brian had an ebony flute with beautiful silver keys. Each day he polished the hard black wood and the silver keys. Although his flute was very beautiful to look at and gave out rich musical tones, it had one defect. The upper key was broken. When Mr. Brian played on his flute he had to skip that note. This made a discord in the music.

Mr. Brian's friend, Joe Black, coveted the ebony flute. Joe came often to listen to its music, and when Mr. Brian allowed him, he played on it himself.

"How I wish this flute was mine," he often said.

One night Joe came to visit, but Mr. Brian was not home. Joe picked the lock and went in just so he could play on the flute. He played it for a long time and Mr. Brian did not come home.

A few days later, Joe came again, "Just thought I'd drop over and listen to you play the flute," he said.

"My flute is missing," Mr. Brian told him.

"I wonder who could have been so mean?" Joe said to comfort his friend. Then he accused an old woman who came to clean. But no evidence could be proved against her.

Soon after this Joe moved to another town.

When he unpacked his things he took out the flute that he had coveted so often. "Now I can play it without fear of being caught," he said. Joe also had a bird—a beautiful Euro-

pean bullfinch. The bird loved to sing as Joe played on the flute. He spent a lot of his leisure time teaching his bird different tunes. The bullfinch learned only the notes that Joe played. When Joe came to the broken key, he always had to skip that note.

After a year had passed, Mr. Brian went to do business in the town where Joe now lived. While he was there, he visited Joe.

To entertain Mr. Brian, Joe brought out his bullfinch. "Listen to the many different tunes he can sing," Joe said. Then after a little prompting, the bird sang many songs. As Mr. Brian listened, he noticed that the bird always missed a certain high note. That reminded him of his missing flute. He listened more closely. It was the same note that was broken on his missing ebony flute.

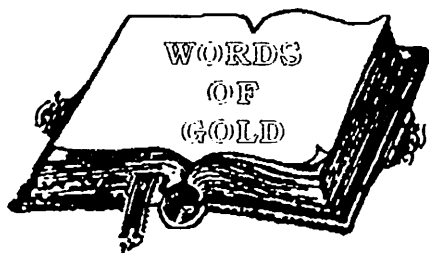
"Sounds as if this bird has learned to sing by listening to my silver-keyed flute," he said to Joe. "How long have you had it?"

"Uh, what did you say?" Joe asked. But he knew he was caught so he laughed heartily. "How foolish I am," he said. "Although I hid my covetousness from people, I could not hide it from God. He has used my bird to uncover my sin."

"Yes, the Bible says, 'Be sure your sins will find you out,' and 'The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good,'" Mr. Brian said angrily.

Then Joe returned the ebony flute to Mr. Brian.

—Selected from:
Messages of the Love of God.



The Tenth Commandment

Coveting is Dangerous

Exodus 20:17

17 Thou shalt not covet. [Covet: An uncontrolled desire for something.]

Deuteronomy 5:21

21 Neither shall thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field,...or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Romans 7:7

7 ...I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Psalms 78:18

18 ...They tempted God...by asking meat for their lust.

Numbers 11:31-34

31 And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp,...

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails:...

33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth,...the Lord smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

I Corinthians 10:6

6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust...as they also lusted.

Galatians 5:16

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

James 1:14-15

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

I John 2:16-17

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The Message: It is dangerous to covet, for it can get a person into trouble that may be impossible to get out of.

Questions:

1. What is the Tenth Commandment?
2. Name some things we should not covet?
3. Is a person coveting when he lusts for something?
4. After what did the Israelites lust?
5. What happened because they lusted?
6. What does lusting bring into a person's life?
7. What does sin bring?
8. Will everything that we might lust for pass away?
9. What will never pass away?

Verse to Memorize

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust...as they also lusted.

I Corinthians 10:6.

Let's



Talk . . .

"Thou shalt not covet" is the last one of the Ten Commandments. These Ten Commandments were given to God's people when they were traveling from Egypt to Canaan.

They escaped from the covetous people of Egypt who had enslaved them to make bricks for their great cities. They escaped in the middle of the night with no tools or weapons and only a little food. But God supplied them with weapons from these Egyptian enemies who were drowned while trying to follow them across the Red Sea. Every morning God gave His children *manna* for food and when they were thirsty, He opened new springs of fresh, clean water. To make the journey more pleasant, He formed a cloud that protected them from the blazing sun. This cloud was a glowing light at night.

God took good care of His traveling children, but they became dissatisfied and began to covet. One evening as Moses was walking through the camp, he saw the people standing in the tent doors crying. They were begging for meat. "We have nothing to eat except this horrid *manna*," many complained.

Others said, "We wish we were back in Egypt eating fish, melons, onions and leeks."

Moses was troubled so he hurried away to talk with God. "What shall I do with these covetous people?" he asked.

God said, "I will give them meat for which they covet."

"That would take all the fish in the sea," Moses answered.

"Is my power limited?" God asked.

The next day a strong wind blew in hundreds and hundreds of quail. The people caught quail that day, that night and the next day. They ate and ate and ate. Soon the covetous people began getting sick. Many died from disobeying the Tenth Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet."

Coveting and lusting are much alike. Coveting is an uncontrolled desire for something that belongs to someone else. Lusting is wanting something even if God does not want you to have it.

Wanting to eat meat is not a sin. It was, however, sin for the Israelites to be so dissatisfied that they were willing to return to slavery in order to have what they wanted.

Coveting or lusting will control the person who allows it in his life, just as it did the Israelites. King Solomon lusted after beautiful women. This lust controlled him and he married women who worshipped idols. They led him and his kingdom away from God. Samson lusted after a Philistine woman. She caused him to be captured. This brought him torture and death.

Lusting has destroyed many strong people. But it does not have to destroy. A person can resist coveting and lusting. It is difficult to tell our body, "No" when it is coveting something, but by God's help it can be done. This is the only way to obey the Tenth Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet." The person who controls his desires and does not covet will be much happier than he or she who gets what he covets.

—Charlotte Huskey

The Missing Goat

Trudy and her little brother Nicky lived with their daddy and mommy on a little farm near Holtville. They had a pet goat which they called Mary Ann.

Nicky was too young to go to school and so he spent many happy hours playing with Mary Ann while Trudy was at school.

On sunny days Mary Ann was staked out on the green grass along the road or allowed to run in the pasture. Often an old man traveled down the road gathering scrap iron and cans to sell. When he passed, he stopped to talk to Nicky about his pet goat. "That's a fine goat," he would say. "I wish it was mine."

One day when Trudy came home from school, Nicky told her that Mary Ann was missing. The children looked and looked for their pet. When Daddy came home, he too looked for Mary Ann. The stake was in the ground where she had been tied, but no other sign of the goat could be found.

The next day Mother sent Trudy and Nicky to the village store which was far away from their home. Nicky stood looking out the store window while Trudy bought the groceries. Suddenly he saw the old man and his funny yellow wagon. The wagon looked much like a house on wheels, for it had little windows. The man was wearing a black hat and his usual dirty and ragged overalls. Then Nicky noticed a goat tied to the back of the house and being dragged along. "It is Mary Ann!" he shouted as he ran out of the store. "Mary Ann! Mary Ann!" he called.

Trudy left her groceries and raced after Nicky. "Mary Ann! Mary Ann!" she called.

"Maaah, maaah," the goat answered. She tugged at the rope, trying to look at the children.

The man kicked the goat and lashed at the children with his whip. "Get away and leave my goat alone!" he shouted.

"That is our goat!" the children shouted.

"Maaah, maaah," the goat called again, as she shook her head trying to get loose. The

man whipped Mary Ann. Then the children began to cry.

Just then a policeman on a motorcycle came roaring to a stop. "What is going on?" he asked.

"Those youngsters are teasing my goat," the man said angrily.

"Oh, no, that is our goat. She's been gone since yesterday."

"Get going," the man called to his horse. Then he again kicked Mary Ann to get her started.

"Don't hurt Mary Ann," Trudy said.

When the policeman saw the children crying because the goat was being hurt, he took the man, the children and the goat to the police station.

The police chief came outside and did something that Nick and Trudy thought was very strange. "Go stand at the corner of the building," he told them. Then he told the man to stand at the opposite corner. Then he said to the policeman, "Bring that goat and hold it in the center between the two."

"Now you call the goat," he said to the man.

The rough man grumbled awhile, then called out, "Come to your master. Come, come, don't you hear me?" Mary Ann only sniffed at the policeman's hand.

"Now let the children call," the chief said.

"Mary Ann, Mary Ann, come to us," the children called together.

The goat looked at the children then lunged against the rope. The policeman loosened his grip and Mary Ann bounded into the children's arms. It was hard to say who was happiest, the children or the goat.

The man was tried and went to jail for stealing. —From *Messages of the Love of God*.

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not covet." 2. We should not covet our neighbor's wife, his house, his field nor anything that is his. 3. Yes. 4. Meat. 5. Many got sick and some died. 6. It brings sin. 7. Sin brings death. 8. Yes. 9. The Word of God.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Billy Learns Why

Billy Brown didn't care about anyone but himself. He always pushed to be first in line when marching into the schoolroom. He always wanted to be pitcher in the ball game. If he couldn't, he raised a big fuss.

Yes, Billy didn't care about anyone but himself. He never showed love for anyone except Mother and Daddy. Of course he was friendless and unhappy.

One morning, Billy sat on the top step of the porch feeling sorry for himself. He heard Maggie Jones laughing. Looking around he saw her across the street, pulling her baby brother back and forth in a wagon.

Why couldn't he feel as happy as Maggie or as happy as Ted Jones next door? Ted was in the yard feeding his new little puppy.

Billy had a wagon and a puppy, too. He wasn't doing anything with them. A little while ago, Don Black, down the street, asked to use Billy's wagon to bring old Mrs. Smith her groceries. Billy wouldn't let him use it.

Billy hadn't given his little puppy his breakfast. He could hear the puppy whining on the porch. "Let him whine," Billy said. "I am too busy thinking how to be happy. Yes, Billy was too busy thinking about himself to feed the puppy.

Then Billy saw the robin whose nest was in the tree near the porch. The robin brought a worm to its babies.

Why do sisters pull small brothers in wagons? Why do boys feed puppies the moment they howl for food? Why do birds feed

their babies all day long? The strange thing was that they seemed happy while doing it. Billy wished that he knew why.

"Billy!" called Mother, coming to the door. "I wish you would take this jar of homemade jelly down the street to old Mrs. Smith. I love her and it will make her happy."

Billy just sat there and didn't say a word.

"Don't you want to take it?"

"No. I don't love Mrs. Smith."

"Why?"

"I don't know."

"Billy, God is love. Ask Him to put love for others in your heart, then show your love. Showing love brings love. It brings friends too."

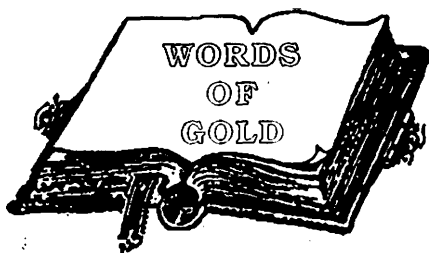
Billy sighed. He needed friends. If showing love would bring him a friend, he wanted to do it. "Okay! I'll ask God to help me love others, and I will show my love. Give me the jelly. I will take it to old Mrs. Smith."

As he walked slowly down the street, Billy thought of the Bible verses about love that he had learned in Sunday school, "God is Love; Love one another; Love thy neighbor as thyself; a friend loveth at all times; Love your enemies."

Mother was right. the Bible wouldn't say so much about love if it wasn't important. Love was the reason Maggie and Ted and the robin were happy. From now on he would let Don use his wagon. He would feed his puppy when he was hungry. He would be kind to Mrs. Smith.

Now he knew that being loving was being happy. Hurray!

—Selected



The Eleventh Commandment

Love Each Other

John 13:34

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you,...

I John 2:10-11

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light,...

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

I John 3:10-12, 15-18

10 In this the children of God are manifest [made known], and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother....

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:...

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his...compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

I John 4:7-8, 12, 20

7 ...Let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

12 ...If we love one another, God dwelleth in us,...

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

I John 3:23

23 And this is his commandment, That we...love one another,...

The Message: Love one another as Christ loved us.

Questions:

- 1.** What is the New Commandment?
- 2.** Who abides in light? In darkness?
- 3.** How are the children of God known?
- 4.** When did God first command people to love each other?
- 5.** Should we be willing to lay down our lives for our brethren?
- 6.** Is love shown through compassion?
- 7.** How must Christians show love?
- 8.** Are unloving people acquainted with God?
- 9.** Can people love God if they don't love the brethren?

Verse to Memorize

...See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

I Peter 1:22.

Let's



Talk . . .

"Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus said. How can we do that, for Jesus loved us so much that He gave His life in our place? Would we have the courage to be killed in place of someone else? That would take a lot of courage. Even if we had that much courage, we might never have the chance.

In the book *Touching Incidents* there is a story about a little girl whose father wanted to cross a bridge which she knew would break under him. To protect her father, she stepped out onto the bridge. It broke. She fell onto the rocks far below and was killed. She gave her life for her drunken father the way Christ gave His life for us. She went on to heaven. Her father quit drinking and became a Christian. I am sure he is with her today in heaven.

Ahn Ei Sook was a young Korean Christian who would not bow to the Japanese sun goddess. For this she was persecuted and spent years in prison. While in prison, wicked women and girls were put into the cell with her. She won several of these by showing Christ's love to them.

Wha Choon, a young murderer, did not believe anyone loved her. Her parents had not loved her. When she was thirteen she married, but her husband was very cruel to her. Ahn tried in many ways to prove her love to Wha Choon, but all seemed to fail. Ahn was almost starving

because of the small amount of food the prisoners received, but she decided the only way to prove real love was to give her food to Wha Choon. However, determined as Ahn was, the meager bit of food went into her own mouth when it was served. Finally, she overcame her desire for food and was able to give it to Wha Choon. This she did for three days, until Wha Choon was convinced that Ahn loved her. Then Ahn told her about Jesus' love, and she believed. When Wha Choon was taken to be executed, she said to Ahn, "I will meet you in heaven."

You nor I may never have chances like these girls had to show love, but we do have some opportunities. Here are a few examples:

1. If you have a brother or sister who likes to be first, show Christ's love by letting them be first.

2. Do your parents want you to keep your toys and clothes in their places? Doing what your parents desire is showing Christ's love.

3. Is someone at school rude to you? Treating them well is showing the love of Christ.

4. There may be a poor child to which you could give a toy, a shirt, or your favorite food. That would be showing love.

5. Visiting a lonely person, a sick friend or an enemy would be showing love as Christ did.

Let us not excuse ourselves by saying that we have no opportunity. Every day we have chances to love each other as Christ commanded. —Charlotte Huskey

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you..." Jesus said, in John 13:34.

A Cup of Cold Water

"I can't do anything for others," complained Holly. "I'd like to help everybody, but all I can do is sit here and let others help me."

"You can't do anything?" questioned Miss Randall, her tutor. "Are you sure you can't do anything?"

