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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Henry Lyte sat by the bedside of his terminally ill friend. "I'm afraid to die," the friend confessed.

"Afraid to die? Why? You're a clergyman."

"Being a clergyman doesn't assure me I am saved from hell. Are you sure you are?"

Henry sat with his head down. "Am I saved? I was ordained a minister in the Anglican Church in 1815. Isn't that a passport to heaven?" After a long silence he admitted, "I'm not sure."

His friend moaned. "How dreadful. I hoped you could help me."

Henry was again silent for awhile then he looked at his friend and said, "By the grace of God, I will help you."

From that day they began searching the Scriptures together. Soon both young men made a sincere commitment to God.

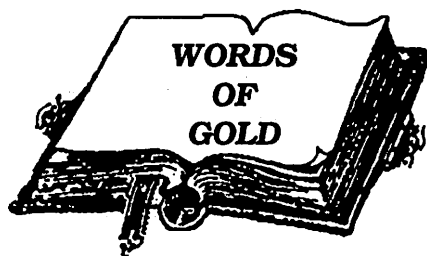
Henry Lyte was a new person. He began working with new enthusiasm, studying his Bible diligently and preaching with heavy conviction. At the same time he committed his desires for the future and consecrated to be poor and despised for

Jesus. This is plainly seen in the words of "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken." It is believed to have been written about this era of his life when he totally committed himself to God.

The first verse shows that Henry had taken his cross and was following Jesus, as the rich young ruler was instructed to do in Mark 10:17-22. Having won many honors at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, for "writing the best English verse," he may have been hoping to become a famous poet and earn big money. He surrendered all these dreams. He said, "All I leave to follow Thee. Perish every fond ambition. All I've sought, or hoped or known. Yet, how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own." So we see God brought joy to replace the loss of his dreams.

Henry was twenty-two years old and naturally wanted friends, but he felt seeing God's face was more important than friends. He said, "Foes may hate and friends may shun me. Show Thy face and all is bright."

Life had been peppered with hard struggles. His family was plagued with poverty, and he was the youngest. In those days as the children grew, their too-small clothing was



Taking Your Cross

Matthew 10:28-39

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Mark 10:17-22

17 And when he was gone forth into

the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

The Message: We must gladly take up our cross and follow Jesus.

Questions:

1. Whom should people fear?
2. Whom should people not fear?
3. Does God care for us and the sparrows?
4. Did Jesus come to make peace on earth?
5. Who may be our worst enemy?
6. Who is not worthy of Jesus?
7. What did the man want who knelt before Jesus?
8. What must the man do to have eternal life?
9. What must each Christian do to have eternal life?

Verse to Memorize

...He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:38.

Let's



Talk . . .

"Obey the commandments of God," Jesus answered.

"I have obeyed them from my childhood. What else should I do? I want assurance of eternal life."

"You lack only one thing," Jesus answered. "Sell what you own and give the money to the poor."

Suddenly the rich man looked sad. He said not a word, but turned and walked slowly away.

Jesus looked at His disciples and

said, "It is very hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God, for they usually trust in their riches. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom."

Many people have done like the rich man. They have chosen to cling to what they have instead of committing all they have to Jesus. To obtain eternal life, everything must be surrendered to Jesus. Some do not have riches to give away. But whatever they have must be available for God to use.

The rich young ruler was not willing to take up his cross and follow Jesus. Henry F. Lyte, author of "Jesus I My Cross," was willing to carry his cross. He received many blessings for doing so. —Charlotte Huskey

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

By Henry F. Lyte

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be;
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped or known,
Yet, how rich is my condition!
God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue;
And while thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me,
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster scorn and pain!
In thy service pain is pleasure;
With thy favor loss is gain.

I have called thee, "Abba, Father,"
I have stayed my heart on thee!
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest;
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me;
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.



worn by a younger child. Imagine the clothes he wore. Later both parents died and he had to educate himself. After pastoring a few congregations, he was transferred to Lower Brixham, in Devonshire. Henry lived from the meager offerings these poor fishermen could give.

During the twenty-three years he preached in Lower Brixham, he learned that many blessings are hidden in suffering. A disease kept him weak and unable to work like the strong fishermen whom he preached to each Sunday. Perhaps he was ridiculed for this weakness, or hated by those who felt reproved by his total commitment. He wrote, "Man may trouble and distress me, Twill but drive me to Thy breast." Another time he said, "Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest."

In *Sacred Poetry*, the first of four books which Henry Lyte published, "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken" appeared as a poem, signed only with a "G." Nine years later in *Poems—Chiefly Religious*, he published it with his name,

In 1831, Henry Leavitt compiled and published an important American hymnal, the *Christian Lyre*. This book contained arrangements of well-known secular melodies that could be used with the hymn texts. An arrangement believed to be one of Wolfgang A. Mozart was included in this hymnal. It is the tune by which we sing, "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken."

Mozart had extraordinary musical talent. He was widely recognized as a composer at the tender age of six. He was born in Salzburg, Austria, on January 27, 1756, and

died at age 35. Although he had composed over 600 musical compositions, he died brokenhearted and was buried in a pauper's grave.

How different were these two men! Mozart was born with wonderful talent, but died unhappy. Henry Lyte committed his few talents to further God's kingdom. He started out in adverse conditions and struggled through a lifetime of sickness. However he built up a Sunday School of 800 attendants and wrote four books. He died a happy man and was buried in the English cemetery in Nice, France.

We thank Mozart and Henry Lyte for "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken." It has encouraged many weary Christians along life's pathway. It is found on page 248, in *Evening Light Songs* and also on page three of this lesson.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from: Kenneth W. Osbeck, *101 More Hymn Stories*, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1985. p 158.)

(Answers: 1. People should fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 2. He who can only kill the body. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Those of our household (those with whom we live). 6. Anyone who will not take up his cross and follow Him. 7. He wanted eternal life. 8. Sell all he had and give it to the poor, then take up his cross and follow Jesus. 9. Take up his cross and follow Jesus. The rich young ruler fell at Jesus feet and cried, "What must I do to have eternal life?"

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Abide with Me

"Please don't leave us," begged the children as they gathered around their pastor, Henry Lyte.

"I-I have-to-leave," Mr. Lyte said slowly.

"Where are you going?"

"Maybe to Italy. The doctor says," he stopped for breath, "He says, I'm going to die if I stay here on this cold seashore."

"He's gonna die," the children whispered one to another. Some girls began to cry. Some boys ran away angrily. One small boy, clutching his fishing pole, looked up and asked, "Who'll teach us about Jesus?"

"I'll leave someone in charge of the Sunday School," he promised.

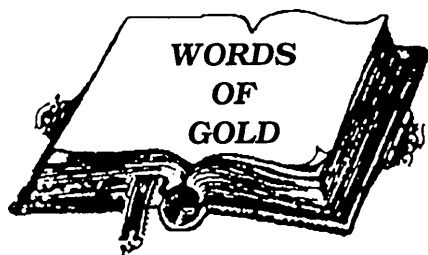
Henry Lyte was sunning himself in front of the Anglican Church in Lower Brixham. Twenty-three years ago he had come to this fishing community in Devonshire, England. He was young but a tireless worker and had already established himself as a poet, musician and capable minister. The new congregation was small and the people, for the most part, were poor fishermen. How would they support such an ambitious man?

Much to their surprise, Henry did not exact much salary from the people he served as did some minis-

ter of his time. He knew well how to relate to the poor. His family had been plagued with extreme poverty. Then the worst of the worst happened. Both his father and his mother died, leaving him an orphan. Determined to make the best of life, he studied hard and was able to graduate from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Henry Lyte was willing to suffer for Jesus. In college he had won many honors for "writing the best English verse." However, instead of seeking to become a famous poet, he gave his time and strength to serve people. He thought much about the future and where souls would spend eternity. With this in mind, he labored almost day and night to awaken in people a desire to serve God.

Lyte was not a strong man. Most of his life he suffered from tuberculosis. Although frail in body, he was strong in faith and had a determination that enabled him to capture the interest of the children in the whole community. In that era church services were stiff and formal, geared for the cultured adult. Lyte made them interesting for the uneducated fisherman, his humble wife and the children. The Sunday School grew,



Abide With Us

Luke 24:13-33

13 And, behold, two [disciples] went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs [seven and one half miles].

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And...while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But...they [did] not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them,...said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted...he...should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the

prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses...he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem,...[seven and one-half miles].

The Message: Jesus has promised to abide with us everywhere we go, even to the ends of the world.

Questions:

1. Where were the two men going?
2. How far was Emmaus from Jerusalem?
3. Of what were the men talking?
4. Who joined them as they walked?
5. Did Jesus seem to know what had happened in Jerusalem?
6. What did Jesus explain to the disciples?
7. When did the disciples realize that the stranger was Jesus?
8. What happened to Jesus after He was discovered?
9. Where did the disciples go after Jesus disappeared?

Verse to Memorize

But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

Luke 24:29.

Let's



Talk . . .

The disciples were very sad. In fact, it was the saddest day of their lives. He was gone—their best friend, their hero, helper and healer, their counselor, the man they thought would someday be a king to deliver them from bondage. Would they ever see him again?

For three and one-half years they had been with Him almost every day. He had healed the sick, raised dead men and created food for thousands of people. Twice He had calmed the storms when they were about to be hurled from their ship by angry winds. All these miracles and the wisdom of His word had convinced them that He could do anything. Why did He let Himself be killed? Why didn't He come down from the cross?

They were sure He was the Savior which God promised to bring peace to all the world. Then suddenly He was arrested and, like any helpless man, had been tried, proven guilty and nailed on a cross.

It seemed ridiculous. It was so unbelievable, so surprising and unjust. This powerful God-man had become powerless in the hands of angry men. He was dead.

Now news had come that He was again alive! Was He alive or had someone stolen His body? How confusing!

As the two disciples walked along talking about these things, a stranger joined them. He questioned why they were so sad. "Have you not heard what is happening in Jerusalem?" they questioned.

"What?" He asked.

They told Him everything.

When they finished He began quoting prophecies from the first portions of the Bible. Then He explained how these had been fulfilled in this God-man they had told Him about.

How happy they felt!

"Please come in and stay with us," they begged when they arrived in Emmaus.

Jesus went in with them. While they were eating, the disciples suddenly realized this stranger was Jesus.

"Jesus!" They cried.

Then He disappeared.

—Charlotte Huksey

One day when Henry F. Lyte read this Bible story, he felt the sad emotions of these men so strongly that he wrote the following song.

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, Oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
Oh, Thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord abide with me!

Hold Thou thy word before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee—
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

and grew, and grew, until more than 800 children attended.

When Lyte was unable to be visiting among the sheep of his fold or the goats outside his corral, he was writing. He coined the phrase, "It is better to wear out than to rust out." He did wear out. He wrote four books: *Sacred Poetry*, *Tales On The Lord's Prayer*, *Poems—Chiefly Religious* and *The Spirit of the Psalms*. *Sacred Poetry* was published in 1824, about the time he went to Lower Brixham. He was thirty-three years old when *Tales On The Lord's Prayer* was published. He also wrote eighty hymn texts, some of which were first published as poems.

At least two of Henry Lyte's songs are in *Evening Light Songs*. "Jesus I My Cross" is on page 248 and "Abide With Me" on page 342.

"Abide With Me" was written for his last sermon with the fishermen at Lower Brixham. His love for these people caused him to almost crawl to the pulpit to give his farewell message. He said, "I desire to induce you to prepare for the solemn hour which must come to all by a timely appreciation and dependence on the death of Christ." Today we would say it this way, "I desire to persuade you to prepare for your hour of death by appreciating and depending on the death of Christ for your salvation before it is too late." Or like this, "I desire to persuade you to be saved before it is too late."

Henry Lyte died in Nice, France on his way to Rome, Italy. He was buried in an English cemetery, on November 20, 1861, in Nice.

"Abide With Me" appeared first in America in Henry Ward Beecher's Plymouth Collection in 1855. Later it was discovered by William Henry

Monk, music editor of the well-known Anglican Church hymnal, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, and was included in that book. It is said that in less than half an hour he composed for Lyte's poem a tune named "Eventide." He was inspired by the beauty of a glorious sunset while yet experiencing a deep personal sorrow. Today we sing "Abide With Me" to the tune "Eventide" although Lyte had written a tune for his song. When I hear "Eventide" I feel like stopping what I am doing and finding a sleepy child, cuddling him or her in my harms and reading a bedtime story. How do you feel when you hear it?

The first time "Abide With Me" was sung, Henry Lyte and the people he loved were saying goodbye. Today it is often sung when people must say goodbye to a loved one whom they will not see for a long time, or maybe never (in the case of death). Jesus promised to always be with us. This song helps us to believe it.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from: Kenneth W. Osbeck, *101 Hymn Stories*, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1982. p 17.)

(Answers: 1. To a village called Emmaus. 2. It was seven and one-half miles from Jerusalem. 3. They were talking about Jesus being crucified. 4 Jesus. 5. No. 6. Beginning with Moses, Jesus explained the prophecies about Himself. 7. When He blessed the bread. 8. He disappeared. 9. They walked backed to Jerusalem.)

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Blessed Assurance

Dr. Combe examined Fanny's head carefully. He looked into her eyes. "Here is a poetess!" he exclaimed. Turning to the school director he said, "You must encourage her in every way possible. Teach her to appreciate fine poetry by reading the best books to her. Someday she may write fine poems."

It was in the latter part of the 1830's when the Dr. Combe, a phrenologist, visited New York's Institute For The Blind. Fanny J. Crosby, then in her late teens, had written rhymes since early childhood. She loved nothing better than to read or listen to poetry. While living at home, her grandmother helped her memorize entire books of the Bible. She especially enjoyed Psalms and Proverbs. Both are books of poetry.

Only days before Dr. Combe's visit, her teacher had scolded Fanny, saying she must stop reading poetry until her math scores improved. She had taken away a large book of poetry which Fanny usually read each evening until the dormitory mother would make her go to bed. That day, angry Fanny had written this rhyme: "I loath, abhor, it makes me sick To hear the word arithmetic!" Now

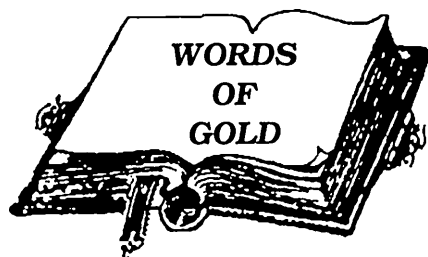
her heart beat wildly. Would the book be returned to her?

It was and from that day the institute did everything possible to help Fanny develop her poetry writing skills. The teachers read poetry more often. They borrowed and bought poetry books in Braille so that Fanny could read them. Never again did the teacher complain about Fanny's math, although it did not improve.

Sometimes when visitors came to the school they asked her to recite one of her poems. Soon Fanny's poems were appearing in the newspapers. Other newspapers reprinted her poems. People all over America began talking about the beautiful spirit-filled poetry. President Tyler came to the school to visit her.

Even among the blessings, Fanny had trials. One time a teacher scolded, "God cannot use you while you are proud. You must give God the glory." That night Fanny checked over much of her poetry to see if she was giving God the glory in her verses. Then she wrote the following poem that was later put to music. Have you sung it?

*"...To God be the glory
Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through
Jesus the Son;*



Having God's Assurance

**Deuteronomy 28:1, 8-9,
15, 59-67**

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

9 The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God,...to do all his commandments...that all these curses shall come upon thee,...

59 Then the Lord will make...great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses,...

60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

61 Also every sickness, and every plague,...will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldst not obey the voice of the Lord thy God.

63 And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you

good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will...destroy you,...and ye shall be plucked from off the land...

64 And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other;...

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither...have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart,...and sorrow of mind:

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

The Message: God gives blessed assurance to those who obey His commandments.

Questions:

1. What is God's promise to those who do His commandments?
2. Name the things God will bless.
3. The Lord will establish the obedient as _____.
4. What will come upon those who do not observe God's commandments?
5. Will plagues, sicknesses and the disease of Egypt be some of the curses?
6. What will happen to the multitudes of people?
7. Will the disobedient be fearful?
8. Will the disobedient have assurance?
9. Will the obedient have assurance?

Verse to Memorize

...The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Isaiah 32:17.

Let's



Talk . . .

God said in Jeremiah 21:8, "...Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death." God is saying this to every person. Each of us has an opportunity to choose either—life or death. Which one have you chosen? I have chosen life.

All who choose life have also chosen to obey God's commandments. Those who did not obey the commandments have chosen death, although they may not realize it. Spiritual death comes to all who do not obey God's commandments.

Those who obey God's commandments have an assurance deep in their heart. They do not fear like others who are not living to please God. When they are afraid of some unusual thing that is taking place in

their lives, they feel assured that God is working out this strange thing for their good.

In the Bible lesson for today, God told the people they would be blessed if they obeyed His commandments. He promised to bless their children, their animals, their fields and everything they did.

Those who did not obey God would have troubles. Sometimes people who are not obeying the Word of God become so fearful that they have heart attacks. Luke 21:26 says, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth:..."

Those who obey the commandments of God are not fearful. God takes care of them. They believe God's promises and feel an assurance in their heart that whatever happens, it will work out for their good.

