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Poison Food!

(Continued from last week.)

The years of war had robbed Korea of food, clothing and fuel. Not only in prison, but all over Korea people were starving. Many elderly and small children had already died. Prisoners were always hungry, but they were even more hungry now. Ever bite of food that was brought to them was devoured immediately.

One day Ahn remembered the Bible story of God feeding the hungry Israelites. She told the other inmates the story of God raining manna from heaven for them to eat. Ahn could see hope spring into their eyes. Then she told them that Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given...for everyone who asks shall receive.' Don't you think God will send us food if we ask?"

"Yes, He will," they answered.

The women bowed on their knees and Ahn prayed, "God, we are hungry like the Israelites. You gave them food, and You satisfied five thousand men with just five loaves of bread and two small fishes. Please send us food to satisfy our hunger...."

When Ahn finished praying she felt strangely afraid that she had made a fool of herself. But God reminded her that He created food in the beginning and that He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The next few weeks the meals were only a bit of millet that each one gobbled down in a few swallows. To strengthen her faith and that of the inmates, Ahn kept saying, "Have patience, God will answer."

While Ahn was praying early one morning, God said, "You must get word to all the prisoners that I will send food. In this way they will know that the God you serve is the *living God.*"

When jailer Kuriyama came on duty, Ahn said to her, "We had prayed for plenty of food and God will send it in His time. We want all the prisoners to know. Will you please tell them?"

"Tell them such a foolish thing?" she asked.

"Please," Ahn begged.

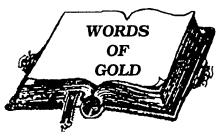
"It can't happen. Korea has been drained of her food."

"Yes, it can," Ahn protested. "God can make food. We want the prisoners to know so when the food comes, they will know that God is living."

Kuriyama just shook her head and rolled her eyes.

When jailer Jue came to work, Ahn told her the same thing.

"It's impossible," she shouted.



A Miracle For The Prophets

II Kings 4:38-44

38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and *there was* a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds...and came and shred them into the pot of pottage:...

40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the

Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

The Message: God's promise is that believers will not be hurt if they accidentally take in poison.

Questions:

- 1. Where was Elisha?
- 2. Who was with Elisha?
- 3. What did the man find in the field?
- 4. What was done with the gourds?
- 5. Were the gourds poison?
- 6. Did the poison pottage hurt the prophets?
- 7. How many barley loaves were given to the prophets?
- 8. How many prophets ate and had food left?
- 9. What is God's promise to believers if they drink poison?

Verse to Memorize

...These signs shall follow them that believe;...if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;...

Mark 16:17-18.



There had been no rain for a long time in the land of Gilgal. The corn, barley, grapes and other food plants had not produced enough food for all the people. Children were hungry. Mothers and fathers were hungry. Even the animals were hungry. People were so hungry they were eating fruit found on wild plants.

One day Elisha was visiting with the sons of the prophets. He told them to make pottage. They had very few vegetables and herbs so they too went into the fields to find some to add to the pottage. One man found some wild gourds, and brought back a lot of them. The men were so hungry that they did not consider that the gourds might be poison. They just shredded them and put them into the pot.

When the pottage was cooked someone tasted it and they knew the gourds were poison. "Oh, man of God, there is death in the pot," he wailed. "We can not eat this."

Elisha said, "Bring me some meal." He cast the meal into the pottage, then said. "Now you can eat the food. It will not make you sick." The hungry men ate the pottage and none of them got sick. —Sis. Charlotte Huskey

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"Even if you don't believe it, we want the prisoners to know," Ahn said. "At least tell them we are praying for plenty of food."

"Ahn, your mind is playing tricks on you," is all that Jue said.

Ahn knew she must tell them herself. But how could she do it? Each morning convicted prisoners were taken to the factory to work. Every prisoner was inspected as she returned to the prison. Ahn stayed in cell number one which was near where the prisoners entered from the factory. When Madam Higashi, Jue or Kuriyama were inspecting the prisoners, Ahn would call out. "We have prayed for food. You will have plenty to eat when God sends it."

The prisoners were surprised. Some looked hopeful. Most of them only laughed. Some said, "Poor Ahn, prison life was just too hard on her. She's gone crazy!"

The prison's meals always smelled bad. But a few days after Ahn began telling the prisoners that God would send plenty of food, a bowl of millet was served that smelled worse than any before. Many of the women just couldn't eat it, however, others who were accustomed to devouring their food like hungry wolves, swallowed it before the smell reached their nostrils. Minutes later they doubled over in pain, gasping at the same time, "The food is poison."

An inmate grabbed the millet which Ahn had pushed aside. "It's poison," Ahn cautioned, but she had already sallowed it.

"A quick death from poison might be better than starving," she answered, then fell to the floor.

"What kind of God is this that would send us poison when we are asking for plenty of food?" one stormed. Then she quickly covered her mouth as if ashamed of what she had said

Ahn was terrified. "We must all pray," she said and fell on her knees. They prayed and no one in their cell died.

Within hours, the jailers began carrying out dead prisoners from other cells-one, two, three, four.... Ahn was sick and couldn't sleep. All through the long night she saw jailers rushing up and down the halls carrying out the dead. For weeks the jail was in an uproar. Some cells were completely emptied. Prisoners were being moved out of crowded cells into these cells. Ahn had been in prison almost six years but had never experienced such a horrible thing. Her heart ached for those who had died without Christ and for the families of the dead.

The lack of food and the cold prison had ruined Ahn's health but at least she was still alive. She was very thin and humped over, her nerves raw and twisted. Nor could she think well to write and translate as she had done those first years in prison. Sometimes she could not remember any of the hundreds of Bible chapters she had memorized before being arrested.

"Oh, God," she prayed one night,
"You haven't sent plenty of food, yet,
but if I could only eat apples I believe
I would regain some of my strength.
Won't You please send us some
apples?"

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I. Gilgal. 2. The sons of the prophets. 3. Gourds. 4. They were shredded into the pot of pottage. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. Twenty. 8. One hundred men. 9. It will not hurt them.)





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Plenty of Food

(Continued from last week.)

"Listen," Ahn said to an inmate who knew she was praying for apples. "I heard Jue tell Kuriyama that a ration of apples had just come in."

"Sure, but she also said they were rotten."

"Probably just brown from being frozen," Ahn answered hastily.

As soon as Kuriyama had given the keys to Jue and left, Ahn called Jue and asked. "Are there apples for the prisoners?"

"Yes, rotten apples."

"Rotten apples would taste better than the weed soup we are eating," Ahn answered.

"So you want a rotten apple?"
"Yes."

"I'm sure I can get you one," she said smiling.

"Don't laugh at me," Ahn reproved.
"Isn't most of the food we get nearly rotten?"

"Seems to be," Jue agreed.

Each time Ahn heard Jue's footsteps in the corridor, she rushed over to the food slot hoping Jue would put an apple through to her.

The day passed.

Jue went home.

When Kuriyama came on duty

again, Ahn asked, "You are giving us an apple today, aren't you?"

"Those mussy, soggy apples are no good."

"But I want one. I want any kind of apple," Ahn pleaded. "Please get me a rotten, mushy apple."

"Okay," Kuriyama said, then left. Before long Ahn saw her at the door with a bag of apples. She was shivering and her breath made puffs of steam. She sat the bag of apples beside the door and hurried down the hall. Ahn huddled near the food slot and waited. When Kuriyama passed her cell Ahn motioned to her for an apple. Kuriyama motioned back that she would bring one soon. All day they motioned back and forth to each other as Kuriyama hurried about her work.

Evening came and Kuriyama left the prison. The bag of apples was still sitting beside the door.

Jue was on duty again. She brought several apples and put them through the food hole into Ahn's cell. Ahn held one close to her nose. "What a wonderful aromal" she exclaimed. "Thank You, God. You are still alive and answer prayer."

An inmate frowned and said, "If God lives, why hasn't He sent the food for which we are praying?"

"This is part of it," Ahn answered happily.



5000 Men

John 6:5-14

- **5** When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?
- **6** And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.
- 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.
- **8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him.
- **9** There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?
- 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.
- 11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.
- 12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.
- 13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets

with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Matthew 14:21

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

The Message: God increased food for hungry people many times. He can and still is doing it today for those who obey and trust Him.

Questions:

- 1. What did Jesus see?
- 2. What did Jesus ask Philip?
- 3. How much food did they have?
- 4. Did Jesus have the men sit down?
- 5. What did Jesus do with the loaves and fishes?
- 6. Was their enough food for all?
- 7. How many baskets of fragments were left?
- 8. Did the men believe that Jesus was a prophet?
- 9. How many people ate from the five loaves and two fishes?

Verse to Memorize:

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8.



Talk ...

Multitudes of people had brought their sick to Jesus and He healed them all. Now wherever Jesus and His disciples went many people followed. He went across the sea of Tiberias and the multitude of men followed Him there. Then He took His disciples and went up into a mountain and sat down to teach them. There He looked down the mountain and a great host of men were coming up the mountain in search of Jesus.

"Look at all these people coming," Jesus said. "Where will we find a place to buy bread for them?"

Philip must have thought it impossible, for he said, "Why two hundred pennyworth of bread would not be enough for each one to have just a bite."

"How much food do you have?" asked Jesus.

"Only five loaves of bread and two small fishes," answered Andrew.

"Make the men sit down," Jesus said. "And bring the loaves and fishes to Me."

Jesus then blessed the loaves and the fishes and gave them to His disciple to distribute. They took the food in baskets to the men, women and children who were sitting on the grass. There were five thousand men, besides all the women and children. Can you imagine what a great crowd of people were there with Jesus? Everyone ate until they were filled. Then Jesus said, "Gather up the food that is left." When the disciples had finished gathering the food, they had twelve baskets full.

God, at other times, has made food increase so that many meals came from a small amount of food. In a time of famine, God sent His prophet Elijah to be sustained by a poor widow in the land of Zarephath. When he asked her for bread, she answered. "I have only enough flour and oil to make bread for my son and myself. After we eat that, we will starve to death."

Elijah said, "If you will make bread for me, God will increase your flour so that you will never be without bread during this famine. She made bread and gave Elijah the first that she cooked. After that she made bread for herself and her son, and just as Elijah had said, everyday during the famine, there was enough flour and oil to made bread for the three of them.

God increased food for hungry people many times. He can and still is doing it today for those who obey and trust Him.

-Charlotte Huskey

"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." John 6:14.

"Rotten apples? Is that the kind of food God sends?"

"I love them," Ahn said as she bit into the soft apple.

"Then you can have mine." She tossed her apple to Ahn. Carefully dropping her precious apple on her lap, Ahn caught the other. It burst open in Ahn's hands. Ahn sucked the sweet soft apple out of the broken skin. Then she ate her own.

"These apples aren't rotten, they have been frozen and thawed," Ahn told the other women.

The next day Kuriyama brought a whole bag of apples into Ahn's cell. Most of the prisoners won't eat rotten apples," she teased. "You can have all you want." For weeks Ahn ate sweet, soft apples until every woman in her cell began eating them, too.

A few weeks later, however, the peaceful jail turned into a nightmare when abusive guards took Madam Higashi and Kuriyama's place. Almost 2,000 prisoners had died from the poison food. Now the prison factory could not fill the orders for military uniforms. Madam Higashi and Kuriyama were transferred into the factory.

Kane, was especially abusive. When she came on duty everyone was perfectly quiet. Ahn kept her eyes closed so she could not see Kane's angry face.

Jue was the only kind jailer left in the ward. She kept sneaking the frozen (rotten) apples to Ahn. One day while Ahn was munching an apple she explained, "God has given me soft apples because I could not have bitten into a fresh, hard apple."

One night while Kane was on duty and no one could say a word, Ahn prayed silently, "Oh, God, please let me die and go to heaven. I've been here almost six years. I'm tired and want out of this trouble. I want to open my eyes and see Your smiling face." Then suddenly Ahn realized that she couldn't die yet. She needed to keep praying for God to prove Himself, by sending plenty of food. "Oh, God forgive me," she said. "I know I would go to heaven, but these prisoners need me to encourage them to believe in You. Please God, hurry and send the food so I can go to heaven."

"Quiet!" snapped Kane. "You are suppose to be asleep and I saw your lips moving." Ahn didn't whisper her prayers anymore, neither did she open her eyes. But she could hear Kane breathing, and smell the aroma of soap on her body, so Ahn knew Kane was still watching her.

Ahn drifted off to sleep, thinking how wonderful it would be to take a bath with soap.

A few days later, Ahn heard the jailers shouting happily. Moments later, Jue came running to her cell, "It came!" she shouted.

"What came?"

"Plenty of food!"

Immediately the prisoners were in an uproar. Ahn could hear them shouting to each other, "Didyou hear? There is plenty of food!"

Supper that night was bigger than any they had been served. Besides other things, there was plenty of white rice which is better than ice cream to a Korean.

"Now we know you are a living God," the prisoners said. "Thank You, Jesus, thank You, Jesus!"

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. A great company of people coming to Him. 2. Where will we buy bread for all of these to eat. 3. Five loaves and two small fishes. 4. Yes. 5. He blessed them to and had the disciples give them to the people. 6. Yes. 7. Twelve basthe people. 6. Yes. 7. Twelve basthete full. 8. Yes. 9. Five thousand men besides women and children.)





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A Changed Jailer

(Continued from last week.)

Just before Kane went off duty that early spring morning, she unlocked Ahn's cell and said, "Come with me-an order from the court."

Ahn obeyed without opening her eyes to look at Kane's cruel face.

"Are you blind?" Kane snapped. "I've never seen your eyes open."

"You haven't heard that I could have been released from prison because of my bad eyes?"

"No. Why didn't you leave?"

"My mother thought it best that I stay."

"Strange. How strange," she said. As she walked ahead of Ahn across the courtyard, Ahn opened her eyes wide and looked up into the blue sky. The trees were budding. Ahn was hoping she would be executed and not spend another winter in the cold prison.

They entered a small room with a chair and table. "Sit down, and write what you think of prison life," Kane commanded.

Ahn sat down. "Are they getting ready to execute me?" Ahn asked.

"I don't know." she answered in a voice so soft it surprised Ahn.

A new guard came in and handed

Ahn a brush and paper. Ahn thought

for a long time. Should she write about the jailers' abusive treatment and get some more guards fired, or about the poison food that killed 2000 prisoners, or perhaps about the attitude of some jailers? She looked down at her bony hands and frostbitten feet. Maybe she should write of the need for better food and heat in the prison? But Ahn didn't want to write about prison life. She just wanted prison life to end. She wanted to go on to heaven and be greeted by Jesus and her friends, Elder Joe, Pastor Chae. Pastor Lee and the hundreds of Christians who had already given their lives for Christ.

At last she wrote this poem riddle in Japanese:

The solid Rock, in an ocean expanse, The billowing waves crush,

Against the Rock to compel it,

Yet the Rock stands unchanging, everlastina.

She handed it to the guard. "Is this all you have to say?" he asked.

"That's all."

The instant Kane came on duty again, the prisoners were tense and quiet. Ahn quickly closed her eyes and tried to sleep. Ahn heard Kane going down the corridor checking each cell. Then she came back up the hall and stopped in front of Ahn's cell.



A Changed Jailer

Acts 16:19-34

- 19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, 20 ...Saying, These men,...do exceedingly trouble our city.
- 21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe....
- **22** ...And the magistrates...commanded to beat them.
- 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely:
- **24** Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
- **25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.
- 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
- 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled.
- **28** But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.
- 29 Then he called for a light,...and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

- **30** ...And said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
- **31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
- **32** And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
- **33** And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his,...
- **34** And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

The Message: God loves all people and will save whosoever is willing to let Him.

Questions:

- 1. Why were Paul and Silas caught and taken to the rulers?
- 2. What did the magistrates do to Paul and Silas?
- 3. What did Paul and Silas do at midnight?
- 4. What happened while the prisoners were listening to Paul and Silas singing?
- 5. Why did the jailer draw his sword to kill himself?
- 6. What did Paul say to the jailer?
- 7. Where did the jailer take Paul and Silas?
- 8. When was the jailer and his family baptized?
- 9. What did the jailer do after he was baptized?

Verse to Memorize

...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31.



Paul and Silas were traveling through Macedonia preaching in many different cities. In the city of Philippi they met a woman named Lydia who became a devout believer. She and her family were baptized and gave lodging to Paul and Silas. Day after day the men went from her home to the place of prayer.

Also in Philippi lived a slave girl who earned her masters much money because she was possessed with a spirit of divination. This spirit enabled her to tell what would happen in the future. People paid her masters and she would tell their future.

This slave girl began following Paul and Silas every day. As she walked behind them, she called out, "These men are servants of the living God. These men are servants of the living God." After doing this for many days, Paul rebuked the spirit and the spirit left the poor girl.

Her masters became very angry. They went to the town leaders and accused Paul and Silas of breaking the law. Paul and Silas were put into prison. While they were in prison, God sent an earthquake which opened all the prison doors.

In those days, if prisoners escaped, the jailer was brutally tormented or killed. The only noise in

the jail before the earthquake was Paul and Silas singing and praising God. The jailer, feeling content that all was well, had fallen asleep. When he awoke and saw the doors open, he thought his prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul called out, "We are all here." Quickly he brought in a light and checked.

This convinced him that the earthquake was from God and that Paul and Silas were God's servants, He fell upon his face before Paul and asked, "What must I do to be saved?"

Then he took Paul and Silas out of prison and into his home. There they explained the plan of salvation to the jailer and his family. He and his family were saved and baptized that same night.

An important decision was made that night in Philippi, Macedonia. Is God speaking to you as He did to the jailer? If He is, then be like the jailer and be saved right now. Don't wait until tomorrow. The jailer didn't wait. He was saved and baptized in the middle of the night.

-- Charlotte Huskey

"And when he (the jailer) had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."

Acts 16:34.

Ahn could hear her breathing and feel her staring eyes. Ahn thought Kane was giving her a hard time because she kept her eyes closed. The torturing minutes slipped by slowly. The longer Kane stared, the harder it was for Ahn to keep her eyes closed. She wanted to look Kane in the eyes and say, "Go away and leave me alone."

The only noise in the ward was a woman snoring in a cell down the hall, and the heavy breathing of those sleeping nearby. Ahn thought she was dreaming when she heard Kane say very softly, "Strange." She listened carefully. Yes, Kane was talking. Again Kane said, "Strange, very strange."

During the following day Ahn wondered what Kane had thought was strange. Was she wondering why a mother wanted her young daughter to stay in prison?

That night when Kane came on duty, Ahn hoped to find out what was strange. As usual, Kane checked each cell then stopped in front of Ahn's cell. There she was glued for a long time. Ahn was still afraid to look into Kane's cruel face, but she listened. Way into the weary night, Ahn again heard her say, "It is very strange."

Ahn could hold herself no longer, "What's strange," she asked abruptly.

Kane jumped. "I thought you were asleep," She said.

"I'm not. What is strange?"

"I think people's faces are strange. I mean, no one in Korea has a peaceful face. Even the children look wicked and the holy ones look tense and angry. But I find peaceful faces in this prison."

"Peaceful?"

"Yes. How can it be that people in prison have peace when those outside do not?" Then Kane quickly left Ahn's cell as if she was embarrassed or had important work to do. But Ahn

could hear that she stopped a short distance away and all was silent again.

Ahn waited anxiously for Kane to return. She wanted to tell Kane that peace comes to those who love Christ.

After what seemed a long time, Ahn heard Kane move down the hall to another cell and stop there. At last she came back to Ahn.

"Are there other peaceful faces in this prison?" Ahn asked.

"Yes, those in your cell and in cells three and five. They look like sleeping angels."

"Did you know that everyone in those cells are condemned to die?"

"Yes, I know."

"Would you like to know why we can be peaceful in such a horrid place?"

"Yes."

"It is because we are Christians. Death will not change our peace, for we will then go to be with Christ in heaven."

"Could I become a Christian? I am a terrible sinner," Kane said.

"Christ calls everyone, even the wicked sinners. He is calling you, by showing you that you are a sinner. People think they are good until God shows them."

"What must I do to become a Christian?"

(To be continued next week.)

(Anawers: I. Because the masters saw their hope of gain (making money with the girl) was gone. S. They beat Paul and Silas and threw them into the inner prison, then put their feet into stocks. 3. They prayed and sang praises unto God. 4. An earthquake shook the prison. 5. He thought all the prisoners had escaped through the prisoners had escaped through the open doors. 6. "Don't hurt yourself, we are all here." 7. To his home. 8. We are all here." 7. To his home. 8. At midnight. 9. He bathed their wounds and gave them food to eat.)





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Christ Does Not Move

(Continued from last week.)

"In the morning you are to go before the judge," Kane told Ahn as she was making her rounds checking each prisoner.

"I suppose I will be executed now," Ahn said.

"I hope not," Kane said. "I want you to teach me about Christians. I really want to be a good one."

"You must go to God through Jesus Christ," Ahn told her. "Ask God to forgive you for sinning. He will forgive when you are willing to make things right with other people, like repaying things you have stolen, etc.."

"I'm willing," Kane said.

They talked for a long time, then Kane said, "It's time for me to go now. Thank you, teacher, and I hope they don't execute you today."

When Ahn entered the courtroom, she saw Judge Kamata behind the great desk. "How do you feel?" he asked.

 $\hbox{``Just like I look,"} Ahn answered.$

"Don't be afraid. I don't think this will be very painful."

"To know if it is painful, you would have to have experienced it

yourself," Ahn answered. Quickly she realized that the way she spoke could make things more difficult for her. But she would soon be hanged anyway, so what difference did it make?

Ahn was surprised that he answered so kindly. "I understand laws, but I don't understand the poem you wrote. You are a teacher of literature, so please interpret it for me."

Ahn took the poem from his hand and read it aloud.

"The solid Rock, in an ocean expanse,

The billowing waves crushes, Against the Rock to compel it,

Yet the Rock stands unchanging, everlasting."

"This poem pictures a rock standing firm while the waves are crushed when they hit the rock. The ocean is history. The waves are nations. The Rock is God's unchangeable laws. Each ungodly nation which has come against God's laws has been destroyed, just as the waves that surge against the Rock are crushed into foam. The waves in this poem represent an insane nation which says, 'Right is wrong, and wrong is right.""



Christ the Rock Matthew 16:13-18, 21-27

13 ...Jesus...asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I...am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 ... Peter answered... Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus...said unto him, Blessed art thou,...for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee,...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things...and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter...began to rebuke him, saying,...Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter....thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest (understand) not the things that be of God....

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life

shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and

lose his own soul?... 27 For the Son of man shall...

reward every man according to his works.

The Message: Jesus is the Rock and nothing shall destroy Him or

the Church built on this Rock.