"Of course I am. I can't go anywhere. I can't even go to school. I'm glad you come and teach me, and I would like to do something for you, but I can't."

"Oh, yes, you can," said Miss Randall as she looked tenderly at Holly's wet eyes and quivering lips.

"What can I do?"

"You already give me love, cheerful greetings and good lessons. Those are some things all teachers appreciate, but do not always get. I think there is something you can do, if it's only giving a cup of cold water."

"How can I do that? I can't even walk."

"As you sit here at your window you can give pleasant smiles to those who pass. If you are on the porch, you can speak cheerfully. Surely you have something you can give. Jesus said that all who give a 'cup of water' in His name, will not lose their reward. There are little opportunities. I am sure you will find chances if you watch for them."

In the following days Holly began watching for the little opportunities. Holly lived in a cottage close to the road that led into the Blue Ridge Mountains. Many children passed on their way to the village school down below. They often tossed a merry good morning to sad-faced Holly who was usually looking out the window.

Sometimes Holly had been so envious of their freedom that she could hardly smile back. But now, since Miss Randall had encouraged her, she tried to always smile and nod. Often she wondered what good it did but at least it made her feel better.

Every day she wished that she would be able to at least give a "cup of cold water." At last her chance came. A little boy came walking by. He was crying. Holly called out, "Why is he crying?"

The children stopped, and so Holly got on her crutches and made her painful way to the gate. "My little brother fell," said a girl who was helping him walk.

"Oh, his leg is cut and bleeding!" Holly exclaimed. "Bring him in. I'll get some water." While Holly hobbled into the house and brought back some water, the little boy rested in the shade on the porch. Then she and the girl cleaned and bandaged his leg. The children each drank a big glass of cold water. Then they went happily on their way.

This was the beginning of Holly's "cup of cold water" ministry. One by one the school children began stopping in for a drink and little chat with Holly. Their visits cheered Holly and she was able to share with them her love for Jesus.

One day in April, while Holly was sitting out in her yard, a group of mountain climbers stopped. "We are tired and thirsty," a young man said. "Could we get a drink?"

"Of course," Holly answered. "And please come in and rest awhile."

"For just a minute, but we must hurry on," the young man said.

When Holly came back the group was sprawled out over the lawn and porch. While they drank glasses of ice water the young man talked with Holly's mother about Holly's crippled condition. Her mother told him about the accident that had left Holly unable to walk.

A few weeks later the young man returned. He wanted to help Holly and he did help her. What a great reward for giving a "cup of cold water." —Selected

(Answers: 1. "Love one another as I have loved you." 2. Those who love others. Those who do not love others. 3. By their love for the brethren. 4. From the beginning of the world. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. By doing good things for others. 8. No. 9. No. They cannot love God if they do not love their brethren.)

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Obeying God

"Mother, Oh, Mother, where are you?" Heather called, as she flung her fifth grade math book on the coffee table.

Mother came from the sewing room with a pink dress in her hands. Heather was so upset she didn't notice the dress. "I'm so tired of being teased. Every day I go to school, I have to be teased and teased and teased. I wish I could never go to school again."

"Don't be so upset over a little teasing," Mother said. "Just pretend it doesn't bother you. Anyway, sometimes children tease the person they like best."

"That's not why they tease me," wailed Heather. "Nobody likes me."

Mother gave Heather a big hug as she said, "Don't let it hurt you so. Everyone gets teased now and then."

"But Mom, this is not fun teasing. It's because I don't wear pants, because my hair is long and I never wear jewelry or makeup. They call me 'saint' and 'holy, holy.' Why can't they leave me alone? I don't bother them about the way they dress."

"I'm glad you don't, for that is very rude."

"But Heather, people have always suffered for what they believe."

"Remember how Daniel was put in a den of lions, because he continued doing what was right?"

"Yes, I remember, and those boys who were put in a big fire. Please tell me that story," Heather begged.

"Okay. Stretch out there on the sofa and rest, and I will tell you the story while I hem your new Easter dress."

"You're making me a new dress?"

"Yes. Do you like it?" she said holding up the dress for Heather to see.

"I love it!" Heather explained.

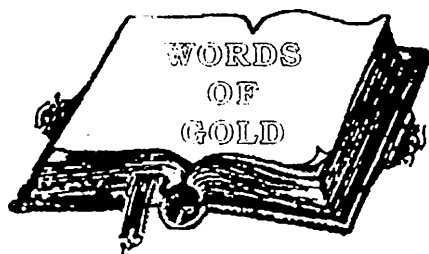
Then Mother began: "Three Jewish boys were captive in a foreign land. In this country the people worshiped idols, and they laughed at the Jews who did not worship their idols. Each time the boys tried to share their faith with others the people laughed and said, 'We can't see the God you talk about, He must be powerless if He can't give Himself a form. We can see and touch our gods.'

"Nebuchadnezzar, the king of that country, loved idols and gold. One day he put his servants to work making a very, very big idol of gold. He was so pleased with the awesome look of his golden idol that he sent messengers throughout the providence, shouting, King Nebuchadnezzar commands, 'Come one, come all to worship the golden idol.'

"The great idol was set in a plain where it could be seen for long distances. The best musicians were ordered to come with their instruments

"Fathers dropped their work and went to the plain. Mothers bathed their children and hurried them to worship the golden idol. Everyone except the three Jewish boys seemed to be happy and excited about the idol.

"What shall we do?" they asked each other.



Obeying God's Word

Let's Review The 10 Commandments

Exodus 20:1-5, 7-8, 12-17

1 ...God spake all these words saying,

2 I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out...of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:...

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet...

Deuteronomy 13:4

4 Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear [respect] him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him,...

Job 36:12

12 But if they [My people] obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

Matthew 5:19

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

I John 3:22

22 ...Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

The Message: Those who obey God's commandments will receive many wonderful things from God.

Questions:

- 1.** Who gave the Ten Commandments?
- 2.** What is the First Commandment?
- 3.** How many commandments tell us how to treat God?
- 4.** How many commandments tell us how to treat people?
- 5.** What did God say about obeying His commandments?
- 6.** What will happen to those who do not obey God's commandments?
- 7.** Who is called the least in the kingdom of Heaven?
- 8.** Who is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?
- 9.** Who will receive the things they ask of God?

Verse to Memorize.

**Ye shall walk after the Lord...and keep his commandments, and obey his voice,...
Deuteronomy 13:4.**

Let's



Talk . . .

Last week we finished studying the Ten Commandments and the New Commandment that Jesus gave. Now that we know the commandments, we should practice obeying them. The first chapter of James tells us that if we obey God's commandments we will be blessed.

In class today we have Robert, Todd, Kelsey, Michelle, Rhonda and Diego. Let's find out from them how they would obey God's Word.

Rhonda was first to speak. "God says to not steal. If I were tempted to steal, I would just walk away from the thing I wanted to steal."

"I would put my hands in my pockets," Todd said.

"I have another idea," Michelle added. "Spank your hand, like I do my little sister's when she is getting things that aren't hers." The class laughed. "I think to not bear 'false witness' is the hardest to obey. It's so easy to pretend a lie when you might get into trouble."

"Yes, and that's as bad as telling one," Kelsey added.

Robert, who was the oldest in the class, said, "I think we can keep God above other things by coming to church and reading the Bible. The more I hear about God, the better I like Him."

"And we can keep from bowing to images by not going into churches or temples which have images," Diego added.

"So you think we will have to be careful to do what's right?" the teacher asked.

"Yes," they answered.

"We will," the teacher agreed. "We will not obey unless we make ourselves."

"I suppose we can keep the Sabbath by fishing all day every Saturday," Todd said.

"That sounds like a good idea," the other boys agreed. The girls giggled.

"That's not the way to keep the Sabbath, is it?" Kelsey questioned.

"No," the teacher answered. "When we are saved, we have stopped doing our own

thing, that is, having our way. Instead, we are resting in Jesus. Many people are struggling to obey rules of some religion. Others are helping the poor, the sick or the homeless. Both are hoping, in this way, to gain salvation. These are not resting in Jesus. When we rest in Jesus we are keeping the Sabbath."

"I think that we can obey 'thou shalt not commit adultery' by asking God who to marry," Robert said.

"I want to pick my husband," Kesley retorted. "Anyway, how could God tell us? He doesn't speak names. He talks to us when we read the Bible."

"I don't know," Robert said shrugging his shoulders, "but I heard my dad tell my sister to ask God who she should marry."

"Your dad is right," the teacher said. "Those who follow God will stay out of adultery."

"I have a question," Diego said. "Is it a sin to kill in war?"

"Did God say that only in peace time, 'Thou shalt not kill'?" Todd answered quickly. "Jesus never fought to protect Himself. Aren't we to follow Him?"

"But the Israelites were always killing their enemies," Diego protested. "And who killed the people that disobeyed the commandments?"

"Jesus didn't say, to do like the Israelites. He said we should turn another cheek if someone hit us," Todd lashed back.

"Let's not get into an argument," the teacher cautioned. "Jesus taught us not to fight for ourselves, I think that would also include our country. We can help our country and not kill during war."

"We haven't discussed honoring our parents," Rhonda said.

"Nor coveting," Michelle added.

"And those are the ones which are hardest to obey," Robert said.

"I believe they are," said the teacher, "and if we honor our parents and do not covet, we will have victory over other things."

"Like stealing," Kesley added. "Coveting always comes before stealing."

"Yes it does. Also to obey we must control our thoughts and actions. Controlling ourselves to honor our parents will give us strength to obey the other commandments."

The class was dismissed.

—Charlotte Huskey

"Maybe we could hide," one suggested.

"We cannot do that for we work in the king's court. He would miss us," said another.

"Or some tattletale servant would remind him," the younger one said.

"At last the older one spoke, 'We must go, but let us be strong and not bow.'

"Have you seen the furnace that is being heated to cook the ones who do not bow?" asked the younger boy.

"I have seen the furnace. It is very, very hot, but God is stronger than the fire."

"When all the people had gathered around the golden idol, the king's herald shouted aloud, 'To you it is commanded, oh people of every nation, when you hear the sound of music, fall down and worship the golden image!'

"The boys whispered to each other, 'Be strong, God will be with us.'

"In a moment the music began to play. People all around the idol fell on their faces. Only the three boys were standing. Immediately the king saw them. 'Who dares to disobey my orders?' he shouted angrily. 'Bring them to me.'"

"Servants hurried away and seized the boys. When they stood before the king he demanded, 'Why did you not worship my image?'

"But before the boys could answer, he shouted, 'I will give you one more chance. The music will play again and if you fall down and worship, well. If not, I will have you thrown into the fiery furnace. Then what god can deliver you out of it?'

"The three boys answered, 'Oh king, we do not want to be disloyal to you, but we cannot worship an idol. We know our God is able to deliver us from the fiery furnace, but if He does not, we will still be true to Him and not worship any idol god.'

"The king gnashed his teeth, jumped out of his seat and shouted to his most trusted soldiers, 'Bind these boys and guard them while the furnace is heated seven times hotter. Then throw them in.'

"The king sat back down in his seat laughing, at the boys. 'We'll see what god can deliver you from my flames.'

"When the furnace was seven times hotter, its door was opened. As the boys were being thrown inside, huge flames leaped out.

"The king leaped from his throne again! He trembled with fear as he looked at his most trusted soldiers lying dead in front of the furnace. Then he looked inside the furnace and cried, 'Look, the heat hasn't hurt the boys. They are walking around in the furnace, and someone is with them.' It must be their God, he thought.

"He hurried off to talk with his counselors. 'Didn't you throw only three people in the furnace?'

"Yes," they answered.

"There are four in there now."

"What?" they asked.

"Yes, and I think the other must be their God."

"Nebuchadnezzar got as near to the hot furnace as was safe and shouted, 'You servants of the living God, come out.' The princes, governors, captains and counselors had all gathered by now. They looked the boys over from head to foot. Not a hair of their head was singed, neither did their clothes smell like smoke."

"God is always faithful to those who are faithful to Him," Mother told Heather. "You stay true to God and He will take care of you."

"I will," Heather promised. "But that isn't the end of the story, is it?"

"No. Because the boys were faithful, probably everyone in the kingdom heard about the true God. The king saw that God was greater than his idol, so he made a decree that everyone in his domain had to respect the God which the boys served. He also gave them higher positions in his kingdom."

"Do you think something great might happen to me if I'm faithful?" Heather asked.

"Be determined to be faithful regardless of what will happen," Mother encouraged.

(Answers: 1. God. 2. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." 3. The first four deal with our relationship with God. 4. The last six deal with our relationships with people. 5. God said, "Keep My commands and obey My voice." 6. They will perish. 7. Those who break a commandment and teach men so. 8. Those who obey and teach God's commandments. 9. Those who keep God's commandments and do those things that are pleasing to Him.)

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Adventures Doing The Right

(Based on a true story.)

The House of Turmoil

"Come back here, and let the servant comb your hair," Grandmother demanded.

"I don't like my hair combed," Ahn wailed.

"You must," she said stamping her cane.

"It hurts," Ahn complained.

"If you were a boy we would cut your hair short," Grandmother yelled. "But the gods sent us another girl. We need a big, strong boy instead of a tiny, useless girl."

"I'll show you someday that I'm not useless," Ahn retorted, and started running with her hands over her ears.

The servant looked around fearfully as if she was expecting a spirit to jump out of the walls and attack Ahn for such shameful actions. In Korea everyone in the family is expected to obey the eldest person in the household, and that was Grandmother.

As Ahn entered her mother's room, she was white and shivering.

"Grandmother's yelling again," she cried.

"You mustn't be so afraid," Mother said. "Last night you were afraid of the dark. Yesterday it was trouble at school. Ahn you have to be strong to live."

"I don't want to live," Ahn wailed.

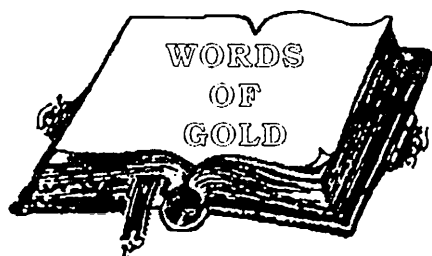
Mother took Ahn's hands in hers. Then calling her by her nickname, she said, "I know how you feel, Chung Sim. That's the way I felt when I was a little girl hiding away in the mountains filled with banished prisoners."

"Tell me again why you had to hide?" Ahn begged.

"It was because of the revolt. My father was a high government official in Seoul when it came. Most of the officials were killed, but our three faithful servants helped us escape. The following four years we hid out in Kabsan among prisoners. There were many things to make me afraid but I trusted in Jesus."

"Did you go to church every day like you do now?" Ahn questioned.

"There was no Korean Christian Church in those years, Ahn. Neither did I have a Christian friend nor a Bible."



Submission

Genesis 16:6-13, 15-16

6 ...Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with [Hagar] her, she fled from her face.

7 And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness,...

8 And he said, Hagar,...whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, **Thou God seest me:** for she said,

Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old [86 years old], when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The Message:
When we submit
to authority, God
causes the prob-
lem to work for
our good.