Fanny J. Crosby had this assurance in her heart. She wrote the following song. Let's sing the song in praise to God for the assurance He gives each one who obeys His commandments. —Charlotte Huskey

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight,
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

*But purer and higher and greater
will be*

*Our wonder, our transport,
When Jesus we see.*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!"*

In later years, after she moved away from the school, Presidents Adam, Polk and Cleveland each visited her and listened to her poetry. Senator Henry Clay and other government officials also visited her.

Not all of Fanny's life was fame and happiness. She was born in 1820; her father died the following year. Then her mother was forced to work away from home, leaving Fanny to be cared for by her grandmother.

Fortunately Fanny's grandmother took her task seriously and became eyes to blind Fanny. She described to Fanny what she saw or heard. She placed whatever she could in Fanny's hands so that Fanny could feel it while learning its color, size and shape. Fanny could describe the mocking bird, the red-headed wood-pecker, the robin, the yellow warbler and many other birds. She knew the kinds of trees by feeling the bark and the shape of the leaf. She knew many things by their sound.

Fanny hungered for knowledge and absorbed what she heard. Grandmother read the Bible to her often. By age ten she had memorized the first four books of the Bible, the book of Ruth and many Psalms and Proverbs. She begged to attend school and prayed many years until God made it possible. After graduating from the Institute For The Blind she taught there for eleven years.

Although Fanny loved books, she also loved to be outside. After she learned her way around the farm, she roamed the meadow alone, being careful to stay away from the pond. She learned to ride her uncle's horse, to

climb the rail fence and even walk on top of it.

Fanny J. Crosby was forty-four years old before she started writing songs. Historians estimate that she wrote more than 8,000 gospel songs. For several years she worked for a music publisher, writing three hymns each week. During this time she used 200 pen names. Songs are still being discovered that were written by her under a pen name. Probably no other person has contributed as much to American gospel music as Fanny J. Crosby.

She was often requested to write hymns. Sometimes a minister asked to have a song written about a certain subject or for a certain occasion. At other times musicians would first compose the music and then ask Fanny to write words to blend with the music. Mrs. Joseph Knapp, wife of the founder of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, composed a tune and played it for Fanny. "What does this tune say?" she asked.

"Why that says, 'Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine,'" Fanny told her. Then Fanny wrote the beautiful words that Christians in many parts of the world are now singing. You can sing it, too. Find it on page 194 in *Evening Light Songs*.

Fanny J. Crosby died at age 95. Inscribed on her tombstone are these words, "She has done what she could."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from: Keneth W. Osbeck, *101 Hymn Stories*, Kregel Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI, 1982. p 43.)

(Answers: 1. God will set them above all nations. 2. He will bless the storehouses, land and whatever they set their hands to do. 3. Holy people. 4. Curses will come on them. 5. Yes. 6. Many will die, others will be scattered. 7. Yes. 8. No. 9. Yes.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Rescue The Perishing

Blind Fanny Crosby did not have a computer on which to quickly type out the hymns she wrote. She had to punch dots on paper to form letters. This took much time but Fanny worked faithfully. Sometimes God's Spirit flooded her mind with words so fast she could not get them punched out in Braille. She would then ask others to write for her. It is said that on one day three songs came to her mind at almost the same time. She kept repeating them to herself until a helper came. Then one by one she spoke the words as the helper wrote them down.

Words for hymns often came to her mind because she was thinking and praying for sinners to be saved. Fanny once said, "Many of my hymns were written after experiences in New York mission work."

The mission was a place where homeless people (mostly men in those years) could come and have supper and listen to an evangelistic message. Sitting in the mission that night Fanny remembered that Mr. Doane had sent her a theme

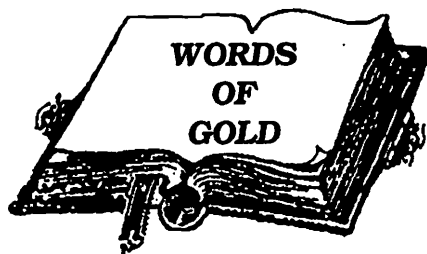
for a new song, "Rescue the Perishing." The words, "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying," kept running through her mind. At the same time she kept thinking that some young man in her audience must be rescued from Satan that very day or he would be lost forever in hell.

When Fanny arose to speak, she pleaded with the men to make peace with God that night. "If there is a boy present who has wandered from his mother's home and teaching, please come to me at the end of the service," she said.

A boy, eighteen years old, came forward when the service ended and said, "Did you mean me? I promised my mother to meet her in heaven, but as I now am living that will be impossible."

There at the mission altar they knelt and prayed together. He repented of the way he was living and promised to not sin again. After praying awhile, a new light shone in his eyes. He arose and said, "Now I can meet my mother in heaven, for I have found God."

That night Fanny Crosby stayed awake until she had finished writing the song, "Rescue the Perish-



Bring Them In

Luke 14:15-24

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with [Jesus] heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said [Jesus] unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed [crippled], and the halt [those who halt when they walk], and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

The Message: Christ wants Christians to persuade others to live for Him.

Questions:

1. What did the man prepare?
2. Were many invited?
3. Did some make excuses and not come?
4. Who was invited after the guests refused to come?
5. Was there space for others after the blind, the lame and the poor had come in?
6. How did the servants get the house filled?
7. What sad thing happened to those who were invited first?
8. Has Christ invited you to be saved?
9. Do people have a second chance to be saved?

Verse to Memorize:

So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

Matthew 22:10.

Let's



Talk . . .

Jesus told the following story to show us how important it is to invite others to know Christ as their Savior.

One day a man said to his servant, "I want you to make a fine dinner. Invite plenty of guests so that my house will be filled."

In those days there were not telephones and the postal service was very poor indeed. His servant killed the animals and roasted the meat. They made fine breads and sweets. Then they set out to invite his friends and the neighbors.

The first man they invited said, "Please ask your master to excuse me. I bought some land and today I am going to see it." The second person they invited said, "I pray thee, excuse me, for I have bought five pair of oxen and I am going right now to see how well they will work." The third man they invited said, "Haven't you heard? I just got married. I must stay home with my wife, therefore I cannot come." Everywhere they went, the people made excuses and did not come.

The servants told their master. Then he said, "I must have some guests. Go quickly into the streets and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and all those who are rejected."

The servants went out and brought in many guests, but still the house was not filled. "Go again," the master said, "go out on the highway and invite strangers who are passing. Go into the hedges. Persuade everyone you see to come to my supper. I want my house full."

This story shows very clearly Jesus' desire to serve others. He wants to make them happy. He wants people to enjoy themselves. He knows, however, that people must get into His house, or His kingdom, to be truly happy. Outside of Jesus, there are many troubles. These troubles come from doing sinful things.

The master's last command to his servants was to "go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come." This is the command Jesus is giving to us (His servants) today. We must not only invite our friends and family to know Jesus. We must invite those we meet when we are traveling. We must go knocking on doors and visiting with the poor, the handicapped, the blind, those in hospitals, institutions and anywhere God impresses us to go.

Jesus told this story to teach us that we must rescue the perishing.

—Charlotte Huskey

Rescue the Perishing

Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one,
Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Tho' they are slighting him,
Still he is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive.
Plead with them earnestly,
Plead with them gently;
He will forgive if they only believe.

Rescue the perishing,
Duty demands it,
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
Back to the narrow way
Patiently win them;
Tell the poor wand'rer a Savior has died.

—Fanny J. Crosby

ing." She gave the song to Mr. W. H. Doane and he put it to music. It was first published in 1870 in Doane's *Songs of Devotion*.

Ira Sankey sang it often in the great Moody evangelistic campaigns in the latter part of the nineteenth century. It stirred souls and brought conviction and repentance to many.

It was also used in missions throughout America. The following story shows how this song aroused conviction in a sinner. It comes from Bowery Mission. On a stormy night a dirty, unshaven drunkard staggered into the mission. He sank into a seat and gazed around as if wondering where he happened to be. "Rescue the Perishing" and several other hymns were sung. From the expression on his face, the leaders saw his heart was opening.

As the speaker was giving the message of Christ's love for sinners and His desire to rescue them from death and hell, he also spoke of his own experience of being saved from death on the battlefields. At one point he gave the name of the company in which he had served. At the close of the meeting, the drunkard staggered up to the speaker and in a slurred voice asked, "What years were you in the company you spoke about?"

"Why all through the war," the speaker answered.

"Do you remember the battle of _____?"

"I remember it perfectly."

"Can you recall the name of the captain of your company at that time?"

"Yes, his name was _____."

"You are right," exclaimed the drunkard. "I am that man, your former captain." He paused for a moment as if battling with embarrassment. "Now I'm a wreck. Drink has dragged me down until I've lost everything I had. I don't know what to do or where to turn for help. Can you save me?"

"Well, I can't, but Jesus can," said the speaker. Then he instructed the old captain to confess his sins, forgive everyone, and promise to God that he would never take another drink.

The old captain was saved that night. He often tells the story of how God used his former soldier to rescue his perishing soul.

"Rescue the Perishing" is one of the 8,000 hymns written by Fanny J. Crosby. It has been translated into many languages and sung in many nations around the world.

Maybe you, too, would like to sing it. Find it on page 325 in *Evening Light Songs*.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from: Kenneth W. Osbeck, *101 Hymn Stories*, Kregel Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI, 1979. pp. 211-212.)

(Answers: 1. A great supper. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. The poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind. 5. Yes. 6. By going into the highways and hedges and compelling others to come. 7. They were not allowed to taste the supper. 8. Answers will vary. 9. Some may, but some may not, so we must surrender to Christ when He speaks to us.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Everlasting Joy

Daniel Warner stood on a large soap box on a street corner in New Washington. He heard a slurred voice saying, "That's my boy, isn't he a great chap?"

Daniel turned to see his father smiling. It was one of the few times that he had seen his father smile at him. Usually he was drunk and cursing or railing because Daniel wasn't strong enough to work as long or as hard as his older brothers. Mr. Warner was a staunch democrat and today he was happy to hear Daniel discussing the political advantages the Democrats were promising for Ohio.

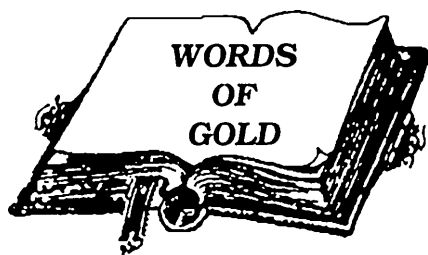
Daniel often gave speeches. He was usually placed near the end of the school programs. After all the boring pieces had been recited, he would step to the podium and have the audience in a riot of laughter within minutes. Then everyone went away happy after the school program.

He also loved music and learned to dance. As soon as he was old enough to go to dances, he danced and danced, sometimes almost all night. Drink often accompanied dancing in those days as it does today, but Daniel had seen alcohol

ruin his father so he refused any intoxicating drinks.

There were two churches in New Washington—a Catholic and a Lutheran. The Warner family did not attend either. Mrs. Warner was a Pennsylvanian German with a deeply rooted faith in God. She taught her family to fear God and love their neighbors. Daniel felt about his mother as Abraham Lincoln did about his. Lincoln said, "All I am, all I hope to be, I owe to my angel mother...I remember my mother's prayers. They have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." The people who went to church, dipped, chewed and smoked tobacco. They drank and danced. This discouraged Daniel from becoming a Christian. He thought Christians should act like Christ. He did not act as Christ, therefore he told others he was an athiest. He said there was no God. He danced and played and did as the others in his community, but he would not go to church.

His love for music, however, drew him to attend Sunday afternoon singings. These were held in homes, but mostly religious songs were sung. Daniel joined in the singing and before long he began feeling differently about God. The words of the



Rejoice in the Lord

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Philippians 4:4-10

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

I John 5:4

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

The Message: Anyone who will let Jesus be Lord and follow His instruction can have everlasting joy.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus promise to those who come to Him?
2. Is the burden of Jesus heavy or light?
3. How often are we to rejoice in the Lord?
4. Is the Lord always near?
5. What should always accompany our requests to God?
6. What will keep our hearts and minds?
7. Must a Christian control what he thinks about?
8. Name some things we should think about?
9. Is everlasting joy warranted if we think only good thoughts?

Verse to Memorize

...The redeemed of the Lord shall ...come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isaiah 51:11.

Let's



Talk . . .

Have you ever tried to carry something heavy? It is hard, isn't it? If we do wrong our spirit feels sad and is heavy. It carries a heavy load of guilt. The only way to get rid of this heavy load is to tell God you are sorry for doing the wrong. Jesus said, "Come to me and I will give you rest." Jesus will take away the heavy feeling and make you feel light and free again. Then you will have everlasting joy.

After we have come to Jesus and are saved, there are things we can do to keep that joy. Let us study carefully the scriptures in Philippians 4:4-10 and see how we can help ourselves keep this joy.

Verse four instructs us to rejoice always. It is saying, "Look on the happy side of things. Don't let your mind think about sad things. Think only of the good things."

Verse five tells us to be moderate. Having self-control is being moderate. We must eat good foods, and not many of those high in fats and sugars. Many people are unhappy because they are almost as wide as they are tall. Many of these people smile and laugh, to cover up how miserable they feel. Years ago, we sang a song which said, "Smiling on the outside, but crying on the inside." If we are careful about what we eat and how much we eat, we can be smiling on the outside and the inside. We must sleep enough, but not be lazy. Not enough sleep will make a person irritable. Being irritable will cause embarrassment or maybe a stumped toe if we get angry and kick the wrong things. (Have you ever done that?)

Just control yourself and you will be moderate and happy.

Verse 6 says we must thank God for the good, and pray about the things that trouble us, but not worry about them. If everything seems bad, stop and think for awhile and you will remember some good things hidden under your troubles. Thank God first then ask for help. If we will do this, God has promised in verse seven that His peace will keep our minds and hearts.

The next verse, number eight, gives us a job to do. It tells us what to think about. It is hard work to keep unholy thoughts out of our minds. Our minds are like gardens, in which an enemy is daily planting weed seeds. It is like the following story:

Two men got contracts from the city of Los Angeles to landscape along portions of new freeways in the city. One man wanted both contracts. At night he drove around the freeways throwing weed seeds in among the flowers, grass and small shrubs his competitor had planted. The weeds grew fast. The competitor had to hire extra men to get out the weeds, and it cost so much he went bankrupt.

The devil sows evil thoughts in our mind because he wants to ruin us. He will win if we let our minds stay on the things he plants there. We must be constantly throwing out these thoughts and replacing them with true, honest, pure, lovely thoughts. We have the advantage over our enemy because Jesus is inside helping us. We can win if we obey this scripture and think on good things.

This scripture also instructs us to give if we are to have everlasting joy. Give our time to help others. Give our smiles to cheer the sad. Give our strength to help the weak. Give our money, clothes and food to help the poor. Give our all to Jesus. He will lift our heavy loads and give everlasting joy.

—Charlotte Huskey

songs stayed in his mind. Conviction grew so strong that he quit going to dances. He even attended a cottage prayer meeting where he got a good lesson, but not from the preacher. A man sitting nearby who loved tobacco tried to hide his face while he bit off a plug of it. Daniel decided that using tobacco was a sin since the man tried to hide what he was doing.

Months passed, conviction wore away and Daniel started dancing again. Now he seemed less concerned about doing right. One night he danced until 2:00 a.m. His mother was waiting for him when he returned home. "How far will your sins take you, Daniel Sidney Warner?" she asked. "Samantha is at the point of death and you're kicking up your heels. You should be home praying for her." Mother scolded and reasoned with Daniel for a long time. After she left him alone, Daniel thought about all she had said. He saw how terrible he had been. Then he slid out of bed and onto his knees. He prayed.

Not long after that he went with friends to a meeting in the school house. On the way home one friend asked, "Daniel, what do you think of this religion?"

"I'm going to find out about it," he answered.

His friends confessed to each other that Daniel was planning a prank. They were surprised the following evening when Daniel went forward and knelt at the altar.

Daniel felt the everlasting joy in his heart. He did not write the song, "Everlasting Joy" at the time, but it expresses his feelings that evening.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from A.L. Byers, *Birth of a Reformation*, Faith Publishing House, Guthrie, OK, p 19, and C. E. Brown, *When the Trumpet Sounded*, Warner Press, Anderson IN, 1951.)

(Answers: 1. He promised rest. 2. Light. 3. Always. 4. Yes. 5. Thanksgiving. 6. The peace of God. 7. Yes. 8. We should think about things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report and virtuous; also praise God and others. 9. Yes.)

Everlasting Joy

Can the spirit of a mortal,
Live beyond the reach of trouble?
Knowing not a painful struggle,
Ever joyful in the Lord?

He who is our great salvation,
And our high and strong munition,
Is to us a full fruition
Of his peace and endless joy.

I no trouble and no sorrow
See today; nor will I borrow
Gloomy vision for the morrow;
In my Jesus all is bright.

To my soul all grace is given,
And all gloom afar is driven;
Walking in the light of heaven,
All is everlasting peace.

Jesus bids be joyful ever,
He himself the wondrous Giver,
Flows within, a constant river,
And my spirit must rejoice.

Chorus:
Glory to my Savior's name!
Walking on his holy plane;
Nothing can my peace disturb,
Free and happy as a bird,
Singing joyful praise evermore.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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My Soul is Satisfied

Frances looked straight into Daniel's blue eyes. "But why shouldn't we be married?" she asked. "You've served two years in the army and you're free. You have already asked Papa and he said it's okay."

Daniel believed a person's eyes are a window to their soul. Frances eyes were dark and gloomy. Was she doubting God? Her father was an infidel.