Questions:

- 1. What did Jesus ask His disciples?
- 2. Whom did Peter say that Jesus was?
- 3. Who had revealed this to Peter?
- 4. Upon what Rock will Jesus build His church?
- 5. What must a person do to be a disciple of Jesus?
- 6. What will happen to the man who saves his life?
- 7. What will happen to the man who loses his life for Christ?
- 8. Which is best, to gain the whole world or to keep the soul?
- 9. Who will reward those who suffer for Christ?

Verse to Memorize

And I say also unto thee,...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18.



Jesus told about some people who were stopped at the gate of heaven and told they could not enter. "Why not?" they asked. "We have preached in Your name, and cast out devils and done many wonderful things."

"But I never knew you," Jesus answered.

(Jesus knows everyone and knows what each person is thinking and doing. But according to the language in Bible times, to know someone, meant to have a close friendship; a real loving relationship with them.) So to say that Jesus knew someone meant. that person loved Jesus enough to obey His Word. The men who cast out devils, preached in His name and did other wonderful works, did not have a loving, close relationship with Jesus. They were not obeying His word, so Jesus said, "I never knew you."

Jesus also said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." There are many, many people who say they are working for Jesus, but they do not have a loving friendship with Him. They pray, "Lord, Lord." They preach, teach, doctor the sick, and do many wonderful works; some even

cast out devils. All these things they do in the name of Jesus, but they are not obeying all of God's Word.

They love other things more than they love the Saviour. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15.) Another place He said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matthew 22:37.) These people will not be accepted into heaven because they do not obey God's Word, nor do they love Him more than they love other things.

Jesus said those who obey His Word are those who have dug deep and laid their foundation on the Rock. That Rock is Jesus. Those who have heard God's words and are obeying them are riveted to that Rock. When storms of trouble come, they will stand.

Those who work for Christ, but do not love Him enough to obey His Word are as he who builds his house on sand. When the hard rains come it will wash away the sand from under and around his house. The strong wind will then blow his house down and it will be ruined.

Jesus is the Rock on which we must build. A rock is firm and hard, making it a safe place on which to build. Jesus is also a safe place to build our lives. He is firm and unchanging in His plan for saving all men. He promised and will not change. Build your life on His commandments and Jesus will welcome you with open arms when you get to the gate of heaven. —Charlotte Huskey

He listened carefully to Ahn and was quiet for awhile before he asked, "You are ready to die, aren't you?"

"I was ready to die before I warned the Japanese that their country would be destroyed unless they turned to Christ," Ahn answered. "I've been dead for six years."

A puzzled look came over Judge Kamata's face and he sighed deeply. "I'm through," he said to the guard. "Take her back to her cell."

Ahn felt as fresh as a cool autumn day after a hot summer.

Only the convicted prisoners worked in the factory. But the war had created a great need for military uniforms, so new uniforms were brought into the cells of the prisoners not yet convicted and they sewed on buttons. Ahn couldn't see well, but she was happy to have something to do. It made the days pass faster. But she was very disturbed when on Saturday Jue told her that she would also be expected to work on Sunday.

Ahn prayed much during the week. On Sunday morning when the jailer brought the uniforms she said, "Please, let me have the day off. I will make up my work on other days, but on Sundays I must rest."

"Who do you think you are?" the jailer shouted.

"I'm not convicted yet," Ahn said hoping that would help.

"But you are a prisoner, in jail. You have no choice to not work."

"I am connected with the court. If I break the prison rules you are to report me." "And that is just what I will do." She stormed out. Ahn could hear her hurrying toward the chief jailers office. Ahn's body was trembling like a leaf in a windstorm.

In a few moments the furious chief jailer burst into Ahn's cell. Ahn ducked and closed her eyes when she saw the whip held high in one hand. The other hand rested firmly on her hip, as she shouted. "Are you refusing to work today?"

Ahn clenched her fists and told herself to calm down, then she said softly, "Yes."

"I could put you in the torture chamber."

"Your responsibility is to keep me from escaping, I'm not yet convicted. You could report me to the officer above you."

Just as quickly as she had entered, she left. Ahn thought the chief jailer went after the hand-cuffs. "Jesus, please save me from these lions," Ahn prayed.

(To be continued next week.)

Jesus.)

say that I am?" 2. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." 3. God, Christ's Father. 4. Upon the Rock, Christ Jesus. 5. He must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus. 6. He will find his life. 8. To keep your soul. 9. The Son of man—

(Answers: 1, "Who do men





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Rest

(Continued from last week.)

Ahn trembled every time she heard a jailer coming toward her cell. She was sure they were going to torture her for refusing to work on Sunday. Although her body was resting her mind was tormented. All night she worried.

At dawn, she fell asleep and dreamed that Suma wrestlers were lined up in a playground. She appeared with a two-edged sword and killed each wrestler. Ahn awoke praising God. She was worshiping God when the wicked chief jailer shouted, "Number 57 (Ahn) come out!"

Fearlessly Ahn followed the jailer who swayed her body as she walked proudly along. Ahn looked back and saw the fearful look on the faces of other prisoners. But Ahn knew God would use the two-edged sword to kill her enemies.

Ahn was led into the office of

a time of emergency," he shouted angrily. "The entire nation is trying to win this holy war, and you-you are just being stubborn. I understand vou are educated. Why don't you act like you are? How long have you acted like a crazy woman Ahn Ei Sook?"

For many weeks now Ahn had been feeling that something very good was going to happen to her. She was hoping that perhaps her time to be executed was nearing. Then she could see Jesus and her friends and be forever happy in heaven. "Maybe he doesn't know why I am here," she thought, so she asked, "Commandant, do you know I am being held and have committed no crime?"

"No crime?" He laughed. Then turning to the others in the room. he said, "She thinks she's in prison without committing a crime." They all laughed.

"I am here for not bowing to a Shinto shrine."

They all laughed again.

"That has nothing to do with the chief commandant. "This is I this. You are here and you must



Manna And The Sabbath

Exodus 16:4, 19-20, 22-25, 27, 29-30

4 Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hear-kened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank:...

22 And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread....

23 And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To-morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to-day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to-day is a sabbath unto the Lord: to-day ye shall not find it in the field.

27 And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

29 See,...he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

The Message: God tested Israel to see if they would obey His laws.

Questions:

- 1. What did the people gather each day?
- 2. Were they to save any for the coming day?
- 3. What happened to the bread that was kept overnight?
- 4. How much were they to gather on the sixth day?
- 5. Did the bread kept for the seventh day breed worms and stink?
- 6. What did some do who had no bread for the Sabbath?
- 7. Did they find food in the fields on the Sabbath?
- 8. Did all the people obey God's command?
- 9. What did the people do on the Sabbath?

Verse to Memorize

...I will rain bread from heaven...and the people shall...gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Exodus 16:4.



Many know the story of God sending manna to feed the hungry Israelites. But how many know why He did not send manna on the Sabbath? In this lesson we will find out why.

The Israelites were grandchildren of a man who had given up everything to obey God. They had been taught to respect God. But they had never experienced a communion with God as their grandfather, Abraham, had experienced. Therefore they did not love God as much as their grandfather did.

They had been slaves in Egypt for many, many years and had grown accustomed to the ungodly ways of the Egyptians. The Egyptians were always rushing about trying to get rich or to have fun. The Egyptians did not love God. They loved things they could see which God had created. But they gave no praise or thanks to God for all the earthly things they enjoyed. They loved gold, silver, beautiful women, luxurious homes, plenty of food, sleek cattle, prancing horses and magnificent cities. They worshiped idols, which they imagined would help them to have these things. When crops failed or a cow died, they murmured and complained to their gods. Sometimes they sacrificed their babies to these gods, believing the gods would then be happy and give them more riches.

The Egyptians had also forced the Israelites to work every day. God wanted the Israelites to take time to think about God and all that He had done. He wanted them to learn to work six days each week and use the seventh day to rest and worship Him. It is very hard to get priorities in their right order if we are constantly busy playing or trying to get richer.

The people murmured that they were hungry, so God said, "I will send bread from heaven. Every day, for six days, you will find manna on the ground. On the seventh day there will be no manna. You must gather extra manna on the sixth day to have some left for the seventh day."

God told Moses, "I am giving this one commandment to prove whether the people will obey Me." It was a very small command, just as the command God gave to Adam and Eve was small. God only told Adam and Eve to not eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But they did not love God enough to obey this commandment. Neither did some of the Israelite people obey the small commandment that God gave to them. However small a commandment is, we must be careful to obey it, for every command of God is very important.

Now you know why God did not send manna on the Sabbath. It was a test to see if the people would obey God. Did they obey the command? Are you obeying all the little commandments of God?

—Charlotte Huskey

obey the rules."

"I have obeyed all prison rules, although I'm being held unjustly. I am here for being obedient to God, and that is more important to me than anything else."

He jumped to his feet and slammed his big fist down upon his beautiful desk. "As the servant of the emperor of great Japan, I command you to work seven days a week."

Ahn rushed to his desk and slammed her tiny fist down beside his large, strong one. Looking straight into his angry eyes, she shouted, "As the servant of the living God, who rules the whole earth, I cannot obey rules that cause me to break the rules of God."

Suddenly the laughter turned to anger. Ahn thought each was hoping the commandant would torture her—"the rebel." The only noise in the room was the heavy breathing of the guards, the jailers and the commandant. "You are one of those fat Sumo wrestlers which was killed by the two-edged sword in my dream last night," Ahn whispered in her heart. She never moved her eyes from him. Even she was surprised at her courage.

His eyes fell. After a long pause, he said in a low voice, "Sit down."

Ahn sat down and looked calmly around the room. Every face showed they were angry and shocked by her rebellion against the most powerful man in the prison. Even the chief commandant was so nervous he couldn't speak. The female chief jailer was trembling.

After a long silence, the chief commandant said, "Your God has saved you this time."

"I am alive today only because of His love for me," Ahn answered. "But I believe this will soon change."

"Every instruction for this young lady will come from the court," he said to the chief jailer. "Do you understand? Don't pick on her."

"Yes, commandant," the chief jailer answered, trying hard to be submissive.

Ahn walked out into the court yard and looked up into the clear blue sky. "The Lord lives!" she exclaimed. Then she fell on her knees and worshiped God. Any other time the chief jailer would have lashed Ahn with her cruel whip. Today she only groaned. Ahn couldn't help feeling sorry for her.

From that day on, every Sunday, Ahn rested and worshiped God.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I. Bread that God sent from heaven. 2. No. 3. The second day it had worms and stank. 5. No. 6. They went to find it in the fields. 7. No. 8. No. 9. Rest.)





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A Great Day!

(Continued from last week.)

Resting one day each week helped Ahn gain the strength she needed for the exciting days ahead. It first began on August 15, when jailer Jue came into the prison saying that the second World War was about over. "You'll soon be free," she said to Ahn, "for Japan has surrendered to the Americans."

Ahn thought she was dreaming. She shook herself and slapped her face to see if she was awake. When she realized that she truly was awake, she asked. "Who told you?"

"It's on the news," Jue assured her. "It's true! Korea is free! Not one Japanese came to work today. They are all hiding."

"How can this be true? I'm suppose to be killed by the Japanese for saying that Japan would be destroyed," Ahn said.

"Didn't you believe that God would protect you if He told you?" Jue asked.

"I guess I've been a doubter !

like the apostle Thomas," Ahn admitted.

She fell on her knees and worshiped God in a loud voice. For six years she had worshipped in fear. After she had calmed her voice down, she could hear Christians in other cells worshiping and praising God.

The next time Jue passed her cell, Ahn asked, "Are there really no Japanese officials in the prison?"

"Not one!" Jue answered.

"Then open our cells," Ahn suggested.

"I will open cells of the Christians," Jue said. "I know they won't cause any trouble.

The Christians came from their cells waving their hands in praise to God. They hugged each other, then clasped hands and tried dancing like happy children. But they were so weak they just tottered about like feeble, old ladies. Up and down the corridor they waddled, singing hymns and praising God.

Soon the other prisoners were banging on their cells and demanding to be let out. So Jue asked the Christians to return to



Returning Home

Ezra 1:2-5

- 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord...hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem,...
- **3** Who is there among you...let him go up...and build...
- **4** And...let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering...
- **5** Then rose up...all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build...

Ezra 2:64-65

- **64** The whole congregation together was [42,360]....
- 65 Beside their servants and their maids of whom there were [7,337], and there were among them [200] singing men and singing women.

Ezra 3:3-5, 7

- **3** And they set the altar and...offered burnt offerings... morning and evening.
- **4** They kept also the feast of tabernacles....
- **5** And afterward offered the continual burnt offering....
- **7** They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters;...

Ezra 4:4-5

- 4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,
- **5** And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Ezra 5:1-2

- 1 Then the prophets, Haggai...and Zechariah...prophesied unto the Jews...
- 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel...and began to build...and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

Ezra 7:6

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him.

The Message: God kept His promise to the Jews and He will always keep His promises to us.

Questions:

(Questions should be answered after reading "Let's Talk.")

- 1. Who did God charge to build His house?
- 2. Was Cyrus king of a heathen nation?
- 3. What was to be given to the workers?
- 4. Who went to Jerusalem to work on the temple?
- 5. Who was their leader?
- 6. Did the enemy discourage the work and cause it to be stopped?
- 7. Who told them to start working again?
- 8. What king commanded the work to continue?
- 9. What did Ezra do?

Verse to Memorize

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,...but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

II Peter 3:9.



The Jews had been captives in Babylon for seventy years. Now they were at last being released to return to their own country.

You may know stories of Daniel who was a captive in Babylon. Daniel served under four different kings, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Cyrus and Darius. When King Belshazzar was having a feast and praising the gods of silver and of gold, a large hand appeared on the wall and wrote a message. Daniel was the only wise man in the kingdom who could interpret the message. Part of the message said that the kingdom would be given to the Medes and Persians. This happened in 539 B.C. When the Persians conquered Babylon. Cyrus began reigning over Babylon. Cyrus is the one who allowed the Jews to return home.

It is believed that Daniel showed Cyrus the prophecy of Isaiah. This prophecy says that Cyrus would, perform all God's pleasure: "Even saying of Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid." That is just what Cyrus did.

He told the Jewish captives that they could return to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple. Under the leadership of Zerubbabel, about 50,000 captives returned to their home in Jerusalem. There were 42,360 Jews, 7,337 servants and 200 singers. Soon after arriving, they built an altar, sacrificed to God, and celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles. Then they began offering the continual burnt offering and giving money to start the rebuilding of the temple. Soon the building materials were ready and the workers began laying the foundation.

Then the leaders of neighboring cities and countries began causing Zerubbabel trouble. They tried in many ways to stop the work, but Zerubbabel and the Jews kept on working as long as King Cyrus lived. After he died their enemies sent letters to Artaxerxes, another Persian king. Artaxerxes ordered the work stopped, so it lay unfinished for many years.

Years later the Prophets Haggai and Zechariah told the people to go back to work on the temple. When they started building again, the enemies came again to cause trouble. That is when a letter was sent to Darius, the Persian king ruling Babylon. He was asked to look in the records and see if the Jews had permission to build. He found the record in which Cyrus gave them permission to build the temple, so he allowed them to work again.

Ezra, a prophet of God, lived in the providence of Persia which was ruled by King Artaxerxes. This king allowed Ezra to return to Jerusalem to teach the Jews God's laws. The Jews had been captives in Babylon for seventy years. During that time, many of God's laws had been forgotten or disregarded. A group which included almost 2,000 men returned with Ezra.

It was a happy day for the Jews when they at last could live in their own homeland.

—Charlotte Huskey

their cells so she could better control the others.

Lunch and supper weren't beautiful meals, but no one was hungry. The prisoners just wanted to talk about the changes that would take place. "The world is turned upside down," one said.

"We'll elect our own leaders and make our own laws for the first time in thirty-seven years," an old prisoner said.

"We'll get back the land Japan took away," said a farmer who had lost his land.

"We can have good jobs and speak our own language," said another.

"We'll have freedom to worship God," said a Christian.

"No more Japanese gods to worship," shouted Ahn.

All night long the prisoners talked. Ahn was weary the next morning, but she didn't want to sleep. She wanted to feel the excitement of living in a free country.

The next day Kuriyama came with more good news. "The emperor has announced an unconditional surrender," she said, "and the Japanese have burned their shrines with kerosene. Miss Ahn, you won't see any shrines."

"Praise God!" Ahn explained.
"Soon I can worship God with my
mother and sister in a totally
Christian church."

The following night Ahn slept like a baby. But on the night of August 17 there was no sleep. About midnight the Christians were set free! Jailers Jue and Kuriyama walked on either side of Ahn. Women from the women's

ward and men from the men's ward met at the big prison gate. The jailer in charged shouted, "Attention!" There were plenty of lights so Ahn could see that everyone inside was listening carefully. He said, "Ladies and gentlemen, these have suffered severe torture, hunger and cold for six long years for refusing to worship idol gods. Today they are champions of faith."

"Praise the name of Jesus!" thundered from the hundreds of Christians waiting outside the gate. Then they sang:

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall, Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all."

The heavy gate opened and the prisoners moved out. Ahn's sister came running to meet Ahn. Mother was now blind and feeble so she was helped along slowly by two servants.

"So we have met in freedom at the prison gate instead of heaven's gate as we had planned," said Mother.

"Free! Free! Free!" cried Ahn. "I never expected to be set free on earth."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I. Cyrus, the king of Persia 2. Yes. 3. Silver, gold, goods, beasts and freewill offerings. 4. All whose spirit God had raised to go and build. 5. Zerubbabel. 6. Yes. 7. Prophets Haggai and Zechariah. 8. Darius. 9. He taught God's laws to the people.)





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Parade at Midnight!

(Continued from last week.)

Fourteen rickshaws were lined up outside the prison gate, each with volunteer runners ready to carry the *champions of faith* through the streets of Pyongyang. "What love," Ahn thought as she got in one. Mother, who had encouraged Ahn to become a *champion*, rode beside her. All the other *champions* rode also.

From the prison gate the parade started. Away went the triumphant heroes in the rickshaws. Their families and friends were marching in front, on either side, and behind each champion. On and on they went, through the streets singing praises to God. People awoke and peered from their homes. Many slipped into their clothing and joined the parade, one from this house, two from another. Sometimes a whole family joined. Some carried brightly colored lanterns which were helpful on the dark streets. Soon thousands of voices were singing praises to God.

The parade ended at Ahn's home, where tables had been set up and were groaning under the weight of all the food. The building was large, but only a small portion of those parading the streets could enter. The others surrounded the house or stood in the street.

No one seemed hungry. The prisoners, who had been deprived of good food for many years, just looked at it and at each other. Then one closed his eyes and began praying. He thanked God for freedom, that the war was ended, that the Korean Christians could now worship God without fear. On and on he prayed. When he finally finished, another continued. He praised God for keeping their faith strong during those long, hard years in prison, for again seeing his family who had so faithfully stood behind him. When he slowed down a bit, another started praying. Each was so thankful that God had enabled them to suffer for Him and come out victors. There seemed to be no place to



Deliverance From Pharaoh

Exodus 15:1-2, 4, 8-12, 14, 16, 18-19

- 1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song...I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously:...
- 2 The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and...my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.
- **8** And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap,...
- **9** The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake,...I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.
- 10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
- 11 Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
- 12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.
 14 The people shall hear, and be afraid:...

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

18 The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

The Message: God will bring deliverance to those who trust Him.

Questions:

- 1. Who sang this song?
- 2. Why were they happy?
- 3. Who had become their salvation?
- 4. Who was drowned in the Red Sea?
- 5. What did the floods do?
- 6. What did the enemy say?
- 7. How long shall God reign?
- 8. Who brought the waters over Pharaoh and his army?
- 9. Who crossed the sea on dry land?

Verse to Memorize

The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and...my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Exodus 15:2.



The people of Israel had been slaves to the Egyptians for many years. At last they were free! The Egyptians had suffered many plagues from the hand of God. Their crops had been eaten by locusts. Hail had stripped the vegetation. The fish in their lakes and rivers had died, and so had their cattle. Through all this and many other things that had happened to them, the Egyptians had remained strong and kept the people of Israel in bondage. After the last plague, in which the oldest child of each family died, they weakened and allowed their slaves to leave.

The Israelites traveled into the wilderness until they came to the large Red Sea. Perhaps they thought Moses would lead them around the sea. But toward evening someone called out, "The Egyptian army is behind us!"

The multitude looked back and sure enough a great army with horses and chariots was rushing upon them. Added to this problem, darkness was settling over them. The Red Sea was in front and there was no escape on either side. Children clung in fear to their parents. Women cried. Angry men tried in vain to comfort them. "Why did you bring us out here, that Pharaoh and

his men should kill us?" they asked Moses.

Each moment the swift horses were getting closer to the frightened people. Their swords gleamed in the setting sun. The people of Israel had no weapons. Suddenly God stepped in. He caused a cloud to come between them. On the Egyptians side the cloud was black and the enemy stumbled in the darkness. The cloud was a glow of light toward the Israelites. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the waters of the sea parted. Then they walked all night through the sea.

When the sun came up the following morning they were safely on the other side. Thousands of people stood on the bank of the sea and looked at the water that stood up like walls on either side of the dry land on which they had crossed. As they watched the water swishing and swaying in the wind, they saw the huge army come marching down into the sea just as they had done. "Oh, Lord help us!" they cried.

God did help them.

After all of Pharaoh's soldiers, their horses and charlots were down in the bottom of the sea, the waters fell down and covered them. Israel's enemy was drowned in the sea.

Again the people of Israel were free! They sang the song of God's deliverance. Their song is our scripture lesson for today. Can you sing some of the words?

-Sis. Charlotte Huskey

stop praising God. Dawn came and no one had eaten.

As it grew lighter more people came. Around noon someone in the crowd called out, "Miss Ahn! Miss Ahn, I'm Sun Wha!"

The bright sun to which Ahn's eyes were not accustomed almost blinded her, but she could see the blurred forms of people moving aside as someone worked her way forward. Ahn also recognized the voice.

Sun had come to prison because her boyfriend was the leader of an opium smuggling ring which he operated from her rich home. She had lived in luxury for many years and was miserable in jail, that is, until she became a Christian.

"Oh, Ahn," she said, as she grabbed Ahn's extended hand in both of hers. "I'm amazed to see you again."

"So am I to see you. And why are your hands so callused?" Ahn asked. "They were soft and smooth when you came to prison."

"I'm preaching in a remote mountain village among poor peasants, and I have to raise my own food. I've been teaching their children how to read and write, but they are too poor to give much to me."

"You did just what you said you would do!" Ahn exclaimed. She was so excited she couldn't speak, for she wondered if the people in the mountain village would know about Jesus today if she hadn't been in jail to minister to Sun? When she could finally speak, she quoted Psalms 126:1-3, "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing:... The Lord hath done great things for them.... Whereof we are glad."

Sun burst out singing, and the others joined in. Ahn remembered teaching Sun the song.