Questions:

1. What did Abram say to Sarai?
2. What did Sarai do?
3. Where did Hagar go?
4. Who found Hagar?
5. Why was Hagar in the wilderness?
6. What did the angel tell Hagar to do?
7. What did Hagar call the angel?
8. What did Hagar name her son?
9. What happens when we resist the devil and submit to God?

Verse to Memorize

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls,...

Hebrews 13:17.

Let's



Talk . . .

Sarai was the wife of Abram. She had not used wisdom in some dealings with her maid, Hagar. Because of this mistake, Hagar did not respect Sarai as she should. This caused so much conflict that Sarai complained to Abram about it.

Abram told Sarai to do whatever she wished about the problem. Well, Sarai treated Hagar very harshly, and Hagar ran away into the wilderness by the way to Shur.

Hagar was sitting there by a fountain of water when an angel came to her and asked, "Where did you come from and where are you going?"

"I'm running from my mistress Sarai," she told the angel.

"Return to Sarai," said the angel, "And I will bless you with a very large family. In years to come, they will be too many to count."

Hagar obeyed the angel and returned to Sarai. Later God gave her a son whom she named Ishmael.

Has some authority mistreated you as Sarai did Hagar? Are you seeking justice? Have you tried to hurt them in revenge? Have you gossiped about them in anger? These are ways that many people act when they

have trouble with their authorities.

Others run from their problems. That is what Hagar did, but God found her and helped her to look back to what she was leaving and to consider where she was going in the future.

Hagar had no family who would share a home until her baby was born. Hagar's only way to earn a living was by maid service. Now she would not be able to hire out to anyone else to be their maid. Then how would Hagar live? God helped Hagar to see this by having the angel ask, "Where are you going?"

God instructed Hagar that the best thing for her to do was return to Sarai and obey Sarai. If Hagar would humble herself, she would have a home and all that she needed for herself and her son. Hagar took the advice and humbled herself.

If you are having trouble with an authority, humble yourself, submit to them and God will bless you and cause it to work for your good just as He did for Hagar.

—Charlotte Huskey



"You must have felt lonely and afraid."

"Yes, I did, but a missionary told me that Jesus would never forsake me, and He didn't. Ahn, you don't have to be afraid either, if you live for Jesus."

"I don't want to be afraid."

"Now listen, Father and I want you to live. What would we do without our little pet?" she asked.

"But Grandmother is unhappy and sick and I'm sick too, and the servants fuss, and there are so many poor beggars. If I could die, I would escape all this."

"But there is another life after this one," Mother explained. "We have to do right in this life before we are ready to die."

"But what is right? You say I should be a Christian. Father and Grandmother believe worshiping idols is the right thing to do."

"I know I am right," Mother said. "But you will have to decide for yourself. Do I act afraid?"

"No, Mother, you are never afraid."

"Knowing that I am doing what God says is right helps me not to be afraid. And God says 'children obey your parents.' Grandmother is one of your parents so go now and obey her."

"I don't want to obey! Why should I?"

"You must obey now so when you have decided what is right, you will be able to make yourself do it," Mother answered. "You will need lots of self control to be the great woman your father is expecting you to become."

"Me? A great woman?" Ahn said, as she went sulking back to the servant.

While having her hair combed, Ahn thought how she wanted to be brave like her mother. "It must be her God," Ahn told herself. Mother's God seems stronger than the idols. But Father serves the idols and he has great riches and many friends—that's what he loves—and festivals. Preparations for a festival were being made now. Ahn thought festivals were great fun!

When Ahn's hair was finished, she went into the kitchen to see what was being prepared for the festival. Grandmother, angry and grumbling, ordered the servants and her daughters here and there. One daughter snapped back, while the others reluctantly obeyed. One was making rice cakes. Several were frying chicken, pork and beef. Some were making sweets from chestnuts, persimmons, and pine seeds.

"What are you making?" Ahn asked her aunt.

"I'm making sweets from green beans," she growled. "Haven't you anything to do but ask questions?"

That is when Grandmother saw Ahn with her hair combed. She smiled triumphantly, then grumbled, "This is much work and expense but it is our duty to the gods."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. To do whatever pleased her. 2. She dealt hard with Hagar. 3. To the wilderness. 4. An angel of the Lord. 5. She was fleeing from Sarai. 6. "Return to thy mistress and submit to her." 7. "Thou God seest me." 8. Ishmael. 9. The devil will flee.)

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Festival Days

(Continued from last week.)

It was August 15, Festival Day of the Dead. Ahn loved this festival! There would be a trip to the cemetery, fun and food! Mr. Ahn Choong Ho, Ahn's father had great celebrations and invited many friends.

Early in the morning the family and their friends walked to the cemetery in the mountains. They went through the streets of beautiful Bhak Chon that nestled in the shadow of the towering Won Su Bong Mountain. Approaching the mountain Ahn could hear the roaring water as it tumbled from four different cliffs high on the mountain. The waterfalls sparkled like diamonds in the sun and plunged into the clear Tarung River that ran alongside the town.

The people in the town believed that a hero would be born there because the mountain and river were so beautiful. Grandmother loved the mountains and so did Ahn, that is one thing they enjoyed together.

Nearing the cemetery, Ahn did something she had always been afraid to do. She ran ahead of the women and climbed up a tall pine tree in the

cemetery. Other families had already placed food on the graves of their loved ones. From her perch in the tree, she could see all over the cemetery. Men were kneeling in worship of their dead families, while the women were crying out in unison, "Aigo, aigo."

She saw her family coming through the gate. They placed food on grandfather's grave and began wailing, "Aigo aigo, aigo." The sound of the wind blowing through the trees and the wails of the mourners sounded like music to Ahn. "Someday I want to be a music teacher," she told herself. "Or maybe I'll be a famous musician."

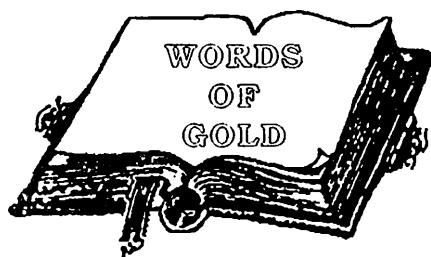
On the way home from the cemetery, Ahn said to her mother, "Why do the women cry so for the dead, and fight so with the living?"

Mother laughed, then said, "The cemetery is the place they can cry not only for the dead but over all their troubles," she answered.

"But you didn't cry? Don't you have trouble with Father?"

"Well, yes, Father and I have some difficulties. It's just that my babies were girls and he wanted sons. Maybe things will be better now that he has a new son."

Mother stopped in the road and looked at Ahn. "Every living person must go through difficult situations.



Israel Disobeys

Judges 2:1-4, 7, 10, 12-15

1-2 And an angel of the Lord ...said,...ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice:...

3 Wherefore...I will not drive them out...but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

4 ...The people lifted up their voice, and wept.

7 And the people served the Lord...all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua,...

10 And...there arose another generation...which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

12 And they forsook the Lord God...and followed...the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger.

13 And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth [also spelled Ashtoreth].

14 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them,...

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil,... and they were greatly distressed.

Judges 1:27, 29-31, 33

27 Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants ...but the

Canaanites would dwell in that land.
29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer;...

30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor...Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them,...

31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants...

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants...but he dwelt among the Canaanites,...

The Message: Beware!
All idol worshipping religions have a great drawing power, and some are known as Christian churches.

Questions:

1. What did the angel of the Lord say?
2. What would the inhabitants of the land be unto Israel?
3. What would the gods of the land be unto them?
4. How did the children of Israel respond to the angel's words?
5. How long did the people serve God?
6. Did the new generation know the Lord and what He had done?
7. Who did the Israelites serve after they forsook the Lord?
8. What did God do to them?
9. What happened when they served Baal and Ashtaroth?

Verse to Memorize

Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.
Deuteronomy 11:16.

Let's



Talk . . .

God is love, yet He told the Israelites to destroy the people in Canaan. Why? What had they done?

The people of Canaan worshiped the idol Baal and the goddess Ashtaroth. When they worshipped these gods, they did not sing hymns, nor learn how to live at peace with each other. Neither did they ask their god to help them be better.

Instead of learning how to be better, the worshipers of Baal and Ashtaroth participated in very ungodly sensual pleasures. From these services many unwanted babies were born. Many of these babies were then murdered in sacrifice to Baal and Ashtaroth. Apostle Paul said, When they worship they "worshiped devils." When they sacrificed, they "sacrificed to devils." (I Corinthians 10:20.)

In excavations at Gezer, Mr. McAlister, of the Palestine Exploration Fund (1904-09), found the ruins of a *High Place* where Baal and Ashtaroth were worshipped. It was a walled enclosure, open to the sky. Within the walls were ten rude stone pillars, before which the sacrifices were offered. "Under the debris, in this *High Place*, McAlister found great numbers of jars containing the remains of children who had been sacrificed to Baal. The whole area proved to be a cemetery for newborn babes.

"Another horrible practice of the Canaanites was called *foundation sacrifices*. When a house was to be built, a child would be sacrificed and its body built into the wall, to bring good luck to the rest of the family. Many of these were found in Gezer,

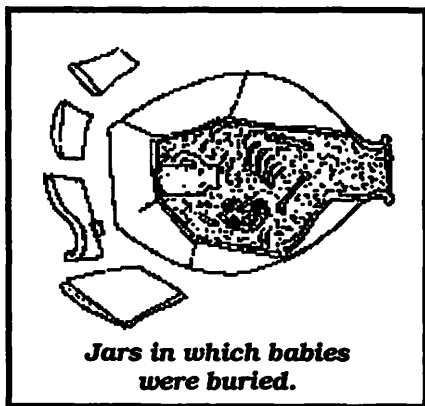
They have been found also at Megiddo, Jericho and other places."

So, Canaanites worshiped, by immoral indulgence, as a religious rite, and then murdered their first-born children, as sacrifice to these same gods. Now do you wonder why God commanded Israel to exterminate the Canaanites? Should a civilization of such abominable filth and brutality exist? "Archaeologists who dig in the ruins of Canaanite cities wonder why God did not destroy them sooner than He did." Canaan was very much like Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities God destroyed by fire and brimstone. Its people were wicked, like the people were before the great flood that destroyed all humans except Noah and his family. God said to Noah, "My spirit shall not always strive with man."

There comes a time after people have continually rejected God that His Spirit will not give them another chance to repent. Often when that time comes, something destroys that person or nation. Let's each be very careful that this does not happen to us.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information from: *Eerdmans Handbook To The Bible*, Lion Publishing 1983, Oxford, England and *Haley's Bible Handbook*, p. 166.)



I bare mine easily because I know Jesus hears my prayers, and is able to turn my troubles into something good for me," she said.

"Can't Grandmother's idols do the same?"

"Well, do they?" Mother asked.

Ahn thought for awhile and then answered, "They don't seem to. She is angry or sick most all the time."

"She needs help, for she is a very unhappy person."

From that day Ahn decided she must help Grandmother to be happy. First she must find out why Grandmother was unhappy. She began watching Grandmother and the more she watched her the more she was convinced that Grandmother was unhappy because she was a slave to her idols.

Ahn decided she must kill the idols so they would leave Grandmother alone. It was the night before a festival day. Much delicious food had been prepared and was in the storage room. Ahn slipped past the servant that Grandmother had told to guard the food and went into the room. Standing in front of the food she exclaimed bitterly, "You devils! Why do you eat the best foods, and make my grandmother unhappy? Die eating the food mixed with my spittle!" Then she rubbed each of the foods with spittle on her finger and sneaked quietly away.

The next day the chief idol worshiper, the soothsayers, the astrologists and most of the people in Bahk Chon came to the festival. Ahn waited anxiously to see if things would be different. Everything seemed the same—except the following day Grandmother had a bad spell of sickness. "The gods are angry!" exclaimed the servants.

"Are they really?" Ahn asked in a frighten whisper. I'll sure be blamed if

I'm caught. The thought terrified her. Maybe it is my fault? She felt mean. She had not made Grandmother happy. Again she wanted to die.

For days, Ahn was gloomy. Mother noticed and just before Ahn went to sleep, her mother said, "As you can see the idols have no power."

Ahn was trembling. Did Mother know what she had done? Was Mother approving or was Ahn in trouble for disrespecting Grandmother's idols? Ahn was so frightened she hardly listened. But she did hear Mother saying, "The Lord Jesus is the only One who has true power and can give happiness and peace."

(To be continued next week.)



Ahn did something she had been afraid to do.

(Answers: 1. Make no league with the inhabitants of this land, and to throw down their altars. 2. Thorns. 3. A snare. 4. They cried. 5. Until the death of the elders who outlived Joshua. 6. No. 7. Baal and Ashtaroth. 8. He delivered them into the hand of the spoilers—enemies who steal. 9. They were greatly distressed.)

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Testing the Gods

(Continued from last week.)

Ahn breathed deeply when her mother finally finished talking and left her alone. Was it possible to have the happiness and peace that Mother spoke about? Could anyone in all Korea have peace as long as the Japanese ruled? "How could they be happy when they were being treated like slaves?" she had heard so many people asking.

"How can I be happy when all around me is unhappiness, sickness and sufferings of all kinds?" Ahn asked herself. "Yes, just how, and Mother having more problems with Father?" She sat crossed legged on the floor with her head bowed for a long time.

Then she raised her eyes toward heaven and prayed, "Oh Jesus, take me out of the world.

There is too much trouble for me to live."

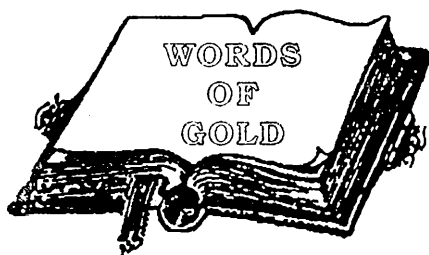
God must have heard Ahn's prayer, for that night she dreamed that a tiny bug was being eaten by a big spider. The tiny bug was about to die, yet it was struggling very hard to live. Ahn wanted so badly to help the little bug that she began sweating all over her body.

Just then a voice asked, "While a wounded bug struggles to live, why do you think only of dying?"

Ahn awoke. "Oh, Jesus, help me to want to live and be fearless like my mother," she prayed. Fear lifted from her, and she felt a great desire to live.

Idol worshippers whispered fearfully that the gods roamed the streets on rainy nights. "I'll see for myself," Ahn said one rainy summer night. She didn't want the gods to see her, so she wrapped herself in a black blanket and hid behind the chimney outside the house.

For a long, long time she saw nothing but the rain coming



The Power of God

Joshua 3:1-7, 10, 15-17

1 And Joshua...came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there...

2 And...after three days, the officers went through the host;

3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant...and the priests...bearing it, then ye shall...go after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it,...

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, ... And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 And the Lord said...This day will I begin to magnify thee...that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you,...

15 And...[when] the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his

banks all the time of harvest,)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap...and the people passed over...