"I know, Frances, but now I'm a Christian and you aren't."

"We'll be happy with or without religion," she cooed.

"I won't be going to dances anymore."

"That's all right. I still love you."

"I love you, too, and you're beautiful, intelligent and educated. What more could I want?"

"Then we will?"

"I promised you. I will keep my promise, but first I want to study awhile."

"What school are you going to?"

"I'll be going to Oberlin College."

"The one that hides the slaves?"

"Yes."

"I heard that twenty professors were jailed for rescuing a slave which the authorities had taken from there."

"I heard that, too. I think I'll like it. Charles G. Finney is the president and he teaches Christian perfection and power to live above sin."

"You sound like a preacher!"

"Maybe someday I'll be one."

Frances smiled.

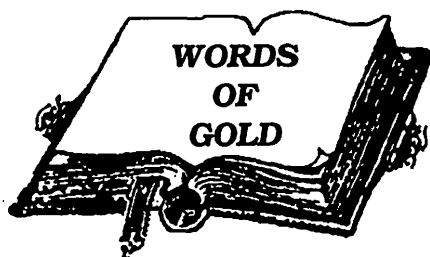
Daniel felt a heaviness in his chest as he walked home. Before going to bed, he prayed, "God, should I marry Frances?"

"You follow Me and I will take care of this situation," God seemed to say.

Daniel Warner entered Oberlin College, September 5, 1865, seven months after he was saved. Later that year he taught school. Whether he taught and studied at the same time, or quit studying, we do not know. Records show he was studying at Oberlin in the spring of 1866.

Teaching school may have brought back memories of how he played tricks so cleverly on his teachers. They could seldom discover when he was the culprit. When the blame was laid on him, his friends often wanted to share his punishment. One time, however, he was to be whipped the following morning. He padded himself well, with extra clothing, before coming to school.

Most of Daniel's childhood was not pleasant. His father owned and



Eve is not Satisfied

Genesis 3:1-13

1 Now the serpent...said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 ...Your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,...to be desired to make one wise, she...did eat, and gave also unto her husband...and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard...God...and Adam and his wife hid themselves from...the Lord...

9 And the Lord God called...Where art thou?

10 And he said,...I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

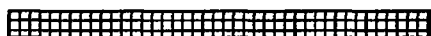
11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree...

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.



The Message: True satisfaction cannot be found in fun, beauty, riches nor knowledge. It is found only in obeying God.



Questions:

1. What had God commanded Adam and Eve?
2. Who talked with Eve about God's commandment?
3. Why did Eve want to eat the fruit?
4. Were Adam and Eve happier after knowing good from evil?
5. How did they feel after eating the fruit?
6. Why was Adam afraid?
7. Who did Eve blame for her sin?
8. Who did Adam blame for his sin?
9. Were Adam and Eve satisfied after eating the fruit?

Verse to Memorize

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

Psalms 63:5.

Let's



Talk . . .

God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful, warm garden with plenty of food to eat, and it was free. They did not earn money for house and car payments, nor to pay utility bills, nor to buy clothes. They did not wash dirty clothes, nor fold and put them away. They did not water the garden, for God sent a mist every night for the plants.

Wouldn't you like to live in a place where there was no work to do, nor school to attend? I would.

Adam and Eve had a perfect situation, but they were not satisfied. They were just like people today; they were curious to know about *evil*. They wanted to see how it would feel to know good and evil. Many young people want to know how sin feels. The devil makes them believe it will be *fun*. They leave comfortable homes where they have all they need, and go live on streets, in filthy hovels. They go without food, freeze in the winter and smother in the summer just to experiment with drugs, alcohol and other sins. Adam and Eve also suffered for their sin.

Real satisfaction comes only from God. A person without God's blessing is like a desert. His or her heart is desolate and crying for something to fill its needs. Many are so hungry for satisfaction they run constantly here and there seeking something to fill this void. They often use up all their time and money. Some will push aside all right standards they have been taught and reap anguish and bitter tears for years to come. All this they do in search of a satisfaction they

could have by submitting their ways to God. How sad, how sad!

If you are thinking sin might be fun, be careful. Eve's trouble started when she began thinking the forbidden fruit might be better than the fruit she should be eating. She was not satisfied with what God had provided. You are not satisfied, if you're thinking sin might be fun. Sin might be fun for a short time, but the fun will not satisfy. Did Adam and Eve's sin satisfy them? No. Did it cause them trouble? Yes, and it will also cause you trouble. Be happy with the home and church God has provided for you. Don't be thinking that something else might be fun.

Stay where you are not afraid to hear God's voice. But, if you are caught doing wrong, admit it. Remember Adam and Eve blamed others for their sin, but that did not keep them from receiving due punishment. Admitting you have done wrong and asking forgiveness will make your punishment much easier. God has provided all you need. Be content with it, and always obey God, then you will be happy to hear Him speak.

—Charlotte Huskey

This song is found on page 97 in *Evening Light Songs*. Let's sing it.

My Soul Is Satisfied

All this world, its wealth and honor,
Cannot sate the human breast;
But when filled with God, our Father,
Every want is fully blest.

Can a bird drink up the ocean,
Thirsting still from shore to shore?
Or the God of all creation
Leave thy heart yet craving more?

Would my soul could more encompass
Heaven's glory, willed to me;
Oh, the love of God, so precious!
'Tis a deep and shoreless sea!

operated a tavern for eight years, and he drank heavily after selling the tavern and becoming a farmer. Daniel, however, had some happy times fishing and hunting raccoon. Sometimes he and his friends would wrap themselves in coon robes and spend the night at the base of a tree, waiting for enough light to shoot the coon.

The following is part of a poem D.S. Warner wrote about his childhood. (I've personalized it to make it easier understood.)

It seemed the special pleasure of
Another certain one
To quite demolish everything
I set my heart upon;

To chafe my spirit and escort
The flow of bitter tears
Out of a soft and pensive heart,
Through all my tender years.

If angels blessed my thorny path,
It may be said in truth,
Only two showed their smiling face
In all my suffering youth.

One was my mother, ever kind,
A blessed providence;
The other, pure and lovely friend,
Was angel Innocence.

I never knew that "Father" was
A sweet, endearing name;
Its very mention was a dread,
His life's most deadly bane.

The demon of intemperance there
Infused the wrath of hell,
And most upon this sickly head
The storm of fury fell.

Like chickens when the mother bird
Gives signal of a foe,
The little peeps are quickly hushed,
All chicks are laying low,

So, when returning from the town,
The dreaded steps we heard,
All ran and quickly settled down,
And not a lip was stirred.

Getting saved had smoothed the pains of his childhood and satisfied his need for love. He liked to tell others about it. One time he was visiting with a group of young people. First one and then another told of different things he had tried in search of a thrilling life. Each admitted that the thrilling experiences did not bring lasting happiness. The fun didn't satisfy. As soon as the fun stopped they felt sad again.

One young man told about his friend who had inherited a great sum of money. With it he had traveled about the world, doing fun things. But after returning home, he said, "What a fool I have been, trying to buy satisfaction. A guilty conscience cannot be silenced by rushing from one exciting thing to another."

Warner stood with his head down, thinking seriously about what he was hearing. Suddenly he thought, "This is a great opportunity." He looked up and said, "I am satisfied!"

Shortly after this, D. S. Warner wrote the words of "My Soul is Satisfied." Later B. E. Warren set them to the music we sing today. (Look on page three of today's lesson for the words to this song.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. He said to not eat of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. 2. The serpent. 3. It looked pleasant and she wanted to be wise. 4. No. 5. They were afraid. 6. Because he had disobeyed God. 7. The serpent. 8. Eve. 9. No.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Child Of God

"You are not saved," whispered the devil.

"Yes, I am," Barney answered.

"If you were saved, you would not feel so bad."

"But God forgave me of my sins, and delivered me from chewing tobacco," Barney protested again.

"But you don't feel as you did right after you were saved."

Barney, the third child of Tom and Anna Marie Warren, was born in Buffalo, New York. When Barney was five, Tom moved his family into a log house near Bangor, Michigan. This area was called Geneva Center. Here the family struggled together to make a living.

Everything was done by hand. They farmed the soil with horse-drawn hand plows and cultivators. Flax from the field and wool from the sheep was first carded then spun into thread. The thread was then woven into cloth and the cloth cut and sewn into clothes. Furniture was also made by hand. In the great kitchen stood a huge poplar wood table, which Barney's father had beautifully planed and polished. Around it the family gathered for meals, and upon it freshly baked salt-raising bread was laid out to cool.

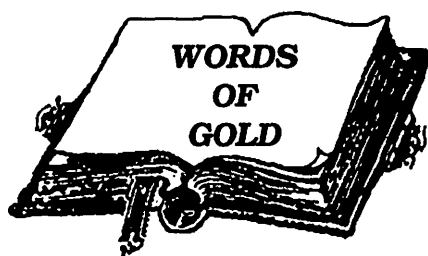
Tom Warren's family were musicians and actors. They gathered each evening to sing or perform skits. They sang "My Old Kentucky Home," "Massa's

In The Cold, Cold, Ground," "Old folks At Home" and other songs popular at the time. Hymn singing became their favorite entertainment. By the time preachers came into the community the family sang hymns beautifully.

When Barney was twelve years old he was ready to make his own living as were most twelve year old boys in those days. He hired out to care for a neighbor's sheep after attending the few hours of school each day. Most of the men in the community chewed tobacco, so he, too, began chewing. One time it saved his life.

While caring for the sheep, Barney learned that bucks can be very dangerous. He also learned that an angry charging buck never changes course after he has started toward an object. One day an angry buck came charging at him. Should he run away? No. He stood very still until the buck was near, then stepping aside he grasped the buck's horns, flopped him onto his back and spit tobacco juice in his eyes. The buck never attacked Barney again.

Joseph and Mary Smith lived in a log house a few miles from Barney's home. The Smith's accepted the truth in January 1883. Their home was always open for pioneer ministers of the Church of God. When a minister came, evangelistic meetings were held, usually in their home. The Warren's, or at least the mother and children, attended these meetings.



Becoming a Child of God

John 3:3-8

3 Jesus answered...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith...How can a man be born when he is old?...

5 Jesus answered,...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Romans 6:3-4, 6-8, 12-13

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism...even so we also should walk in newness of life.

6 ...Our old man is crucified with him, that...sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ,...we shall also live with him:

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it...

13 ...Yield...your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

I John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Message: Everyone who confesses their sins and does not live any longer in sin is a child of God.

Questions:

1. What must we do to see the kingdom of God?
2. By what two things must we be born?
3. Can the new birth be seen?
4. After we are buried in baptism what should we do?
5. What is destroyed when a person is born again?
6. If we die with Christ will we also reign with Him?
7. Must every Christian die to sin and become a new person in Christ?
8. What must we do so God will forgive our sins?
9. Does God cleanse from all unrighteousness?

Verse to Memorize

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his [Christ's] seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

I John 3:9.

Let's



Talk . . .

Nicodemus wanted to become a child of God. He came one night to where Jesus was staying. No doubt they went up on the flat roof, for that was the custom in Palestine. There under the stars, Jesus said to him, "Except you are born of water and of the Spirit, you cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Every person was born in the flesh on his or her birthday. Now Jesus says we must be born again, not of the flesh but of the spirit.

There are two parts to this spiritual birth; one is water, one is the spirit. A person's spiritual life is dead after he sins. When a sinner confesses his sins, the Holy Spirit renews his dead spirit by putting life into it again. What could being born of water mean? According to Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38 we must be baptized to be saved. Baptizing is being put under the water in a religious service. It is a symbol of dying to sin and being resurrected to a new life in Christ. Another meaning for the water is the Word of God. Every Christian must bathe himself in the Bible so he will know how God wants him to live. Learning from God's Word reveals to us things that we did not know were sin. As water washes away dirt, so obeying God's Word washes away ungodly thoughts and habits.

Sometimes after a person has become a child of God, they stray away and sin. In the fifteenth chapter of Luke Jesus told about a rich man who had two sons. One son asked for his inheritance early. He took the money and went into a far away country and spent it all doing things he thought would bring happiness. When his

money was gone, so were his friends. He worked hard feeding pigs and was often hungry enough to eat what they were eating. In this condition he remembered how good life had been at home. So he returned home and his father accepted him gladly.

God is also ready to accept again any unhappy person who has strayed from Him. He will erase the sins they have committed and reinstate them as His child. It is best to become a child of God and obey His Word, but if you have strayed from God please be wise and return to Him.

If you have never become a child of God, you may do so by confessing your sins and being baptized.

—Charlotte Huskey

A Child of God

Praise the Lord! my heart with his
love is beaming,

I am a child of God;

Heaven's golden light over me is
streaming,

I am a child of God.

Let the saints rejoice with my rap-
tured spirit,

I am a child of God;

I will testify, that the world
may hear it,

I am a child of God.

Let a holy life tell the gospel story,

I am a child of God;

How he fills the soul with his
grace and glory,

I am a child of God.

Saved from sin today, ev'ry
band is riven,

I am a child of God;

Thro' the tests of life I have
peace from heaven,
I am a child of God.

I am a child of God,

I am a child of God;

I have washed my robes in the
cleansing fountain,
I am a child of God.

When Barney was sixteen he was working for a godly man, Mr. Abbott. J. C. Fisher and a company of gospel workers came into the community and held a meeting. The whole community was stirred. The Abbott family re-consecrated their lives and opened their home for prayer meetings. For many months, prayer meetings were held almost daily.

Barney began feeling he was a wicked person. Why? He didn't know.

He'd heard that chewing tobacco was a sin. One weekend it was a rainy, gloomy day and he'd battled feeling guilty all the way to town. So on his way back he stopped his horse, stood up in the wagon and spit his cud of tobacco as far as it would go. Then he took from his pocket the three plugs he had just purchased and threw them into the tall grass.

Still he could not eat nor sleep in peace, and the craving for tobacco almost drove him crazy. Before the week had ended he tried, without success, to borrow, beg and buy a plug of tobacco. That weekend, on his way back into town, he hunted until he found the plugs he had thrown beside the road. He took a big chew and immediately the craving stopped, but the torment of his conscience started again. It was worse than the craving. What could he do? He tried taking little bits and waiting a long time between each bit. He tried not chewing at all. Those days the craving made him sick. He struggled for ten days. All the while the heaviness in his heart grew.

"Why don't you come to the house for prayer meeting?" Mr. Abbott asked. Barney went. Barney saw other men and boys go to the "mourner's bench" and cry. He didn't want to cry, but he sure wanted to feel as they seemed to feel when they got up from the altar.

"Come to the altar with me," his friend whispered one night.

"You go if you want," Barney said. "I'm just counting the cost." (He knew part of the cost would be giving up tobacco.)

After that, when Barney prayed, the tobacco came between him and God. He struggled and struggled until he finally

said, "Yes, Lord, I give up anything to have peace in my heart." The following night he went to the altar in Mr. Abbott's home.

During this time, the community was ablaze with the burning zeal of God. Several of the young people started testifying to their friends and neighbors. Soon they began holding meetings in adjoining neighborhoods, in school houses, churches, rented halls or homes. The older Smith boys, Barney and his two brothers were a part of this evangelistic group. They sang, preached and exhorted. Barney was one of the best singers and often exhorted.

A few years later the devil came to rob Barney of his happiness. He accused Barney of not being saved. Barney did not recognize it as the devil until God brought Isaiah 59:19, to his mind. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Then he remembered hearing Bro. D. S. Warner say, "I have so much confidence in God, that I would be willing to hook my little finger over the least of His promises and swing out over the infernal regions and feel perfectly safe."

Barney began feeling more secure as his faith gripped this promise from God's Word. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (I Corinthians 10:13.) Barney reviewed his life and saw that he was as committed to God as he was the day he got saved. Then he exclaimed, "I am a child of God!"

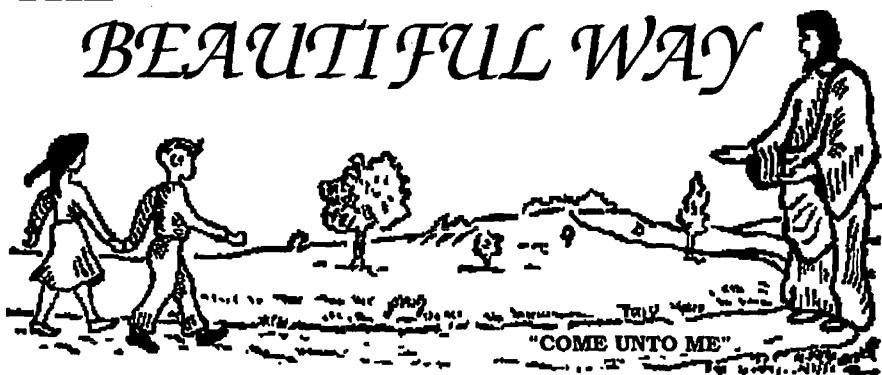
Barney defeated the devil and gave us "I Am A Child Of God," page 123, in *Evening Light Songs*. We too, can defeat the devil by singing and believing this song.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. We must be born again. 2. We must be born of the water and the spirit. 3. No—only what it does can be seen. 4. We should walk in newness of life. 5. Sin. 6. Yes. 7. Yes. 8. We must confess our sins. 9. Yes.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The River of Peace

When D.S. Warner came to Geneva Center for a revival meeting he found people eager to receive the truth. There were eighty holiness Christians, mostly young people. Barney Warren, his brothers and Joseph Smith's boys were some of those young people. After a few services, D. S. Warner recognized that Barney could be a help singing and exhorting in evangelistic meetings.