When they had finished Ahn asked, "How long did you stay in prison?"

"Just one year," she answered. Then placing something hard in Ahn's hand, she said, "I brought you some candy I made, I remembered how you wanted candy when we were in prison."

Ahn smiled and nodded her head. A large knot in her throat kept her from speaking. She looked passed Sun to the happy faces of the throng of Christians who had been praising God all night and day. "What love!" she thought.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Moses and the children of Israel. 2. Because God was triumphant. 3. God. 4. Pharaoh, his captains, and his men and their horses. 5. They stood upright in an heap. 6. I will overtake and draw my sword and destroy them. 7. Forever and ever. 8. God. 9. The people of Israel.)





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Upside Down

(Continued from last week.)

"The world has turned upside down," said one of the prisoners the day that Japan surrendered to the Americans. And so it was those who had been on top were now at the bottom.

When Ahn walked up town, she saw the former city commissioner sweeping the street with a broom. A millionaire store owner and the principal of the largest high school in Pyongyang were also cleaning the street. Others had taken their high paying jobs and they were forced to do the lowest jobs.

One day Ahn went to visit Judge Kamata. "I'm concerned about what will happen to you," she said. "And wish to thank you for being so kind to me while I was in prison. I will be forever thankful that you ordered my release when the chief jailer had my hand's cuffed behind me and a heavy iron ball tied to the chain so that pain pierced me every moment. I wish I could repay you," Ahn said to the Japanese judge. "The only way I can do that is to help you eternally."

"What do you mean?" he asked.
"I mean, I want to tell you how to become a Christian. That will help

you in this life and you'll also gain eternal blessings."

"I'd need to investigate that to know if what you say is true," he said, as if he didn't want to talk about it. "I'd have to read the Bible."

Ahn knew she must not say anymore.

(Soon afterwards Judge Kamata was captured by the Communists. Ahn learned later that he stayed in prison for five years, and was killed by a bomb during the Korean War.)

The Japanese had ruled Korea for thirty-seven years but now they had to give up their land, homes, money and everything they had in Korea. Day after day Ahn saw throngs of Japanese marching in lines toward Japan. None carried luggage. The rich, poor, old and young took only the clothes they had on and one can of rations. Married couples were separated if one was a Japanese. Ahn thanked God that she had obeved her mother and not married the Japanese man she had loved. Yes, the world was upside down for those who had trusted in false gods.

"How could all these people fit into one small country whose larger cities had been razed?" Ahn wondered. Ahn and Elder Park had told



God Controls All

Daniel 4:28-31, 33-37

28 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 ...[As] he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king...said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built...by...my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

33 The same hour...he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of [7 years] I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 ...He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth:...

36 At the same time...my kingdom, mine honour and bright-

ness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

The Message: People who believe in themselves instead of trusting in God are often brought down in embarrassment.

Questions:

- 1. What did King Nebuchadnezzar say?
- 2. Should Nebuchadnezzar have praised himself or thanked God?
- 3. Who spoke to him?
- 4. Do you think this voice was God?
- 5. What did the heavenly voice say?
- 6. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar after he praised himself?
- 7. How long did Nebuchadnezzar live like an animal?
- 8. Who did he praise after his understanding had returned?
- 9. Who rules in heaven and in earth?

Verse to memorize

...Praise...and honour the King of heaven,...whose works are truth,...and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Daniel 4:37.



Not long ago I met a tall, handsome young man who says he does not believe there is a God. He said, "I believe only in myself and what I can do."

Nebuchadnezzar also must have believed only in himself, for he said that by his own might he had built the great city of Babylon. He may have felt proud because he came from a family who had ruled Babylon for 500 years. He began his reign in 605 B.C. That same year he conquered Jerusalem and Daniel was taken as a captive.

He may have felt proud because he had erected many lavish buildings and adorned the city with its world famous hanging gardens. The city proper was surrounded by double walled fortification and connected to the newer area across the Euphrates River by a bridge. Some of its sturdy brick walls have stood for more than 2,500 years. Some might think that Nebuchadnezzar had a right to praise himself, but we know that he did these great things only by the power of God.

Archaeologists have found many clay tablets that describe the worship of various Babylonian gods. It seems that the Babylonians paid more homage to the king than to their gods. This probably influenced Nebuchadnezzar to be proud. He thought he had power and might equal to a god and that by this power he had built the great city.

King Saul is another king who fell because of his pride. He was very humble when he was anointed king. Later he became proud and thought he could do almost everything, even though he offered sacrifices to God. He was removed from the throne because of his pride and the throne was given to humble David. (I Samuel.)

Another Saul was a proud man that persecuted the saints. He encouraged those that killed Stephen and put many others in prison. He, too, was brought down by God. He became the apostle Paul and instead of persecuting others, he was persecuted and put in prison. (Acts 22.)

Elymas, the sorcerer, thought he could convince the deputy of Paphos to not believe what the apostle Paul was teaching. God struck him with blindness and he went about seeking someone to lead him. (Acts 13:8-11.)

The seven religious sons of Sceva believed they had power to cast out evil spirits. They laid their hands on a man with an evil spirit and said, "In the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches, we command you to COME OUT!"

The possesed man shouted back, "JESUSIKNOW AND PAULIKNOW; BUT WHO ARE YOU?" Then he jumped on the seven brothers and battered them up good, ripping their clothes. The wounded men ran out of the house as fast as they could go. (Acts 19:14-17.)

Each of these proud men were brought down because they believed in what they could do and did not trust in God. We must always trust God to help us and give Him the praise for the things that we have done.

—Charlotte Huskey

them God would destroy thier country unless the leaders turned to Christ. One young man, who had been in Tokyo during the bombing, told Ahn that it was a living hell. She remembered all those who had made fun of her and said that Japan would never be ruined. Had they lived through the terrible bombings that had flattened so many cities? If they were alive, did they now believe God's power? Ahn's heart ached for the many who had died without Christ. She could have done more for them. Only God could help them out of the mess they were in. Would they trust Him to bring them back up?

As soon as the Japanese had marched out of Korea, the Russians came in truckloads. The Japanese had ruled with an iron fist and persecuted the Christians, Russian leaders made big promises to Korea-they passed out Russian flags and told the Koreans to hold them high and welcome the Russians. Curious about it all, Ahn went downtown with her Russian flag. She watched as the parade passed and was impressed with the singing. The Korean Communist Party members rode in jeeps with the parading Russians. They were proud to be a part of it. Within a few months, however, the Russians had proved that they would not only rule with an iron fist, but would also kill everyone who failed to satisfy their smallest desire. "Korea had turned upside down," Ahn told mother.

Not many days after the parade, Mr. Ju and Miss Park came to visit Ahn. They had both been in prison while she was there. She had witnessed to Mr. Ju and given him a Bible. For fear of being executed, he would not admit that he was com-

munist. Now he spoke freely, saying that Moscow was heaven on earth. "We're going to take you there by special airplane," he said. "I remember you saying you wanted to go to heaven."

Ahn was afraid to refuse, for she had seen many Koreans shot for not cooperating with the Russians. She tried her best to be polite and keep them happy until they left and she did.

Three days later Miss Park and another officer came again. "We are having a special party tonight and want you and your mother to come," Miss Park invited. "Mr. Ju was to come for you, but he could not so he sent us."

Ahn tried every excuse that sounded reasonable enough to not anger them. They ignored each one as if she had not spoken. The next thing Ahn knew, she was in their jeep and headed up Nam San Hill. All along the road Russian soldiers saluted them. When Ahn saw the guards all around the house where they stopped, she was sure she had been kidnapped.

The house had fine furniture and was decorated beautifully. Ahn was told to sit down on the long, soft sofa. She sat down and began praying, "God help me. Don't let me be taken to another prison."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I. Mebuchadnezzar said that by his own power he had built Babylon. 2. He should have thanked God that he was able to rule a great country. 3. A voice from heaven. 4. Yes. 5. The king-dom is departed from you. 6. He became like an animal. 7. Seven became like an animal. 7. Seven years. 8. He praised God. 9. God.)





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Escaping the Kidnappers

(Continued from last week.)

"We are the first to arrive for the party," Miss Park told Ahn as they entered into a home on top of Nam San Hill. The room was large and beautiful. "Soon everybody will be here. Enjoy yourself while I make a few phone calls."

Ahn tried to act calm, but she was trembling inside and frantic to get away for she was sure she had been kidnapped, and would soon be put on a plane headed for Moscow. How happy she was that Mother had not been available to come to this so called party. In the usual oriental style Ahn had left her shoes at the front entrance where the guards stood watching. She decided to try leaving through the back yard without her shoes. Sore feet would be better than years in prison again.

As soon as Miss Park had gone, Ahn started her escape. She went into the bathroom, and walked into the adjoining garden, where she strolled around edging her way into the garden of the house next door, then out into the alley where some people were walking. Passing the people she took tiny, graceful steps in order to keep her bare feet covered with her long skirt. A young lady in a beautiful skirt and jacket, walking in her bare feet would surely raise suspicion.

When she could see no one looking, she ran into another alley and raced down it, then onto the main street, where, suddenly, she noticed Russian soldiers were standing in front of every house. Fearing that turning around might arouse suspicion, she passed the first one. He looked at her curiously. She felt sure he could see her heart throbbing through her jacket but she pretended to be calm.

As soon as was safe, she turned into an alley and began running and running, darting from alley to alley—always avoiding the main streets, and watching all the while for Russian soldiers. Down, down Nam San Hill she ran with the fleetness of a deer.

But where could she go to hide? It was too far to run all the way home. She was already out of breath, and her feet felt like they were bleeding. Presently someone



David Escapes

I Samuel 19:1

1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

I Samuel 21:10-15

- 10 And David arose, and fled [ran away] that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.
- 11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?
- **12** And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.
- 13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.
- **14** Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?
- 15 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

I Samuel 22:1-2

1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave

Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

The Message: God is always watching over His children and gives them ideas to protect or help themselves.

Questions:

- 1. Why did David run away?
- 2. Why was David afraid of Saul?
- 3. Where did David go?
- 4. What did the servant of Achish say about David?
- 5. Why did David change his behavior?
- 6. What did Achish think of David?
- 7. Was David able to peacefully escape?
- 8. Who came to David at the cave Adullam?
- 9. How many men gathered to help David?

Verse to Memorize

Hapry is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs 3:13.



Does trouble come only to those who do wrong? Have you sometimes thought that if you could do everything right that you would have no more troubles? Well, that is not true. Everyone who lives has troubles. The rich, poor, old and young all have troubles. Those who live for God and those who do not, still each has their own troubles.

David had done what was right but he too had troubles. As a boy growing up, David had obeyed his father and cared for the family's herd of sheep. One day his father sent him to see how his brothers in the army were doing. He obeyed and went. There he saw the Philistine giant challenging God as if he was stronger than God. David said, "I will fight that giant in the name of the Lord." For this, his brothers became angry and caused David trouble.

In the lesson today David is having trouble with Saul, who wants him killed. Saul is not angry because David did him wrong. He is just jealous. But it is causing David a lot of trouble, and David is really frightened.

David is so frightened, that he runs out of his country and into the land of the Philistines. He must have thought that the

people would not remember that he had killed their great giant, Goliath. Or perhaps he was so frightened, he could not think clearly. At any rate, the servant of Achish, the Philistine king, recognized David almost instantly. They captured him and carried him to the king.

David was trapped by the enemy of his people. Only the God that had helped him kill the giant could save him now. But how would God do it? He could cause the king and his servants to drop dead. He might give David strength like Samson, then he could overpower them. Can you name some other ways that God could save David from his enemies?

God saved David in a very simple way. He put a thought into David's mind to pretend that he was crazy. King Achish was so convinced that David was crazy that he told his servants that he did not want David in his presence.

David was then able to escape to Adullam, where his family and 400 other men gathered to help him.

Trust in God and He will help you through your troubles, just like He did David.

-Charlotte Huskey

There are loyal hearts,
There are spirits brave.
There are souls that are pure and true,
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

was running with her. A Russian soldier? She couldn't look around, that would slow her down and she might stumble and fall. Then she realized that she felt a happy, warm feeling. The companion runner must be a protector, a guide and that is what she needed, someone to tell her where to go. This couldn't be a Russian soldier. But who was it? "It must be Jesus!" she exclaimed.

"Go to Elder Yun's house," He seemed to be saying.

Sooner than Ahn expected, she was banging on the gate of Elder Yun's home, and calling loudly, "Mrs. Yun, Mrs. Yun." A servant hurried out and unlocked the gate. Ahn pushed him aside and ran into the house, then collapsed on the floor.

The Russians had already established the 38th parallel which was the northern limit of American influence, and it was heavily guarded to keep the Americans out and to keep the Koreans from fleeing south into free Korea. Ahn was in the north where the Russians had control. She could hardly believe that she had escaped her Russian kidnappers and was safe in Elder Yun's home.

After she had calmed down and could talk, she told them all that had happened. "Will you please get my mother, so she can see that I am alright?" she asked.

"Yes, go for her, and call the brethren that we may praise God," Elder Yun told his servant. Very quickly Ahn's mother and many brethren had gathered. "Only God allowed Ahn to escape when soldiers were guarding the house and

the streets that lead to it," Elder Yun told the believers. "Let us thank God, and ask His guidance, for it is unsafe for Ahn and her mother in Pyongyang."

The brethren decided they must help Ahn to cross the 38th parallel. Ten young men volunteered to go with her. One named "Brave Bull" was the leader. Ahn, her mother, another friend, her sister's son-inlaw and the ten men prepared to leave. The believers made a great meal and they all ate together, then two by two they left Elder Yun's home and went to the train station. They sat in the same train car but pretended not to know each other. All night the train carried them south, closer and closer to safety. Mother laid her weary head on Ahn's shoulder. Ahn rubbed her wrinkled hands that had been clasped so often in prayer for her. Mother, who had encouraged Ahn to be faithful to God, had also suffered with Ahn. Mother had prayed in the mountains in the cold and in the heat those six years Ahn was in prison. Mother needed rest. Would it come soon?

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I. Because he was afraid of Saul. 2. Saul wanted David killed. 3. To Achish, the king of Gath. 4. They said he was the hero of which the people had sang and danced. 5. He was afraid someone might kill him. 6. That he was a mad man. 7. Yes. 8. His a mad man. 7. Yes. 8. His family and others who were distressed, in debt or discontent. 9. 400.)





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Freedom!

(Continued from last week.)

Ahn felt like crying when she saw the ox cart that her poor mother would have to ride in. "It is the only transportation from this point on," Brave Bull said. "It should get us to a place near to where we might cross the 38th parallel. It is best to cross at night. Shall we try tonight?"

Ahn looked at her weary, blind mother. "Can you make it?" Ahn asked her.

"God will give me strength. I believe we should get across as soon as possible."

"Then we'll push on," said Brave Bull. "My friend, who crosses often, has told me where to go. If all goes well, we should be on the American's side by morning."

The three women got into the cart and the eleven men walked. Above the squeaks of the wagon and the rumbling of the wooden wheels, Ahn could hear her mother whispering her prayers. Ahn prayed, too, and she knew everyone in the group was praying.

All day long they had seen lines and lines of people walking south. Always by themselves or by twos, so a whole family could not be captured at once. Now that darkness had come, there seemed to be no one within miles, so Ahn began singing. While singing, she noticed the quarter moon in the sky was surrounded by dark clouds. After awhile the clouds covered the moon, shutting out all light.

"Want me to quote the fourteenth chapter of John?" Ahn asked her mother.

"Yes, please do."

Ahn started, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.... And...I will come again, and receive you unto myself;..." On and on Ahn quoted until she had finished all thirty-one verses. By this time it was raining.

"Didn't you quote a promise that says, 'Whatever we ask, Jesus will do it?"" questioned one of the men.

"Yes," Ahn answered. "It says, Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified."

"Then let's pray that this rain will stop."

"But God may have a good reason for sending this rain," another man said. "The guards can't hear as well."



The Hebrew Jubilee

Leviticus 25:9-10, 12, 15, 30-31, 50, 54

9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

12 For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

15 According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee:

30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it...it shall not go out in the jubile.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubile.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that

he was sold to him unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him. **54** And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, both he, and his children with him.

The Message: The Jubile was a system of civil laws to keep down monopoly of land and poverty. It is also a symbol of spiritual freedom from sin and bondage.

Questions:

- 1. On what day did the Jubilee start?
- 2. What other religious activity took place on this day?
- 3. How often was the Jubilee celebrated?
- 4. What happened to the land during the year of Jubilee?
- 5. What happened to the servants during the Jubilee?
- 6. What happened to the homes?
- 7. Name some advantages of the Jubilee?
- 8. Why do you think Israel abandoned the Jubilee?
- 9. What is the spiritual meaning of Jubilee?

Verse to Memorize

...The Lord...hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;...to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Luke 4:18.



Jubilee has many different meanings. People today think of a jubilee as an awesome celebration. It could be a 50th anniversary or just a season of great fun, like Christmas. According to the American Heritage Dictionary, Jubilee, in the Roman Catholic Church, is a year during which plenary (unlimited) indulgence may be obtained by the performance of certain pious acts. A jubilee to a Christian, saved by Jesus Christ, is freedom from every sin and the desire of plenary indulgence. But to the Hebrews. Jubilee has an entirely different meaning. That is what we will discuss now.

The Hebrews (Israelites) had strict laws. Some pertained only to religion but many of their laws were both civil and religious. The laws of the jubilee were both. Every year on the tenth day of the seventh month (Tishri) the people fasted and attended a religious ceremony. During this ceremony the priest, dressed in a simple white linen garment, offered a sacrifice for his sins and those of his family, then he offered for the whole nation. When that was finished the priest blew the jubilee trumpet loud and long. It proclaimed that every person was free from guilt of sins. God had accepted the atonement and had forgiven their sins.

Every fifty years the Jubilee started when the priest blew the jubilee trumpet. In the Jubilee year it not only announced freedom from sin, but it also announced liberty to every bondsman or servant. It announced that the poor man who had had to sell his land would now receive it again. If a person had a debt, it was forgiven, so he did not have to pay. It was a happy day for the poor, but not so for the rich.

The rich, however, did not suffer as much as we might think. The price paid for land was according to how many years the new owner could keep the land. The price also depended on the time of the year in relationship to gathering the crop. If the corn was growing tall and doing well, the land was more valuable. If it was about ready to harvest, the approximate value of the crop was added to the price of the land. When God gave the Jubilee laws. He also gave strict rules so that it would be a blessing to the nation.

These laws prevented the gathering of land in the hands of a few. It also raised families and individuals out of poverty, giving them a chance to start over again. These laws kept down robbing and many forms of crime that poverty and homelessness cause. It was the solution to many problems.

Do you think Hebrew Jubilee laws would help our country?

-Charlotte Huskey

"But when the lightening flashes they can see us as clear as day," another protested. "What good are these black clothes we have on when the lightening is so bright?"

"Let not your heart be troubled," Mother said. "Believe in God, He will take us over this most dangerous part of our journey."

Just then the driver halted the ox and said, "We are very close to the crossing. The Russian guards will shoot if they hear this noisy cart. I will go no farther."

"Then we will walk," Ahn said, reaching over to pat her mother. Ahn massaged Mothers swollen legs and asked, "Can you make it, Mother?"

"I came with that goal," she answered.

They walked on in silence, one after another. Brave Bull and four others went ahead parting the brush so the women could get through. The other five men came softly behind, listening always for any sign of a soldier. Ahn held one of mothers hands, one of the men held the other.

"Surely the rain will muffle the sounds and keep anyone from seeing," Ahn whispered. "For we can't even see each other." But it also made the trail slippery. Mother fell so often that the men decided to take turns carrying her. Sometimes Ahn or one of the others fell, but whoever fell got right up and went on. They could only go forward, trusting God as their Protector. The lightening proved to be very dangerous as it lashed out across the sky, making the forest as light as day.

Somewhere along the trail, a rooster crowed. A surge of hope leaped in Ahn's heart, for she thought there must be a village near, but whose side was it on?

The rain fell all the rest of the night. It stopped when the first rays of light shown in the east. Ahn thought she had never before been so happy to see day. "Hallelujah!" she shouted.

Mother cautioned, "Maybe we aren't across yet. Brave Bull has gone to find out."

They huddled together in their wet clothes while they waited. "We made it!" he shouted before he got back to the group. Everyone jumped up and shouted, "Praise God!" It was much like that day in prison when the Christian prisoners were released. Ahn began singing, "Hallelujah," from Handel's Messiah. First her sister's son-in-law, whose name was Musician Cho, joined her. Then everyone in the group sang. The song echoed from the mountains making it sound like a choir of many voices.

(To be continued next week.)

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New Horizons

(Continued from last week.)

Ahn and Mother rented two rooms from Elder Yun's daughter who lived in Seoul. Of course, Ahn and Mother soon found a church to attend. One day while attending worship service, Ahn was introduced to Kim Dong Myung. Kim was an engineer who had been studying at the University of Seoul. He had worked designing bridges and tunnels in Tokyo where Ahn had attended college. He had also finished a doctorate degree at MIT in America. But more importantly than that, he loved the Lord just as fervently as she did.

Every day Ahn was writing in her diary. Now she wrote some things she wanted no one to read. Before going to prison, she had written often in her diary. She had written about falling in love with her uncle's friend while she was studying in Tokyo, and about him saving her life. More than once she had been glad Mother kept her from marrying him. Now she was doubly glad.

Ahn had written interesting things that had happened while I in music and literature."

she was teaching. She had written about the altar for the Japanese sun god on mount Nam San and her fears that she might someday be required to bow before it. The day came when she had been required to bow. She had not bowed! Life had been hectic after thatfirst escaping from the authorities, then hiding in the mountains. But all that she had written about after returning home from Japan. Not only had she written what had happened, but she also wrote her feelings and inspiration that God had given during those times.

One day, while Ahn was writing, a friend came to see her. "They are needing a home economics teacher at Sook Myring Women's University. I'm sure they would hire you."

"That's my major, all right, but I have never taught it nor had any practice."

"You would do all right."

"Me? I've almost forgotten what home life is. How could a jailbird teach girls how to manage a home?

"You could," he insisted.

"Anyway, I'm more interested



Paul's Conversion

Acts 22:3-7, 9-15, 17-18, 21

- **3** I am verily a man which am a Jew,...brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught...the law...and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.
- **4** And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.
- **5** As also the high priest doth bear me witness,...[that] I...went to Damascus, to bring them [Christians] which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.
- **6** And...there shone from heaven a great light round about me.
- **7** And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- **9** And they that were with me saw indeed the light,...but they heard not the voice...
- 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee...
- **11** And...being led by the hand...I came into Damascus.
- **12-13** And Ananias...said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.
- 14 And he said,... God...hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest

know his will,...and...hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness...of what thou hast seen and heard.