17 And the priests that bare the ark...stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground,...

The Message: Obey God and He will show His great power.

Questions:

1. Where were Joshua and the people of Israel lodging?
2. How many days were they there?
3. What were the people to do when they saw the priest carrying the ark?
4. What did God promise to do on the morrow?
5. Did God promise to not fail?
6. Was the Jordan River flooding?
7. What happened when the priest stepped into the water?
8. Did the people walk through mud?
9. What did the priests do while the people walked across the river?

Verse to Memorize

And Joshua said... Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

Joshua 3:5.

Let's



Talk . . .

Critics say there was no need for a miracle to cross the Jordan for it was a small, shallow river. During dry or very cold weather it may have been shallow. Perhaps at those times it was easy to cross for a great deal of the river's water comes from Mount Lebanon's melting snow. Each year in the spring, however, water from the melting snow causes the Jordan River to flood. Joshua and his people crossed in April when floods from melting snow had the whole area under water.

When the feet of the priests stepped into the raging flood water, the river rose up in a great heap "very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan." (Joshua 3:16.) Adam was 16 miles to the north. Below that the water drained off, and left the rocky river bottom dry enough to walk on. At Adam, the Jordan flows through clay banks 40 feet high. In 1927 an earthquake caused these banks to collapse, so that no water flowed past them for 21 hours. God may have used some such means to make the¹ river dry. Or maybe the water stood up in a wall without anything holding it there. We do not know how God did it.

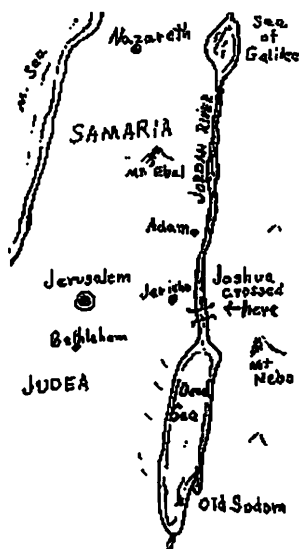
We do know God showed His great power. This was very im-

portant to the people of Israel, for they were moving into a country full of fierce, warring giants who were ready to destroy them. It was also important that Israel believe their God was more powerful than the idols in which the giants trusted. It was also important that these giants saw God's great power, for it caused them to be afraid of the Israelites.

This is the second time that God showed His power by opening up a body of water so His people could go through on dry land. God did great things among his people just as he told Joshua he would. —Charlotte Huskey

¹ Halley's Bible Handbook, p. 159.)

*Do you have faith in
this powerful God?*



down in the darkness. No people nor gods moved. Then a servant from her father's office walked up.

He looked toward the chimney just as Ahn moved a little to make herself more comfortable. "The gods" he screamed in terror and fell to the ground. The whole family came dashing out to see what had happened. Superstitious servants peeked from the door and windows.

Ahn was also curious. When she began wiggling to come out, a great roar of shouts reached heaven. Some fell to the ground, others dashed back into the house.

When they saw it was only Ahn, some were angry at her, a few laughed. Ahn was pleased. She had proved to herself that the gods did not roam during rainy nights. She hoped that she had also proved it to her family.

This had also proved to her that God answers prayer and had taken away her fear. Now she was bold.

Grandmother took good care of her gods. She had a basket in which the gods rested. All that Ahn was doing was not making Grandmother any happier. Ahn decided the only remedy for the problem was to kill all the gods. "Bring me Grandmother's cane," she ordered a servant. With the cane in hand, Ahn hurried outside and stabbed it into a clump

of firm horse dung. This she carried to the idols and touching each basket she said, "You demons! Why can't you make happiness and peace? Why do you make Grandmother unpleasant and upset while she worships you? Eat horse droppings and die!"

The servants looking on were trembling when Ahn finished her task. Grandmother was shocked and angry. Ahn was happy because she thought the demons would die.

The servants whispered one to another about what Ahn had done. Some told their servant friends whom they met in the market. Although mother and sister said nothing, Ahn thought they acted pleased. When she went to Sunday school the Christians praised her. Father commented that Ahn had a *strong will*, she needed to be a great person.

Ahn was sure all this had convinced those who lived in her house. Now she would convince others.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Near the Jordan River. 2. Three. 3. They were to follow them across the river. 4. He promised to do **great** things. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. The water stopped flowing and rose upon an heap. 8. No. 9. They stood firm on dry ground.)

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Accept My Jesus

(Continued from last week.)

"Come with me to Sunday school," Ahn asked her cousin Kame.

"Mother won't let me," Kame replied as she had done many times before when Ahn had invited her.

"Ask her again," Ahn urged.

"It won't do any good."

Ahn was afraid that Kame would die and go to hell so she would try another way to convince her cousin that she should give up idols and believe in Jesus.

One rainy night Kame was staying alone with a maid. Ahn covered herself in black and went to Kame's house. The gate was locked so Ahn climbed over the fence.

"Kame! Kame!" she called from the darkness.

Ahn could see the fright on Kame's face. Ahn laughed to herself. Then she called, "I am a god from the basket." Kame and the maid turned white. Slowly Ahn opened the door.

"Help! Help!" the maid

screamed. "Have mercy on us, gods."

Kame fainted.

Ahn ran and knelt over Kame "It's me, Kame. It's me," she cried. "Look. I'm your cousin Chung Sim."

"Get out! Get out!" the maid ordered. "You aren't Chung Sim."

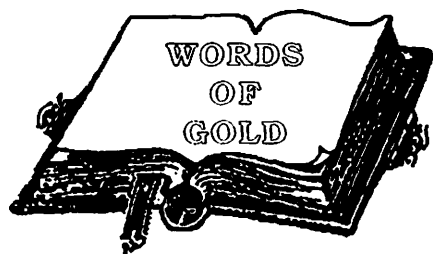
Ahn ran home crying.

Later she tried again to get Kame to go to Sunday school, but now Kame's family was more bitterly opposed than before.

"What will happen to Kame?" Ahn often wondered. She kept on praying.

Ahn was just as concerned for her father as she was for Kame. Father bought for her whatever she wanted. He let her cut her hair short so it could be combed easily. She did many things that other children in the same household were not allowed to do. "You're just like me," he often said with a smile. The thought of them being separated was tormenting to Ahn.

She prayed that he would not go to hell. She talked with him every chance she got, but those chances weren't often because they were seldom alone. Not only did Ahn's sister, mother and father



Believe On Jesus

Mark 16:16

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 3:15-18, 36

15 ...Whosoever believeth in him [Jesus] should not perish, but have eternal life.

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

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

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 6:40

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die....

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;...

The Message: To have eternal life a person must keep believing in Jesus until his natural body dies.

Questions:

1. Besides believing in Jesus, what must a Christian do to be saved?
2. What is given to those who believe on Jesus?
3. Why did God give His only Son?
4. How may the world be saved?
5. Upon whom is the wrath of God?
6. In the last day what will happen to those who believe in Jesus?
7. Who makes it possible that believers have eternal life?
8. Salvation is for whom?
9. Are you believing in Jesus for salvation?

Verse to Memorize

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:16.

Let's



Talk . . .

Do you have good parents? Ones who have taught you the commandments of God? Are you careful to obey these commandments? If you obey God's commandments, you will be blessed. God says there are many rewards for those who fear and obey Him. Some of these rewards are long life, sufficient food, friends, and health. A person always gains by obeying God's commandments.

If you are already obeying God's commandments keep doing so. But don't trust that by only obeying them you will have eternal life. You must also repent of your sins and believe that Jesus is the Savior of your soul. Then be baptized, if possible, to show the world that you are dead to the world and believing in Him. (The thief who died on the cross with Jesus did not have an opportunity to be baptized.) In this way a person can have eternal life.

God sent His only Son that whosoever believeth in Him could be saved from eternal destruction. God gave His commandments many years before Jesus came. If obeying His commandments would have saved people, He would not have later sent His son.

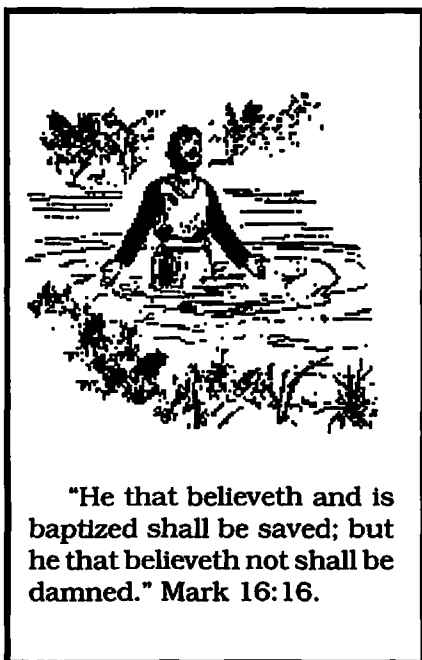
Many religions teach that a person can earn eternal life by

being good. This is false. Are your parents constantly telling you to be good, and punishing you when you are not? If so you, too, may be thinking that you will get into heaven if you are good. That is not so. Some people act good that do not believe in Jesus.

The only way to have eternal life is by doing what Jesus said. He said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." To believe is not just believing at one time. It is believing every day of your life until it ends.

Have you been obeying God's commandments yet not believing that only through Jesus you can go to heaven? If so, change today and believe in Jesus and be baptized. Then you will be ready to go to heaven.

—Charlotte Huskey



"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16.

live in their great house, but also her father's other wives and children, and Grandmother and all her children, their spouses and all their children, and the many servants.

Today no one was at the table but Ahn and her father. During the meal Ahn asked, "Father, please accept my Jesus, and go to heaven with me when we die?"

"God is for the poor," he told her. "I have everything. It is not necessary for me to go to church."

"But my Sunday school teacher says that Mother will be all right; she will go to heaven. But that you will go to hell for not believing in Jesus as your Savior," Ahn said, trying hard to keep from crying. But the tears came down her cheeks and fell on the slices of beef in her bowl.

"Why do you cry?" Father asked.

Ahn wiped her eyes, then looking across the low table at her father she said, "...You will be going down to hell. That makes me cry."

"I don't know about Jesus...or church...or even hell," he said. "I don't believe in them. But when you say that you will go *up* and I will go *down*, that is something I have to think about."

As the days came and went Ahn prayed often for her father and she continued praying for Kame.

That winter while Kame skated on the frozen river she caught a cold which developed into acute pneumonia. While Kame was sick Ahn prayed more often for her. One night she dreamed that Kame came walking up a hill where she stood. On the left side of the hill

were four very dark men holding red hot irons over a fire. Knowing Kame was in danger, Ahn warned her.

Kame walked on.

Ahn shouted, "The men are evil! You might get burned!"

Kame walked on getting closer and closer to the men.

Ahn cried out again with all her strength, but Kame seemed not to hear.

"Kame! Kame!" Ahn was screaming when the men caught Kame and threw her into the fire!

Ahn's cry awoke her mother, who came running. "Ahn, Ahn what has happened?"

"I-I-had a terrible dream," Ahn answered. While Mother was comforting Ahn, a messenger knocked on the outer door.

"I'm from youngest uncle," the servant said. "I have come to tell you that his daughter, Kame, has died."

Ahn screamed again and began crying aloud. Soon everyone in the house was awake and wailing *Aigo, Aigo*. Ahn had often heard this word, now she understood the pain in it. "Kame, Kame, why didn't you listen to me, and accept my Jesus?" she sighed for many days.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. He must be baptized. 2. Eternal life. 3. So that whosoever believed in Jesus shall not perish. 4. By believing in Jesus. 5. Those who do not believe in Jesus. 6. They will be raised up. 7. Jesus. 8. Every one who believes. 9. Hopefully the answer is, "yes.")

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Honor Thy Father

(Continued from last week.)

"Mother, did you hear from Father today?" Ahn asked, as she laid her Japanese history book and a package on the table.

"I talked with Grandmother. She hasn't heard for a long time either. The last she heard he had left China and was living in Manchuria," Mother said.

"I'd love to see him before I leave. He'll be surprised how I have changed. I'm not his mischievous little girl with cropped hair anymore."

"He will come and see you," Mother said, trying to comfort Ahn. "I'm sorry it has to be this way. I don't like it either. But Jesus will be with us whatever happens. He has helped us thus far."

"Yes, Jesus and Sister. Look at this new outfit she just bought me." Ahn opened the package and held up an expensive, embroidered, silk coat.

"It's beautiful!" Mother exclaimed.

"What would you do without your sister?"

"I'd just be without a coat. I gave my other one to poor Mrs. Okja."

"Ahn, you didn't?"

"Are you surprised that I do as you do?"

"Well, I guess not," Mother said. "Come, go visiting with me today. It will be a long time before we can be together again." Mother filled a sack with lotion, candy, tissue paper and things the poor needed but could not buy. Ahn had seen her mother do this every week for the ten years since they left Father's great house.

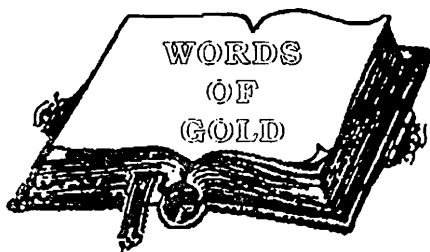
Ahn carried Mother's sack. In a hovel they comforted an old sick man who had no children. At one home they encouraged a weary mother. In another house hungry children received a piece of candy. All day long they walked and visited. Something from Mother's sack was given at every home.

When they return home, Mother dipped into the big pot of cooked rice and served herself and Ahn.

Ahn was more thankful to have rice after visiting in the poor homes. As she began eating she asked, "Why do you cook so much rice every day?"

"If I have plenty, I can give some to a beggar." Mother answered. "In order to follow Jesus, I think we should always be prepared to give."

"And give something that is good," Ahn added. She thought her aunts



Jesus Obeys

Luke 2:41-52

41 Now his [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

The Message: Parents must be honored and obeyed even though the child may be wiser than his or her parents.

Questions:

1. Where did Jesus go with His parents?
2. How old was Jesus?
3. Where did His parents first look for Him?
4. How many days before they found Jesus?
5. Where did they find Jesus?
6. What was Jesus doing in the temple?
7. Did Mary scold Jesus?
8. Did Jesus submit and go with His parents?
9. Who had more wisdom, Jesus or His parents?

Verse to Memorize

**Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
Ephesians 6:1.**

Let's



Talk . . .

Today we have a lesson about submission to parents. It is rare that a child has more wisdom than a parent, but as we can see in this lesson, it does sometimes happen. Jesus was divine (God) therefore He had more wisdom than His earthly parents.

Usually parents are much wiser than their children. They have more formal education than younger children. They have lived many more years and have learned many things each year. Sometimes, however, a child may have more wisdom than a parent. Should a child who has more wisdom than his parents follow the advice of his parents?

Did Jesus submit to His parents? When Jesus was reproved by His mother, He said, "Why did you hunt for me? Don't you know that I must be busy with my Father's work?" Jesus had a big job to do for God and He wanted to get started with it. Although that was Jesus' desire, He submitted to His parents and went home with them.