Tom Warren, Barney's father was among the farmers who crowded into the schoolhouse each evening to hear Warner preach. Although people called him an infidel, he knew his Bible well. Each Sunday while his family went to church he stayed home and studied the Bible so he could point out the mistakes of ministers and deacons. In this way, he justified his own evil by pointing out the sins of church leaders.

Since Barney and his brothers were obeying the Bible and he could not reproach them, Mr. Warren became so condemned he was almost violent. A miserable Tom Warren listened while Warner plowed into his heart.

Tom Warren saw his sins condemned by God's Word. He saw the love and pardon God was offering. But his proud heart said, "I cannot humble myself before these people. I am a strong wrestler, not a crying man."

Conviction grew until his body trembled. His seat shook. He held tightly to the chair in front of him, but Tom Warren did not yield to God.

One evening, during the revival, Bro. Warner said to, Barney, "I am forming a singing group. Would you like to join us?"

"I'd love to, but I'm sure my dad won't let me. He hardly allows us to take time from the farm for meetings."

"I'll ask him," Warner promised.

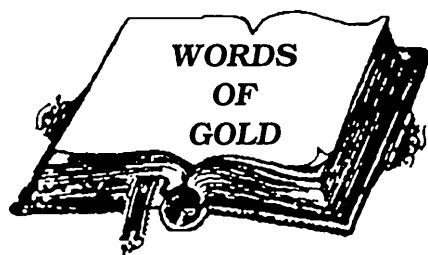
He did. Tom Warren refused.

Warner continued to hold meetings in the surrounding communities. Barney and the other young people came almost every night. Tom Warren also came. His answer was always "No," when Warner ask if Barney could travel with them.

The following year D. S. Warner came again to Geneva Center. This time he held a meeting in the Smith's home. Again Tom Warren came. "God has the first claim on Barney," Warner told Warren when they again discussed Barney traveling with Warner. "You should let him go in the gospel work."

"I need him to help on the farm," Warren answered. "He cannot go!"

Warner and Barney kept praying. One night during the meeting, Tom Warren came to the altar. Warner thought, "Now he will let the boy go." He knelt beside the big man and said,



God Gives Peace

John 4:5-14

5 Then cometh [Jesus] to a city of Samaria,...

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest...who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this

water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

The Message: Jesus will put within our heart a river of peace.

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus sitting?
2. What did He ask of the Samaritan woman?
3. What kind of water did Jesus wish to give the woman?
4. Will a person thirst again who drinks water from Jacob's well?
5. Will those who drink of Jesus' water thirst again?
6. What will be in our hearts if we drink Jesus' water?
7. Will the fountain of water that Jesus gives become everlasting life?
8. Do you think this fountain of water will be like a river of peace in the heart?
9. Have you tasted of the water Jesus gives?

Verse to Memorize

For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,...

Isaiah 66:12.

Let's



Talk . . .

Jacob's well was large—possibly eight feet across. The well was dug with a pick and shovel and then encased with stone. The stones were built up around the well a little higher than ground level—much like a little fence. Jesus sat on these stones to rest while His disciples went into town to buy food. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink."

"I am surprised that you would ask a drink of me," she said. "Most Jews would not speak to me."

Jesus knew Jews hated Samaritans and called them dogs. They would not drink from a Samaritan's cup. They destroyed any vessel a Samaritan had used. Jesus did not discuss the problems between the Samaritans and the Jews.

He wanted to talk about something more important. "If you knew who I am, you would ask a drink from me and I would give you everlasting water," he said. "And the water I give will spring up within you so that you will never thirst again."

The woman questioned how Jesus could give such water, so He explained. "The water I give is not water from a well. It is spiritual water that satisfies the soul. The soul will never again thirst for evil and sin. This water is like a crystal clear river flowing out of a heart. As it flows, it washes away all desire of anything that displeases God."

Let's think for a moment about a magnet. The magnet has an invisible power. Hold a strong magnet over pieces of iron and the iron will almost

jump to the magnet. The invisible force in the magnet will hold the iron pieces tightly.

In the heart of every person is a power that draws them to sin. Psalm 58:3 says, "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." We all know very small children tell lies; they steal; they disobey. This force increases as a child grows older and they do more sins. This force holds them in the control of the devil until Jesus breaks it.

Now iron can be treated with certain chemicals and heated, then a magnet has no power over this iron. When Jesus fills a heart with living water, it breaks the power that draws toward sin. The thirst or desire for sin is gone. The person is delivered from the power of the devil. Instead of wanting to sin, the person will desire to please God.

The living water from Jesus will flow like a river of peace. The person will be happy to please God. He will never thirst again for the evil of the world.

I was saved when I was eight years old and I have never desired to do evil since. You too can be saved and have a river of peace flowing out of your soul. Let me tell you, it is a wonderful life.

—Charlotte Huskey

River of Peace

I'll sing of a river divine,
It's waters from trouble release,
More precious than "honey and wine,"
That river, sweet river is peace.

It reaches from heaven to earth,
It issues from under the throne;
Great peace! oh, thy infinite worth!
Sweet peace in my Jesus alone.

Oh, wonderful life giving flood,
Thy waters so crystal and pure,
Make glad all the "City of God,"
Forever thy blessings endure.

"Are you willing for God's will to be done in your life?"

"Yes," he answered.

"Are you willing for God to use Barney?"

"Ya mean ta go with you?"

"Yes."

"No, I'm not," he stormed, and got up from the altar. He motioned for his family to follow as he started toward the door.

"Wait, I want to talk with you," Warner said. Tom Warren pushed his way through the crowd as if he hadn't heard.

Thin, frail Warner rushed after big Tom pleading with him to yield to God's will. Halfway to the door, Tom Warren's legs began trembling. He staggered a bit then he fell to the floor.

"Warner's blue eyes flashed as if with a piercing fire. He stood over Tom Warren and said, 'Tom Warren, you are fighting against God, and you cannot get away with it. God has smitten you, and you cannot get up until you let Barney go.'"

For two hours Tom struggled to get up.² After exhausting every effort of his own and was still unable to get up, he said, "Barney is the Lords."

"Now you can get up," Warner announced.

Barney packed his clothes and left with D.S. Warner when the meeting was over.

Tom Warren went home a different man, but he did not get saved until several years later. Four of his boys became ministers. George was pastor in Battle Creek, MI. Tom Warren also preached in his home community for several years just before he died.

Barney helped D.S. Warner in an evangelistic meeting in western Pennsylvania. One afternoon they hiked along the Allegheny River. They sat down on a log and looked at the river as it curved and flowed glently down into the valley beyond. "How beautiful is

the world God has made!" Barney thought.

After a time of quiet meditation, Warner said, "The constant flowing of this river fittingly represents the continual flow of the river of peace in the soul of the redeemed."¹ In Isaiah 66:12 it says, "For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,..." They talked over ideas of a song about a river of peace, and before leaving their seat on the log, they had written the basic parts of both the lyrics and the music for "River of Peace."

As they traveled around the country holding meetings in schoolhouses, homes and rented buildings they perfected the song. Later, as they passed near this spot, they sang the new song. Herbert M. Riggle and his father were working in a field over the hill and heard the singing. When the three wagons full of saints passed those in the fields, Warner stood up in the wagon, waved at them and shouted, "Hallelujah."

"These must be the people who are to hold a meeting in the old Shellhammer Church. We will go and hear them," said Father Riggle.

Later H.M. Riggle told Barney, "I was won to the truth by your singing. I was only a boy and did not get saved until some years later, but that incident led me to finding the Savior."

Turn to page 57, in *Evening Light Songs* and sing the song those people in the wagons were singing.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from: Axchie Bolitho, *To The Chief Singer*, Anderson, IN: Gospel Trumpet Company, 1942, p 168. Bolitho, pp 12-13. Bolitho, p 32.)

(Answers: 1. On Jacob's well. 2. A drink of water. 3. Living water. 4. Yes. 5. No. 6. A well of water. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. Answers may vary.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Perishing Souls At Stake

Horse-drawn wagons rattled over Ohio's dusty roads as people came to the meeting in Jerry City. The harvest rush was over and the women had most of their fruits and vegetables stored away for winter. Now they could relax and enjoy the cool September evenings.

D.S. Warner saw C. Ogan as he stepped from his wagon. "You looked like you might not feel well," Warner said to Ogan after they had greeted.

"My soul has been challenged by a vision," Ogan answered. "Last evening God appeared to me. He was holding a large banner on which was written, 'Perishing Souls At Stake.' Bro. Warner, the Church must do more to help perishing souls escape the flames of hell!"

"My soul is also burdened with an awful sense of perishing souls at stake," Warner answered. "In about all the meetings this fall the same great burden has come upon our souls for men and women of

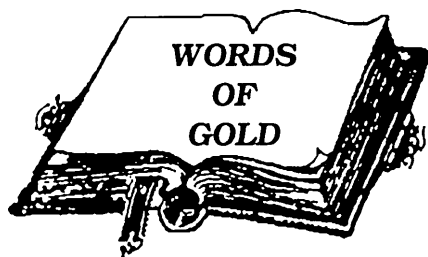
God to go forth and hold up the light of His saving truth."

What a solemn feeling settled over the meeting. Warner pleaded for workers to go into the vineyard of the Lord. He said, "Oh ye that have the real fire of God in your souls, can you tarry at home to watch a few earthly effects, when there is such a sore famine in all the land? You who have found the true salvation of Christ Jesus are the only ones that can bring the living bread to others.

"Messages, learned in college will not do. Babylon priests are full of darkness. They cannot do the job a saint full of light can do. Oh, how sad this world with no Gospel but the wretched stuff given by Babylonian priests!

"Souls are dying all around. Oh! If you have any gratitude in your hearts for what Christ has done for you, go and tell others. Some will surely receive the joyful tidings. Most everywhere there are at least one or two honest souls who long for the light.

"Can YOU stay at home working for the sordid dust of the earth



The Rich Man Perished

Luke 16:19-28

19 There was a certain rich man, which...fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table:...

22 And...the beggar died, and...the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments,...

24 And he cried...Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25-26 But Abraham said,... between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee... send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Luke 13:2-5

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilæans were sinners above all

the Galilæans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

The Message: We must share the gospel with our family, friends, neighbors and strangers so they will not perish.

Questions:

1. Did both the rich man and Lazarus die?
2. Where was the rich man after he died?
3. Where was Lazarus after he died?
4. What did the rich man want Lazarus to do?
5. Could Abraham or Lazarus help the rich man?
6. Were the Galilæans sinners above others?
7. On how many did the tower of Siloam fall?
8. Did this happen because they were terrible sinners?
9. What will happen to all who do not repent?

Verse to Memorize

...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:15-16.

Let's



Talk . . .

"Please, Father Abraham, please send Lazarus to bring me one drop of water to cool my tongue," said the rich man. He was in hell and he thought just one drop would feel so good.

Abraham answered sadly, "He cannot come to help you. There is a great gulf between you and us. No one from here can go where you are, neither can anyone from you come here."

"I am so tormented in this flame," the rich man said.

"Remember," Abraham said, "you had a beautiful home, plenty to eat and fine clothing to wear. Lazarus lay in the dirt by your gate. He was so hungry he would have appreciated even your crumbs. You ignored him, but the dogs had compassion and cleaned his sores. Now he has comfort and you..."

"I know, I know, but please, send him back to my father's house to warn my five brothers so they won't do as I have done."

"Your brothers have God's commandments which Moses wrote. They have all the warning of the prophets. They can be saved if they obey what the prophets and Moses said."

"That's not enough, Father Abraham, but if someone came back from the dead and told them how awful this torment is, they would change their ways."

"It isn't true," Abraham said. "Those who will not obey God's commandments that they know, will not

listen to someone who has died and is alive again."

The rich man had his chance to do right and be at peace after death. He had God's Word and could have obeyed it. He did not, so his soul perished.

There are many other souls about to perish just as the rich man. There are also many others who have not had an opportunity to know God and obey His commandments. We must do all we can to help souls be at peace with God. Then they will be at peace after death as Lazarus was.

Some do not have God's Word. There are thousands of languages in which the Bible has not been printed. Maybe the Lord wants you to be a Bible translator. Thousands of others do not have a Bible although there are Bibles printed in their language. What are you doing to help others have a Bible?

There are thousands of people who have a Bible but are not reading or obeying it. What are you doing to encourage your friends and neighbors to read and obey God's Word? There are still others who have been misguided and are sinning and thinking they are fine. What are you doing to help these people see the dangers in how they are living?

Every saved person should be helping someone else know Jesus as their personal Savior. You may begin helping others by praying for someone who is not saved. You may tell your friends about how Jesus is blessing you. (Perhaps you lost something and He helped you to find it. Maybe you asked Jesus to help you make a good grade.) Being kind and helpful will help them see how Jesus is working in you. If you love Jesus with all your heart, it will show and others will realize you have something they need. Do every day what Jesus would do and you will be helping others to not perish. —Charlotte Huskey

and let them perish? Oh, fly to the rescue, don't delay; bring the needy to Jesus Christ!"

Hearts were melted. When Warner finished preaching, many fled to the altar. They cried. They prayed. They laid everything at Jesus' feet. Their lives, their homes, their jobs, their farms were placed on the altar for God to use as He wanted.

"God has commissioned me to go into his vineyard," Bro. Ogan testified. "I am breaking all earthly ties and will be giving all my time to the Lord's work."

Several were called that day and went forth seeking perishing souls at stake.

In the evening, Warner wrote in his diary:

September 19, 1885

"We pray that all whom this day confessed the call of God may go forward, lest that 'woe is me' be upon them, and perishing souls be lost for whom the blessed Savior died."

The blessing of this meeting and the vision of C. Ogan of Latty, Ohio, inspired D. S. Warner to write the words of "Perishing Souls." A.L. Byers wrote the music. The tune may be unfamiliar because the song is not sung often, but you can read the words. You will find this song on page 327 of *Evening Light Songs*.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from: A. L. Byers, *Birth Of A Reformation*, Faith Publishing House. Rreprint from 1921. p 391.)

Perishing Souls

Perishing souls at stake today!
Says the banner of Christ unfurled;
Pleading in love for help to save
Blood-bought sinners all o'er the world.

Perishing souls at stake we see,
Yet the Savior has died for all;
Go and invite them earnestly,
Some will surely obey the call.

Perishing souls at stake, go tell
What the Savior has done for you;
How he redeemed thy soul from hell,
And is able to save them too.

Perishing souls at stake today,
Can you tarry for earthly dross?
Fly to the rescue, don't delay,
Brigh the needy to Jesus' cross.

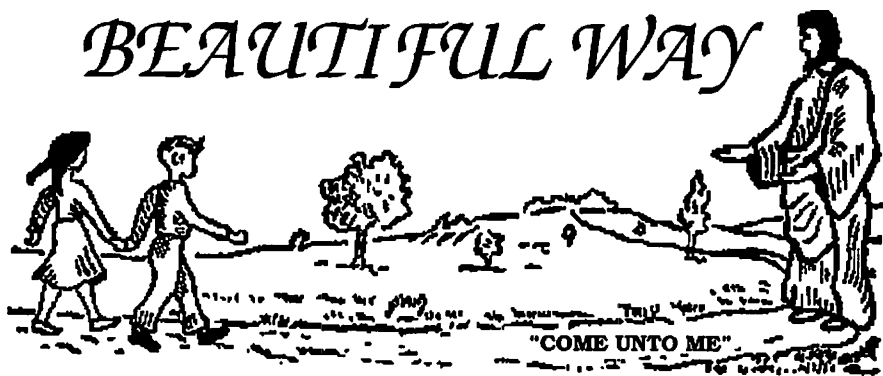
Chorus:

Perishing souls at stake, my brother,
What is all this world beside?
Perishing souls at stake, my brother,
For whom the blessed Savior died;
Perishing souls, Perishing souls,
Oh, who will help to save the lost?

(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. He was in hell. 3. In Abraham's bosom. 4. To bring a drop of water to cool his tongue. 5. No. 6. No. 7. On eighteen. 8. No. 9. They will perish.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Singing

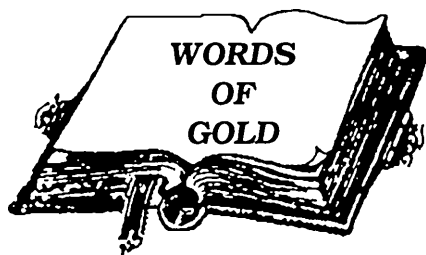
Messages from God are often learned through song. Many very young children learn that Jesus loves them from hearing the song, "Jesus Loves Me." People who are not Christians have learned much about Jesus' birth by the songs they hear every year around Christmastime. Sometimes when a sermon will not reach a heart to bring about change, a song with the same message will. God gives many messages in song to His people.