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed...

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

21 ...Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

The message: Newly saved people are new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Questions:

- 1. By whom had Paul been taught?
- 2. What did Gamaliel teach Paul?
- 3. Why did Paul go to Damascus?
- 4. Did Paul know Jesus was the light that blinded him?
- 5. Who was to tell Paul what to do?
- 6. What was Paul chosen to be?
- 7. In Jerusalm, what did Jesus tell Paul?
- 8. Would the people in Jerusalem receive Paul's testimony?
- 9. To whom did Jesus send Paul?

Verse to Memorize

...Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize... Philippians 3:13-14.



"Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful. May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave—lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey."

Years ago people thought the world was square because it appears that the earth ends at the horizon. But as a person goes toward the horizon, the horizon point moves farther away. If a person could walk around the earth, he could come back where he started and never have reached the horizon.

God's will for our lives is somewhat like the horizon. It is the point where we (earthly vessels) meet with God (the heavenly). Just as the horizon cannot be reached so God's whole will for our lives is never reached. We complete His will one day at a time. We are then happy and feel satisfied. He is pleased and blesses us. Tomorrow, however, there will be another part of His will to do. As we grow in the Christian life, we move forward all the time, and His will is continually opening to us. Another way that God's will is like the horizon, is that His future will is mysterious. We cannot see it. It seems that we will soon come to a dropping off place.

When God struck the apostle Paul blind, he must have felt like his world had come to an end. Then when Ananias told him that he would be a witness to all men, he must have questioned, "How can a blind man do that?" or he may have asked, "Who will listen to me preaching the gospel after I have persecuted the Christians?"

There were many new horizons in Paul's life. Soon after being saved he went to Jerusalem. Jesus spoke to him there saying, "Hurry and get out of here, for these people will not receive your testimony." How sad Paul must have felt. I'm sure he wanted the Christians to believe that he was now on their side. But Jesus knew they would not. So the apostle Paul left Jerusalem hurt and sad. He must have again thought that his world was coming to an end.

Some people who have lived sad, sinful lives are happy that their old way of life has come to an end. When a person is saved, it is like a brand new day. The sun is just rising on the horizon and they can start all over again.

Newly saved people are new creatures in Christ Jesus. Paul too was a new person, starting a new life. He had been going after the devil and he turned around and started following Christ. It is like a person walking toward the east and turning around and walking toward the west. All things are new, and new horizons are unfolding to them each day.

-Charlotte Huskey

It wasn't many days until the friend was back again, this time with an offer to teach music at a girls' high school.

But Ahn just didn't feel confident that she could do a good job. Her health was poor, her eyes weak, her voice low and broken. What kind of inspiration and enthusiasm could she give to a class of girls?

She stuck with the job that God had given her, that was "writing."

About a week later Phyllis Coe and a Korean woman came to visit. "Tell Ahn I would like to take her to America," she told the Korean interpreter.

Ahn and her mother had wanted Ahn to study in America. But her father had insisted she study in Japan. Later, when God sent her with Elder Park to warn Japan, she understood why she had studied in Japan.

"Why do you want to take me there?" Ahn asked.

"Many people want to meet you."

"Me? Why?"

"They want to hear your testimony." She took from her bag a pamphlet named, "If I Perish, I Perish" and handed it to Ahn. "Thousands of people have read this. It's about you."

Ahn looked at the pamphlet but could not read it because it was written in English.

"The author was a missionary who heard you speak after you were ordered out of Japan. He and his wife were also persecuted and spent one year in a Korean jail. When he heard that you were in

prison, he wanted people to know it and pray for you."

"Oh, how God loves me!" Ahn exclaimed. "He had Christians in far away America praying for me?"

"Not only in America," Phyllis said. "This pamphlet has been sent to Canada, England, Australia and South America."

"Now we know why you are alive today, and why you were able to escape the communist," Mother said. "God wants you to go to America and let the people see that He answers prayer."

"But Mother, you are old and blind, I need to take care of you," Ahn said.

"You won't have to stay long," Phyllis interrupted.

"Yes, Ahn," Mother insisted, "You must go."

"Oh, Mother," Ahn said, "You have always encouraged me to do God's will, even when it hurt you so deeply."

"Could you be gone for three months?" Phyllis asked. "You could travel and give your testimony in many churches in three months. I have money to buy your plane ticket. Pray about it. I'll be back in a few days. Then we can go and see if you can get a visa."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. By Gamaliel. S. The law. 3. To bring the Christians to Jerusalem to be punished. 4. Yes. 5. Ananias. 6. To be a witness of what he had seen and heard. 7. To get out quickly. 8. No. 9. To the out quickly. 8. No. 9. To the Centiles.)





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An Unexpected Ending

(Continued from last week.)

"It is better that you not go to America, since you can't understand nor speak English," the ambassador told Ahn when she applied for a visa.

"I've been invited by a friend, Phyllis Coe," she said, nodding at Phyllis. "She doesn't speak my language, we talk by an interpreter," Ahn explained.

"Sorry," he added.

Ahn walked slowly out of his office with the \$1,000 for her plane ticket in her hand. She hoped having the money would impress him. "What good is all this money or an invitation?" she said to Phyllis. "I guess it isn't God's will."

Just then Ahn heard a friendly voice saying, "Why Ahn Ei Shook, I am so glad to see you." Ahn raised her head and saw Edward Adams. He was an American missionary and friend who had been sent out of Korea during the terrible siege of persecution.

"I am also glad to see you," Ahn answered. "I was so sorry that you were sent out of Korea."

"I came back as soon as the war ended. I heard you survived your long prison stay and I want to hear your testimony."

"I'm writing a diary," Ahn told

him.

"Wonderful!" he exclaimed. "You will have it printed so I can have a copy, won't you?"

"I hope to." Ahn answered. "I promised myself I would let the world know what the Christians in Korea suffered from the idol-crazy Japanese."

"Are you including all the embarrassing, yet funny experiences you had with Elder Park?"

"Yes."

"Can you remember many experiences in the prison? Or were they so horrid that you erased them from your mind so you wouldn't get a bitter attitude?"

"Sometimes when I saw Christians being so cruelly abused, I prayed that God would quickly take a picture of it. I think God did. Now He is projecting the picture back to me."

"Amazing, quite amazing," he said. Then he asked, "What are you doing here?"

"I'm trying to go to America and share my testimony, but I was refused a visa."

"If you would like to talk with the ambassador again, I will go in with you and explain things to him," Mr. Adams offered.

The ambassador's attitude changed after he heard who Ahn was and why she wanted to go. He arose



The Destruction Of Sodom And Gomorrah

Genesis 18:20-21

20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Genesis 19:1, 12-15, 22-25

1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom:...

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

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

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law,...But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters,...lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
22 Haste thee, escape...for I can-

not do any thing till thou be come thither....

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.
24 Then the Lord rained upon

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire...

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

The Message: We should be humble and respect God for sometimes He allows proud, sinful nations to be destroyed.

Questions:

- 1. Why did God visit Sodom and Gomorrah?
- 2. Was Sodom and Gomorrah as evil as God had thought?
- 3. Who did God send to warn Lot about the coming destruction?
- 4. Did Lot's sons-in-law believe that God would destroy the city?
- 5. What must Lot do before the angel could work?
- 6. What did God rain upon Sodom and Gomorrah?
- 7. What happened to the inhabitants of the cities?
- 8. What happened to everything that grew on the ground?
- 9. Should we fear that God will do the same to our cities if we sin like Sodom and Gomorrah?

Verse to Memorize

And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom:... Genesis 19:1.



Sodom and Gomorrah were so completely destroyed that some historians, who do not believe the Bible. have said that it never existed. A very important Early Bronze site recently discovered is the city of Ebla. Ebla's business records mention a large number of Canaanite sites, among them are Jerusalem and both Sodom and Gomorrah. So we see that archaeologists have proof that it was truly a city. It is generally thought to be under the southern portion of the Dead Sea. Jebel Usdum (Mount Sodom) is a mountain of crystalline salt, 5 miles long and 300 feet high. It lies along the southwestern shore of the Dead Sea, and is so named from the belief that Sodom stood near it.

The "sin of Sodom" is recorded in both the Old and New Testaments. The prophets Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Zephaniah mention it. Jesus referred to it as being terrible, but said that cities who reject the Gospel will also be destroyed and several have been. The apostles Paul, Peter, Jude and John each had something to say about Sodom. Even today we use the word sodomy to mean sins that the men in Sodom and Gomorrah did and for which they were destroyed.

God is love. It is not His character to destroy people just because they choose to sin. He gives that

choice to every person. The sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, however, was hurting many people. In the first scripture of today's lesson God said, "The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is very great...I will go down and see if they have done...according to the cry of it." God loved those who were being hurt by the terrible practices of the city.

He was willing to save the cities if there were only ten righteous people in them. In verses twenty-three through thirty-three Abraham talks with God. There God promised Abraham to save the cities for ten people. But only Lot was righteous. When the angels came to lead his family away, only four were willing to go. One of those looked longingly back to the city and turned to a pillar of salt.

So the cities were destroyed, but not because God is a horrible, angry God. They were destroyed because of the great damage their sin was doing to mankind.

In our country we have many serious problems developing because of the sin of sodomy. Will God destroy our country? Will an enemy flatten our cities with bombs like Japan was razed? Will many erupting volcanoes cover us with hot lava or earthquakes leave us buried under collapsed high-rise apartments, subways and freeways? Will a new plague for which we have no protection wipe away millions?

We can only be saved from the hand of judgment by repenting. If you have not repented, will you do so today that God will smile upon our country?

-Sis. Charlotte Huskey

from his seat and bowed to her in the Oriental custom. Then he apologized and gave her the needed visa.

She and Phyllis hurried to the airline office. There was just one seat not taken on a flight the following day. The next plane leaving for America would be in another month. Ahn paid for the ticket with the money Phyllis had given and hurried home to get her things packed.

That night the believers gave a going away service for Ahn. Her best friend, Kim Dong Myung also came. After all the goodbyes were said and everyone had gone home, Ahn said to Mother, "I believe I've found the man I want to marry."

"I will not oppose it," Mother said calmly, although I have prayed many years for you to marry a pastor."

Ahn laughed and kissed her mother. "Yes, and I have prayed for an engineer husband. I guess this time I win."

The following day when Ahn was ready to board the plane, she said to Mother, "I will be gone three months—don't go to heaven until I come back to tell you goodbye."

"Now that you have an opportunity to go to America, you make the best of it. Enjoy yourself and stay as long as you are helpful to the Church. It may be God's plan that we meet again at the gates of heaven like we had planned," she said with a playful smile.

"You are a brave, brave Mother," Ahn said.

When the plane flew over Tokyo, Ahn saw the flattened city. Every where she looked, north, south, east and west, the city was a total disaster. The skyscrapers were heaps of rubble. Elder Park and Ahn had warned the leaders of Japan that this would hap-

pen unless they turned to Christ. That day Ahn had looked out the seventh story window of her hotel room and wondered how God would destroy such a large city. From the airplane she could see much more of the city but not all of it. Ninety seven square miles of Tokyo had been destroyed. Already it had been estimated that over 200,000 people were killed or missing. Falling timber and cement had formed the caskets of many. Ahn shuddered.

"God always speaks the truth. If the war had not destroyed Tokyo, perhaps another earthquake like the one on September 1, 1923, might have," she thought. There were 59,000 people killed and it took 20 years to rebuild the city. Now, 22 years later, it was flattened again.

When would the Japanese people learn to worship and obey God? Ahn prayed earnestly that they would open their hearts to Jesus and accept His humble way; that they would no more covet power and wealth.

Ahn never saw her mother again. But Mother won the praying battle. Ahn and Kim married, but afterward, Kim decided to dedicate full time to the work of God. That is what Ahn wanted him to do. She had dedicated herself to God's service when she began teaching music in the girl's school. Now they would work together.

Kim became a pastor.

The End!

(Answers: 1. To see if they were as evil as the cries had indicated. 2. Yes. 3. Two angels. 4. No. 5. Lot must leave the city. 6. Fire and brimstone. 7. They were overthrown or destroyed. 8. It was destroyed. 9. Yes.)





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Just as You Are

Kim Cho, a poor leper, had just been admitted as a patient in a settlement for lepers in Foochow, China. He arrived wearing only a piece of canvas and a scrap of matting which was tied to his wretched body by a string. He hobbled along on sticks he used for crutches.

One day a compassionate man had told Kim Cho that he could find a room at the leper settlement. "I will only need it for awhile," Kim Cho said, "Another needy leper can have it when I die."

Kim Cho had contracted the disease years ago and had steadily grown worse until he could no longer earn enough money to buy food. He had no family to help him, so he begged for food or found discards in the garbage to take the cutting edge off his hunger. Day after day he wandered about in utter wretchedness. At night he pulled leaves over his body to protect him from the cold.

Kim hardly knew how to accept the kindness from the Christians at his new home. One day when they invited him to the little brick church, it was more than he could understand. "Why do you want a wretch like me in your church?" he asked.

"It's because we love you," they answered.

"No one has loved me since my mother and dad died," he said.

Sometimes the Chinese pastor visited him in his room. He explained to Kim God's plan to save sinners and he told him the story of Jesus' death on the cross. He told it very slowly and repeated the most important parts so that Kim could understand. Then he asked, "Do you wish to accept God's gift of salvation?"

The pastor was shocked when he answered, "No, I cannot do that."

"And why not?" asked the pastor.

Falteringly he said, "You say my salvation cost Jesus His life; I have nothing to give Him in return for such a gift."

The Chinese believe that when you receive a gift, you must give one in return—even if you can give only a very small gift. You give it to show that you accept their kindness.

"He wants no gift except YOU," said the pastor.

"Me, wretched me? No one wants a useless leper." It seemed impossible for Kim to accept.



The Lepers Help

II Kings 7:1-5, 9-11, 16-17

- 1 Then Elisha said,...To-morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel,...
- 2 Then a lord...said, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.
- **3** And there were four leprous men...and they said... Why sit we here until we die?
- 4 ...The famine [a drastic shortage of food] is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also....let us fall [go] unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.
- **5** ...And when they were come to...the camp Syria, behold, there was no man there.
- **9** Then they said...We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings,...if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us:...
- **10** So they came...and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there,...

- 11 ... And they told it to the King's house...
- 16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord.

 17 And the king appointed the lord...to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died,...

The Message: We must do our best to help others and be understanding and kind to those who have been hurt...

Questions:

- 1. How many lepers were sitting at the city gate?
- 2. Why would the lepers die if they went into the city?
- 3. Would they also die if they stayed outside the city?
- 4. Where did the lepers go to find help?
- 5. Were there any men at the Syrian camp?
- 6. Did the lepers find food?
- 7. Why did the lepers tell the king?
- 8. Was a measure of flour or two measures of barley sold for a shekel?
- 9. Did the lord who doubted Elisha's word get to eat any of the food?

Verse to memorize

...We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace:...

П Kings 7:9.



Do We Well?

To the Syrian camp at twilight, Hungry, thirsty, bleeding, sore, Came four leprous men of Israel; Found they there abundant store—Gold and silver, food and raiment. "We must go the message tell, "Tis a day of joyful tidings, Waiting here we do not well."

Do we well, my precious brethren? While they starve and die for bread We with heaven's richest blessings Are so bountifully fed. If we tarry till the morning, Mischief shall our souls befall, Go and tell earth's dying millions, There is bread enough for all.

Chorus

"Tis the day of full salvation, Go, the joyful message tell; While we wait the millions perish, And we do not well. By: Clara M. Brooks & D.O. Teasley Evening Lights Songs, page 451.

I never tire of reading the story of the four leprous men who helped to save Samaria from starvation. In Bible times leprosy was a disease that was dreaded as much as the people today dread having cancer. Only a few people who contract leprosy are ever healed of it. To help prevent the spread of leprosy the people who had it could not live in the city with their families. They were forced to live in camps away from other people. A person who has leprosy is called a leper. If a person was nearing a leper, the leper was compelled by law to call out, "Leper,

leper" so the person could avoid getting near.

Isolation of leper patients is of questionable value today, however the United States operates some hospitals called leprosariums which provide care for leprosy patients. There is one at Pearl City, on the island of Oahu, and one in Carville, Lousiana.

But these four lepers, who had been cast out of the city, were used by God to saved the city which had rejected them.

These four men understood that having to live away from the city was not a rejection because of dislike or hatred. It was for the good of the whole city. Oftentimes, we feel that a discipline is because we are disliked, but most of the discipline we receive is for our good and for the good of others. Even if someone does reject us, we must keep a loving attitude toward that person. Would you be willing to help people who had rejected you? I am sure many of you would be willing. That is the kind of attitude that God wants us to have.

The lepers also were diligent. They said, "If we wait until morning, something might happen and we would not be able to tell them the good news." In the night, they hurried to the city gate and called to the porter, "We were in the Syrian's camp and there are no men there, but plenty of food and clothing and even some gold." The porter told the king and the king sent men to investigate the camp. By morning the news had spread throughout the city. People rushed out the gate and ran for the camp. In the mad rush, people were trampled to death. One was the man who had doubted that Elisha's prophecy was true.

Yes, the poor, leprous men did a great deed. That has been a long time ago, but we are still remembering what they did and I hope people in the ages to come will remember and enjoy the story as much as I do.

--- Charlotte Huskey

The pastor tried several methods to help Kim believe that letting Jesus rule his life was the gift that God wanted in return for salvation. Kim could not. When he had to leave, he stopped at the door and said, "When Seegu (Teacher Auntie) comes, she will tell you just as I have done, that Jesus wants only YOU as a gift."

A few days later Seegu came for general inspection and to distribute personal items for the lepers and the workers. It was the first time she had been there since Kim had come.

About one hundred inmates hurried out to see what Seegu had brought. "We have a new man," several shouted at the same time.

"He's nice, but strange."

"Just why is he strange?" she asked.

"'Cause he doesn't believe Jesus wants him," one answered.

Kim hobbled out just in time to hear that, so he said. "They say He wants me, but how could He possibly want a blind, ill-smelling, rotting leper like me? It isn't so, is it, Seegu?"

Seegu stood for a moment not saying a word. She was asking God to help her say words that would convince Kim that God loved him and wanted him. "Kim could spend eternity in heaven if I say the right words," she thought. At last she spoke, "God sent me all the way from America to tell you so—you and others like you," she said.

"Is that a long ways away?" he asked.

"A long, long way," one of the other lepers answered.

"I suppose, then, it must be true," he said in bewildered wonder.

Later, when they were getting ready to baptize Kim, Seegu said, "It

is such a mystery how God works to enlighten a soul. I have often wondered why my words caused him to believe?"

Kim was blind and by now both feet had rotted off, but he loved to sit in his chair or lay on his bed and hear the Word of God read. He attended church often and soon he could sing some hymns by memory. He especially loved the songs about heaven. Like:

"A mansion is waiting in glory, My Savior has gone to prepare; The ransomed who shine in its beauty,

Will dwell in that city so fair.

Oh, home above, I'm going to dwell in that home;

Oh, home of love, Get ready, poor sinner, and come."

He told the story of the cross to everyone who would listen. Some of the inmates and workers began thinking he was a little crazy. But no one stopped him. They thought it was good that he had something to occupy his mind and time.

One day he called Seegu and talked of his happy home in heaven.

"My only regret is not having done more for the Lord," he said. When I reach the Father's house will Jesus refuse me for not letting more people know about Him, or will He remember I was just an old leper?"

"God loves you and will accept you just as you are," Seegu said.

---Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Four. 2. Because there was no food in the city. 3. Yes. 4. To the camp of the Syrian soldiers. 5. No. 6. Yes, plenty of it. 7. Because it was "good tidings." 8. Yes. 9. No.)





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Morgan's Surprise

Morgan and her best friend Tammy were walking into the church vestibule when Tammy exclaimed, "Did you see who is getting out of his car?"

"No, who?"

"It's Elder Mathison," she explained. "I hate listening to him."

"Me, too," Morgan agreed. "I never learn a thing from his preaching."

The two girls went into their Sunday school class and sat down in the second row.

After the class Tammy said, "I wonder why Dr. Showmaker isn't here today?"

"Mom said he's vacationing in Florida. He has an infection in his throat, so the church board thought it best for him not to speak until he's well."

"I guess it is best. It might cause his soft voice to become hard and scratchy like that of Elder Mathison. Anyway, couldn't they invite someone else?"

"Yea. Mom says he just isn't fit material for a fine church like ours."

"Oh well, the sermon won't last long," Tammy whispered, as the girls slipped into the pew right in front of Morgan's parents.

When Elder Mathison stepped behind the pulpit, he asked, "What does Easter mean to you?" "Easter?" questioned Morgan.
"Why preach about Easter when it isn't Easter?" She looked over at Tammy and knew she was thinking the same thoughts.

Let us read from II Corinthians 13:4-5, "For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

"Dr. Showmaker never reads such a long text," Morgan thought.

"What does Easter mean to you?" he asked again. "Christ showed His love for us by becoming weak and dying on a cross. What are you doing to show your love for Him?"

"None of your business!" Morgan wished she could say.

"Easter meant a lot of suffering for Jesus. There was the pain of leaving heaven where He had everything pleasant. There were those times when He was tired, oh, so tired, or hungry, or cold. He was misunderstood, made fun of, and rejected by those He loved? He suffered so there could be a resurrection. What are you suffering for Him?" he asked.



The Triumphant Entry

John 12:12-19, 23-28

- 12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
- 13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
- **14** And Jesus, when he had found a young [donkey], sat thereon; as it is written.
- 15 Fear not,...behold, thy King cometh, sitting on [a donkey's] colt.
- 16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him
- 17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.
- **18** For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.
- **19** The Pharisees therefore said among themselves,...behold, the world is gone after him.
- **23** Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified [die and rise again].

- **24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except...wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
- 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me:...
- **27** Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.
- 28 Father, glorify thy name....

The Message: Christ had to die that others could live. We must follow Christ in suffering and sacrifice if we produce fruit for Jesus.

Questions:

- 1. Who was coming into Jerusalem?
- 2. Who went to meet him?
- 3. With what words did the people praise Jesus?
- 4. What was Jesus riding upon?
- 5. What miracle had Jesus just committed?
- 6. Why were the Pharisees angry?
- 7. What must wheat do before it can produce?
- 8. Who would soon die?
- 9. Why was Jesus willing to die?

Verse to Memorize

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Proverbs 16:32.



It was springtime, and people from far and near were crowding into Jerusalem for the Passover. It was the great feast in which the nation's liberation from Egyptian bondage was being celebrated. Like Independence Day, it was a time of remembering the triumphant day when the bands of slavery had been broken. Grandfathers and grandmothers told the children about those years of cruel abuse and God's great deliverance.