Christians are to be Christlike, so as Christ submitted and obeyed His parents, so each child should submit and obey his or her parents, except in cases when a parent tells a

child to do sinful things. When a parent tells a child to do something that is sinful, the child has a right to refuse and to seek help from another Christian. He must refuse in a respectful manner, never with rebellion or humiliation toward his parent.

God has helped many Christian children to treat their parents with such respect that the parents have seen their mistake and changed. Be patient and obedient in every way possible. God blesses children who are respectful and obedient to their parents, just as Jesus was.

—Charlotte Huskey

JESUS RETURNED TO NAZARETH AND WAS SUBMISSIVE TO HIS PARENTS.



and Grandmother gave away only what they didn't want.

"Yes," Mother answered.

Ahn could see a picture in her mind of Jesus giving Mother a special prize in heaven and she was there clapping for Mother. Mother had often said, "I hope God takes you to heaven before me, because you're so weak someone has to care for you."

Ahn looked across the table at Mother. "You say I'm weak, then why are you sending me away to Japan to study?" Ahn asked.

"For the same reason you have gone to the public school since your first year. Your father says you cannot be successful without a Japanese education. I've wanted you to have a Christian education and do something for Jesus. He wants you to be great in this world. I would like for you to go to America and study in a Christian school."

"But Father hasn't come to see us in years. Why should I do what he wants?"

"He is my husband, the Bible says, 'Wives obey your husbands.' He is your father, and the Bible says, 'Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long on the earth.'"

"But I don't want to live a long, long time. Nor to go to Japan," Ahn complained. "Around you it's like a little heaven, but what will it be like in Japan?"

"I hope there isn't an idol on every corner and a police stationed there to see that you bow to it."

"Why doesn't God liberate our country?"

"He will."

"Sometimes I wish I could die and go on to heaven."

"Ahn, don't let yourself feel that way. There are many joys in life. You love nature, the trees, flowers and birds, and you enjoy music and singing."

"But why struggle to learn and be someone great? What reward is there? We are still like slaves. Life is only a basket of problems."

"Be faithful to God and you'll find rewards," Mother said.

"What's kept you so faithful?" Ahn asked. "What is your secret?"

"If I have a secret it must be the principles a missionary taught me when I was eight years old. They will help you. They helped me through the years of the revolt and during the years I lived with your father among all the idols."

"I'm sure they will."

"You may find it hard to not worship idols as the other students do. But Ahn, be true to God."

"Don't worry about me," Ahn said. "I know that idols are nothing."

"But when all your friends bow before an idol, will you be strong enough to not bow?"

"Uncle and I will be friends. We'll go to church together and find other Christian friends," Ahn promised.

"I will be praying for you. Now here are the principles."

Ahn wrote them on the front leaf of her Bible.

"Ahn, promise me that you will never bow to any idol god."

"I promise," Ahn said.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. To Jerusalem. 2. Twelve years old. 3. Among their family and acquaintances. 4. Three. 5. In the temple. 6. Jesus was listening and asking questions. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. Jesus.)

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Hymn for Mother's Day

I pray that you will greatly bless
My mother on this day,
With treasures from thy heavenly store
That cannot pass away.

O God, I thank thee for the gifts
That come from You alone,
And chiefly for my mother's love
Which is so like your own:

The love that shields me at play,
The love that will guide my youth,
That shows the wonders of thy law,
The glories of thy truth.

I pray dear Lord that we
May ever loyal be,
And our mother's prayers fulfill
By truly serving thee.

—Selected

Adventures Doing The Right

A New Friend

(Continued from last week.)

Ahn wasted no time finding a Christian church in Kyoto, Japan. Among the few college students who attended there was one who faithfully attended.

He was tall and handsome with beautiful eyes.

Her mother's brother who was studying at the Kyoto Imperial University came often to visit Ahn. One day he brought the boy that she had seen at the church. Ahn was very nervous.

The next time Uncle came the boy also came. Sometimes when her uncle took her places, the boy was along. Although Ahn enjoyed him, she was so nervous when he was along that sometimes she did strange things. She was also afraid that she was doing wrong by not seeking permission from her mother to be seeing this boy.

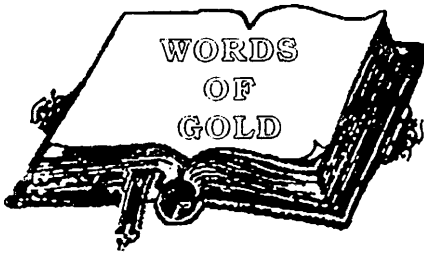
The years in college at Kyoto passed quickly. During the last year her uncle came alone to visit with Ahn. He said, "My friend is in love with you."

Ahn acted so nervous that Uncle guessed that she too was in love with his friend.

"So we both have the same problem," he said. "I want to marry my professor's daughter. But my mother will not allow me to marry a Japanese girl. I don't know what I shall do."

He sat with his head bowed for a long, long time. A gloomy expression on his face. Then he looked at Ahn and said thoughtfully, "You and I will probably commit suicide together."

"Oh, no, Uncle," Ahn cried. "You will fall into hell!" Ahn was surprised at her quick response, for she too had



The Golden Calf

**Exodus 32:1, 3-7, 19-20,
31, 33, 35**

1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people...said unto him [Aaron], Up, make us gods,...as for this Moses,...we wot [know] not what is become of him.

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And he...made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel,...

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron...said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people,...have corrupted themselves:

19 And...as soon as he came nigh unto the camp,...he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made,...and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

31 And Moses returned unto the

Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin....

33 ...Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

35 And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf....

The Message: The names of those who sin are blotted out of God's book, but nations who sin are destroyed by enemies.

Questions:

1. What did the people ask Aaron to do?
2. What did they give to Aaron to make a god?
3. Into what form did Aaron make the god?
4. What else did Aaron make?
5. What did Aaron proclaim for tomorrow?
6. What did God say to Moses?
7. What did Moses do with the calf?
8. Whose name will be blotted out of God's book?
9. Because of the calf, what did God do to the people?

Verse to Memorize

...Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

Exodus 32:33.

Let's



Talk . . .

God's people had come into Egypt because of a famine. Pharaoh, Egypt's king, put them in Goshen where they could care for the animals which the hungry Egyptians were trading to him for food. They had also brought with them their own cattle which soon grew into great herds.

It had been their custom to kill cattle during a worship service. They asked God to accept the blood of this animal as a token of their acknowledging God as the Giver of both physical and spiritual life. Some of the meat was burned. The rest was eaten in a solemn meal before God.

Cattle were sacred to the Egyptians and they worshipped the Apis bull.

For many years, God's people were treated nicely because Joseph, a member of their family, was next to the king in authority and he had saved their country during this famine. Perhaps during the time Joseph was ruler in Egypt, God's people were allowed to worship as they wished. (The Bible does not say.) But as years passed, other kings came into authority who did not know Joseph nor his people.

These new Egyptian rulers did not allow a worship that destroyed animals that they held sacred. Besides that, they feared a revolt because the Israelites now outnumbered the Egyptians. To avoid this, they made slaves of the Israelites. They killed their baby boys, and cruelly mistreated God's people until the people cried to God for help. When God allowed them to escape, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, said, "Go serve the Lord as ye have said."

During this 430 years, the Israelites had many times seen the Egypt-

tians worshipping the bull or an image of the bull.

When Moses got the Israelites away from Egypt he had to teach them how to worship God. Shortly after escaping they made a covenant promising God they would do all that He spoke. Moses went up on the mount to receive God's laws for the people.

Forty days after they made this promise to God, they made an image of the bull which they had so often seen the Egyptians worship. Then they, too, worshipped it. They deserved to be destroyed but Moses begged God to spare them. Moses, however, did punish them. He ground the golden calf into fine dust, sprinkled it on their water and made them drink it. In this way he showed them how powerless the idol was.

God sent a plague on the people because they worshipped the golden calf.

There are religions in the world today that hold the cow sacred. Some of these religions are active in America. Have you noticed how many public parades have a Brahma bull or some animal of the cow family parading down the street along with the *Shriners*. Some are dressed as clowns, some driving little cars, some playing in a band, others driving in old cars, etc. They are very amusing to spectators. But is God pleased that cows are paraded as sacred in our "Christian" towns and cities? Should we not rather be sending choirs throughout the streets singing hymns of praise to God and our Savior, Jesus?

God allowed enemies to destroy the Israelites who followed after gods of the world. What will happen to the countries today who are ignoring the commandments of God and worshipping the gods of the world?

How easy it is to do what we see others doing. But God wants us to obey His commandments and do as Jesus would do. Are you doing what Jesus would do or doing as your friends do?

—Charlotte Huskey

often thought about suicide. Now she knew that the fear of going to hell had kept her alive.

"I can't help it. I love her just that much. Maybe you can persuade our family to allow us to marry whom we love," he said.

A few months later, before leaving for home, Ahn's uncle and her friend came to tell her good-bye.

Her uncle said, "Please, Ahn, convince our family to let us marry our friends."

"I will try," she answered.

Her friends beautiful eyes looked into Ahn soft eyes and he said, "I will be writing to you."

"I will love that," she answered.

"And please get permission from your mother and return and marry me," he begged.

"I will do my best to persuade Mother," she said softly. "If I cannot convince her, I will not answer your letters."

"I'll be expecting an answer," he said. "Good-bye."

"Good-bye," she said. Tears glistened in her eyes.

It was four o'clock in the morning. Icicles hanging from the eaves of the houses sparkled in the moonlight as Ahn and her mother hurried to the Korean Christian Church. Mother never spoke to anyone in the morning until she had first talked with God at the church. They walked in silence until they came to a shrine (idol) along the road. Then Mother stomped the ground and said, "Perish and disappear, in the name of Jesus Christ who has risen from the dead to live forever." Three times she stomped and repeated the same words, then they continued on to the church in silence.

When they passed the shrine on the way home, Mother again stomped and said, "Perish and disappear, in the name of Jesus Christ who has

risen from the dead to live forever!"

After the stomping ritual was completed three times and they had started on their way, Ahn said, "The Japanese now have all of Korea under their shrine, and the nation is among the strongest in all the world. What do you think just one person can do?"

"In God's sight," she said quietly, "one person with true faith in Him is far more important than a thousand without faith. Abraham and Moses and David all stood alone. They were called and served God as individuals. I believe God is the same today."

The words of II Chronicles 16:9 are true, Ahn thought, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

"I'm only an ignorant woman," Mother continued, "and only follow the will of God. I'll go against the idol and beseech that the will of God also shall be mine."

Great power showed in Mother's eyes. The strength within her was the desire to follow God to the end without wavering. Maybe the two of us can do something, Ahn thought. Mother has faith, God has the power, and I have mastered the Japanese language. The thought inspired Ahn so that she went every morning at 4:00 a.m. to the church to pray with her mother.

(To be continued next week.)

4 (Answers: 1. To make a god. 2. Their gold earrings. 3. A golden calf. 4. An altar. 5. A feast unto the Lord. 6. "Go down for the people have corrupted themselves." 7. He ground the calf into gold dust, sprinkled it on the water and made the people drink it. 8. Whosoever has sinned. 9. He plagued them.)

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Adventures Doing The Right

Honoring Mother

(Continued from last week.)

As Mother and Ahn were eating breakfast, a servant laid a letter on the low table. Ahn's cheeks burned when she saw it was from her friend in Japan.

After breakfast, Mother said, "Letters are coming almost every day for you. Sister has been reading them for me."

"Reading my letters?"

"I cannot read Japanese, and you do not have permission to receive letters from a boy. Why didn't you ask?"

"Because you and your mother were so opposed to Uncle having a Japanese girlfriend," she admitted.

"Tell me, where did you meet this man?"

"I first saw him at church, he is Uncle's best friend," Ahn said, her voice trembling.

"Is that all?" she questioned.

"He never visited me unless Uncle was with him," Ahn said.

"Ahn, you know how difficult it is to live with a family that loves idols."

"But he is a Christian," Ahn protested.

"He may be. But to marry a Japanese means to surrender to the idols that they worship. The nation is controlled by idols, and I don't believe it would be a good marriage."

Ahn sat with her head down for a long time, then said, "Maybe not."

"Then why...?"

"It's just that I love him and owe my life to him. One day we were in the mountains and I fell from a high cliff down fifty feet into the river. I hit the water so hard, that I passed out. He jumped in and rescued me."

"Would you marry a Shinto worshiper just because he rescued you?"

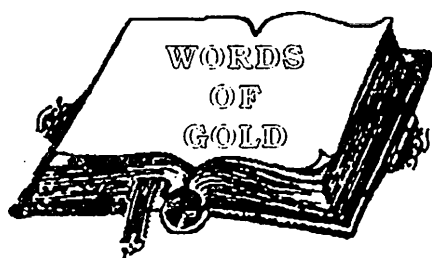
"No."

"You owe your life to Jesus who has saved your everlasting soul. Besides it is too cruel to force such a weak person as you to take the responsibilities of marriage."

"You aren't forcing me," Ahn said. "I want to marry him."

Neither spoke for a long time.

"You had better find a job doing something you love and



Jonathan Does Not Rebel

I Samuel 18:1, 3-4

1 And it came to pass, when he [David] had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David,...

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe...and gave it to David,...even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

I Samuel 19:1, 7

1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things....

I Samuel 20:30-34

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion,...

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth...thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered,...Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan

knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger,...

II Samuel 1:23, 25-26

David grieves for Jonathan after he was killed helping his father in a battle.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided:...

25 ...O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

The Message: Children and young people should submit to parents advice about friends.

Questions:

1. Who made a covenant with David?
2. What did Jonathan give to David?
3. Who planned to kill David?
4. Why was King Saul angry with Jonathan?
5. Did Saul try to kill Jonathan because Jonathan loved David?
6. Did Jonathan submit to his father or follow David?
7. Did Jonathan cooperate with his father in battle?
8. Who mourned for Jonathan after he was killed?
9. How strong was Jonathan's love for David?

Verse to Memorize

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Exodus 20:12.

Let's



Talk . . .

David and Jonathan became very good friends soon after God had used David to kill the giant, Goliath. At that time Jonathan gave David his princely robe, his sharp sword and his bow. David, a poor shepherd boy, must have been thrilled to have such expensive gifts.

David soon became a great military man and was often praised for his victories. This caused King Saul, Jonathan's father, to become jealous of David. After several attempts to kill David had failed, King Saul ordered Jonathan and all his servants to do it.

Jonathan told David his father's plan and helped David escape. When King Saul found out about it, he threw a sharp javelin (spear) at Jonathan trying to also kill him.

Jonathan found his friend David and told him, then they parted to never see each other again. David went into exile. He hid in far away cities, in caves of the mountains, in the wilderness and even in other countries.

Jonathan could have rebelled against his father and gone to help David, but he submitted to his father. Years later he was killed beside his father as they fought together against the Philistines. What a beautiful example of being submissive to a father.

Children should be submissive to parents. When parents do not approve of a friendship, their opinion should be respected. If it is

God's will that the friendship continue, God will in time make your parent willing.