Singing has been a way of worshiping God since the early ages. The Israelites sang praises to God after they escaped drowning the Red Sea (Exodus 15:1). When God instructed Moses to teach the people how to worship, He included singing. The singers sang day and night (I Chronicles 9:33). Deborah and Barak sang of God's great goodness after Jabin, king of Canaan, was delivered into their hands (Judges 5:1-31). King David wrote many, many songs. These have been preserved for us in the *Book of Psalms*. King Solomon wrote the *Songs of Solomon*, which illustrate the love of God for His church and the love a Christian has for God. Jesus also

sang with His disciples (Mark 14:26). In prison, Paul and Silas sang praises to God at midnight, then an earthquake shook the prison doors open (Acts 16:25). God's Word instructs believers to sing. From the very beginning of the Church of God, singing hymns has been a part of worship service.

In America's pioneer days, singing was a great aide in the Church's outreach. Evangelists traveled in horse-drawn wagons, boats, trains, on horseback and by foot to spread the truth. In 1886, Daniel S. Warner organized a group of young singers who traveled with him for five years. They were Nancy Kigar (soprano), France Miller (alto), Barney E. Warren (Bass) and Sarah Smith (high tenor). Warner, when not occupied with other duties, also sang tenor. They sang wherever they went—in the trains, train stations, cafes, hotels, boarding homes, in parks and on street corners. They sang in the horse-drawn wagons as they traveled from place to place.

When this group held their first evangelical meeting at Walkerton, Indiana, a theatrical group was in the town. Most of the town's people were flocking to the meeting and only a few were going to the theater.



Singers Won the Battle

II Chronicles 20:12-24

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah,...a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord...O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

19 And the Levites,...stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord,...that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir,...to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

The Message: Singing is an important part of our spiritual battles, as it was an important part of this battle.

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

Verse to Memorize:

**Serve the Lord with gladness:
come before his presence with
singing.**

Psalms 100:2.

Let's



Talk . . .

King Jehoshaphat prayed, "Oh, God in heaven, in Thy hand is there not power and might? And did You not say when we cry unto Thee in our trouble that Thou wilt hear and help? Three nations are coming to destroy us. Help! We have no might against such a multitude of warriors."

Jehoshaphat was king of the small nation of Judah. He called his people to come and pray for God's help. They came with their wives and children and were standing in silent prayer pleading for God's help as their king prayed aloud.

God heard their humble cry and sent His spirit on His servant, Jahaziel. Jahaziel stood up and said, "Listen, everyone. Do not be afraid because of this great multitude. The battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow you must go down against them, but you will not need to fight. Just stand still and see God save us."

When King Jehoshaphat heard this, he bowed his face to the ground. Everyone, except the Levites, fell to the ground in worship. The Levites stood and praised God in loud voices.

On the way to the attack, Jehoshaphat stopped and encouraged the men. Then he appointed singers to praise the beauty of holiness and say, "Praise the Lord for His mercy endureth forever."

When the singers began to sing, the enemy started attacking each other and soon had destroyed themselves.

Many battles have been won through singing. The singing group

that accompanied Bro. Warner was a powerful instrument in God's hands. Look for more adventures of this group and other songs they and their friends have written in future *Beautiful Waypapers*. —Charlotte Huskey

The following song, written by Barney Warren, is sung in many churches.

It Is Truly Wonderful

He pardoned my transgressions,
He sanctified my soul;
He honors my confessions,
Since by His blood I'm whole.

He brings me through affliction,
He leaves me not alone;
He's with me in temptation,
He keeps me for His own.

He keeps me firm and faithful,
His love I do enjoy;
For this I shall be grateful
And live in His employ.

It is truly wonderful what the Lord
has done,
It is truly wonderful,
It is truly wonderful;
It is truly wonderful what the Lord
has done.
Glory to His name.

Questions:

1. Were the people afraid to go against the great company?
2. Where did they go for help?
3. Who would take charge of the battle?
4. In what two ways did the people worship God?
5. How would the people be established?
6. Who did Jehoshaphat appoint to go with the army?
7. What were the singers to say?
8. What happened when the singers began to sing?
9. Who destroyed their enemies?

To attract more people to the theater, the theatrical group came to the meeting place and played instrumental music just outside the building. Warner was having to shout his sermon to be heard above the music. Then he stopped abruptly and said, "Sing a song." Nancy Kigar began singing and the others joined her. The musicians left. The people stayed and the service continued.

At one time this singing group traveled on *The Floating Bethel*. It was a chapel boat built by George T. Clayton and used on the Ohio River. They stopped at most towns and cities on both sides of the river. As soon as the boat was safely anchored the singers gathered on the flat roof of the cabin and sang. Great crowds assembled and this gave a fine opportunity to announce a meeting. Many congregations were raised up in towns along the Ohio River.

Most of the songs that this group sang were new. They had messages other hymns did not have. D.S. Warner and his co-worker, J. C. Fisher had just printed *Songs of Victory*. It contained 94 hymns written mostly by Warner and Fisher. During the five years of traveling with this singing group, Warner wrote many other songs. Barney Warren arranged the tunes and harmony for many of these. Barney and many others in the church were also writing songs at that time. (W. Dale Oldham, in *Our Church Musicians* says that Barney furnished the Church with 7,000 songs.) These early songwriters put Bible truths into their songs. In this way the truths of God's Word were sung as well as preached. Fisher said in the preface of *Songs of Victory*, "It is a fact, well known,...that the hymns

of the past fail to express the glorious light, and liberty, grace, truth and power, the free and holy Church has attained in this blessed evening light. Hence the Lord has marvelously given us these new songs, that we may more fully sing the joy and victory we have in the Lord Jesus Christ." Most of these songs can be found in *Evening Light Songs*.

Yes, hymns in *Evening Light Songs* have a message from God. They were sung with inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and were daily conversation in every community that heard them. Let us sing them with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength.

—Charlotte Huskey

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(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. To the Lord. 3. The Lord. 4. They bowed on the ground, and stood up to praise God. 5. By believing in the Lord. 6. Singers. 7. "Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever." 8. The Lord set ambushments against the enemy. 9. The enemies destroyed themselves.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Who Will Suffer With Jesus?

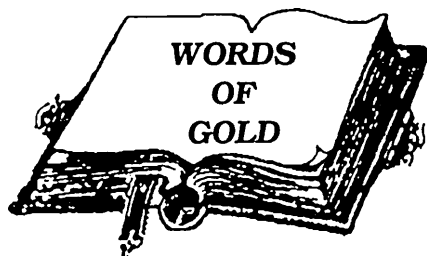
The song, "Who Will Suffer With Jesus?" was written in the winter of 1889-90 while Daniel S. Warner and his company were traveling through the southern United States on a preaching tour. The oldtime Methodists and their circuit-riding preachers had educated the Southerners to believe that God expected people to live holy. There were also many ex-slaves who were deeply religious. Although they had formed separate congregations, most were seeking God's approval. It would seem that under these circumstances that Warner's preaching would be readily accepted.

D.S. Warner, Barney E. Warren, Nancy Kigar, Frances (Frankie) Miller and Mother Sarah Smith, traveled in a horse-drawn wagon into Mississippi. Near Meridian, they met with a holiness group led by W.W. Bradley and S. H. Bozeman. For many years all Christians in this community worshiped in the same building. But when Bradley and Bozeman began teaching that, in order to be saved, a person must live holy, they were ordered out of that church. They built a small church house.

Here Bro. Warner and his company were invited to hold meetings.

They sang songs about people living "Without Spot and Blameless." They sang of a "Church Triumphant," and of divine healing. They testified of sin-free lives. Bro. Warner preached that raising, selling, chewing, spitting and puffing tobacco was unholy. He preached against racism. He loved the black people and invited them to participate in the service. This was beyond what even the holiness group had taught. Violence followed.

One evening as Warner and the singing group were traveling to church, they found a large tree blocking the road to the meeting house. The second evening, rocks and bricks were hurled through the windows, showering the congregation with sharp, jagged pieces of glass. Women and children screamed. Some cried. For a time confusion reigned. One sharp rock blasted into Bro. Warner's face. Then he remembered how God had spared him at another nearby community when he had been pelted with buck-shots which had missed him and embedded themselves into the wall behind the pulpit. Blood from the wound trickled down his



Paul And Barnabas Suffer For Jesus

Acts 13:42-52

42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes (new converts) followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 14:1-6

1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

The Message: Every Christian must be willing to suffer for Jesus.

Questions:

1. Who wanted to hear Paul and Barnabas preach?
2. Who encouraged Paul and Barnabas to continue in the grace of God?
3. Why did the Jews envy the apostles?
4. Why did the apostles turn to the Gentiles?
5. After the persecution, who was happy?
6. Who stirred up the Gentiles minds against the apostles?
7. Did the apostles speak boldly for a long time?
8. Who was assaulted because they preached Christ?
9. Did the apostles continue preaching?

Verse to Memorize

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

II Timothy 2:12.

Let's



Talk . . .

From the beginning of Christianity, the people of God have been misunderstood and persecuted by the world. Just before Jesus died, He said to His disciples, "If the world hate you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." (John 15:18-19.)

The apostles, Paul and Barnabas, had trouble everywhere they preached, and the religious people were the ones who lit the fire of persecution against them.

The first time Paul and his company preached in Antioch, the people loved it. The following Sabbath almost the whole city came to hear them, but when the temple leaders saw it, they were filled with envy and began right away talking against the disciples and trying to confuse the people. Some people accepted these arguments of the Jews, but many others clung to the Word which Paul preached. While the religious leaders tried in vain to stop the spread of the Gospel, believers shared it with others and soon it was published in the whole region. When every attempt to stop their preaching failed, the temple leaders influenced the people in authority to force the disciples to leave town.

This did not stop the disciples from spreading God's Word. Promptly they went to Iconium and began preaching. There a great multitude believed in Jesus. Again when the religious Jews saw it, they caused some of the new believers to think evil of Paul and

Barnabas. Soon there was a division among the people. Some were with the Jews, and some with the apostles. The true believers were assaulted and threatened with stones, so Paul and his company escaped into Lycaonia. They preached at Lystra and Derbe.

Paul and Barnabas suffered for Jesus. The song we are learning about today asks, "Who will suffer with Jesus?" The author, D. S. Warner, and his singing group suffered for Him, but they were not the only ones.

During this same time, in the same area, J. E. Forest began preaching unity of all believers regardless of skin color. He traveled in twenty-one states and preached under brush arbors, in streets, cabins, theaters and on creek banks. While preaching to blacks in Sanderville, Georgia, he was arrested. At that time integration of blacks and whites was not accepted by society. Fearlessly Bro. Forest returned to the church and preached again to his beloved black brethren. The evening service was a most glorious one! After the meeting, however, Bro. Forest was taken by his shirt collar, shaken, kicked and loaded onto a freight train and sent out of town on the midnight train. His work did much good for the southern people.

Have you suffered for Jesus? Are you willing to suffer for Jesus? If you are, there is a reward waiting for you. Let us all be willing to suffer for Jesus.

Daniel Sidney Warner wrote many songs and poems. More than seventy of his songs have been included in *Evening Light Songs*, which is used in many congregations today. Each song was inspired by our heavenly Father and contains a special message. The message of "Who Will Suffer With Jesus?" forces the reader to examine himself. It was first printed in 1893 in *Echoes From Glory*. It is on page 241 in the *Evening Light Songs*. (Look for this song on page four of today's lesson.)

—Charlotte Huskey

cheek as he continued preaching. Another evening they arrived for service and found the church house locked. They promptly began singing. When the people arrived, Warner preached in front of the building in the moonlight.

As the meeting progressed the violence increased. A terrible storm settled on the area one afternoon, keeping them from going to the meeting house. Later they discover a disguised group had been hiding in the building waiting for the members to arrive. The evangelistic team was staying at the home of J. M. Smith. A mob of 75 to 100 men armed with guns gathered around the Smith's home one night. Warner was captured and beaten but he managed to escape and hide in the dark woods. The mob circled around the house shouting insults and shooting guns into the air. The horses neighed in protest and the group inside prayed. At midnight the angry men, some ex-convicts, shot their guns in unison and raced away into the darkness.

Bro. Warner wrote in his diary, that the mob actions "mimicked the din of war." But having been a soldier and now a soldier with a most powerful Captain, he did not take flight as they had hoped. Instead the meeting continued and he wrote the words of the beautiful song, "Who Will Suffer With Jesus?"

Ludolph Schroeder wrote a tune for the song, and B.E. Warren added harmony.

Despite this opposition the Church continued to grow. Out of this tumultuous beginning five strong Church of God congregations developed in Meridian and the surrounding area. Perhaps you know

someone from this area or someone whose grandparents attended one of those churches.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. The Gentiles. 2. Many of the Jews and their new converts. 3. Because many people wanted to hear them preach. 4. Because the Jews were unworthy. 5. Paul and Barnabas. 6. The unbelieving Jews. 7. Yes. 8. Paul and Barnabas. 9. Yes.)

Who Will Suffer With Jesus

Who will suffer with the Savior,
Take the little that remains
Of the cup of tribulation
Jesus drank in dying pains?

Who will offer soul and body
On the altar of our God?
Leaving self and worldly mammon,
Take the path that Jesus trod?

Who will suffer for the gospel,
Follow Christ without the gate?
Take the martyrs for example,
With them glory at the stake?

Oh, for consecrated service,
'Mid the din of babel strife!
Who will dare the truth to herald,
At the peril of his life?

Soon the conflict will be over,
Crowns await the firm and pure;
Forward, brethren, work and suffer,
Faithful to the end endure.

Chorus

Lord we fellowship thy passion,
Gladly suffer shame and loss;
With thy blessing pain is pleasure,
We will glory in thy cross.

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Sing It Again

"Will you please sing more?" was the question that came from the crowd who was listening through the open door of the wood framed hotel in St. James, Missouri. Although it was early morning, men in bibbed overalls and women in long skirts had already come into town—perhaps to avoid the blistering July sun.

"When breakfast is finished, we will sing for you in the parlor," said Warner, a middle-aged man dressed in a long tail coat, the ministerial garb of 1880.

After breakfast, Warner and his singing group, Barney Warren, Nancy Kiger, Francis Miller, and Mother Sarah Smith sang. The crowd kept growing until the hotel lobby and adjoining parlors were filled. Each time the group stopped singing, someone shouted, "Sing again." So they sang, and sang, and sang.

After they were exhausted, Warner said, "Now let us worship God." He opened his Bible and read. Then he invited everyone to bow and pray. There was hardly room for everyone to bow, but some did.

Soon after prayer a stranger appeared. "Why all the people around here?" he asked.

"Your people have come," a man answered. "I never heard such singing."

The newcomer worked his way through the crowd and extended his

hand to Warner. "I'm J. H. Morrison, I've come to take you to a camp ground on the Merrimac River where we will have the meeting. It's about ten miles away."

"How about giving us a meeting here!" several shouted at the same time.

The hotel owner stepped forward, "I'll keep you as long as you will stay."

Another man spoke, "Let's see if we can use the Methodist church building."

The Methodist pastor had come to the hotel "to see about the Pentecost fire that had come to town."¹

They asked to use his building. He answered, "I am starting a meeting tonight."

"Maybe we could get the rink. We'll have a crowd," another suggested.

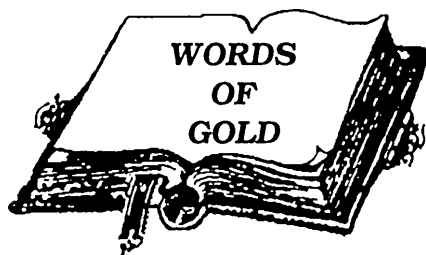
"Let us know so we can tell them now, and they'll get the word around."

"Mm," Warner thought. "We'll have meeting here tonight," he answered.

Three or four women attended the Methodist meeting, while Warner and his group sang and preached in a large hall crammed with listeners.

The following morning they headed to the Merrimac River to set up camp. C. C. Knight from Fulton, Illinois had come with a tent and equipment. When they arrived, a great host of saints came out to meet them. "Praise God!" Warner shouted.

"Praise God!" they answered as they danced around like Indians doing a



Helping Others Know Jesus

Word Meanings:

1. **Prophecy** is to speak under the anointing of God, in testimony, exhortation or preaching.
2. To **edify**, is to help to understand spiritual matters.
3. **Tongues** are languages.
4. **Signification** means has meaning.

1 Corinthians 14:3-7, 9-10, 12, 14-16, 18-19, 23-28, 33

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself;...

5 ...Greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you,...

7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken?...

10 There are,...many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

12 Even so ye,...seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else...how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words...that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

23 If therefore...all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad (crazy)?

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all,...

25 And...the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

26 How is it then, brethren? ...Let all things be done unto edifying.

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

The Message: Church services must be inspiring to the believer and convincing to the unbeliever.

(Look for "Questions" on page three.)

Verse to Memorize

**...I will pray with the spirit,
and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.**

I Corinthians 14:15.

Let's



Talk . . .

The apostle Paul found in the church of Corinth the same problem that Bro. Warner found in St. James, Missouri. Because the apostle Paul had written about the way he had handled the problems among the Corinthians, we have an outline of how to handle the same kind of problems. Bro. Warner read Paul's instructions to the Corinthians to the St. James congregation in Missouri.

What did the apostle Paul say about speaking in tongues?

First he identified tongues as being languages. He said, "There are many kinds of voices (speech) in the world but none of them is without signification or meaning. Paul did not classify a *gibber* to be a tongue. The person who spoke the tongue was supposed to understand it. "He that speaketh in a unknown tongue edifieth himself." (I Corinthians 14:4.) If he is edifying himself, he is understanding what he is saying.

Secondly, the apostle Paul said it was of little importance in the church service. "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words...that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (I Corinthians 14:18-19.)