They also told of their immediate bondage to the Romans and God's promise to send a Messiah to make them free again. Everywhere the children were asking, "Is Jesus that Messiah? He does great miracles." Many parents and grandparents secretly believed that Jesus was the promised Messiah. But for fear of being ridiculed by their religious leaders, they told only their closest friends.

Jesus and His disciples also came to the Passover Feast but they staved in the home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Each day they walked two miles from Bethany into Jerusalem. One morning Jesus asked for a donkey to ride on. On this same morning many people had decided it was time to let others know how they felt about Jesus. Early that morning they cut palm branches, and waited near the city gate to welcome Jesus. When they saw Him riding toward Jerusalem. they ran out of the city waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." Many took off their coats and laid them in the street to form a carpet for Jesus. By these actions, they were showing that they wanted Jesus as their king.

Men call this occasion, "The Triumphant Entry." Why was it called this? Was it because Jesus was at last victorious over His enemies? Was it because the majority of the people wanted Jesus as their king? Was it because His enemies had not enough power to suppress those who cared for Him? If not, then what was the victory?

Jesus knew all things. He knew that His enemies in Jerusalem would murder Him when they saw the people praising Him as their king. Yet He came boldly into the city with the crowd following Him. He was like a seed that must die in the earth so it can produce fruit. Jesus had victory over the fear of death. Humility had conquered pride. Good had conquered evil. That is a more important victory than a nation conquering another nation.

Do you have this victory?

-Charlotte Huskey

Praising God

I dreamed I saw a forest Of up-raised hands; They'd gathered to praise God-People from many lands.

Helping hands extending far-Those hungry ones to feed: Anxious to be in a place Where there is a need.

Calloused hands, marked by toil In earth's great vineyard: Years of repetitious labor— Hands so strong and hard.

Skilled hands, firm and steady-God made them such: Smoothing pillows of the sick Giving the Master's touch.

Courageous hands, unflinching-Waved high in the air. In some worthy cause, they are Ready to do and dare.

Children's hands, unsoiled by sin-Untouched by guile, Praised the glory of the Lord, Laughing all the while.

And then among the praising mob Was a nail-pierced pair so fine, I saw them always outstretched-To those of yours and mine.

-Charlotte Huskey

"Who wants to hear about suffering?" Morgan thought. "Tell us about falling down and breaking all the fresh eggs and then having no eggs to decorate, or some other funny story like Dr. Showmaker does."

"What does Easter mean to you?" he asked again in his scratchy, stern voice. "Are you willing to say 'Not my will, but Your's, Lord?' That is what Jesus did in Gethsemane. You must do this if you expect to be resurrected with Christ. There are only two classes of people. Those who have been resurrected with Christ or reprobates. Which are you?"

By now Morgan had quit criticizing and was listening.

"Most small children tell me that Easter means fun, egg hunts, picnics, new clothes and family gatherings. Is that what it means to you when it cost Jesus His life?"

That afternoon while Morgan and her family were eating dinner, her mother asked, "Do you like your new Easter dress?"

"I guess so," Morgan answered, not really thinking about what she was saying.

"It was so beautiful! I couldn't pass it up. But if you don't like it, we will take it back. I'll buy you any dress you want. Your dad earns plenty of money, isn't that right Dad?"

"Sure," he answered. "My only child must have the best."

"So, do you do like it, Morgan?"
"Yes."

"Morgan you're acting sick," Mother said, and reached over to feel Morgan's face.

"Just thinking about something else," Morgan said. "May I be excused and go to my room?"

Morgan took a tablet and pencil from her desk and sprawled herself on the floor in front of the glass door. Water in the swimming pool reflected the pink, red and white blossoms of the azaleas along the wall of the garden

She dug her pencil into the deep pile of the rug as she questioned, "What am I suffering for Christ? I joined the church last year. But why? My friends were joining. My parents would be pleased. It cost me nothing. From what have I been resurrected? I am the same now as I was before. Only joining the church helps me feel more secure about the future.

"In what ways do I show love? I'll list them." She wrote,

- "1. I do what pleases my parents.
- "2. I give nice gifts to my friends.
- "3. Sometimes I visit my grandparents. But that kind of loving doesn't cost me anything either. I always get repaid. I think Jesus wants us to love those who can't do for us in return. At least that is what He did," she said to herself.

Morgan stared at the swimming pool and remembered the little neighbor who cried because she wouldn't let him get into the pool. Tears began filling her eyes, and then she burst out crying, "Oh, Jesus, I have not been resurrected by Your love. I'm just a mean, selfish girl. Change me, Jesus, and make me like You."

After awhile Morgan felt peace in her heart. "Thank You, Jesus," she said, "for resurrecting me on Palm Sunday, and for sending Elder Mathison to our church."

-Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. Many people. 3. They said. "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of larsel that cometh in the name of the Lord." 4. A donkey. 5. He had raised Lazarus from death. 6. Because the whole world was going after Jesus. 7. It must die. 8. Jesus. 9. Because Hewanted to save people.)





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Mary's Resurrection

"I hate to go to Sunday school," Mary told the old woman she called Aunt Stella. "I've gone with you before, but I don't want to go again."

Aunt Stella finished hanging the sheet on the clothesline and then said, "But you looked so pretty dressed up."

"Not me. Blue jeans and sweat shirts are best for me." Mary said as she felt the pistol that hung on her hip. A toy rifle was flung over her back. Mary lived over the hill from Stella, but she and her friends often played on the side of the hill behind Stella's house. It had a small cave. thick underbrush and large treesgood places to hide while playing cops and robbers. Not only did Mary and her friends play robbers, but sometimes they stole fruit from trees or toys that lay in the neighbor's yard. A few times the gang had stolen bread from the baker and treats from the corner store.

But Stella didn't give up easily. "What are you eating?" she asked.

"Green apples."

"If you will bring me a bag full, I'll make you and your friends an apple pie."

"Yippie!" they shouted and away they ran.

"But don't go stealing apples," Stella called. "There's a wild tree growing down by the creek." By the time Aunt Stella had finished her laundry, the children were back with a bag full of apples. Stella was waiting on the porch with a pan of water and a knife. She sat down and started peeling the apples. "Is there anything we can do to help ya?" asked Mary.

"Just come to Sunday school with me," Stella answered with a twinkle in her eye.

"Well, okay, but only one more time. I hate wearing frilly dresses and stiff shoes like the girls do at Sunday school."

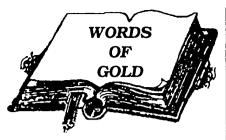
"Me too," agreed her friends.

"It's very important that all children learn about Jesus," Stella answered.

"Maybe so, but Aunt Stella, if there's nothing we can do, we'll leave you alone. We'll be playing back here in the woods."

When the pie was ready and had cooled awhile, Aunt Stella called, "Youhoo, the pie is ready."

From that time, Mary and her friends had a new love for Stella. Sometimes when she baked bread she would give them hot buns. One day she made apple butter and gave them each a slice of bread spread with sweet, fresh, apple butter. During the winter Stella invited them in for hot chocolate. Once they popped corn in her fireplace.



Jesus is Alive!

Matthew 28:1-13, 15

- 1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
- 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- **3** His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- **4** And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.
- **5** And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
- **6** He is not here: for he is risen, as he said [he would]. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- 7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
- **8** And they departed quickly...and did run to bring his disciples word.
- **9** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came

and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

- **10** Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.
- 11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.
- **12** And...they gave large money unto the soldiers,
- **13** Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.
- 15 So they took the money,...and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

The Message: Jesus came alive after being crucified on the cross, but the guards told that His disciples stole His body.

Questions:

- 1. Who visited Jesus' grave?
- 2. What day did they visit?
- 3. Who rolled the stone away?
- 4. Who told them Jesus had risen?5. Who did they meet as they went to tell the disciples?
- 6. Where did Jesus promise to meet the disciples?
- 7. What did the soldiers say about Jesus?

Verse to Memorize

...Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Matthew 28:5.



There are four records of Jesus' resurrection in the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each wrote about it. Each writer told what he thought to be the most important happenings. If each student in your class were to write about a trip which the school took to the zoo, each one would write it differently. One may have been interested in the monkeys. Another may have enjoyed the birds' aviary more than anything else, another the reptiles. Perhaps one student decided to write about what he learned as to how the zoo obtains its animals. Each would write about what he or she thought most interesting. How differently the reports could beand yet each would be about the same trip.

Many things happened that first Easter morning. The scripture for today's lesson is only what Matthew wrote about it. There were different groups of disciples going to the grave throughout the morning. Some women had stayed up most of the night preparing spices to put on the body of Jesus. This was part of the embalming process, which must be completed before His permanent burial. When these women started for the garden where Jesus lay in the tomb of Joseph (not his step-father) they worried how they would move the huge stone that barred the cave's entrance. However when they arrived, the stone was already moved, and to their great surprise an angel greeted them.

Many things happened within a few hours. The disciples hurried in and out of the garden. Matthew recorded that one angel spoke to the women, but two angels appeared to

another group. At the same time the angel rolled away the stone, the Roman guards fell down as dead men. After they awoke and saw that Jesus was gone, they hurried away to tell the officials. The officials offered the soldiers a large sum of money if they would say that Jesus' disciples stole His body. The soldiers took the money and told the lie.

When the women left the tomb, Jesus met them and said, "Go tell Peter and the other disciples that I have risen." (It seems that Jesus wanted to send a special message to Peter.) While they were gone to tell Peter, others went into the tomb and saw two angels. These women also ran to tell the disciples. While they were away, Peter and John came. Mary was following them, and she stayed at the tomb after the others had gone to spread the good news. That is when Jesus called her by name.

Before the day was over, Jesus visited several of His disciples. That evening a group of the disciples were hiding together in a room. They seemed to fear that the authorities might arrest them and accuse them of stealing the body of Jesus. Suddenly, without any doors opening, Jesus was in the room with them.

What a wonderful, exciting day for the disciples! —Charlotte Huskey

AT THE TOMB

They came to the quiet garden
In the early morning gloom,
And there in the shadowed darkness
They found an empty tomb.

Their hearts were heavy-laden—
Bowed down with deep despair—
But when they lifted tear-dimmed eyes,
Lo, Jesus was standing there.

They thought all hope had ended With Calvary's dying breath, But they found a wondrous Saviour, Triumphant over death!

-Mrs. Roy L. Peifer

When spring came, a group of Christians set up a tent and announced Vacation Bible School. Aunt Stella said to the children, "There will be Sunday school every day, all week, in a tent down by the river. A bus will be picking up the children, and you can go in your play clothes."

"Then let's go," Mary said to her friends.

When the bus stopped in front of Aunt Stella's cottage, Mary and some of her friends clambered aboard.

Mary took a seat in the front row of the tent. First a man told a Bible story and then he showed pictures of Pilgrim's Progress. There was Little Pilgrim as he was making his decision to save his life by running to the Celestial City. His friends tried to stop him from going, but he went anyway.

"What is that burden on his back?" Mary asked the speaker.

"That's his burden of sins," he answered.

"Sin?"

"Yes, wrong things which he had done, like stealing, or lying, or hurting others. They cause a person to feel heavy inside."

"Oh," Mary said as she realized why she felt bad inside.

The following day when Mary came, the pictures showed Little Pilgrim losing his burden at the cross. When Mary went home, the picture stayed in her mind. That night she thought of the time she kicked her sister, and the gun under her pillow that belonged to Johnny Stone. She thought about the times she had persuaded a little boy to steal for her. She thought that was as bad as stealing herself. By the time she finally went to sleep her head and her heart felt crushed under the weight. How she wanted to get rid of the heavy burden.

Every day at the end of the lesson the leader invited the children to come

and kneel at the altar and leave their burden of sin. Mary was too ashamed to kneel. What would her friends think of Tomboy Toughy Mary crying at an altar?

The Vacation Bible School closed. The tent was taken down and loaded onto a truck to be carried to another city. Mary was still carrying her heavy burden. More than that, every day the burden got heavier.

One evening when Mary sat alone in front of the cave where she had been playing, the burden of sin was almost too heavy to carry. Suddenly she knew what to do. She raced down the hill and knocked on Stella's back door.

"Oh, what has happened?" Stella questioned when she saw Mary crying. "Come in, and tell me about it."

"I - I -want to get rid of my burden," Mary said between sobs.

"What?"

"At the tent they said Jesus would take our burden."

"Oh, yes, yes." Right there in Aunt Stella's home Mary was resurrected from a sinful life into a new life in Christ.

Mary's parents tried to change her, but she stayed true to God. Every Sunday morning she got on the bus and went to Sunday school. In a few months her sister started going and soon became a Christian.

When Mary was older she saved her money and bought a station wagon. Then she went around gathering up children and taking them to Sunday school. —Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Mary and Mary Magdalene. 2. The morning after the sabbath [Sunday]. 3. An angel. 5. Jesus. 6. In Galilee. 7. That Jesus' disciples atole His body while they were sleeping.





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"Too Late!"

Too late to believe this message you bring.

Too late to taste of God's love; My years have gone by in a long night of fear

With no ray of hope from above.

God told you to go, or send out the Good News.

To every soul He had made. He placed in your hand a life to be spent;

But in comfort yourself you arrayed.

My friends are still living in sin's awful fear

Oh, why do you now longer wait?

Go take them the Saviour while yet they can hear, Before it's forever too late!

Soon God I shall face,
Dying without grace,
For no one brought His word.
Too late! Too late!

Oh, say, "Is Jesus your Lord?"

—Author unknown

Lela

Lela was a little orphan girl in India. For a long time she carried about the burden of her sins, continually longing to know that they were forgiven. But as time went on, the burden only grew heavier.

With others from the orphanage, she made four long pilgrimages to sacred shrines. Some children went just for the adventure, but she was seeking the forgiveness of her sins and peace with the gods. She had to suffer hunger, cold and sleepless nights. Her feet hurt from the long walks between cities. All this failed to help. She found no peace in her heart.

She began to punish herself, hoping this would show the gods that she was sorry for the wrongs she had done. In the hot summer, she sat under the burning rays of the sun many afternoons. She knelt with her hands lifted high in the air until her arms and back ached and her knees were sore. On cold winter nights she spent long hours in cold, icy water. Lela gave away her scanty bit of food to other children. Still she found no peace of heart. Her sins felt as heavy as ever.

Then one day a faithful Christian found Lela and pointed her to Jesus. "Jesus died for you upon the cross," he said. "Jesus promised to forgive your sins, if you will confess them to Him. He will also clean your heart of all unrighteousness. When your heart is clean, it will not feel heavy."

"I have begged all the gods to forgive me," she said. "Jesus is a god that I didn't know about. How do I ask Him?"



Sharing the Good News

Acts 8:4-8, 12-15, 17

- **4** Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.
- **5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
- **6** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
- **7** For unclean spirits,...came out of many that were possessed with them: and many...that were lame, were healed.
- **8** And there was great joy in that city.
- 12 ...When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- 13 Then Simon...believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
- 14 Nowwhen the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.



Questions:

- 1. What did the people do?
- 2. Where did Philip go to preach?
- 3. Did the people receive Philip's message?
- 4. Name ways God manifested Himself?
- 5. Were the people very happy?
- 6. Who were baptized?
- 7. Who was sent from Jerusalem to help Philip?
- 8. Had any of the people received the Holy Ghost?
- 9. When did they receive the Holy Ghost?

Verse to Memorize

Therefore they...went every where preaching the word.

Acts 8:4.



Christians in Jerusalem were sometimes beaten and put into jail. Those in authority wanted them to continue in the Jewish religion. The religious leaders lived from the tithes that were given, so the more people they had, the more money they received. Christians, however, gave their money to the apostles and those who preached the Gospel.

Many Christians moved away from Jerusalem to escape the cruel treatment. Everywhere they went they talked about Jesus. In this way they were preaching. Multitudes of new believers came into the church.

Philip moved into Samaria. This was a country near to Jerusalem, but a country in which a Jew disliked going. Only when it was very necessary or to avoid a much longer journey would a Jew set foot in Samaria. The Samaritans, in like manner, hated and avoided the Jews. Jesus, however, had removed all hatred from Philip, so he now loved the Samaritans and shared with them the Good News of salvation.

Many Samaritans believed that Philip was sent from God because God healed many sick folks, and delivered those possessed with devils and those with terminal afflictions. Many also accepted Jesus as their Savior.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that there were many new believers in Samaria, they sent Peter and John to help Philip. Together they baptized the new Christians and and many were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Simon, a proud man who had bewitched the Samaritans with sorcery, also believed the Gospel and was baptized. But he did it from a dishonest heart. He tried buying the power that the apostles had. Peter quickly rebuked him and told him to repent and beg Jesus for mercy. "Perhaps God will have mercy," he said.

Yes, many people were saved because the Christians went everywhere, preaching the Gospel.

-Charlotte Huskey

HE WAS NOT WILLING

"He was not willing that any should perish;"

Jesus enthroned in the glory above.

Saw our poor fallen world, pitied our sorrows,

Then poured out His life, such wonderful love!

Multitudes perishing, thronging our pathway,

Hearts break with burdens too heavy to bear;

Jesus would save, but there's no one to tell them,

No one to lift them from sin and despair,

"He was not willing that any should perish;"

Am I His follower, and can I live Longer at ease with a soul going downward.

Lost for the lack of the help I might give?

Multitudes, perishing! Thou was not willing;

Master, forgive, and inspire us anew:

Banish our worldliness, help us to ever

Live with eternity's values in view.

—Lucy Meyer

"The gods you pray to are not like Jesus. He loves you and wants to live inside your heart and help you always. Tell Jesus you are a sinner and you want Him to clean your heart and come inside."

Right there, on the side of the road, Lela said, "Jesus, I have been a naughty child. I have lied and taken things that are not mine. Sometimes I secretly disobey the matron at the orphanage, and sometimes I hate her. I don't think I should hate anyone. Please forgive me. clean me up and come into my heart."

Then the Christian prayed for Lela.

to teach. (Acts 8:26-27.)

(Acts 27:21-22.)

10.

preached to prisoners on a ship.

She did put her trust in Jesus and her burden was gone from that moment!

"I know my sins are forgiven! My heart is filled with gladness!"

"Thank you, thank you," Lela said. —Selected

"O sing unto the Lord a new song:...shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people." "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things:..." Psalm 98:1.

TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE:

VIZAMERS

Philip, Peter and John laid hands on them.) 5. Yes. 6. Men, women and Simon. 7. Peter and John. 8. No. 9. When 3. Yes. 4. By healings and cleansing those possessed with unclean spirits. (Answers: 1. They went everywhere preaching the Word. 2. To Samaria.

Going With the Gospel Across: 4. Peter went from____ to Caesarea to teach Cornelius. (Acts 10:23-24.) 5. Jesus came to _____ to save men, women and children. 6. Paul chose Silas to go with him through ___. (Acts 15:40-41.) 8. Philip went from _____ unto Gaza to teach. (Acts 8:26-27.) 11. Peter went from Joppa to____ to teach Cornelius. (Acts 10:23-24.) 12. Peter traveled to _____ to preach. (Acts 9:32.) Down: Jonah was sent by God to____ (Jonah 1:2.) 2. Philip preached Christ in ____. (Acts 8:5.) 3. Saul and were ordained to be Gaza. 10. Paul.) missionaries. (Acts 13:2.) 3. Bamabas, 4. John. 7. Silas, 9. 4. Peter and ___ went to Samaria to help (Down: I. Mineveh. 2. Samaria. Philip. (Acts 8:14.) 12. Lydda.) 7. Paul chose _____ to go with him through Syria, 8. Jerusalem. 11. Caesarea. Syria. (Acts 15:40-41.) (Across: 4. Joppa. 5. Earth. 6. 9. Philip went from Jerusalem unto_

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The Chocolate Pudding

Mrs. Meyers had made some chocolate pudding and left it on the kitchen table to cool. Then she had to go out for a little while.

"Joe, I'm going out. Now you be a good boy, and don't touch the pudding!"

"No, Mother, I won't," he assured her, and went on with his play.

A little later he got tired of playing and sighted the chocolate pudding. How good it looked, and he was hungry. Then the evil thought came into his heart that one spoonful of the pudding wouldn't be missed, so, in spite of his promise to his mother, he got a spoon out of the drawer and tasted a little of the pudding. It was as good as it looked, so Joe took another spoonful, and then another and another. Before Joe realized it, most of the pudding was gone.

Then it was that his conscience smote him for what he had done. He had disobeyed his dear mother. What could he do now? Even as he stood there crestfallen and in fear, he heard her steps coming in the door.

But one sin leads to another. Joe suddenly thought, "I'll blame it on the cat." So, hastily picking up the cat, he shoved its nose and front feet into the pudding, and when mother came into the room he tried to look unconcerned—but mother wasn't fooled.

"Cats don't eat pudding with a spoon," said Mother. "Look at that dirty spoon you left on the table!"

Joe was punished and sent upstairs to his bedroom. He had to remain there until his mother called for him.

The Bible says, "...Be sure your sin will find you out." Numbers 32:23. It was a good thing for Joe that his mother did find out what he had done and that he was punished for his sin, because, dear boys and girls, sin unconfessed has a hardening effect on the conscience, and the punishment that Joe received that day, no doubt, helped to keep him from worse evil.

The Lord Jesus shed His blood on Calvary's cross to wash away sin, and this is the only thing, in the sight of God, that can take away its scarlet stain. "...The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Proverbs 28:13.

—Taken from Messages Of The Love Of God



Samson Disobeys

Judges 14:1-3, 7, 10-20

- 1 ...Samson went down to Timnath...
- 2 And he...told his father and his mother,...I have seen a woman in Timnath...now therefore get her for me to wife.
- 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there [not] a woman among...all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of...Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.
- 7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.
- 10 ...And Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.
- 11 And...they brought thirty companions to be with him.
- 12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye...declare it me within the seven days of the feast,...then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:
- 13 But if ye cannot...then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said...Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.
- 14 And he said...Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness....
- 15 And it came to pass...that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare...the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house...
- **16** And Samson's wife wept...and said, Thou...lovest me not: thou hast

put forth a riddle unto...my people, and hast not told it me....

17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to...her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 ... And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

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The Message: Samson created for himself many problems because he did not obey his parents' advice.

Questions:

- 1. Who did Samson want as a wife?
- 2. Did his parents approve of his choice?
- 3. Did Samson consider their advice?
- 4. How many companions did Samson have at his wedding?
- 5. What did Samson's bride do during the wedding feast?
- 6. When did Samson tell her the riddle?
- 7. To whom did she tell the riddle?
- 8. Did Samson go home angry?
- 9. What happened to Samson's bride?

Verse to Memorize

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

Proverbs 4:11.



Parents made wedding arrangements in Samson's time. This does not mean that the young people had no choice. They could disagree with their parents' choice or they could ask their parents to make an arrangement for a certain person they were already interested in marrying. This is what Samson did. His parents disapproved of his choice, because God's laws said to marry only people who believe in God. The woman Samson chose nor her family believed in the true God. Although they disapproved, they did go to Timnath and make the wedding arrangements with her Philistine parents. This arrangement caused Samson much trouble.