Many bad marriages have been saved because young people submitted to their parents and did not marry the person they thought they loved. Many married couples are suffering today because parent's advice against a marriage was ignored.

Be another Jonathan. Be loyal to your friend, then submit to your parents and let God work. God will work out something very good for you, when you submit.

—Charlotte Huskey



Jonathan told David "Good-bye," then he returned to the palace and was subject to his father.

forget him, for I will not give my permission."

Ahn opened her mouth to say, "Father will let me." But she couldn't speak such harsh, cutting words to Mother.

She left the table and went into her room to pray. "Oh, God help me. Help me not to get bitter at Mother. Until this day, I have obeyed your commandment, 'Honor thy father and mother.' Help me to submit and to understand Mother."

As she sat on the soft cushion in her beloved home, she remembered years ago when Mother had said, "You will need a lot of self-control to make yourself do what you know is right." Ahn had found that Mother's words were true.

"Maybe what she just said is also true," Ahn said. The thought was comforting although she was bruised and hurt. Tears streamed down her face. "Oh God," she cried, "Give me self-control to do what I know is right." Days and weeks passed. Each time a letter came, Ahn cried to God for help to resist the temptation to write. After many weeks the letters stopped coming.

When Sister heard of Ahn's problem, she came to comfort her. "Don't grieve over that one, there are others waiting for you," she said. "Look, I have three letters."

She read the letters to Mother which told about their good families, their good educations, and that they were Christians.

Mother rejected all three.

Other letters came from parents of young men wanting to meet Miss Ahn. But Mother re-

fused everyone.

This was almost more than Ahn could take.

"Mother," she said, "You must think about my feelings, too. I finished my education. I'm old enough to be married and I am lonely."

"Sister is lonely, too, and she is married," Mother retorted. "She has everything that money can buy, but that doesn't satisfy her lonely heart. I married, but I'm alone. Marriage won't keep a person from being lonely. But Jesus can."

Mother was right. Both hers and Sister's marriages had not been satisfactory. After much prayer Ahn was able to quit struggling for her way. She found a job as a music teacher in a Christian school.

Sister opened and read all the love letters that came to Ahn, for Mother commanded Ahn to not read them.

"Honor thy father and thy mother," Ahn quoted in times when she didn't want to honor Mother. Her determination to please God kept her from disobeying that commandment.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Jonathan. 2. His robe, sword, bow and girdle (long sash like belt). 3. Jonathan's father, King Saul. 4. Because he told David that King Saul wanted to kill him. 5. Yes. 6. He submitted to his father. 7. Yes. 8. David. 9. It was very strong.)

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Adventures Doing The Right Standing Tall

(Continued from last week.)

Students of the Christian school where Ahn taught music were lined up on the playground, getting ready to go up on the mountain. Teachers were checking restrooms and closets to be sure that no one was being left. Ahn had sent her students, but she was on the floor of her room praying.

Noting that Miss Ahn was missing, the principal rushed up the stairs and knocked at her door. "Are you here?"

Ahn got up and opened the door. "Today is the first day of the month. We must take the girls to worship the shrine. Have you forgotten?"

Ahn's determine eyes met the principal's glaring ones. "You aren't the only one who doesn't want to bow to the Japanese idol," she stormed. "All the teachers and most of the students are Christians. Even I am a Christian!"

Ahn said nothing.

"We all hate to do this, but if we don't the Japanese will close the school and torment we Christians more ruthlessly than ever before!"

Ahn had heard about the missionaries, pastors and deacons who

were being cruelly tortured because they refused to bow before the shrines. This was happening all across Korea and now it had reached their town. She felt sorry for the principle, but she also remembered Jesus had said, "I am the way." (John 14:6.) Then worshipping an idol couldn't be the right way.

"You can see what great trouble you will cause this school if you fail to cooperate," she continued with a note of hatred in her voice. "But you don't seem to care, you are just thinking about yourself."

"If you want me to go to the mountain, I will," Ahn answered, and started down the stairs in front of the principal.

"And you will worship the shrine!" she shouted.

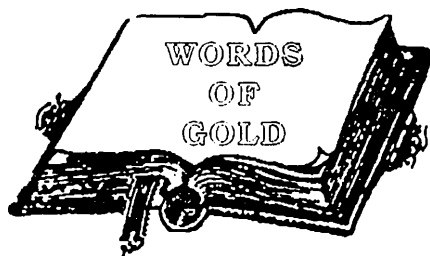
Ahn did not answer.

She took her place at the head of the line and started up the trail with the girls following. She could hear them whispering. "Even, Miss Ahn is going. Surely God will ignore our actions."

"Our principle has great power! She made Miss Ahn go to the shrine."

"It is the fear of the police that broke her," another said.

God's commandment says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven



Being Strong

**Daniel 3:1-2, 4-6, 8, 13-14,
16-18, 20, 23-27, 30**

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold...

2 Then...the king sent to gather together...all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image...

4 Then an herald cried aloud,...

5 At what time ye hear the sound of...musick,...fall down and worship the golden image...

6 And whoso falleth not down...shall...be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar...commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego...

14 Nebuchadnezzar...said unto them,...do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king,...

17 ...our God...is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not...worship the golden image...

20 And he commanded...to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

23 And...[they] fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then...the king...said...Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?...

25 ...Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire,...the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar...said,...come hither. Then [they] came forth...

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power,...

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

The Message: Be strong and do the right even though you may be the only one doing so.

Questions:

1. What did Nebuchadnezzar build?
2. Who did he call to the dedication?
3. When were the people to worship the image?
4. Who did the Chaldeans accuse?
5. How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answer the king?
6. Who was thrown into the fiery furnace?
7. Who came into the furnace with them?
8. Did the fire burn Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
9. What did the king do for these three young men?

Verse to Memorize

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6.

Let's



Talk . . .

People all over the world are worshipping something. There are thousands of different religions. Some believe that all religions that profess belief in a supreme being and teach good behavior are ways to get to heaven.

But what about those who worship images? Is their path leading to heaven when God said, *"Thou shalt make no graven image... nor bow down to them"*? Is idol (image) worship a common practice today, or did only the people of olden times worship idols? Are people more intelligent today and know that God is a Spirit and He must be worshiped in Spirit and in truth, with no connection to any image? Let's read what The World Book Encyclopedia says about idol worship in our world today.

Page 213 of Volume number 16 shows a chart of the major religions of the world. There are 10 major religions on this chart which was made in 1973. Eight of these ten major religions practice image worship in one form or another. Some use pictures, others use statues of people or animals, some use structures of one kind or another. These things are respected as sacred.

Protestantism and Judaism were the only two listed on the chart that do not worship images.

All people who profess to follow Christ's teachings but do not belong to the Roman Catholic Church or one of the Eastern Orthodox Churches are considered by the world to be protestant.

There are many protestants but all these people are very few compared to the many who worship images. For every one person who worships God without using an image, there are over 669 who worship by using images. This is true although it may seem very odd because you may not know anyone who worships idols or images.

It was the same way in King Nebuchadnezzar's country. Only a very few people worshiped the true God. All the others worshipped idols. Of all the rulers present that day when the king set up the golden image, only the three Hebrews did not worship it. These were brave, young men.

If today you were ordered to bow before an idol, would you do it? The story in this paper tells about a young woman in Korea who was brave like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. She did not bow when everyone else on the mountain bowed before an idol.

It takes strong, brave boys and determined girls to not do what most everyone else is doing. Have you been strong for Jesus? Are you able to say, "No," when others are not doing what is right? Pray to God and He will help you to be strong like Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

—Charlotte Huskey

image, or...bow down thyself to them." (Exodus 20:4-5.)

Ahn looked up at the sky and thought about Daniel and his friends. They too were being ruled by idol worshippers who tried to force them to bow to an image. They had said, "Our God is able to deliver us, but *if not*, we will not bow down to the image."

But if not, but if not, Ahn thought over and over as she drew nearer and nearer to the shrine. They were willing to obey God even if God did not protect them from burning in the flames. Could she do the same?

"Yes, I will," Ahn told herself. "Today on the mountain, before the large crowd, I will proclaim that there is no other God beside you." Ahn felt like singing.

But when their school finally arrived at the shrine all the other schools were there. Everyone was looking at the latecomers. (Late because of Ahn.) The Japanese policemen frowned. Terror showed in the eyes of the students standing in straight, respectful lines. They dared not move or whisper.

Suddenly Ahn began to tremble. Her legs wanted to buckle. She thought she was falling. Where had her courage gone? She could not think of words to pray. At last she repeated in her mind, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

"Give us this day our daily bread.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

"But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

After repeating it three times, she cried "Father help me! I am so weak." In the same instance Ahn heard the harsh order, "Attention!" Everyone stood at attention and looked straight ahead at the Shrine and the policemen lined on either side of it. The next command was, "Bow to Amaterasu Omikami (the sun goddess)."

Ahn focused her eyes on the sky and did not move, while the multitude around her bowed deeply. It lasted only a moment. The crowd straightened up and line by line started back down the mountain.

"It is finished," Ahn said, as Jesus had said when He died on the cross. She had done God's will as Jesus had done. Death might be her punishment for everyone at the shrine knew she did not **bow**.

Suddenly she was afraid.

"Let not your heart be troubled," Jesus said to her, "Believe in God believe also in me. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:1, 27 and Hebrews 13:5.)

Four detectives were waiting for Ahn when she got back to the school. They took her to the district chief.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. An image. 2. The rulers. 3. When they heard the King's music playing. 4. Some Jews. 5. Our God will deliver us, but if not we will not worship the image. 6. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. 7. The Son of God. 8. No. 9. The king promoted them in the province of Babylon.)

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Adventures Doing The Right Escaping

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The four detectives handed Ahn over to the district chief. Then bowed politely and left the room. The chief glared at Ahn. "Do you realize what you did at Namsan Mountain today?" he growled in broken Japanese. "Why were you so reckless? Don't you know the great power of the imperial Japan police force?..." Every government worker had to speak Japanese to keep his job, but the chief spoke so poorly that Ahn could hardly keep from laughing. He caught her faint smile and exploded.

"You think you are so smart. Do you want to see what we can do to you?"

At that instant the telephone rang. "Yes, sir...yes sir...yes sir," he said respectfully, then quickly began searching through a drawer.

Exodus 14:13-14 came into Ahn's mind, as he talked, "Do not fear! The Lord will fight for you."

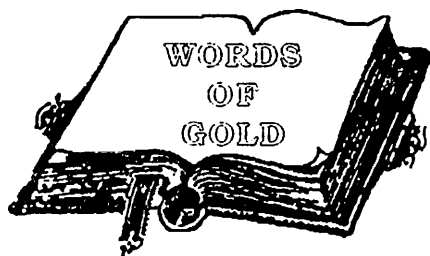
He hung up the phone, put a paper from the drawer in his bag and hurried out of the building.

Ahn got up cautiously and walked passed the clerks in the outer office. With shaking legs she went out into the hall and walked out of the building as though nothing had happened.

When she was a safe distance away from the building, she began running and praying, "O, Lord, only You could have caused this to happen. I am in your hands. Help me to listen and obey." Ahn paid no attention to the people who gazed at her wonderingly. Through the streets she ran and ran until she got to her home gate. It was locked, but Mother heard her frantic cry and rushed out to open it. News had already reached her home and three Christians had come to pray.

The Bible says, "When you are persecuted in one city flee to another," Mother advised.

Quickly Ahn put on old-fashioned clothes and big rubber boots. She rubbed ashes over her face and hands to make them look old and dry. While she was disguising herself, Mother wrapped up some clothes and a Bible in a cloth. Now Ahn looked very much like a poor farm lady.



Hiding God's Prophets

**I Kings 18:1-5, 7-8,
12-13, 15-16**

1 ...The word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 ...There was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah,... (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go...unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him:...

8 And [Elijah said] go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

12 And [Obadiah answered] it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the Lord shall carry thee whither I know not;...and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the proph-

ets of the Lord, how I hid an hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

15 And Elijah said,...I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

The Message: We are giving to Jesus when we give Bibles, food, money and clothing to persecuted Christians.

Questions:

1. Where did God tell Elijah to go?
2. Who did Elijah meet?
3. Where was Obadiah going?
4. What did Obadiah do when Jezebel killed God's prophets?
5. How many prophets did Obadiah hide?
6. Did Obadiah also supply the prophets with food and water?
7. How long had Obadiah been fearing the Lord?
8. Why was he afraid to tell Ahab about Elijah?
9. Did Elijah meet with Ahab?

Verse to Memorize

...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.

Matthew 25:40.

Let's



Talk . . .

Obadiah was governor of King Ahab's palace. He was a righteous man who had feared God from his youth. King Ahab and his wife Jezebel had done more evil than any of the kings that were before them. Therefore God had sent no rain nor dew in Israel for three years. This was blamed on Elijah because he had prophesied that it would not rain.

Food was scarce and in most places grass had dried up. One day King Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the country and try to find some pasture for the horses and mules."

As Obadiah went, he met Elijah. Obadiah bowed and asked, "Are you Elijah?"

"Yes, I am," Elijah answered.

"I thought so," Obadiah answered. "King Ahab has hunted for you in all the countries around here."

"Go tell thy King that Elijah is here," Elijah said.

"I dare not do that!" Obadiah exclaimed. "He found out that I hid 100 prophets, when Jezebel was killing every prophet in the land. If I tell him that I saw you and you disappear, he will kill me."

Elijah promised to stay there until Ahab came. He did.

We must thank God each day for the freedom of religion that we enjoy. Rulers of many countries do not allow this freedom. People are

forced to worship in ways they feel isn't right, or they are not allowed to worship.

Obadiah lived under that condition, but he feared God anyway. He lived in the palace with wicked Ahab but he did not worship the idol Baal which the others in the palace worshiped. Neither did he help in the wicked plan to kill God's prophets. Instead he hid the prophets and supplied them with food and water.

Obadiah helped those who were being persecuted. The story of what he did has been a blessing for thousands of years and is an encouragement to us today. If you know of anyone that is being persecuted please help them and God will bless you for it.

—Charlotte Huskey



Obadiah hid
100 prophets in
a cave.



She took the bundle and hurried out on the street again. Cautiously she made her way to the train station. Mother followed at a safe distance.

A freight train heading north for Shin Ei Joo had just finished loading its one passenger car. Ahn bought a ticket and got on just minutes before it pulled away from the station. She took a seat near a window so she could take one last look at God's beautiful nature before being locked up in jail.

As the train chugged slowly along, Ahn thought about David who had to stay hidden many years. She could understand David needing that training to know how to be a compassionate king. But what training did she need? There was no kingdom waiting for her to rule.

At each small town the train stopped and the door opened. Ahn feared each time the door opened that a policeman would enter and arrest her. By this time every policeman in Korea had a description of her.

It crept on and on and on. When the sky turned dark, Ahn looked at the stars and planets and wondered if on other planets rulers worshiped idols and persecuted the Christians. "Oh, Lord," she prayed. "I want to shine in the darkness just as the stars shine in the dark."