Third, He said it did not help unbelievers because they could not understand. If understandable words are spoken in church, the

unbeliever could be convinced and fall down on his face and worship God, and say "God is in you." That is what the unbelievers said of the saints near St. James after they repented and stopped their strange actions.

Fourth, the apostle Paul said that speaking tongues in church service caused confusion and that God was "not the author of confusion."

There was a great deal of confusion in the Corinthian church. Much of the confusion was eliminated after they quit speaking in tongues.

Be careful and don't be confused about this question. Tongues are languages and should be used to help the persons who understand that particular language. It is never to be used as a sign that a person is filled with the Holy Spirit. Whether or not a person is filled with the Holy Spirit will be shown by the person's actions—the way he or she talks, the places he goes, the kind of books he reads, the games he plays and the choice of clothing. Being filled with the Holy Ghost will cause congregations to be good examples in their community. —Charlotte Huskey

Questions:

1. What is the purpose of prophesying or speaking in a church?
2. Who is being edified if unknown tongues (languages) are spoken?
3. Is it best to prophesy or speak in an unknown tongue?
4. Do all things need a distinction of sound?
5. Does all speech in the world have meaning?
6. What should Christians try to do?
7. How should a believer pray?
8. How should saints sing?
9. What does the unbeliever say about people who speak in tongues?
10. God is not the author of _____.

war dance. Some were hopping on one leg, some rolling their eyes, others gibbering or jerking, some fell down and were unable to move. "What is this?" Warner questioned.

"The gift of tongues is upon us," one exclaimed joyfully.

Warner had only seen such actions in persons possessed by the devil. As soon as possible he found a place in the woods and talked to God about it. God showed him the people were not possessed, but simply did not have a full understanding of the Bible.

While preaching that night Warner read I Corinthians, chapters 12, 13 and 14 and said, "The love of God does not behave unseemingly—jerking, dancing and hopping. This is confusion, and God is not the author of confusion. Neither is the gift of tongues of general usefulness...to edify the church. (Everyone here speaks the same language.) Persons having this gift should keep silent or speak to himself. Five words with understanding is better than 10,000 in an unknown tongue. The only times spasmodic jerking is mentioned in the Bible is as a manifestation of evil spirits."

The people were shocked. Then one after another began confessing that joy and true faith began to leave them from the time they received the jerks. Nearly all who were affected by this spirit were delivered that night.

Satan was furious. He stirred up an armed masked mob. They swept into the camp after the workers were asleep. Warner, knowing they would try to kill him, quickly slipped on a dress and bonnet and escaped to the home of J. M. Pierson. The mob tore up the tents and loaded everybody and everything connected with the meeting onto wagons and sent them off the camp ground.

The following day several met in a home and God manifested Himself by healing. Warner joined his group two days later, and they went back to St. James where they had sung in the

hotel. There they preached and sang to crowds of attentive listeners. Warner wrote the hymn, "Sing It Again" on a scrap of paper. Barney fitted it with a lively tune.

After the meeting, they traveled to Jefferson City in Morrison's wagon. They practiced the new song until it was mastered. That evening, while waiting for their train, they sang the new song. There had not been another person in the station, but almost before they were aware of it, several people had come in to listen. After singing several other songs, Bro. Warner stepped forward and said, "I suppose a little of the Word would be in order." He then preached and invited sinners to be saved. Many times people were saved in such meetings.

"Sing It Again" has been sung by thousands and thousands of people for the past 100 years, and is still a blessing. Can you feel a blessing when you sing it? —Charlotte Huskey

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(Answers: 1. It is to help people understand spiritual things. 2. Only the person speaking. 3. To prophesy. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. They should help others understand spiritual things better. 7. He should pray with the spirit and with understanding. 8. They should sing with the spirit and sing with understanding. 9. He may say they are crazy. 10. Confusion.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Power Of A Song

"Brother Warren, will you be our evangelist at the camp meeting in Mount Sterling, Kentucky?" asked the brother in charge of the meeting.

"Yes, I believe I could come," Warren answered.

"You can come on the train to Mount Sterling and I will pick you up there. The camp meeting is about thirteen miles out of town."

"Lord willing, I will be there, Saturday afternoon," Warren promised.

"Good."

When it was time for the camp meeting Warren started for Mount Sterling. He arrived at eleven in the evening. There was no one to meet him, so he walked to a nearby hotel. The following morning he went back to the station, put his suitcase on his lap for a desk and began studying his Bible and writing.

Before long he heard a man say, "Are you Brother Barney Warren?"

"Yes, I am," he said as he arose and shook the man's hand.

"Did you come in on the late train yesterday?"

"Yes, I did. My train missed connections with the two earlier trains."

"I'm sorry," he said. "I met both of them but couldn't wait for the last one."

"We are very glad you came. It is too late now to get to the camp ground

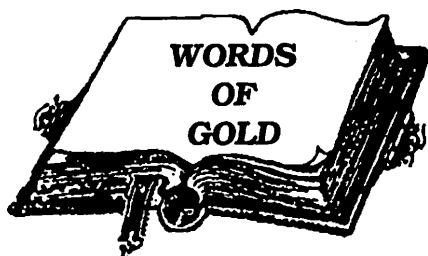
for afternoon service, so if it is all right with you, I will take you to visit a sick girl. She and her mother will be happy to have you. The brethren have been teaching them and praying for them."

Warren felt good about the idea, so they went. After being introduced to the mother, she took them into the girl's room. The young lady could not move. She lay in a twisted unmovable heap. Both her arms and legs were drawn up tightly against her body. A mosquito net protected her from flies and other insects. She looked up and smiled with her eyes.

"She has been like this for many months," the mother said. "I was forced to leave my job so I could nurse her. The brethren and town folks, however, have brought in food and other things we needed. Almost everyone in town knows her condition."

Warren read to the young lady about Jesus healing all who came to Him. Then for the next two hours, he told her about many people that he had seen healed. By this time, the mother had lunch ready and invited the men into the dining room where they ate.

When they returned to the girl's bedside, Warren told her of the healing of the lame man who lay at the temple gate. When he quoted, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I



A Lame Man is Healed

Acts 3:1-13, 16, 19

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the

porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The...God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up,...

16 And...through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know:...

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

The Message: Faith in Jesus' name can bring healing.

Questions:

1. Who went into the temple at the hour of prayer?
2. Who laid each day at the temple gate?
3. What did the lame man ask of Peter and John?
4. How did Peter answer the lame man?
5. What happened when Peter lifted the lame man?
6. What did the lame man do after being healed?
7. Who saw the lame man walking?
8. Did the people believe that Peter and John healed the lame man?
9. By whom was the lame man healed?

Verse to Memorize

...The whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

Luke 6:19.

Let's



Talk . . .

"Jesus is healing everyone brought to Him. Isn't that great?" the people in Jerusalem said to each other.

Can you imagine being healed every time you are sick? People would have no more doctor, medical or hospital bills. Everyone would like that. In Jesus' time, just as today, sometimes people spent all their money trying to keep their family well. Remember the story about the woman who touched the border of Jesus' robe and was healed? She had been sick for twelve years and spent all her living on physicians. (Luke 8:43-48.) For three and one-half years, Jesus had healed everyone who came to Him.

Things were different now. Jesus had been killed. No one had been healed since He died two months ago. How sad!

For years the lame beggar sat begging near the temple gate. One day Peter and John were going into the temple and he begged them for money. "I haven't any gold or silver," Peter said, "but what I have I will give to you. Rise up and walk." Grasping the beggar's hand, he lifted him up and the man went leaping and shouting into the temple.

Men, women and children dashed through the temple to see the healed man. "What has happened?" they asked.

"Don't look at us," Peter said. "We didn't heal the lame man. Jesus,

whom you crucified, healed the lame man."

"Jesus? But He is dead."

"He is alive," Peter said.

How happy and frightened the people must have been to know Jesus was alive again. Some had cried, "Crucify Jesus, give us Barabbas." Others had been afraid to say anything and in this way were also guilty of Jesus' death. Perhaps they were afraid something might happen to them now that Jesus was alive.

Peter gave hope. He said, "Repent and be converted (saved) and your sins will be blotted out."

From that time, Jesus healed many, many sick people. He worked mightily through His apostles and disciples. Sometimes people were healed if only Peter's shadow passed over them. Others were healed by applying a handkerchief that the disciples had anointed and prayed over.

Jesus is healing the sick today. When you are sick, call for the ministers of your congregation and ask them to pray for you.

—Charlotte Huskey

O Lord, Thou Healest Me!

Where shall we look for help in
affliction?

Or wither shall we send?

"The prayer of faith will save,"
it is written

'Tis truth till time shall end.

O Christ, thou art my perfect
Physician,

Thy faith now makes me whole;
Thy healing touch pervadeth my
body,

And thrills with joy my soul.

have give I unto thee," her face brightened like a light.

Then Barney Warren burst into singing:

"I am healed, I know I am,
I am healed this very hour;
For my Jesus says I am,
And I feel his mighty pow'r."

Suddenly he knew in his heart that she would be healed. No, not *would* be healed, but *was* healed. He stood, threw back the mosquito net and said, "Give me your hand, Sister." She tried, but could not move. "You can do it, Sister. The lame man at the temple gate stood up and ran. He had never stood or walked before." Warren reached his hand closer to hers.

In a flash, she put out her hand and clasped his. At the same moment her legs straightened. With the free hand she threw off the covers, then slid out of bed. Jerking loose from Warren, she ran shouting into the kitchen where her mother was washing the dinner dishes.

Warren scurried out the other door. A man standing by the wagon that was to take them to camp meeting looked at him strangely as if he was seeing a ghost. "Do you know Bell Elem?" he asked the man.

"Well, yes, we supply her with ice," he said.

"Well, she is running all over the house." The man looked as if he thought Warren was crazy. "Just go in and look, if you don't believe me."

When they told the story at the camp ground, Brother Richardson drove into town and got permission to have a meeting on the courthouse steps. The day of the meeting happened to be court day and people from many miles around were in town. The saints began singing and the square soon filled with people. They kept asking for songs for at least an

hour. Warren then preached a short message and told about Bell Elem's healing. Half the town had seen her condition and they almost mobbed him in their eagerness to get the details.

The newspaper reporters published the story. Other papers, as far away as the Atlantic coast cities, reprinted the story.

If you have been at a healing service you have probably heard the song he sang. You can find it on page 309 in the *Evening Light Songs*. Sing it now.

—Charlotte Huskey

I Am Healed

With afflictions great and sore,
As if bound by Satan's hand,
For thy healing mercy to implore,
Lord, I came at thy command.

Tho' my faith was very weak,
Jesus said so sweet and kind,
I will surely heal you ev'ry whit,
And will break the chains that bind.

Then his proffered hand I took,
And the vict'ry soon was won,
I received the perfect healing touch,
And the work was quickly done.

Chorus

I am healed, I know I am,
I am healed this very hour;
For my Jesus says I am,
And I feel his mighty pow'r.

(Answers: 1. Peter and John. 2. A lame man. 3. He asked alms. 4. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." 5. The lame man's feet and ankle bones received strength. 6. He entered the temple walking, leaping and praising God. 7. All the people in the temple. 8. Yes. 9. By Jesus.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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It Is Well With My Soul

"My you look happy today," Mrs. Spafford said to her husband, Horatio.

"I am happy. I have everything I want—a devoted wife, a son, four lovely daughters, a successful business and a beautiful home. And I live in Chicago, the lumber capital of the world."

"Yes this is 'wood city.' Nearly everything is made of wood, its huge grain elevators and factories, hospitals, churches, mansions, huts and even its streets," Mrs. Spafford added. "So business is looking good?"

"Yes, things couldn't look better."

"That's right. And thanks to Moody and the Lord, our children are all saved now. There isn't a cloud in our sky."

"Not one," he agreed. Then he kissed his wife and they laughed together.

Weeks later a dark cloud of sickness came to their home. It settled over their only son. Now instead of laughing together, they were crying and praying together. Often Mr. Spafford would say to his family, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God...we just have to submit to God's plan." Soon, though, the Lord took the young boy to his heavenly home. Mr. Spafford tried often to comfort his wife and girls, but they couldn't keep from grieving.

"Maybe getting away for a vacation will help," Mr. Spafford suggested. "I hear Mr. Moody will be preaching in England this fall. Let's all go and be in his campaign."

"It may be just what we need," Mrs. Spafford agreed. "He has helped our family greatly."

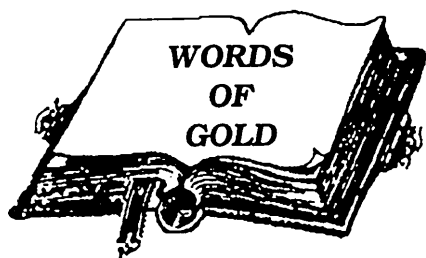
"Well, the majestic French steamer *Ville de Havre* will be leaving for France in early October. That would get us there in time," Mr. Spafford said. So tickets were bought.

There were many things to do before the trip, one of which was buying and sewing new clothes. Mr. Spafford purchased a couple of new outfits for himself. Mrs. Spafford and the girls checked their wardrobe and began sewing dresses and undergarments.

When the sewing was finished and they were packing the trunk, a fire broke out in Chicago. Historians believe what is now known as the Chicago Fire was started when Mrs. Patrick O'Leary's cow kicked over a lighted lantern. "Fanned by strong winds, the flames raced north and east through the city. They leaped across the river and chased panic-stricken families fleeing north toward Lincoln Park. Hundreds of other families fled into the chilled waters of Lake Michigan.

The fire raged through Chicago for twenty-four hours. Since most everything was made of wood it burnt like kindling. The huge grain elevators and factories, hospitals, churches, mansions, huts and even the streets all went up in smoke. When it was finally under control, the largest city in Illinois was a pile of ashes. At least 300 people were dead and 90,000 homeless.

The Spaffords thanked God their family was still alive, although they had lost their wealth. They decided Mrs. Spafford and the girls should go ahead to England and get away from the suffering. Mr. Spafford would come as soon as he could.



Job Says, "It Is Well"

Job 1:14-22

14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

15 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

The Message: Job did not count God foolish, even though all that he had was destroyed.

Questions:

1. What did the first messenger tell Job?
2. What did the second messenger say?
3. What happened to Job's servants?
4. What happened to Job's camels?
5. What happened to his sons and daughters?
6. What happened to their home?
7. What did Job say after all his things and family were destroyed?
8. Did Job sin?
9. Did Job charge God foolishly?

Verse to Memorize

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Job 1:21.

Let's



Talk . . .

Job was the greatest man in the east, and he was a very rich man. In those days a man's wealth was counted by the amount of animals and children he had. Job had ten children, seven sons and three daughters. He had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 1,000 oxen, 500 jennies (female donkeys) and many servants.

Besides being a famous, rich man, Job was also perfect and upright before God. He avoided evil and sacrificed to God for the sins of his children.

One day the Lord talked with Satan. He asked Satan if he knew that Job was perfect.

"Sure," answered Satan, "but he serves You because of the riches You have given him."

The Lord said, "Try him and see if that is why he serves Me."

Satan went to work. He stirred up the Sabceans to steal his oxen and kill the servants who were working the oxen. Next he sent a fire that burned up the sheep and shepherds caring for them. After that he sent the Chaldeans to kill the servants with their sword and steal the camels.

I am sure that every one of you believe that Satan could control people and cause them to do these terrible things to Job, but how many believe Satan can control the weather? In this instance, God allowed Satan to control the weather. He sent a great wind that blew down the house where all of Job's children had gathered to eat. They all died.

When Job heard of all the horrid happenings, he bowed and wor-

shipped God. "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return...the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Mr. Spafford, in our story today, was much like Job. He said, "It is well," when he had lost his business and all five children. Let us bow our heads now and ask God to help us to be like these men. He can help us to be able to bless God even in difficult situations.

—Charlotte Huskey

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river,
 attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll—
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast
 taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho Satan should buffet, tho
 trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my
 helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood
 for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this
 glorious tho't,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear
 it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my
 faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a
 scroll,
The trump shall resound and the
 Lord shall descend,
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.

Mrs. Spafford and her four daughters were waving from the deck of *Ville de Havre* when it pulled away from the harbor. Mr. Spafford threw kisses to them.

"Will Daddy be okay?"

"Yes, Daddy will be okay. He is a brave man and he believes God allows only what will work for our good."

The sun was bright. Sailing was very good and soon the girls were running over the steamer examining everything between the bow and the stern. The captain even showed them in his cabin.

All was going well until the fog began to crowd in so thick the captain could barely see. Suddenly a great iron sailing vessel smashed into the *Ville de Havre*. Panic raged. The girls clung to their mother. They were screaming and crying. "Girls we must pray," Mrs. Spafford said. And as she hugged the girls the ship began sinking. "Oh, my God, help us this day. Be our lifeboats. Help us submit to Thy will. If this is our day to meet You, please give us grace to die in peace. We have no one to save us but You. We know all things work together for good—"

The ocean waves tore them apart. Each one bobbed over the swells for a few minutes and then none was in sight. Mrs. Spafford was rescued by a lifeboat.

The rescue ship took the survivors to Cardiff, Wales. There Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband.

Mr. Spafford smiled when the telegraph boy handed him the telegram. He was anxious to hear from his family. Quickly he ripped it open and spread it on the table.