They were married just before dark in a very simple ceremony at the bride's home. The thick veil was removed from the bride and laid on Samson's shoulder. Then he and his companions, took the bride to the wedding feast. (This was usually at the groom's home.) Friends, in their best clothes, waited along the roadside and followed them in torchlight processions to the feast.

Wedding feasts were fun times when friends and family ate, drank, laughed, played music and often danced. They lasted from seven to fourteen days. Samson's feast was different, however, for he put out a riddle which would cost the Philistines if they lost. Therefore, they secretly threatened to burn his bride and her family if she could not produce the answer. So she nagged. When nagging didn't get what she wanted, she used the trick that people often use to get what they want. She cried. Every day of the feast, she cried, "You don't love me. If you loved me. you would tell me the riddle." After hearing this for seven days, he told her the riddle. Instead of being loval to him and keeping the secret, she quickly told her people. Just before the sun went down on the last day of the feast. they gave Samson the answer.

Samson was so angry he left and went back to his country.

After his anger had finally cooled down, he returned to get his wife. Her father had given her in marriage to Samson's friend, so Samson returned home with nothing but a broken heart.

What a lot of suffering Samson got himself into because he did not follow the rules of God! -Charlotte Huskey

Trust in God And Do The Right

Courage, brother! do not stumble, Though thy path be dark as night; There's a Star to guide the humble— "Trust in God and do the right." Though the road be long and dreary And the goal be out of sight Foot it bravely, strong or weary; "Trust in God and do the right."

Perish policy and cunning, Perish all that fears the light; Whether losing, whether winning, "Trust in God and do the right." Flee all forms of guilty passion.

Friends can look like angels bright: Heed no custom, school, or fashion; "Trust in God and do the right."

Some will hate thee, some will love thee.

Some will flatter, some will slight; Cease from man, and look above thee: "Trust in God and do the right." Simple rule and surest guiding,

Inward peace and shining light, Star upon our path abiding-

"Trust in God and do the right." -Norman MacLeod

Samson

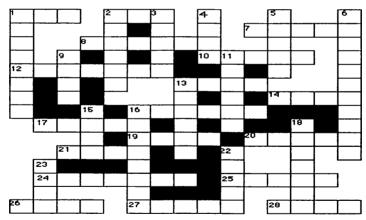
Across:

- 1. Another name for the Lord.
- 2. They ___ out Samson's eyes.
- 7. Samson stretched out his arms to the pillars.
- 8. Where a thing comes from.
- 10. Samson made_____ for the Philistines. (Judges 16:25.)
- 12. Samson's wife who cut his hair.
- Samson tied a firebrand to the ____of each fox.
- 14. Samson his strength return.
- 16. ____took hold of the pillars and brought the house down.
- 17. The Philistines made a ____ or banquet.
- 19. Another word for govern.
- Timnath is the _____where Samson met the woman he wanted to marry.
- 21. With his ____hands he killed the
- 24. Samson____himself. (Judges 16:28.)
- 25. The Philistines' god. (Judges 16:23.)

- 26. Samson's hair___again.
- 27. Samson went up to his father's ____ (abode).
- 28. Give____or listen to the Word of the Lord.

Down:

- l. Samson was_____in the prison house. (Judges 16:21.)
- 2. All____or nations that dwell on earth.
- 3. Word meaning "firebrand."
- 4. The Philistines put out Samson's____
- 5. Samson judged Israel for twenty____
- 6. The___ruled over Israel.
- 9. Another word for "run away."
- 11. Where Samson was held.
- 13. Another name for the house of God which Solomon built.
- 15. City whose gates Samson carried away. (Judges 16:1-2.)
- 16. Another word for might.
- 18. Used by Samson to slay 1000 men.
- 22. Samson was a____in Israel for 20 years. (Judges 15:20.)
- 23. Samson's strength returned when his _____began to grow again.



(Across: 1. God. 2. Put. 7. Reach. 8. Source. 10. Sport. 12. Delilah. 13. Tail. 14. Felt. 16. Samson. 17. Feast. 19. Rule. 20. Place. 21. Bare. 24. Avenged. 25. Dagon. 26. Grew. 27. House. 28. Heed.) (Down: 1. Grinding. 2. People. 3. Torch. 4. Eyes. 5. Years. 6. Philistines. 9. Flee. 11. Prison. 13. Temple. 15. Gaza. 16. Strength. 18. Jawbone. 22. Judge. 23. Hair.)

VUSAMERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE:

(Answers: 1. A Philistine woman from Timnath. 2. No. 3. No. 4. 30. 5. She cried for him to tell her the riddle. 6. On the seventh day of the feast. 7. Her people. 8. Yes. 9. She was given to his friend [or the best man].)

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Being True

(This is a true story—only the names have been changed.)

Aubrey had missed his lunch because he did not stop playing and come to eat when his food was served. Now he had just eaten a huge dinner and was feeling wonderful. To impress his parents that he would do better, he went without being asked to find the Bible for Dad. He looked first at one shelf, then at another. "I must find the Bible," he mumbled. "It is worship time and Dad will want to read from it." He looked in the bookcase again. Later, he found it on the desk.

"Come on," he called to Glenda, his older sister.

When Dad, Mother and Glenda came into the family room, Aubrey was sitting quietly with the Bible on his lap. Dad asked. "What shall I read tonight?"

"About Daniel and the lions!" shouted Aubrey. "I like it best."

"But we heard that story the last two evenings. I think we need another story," Glenda complained. Aubrey laid the Bible carefully in Father's hand, then turned away from Dad and made an ugly face at Glenda.

"How about a continuous lesson?" asked Dad.

"Good," said Glenda, "Just let it be a long one so we won't have to listen to Daniel and the lions again very soon, okay?" Aubrey reached over and pinched Glenda.

Glenda slapped his hand.

Dad ignored the children. He turned to Philippians 4:8 and began reading: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

"Whew! Such a long verse," exclaimed Aubrey. "What does it mean?"

"Many things. That's why we are going to make the lesson continuous," answered Daddy. "Each part has a meaning all its own and a Bible story to illustrate it. Tonight we will talk about being true. The apostle Paul, who wrote these words, tells us to think only on the things that are true. Lets think about some things that are true. I'm sure each of you can think of something."

"Sure, like Glenda falling over the bucket of mop water and breaking the fish aquarium," Aubrey exclaimed. "She looked like a fish trying to swim in a dried up pond!"

"Now Aubrey, lets think about something true, but pleasant," Mother suggested.

"Yeah, like when we went to the zoo. Aubrey let his ticket blow away in the wind, and we chased it all over the parking lot. Finally a clown helped us



A True Heart

Luke 6:43-45

- **43** For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt [soiled] fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- **44** For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.
- **45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil...of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Philippians 4:8-9

- 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.
- **9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

I John 3:18-21

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

- **19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
- **20** For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
- **21** Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

The message: Honest, true actions come from an honest, true heart. Evil actions come from an evil heart.

Questions:

- 1. What kind of fruit does a good tree produce?
- 2. What kind of fruit does an evil tree produce?
- 3. What comes out of the good man's heart?
- 4. What comes out of an evil man's heart?
- 5. From what does the mouth speak?
- 6. Name four kinds of things a Christian should think on?
- 7. Will our hearts condemn us if we have done evil?
- 8. Does God condemn us if our heart doesn't?
- 9. Will God forgive the condemnation if we do His commandments?

Verse to Memorize:

...For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Luke 6:45.



Keeping a clean heart is an insurance to protect us from doing wrong.

Jesus used trees for examples to explain that whatever is in our hearts will control what we will do and say. He asked if figs grow on thorn bushes or if grapes grow on bramble bushes. Grapes always come from grapevines, and figs only grow on fig trees. Pine trees do not produce oranges, nor do bananas grow from an oak tree. Pine trees have pine cones. Oak trees have acorns. These are scientific truths we know.

Man is very much like a tree. What he is in his heart will be produced in his words and actions. Laban's actions were covetous. After Jacob had worked seven years without earning wages, Laban tricked Jacob into working another seven years by giving him Leah for a wife instead of Rachel whom he loved. After those fourteen years had passed, Laban cheated Jacob ten more times. He even kept money that rightfully belonged to his daughters and their children. His covetous heart motived those covetous actions. Laban produced fruit like himself.

Solomon had a lustful heart. He lusted after women so he married many, many wives; horrible wives, wives that worshiped idols that required living babies as sacrifices. What was in his heart showed in his actions.

David had a loyal heart. King Saul, with a multitude of soldiers, was hunting David to kill him. On two occasions David had an easy chance to kill King Saul, but his loyal, good heart said, "I cannot sin by touching God's anointed." He did not kill King Saul. He produced good fruit because his heart was good.

How can we keep a good, clean heart? First we must ask Jesus to come into our heart and make it clean. After it has been cleaned, we can keep it clean by monitoring our thoughts carefully.

Our mind is like a computer into which information is constantly being fed. What we see. hear, read and experience is being recorded. The wonderful thing is that we do not have to save the garbage we hear or see. We need only to store thoughts that will make us a better person. Evil, vain, useless thoughts need to be put into the trash as soon as they enter our mind. In this way our heart will be kept clean. So when our heart is clean. we have assurance that our fruit will be good. As a good tree produces good fruit, so a good heart produces good words and -Charlotte Huskey actions.

catch it. That was lots of fun!" Glenda said.

Aubrev sighed.

"Quiet," Dad said "There are many things that are true, but they should also be of good report. We can be true in many ways. First, we must be true to ourselves."

"How could we not be true to ourselves?" questioned Aubrey.

"Oh, like a boy who promised to come straight home from school and didn't. He wasn't true to his word."

Aubrey wiggled in his seat.

"We must also be true to each other," continued Daddy. "David and Jonathan were true to each other."

"So were Ruth and Naomi," Glenda added.

But Aubrey was still thinking of being true to himself. "Tell me some other ways we might not be true to ourselves." he said.

"An example of being untrue to ourselves, is—well—like a boy I know who didn't come to lunch when his mother called. That boy caused his own self to suffer hunger, because he wasn't true to himself."

"I won't do that again," Aubrey promised.

"I hope not," Dad answered. Then he continued. "Only if we keep Jesus in our heart can we always be true. Jesus will not stay where dirty or dishonest thoughts or desires are allowed. Never save those kind of thoughts. Strive to be like Jesus. He was truthful in every word. Do you think Jesus ever said anything that would have led others to understand His words to mean something other than what they should?"

"I don't think so," said Glenda.

"Jesus never thought evil, so He never spoke anything wrong," Mother inserted.

"Not even the tiniest lie?" Aubrey questioned.

"Not even the tiniest lie!" Dad assured him and continued explaining.

After Dad had finished talking, Aubrey asked, "What should we do if we have not been true?" "Son, whenever we have not been true, we must confess the wrong to Jesus and ask His forgiveness. 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' I John 1:9. Jesus also said, '...Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.' John 6:37."

Aubrey asked forgiveness and was happy again.

"Now get comfortable, and I will tell you how Jonathan was true to David." "I love that story!" Aubrey exclaimed.

—Charlotte Huskey

KEEP TO THE RIGHT

"Keep to the right," as the law directs,
For such is the rule of the road:
Keep to the right, whoever expects
Securely to carry life's load.

Keep to the right, with God and His word; Nor wander, though folly allure; Keep to the right, nor ever be turned From what's faithful and holy and pure.

Keep to the right, within and without,
With stranger and kindred and friend;
Keep to the right, and you need have no doubt,
That all will be well in the end.

Keep to the right in whatever you do,
Nor claim but your own on the way;
Keep to the right, and hold on to the true,
From the morn to the close of life's day.

—Taken from Morning Exercises For All The Year, by Joseph C. Sindelar

(Answers: I Good fruit. 2. Evil fruit. 3. Good things. 4. Evil things. 5. From whatever is in the heart. 6. Things that are true, things that are honest, things that are honest, things that are lovely, etc. from Philippians 4:8. 7. Yes. 8. No, God does not. 9 Yes.)





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The Origin Of Mother's Day

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"May I help you?" asked the clerk at the flower shop."

"Yes, please. I need 500 white carnations delivered to Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday," said Anna Jarvis

"Wow! That may take every carnation in Grafton, maybe in all of West Virginia, but we'll do."

"Before 9:00 in the morning," Anna said as she opened the door to leave.

"Early wedding?" he asked with a twinkle in his eye.

Anna was already hurrying toward the church. This would be the biggest day in her life! She had been planning something for three years. Yes, ever since her mother died.

Her sister, Elsinore, was waiting at the church, "Wouldn't Mombe happy?" Elsinore said.

"Yes," Anna answered. The church was big and beautiful but for this special day it must have had been sending countless letters

flowers around the altar, ribbons from the lights that hung on the walls, and other extra fineries that ladies love. "It will be as Mom had planned, a day to honor mothers, to strengthen families after being torn apart by the bitter hatred of the Civil War."

"Tell me about the other Mother's Day celebrations," said blind Elsinore.

"All I know is that on June 2, Julia Ward Howel, held a Mother's Day meeting in Boston for many years."

"How long ago was that?"

"M-m-m, thirty years, and Mary Toweles Sasseen, a Kentucky school teacher, conducted Mother's Day celebrations in 1887. I also read that Frank E. Hering of South Bend, Indiana launched a campaign for observing Mother's Day in 1904."

"That was three years ago."

"Yes, I think people kind of like the idea by now."

Since their mother's death, Anna had been campaigning for the national observance of a day devoted to mothers. She enlisted advice and financial assistance from John Wanamaker. For a whole year she had been sending countless letters



A Confident Mother

II Kings 4:18-21, 24-29. 31-33, 35-37

(A childless woman helped Prophet Elisha and God gave her a son.)

- **18** And...the child...went out to his father to the reapers [in the field].
- 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.
- **20** And when he...brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.
- 21 And she...laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.
- **24** Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive,...slack not...except I bid thee.
- **25** So she...came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And...when the man of God saw her afar off,...he said to Gehazi his servant,...
- 26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.
- **27** And when she came to the man of God...she caught him by the feet:...
- **28** Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord?...
- **29** Then he said to Gehazi...take my staff...and lay my staff upon the face of the child.
- 31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the

face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

- **32** And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead....
- **33** He went in therefore, and shut the door...and prayed unto the Lord. **35** Then...the child opened his eyes.
- 36 ...And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.
 37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet,...and took up her son, and went out.

The Message: The woman said, "It is well," when her heart was broken over the death of her son.

Questions:

- 1. How many children did the woman have?
- 2. Of what was the boy sick?
- 3. What did the mother do with her son's body?
- 4. To whom did she go for help?
- 5. What did Elisha's servant say about the boy?
- 6. Was the boy alive or dead when Elisha arrived?
- 7. What did Elisha do when he saw the boy?
- 8. What did the boy do after Elisha prayed?
- 9. Did the mother thank Elisha?

Verse to Memorize

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Isaiah 3:10.



The woman in our Bible story had no child and her husband was old. The prophet Elisha asked God to give her a son. God did, and I am sure she was a very happy mother.

One day the boy was with his father harvesting when he developed a terrible headache. He was carried back to the house, where the mother held him until about noon. Then he died. What a shock!

But this mother did not get hysterical. Her faith was in God, so she placed his cold body on Elisha's bed in the room her husband had built especially for Elisha. Then she saddled her horse and went for Elisha.

When Elisha saw the boy was dead, he shut the door of the room and began praying. He laid down on the boy to warm his body. Then he walked back and forth in the room as he continued praying. Later he lay down on the boy again. The boy sneezed.

Elisha called the woman.

When she saw her living son, she fell at Elisha's feet and thanked him.

The most amazing thing about this mother is that she was able to say, "It shall be well" when her only son was laying at home dead.

Only Jesus can help a person say, "All shall be well" when their

most beloved treasure has been taken away. God has done that for others, and He can also do it for us. Let us apply ourselves to trusting God that "all shall be well" when things are very bad.

—Charlotte Huskey

SURPRISING MOTHER!

When Mother leaves us for awhile
To run down to the store,
I like to get the sweeper out
And tidy up the floor,
And if she isn't back by then,
I might do even more!

Some days when mother isn't well,
And she must stay in bed,
I fix her up a tray with soup
And dainty looking bread.
I fluff her pillow up for her,
And straighten out her bed.

I like to help around the house:
I think of it as play.
I like to dust, and make the beds,
And be so sweet and gay,
And when I am a mother, too,
I'll clean and cook all day!

—Gladys Best

"Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise." Ephesians 6:2. to people from all walks of life, including congressmen.

"Your hard work has paid off," Elsinore exclaimed. "Just think, tomorrow will be the first official Mother's Day! Did you order Mom's favorite flower?"

"Yes, and in honor of her, we'll give one to each person who attends." (From this comes the tradition of wearing a white carnation if your mother is dead and a colored one if your mother is living.)

Elisnore clapped her hands and Anna kissed her on the forehead. "It's going to be a great day!"

Anna's idea spread quickly. Soon people all over the United States and several foreign countries had set aside a special day for honoring their mothers. Anna was delighted when, in 1912, the Mother's Day International Association was formed. Today people all over the world celebrate Mother's Day by attending church, visiting their mother, writing letters, sending cards or flowers and giving gifts. Many have family gatherings on that day.

That day, 90 years ago, was the first official Mother's Day in America, however, it was not recognized on a national level until May 9, 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of congress recommending that congress and other executive departments of the government observe Mother's Day. The following year Mother's Day was proclaimed as an annual, national observance.

Long, long ago the ancient Greeks dedicated their annual spring festival to the goddess, Rhea. In Greek mythology she was the wife of Cronus and the mother of the important gods and goddesses. On the Ides of March, the Romans also observed this event. They called it Hilaria and made offerings in the temple of Cybele, the great mother of the gods. (Cybele is the Roman name for the goddess Rhea.)

The Roman Catholic church adopted this festival. It was celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. They decorated their church buildings with flowers, jewels and rich metals, and gave expensive gifts to the church in her honor.

The church leaders in England ordered this day to be called Mothering Sunday and be expanded to include all mothers. Besides attending church service in honor of the Virgin Mary, children went to the shops and brought home gifts, flowers and special cakes.

Although these customs had existed for thousands of years, they did not take root in America. Anna Jarvis and others believed that having a special day for mother's would help to remind children (both young and old) that mothers deserve honor and appreciation.

I believe it has, don't you?

What are you doing for your mother this Mother's Day?

-Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: I. One son. 2. A headache. 3. She laid it on Elisha's bed. 4. To Elisha. 5. The child does not awake. 6. Dead. 7. He prayed unto the Lord. 8. He opened his eyes. 9. Yes.)





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An Enemy

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning." (Proverbs 1:5.)

Mr. Pete was a teacher who could motivate children other teachers could not get to cooperate.

Mother asked Mr. Pete about his ability.

"God helps me. No problem is too hard for Him. God is mighty in strength and wisdom. (Job 36:5.) Not only is He wise Himself, but He has wisdom to give to those who ask of Him. If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (James 1:5.)

"Once I had a student who thought teachers were enemies. He thought I was an enemy, but I dealt with him not like an enemy. To me, he was a child needing help. I knew God would be an enemy unto my enemies, and an adversary unto my adversaries. (Exodus 23:22.) The battle was the Lord's (I Samuel 17:47) and He would prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies (Psalms 23:5) and enable me to effectively teach."

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. (Proverbs 16:7.)" Mother said.

"Yes. And the Bible says, 'If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.' (Proverbs 25:21.) It also says, 'Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good.' (Romans 12:21.) So I chose this student to be milk, juice and graham cracker monitor. At recess he got the food, came back and passed it out. He liked this job. At a class party, I let him pass out the cupcakes. I made him water monitor. In the afternoon, he got his drink first then called the other children by rows to get their drink. He liked these jobs. I wanted him to feel in his heart that, 'Mr. Pete loves me."

"Jesus said, 'Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy, But I say unto you, Love your enemies.' (Matthew 5:43-44.) God gave you wisdom and courage to do that," Mother said.

"I also praised him every day. Often it was hard, but I found something nice to say almost every day. The student's mother was overjoyed. She said, 'I have noticed a change in my son. He has become a hard working, conscientious student."

"God's commandments, made me wiser than mine enemy. (Psalm 119:98.)"



God Gives Wisdom

I Kings 3:16-28

16 Then came there two women,...and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 And...the third day after...this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house,...

19 And this woman's child died

19 And this woman's child died in the night;...

20 And she...took my son from beside me...and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 And when I rose in the morning...it was dead: but when I had considered it...behold, it was not my son,...

22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son....

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword...

25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.
26 Then spake the woman [mother] whose the living child was...O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child...she is the mother...

28 And all Israel...feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him,...

The Message: God gives wisdom to those who seek Him for it.

Questions:

- 1. Who came to the king?
- 2. Did the women live together?
- 3. Was anyone with the women when the baby died?
- 4. What did the king say should be done to the living child?
- 5. Did one woman agree that the living boy should be divided?
- 6. Who did not want her son cut?
- 7. How did the king know which woman was the mother?
- 8. Who saw that the wisdom of God was with the king?
- 9. Share with your class a time when God gave wisdom to you or someone you know.

Verse to Memorize

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6.



Two unmarried women lived together in the country of Israel. One woman gave birth to a baby boy. Three days later, the other woman became the mother of another baby boy. Each baby slept with its mother because neither had its own bed.

When the two boys were only a few weeks old, the mother of the younger baby awoke and found her son had died during the night. She shook the boy and tried to get him to breath. He did not. She hugged him to her warm body hoping that might revive him. During all this activity, the other woman did not awake. When she saw that her baby could not be revived, she quietly took her dead baby and laid it beside her sleeping friend and took the living baby back to her bed.

When her friend awoke, she tried to feed her baby, but the baby beside her was not hungry. It felt cold, so she wrapped it in a blanket and cuddled it, hoping to warm its body. After awhile, when the baby's body did not warm, she realized it was dead. Being still kind of sleepy she hadn't noticed the baby was not hers, so she began to cry. "Oh, my son, my son, how can I put you into the ground and never see you again? Oh, those big eyes, so like mine and your curly hair just like my dad's," and then she noticed.

"You stole my baby," she shouted.
"Give me my son. This one is yours."
"No. it isn't."

"Yes, it is," she shouted as she tried hard to force the living child out of the woman's arms.

Soon neighbors heard the shouting and came in to help settle the

fight. Fortunately they lived near to the palace, so into the judgment hall they went.

"This careless lady smothered her baby while asleep and she has taken mine," the mother shouted.

"No," said the woman who clung to a little baby. "He is mine. Her child is dead."

God put a thought in King Solomon's mind. "Get me a sword," he said to his servant.