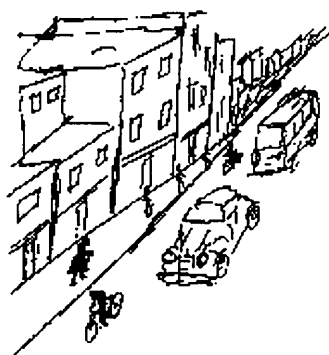
At times she wondered if heaven was somewhere among the stars. She welcomed death, knowing she would go to heaven. What she feared was the brutal treatment she might receive before dying.

It was very cold when the train finally stopped near the Manchurian border. Ahn went into a restroom thinking the small room

might be warmer. "It's so cold, Jesus," she cried. "Even the tears seem to be freezing on my face." While praying, she remembered that Kyung Shin, one of her former students lived in the town.

Quickly she started to hunt a public phone. But it was still dark. "Too early," she murmured. "I'll have to wait until she is awake." Ahn waited until it was getting light, then she called her friend. While waiting for the friend to come, she washed the ashes off her face and hands, changed clothes and combed her hair.

(To be continued next week.)



Ahn ran through the streets until she came to her home.

(Answers: 1. To see Ahab. 2. Obadiah. 3. To find grass for the horses and mules. 4. Hid God's prophets. 5. He hid 100 prophets. 6. Yes. 7. Since his youth. 8. He was afraid God's spirit would move Elijah and Ahab would not find Elijah and would then kill him. 9. Yes.)

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Hiding In A Mansion

(Continued from last week.)

Kyung Shin invited Ahn into her warm home at Shin Ei Joo. How delicious the warmth felt to Ahn after being in the cold train station all night. What would it be like to live every day without fear in such a lovely home? Ahn thought.

Her friend's eyes widened when Ahn told how she did not bow to the shrine on Namsan Mountain and was escaping like so many other persecuted Christians. When Ahn finished she asked, "How is it with the Christians here?"

"Persecution is severe," Kyung answered. "Christians are moving away from the city daily."

"Are you planning to leave?" Ahn asked.

Her answer was quick, "I've stopped going to church. I'm being a secret Christian."

That evening Ahn called her sister so she could let Mother know she was okay?

"Come here with us," Sister invited. "Mother is here." Ahn talked awhile, then put down the phone.

"I have great news!" she told Kyung "There is no persecution in Jung Joo

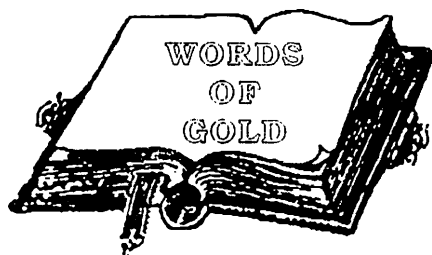
where my sister lives. She also said that no policeman rides the last train, so I think I will try to catch it."

"I'm sorry you have to leave so soon," Kyung answered, "but maybe you will be safer there."

Jung Joo was such a small town that all the people knew each other. When visitors arrived, nosy ladies began asking, "Who are they? Where are they from? Why are they here?"

No one must know who Ahn is, why she came, nor where she will be staying, so a secret messenger met her. He led Ahn into the darkness away from the station where her sister was waiting. Sister covered Ahn with a shawl and said, "Walk quietly and don't talk so no one will know that you are here." Sister's three German shepherd dogs were silent guards as they walked carefully through the dark streets. Sister's husband was a very rich man so she never went anywhere without her guard dogs.

A flock of honking geese lived on the grassy area between Sister's home and her husband's three factories. They welcomed Ahn to her new hide-out. "That's enough," Sister ordered and immediately they stopped. "All the neighbors know our geese only honk when a stranger comes," she told Ahn. "Hopefully that didn't awaken one."



Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

I Kings 18:19-24, 26-29

19 ...Gather to me all Israel...the prophets of Baal [450], and the prophets of the groves [400], which eat at [Queen] Jezebel's table. [There were 850 in all]

20 So Ahab sent unto all...Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came...and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah...I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them...give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock...and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And...the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered...It is well spoken.

26 And they took the bullock...dressed it, and called on...Baal from morning even until noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

27 ...Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for...either he is talking,...or...in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves... with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And they prophesied until the time...of the evening sacrifice, that...there was neither voice, nor...answer, nor any that regarded.

The Message: Baal the god of weather, war and fertility could not send fire when called on to do so.

Questions:

1. How many prophets of Baal were against Elijah?
2. How many prophets of the grove were against Elijah?
3. Who supplied food for ALL these false prophets?
4. Where did all Israel and the prophets meet Elijah?
5. What would the real God do?
6. What happened at noon?
7. Why did Elijah tell them to cry louder?
8. How long did the prophets pray to Baal?
9. Did Baal answer?

Verse to Memorize

The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not;...

Psalms 135:15-17.

Let's



Talk . . .

Baal was the god of the Canaanites. He was worshipped in various forms as the god of weather, of war or fertility. Baal worshipers called on Baal when they needed rain, or when there was too much rain they prayed to Baal to send more sunny days.

Archaeologists have uncovered much important information about Baal. One stone shows Baal holding an axe and thunderbolt. Baal was worshipped for hundreds of years by many different countries and civilizations, including the Canaanites, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, Greeks and Romans.

Elijah challenged Baal on his own grounds. If Baal controlled the weather, then he controlled the lightning. Elijah said, "The God who answers by fire from heaven is the true God." The priest and people agreed that was a good test.

This is not the first time God has proved himself among His people by controlling the weather. Years before this, the Israelites had begged for a king until God finally gave them one. Samuel cautioned the people about the mistake they were making by leaving the direct leadership of God to follow a king. He said, "It is wheat harvest time, a time when rain doesn't come, but God will send rain and thunder today, just to show His power." God did send

rain at harvest time.

Another time that God demonstrated His control of nature was when Joshua was in a battle and needed a little more daylight. God caused the earth to stop rotating for awhile.

God used nature to prove who He was because His people were surrounded by people who trusted Baal as the controller of weather and fertility. Fertility is the reproduction of plant and animal life, so these two are the basic of all nature.

The 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of the grove prayed all day to their god who was suppose to control the lightning, but no lightning came to burn the bullock that they had placed on their altar.

When it was time for the evening sacrifice, Elijah took over. Next week we will see what happened.

—Charlotte Huskey

The people came to Mt. Carmel to decide who was the true God.



Mother had never looked so beautiful. Ahn bowed in highest respect to her wise, strong mother, who continually talked with God and had inspired Ahn to stand for Him against the idols. What advice would she give? Ahn was anxious to hear her.

"It is a miracle of God that you, who are so weak, have acted so bravely," she said. "Let us thank God." They prayed.

While hiding in her sister's mansion, Ahn rested like a baby. There was nothing to fear and no lessons to prepare, no students to teach, no housework to do. She read the Bible and prayed for days, staying always in one section of the house because people came and went from her sister's home all day.

After many weeks of this, Ahn became restless. It just didn't seem right that an escapee should be living in a mansion and eating expensive food. Sister also had her own family and Ahn was beginning to feel like an intruder.

"I think we should rent a place out of town," Ahn told her mother. "Maybe I could raise a garden so I would have something to do."

Sister and her husband agreed. So very early one spring morning Mother and Ahn set out to find a house to rent.

Spring had melted the cold winter snows. Bright green leaves covered the once bare tree branches. Wild flowers in rainbow colors adorned the meadows. Zinnias and cosmos with feathery green leaves peeked from the gardens along the way, and multicolored moss roses were blooming around steppingstones and along fences.

"Springtime is so beautiful," Ahn exclaimed. "If only spring would come to human hearts. If only the powers of Satan would soon be melted away

like the snow," she said to Mother as they walked along.

"Those who are not of the truth will pass away," Mother said. "They look strong, but they are only deceiving themselves and others."

"This is such an awful world, and I am so weak," Ahn said.

"God shows His strength in the weak," Mother replied. "We who are weak must trust God with all our hearts, and God will love us because of it."

What courage Mother's words brought to Ahn as they looked for a place where Ahn could hide from the searching policemen.

(To be continued next week.)



Christians were leaving the city every day.

(Answers: 1. 450 prophets of Baal. 2. 400 prophets of the grove. 3. Queen Jezebel. 4. On Mount Carmel. 5. Send fire. 6. Elijah told the prophets to shout louder. 7. Because their god did not answer. Therefore he may be talking, or on a journey or sleeping and must be awakened. 8. All day until the time of the evening sacrifice. 9. No.)

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A Good Hideout!

(Continued from last week.)

"A perfect place for a hideout!" Ahn exclaimed when she saw a tiny straw-thatched house sitting alone at the foot of a hill. A stream of crystal clear water flowed beside it and Ahn could tell there had once been a garden nearby. The house looked as if it had been empty for a long time. Sister's home was at the other edge of town so it was a safe distance from where she lived.

Sister had three workers from her husband's factory put in a new floor, and paint the house inside and replaster the outside with fresh mud. Ahn and her mother cleaned the screens and they moved in.

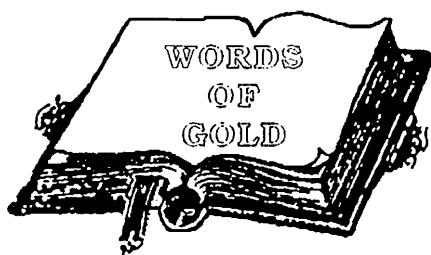
Every evening after dark Sister brought them food for the next day, so they would not be seen entering or leaving the house. Electricity was in the house, but they never turned on a light. Bright light would shout to anyone passing that someone was living in the house. The closest neighbors said the house had been abandoned for a long time. They wanted it to continue looking abandoned.

Ahn bought potted flowers and put them inside the house. She planted a garden well hidden behind the house. Working with plants increased Ahn's faith in God's power. His power caused tiny seeds to grow to become huge plants. From something ugly, beautiful flowers came. It inspired her to believe that God could make something beautiful out of the ugly things that were happening to her.

Ahn continued to dress like a country woman. In this secluded place, however, she sang praises to God as loudly and as often as she wished. Her mind was at rest, so she memorized chapters from the Bible and many hymns.

Just when things were going good for Ahn, a strange woman appeared. Ahn was caught outside. There was nothing to do but talk to the woman. "I'm Mrs. Chang," the woman said. "I'm a Christian evangelist, traveling and preaching in mountain villages where the people are not watched very closely."

Ahn trembled as she listened to the mysterious woman. Was she a Christian evangelist or a spy? She was dressed poorly and looked rather gaunt, but had keen, open eyes. Ahn's old-fashioned clothes and rub-



The True God

I Kings 18:30-40

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him....

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob,...

32 And...he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar,...

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on...

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And...Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God...

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God,...

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they

said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slew them there.

The Message: The God that controls everything is the God that we should serve.

Questions:

1. What did Elijah tell the people to do?
2. How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?
3. In whose name did Elijah build the altar?
4. How many times did the men put water on Elijah's sacrifice?
5. Altogether how many barrels of water were put on the sacrifice?
6. Did Elijah also have the trench filled with water?
7. What was burned up by the fire which God sent?
8. What did the people do when the fire fell?
9. What happened to the priests of Baal?

Verse to Memorize

...The God that answereth by fire, let him be God....

I Kings 18:24.

Let's



Talk . . .

Elijah had challenged 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the groves. They all agreed that the God which answered by fire was the real God. The prophets of Baal had cried to their God all day. In this lesson it is Elijah's turn to pray.

The Hebrews had no word for nature other than the idea of the activity of God Himself. It was God who spoke in the thunderstorm. God was blessing when the rain fell; He was cursing when the drought came. God breathed in the wind, and He judged when there were earthquakes. He manifested His glory in the heavens. They saw God working in the activity and mysteries of nature yet they understood that He was also above and beyond all nature.

Now let us learn some things about Baal so we can better understand why it was so important that the worship of Baal be stopped. Baal and his wife Ashtaroth were the gods of the Canaanites and other nations around Israel. The Baal family, (he and his goddess wife Ashtaroth and other less important gods) were called upon to solve problems of weather, war, and fertility. Ashtaroth was the personification of the reproduction principle. The reproduction of all life was attributed to her. If plants grew, it was because she caused the seed to sprout. If fruit trees did not produce fruit it was because she was angry. If the cattle had many calves, she was thanked. If a horse produced a fine foal, Ashtaroth was praised. When a woman had no babies, it was said that she had angered the god Ashtaroth.

Baal took the place of the true God. Besides this, during worship service the most hideous things were done, often sacrificing humans, especially newborn babies.

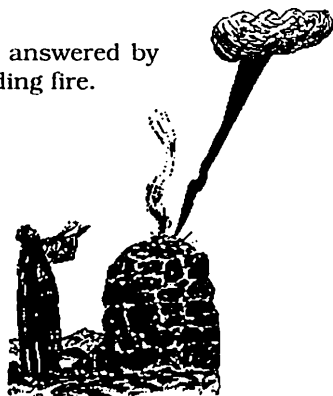
God sent a drought and other troubles on Israel trying to get them to stop this hideous worship, but they kept doing it. After three and one-half years of drought, God told Elijah to destroy the prophets of Baal, and he would send rain.

First though, Elijah must convince the people that Baal had no power and that the Lord God only could help them out of their troubles. After the demonstration on Mount Carmel the people were ready to reject Baal and to again serve God. (Although Jezebel did not change.)

It took a lot of courage for Elijah to challenge Queen Jezebel and all her prophets. But in doing so he showed God's great power and that Baal had no power. God is in control of everything. —Charlotte Huskey

People who worship nature apart from God are worshiping the same spirit as Baal. The belief of evolution comes from the same spirit.

God answered by sending fire.



ber shoes were a camouflage. Were hers?

"I quit going to church when an altar to an idol was set up where I attended, and the Japanese sent policemen to every service to see that each Christian bowed at the altar," she continued.

Ahn listened until she was convinced the woman was really a Christian. Then Ahn invited her inside, and told why she was hiding in the straw-thatched house.

"I wish you could be with me," the evangelist said, her eyes sparkling. "One can hear people praying as they walk through the mountains. I have been in caves where pastors, elders and deacons are gathering to have meetings. They eat only wild plants, but they are healthy and swift."

This is like it was in Elijah's time, when he had to hide in a cave to escape wicked Queen Jezebel, Ahn thought as she listen to the stories Mrs. Chang was telling.

"But you are like a princess, so frail and delicate. I wonder if you will be able to survive," she said shaking her head. "It is difficult to understand why God would choose such a protected young lady to stand up for Him." She looked very thoughtful then added with a smile, "But we shouldn't complain. We don't always know His will or purpose."

Ahn had a few more weeks rest and then late one night after Ahn and Mother had been asleep for hours, someone knocked at the door. Ahn was terrified.

"I'm Deacon Lee. Mrs. Chang told me about you," a voice in the darkness called.

"Maybe it's a trap," Ahn whispered.

Mother was full of faith. She let

him in. He was thin, his clothes tattered, his hair long, yet his face glowed with joy and there was a gleam in his eye.