"Saved alone," he read. "What has happened to my lovely daughters?" he questioned.

He hurried to the dock and went straight to the ticket agent of the French steamer. "Is there news from the *Ville de Havre*?" he asked.

"Yes, there's been a terrible tragedy. In mid-ocean a large iron sailing vessel which was blown off course struck it. She went down in less than thirty minutes."

"My girls, my four sweet girls went down with it."

"I'm very sorry," the agent said sadly. "Two hundred and twenty-two others were lost also."

"Get me another passage," Mr. Spafford demanded. "I've got to get to my wife as soon as possible."

Spafford left on the next ship. As they were crossing the Atlantic, the captain pointed out the place where he thought the *Ville de Havre* had gone down. That night, Mr. Spafford wrote, "When sorrows like sea billows roll—whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul.'"

At that time D. L. Moody and his song leader, Ira Sankey, were conducting a meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland. When Moody heard his friends had lost all their children, he left the meeting and went to Liverpool to comfort them.

Mr. and Mrs. Spafford said, "Our troubles have come like the waves of an angry ocean. First our son died, the fire took most everything we had, and then we lost our girls. It's all been hard but we say, 'It is well; the will of God be done.'"

Mr. Moody was much encouraged by the commitment of these parents.

Two years later Mr. Sankey was visiting in the Spafford's home in Chicago. While he was there Mr. Spafford added to the thoughts he had written on the ship and finished the song, "It Is Well With My Soul." P. P. Bliss composed the music and sang it for the first time in Farwell Hall, the hall in which Moody held revival meetings. —Charlotte Huskey

Information from: James Draper, *More Than a Song*, Moody Press, 1970, and Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, 1995.

(Answers: 1. He said, "The Sabceans have stolen your oxen and asses and killed the servants. 2. He said, "A fire burned up the sheep and servants." 3. His servants were killed. 4. The camels were stolen by the Chaldeans. 5. Job's sons and daughters were killed. 6. Their home was destroyed by a wind. 7. Job said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." 8. No. 9. No.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Take My Life And Let It Be

The song, *Take My Life And Let It Be*, was the prayer of Frances Ridley Havergal, long before she wrote it.

Frances was born in Astley, England on December 14, 1836. Her father was pastor of a church and her mother a godly woman. They had family prayers and taught their children to love and respect God.

Mr. Havergal was well educated and knew several languages. He was also a fine musician and composed hundreds of hymns. However, all the money earned from the sale of songs was put back into the Lord's work. He showed Frances, by his example to give all to Jesus, just as she says in the third verse of this song. "Take my silver and my gold—not a might would I withhold."

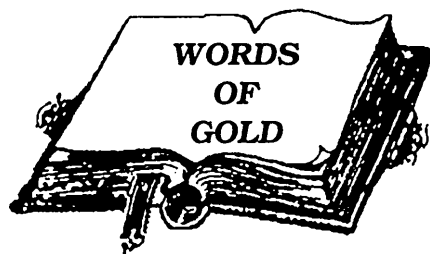
Frances studied at home. To the surprise of her parents, she learned to read while she was three years old. Before her fifth birthday, she learned to write and could read the Bible and some other books the family owned. Soon after she learned to write, she began writing poems. Frances had completed a book of poems when she was seven. She also had a great interest in music.

Mr. and Mrs. Havergal recognized that their little "Fanny," as they called

her, had special gifts from God. Frances' parents were concerned about what might happen to a child with such a brilliant mind. They were also concerned about her unusual behavior. Sometimes she played with other children, but many times, when they thought Frances was out playing, she was in a corner reading a book, writing a poem or studying French. It seemed she wanted to spend all her time studying.

They often prayed that Frances would never grow proud, and that she would always realize that her God had given her wisdom beyond her years. They prayed she would use her talents to the glory of God.

Mrs. Havergal became seriously ill when Frances was eleven. She realized she might die and leave Frances without a mother's guidance, so she gave her some advice that would help her throughout her life. She told Frances to give herself wholeheartedly to the Lord Jesus and let Him use her talents. As she lay on her deathbed hardly able to speak, she said, "Remember, nothing but the precious blood of Jesus can make you clean and lovely in God's sight." Frances thought of the verse, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,....the blood of Jesus



**Matthew 9:9; 10:1, 16,
18-20, 22, 28, 32-33, 37-39**

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits...and to heal all manner of sickness and...disease.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

22 ...He that endureth to the end shall be saved.

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I con-

fess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

The Message: Matthew lost his life in Jesus and found eternal life.

Questions:

1. Whom did Jesus ask to follow him?
2. Did Matthew obey Jesus?
3. Were the disciples letting Jesus take their lives and do what He wanted with them?
4. If they were brought before kings, would Jesus give them words to speak?
5. Who were the disciples to fear?
6. Whom will Jesus confess before His Father?
7. Are those worthy of Jesus who love their families more than Him?
8. What will happen to those who are not willing for Jesus to take control of their lives?
9. What will happen to those who lose their lives for Christ?

Verse to Memorize

**He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.
Matthew 10:39.**

Let's



Talk . . .

Matthew collected taxes for the Roman government. Tax collectors were harshly criticized in the Gospels. They were unpopular because they could buy the right to collect taxes in a district for a fixed sum. It was their business to collect that sum and a little more as their profit. (*The Lion Encyclopedia Of The Bible*.) Most tax collectors were hated because they defrauded the people by collecting far more taxes than were due like Zacchaeus did. Matthew, however, must have been fairly honest, for he was not required to repay anyone.

Jesus saw Matthew sitting in his tax office. He said, "Follow me," and Matthew left his office and followed Jesus.

What a willing heart Matthew had. God did not have to beg. Many times Jesus has to deal hard with people to cause them to be willing to follow Him. Not Matthew. Pronto, he was up and ready to go! And he followed Jesus until his death.

That is the kind of response Jesus wants from every Christian.

And to be a successful Christian we must be willing to give our all to Him. Except for Judas, each of the apostles gave their all to

Jesus. He had control of their time, their mind, their strength and everything they had—money, houses and land. They lost their lives for Jesus and they found their lives in Jesus. Isn't it strange that a person can lose his life and gain it at the same time?

Let each of us say to Jesus, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to thee. Take my silver and my gold, not a might would I withhold." Whatever you have, let Jesus have it and He will bless you greatly.

Now let us find number 239 in the *Evening Light Songs* and sing, *Take My Life And Let It Be* by Frances Havergal, music by A. H. C. Malan.

—Charlotte Huskey

Take My Life And Let It Be

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my hands, and let them
move

At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee;
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne."

Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

Three years after Frances' mother died her father put her in a girl's school. While attending this school she realized her need to surrender herself wholeheartedly to Jesus. Then is when she understood what her mother had meant. Finally she was able to let Jesus use her talents.

Frances knew from studying languages that "cleanseth" means "to clean continually." This opened up hope for Frances. She had tried to be good, but sometimes felt proud, was impatient or spoke angrily. Now she knew that Jesus would continually clean her if she continually walked in His light.

Frances was so happy with salvation she wanted to help others, so while still only 14 she began teaching a girl's Sunday school class in the church her father pastored. When her father remarried and they moved to Germany she set about to evangelized the children at the school she attended.

Through this time Frances had continued to display musical talent. This thrilled Mr. Havergal, for he hoped one of his children would become a hymn writer like himself. While he helped Frances learn Greek, her seventh language, (she could also read English, German, French, Hebrew, Latin and Welsh) he also helped her to put music to one of her poems. He showed it to Ferdinand Hiller, who was greatly impressed and offered to teach her music.

Now came one of the worst trials of Frances' life. She was offered a job as soloist with the Philharmonic Society. Frances sang and loved it. Singing consumed most of her thoughts. Jesus became second in her life, and God began to seem distant. One day she realized that her singing was becoming an idol. "Oh, Jesus, if singing will hinder me from letting You have Your way in my

life, please take my singing gift." Frances became sick and lost her beautiful voice. After two or three months of illness, God healed her and gave her voice back.

Long ago, Frances had ask God to take her and do whatever He could with her life. Now she reconsecrated her time, talents, money, hands, voice and her love to God. "I just yielded myself to Him, and utterly trusted Him to keep me. Then I experienced the blessedness of true consecration," she wrote.

Two months later she went away to visit friends at Areley House. There were ten people in the home. Some were unhappy Christians; others had rejected God. Frances prayed "Lord, save everyone in this house." He did. Before she left, every unsaved person had surrendered to God, and every Christian was happy because they had asked God to take and use them.

France was so happy she could not sleep. She praised God and thought of her consecration. The different verses of the song came to her mind. She wrote them down and later put music to them.

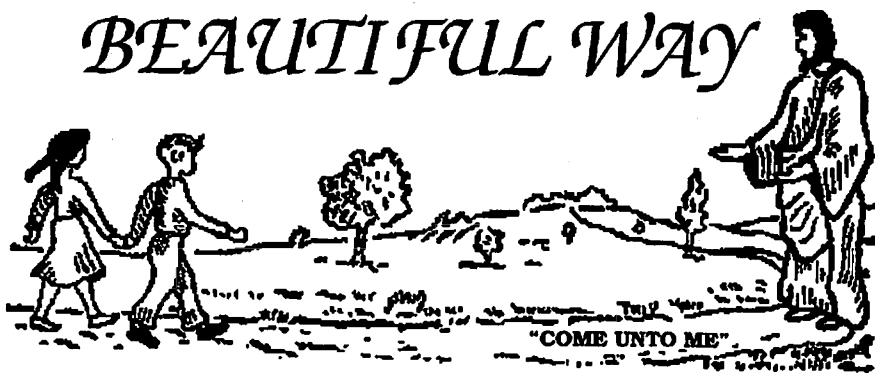
—Charlotte Huskey

Information from: Ruth Johnson Jay, *Christians You Should Know, Back to the Bible*, 1960. Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, 1995.

(Answers: 1. Matthew. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. "Fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." 6. Those who confess Him before men. 7. No. 8. They will lose their life. 9. They will find life.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Millions of people (both saints and sinners) have been comforted by the song, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. Near Port Hope, Ontario, Canada its beautiful words are inscribed on a monument. Above these simple words it reads, "Four miles north, in Pengally's Cemetery lies the philanthropist and author of this great masterpiece, written in Port Hope, 1857."

Fleeing trouble in Ireland, its author Joseph Scriven, moved to Port Hope in 1844. He had the Irish characteristic of working hard and living frugal. He also had a great love for children and was deeply religious. Joseph, however, was not as jolly as other Irishman whom the people in Port Hope had known.

Some thought he was strange. He was twenty-five years old, the age most men were looking for a wife, but Joseph paid no attention to the young ladies in town. Some thought perhaps he had an Irish lass and would soon be sending for her. When years passed, however, and he was still living alone, they were puzzled.

Another strange thing about Joseph was he kept very little for himself. While other men of his age were building or buying a comfortable home or improving their farm, Joseph was content to be spending his days helping others.

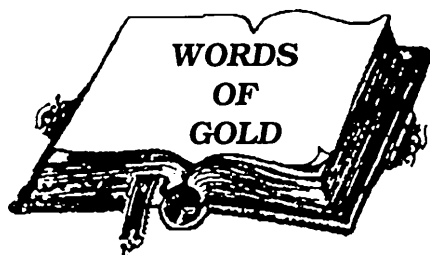
The poor widows called on him to do repair jobs that they nor their children could handle. They called on him to chop wood or do the chores for a few days when an older son was away or ill. Street urchins whom he invited into his bungalow became his friends. He parted his food with them and shared his clothes. Sometimes he'd give a shivering child or an old man the coat off his back.

Not only did the poor call on Joseph Scriven but also those who could pay for his labors. He seldom worked for them because from morning until evening he was helping those who could not pay. How he managed to do and give so much was a wonder to all in Port Hope.

Occasionally Joseph Scriven received a letter from Ireland. The name on the letters was a female name. These letters aroused suspicion. Some whispered, "He is hearing from a woman friend." They watched for the day she would arrive. They waited for ten years.

One day a letter came from his mother. She was very ill. How Joseph wished he could go see her or at least send her money. "Should I have earned money instead of helping the poor?" he asked himself

"Oh, Lord, what can I do for my poor mother?" he prayed. For days he prayed, and thought and hoped that some way he could help her



Being Friends With Jesus

Proverbs 17:17-18

17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

Proverbs 18:24

24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Proverbs 19:6

6 Many will entreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

Proverbs 27:17

17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

James 2:23

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

John 14:15

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 15:10, 14

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

The Message: To keep a good relationship with Jesus, we must treat Him as we treat our very best friend.

Questions:

1. When does a friend love?
2. A man who has friends must be _____.
3. Is there a friend who is closer than a brother?
4. Do many people want to be friends with the prince?
5. What kind of person has many friends?
6. What does seeing a friend do?
7. Who was the friend of God?
8. Who keeps Jesus' commandments?
9. Who is a friend to Jesus?

Verse to Memorize

A friend loveth at all times,...

Proverbs 17:17.

Let's



Talk . . .

There is no greater friend than Jesus. He will be with us always. In the darkest night, Jesus' presence brings comfort. If we are far from home, Jesus is there. Jesus visits the sick more than any earthly friend or doctor. True, there is no friend like Jesus!

Although Jesus is a good friend, there are some things we can do to build a better relationship with Him. Let's talk about some of these:

1. We must love Jesus at all times, not only when He does what we want Him to do. Sometimes a friend will not do as we want, but we forgive to keep the relationship. Just so, we must forgive Jesus when we feel He offends us.

2. We must be friendly to Jesus. How can a person be friendly to Jesus? By doing to Jesus the way He does His friends. Show appreciation by saying thank you for things He gives or does for you. Get to know Him by reading His Word and talking with Him. Accept what He gives you even if you don't really like it.

3. Proverbs 19:6 reads, "...Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts." A person who is a friend for the gifts, is not a true friend. Many people, however, are friends to Jesus only because they want His blessing. If He does not make them feel good or give them what they want, they are not His friend. Others try to live for Jesus only to be relieved of hell. That is not being a true friend to Jesus.

4. Following Jesus is part of being His friend. Don't your friends go with you where you want to go? They are following you. Abraham followed God and was called the friend of God.

5. Friendship requires love. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Now you know some ways to have a better friendship with Jesus. Jesus loves even the worst sinners, but He is not a close friend to them. He is a close friend to those who seek a good relationship with Him.

The song *What A Friend* is on page number 179 in the *Evening Light Songs*. —Charlotte Huskey

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in pray'r!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in pray'r!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in pray'r.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness,
Take it to the Lord in pray'r.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in pray'r.

Do thy friends despise,
forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in pray'r,
In his arms he'll take and
shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

At last, he decided he could at least write her a letter of comfort. He wrote. The following day he worked on his letter again. It must say just the right words to encourage her. When it was finally finished, it included this poem: *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*.

Twenty-one years passed and Mr. Scriven continued helping the poor. Another winter came. It was more severe than usual. Snow drifted against the houses. It blocked the doors. Even though Joseph was not a young man now, he stilled shoveled snow and chopped and carried wood as he had done before. He brought provision in his horse drawn wagon for those who could not get out.

One day he got so chilled he went home sick. That night his temperature soared. He didn't get out that day, nor the next day.

People began to wonder. "Joseph hasn't been in the store for three days," the storekeeper remarked to the men huddled around the potbellied store in the center of the store. "I think someone needs to check on him."

"Huh? Not been out for three days? He's sure to be sick."

The men found Joseph in bed. The fire was almost out and there was no wood in his bungalow. Now it was their turn to help the man who had helped their people. They took turns sitting up at night with him.

One night when a neighbor came to sit with Joseph, he saw a paper under the corner of his bed. Fishing it out he began to read. "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our..." When he finished reading he exclaimed, "What a beautiful poem!"

"You like it?"

"That I do."

"I was reading it to comfort myself," Joseph said.

"It tells the way to find comfort. Where did you find such a masterpiece?"

Joseph just smiled. "The Lord gave it to me."

"What? You wrote it?"

"The Lord and I did it between us," Joseph said shyly.

"Well, I'll say, Port Hope has a poet, and didn't know it," he said to Joseph as he laughed at his own rhyme. "Mr. Joseph Scriven, you are quite a guy—spent most of your life among outcasts and you might have been a famous person."

"I had to," Joseph explained. "Being with the underprivileged helped me forget my own sorrows."

"I thought maybe you were trying to be the patron angel of Port Hope's children since you had no children of your own. Say, why didn't you marry and have a family?"

Mr. Scriven cleared his throat. His lips quivered a little, then he spoke. "I loved a girl in Ireland and she loved me. We planned to get married but she accidentally drowned the evening before our wedding. I could never risk loving another girl."

No one knows who put the song, *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*, into print. Charles C. Converse put music to the words. Ira D. Sankey included it in his *Gospel Hymns No. 1* in 1875.

Joseph Scriven was 56 years old when *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* appeared in Sankey's book. He lived until he was 67. Forty-two years were spent helping the poor. Do you wonder why the inscription on the monument called him a philanthropist?

—Charlotte Huskey

Information From: James Draper, *More Than a Song*, Moody Press, 1970. Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, 1995.

(Answers: 1. He loves at all times. 2. Friendly. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. One who gives gifts. 6. He makes you feel sharp. 7. Abraham. 8. Those who love Him. 9. Those who keep His commandments.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Amazing Grace

"I don't want to go away to school," John wailed. "The teacher's cross and the boys pick on me."