Everyone stood silently, wondering if he was going to kill these women for troubling him so early in the morning. When the servant returned with the sword, Solomon said, "Take this child and cut him in two pieces, then give one part to each woman. That should settle the argument."

"Oh, no, don't do that!" shouted the baby's mother. "Don't hurt the child. Give him to her."

"No," answered the other woman.
"Give me half and her the other half."

Just as the servant was raising the sword to divide the child, the king thundered, "Stop!" Then pointing to the woman who did not want the child hurt, he said, "She is the mother. Give the baby to her."

Today there are scientific ways of determining a biological parent—however, in those times there was not. Solomon had to depend on God's wisdom. We too, can depend on God giving us wisdom to solve problems which seem impossible to solve.

-Charlotte Huskey

A WISE OLD OWL

A wise old owl
lived in an oak;
The more he saw
the less he spoke;
The less he spoke
the more he heard;
Why can't we all be
like that bird?
—Edward Heresy Richards

"Solomon said, 'A wise man will hear (pay attention to the Bible) and increase learning.' (Proverbs 1:5.)" said Mother. "This is true in the case with my son as well as with the other student. Thank you."

"Thank you for coming."

The bell rang. Open House was over. Glenda and Mother walked to the car.

—Cecelia Bowman

Family Ties

- Two brothers, Jacob and Esau. Their father:_____(Gen. 35:29.)
 Two sisters, Mary and Martha. Their brother:_____(John 11:1.)
 Two sisters-in-law, Ruth and Orphah. Their mother-in-law:_____(Ruth 1:8.)
 Father and mother, Zacharias and Elisabeth.
- Their son: ______(Luke 1:13.)

 5. Sisters, Leah and Rachel.
 Their father: (Gen. 29:16.)
- 6. Two brothers, Moses and Aaron.
 Their sister: (Ex. 15:20.)
- 7. Two brothers, Cain and Abel. Their mother:_____(Gen. 4:1-2.)
- 8. Father and son, Abraham and Isaac.

Their wife and mother:____(Gen. 21:3.)

- 9. James, Joses, Juda, and Simon. Their brother: _____(Mark 6:3.)
- Two brothers, James and John. Their father: (Mark 1:19.)

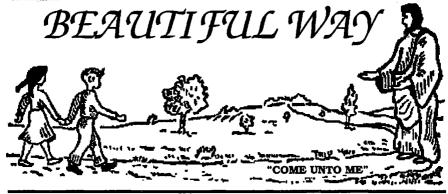
(Answers: I. Isaac. 2. Lazarus. 3. Naomi. 4. John the Baptist. 5. Laban. 6. Miriam. 7. Eve. 8. Sarah. 9. Jesus. 10. Zebedee.)

The Path Of Understanding

There is a path divine and sure, And follow it we must, If we would gain a hope secure Beyond our lives of dust; The path of understanding true Of knowledge wise and free: The shining way to live and do As God would have us be. Man born in darkness enters in And finds the world around By error cursed and stained with sin Where sorrow does abound. To pick and find his way amid Confusion, strife, and wrong; To know the right so often hid, He ponders in the throng. Oft in despair he launches forth, In careless, dark pursuit Of pleasure, pride, and mortal worth Like those of fellow-brute. But for the hungry, thirsty soul Who craves a higher place, This path of wisdom's sweet control Finds easy access gain. For in the Gospel's light of love Through Christ, the Saviour's grace The wisdom coming from above Reveals the Father's face. The knowledge of His holy will Sweet counsel doth provide: A treasure all the heart to fill And prove a constant guide. Thus understanding proves to be A constant need below-Far, far above earth's vanity And all that it can show. —Leslie Busbee

(Answers: 1. Two women. 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. He said, "Divide the child." 5. Yes. 6. The mother. 7. He knew by the love she showed. 8. All the people in Israel. 9. Answers will vary.)





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Bill

"You're early today," Mr. Willis said.

"I didn't want anyone to get my seat." Bill usually sat in the corner where Mr. Willis couldn't see him. There he could make the most disturbance without being caught. Brown curly hair fell across his forehead and almost hid the twinkle in his eyes. He poked Juan and whispered, "Notice the sweat dripping from Mr. Willis' face. He's hot already; maybe we can get him angry today."

"Sounds like fun," Juan answered.
Soon the room was filled with children pushing and shoving, trying to each get seated where they could see the chalkboard. When they quieted down Mr. Willis began singing, "Jesus loves me this I know." The children joined him. Bill also sang, first very high, then very low, then very loud. Juan was embarrassed.

"I'm moving over by the window, so I won't be so hot," Juan said and moved away from Bill.

Soon Tracy took Juan's place. Together he and Bill giggled, and scuffled and made strange sounds. Often the children looked back at them, while Mr. Willis tried to keep the childrens' attention on the story. He told about Moses leading the people

of Israel away from their slavery in Egypt. As he was telling the story, he was drawing a picture of the Red Sea. It's water stood up in walls while the people walked across on dry land. He explained that Moses saving the people from bondage was an illustration of Jesus saving people from their sins.

Finally the class was over. Mr. Willis dismissed the children with a sigh. Away went the children, pushing and shoving to be first to get out of the hot building, all except one—the one who had caused the most trouble. "You aren't going home?" Mr. Willis asked Bill.

Bill never lifted his eyes. He just sat there swinging his legs and occasionally scraping his bare toes against the cement floor. Mr. Willis wiped the board and put his eraser and package of markers into his bag. Then he started picking up the candy bar and gum wrappers which the children had dropped.

Bill watched until Mr. Willis came near him. Then he asked, "Mr. Willis, are there some prayers in the Bible? I think I need a prayer."

"Yes, Bill there are many prayers in the Bible. There is the prayer of Abraham, Jacob, David, Ezra, Daniel, Jesus and many more.

"I need a real short one." Bill said.



Ezra's Prayer

Ezra 9:5-15

- **5** And at the evening...I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the Lord my God.
- **6** And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities [sins] are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.
- 7 ...For our iniquities have we,...been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity,...as it is this day.
- **8** And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant [a few] to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.
- **9** For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage,...
- **10** And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,
- 11 Which thou hast commanded...saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land...the people of the lands,... have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.
- **12** Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your

sons, <u>nor seek their peace</u> or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land....

- 13 ... Thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this;
- 14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join...with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?

15 O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous:...behold, we are before thee in our trespasses:...

The Message: God hears and answers prayers from a humble heart.

Questions:

- 1. In what position was Ezra when he was praying?
- 2. Why was Ezra ashamed?
- 3. Why had the people been captive?
- 4. What happened to the people because of their sins?
- 5. What mercy did God show?
- 6. What was God's commandment about the people of the land?
- 7. Had they been punished according to their iniquities?
- 8. Was God merciful to His people?
- 9. Is God righteous?

Verse to Memorize

Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst <u>humble</u> thyself before God,...I have even heard thee also, saith the Lord.

II Chronicles 34:27.



Let's talk about what was happening at the time Ezra repented before God. We will start with Daniel. who was thrown to the lions. He and most of his countrymen were captive in Babylon, under King Nebuchadnezzar. A few years before they were captured, the Hebrews from the other ten tribes of Israel were captured and taken into Assyria. God allowed both nations to be taken captive because they had rebelled and were worshiping idols in the most horrendous manner. This happened because they had married into idolatrous families and followed their evil traditions.

Remember the story of the hand-writing on the wall that Daniel interpreted? Well, that night Cyrus, king of Persia, conquered Babylon. The Babylonians' custom was to bring captives into their country. Persian custom was to leave people in their own countries. So the new Persian king allowed the Hebrews to return to Israel. Only 50,000 went back. Many had good homes, large families and prosperous businesses and did not want to leave. Besides, their homeland was over 700 miles away, and they'd have to walk.

Years later Esther became the wife of Xerxes, king of Persia. Remember how God used her to save the Jewish people from extermination? Xerxes was favorable to the Jews, so he allowed Ezra to go to Jerusalem and teach God's laws.

When Ezra arrived in Jerusalem, he found the people doing the same evil that had caused their fathers to be taken captive. They had married into families that worshiped idols. Some of the leading men had separated from their Jewish wives for these wicked women. Ezra was very troubled and fearful that they might again be taken captive. Therefore, he fell upon his knees and with hands stretched out to heaven, he prayed the prayer that is our scripture reading for today.

His prayer was one of repentance. Ezra said, "I am ashamed, for our sins are so great they have reached unto heaven." He did not brag, but humbly begged God to forgive their sins. He praised God for giving them grace and mercy, for taking them out of bondage and allowing them a part in His holy place.

We cannot impress God by praying beautiful or long prayers. God loves to hear repentant, humble prayers and prayers of praise.

-Charlotte Huskey



Help me, Dear Lord, to raise my eyes Above all petty care, And find upon the arching skies Truths You have written there.

Help me to do the simple things That make this world a place Where every voice with gladness rings, And smiles light upon each face.

Help me to hide each bitter loss
So none but You will see
The weight and torture of my cross
I bear alone for Thee.

Help me to meet each hour, each day, Courageous, faithful, and true. Help me to know and keep the way That leads, my Lord to You.

-Enola Chamberlin

"There are two short prayers in the book of Luke. I'll read them to you." Quickly Mr. Willis found Luke 18:11 and began reading.

"...God, I thank thee, that I am not

as other men are,..."

"What does that mean?" interrupted Bill.

"It means that the man who prayed this prayer thought he was better than others."

"Oh, that prayer won't do. I'm the worst! What's next?"

"I fast twice in the week..."

"What does that mean?"

"It means that two times each week you would not eat one of your meals, either breakfast, lunch or dinner."

"Oh, I can't say that! I eat everything Mom serves except vegetables and liver. What's next?"

"I give tithes of all that I possess..."

"What does that mean?"

"It means, that if you have a dollar, you give ten cents of it away."

"Oh, sir, I've never given ten cents away! I never have anything to give away. That prayer won't do for me. Besides it's too long. I couldn't remember it all. What's the other prayer?"

"Well, Bill, the other one is only seven words. Think you can remem-

ber it?"

"That's the kind I want! Will God

hear a short prayer?"

"God heard this prayer. In fact, God was more pleased with this prayer than He was with the longer prayer."

"I'll pray that one!" Bill explained.

Mr. Willis read, "'God be merciful to me a sinner.' Would that prayer suit you, Bill?"

Just then, Mr. Willis noticed tears dropping on Bill's ragged jeans. "God be merciful to me a sinner," he said.

After Bill finished praying, Mr. Willis said, "Now let me read to you what Jesus said to the man who prayed this prayer. Jesus said, "This man went down to his house

justified."

"Now what's that mean?" Bill asked again.

"That means you are not a sinner now. Jesus has talked to God about you and you are good in God's sight!"

"I'm good?" Bill exclaimed. "Why I've never been good a day in my life."

"But you are now. You are God's special child. He will help you be good every day. Now that you understand these two prayers, would you like to read them?"

Bill wiped his dirty hands on his jeans and took the Bible. He read: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

When Bill had finished, he exclaimed, "I didn't know I could read the Bible! It's easy! I'm gonna ask Mom to buy me one."

"Wonderful!"

"Thanks, Mr. Willis, for not getting angry today." —Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Ezra was on his knees with his arms stretched out toward heaven. 2. Because the people had committed many horrible sins. 3. Because of their sins. 4. They were in captivity. 5. He left them a remnant to escape and lightened their eyes and revived them. 6. They were to never marry those people, nor seek their peace nor wealth. 7. No. Their iniquities were more than their punishment. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)





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Heat Stroke

"...Fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7.

"Look! That boy is jogging and it's steaming hot. He's collapsed!"

As Mother and Reggie rushed outside, the boy's sister ran up.

"Oh my, I told him it was too hot to jog. I told him to wait until evening when it would be cooler. He wouldn't listen."

Father drove up.

Mother and Reggie went in. Reggie said, "Mother, that boy looks like a teenager, but he is foolish. Even I know its too hot to play outside, let alone jog."

"Yes, he is foolish. The Bible says, 'Fools despise wisdom and instruction.' (Proverbs 1:7.) Despise means to dislike strongly or think of as not important enough to notice. A fool is a person who acts unwisely. He does silly or senseless things. Wisdom means good judgment that comes from knowledge and experience. Instructions are directions to be followed."

"That boy sure acted unwisely to jog when it was so hot," Reggie said. "And he refused to follow directions from his sister."

"The Bible says, 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.' (Psalms 14:1.) 'For the preaching of

the cross is to them,...foolishness.' (I Corinthians 1:18.) 'Fools hate knowledge.' (Proverbs 1:22.) God said, 'Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof. I will mock when your fear cometh. For that they [because you] hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord.' (Proverbs 1:24-26, 29.)"

"I think it would be terrible to have God mock at me," Reggie said.

"People are foolish. 'They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.' (Jeremiah 4:22.) 'The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.' (I Corinthians 2:14.) A fool is not spiritual. 'The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.' (I Corinthians 1:25.)

"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.' (I Corinthians 1:21.)

"The Bible has wisdom and instruction necessary for going to heaven. Those that despise it are fools. 'God hath no pleasure in fools.' (Ecclesiastes 5:4.) Even the thought of foolishness is sin. (Proverbs 24:9.)



Rejecting Advice

Jeremiah 27:12-15

- 12 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah...saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
- 13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the Lord hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?
- 14 Therefore hearken not unto...the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.
- 15 For I have not sent them, saith the Lord, yet they prophesy a lie in my name;...that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

Jeremiah 52:4-11, 13

- 4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.
- **5** So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.
- 6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.
- 7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round

about:) and they went by the way of the plain.

- 8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.
- **9** Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon...
- 10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.
- 11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.
- 13 And burned the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men,...

The Message: We must always consider the advice of Godly people.

Questions:

- 1. What did Jeremiah advise King Zedekiah to do?
- 2. What would happen to those who did not serve the king of Babylon?
- 3. Who came against Jerusalem in the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign?
- 4. How long was the city besieged?
- 5. Was there a famine in Jerusalem?
- 6. How did the king and his army escape the city?
- 7. Where did the enemy capture King Zedekiah?
- 8 What happened to the king's sons?
- 9. What happened to King Zedekiah?

Verse to Memorize

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 9:9.



Around the thick, high wall of Jerusalem, an army of fierce Chaldeans was camped. They had built forts on every side so that no one could safely come in or go out of the city. Jerusalem's king, Zedekiah, called the prophets to ask advice. Jeremiah, the man of God, said, "You should surrender to Babylon if you want to live, for God has said that all the nations which do not serve the king of Babylon shall die. They will be killed in wars, famines and pestilences."

This was not the first time Jeremiah had said that the people of Jerusalem were going to suffer because of their sins. Kings had imprisoned and punished Jeremiah because of his prophecies. Zedekiah and his young court were also disturbed by Jeremiah's words, so they sent for other prophets. These prophets comforted the king by prophesying lies. Jeremiah's advice was rejected.

Nothing is gained by rejecting good advice. What the people of God say will surely come to pass. In a few months what Jeremiah had prophesied started happening. Day by day the food inside the city had been eaten and there was no way to bring in more. Even the water was scarce. People were fighting and stealing from each other. Young children, elderly people and sickly persons were dying for lack of nourishment. Added to the suffering was this grief of death. Strong men were ready to kill the king.

Suddenly the residents of the city exploded and stormed the palace. There were two walls built near the palace garden. The walls were built several feet apart and an opening was disguised in such a way as to make a secret passage from the city. The king and his army escaped quickly through this passage and ran out on the Jericho plain. They were soon spotted by a Chaldean soldier who alerted his squadron. King Zedekiah, his sons and many soldiers were captured. Zedekiah was forced to watch while his sons were killed. Then his eyes were put out. He was bound in chains and taken to Babylon where he was imprisoned until his death.

King Zedekiah suffered terrible pain from the fierce Chaldeans because he rejected good advice.

—Charlotte Huskey



There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have.
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow, A strength in your utmost need; Have faith, and a score of hearts will show Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind, And honor will honor meet, And a smile that is sweet will surely find A smile that is just as sweet.

Give sorrow and pity to those who mourn; You will gather in flowers again— The scattered seeds of your thought out borne, Though the sowing seemed but vain.

For life is the mirror of king and slave—
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.
—Mary Ainge De Vere

'God hath no pleasure in wickedness. The foolish shall not stand in His sight.' (Psalms 5:4-5.) 'They shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.' (Revelations 21:8.)"

The door opened. Father walked in. "Too bad the boy didn't listen to instructions. He had a heat stroke. Say, what's for dinner?"

-Cecilia Bowman

HIDDEN MESSAGES

There are hidden messages from the Bible for you in this diagram. (Starting at the left of the top row, find all the same number and put down the letters underneath each one.) There are five messages. How many can you find?

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God Wants The Boys God wants the boys, the merry boys,

The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys;
God wants the boys with all their joys,
In Jesus' blood to make them pure
And teach them hardness to endure;
Soldiers of Christ He'd have them be,
Living for truth and purity,
God wants the boys.

God Wants The Girls

God wants the happy hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best of girls,
The worst of girls;
God wants to make the girls His pearls,
And so reflect His holy face,
And bring to mind His wondrous grace;
As lights mid darkness they should be,
And filled with love and purity;
God wants the girls.

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The Crow And The Pancake

It was a hot day in India. For many weeks the sun had burned down unmercifully. The rice had dried up and the wheat was parched. Not a drop of rain came nor was there any cool breeze to bring relief.

Junita, a young widow, held her infant girl in her arms, and wearily stroked its tiny face. Her older little girl lay on a rude cot, too weak to cry. Her big, dark eyes looked pleadingly up to her mother for help.

In despair poor Junita got up, faced the east, and began praying: "O Krishna, hear my cry. Send something for my babies and me to eat. Please, Krishna, and send us water to drink before we die in this heat."

She waited, but no answer came. She thought of the many times she had prayed to her gods, and no answer had come. So she quit praying and began trying to comfort her girls.

While helping the girls, she remembered that the Christians taught about another God whom they called Jesus Christ. They said that Jesus promised rest to the weary. In her anxiety, Junita cried out, "Oh, God, Jesus Christ, if it is true that You are alive and care, please help me and send us something to eat."

Not far away at a mission station, Miss White was sitting down to her simple breakfast. The mission cook had baked a large pancake for her in the outdoor kitchen.

"I wish there was something I could do to relieve the poor, suffering ones," Miss White said. "This drought is terrible. Why, even the crows are hungry. Just look at them searching for food." While Miss White was watching some crows circling over the garbage barrel, another crow swooped down and seized her pancake. Before anyone could stop him, he flapped his big wings and flew away with the pancake hanging from his beak.

Moments later the crow flew over Junita's little hut and dropped the pancake on the mat on which she had been praying. "Jesus is a living God and has heard my prayer!" Junita exclaimed. "I will pray always to Jesus."

After the three had finished eating the pancake, Junita asked Jesus to make her daughter well so she could go to the mission station and tell of her new faith in their God.

Within a few days, the girl was able to walk, so Junita took them to the mission station. She was so weak when she arrived that she fell against the door.

Miss White and the cook helped her into a bed. She was kept in the



God Supplies Needs

I Kings 17:10-13, 15-16

- 10 ...When he [Elijah] came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he...said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water...
- 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he...said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
- 12 And she said,...I have...but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil...I am gathering two sticks, that I may...dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
- 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not;...make me thereof a little cake first...and after make for thee and for thy son.
- 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house [family], did eat many days.
- 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse [jar] of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

Nehemiah 2:1-5, 7-9; 6:15

- 1-2 And it came to pass...that...the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,
- **3** And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: [I am sad because]...the city...of my father...lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?
- 4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

- **5** And I said unto the king, If it please the king,...send me unto Judah,...that I may build it.
- 7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;
- 8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace...for the wall of the city, and for the house...And the king granted me....
- 9 ...Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.
 15 So the wall was <u>finished</u>...in fifty and two days.

The Message: God supplies the needs of those who trust Him.

Questions:

- 1. What did Elijah asked the widow to
- 2. What was the widow planning to do?
- 3. How did God supply for Elijah, the widow and her son?
- 4. Why was Nehemiah sad?
- 5. How did God supply for Nehemiah?
- 6. In what ways did the king help Nehemiah?
- 7. Did the walls of Jerusalem get rebuilt?
- 8. Has God promised to supply all our needs?
- 9. Does God sometimes supply more than we ask?

Verse to Memorize

...My God shall <u>supply</u> all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19.



This lesson contains records of God supplying two very different needs. In the first one God supplied daily food for a prophet, a widow and her son in a country where people were starving for lack of food. Every day the barrel in which the widow kept her meal had just enough to make bread for that day. Each day she also emptied all the oil from her earthen jar. But when she awoke the following morning, oil was again in her jar. This was not a small thing. People and animals all over the country of Israel and the surrounding nations were dying of starvation. Yet God supplied food for these.

(You might think you were starving to death if you had only bread to eat. But, when a person is really starving, a bit of bread every day would taste real good.)

The other record in this lesson is of God supplying for a great building project. Nehemiah was a captive in Persia. But like Daniel and the three Hebrew children, Nehemiah lived in the king's court. He was the king's cupbearer, therefore the king saw him every day. Nehemiah felt sad when he thought of his homeland and Jerusalem, its capital city, laying in ruins. This city was more than just a capital of the country. It was also the city where God's people worshiped and praised Him. A desire to rebuild this city and revive God's worship grew in the heart of Nehemiah until it showed on his face.

One day the king noticed that Nehemiah was very sad, but he didn't seem to be sick. "Why are you sad?" he asked.

Nehemiah trembled with fear. Was the king angry because he was not cheerful? He had seen many a person put to death when the king was displeased with them. Silently he prayed, "God help me to know how to answer the king." Then Nehemiah told the king that Jerusalem was his home and that it had been razed and burned.

"What would you like to do about it?" the king asked.

Nehemiah again prayed silently. Then he said, "If it please you and if I have found favor in your sight, send me to rebuild the city walls."

"I will. How much time will you need?"

Nehemiah told the king how long he needed to be away. Then he added, "If you would be pleased to do so, will you also give me a letter so I can pass safely through the land, and a letter to the keeper of the forests that I may get needed lumber?"

The king gave Nehemiah not only the letters he asked for, but he also sent captains of his army and horsemen to protect him.

One of God's promises is that He will "do exceeding abundantly above all that we <u>ask</u> or <u>think</u>, according to the power that worketh in us." (Ephesians 3:20.) God caused the widow, her son and Elijah to have food while others were starving. This was more than the widow had expected; she was expecting to starve. God also supplied more than Nehemiah had asked. When you have a need, remember this promise and ask God to supply it.

-Charlotte Huskey

mission station and she and the little girls were fed and tenderly cared for. When she was stronger she told her story—how God answered her pray and sent the crow with the pancake. Miss White smiled and praised God that the breakfast which the old crow had stolen from her had helped save three lives and had shown poor Junita that Jesus is alive and answers prayer.