Ahn relaxed while listening to his thrilling stories. Hundred of Christians in the mountains were praying together against the power of Japan that would not allow freedom of religion.

"God will surely remove them from all of Korea," Ahn thought.

He prayed a long, solemn prayer when Mother sat food on the table. Then he ate rapidly. "I sent my family to live with relatives in Manchuria before I went to the mountains two years ago," he said. "Food is hard to find. That's why I am so hungry, but I have strength even when I don't eat. The cold winters are the worst," he said, as he began eating the second bowl of rice. Just hearing about it caused Ahn to shiver. Mother kept giving him food until he had eaten all the cooked food in their house.

"The believers living in the caves have memorized much of the Bible," he said. "Now they do not fear if the Japanese change the Bible."

He talked on through the night giving an excellent report of the hidden Christians. When it was time for him to go, he said, "Let us endure unto the end." Then he disappeared into the darkness.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. To come near. 2. Twelve. 3. In the name of the Lord. 4. Three times. 5. Twelve. 6. Yes. 7. It burned the sacrifice (the bullock), the wood, the stones, the dust and licked up the water. 8. They fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, he is the God, the Lord, he is the God." 9. They were taken to the brook and killed.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Adventures Doing The Right

The Straw-thatched Hut

(Continued from last week.)

Ahn and Mother knew their happy life in the straw-thatched hut near Jung Joo could not last forever. It had become a refuge not only for them, but for many homeless believers. More and more came—always at night. The powers of Satan would not let this continue.

Ahn's sister was anxious to do something for Jesus, so she began bringing more and more food. The little hut became a food supply station for the believers in hiding.

Their reports inspired Ahn greatly until she began wishing that she could join them, though she dare not, lest the officials hunting her would also find the hidden community of Christians.

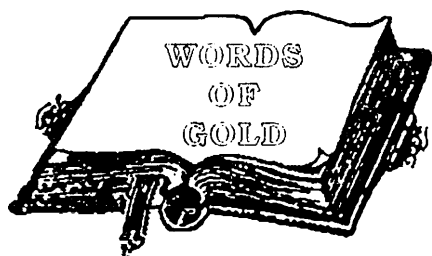
There were no medicines or doctors among the believers, so each one had to trust God for healing as well as for food and shelter. Several had been marvelously healed, also at times when they were hungry, God took the hunger away or sent food. When they were cut off from their water supply, God took away their thirst.

Ahn decided she would fast in order to train herself to go without food. She had fasted for three days. Now she would fast for seven days.

After that fast she could understand the scriptures much better. One time she did not eat for ten days. When the ten days were ended, Ahn felt like she had conquered the world. She felt that she had faith to endure any persecution in the future. She had more desire to read the Bible and memorize important scriptures she would need if her Bible would be taken away.

Now every day she learned a spiritual lesson. During rain storms she opened the windows of the little cottage to feel the wind and hear the song of the rain and the blasts of the thunder. They proclaimed the power of God. She watched the lightning piercing the darkness. The activities of the storms assured her that God never changed. From age to age His power was the same.

When hot summer came the rains slacked off and the stream became shallow. Unusual grasses and pretty little flowers popped up along the banks where water had been. "I am like those little, nameless plants, a hidden, frail flower that nobody knows. But like these plants, help



Elijah Hides

I Kings 19:1-10, 15, 17-18

1 ...Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and...how he had slain all the prophets [of Baal]...

2 Then Jezebel sent...unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me,...if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow...

3 And...he arose, and went for his life,...

4 ...And sat down under a juniper tree:...and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life;...

5 And as he...slept...an angel touched him, and said...Arise and eat.

6 And...there was a cake...and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel...came again...and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the...Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant,...I only, am left; and they seek my life,...

15 And the Lord said unto him, Go,...anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth...Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel,...which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

The Message:
God will care for
His faithful fol-
lowers.

Questions:

1. What did Ahab tell Jezebel?
2. What did Jezebel threaten to do to Elijah?
3. What did Elijah do?
4. Who visited Elijah when he sat down to rest?
5. What did the angel bring Elijah?
6. How long before Elijah ate again?
7. What did Elijah complain to God?
8. Was Elijah the only man of God left in Israel?
9. How many people had not bowed nor kissed Baal?

Verse to Memorize

...Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor for-sake thee.

Hebrews 13:5.

Let's



Talk . . .

Elijah had worked very hard all day on Mount Carmel. He built an altar, cut and dressed a bullock and endured a day watching the prophets of Baal shout, jump and cut themselves. After God answered his prayers and sent fire from heaven Elijah rounded up all the evil prophets and destroyed them. And that isn't all he did in one day. He told Ahab, "There will be rain now since all the wicked prophets are out of the land." Then he went higher up on the mountain and wrestled with the Lord in prayer until God sent him a sign of rain. What a lot of work to do in one day! He must have been exhausted!

There had been no rain or dew in Israel for more than three years because of the wickedness. Now the rain was falling. There would be food for the people and grass for the cattle and horses. How thankful Ahab should have been. Instead of thanking God for the rain, Ahab went home and told Jezebel that Elijah had slain all her prophets of Baal and of the groves.

Elijah may have been resting peacefully thinking that the miracle on Mount Carmel had converted Ahab, Jezebel, and all the court. But he found that he was mistaken when Jezebel's messenger arrived telling him of her plans to kill him by the morrow. Knowing that Jezebel was capable of carrying out her plans, he left promptly for Beer-sheba.

He must have felt he would be safe in Beer-sheba for it was in the southern tip of the Promise Land and under the authority of King Jehoshaphat. But he took no chances. He left his servant there and went on. A days journey out of Bree-sheba, he stopped to rest. There an angel came bringing him food and water.

Elijah ate the food and then walked on another 150 miles until he came to Mount Horeb. There he found a cave in which to hide. It had been forty days since he had eaten.

God visited him while in the cave and asked, "What are you doing here?"

Elijah complained to God. "The people of Israel have forsaken their promise to be true to You, they have thrown down Your altars trying to abolish true worship and every remembrance of it, and they have killed all the prophets so no one will reprove them. Now I am the only one left and they are trying to kill me."

God comforted Elijah just as He does us when we have problems. He told Elijah, "There are 7,000 people in Israel who have not bowed to or kissed Baal." —Charlotte Huskey



"Elijah, What are you doing here?"

me to grow so I can blossom and offer my faith, which You have given me," Ahn prayed.

It was then she remembered Deacon Lee saying in the summer there was more food, and the leaves on the trees and bushes made hiding easier. Perhaps the Christians will not be coming as often, Ahn thought.

One morning Ahn studied her Bible a long time using only light from a candle. Her head began hurting. It developed a headache so bad she went to bed. She tried different things to relieve the pain. Nothing helped. Then Mother and Sister began praying earnestly for God to heal the headache.

On the third day after they began to pray, a woman evangelist dressed in white came to Ahn's bed. She tapped Ahn on the forehead a few times and the pain stopped. Ahn woke up. No one was in the room except her mother, kneeling in prayer beside her bed.

"Won't Jesus, who healed this pain, also help me when I am tortured?" Ahn asked herself. She felt sure He would, and that He might not even allow the Japanese to torture her. She was ready for whatever might happen.

It wasn't quite dark when Ahn and Mother saw Sister hurrying toward their cottage. Instantly they knew something was wrong.

"The Japanese know you are around here," she whispered as if fearful that a spy might be listening. "A policeman came to the house and asked a maid where you were. I could hear him from a back room!"

"Oh, God give us wisdom," they all prayed.

"The police will be checking every train and bus to be sure you do not escape, so you must go into the

mountains. I think I can lead you to a village where you can get a bus to escape."

"Shall we leave now?" Ahn asked.

"We will need to be a long way from this town before daylight. But let's rest awhile, then we will go."

Ahn wrapped a change of clothes and her Bible in an old handkerchief and lay down for a restless bit of sleep.

The next morning she and Sister dressed and combed their hair like farm ladies. Mother prayed a blessing over them. She bowed to Mother and they started out in the darkness.

Mother followed a ways behind. Ahn could see her in the moonlight. Her shoulders bent with the heavy load she was carrying for her daughter. Ahn waved good-bye to Mother, her counselor, and to the straw-thatched hut that had been her hide-out and her school. She had memorized 100 important chapters and many hymns, the months they stayed in the straw-thatched hut.

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. What Elijah had done. 2. To kill Elijah. 3. He ran for his life. 4. An angel. 5. A cake and bottle of water. 6. 40 days. 7. "I only am left and they seek my life to take it." 8. No. 9. 7,000.)

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Adventures Doing The Right Homeless

(Continued from last week.)

It was just breaking day when Ahn and her sister stopped to rest a moment beside the winding mountain trail. "I'm glad there is a good distance between us and the searching police," she said. She looked down at the green valley and the once peaceful little town of Jung Joo. It was waking up to a new day and perhaps to a surge of persecution.

As they walked on, Ahn and her sister sang.

"Launch into the deep,

Oh let the shorelines go:

Launch out, launch out in the
ocean divine,

Out where the full tide flows.

People stand on the shore, look at
the waves

But do not try to see how deep the
sea is.

Now lift anchor and sail into the
ocean of grace;

Sail to that fathomless ocean of
Christ's love."

The stony trail and the scorching summer sun did not bother them. On and on they walked, singing praises to God. "I feel so safe!" Ahn exclaimed. "The trees and bushes hide us."

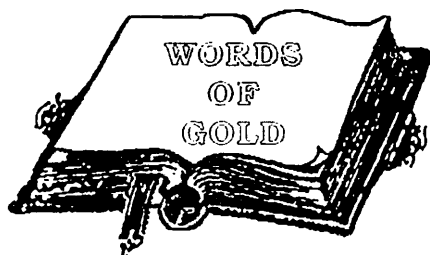
But as they were coming down into the village where Sister said they could catch a bus, Ahn began to tremble. What if someone alerts a policeman that two strange women had entered the village? Policemen all over Korea had a description of Ahn. She saw terror in her sister's eyes as they waited for a bus to Ku Sung.

Then Ahn remembered they were wearing ill fitting rubber shoes. "We aren't tired and our feet are not blistered," Ahn whispered trying to encourage herself and Sister. "God is working a miracle. We have nothing to fear."

Ku Sung was a large city where thousands of men were working on a dam across the Amnokang River. New people were arriving each day looking for work. A stranger would never be noticed. Sister's son lived in Ku Sung. He was a famous surgeon and had his own hospital attached to his home. He was happy to share one of the many rooms in his home with Ahn.

Sister took the first bus back to her home the next morning.

Ahn's room was located in such a way that all day and all night she could hear the groans and screams of those brought into the emergency room. It reminded her constantly of the torture that she might soon be suffering. Within a week she was a



No Place for Jesus

Luke 9:51-58

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he [Jesus] should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him,...

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

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

Matthew 25:34-35, 37, 40

34 Then shall the King say... Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom...

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye

gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

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

40 And the King shall answer...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

The Message: It is every Christian's duty to help other brethren who are in need.

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus going?
2. To where did Jesus send his disciples?
3. What were the disciples to do?
4. Who did not receive Jesus?
5. What did the man promise to do?
6. Did Jesus have a place to lay his head?
7. Who entered into the kingdom?
8. What did these people do?
9. Are you helping others?

Verse to Memorize

...Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

Matthew 8:20.

Let's



Talk . . .

The Samaritans were Jews who had intermarried with the Assyrians and adopted some of their religious customs. They built their own temple when the Jews refused their help in reconstruction of the temple at Jerusalem. The Jews hated the Samaritans. A Jew would not eat or drink with a Samaritan nor eat in a clean dish from which a Samaritan had eaten.

In this lesson we can also see that some Samaritans didn't like the Jews. Jesus was a Jew so He was refused a place in the Samaritan village.

This was not the only time that Jesus had no place to sleep. He traveled from village to village sleeping wherever He could find a place. Often He went to the mountains and prayed during the night. He said that the foxes have holes in which to sleep, the birds have nests, but I have no place.

All through the years that people have been on the earth, the righteous have been rejected by the world. Able was rejected by his brother Cain. Somewhere in the world today, possibly in the area where you live, a Christian is being rejected and needs to be visited. He needs encouragement and may have other needs that you could supply.

Jesus only allowed those who had repented of their sins into His kingdom. They were righteous and had helped needy brethren. Those who had not repented, who had not helped, were turned away. We must all repent, and helping others is very important also.

Have you repented? Have you been helping others? Perhaps you do know someone who needs help. Some people are helping the homeless. They need to be ministered to and introduced to Jesus, and sometimes this includes giving temporary shelter and food. Maybe you could help with a project like that.

People must be careful who they help, for the Bible plainly teaches that "those who do not work, should not eat." Jesus did not teach that Christians should feed and cloth those who are unwilling to work.

Jesus taught we were to help those who were sick or unable to work, or those who were spreading the gospel (which is hard work). In some countries preachers and gospel workers have very little to eat and live in huts. Others are being persecuted and must leave their homes and stay hidden. Even though you may not know of anyone like this, there are many. You may help them by giving to projects designed to help the needy or by sending offerings to missionaries who will pass it on to the needy ones in their area.

When you lay down in your bed tonight, ask God to bless those who have no bed. Then promise Jesus that you will help someone.

-Charlotte Huskey

nervous wreck. She had to force herself to eat and could not sleep.

She explained this to her nephew and thanked them for their kindness. Then she dressed herself like a peddler and took a bus to a nearby town. Here she got a hotel room and slept all night for the first time in a week. Realizing, however, that she was not safe in this place, she went back to the bus station and bought a ticket for a village far up in the mountains.

When she got off the bus, the children clustered around her to see what she had to sell, "Please, take me to the church?" she asked. They did.

The church was unlocked so Ahn went inside. In this remote village a big shrine had been built in the middle of the altar. Ahn ran out of the church and far up into the mountains before she stopped.

She felt rejected and lonely but God's nature seemed to be whispering words of encouragement. Far away from the village she sat down on a large rock and opened her Bible to II Corinthians 4. She read verses 7 through 10. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

While reading Ahn saw that she was a real believer, like the apostle Paul. "Glory be unto thee, oh my soul!" she exclaimed in praise. She went on up the trail singing loudly and watching the snowy clouds. Thinking how the Israelites had been led by clouds, on and on she went in her happy, little world.

Her happiness ended abruptly when she came upon several men cutting wood. She froze! Had they heard her singing hymns? These men would surely be suspicious because young women did not go into the mountains alone. Would they tell they had seen a young Christian woman?

Ahn quickly darted away, then climbed high into a tree. There she stayed until she was sure the woodcutters had gone home for the night. All afternoon she had watched the clouds and thought of her sad mother and anxious sister. Now she thought of herself having no place to stay and night was coming. Then she remembered that Jesus had said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. To Jerusalem, 2. To a village of the Samaritans. 3. To make ready for Jesus' visit. 4. The Samaritans. 5. To follow Jesus wherever He went. 6. No. 7. Those who helped Jesus. 8. They gave food and drink to other brethren. 9. If you are not, I hope you will start today.