"...Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Psalm 50:15.

"...Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1.

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"The Lord Sent It"

In a small village lived a poor, old woman. Having no one to support her, she trusted God to supply her daily needs. She thanked whoever brought her food, but she always acknowledged that God was the true supplier of the food. She often said, "The Lord has sent it."

Some mischievous, unbelieving boys of the village thought they would have some fun. The day was very hot. Feeling safe that there would be no fire in the fireplace, one boy quietly climbed onto her low roof. He dropped a well-wrapped loaf of bread down the chimney, while the other boys peeked in at her from the two windows.

When she saw the bread come rolling out the chimney, she clapped her hands and shouted, "Oh, hallelujah! Praise God! He has sent me bread straight from heaven."

After the lady had enjoyed her meal of bread and cheese, the hoodlums knocked at her door and asked, "Are you having a good day?" "I certainly am!" she exclaimed, "The Lord has sent me a loaf of bread."

"That wasn't the Lord. We put that loaf of bread in your chimney," explained one of the dirty-faced boys.

"Well," she replied, "that is one time you boys were used of the Lord."

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Psalms 139:18 "If I should count [thy thoughts unto me], they are more in number than the sand."

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An Angel's Visit

It was very cold, but the sun was shining brightly on Chicago as Brother Henry Moorehouse left his home and started out to visit the sick among his congregation. He counted his money. He had just enough for bus fare and a snack for lunch.

In a basement apartment on the other side of Chicago where no sun ever entered, Peggy rubbed her sleepy eyes. She reached for the rope that hung over her small bed and pulled herself up to a sitting position. When she saw her mother scurrying around, Peggy knew she was in for another lonely day while Mother was away working. "Please hurry back," she begged. "I don't like staying by myself."

"I know," Mother answered. "I wish I could stay with you, but I have to earn money to pay the rent and buy our food." She brought Peggy a warm, wet washcloth and placed a bowl of cream of wheat on the old chair beside her small iron bed, then hurried back to finish rinsing the clothes she had washed.

Before leaving, she placed an old Sears catalog, a small cardboard box, a pair of scissors and some old towels on the bed beside Peggy. "Maybe you can cut out some new people and make another paper doll family. That will help the day not seem so long." "I'll be all right," Peggy said. "Don't worry about me."

"You're a brave girl," Mother said as she kissed Peggy. "If I get finished before the bakery is closed, I will bring you a cupcake. But I'm working for Mrs. Giggins and she usually keeps me busy until late." She slipped into her coat, then added, "Be very quiet so no one will know you are here."

Peggy watched Mother disappear out the door and heard the lock click. "Another long, lonely day," she sighed.

Peggy was in the habit of talking to Jesus when alone. She lifted her eyes toward heaven. There were gas and water pipes and electrical wire stretched across the ceiling. The days' wash, her pajamas, mother's dress, a towel and some underwear were draped over them. "Jesus, Mommy says You are always here, but if this place isn't too bad, I'd like a personal visit of an angel today." Peggy laughed at herself when she realized what she had said. However, the thought was comforting.

After eating her breakfast, Peggy raised the ragged, old catalog that was her companion every day. Tucked inside were the Turner, Brown and Okey families. These she had created by cutting out the pictures from the catalog and pasting them onto cardboard. One by one Peggy looked at her families. "I want a doll to hold or someone to talk with," she said, as she tucked the paper dolls back into the catalog.



Gifts That Please God

Mark 12:41-44, 38, 40

- **41** And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.
- **42** And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.
- **43** And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them. Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:
- **44** For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.
- **38** And he said unto them...Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces.
- **40** Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

Luke 11:42

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Romans 12:1, 3, 9-10, 12-18

- 1 I beseech you...that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- **3** ...[And] not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly,...
- **9** Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor [hate] that which is evil; cleave

to that which is good.

- **10** Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- **13** Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- **14** Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- **15** Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.
- 16 ...Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
- 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

The Message: The kind of gifts which please Jesus are the thoughts and actions of love which we give to other people.

Questions:

- 1. What was Jesus watching?
- 2. Which offering did Jesus appreciate most?
- 3. What attitude of the scribes displeased Jesus?
- 4. What actions of the Pharisees should we avoid?
- 5. What should a Christian present to God?
- 6. How should we live every day?
- 7. What should our attitude toward sin be?
- 8. Name some "action gifts" that please God.
- 9. Are you giving these "action gifts" to Jesus each day?

Verse to Memorize

I beseech you...that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1.



One day Jesus sat in the temple near the treasury box. He watched rich men put in large quantities of gold and silver coins. Scribes and Pharisees nodded their heads and gave smiles of approval for these large offerings. Jesus, however, noticed a poor widow who dropped in only two mites. It was hardly enough to be called an offering, but Jesus called His disciples aside and said to them, "That poor widow has put in more than anyone. The rich have much money and have put in only a part of what they could have given. This widow, however, has given all that she had, even that which she needed for food. Her blessing is much greater than the others."

Jesus accepts the gift according to the love that motivated giving the offering. "Listen," He said to His disciples. "don't be like the scribes and Pharisees. They make long prayers to get praise from people. They are also careful to give a tenth of all they receive. Of the tiny bags of spices which are given to them, they take out one tenth and give to God. But instead of loving others as God expects them too, they often abuse people. Sometimes they take a poor widow's home if she has not paid her tithe to the temple. I wish they were careful to love others instead of being so careful to give their tithe."

Jesus came to earth and sacrificed His body on the cross to save people from sin. There is now no need for people to give sacrifices for the cleansing of their sins. But there are still sacrifices to be given. The sacrifices or gifts that please Jesus are those of love. Because of the love we have for Jesus, we give ourselves to Jesus so that He can use us in whatever way He

wishes—that is, presenting ourselves a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1.)

Each morning we should ask Jesus to help us be in the right place at the right time so He can use us. Say to Jesus, "I give my body, mind and heart to You today. Help me to use each hour as You would use it if You were here. I promise to cheerfully take care of the responsibilities that are mine. (my school work, chores at home, duties to the church, etc.). As I am doing these things. I will give gifts of kindness. blessing, thoughtfulness, peace and happiness to others. I will do my best to feel for the sad, lift up the down cast, be patient when I must wait, be humble and return good for evil." These are the gifts that please Jesus.

Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God watching us as we offer these gifts of love to those around us. He is saying, "Those Christians have given all, they have presented their bodies as living sacrifices to Me. Their blessing will be great." —Charlotte Huskey

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Psalm 139:17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me. O God! how great is the sum of them!

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She picked up two of the old towels, then drew from under the edge of her mattress bits of string and a piece of red ribbon that mother had brought. She folded two towels then tied them to form a head. Next she parted and tied the towels to form two arms. The rest hung loose for a body. "I will name you Emily," she told her homemade doll. "And you shall wear my red ribbon in your hair."

All morning Peggy enjoyed visiting with Emily. Peggy spoke in a low, grown-up voice and Emily would answer in Peggy's most high, squeaky voice.

At noon she ate the peanut butter sandwich which Mother had left on the chair. Then she took a nap.

She was awakened by a knock on the door. "Who's there?" she asked sleepily. Then she quickly covered her mouth, for Mother had said, "Don't let anyone know you are here."

"I am Brother Henry," a man's voice answered. "I have a surprise for you."

Peggy was afraid. Mother had said someone might entice her to open the door by offering her something. Peggy lay silent, hoping the man would go away.

"Peggy, are you there?"

Silence.

"Are you there?"

"Oh, Jesus protect me," Peggy prayed silently. Then she remembered having asked for a visitor.

"Peggy," the voice called again. It sounded very much like Brother Henry. But Peggy would not disobey her mother. Anyway, her crippled legs couldn't carry her to the door. Suddenly she knew what to do. She answered, "Mrs. Bennett, in apartment 18, has a key to my room. Go and see her." Peggy knew that Mrs. Bennett would know what to do.

A few minutes later Peggy heard the key turn in her door. It opened and there stood Mrs. Bennett and Brother Henry Moorehouse. He walked across the room and laid a new doll in Peggy's arms. Peggy smiled and kissed the new doll. "Oh, Brother Henry, I asked Jesus to send an angel to visit me today. You must be that angel! And—and I wanted a doll, so I made Emily. See, here she is "

Brother Moorehouse looked down at Emily. "Well you can take Emily apart and use the towels to wrap up your new doll," he said.

Mrs. Bennett, Peggy and Brother Henry sang hymns together. Then he read about the angels visiting Jacob and had prayer.

After prayer, Peggy said, "I wish I had something to give you."

"Seeing you so happy is my gift," he said. "God bless you and good-bye."

Mrs. Bennett locked the door and walked with Brother Henry to the street. "Your visit has been a blessing to me and that doll will be a great companion to Peggy. God bless you for it."

"I used my lunch money and bus fare to buy the doll, but I've been rewarded already."

The sun had gone behind a cloud and a cold, north wind was blowing across Chicago as Henry Moorehouse walked home. But a warm, happy glow surrounded him as if an angel was walking beside him, shielding him from the wind.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. He was watching the people putting offerings into the temple treasury. 2. The two mites which the poor widow put in. 3. Being abusive to widows, yet wanting to be praised as a religious leader. 4. That of paying tithes, but not loving others. 5. Their body as a living sacrifice. 6. Sacrificing our time and energy helping others. 7. We should hate sin. 8. Being kind and affectionate. being happy and patient during troubles, keeping a prayerful attitude, giving to others, making people welcome in your home, sharing others' sorrows, being honest and living peaceably with everyone who will let vou. 9. Answers may vary.)





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The Bravest Father

Late in the evening Mabel went to tell her friend, Betti, that she had received a letter from her only brother, Henry. Betti was walking Mabel home when she suddenly said, "Well, I gotta go now," and headed back toward her home as fast as she could walk.

In a vacant lot nearby, children were hitting and yelling at each other. "Playing war," Mabel mumbled. "Everywhere I go its war, war, war." She was silently watching, when a boy pointed at her and shouted, "There's an enemy!"

"Let's kill her," another shouted.
The children came running toward Mabel, yelling as they ran, "An icicle!" "An enemy icicle!" Mabel's heart beat wildly as she dashed away as fast as her short legs would go. Soon she was surrounded by boys and girls shouting, "An enemy! The Goodie! Goodie! Too good to help! Just a big fat iceberg."

"Kick her and see if she won't kick back," shouted Sammy.

Adam kicked as hard as he could. He missed Mabel and struck Martha.

"That hurt," Martha screamed. She turned to hit Adam, but he was already racing across the field. Away she ran. Quickly the children began running after Martha and Adam.

Mabel ran until she was inside the strong log walls of Sarah's little cabin She bolted the door, then she bowed and prayed. "Thank You, Jesus, for protecting me."

When her sister, Sarah, came home Mabel showed her the letter and told her what had happened. Sarah took the letter and read it hastily. Then she sat down and began peeling the potatoes she had left in a pan on the table. Mabel found a knife and helped. Then she asked, "Why did they call me an icicle?"

"I suppose because they think our family is hard as ice. I heard that some people are also calling President Wilson, a 'human icicle.'" Sarah smiled at the whole idea.

"Why? What's he done?"

"He did not immediately storm Germany, after one of its submarines torpedoed the British passenger liner Lusitania. It sank and they say 128 Americans died. Many others were wounded and may be handicapped for the rest of their lives."

Sarah lowered her voice and continued, "Mabel, yesterday when I went into Hill's Grocery, I heard a lady whispering to her friend.

"She said, 'There's that Kelly girl. Her brother thinks he's too good to risk his life and fight like our boys and husbands do.'



John's Advice

Luke 3:2-14, 16, 18-20

- 2 ...The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
- **3** And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;
- 4 ...Saying...Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- 5 ...The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth:
- **6** And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
- 7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- **8** Bring forth therefore fruits [attitudes] worthy of repentance,...
- 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn [cut] down, and cast into the fire.
- **10** And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?
- 11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart [share] to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.
- 12 Then came also publicans [taxes collectors] to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?
 13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

- 14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.
- 16 ... I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh,...he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost...
- **18** And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.
- 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,
- **20** Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

The Message: Christians should not be violent.

Questions:

- 1. What was John preaching?
- 2. What did John tell the people to do?
- 3. What was to be made straight?
- 4. Who did he command to bring forth fruit of repentance?
- 5. What will happen to those who do not bring forth good fruit?
- 6. What were all people to do to produce good fruit?
- 7. What were the publicans to do?
- 8. What were the soldiers to do?
- 9. Why did Herod put John in prison?

Verse to Memorize

"...I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 5:39.



Our lesson today comes from the words of John the Baptist. John was the special messenger that God sent into the world before Jesus was born. John's commission was to prepare the people for Christ's coming.

The Kingdom of Christ which Jesus would set up was very, very different from the form of worship used in the Old Testament. God knew that people's thoughts, attitudes and actions would need a complete change. They would not be able to understand the rules for being in this new kingdom unless they changed.

Wars with enemy nations were common among God's people before Christ came. Moses had taught the people, "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." A person who got his tooth knocked out could knock out the tooth of whoever did it and not be condemned by God.

Jesus would be teaching, nonresistance. Jesus would be saying, "If someone hits you don't hit him back. If someone takes something from you, don't steal from him." John had to prepare the people to accept these new ideas.

John lived several years out in the wilderness. He wore rough clothes and ate food from wild plants. While there, he was learning from God. When God had prepared him, he came from the wilderness and preached. He told the people to repent, be sorry and ask forgiveness for the wrongs they had done. Then he would baptize them as a testimony to the world that they had changed.

Many people were being baptized by John. One day a group was waiting to baptized when God showed John that some of the people were not ready to be baptized. John said to these men, "Why have you poisonous snakes come to be baptized? First repent and get prepared, then come."

When the people heard this, others began asking what they should do. Some soldiers came near and demanded, "What shall we do?"

John answered, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely and be content with your wages." John knew the soldiers had certain responsibilities but he instructed them to do what they had to do in a peaceful manner.

Is it possible for a soldier in a war zone to settle disputes with an enemy soldier in a peaceful way?

-Charlotte Huskey

BE BRAUE!

Be brave to witness for the Christ.
To relatives, friends or foe.
Telling all of Jesus' love
Everywhere you go!

Be brave to take a stand for God When tempted to be quiet. Always standing for the truth, Willing to say, "I'll try it."

Be sure to witness for the Lord At home or school or play. To please your loving Savior In all you do or say.

—Selected

"The other woman answered, 'And did you know, her father is a preacher? He teaches that it is a sin to kill, even in war.' I was too embarrassed to look at them. But I think they were Mrs. Diamond and the post master's wife.

"Then another lady spoke up, 'If he didn't want to kill, he could at least cook, tend the sick or help in some way.'

""That's right,' they all agreed.

"Let us go away from her! She might contaminate us! Mrs. Diamond said."

"So everyone in town is angry about what Henry did?"

"It's just that they don't understand."

With her mouth full of raw potato, Mabel mutter, "I hate war!"

"The Bible tells us there will be wars as long as the world lasts," Sarah answered.

"But I wish they wouldn't force men to fight, who don't want to."

"Maybe someday there will be a provision in the law to protect those who consciously object to helping in a war. Such a law would help," Sarah said, "but we will still have to suffer for what we believe. All day, I've been trying to remember the verse that says Jesus will bless the people who are persecuted for God's sake. Can you help me?"

"Blessed are ye; when men shall ...persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.' Matthew 5:11." Mabel quoted quickly.

"Wow!" Sarah exclaimed.

"We'll need God's help to keep us from having bad attitudes toward those who don't agree with us, won't we?" Mabel asked.

"Yes, and I hope no one says hateful things to you at school. If they do, just keep smiling. God will help you. They just don't understand." "Oh, Sarah, you are so brave."

Before going to sleep Mabel read the letter again.

Dear Sarah and Mabel.

I hated to leave you, but I would rather be away from my family, than to displease my Saviour. I wish to please God, more than to please men. Many do not understand. I hope you are not suffering persecution because of what I am doing. Please be strong for God, and He will reward you.

Papa always taught us to love our enemies, and never to fight or hurt anyone. And I think of how submissive Christ was. He didn't hurt anyone, although people slapped Him, spit on Him and nailed Him to the cross. He is my example. I am trying to do as He did.

I went to Arizona, hoping to find Papa, but I didn't find him. I feel so alone.

I may not write again, as letters can reveal where I am. If I never see you again, I will meet you in Heaven.

Much love.

-Henry

"Oh, Henry, Henry, how I miss you!" Mabel sobbed as she fell on her knees. "But I am glad that you chose to follow Jesus' example...." Mabel continued praying until she didn't feel angry at anyone.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I "The baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." S. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths atraight." 3. Every crooked thing. 4. The publicans. 5 They will be cut down and cast into the fire. 6. They were to share their clothing and food with those who had none. 7. To collect only who had none. 7. To collect only the amount of taxes due. 8 They were to do violence to no man and never accuse falsely. 9. Because never accuse falsely. 9. Because John reproved him of doing evil.)





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The Bravest Father

(Continued from last week.)
"Sarah, Sarah," Mabel called.
"Where are you?"

"I'm right over here," Sarah answered.

"I've been looking for you since daybreak," Mabel said as she hurried to meet Sarah who was coming up the trail carrying a basket in her hand. "Where did you go so early?"

"Each morning, I take breakfast to the Feebie family. Since Mrs. Feebie had her new baby, she needs a lot of rest. Why are you so frightened?"

"I dreamed someone kidnapped you. And—and—I would never see you again."

Sarah took her younger sister's hand and they walked on to the log cabin, "You are all I've got since Father and Henry went away, I couldn't bear to lose you, too.

"Adair and I will take good care of you until Papa finds a job and a place for you both to live. And Henry, he'll be back."

Mabel shut the door. "Where's he hiding?" she asked as she searched the basket for food.

"We won't know until the war is ended."

"Why doesn't Henry want to be a soldier like Betti's papa? He looked awesome in his uniform!"

"Henry chooses not to fight because he wants to obey Jesus' commandments," Sarah answered. "That is what Papa taught him to do."

While they were eating oatmeal gruel, Mabel said, "Betti told me that Henry is a coward. Her mother said all men should fight for their country, that they did so in Bible times."

"It's true. God's people did a lot of fighting, but that was before Christ came."

"So Sarah, don't you think it might be all right to fight for peace?"

"Nope! When St. John baptized the soldiers he said, to them, 'do violence to no man.' You can read it in the New Testament. The Roman soldiers whom John baptized were stationed at Jerusalem to keep peace. They were kind of like policemen. Can't you remember what Jesus said about fighting and killing?"

"Jesus said not to fight, kill or hate anyone," Mabel answered.

"You're right!" exclaimed Sarah.
"Now let's see if I can remember His



Jesus Taught Non-resistance

Luke 6:26-29

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.
27 But I say unto you...Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other:...

Matthew 26:51-52, 67

51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

67 Then did they spit in his [Jesus'] face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands.

Matthew 27:12, 41-42, 44

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

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

42 ...Let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

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

Luke 23:34

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

Acts 7:59-60

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Message: Jesus taught that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, do good to those who treats us badly, and even love our enemies.

Questions:

- 1. Is it a blessing if men speak well of us?
- 2. For whom should we pray?
- 3. What is a Christian to do if someone slaps him?
- 4. Did Jesus approve of His disciples' defending Him?
- 5. Did Jesus defend Himself when He was hit and accused falsely?
- 6. What did the chief priest say to Jesus?
- 7. Did the thief also rail on Him?
- 8. What did Jesus want God to do for the wicked people?
- 9. What were Stephen's last words?

Verse to Memorize

The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
Exodus 14:14.



Jesus taught that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, do good to those who treats us badly, and even love our enemies. This idea of loving others as ourselves is so difficult that most Christians excuse themselves from obeying it. Many preachers teach that it is impossible. But Jesus, and His first disciples proved that it could be done.

Many of those first disciples laid down their lives as martyrs. They were killed but did not defend themselves. As Stephen was being stoned, he said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Jesus was beaten, spit upon, falsely accused and crucified, yet He would not have had to suffer any of those things. He had power to deliver Himself. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter tried using his sword to defend Jesus. But Jesus said, "Put up your sword, I could call 72,000 angels to come and deliver Me, if I wanted to be saved from this trouble."

As Jesus loved His enemies, He has also promised to live within us and give us power to love our enemies, and to be able to help those who mistreat us.

Although Jesus taught us to love our enemies and to not hurt those who hurt us, we are not to confuse this with disciplinary actions for criminals. People in authority must punish those who deserve it. God has ordained government in this way. It is the duty of authorities. God sometimes disciplines those He loves. This discipline is to help that person. Parents who discipline their children do it because they love that child and wish to help him or her. Disciplinary actions for law breakers is also rooted in love—love for the people who must be protected and love for the criminal, hoping that the corrective action will improve his or her behavior.

Let us, as holy people, fight through the spirit of God and not with war arms. —Charlotte Huskey

God Give Us Men

God give us men. the time demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands; Men whom the lust of pleasure does not kill: Men whom the spoils of friends cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will: Men who have honor. men who will not lie: Men who can stand before his peers; Recieve their flatteries without winking: Tall men. sun-crowned. who live above the fog In public life and private thinking! For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds. Their large professions and their little deeds. Mingle in selfish strife: lo! freedom weeps! The devil laughs and the poor soul sleeps! -Selected exact words? Oh yes, I think it's like this, 'Ye have heard that it was said, ...thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment."

"You forgot the part about hitting," Mabel reminded her.

"Oh yes, let's see. It says something like, 'It hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite [hit] thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

"Wow, that's a long verse, Sarah. I didn't know you were so smart."

"Well, thank you Mabel, but I'm not very smart. I just try real hard to remember things Papa taught us."

Mabel lay on her cot that night thinking about the many Fathers who were away from home, suffering on war zones. She felt sorry for them and for Henry and Papa. She also feared the children might say ugly words to her at school the next day. But in her heart she felt assured that God would bless each one. Jesus had said to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20.) She knew her papa was doing what Jesus commanded and so God would be with him and Henry, wherever they were. And God would be with her. Sarah and Adair.

Another thing Mabel knew was

that her papa was the bravest Papa, for a man must be brave to stand for the truth even though he and his family are persecuted.

-Sis. Charlotte Huskey

(For students interested in reading more about the non-resistance position on war, WAR-TORN VALLEY by Joyce Miller, is an interesting easy-reading book. Published by Rod and Staff Publishers, Inc. Crockett, Kentucky, 1990.)

Men Wanted

Not gold, for only men can make A nation great and strong; Men who for truth and honor's

sake
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,

Who dare while others shy.
They build a nation's pillars
deep,

And lift them to the sky.

—Selected

Answers: I No. 2. For those who despitefully use us. 3. He is to turn the other check. 4. No. 5. No. 6. "Come down from the cross and we will believe."

7. Yes. 8. He wanted God to forgive them. 9. "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.")