"Very well then, you shall go with me and work on the ship," said John's father, Mr. Newton. John's mother was dead and John had been staying in a boarding school. At only eleven years old he quit studying and went to sea. His father, the ship's captain, taught John much about sailing and handling a ship, however, he taught him very little self-discipline.

Later John joined the England's Royal Navy but would not submit to its discipline. He was flogged and eventually discharged.

While still in his teens he received permission to sail on the *H.M.S. Harwick* bound for the African coast. He was thrilled to be going far away where he could do whatever he wanted. John's only regret was leaving his girlfriend, Mary. However, this could give him time to prove to her Christian parents that he would be the right husband for their daughter. They would never know what he was doing so far away, and most any parent would have been proud of his accomplishments at such an early age.

On this trip John learned about the slave trade. Thinking it would be an easy way to get rich, he hired out to a slave dealer. Right away the slave dealer realized that John would be of no good to him unless he learned to obey or-

ders. He promptly stripped off John's nice clothes and gave him only the scanty clothing the slaves wore. Then he put John, the son of a ship's captain, to work as one of the slaves. The whip came down hard on John's back whenever he leaned on his hoe or stole a few minutes under the shade of a lemon tree. His attempts to escape brought more lashes from the master's whip.

Years of hard labor and strict discipline hardened John, until he became cruel and insensitive to the pain of others. The desire to give orders, and not take them consumed him. "I must escape, I must escape," he told himself.

In 1747, when he was twenty-one, he did escape from the Island of Plaintains by hiding aboard an out-bound ship called the *Greyhound*.

The captain of the *Greyhound* was a Christian. At first John avoided the captain like he was poison. He preferred to laugh, curse and drink whiskey with the old rough sailors. Everywhere John went he soon proved that he was a "rotten apple."

At times when sailing was good and there wasn't much to do, John went into the captain's quarters to visit. One day the captain was reading *The Imitation of Christ*. "Think that book will help ye?" John asked. "Can a ship captain imitate Christ?"

"Sure," the captain answered. "God can change the meanest man and make him like Christ."



1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus...that if he found any of this way,...he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?...

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth;...he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately...he received sight...and arose, and was baptized.

The Message: God will save the worst of sinners if they will repent of sin and let Him be Lord of their lives.

Questions:

1. Who was threatening to slaughter the disciples of the Lord?
2. Why did Saul want letters?
3. As he neared Damascus, who spoke to him?
4. What did Jesus say?
5. Was Saul ready to surrender to Jesus?
6. For how many days did Saul not eat or drink?
7. Who prayed for Saul to be healed and saved?
8. How soon was Saul baptized after he was saved?
9. Have you been saved and baptized?

Verse to Memorize

**For the grace of God that
bringeth salvation hath ap-
peared to all men.**

Titus 2:11.

Let's



Talk . . .

The Church was known as "The Way" before the believers in Antioch invented the new name "Christian." People in "The Way" believed God had inaugurated His Son, Jesus, as the deliverer of evil.

Saul grew up in Tarsus where he had been taught by the famous Rabbi Gamaliel to worship only the God of Abraham. To worship any other god was blasphemy. Saul believed society must be cleansed of all wicked, blaspheming people. He helped in the stoning of Stephen, for he believed he was doing God a favor by destroying those in "The Way."

Saul was on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians when he saw a dazzling light and heard Jesus say to him, "Why do you persecute me?" Blinded by the light, he was led to Damascus. Ananias was sent by God to visit him and restore his sight and Saul was baptized at once. In Damascus, Saul started preaching that Jesus was to be worshipped.

Promptly those who hated "The Way" guarded the city gate to kill Saul. The saints hid him in a basket and lowered the basket over the city wall. He went to Jerusalem, but the saints there were afraid he was only pretending and had not really changed. Barnabas helped the saints to trust Saul. But when his old friends plotted to

kill him, he escaped and returned to Tarsus.

What a beautiful picture of the amazing grace of our Lord Jesus! He turned a murderer into an evangelist which has blessed the world for almost 2,000 years. God will save the worst of sinners and put them in "The Way" if they will only repent and worship Him.

Now let's sing *Amazing Grace*. It is on page 510 in the *Evening Light Songs*. —Charlotte Huskey

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how
sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but
now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that
grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers,
toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath bro't
me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten
thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing
God's praise
Than when we first begun.
Amen.

"Tis foolishness," John retorted. "I don't believe there is a God."

"God will make you a believer," the captain answered.

John laughed. "Nothing will make me a believer. I'm too tough to be conquered. The Royal Navy couldn't even stand me. They gave me a public flogging and demoted me to common sailor, but I didn't change. That thar slave dealer thought he would break me too, but he didn't."

John strolled away shaking his head and laughing about the book.

Not many nights later, John was awakened by the violent tossing of the *Greyhound*. He flung his feet off the bed and discovered his cabin was filling with water. "What's happening?" he shouted.

"Her side's crushed in," he heard from a voice in the darkness. "Get to the pumps! Quick! She'll go down in minutes if we can't keep her pumped out."

John hurried to the pumps. Sweat poured from his brow. His back ached and his muscles groaned with the constant movement. After an exhausting nine hours, John gasped, "Think we'll make it?"

"Our buoyant cargo is all that's keeping us afloat," a sailor working a pump next to him answered.

"But not for long," another said.

Then John heard a sailor in the distance mutter in great distress, "We're all gonners."

Instantly John remembered seeing his devoted Christian mother praying. In the same moment his terrible sins flashed before him. He saw himself as the most vile of the vilest and so he had been. His broken spirit cried, "This won't do. Lord, have mercy on us!"

Morning broke and the *Greyhound* was still on top. Every sailor, the captain and workers were all amazed that she had stayed afloat and, though crippled, sailed into the nearest harbor.

The storm made a believer out of John. He borrowed the captain's book

and read it. Later he committed his life to the Lord.

When he landed again in England, he went to see Mary. "I've prayed for you all these years," she told him.

Later they were married and John Newton became a preacher. He never tired of telling about God's amazing grace that saved such a bad boy as he. At the same time he was telling of God's saving power, he was also writing about it. Besides writing *Amazing Grace* he wrote 279 other songs as well. He never did forget his prayer on the sinking ship, though. Each year on that day he fasted and prayed to celebrate his salvation from a turbulent sea and a life of misery in sin.

When it was suggested he retire at age eighty-two due to poor health and a failing memory, he responded, "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: that I was a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior!"

John Newton's tombstone tells his life's story in a nut shell. It says: "John Newton, clerk, once an infidel and Libertine, a servant of slavers in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned and appointed to preach the faith he had so long labored to destroy." —Charlotte Huskey

Information from: *Paul Harvey's The Rest of the Story*, Bantam Books, New York, 1980. Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, 1995. Vinita Hampton Wright, *Hymn Writers' Hall of Fame*, *Christian History*, Issue 31.

(Answers: 1. Saul. 2. So he could bring any of this way (Christians), bound to Jerusalem. 3. Jesus. 4. He asked, "Why do you persecute me?" 5. Yes. 6. Three. 7. Ananias. 8. He was baptized immediately. 9. Answers will vary.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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There Is a Fountain

"Where am I?" William questioned, as he glared at his strange surroundings and the peculiar (offbeat, odd, weird) men roaming the halls.

A very oversized freak waddled closer and stared at him. "What ye say?" he asked.

"I said, 'Where am I?'"

"You're in the *nut house*," he answered. Then he laughed a queer, frightening laugh.

"Why am I in here?"

"Did some'n crazy like all us nuts," the man answered and laughed again.

That night when all the "nuts" (as the man had called them) were asleep, and St. Albans asylum was quiet, William prayed. "God give me peace."

In a few days, William's mind had cleared up and he remembered. Suicide. It was his second attempt. He was locked up for his own protection.

William Cowper was born in Hertfordshire, near London. His father was Chaplain to King George II. William studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1754. Because of his shy, gentle nature he was angered by men abusing others. This was what he often saw in the courts, so he did not practice law many years.

William was deeply religious but was not saved. During the 18 months

in the asylum he studied the Bible, and came to know Christ as his personal Savior.

The devil tormented William, making him doubt his salvation.

"You must not listen to the devil," his friend Unwin often told him. "The devil is a liar. The Bible says, There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

"Maybe I'm not in Christ," William wailed.

"You are. Ephesians 2:13 says, 'Ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.'"

"That's right," William answered. "I just need to believe God's Word."

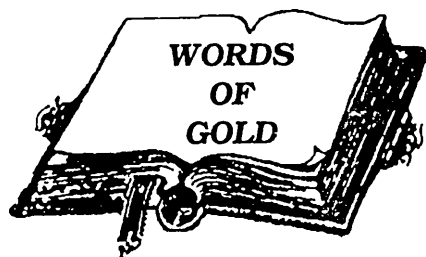
Unwin agreed.

A few months later William was almost insane with fear of damnation.

Unwin came to his rescue again. He prayed. He gave advice. He scolded. Nothing seemed to help until he began reading the Bible. He read, "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."

"Yes, yes," William said slowly as if faith was replacing the doubt. "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. I am not condemned; Jesus has cleansed me."

Just when William was getting a grip on faith, his friend Unwin died.



A Fountain For Cleansing

Luke 23:39-44, 46

39 And one of the malefactors (thieves) which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not 'thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

John 19:31-34, 36

31 The Jews therefore,...that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day,...besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

I John 1:7

7 ...The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The Message: When the soldiers pierced Jesus' side, a fountain of blood for the cleansing of sin came forth.

Questions:

1. Who railed on Jesus?
2. Who rebuked the thief who railed?
3. For what did the thief ask?
4. Why did the Jews want to take the bodies off the cross?
5. What was done to make the crucified die quicker?
6. Give two reasons why Jesus' legs were not broken.
7. Who pierced Jesus' side?
8. What came out of Jesus' side?
9. For what is this fountain of blood?

Verse to Memorize

...Jesus Christ,...loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Revelations 1:5.

Let's



Talk . . .

The song we are studying today tells of a fountain filled with blood, that flows from Immanuel's veins.

This fountain was opened the day Jesus died on the cross. After Jesus had died, the soldiers came to break the bones of those hanging on the cross, so they would die sooner. Jesus' body was hanging there limp and lifeless—His head hanging to one side. It is possible that the weight of His body was causing His hands to slowly rip.

It seems the sight of this would have aroused pity in all who saw it but not so with the soldier. He cruelly jabbed his sharp spear into Jesus' side.

Out gushed blood and water.

The prophets of old had said that Jesus would spill His blood for the salvation of many. Zechariah said, "On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David...for sin and uncleanness."

The thief that died on the cross beside Jesus was thankful for that fountain. His faith in Jesus as the Savior earned him a place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus said to him, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise."

William Cowper the author of the song, *There Is A Fountain* was also thankful. For many years, he had battled fears of being lost. One day his faith took hold of God's

promise that the "blood of Jesus...cleanseth us from all sin." This gave him courage, which he clung to until his death.

William Cowper said he would be singing about this fountain in heaven, when he couldn't sing it here on earth. I think he would be surprised to know that Christians around the world are singing his song in many different languages.

This song is on page 183 in the *Evening Light Songs*. Sing it now and see if you can clasp a strong hold on faith in this fountain of blood.

—Charlotte Huskey

There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain
filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged
beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, tho' vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

E're since by faith I
saw the stream,
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has
been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing thy pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping,
stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

He'd been living in Unwin's home and receiving constant support. Would he again go down in doubt?

Another friend, John Newton, came to comfort William and Unwin's family. Newton persuaded them to move to Olney where he lived.

John Newton had been a rough sailor and even worked as a slave. He was a strong outdoorsman. William Cowper was an indoor man, weak and afraid of his own shadow, but they both loved people, God and poetry.

"Think my doubting will keep me from going to heaven?" William once asked John.

"The key to heaven is in your hand," John answered. "Jesus says, 'He that cometh to God must believe that he is...a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.' Believing is the key that opens heaven. Do you believe God's Word?"

"Yes."

"Then act like it."

"I try, but Satan is always sneering, 'You aren't saved.'"

"And you believe him?"

"I don't know. I try and try to figure out what I really believe."

"I' is your problem. You need to get your mind off yourself. Help the orphans, poor widows, sick husbands and starving families."

William took John's advice. Soon he was a happier man.

"Now I've another job for you," John said. "We need some hymns for parish prayer meetings."

"I'm in poor health and fifty years old—too old to learn how to write poetry," William said to excuse himself. "Besides I'm not qualified to do God's work."

"I can hardly form an idea of a closer walk with God than you maintain," John said.

"Okay, I'll try," William promised.

The result was, *Olney Hymns* printed in 1779. It contained 348 hymns—68 by William Cowper. And, if it hadn't been for a relapse, William for sure would have written many more.

During William's stay in Olney he grew spiritually. He grasped the promises of Jesus' cleansing blood, and wrote, *There is a Fountain*. He also learned to live one day at a time. After a week long battle that ended in victory, he wrote, *Safely Through Another Week*.

All his hymns and poems reflect his love for God, nature and everyday life. His desire for more of God is shown in *Oh For A Closer Walk With God*.

William learned to rebuke Satan's accusations and trust in the cleansing fountain of Jesus' blood. On his deathbed he said, "I am not shut out of heaven after all." He had the key of faith to open heaven's door.

—Charlotte Huskey

Information from: Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, 1995. Vinita Hampton Wright, *Hymn Writers' Hall of Fame*, *Christian History*, Issue 31. *World Book Encyclopedia*.

(Answers: 1. One of the men crucified beside him. 2. The man on the other cross. 3. He asked to be remembered when Jesus came into His kingdom. 4. Because the following day would be the sabbath. 5. They broke their legs. 6. Jesus was already dead, and the scribes said, "A bone of him shall not be broken." 7. One of the soldiers. 8. Blood and water. 9. It is for the cleansing of sins.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Jesus Paid It All

Baltimore, Maryland is brimming full of interesting events. Francis Scott Key wrote *The Star-Spangled Banner* while watching the British bombard Fort McHenry in the Baltimore Harbor. Elvina Mabel Hall wrote *Jesus Paid It All* on the flyleaf of her hymnal while she was supposed to be listening to a preacher.

In 1500, when the Spaniards explored Chesapeake Bay, they found many tribes of Algonkian Indians and a few Susquehannock Indians. Over a hundred years later, in 1608, Captain John Smith of Virginia sailed northward up Chesapeake Bay into what is now Maryland. A trading post on Kent Island was established by William Claiborne in 1631, twenty-two years later.

A year afterward, King George I of England, named the land Maryland after his wife, Queen Henrietta Maria, and gave the land to George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore. George Calvert died before the king had signed the charter, so it was given to his son, Cecil Calvert, second Lord Baltimore. Two years later the first settlers arrived on two ships, the *Ark* and the *Dove*.

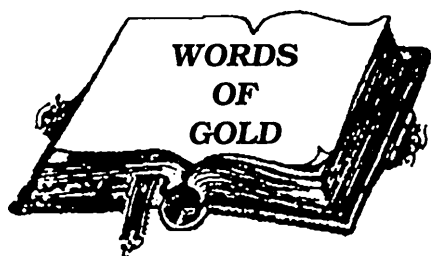
Claiborne challenged Calvert's right to rule the land he had first settled. War broke out. There were

vast amounts of land North, West and South. Why did men fight over Maryland?

The main reason Maryland was fought over was because of the water. The most important way of transportation in those years was by water. The Chesapeake Bay cuts deep into Maryland giving several excellent harbors. Fish and wildlife abound in this area. Food raised on its fertile soils, furs and lumber from its forests could be shipped easily.

Claiborne seized control and ruled the colony until Lord Baltimore regained control four years later. Under the leadership of George Washington, Maryland declared its independence from England in 1776. The second Continental Congress met in Baltimore.

If you visited Baltimore today you could go fishing or swimming somewhere along the 3,190 mile shorelines of Chesapeake Bay. You could visit the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, one of the world's largest, or see the horses at Pimlico near Baltimore. You could see some of the \$20 million fishing industry, which leads all states in the production of oysters, or study a moment in one of its ten universities or colleges, or ride the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad established in 1828. It was first in the western Hemisphere to carry both passengers and freight.



Paul's Long Sermon

Acts 20:1-12

1 And after the uproar [about the goddess Diana] was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and embraced *them*, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him,...he purposed to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, [Sunday] when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep

sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

The Message: The people had such hunger for the Word that they listened to Paul's preaching all night.

Questions:

1. Where was the apostle Paul going?
2. Did Paul hug the disciples when he said, "Goodbye?"
3. How many days did Paul stay in Troas?
4. What day of the week did the disciples come together?
5. At what time did Eutychus' falling interrupt Paul's preaching?
6. From what height did Eutychus fall?
7. Was Eutychus dead?
8. How long did the worship service last?
9. What did Paul do before he left?

Verse to Memorize

**These things I command you,
that ye love one another.**

John 15:17.

Let's



Talk . . .

The people of Ephesus were proud of the beautiful temple of Diana. The goddess Diana brought many worshippers and tourists into their city, which enabled the Ephesians to earn money manufacturing and selling jewelry, images and shrines of Diana.

They were very angry at Paul because he had persuaded people throughout Asia to turn from worshipping this idol. When he came into Ephesus and healed a demon-possessed slave girl that had also brought in money for her owners by fortune telling, the people exploded into an uproar. Paul barely escaped alive.

Paul hated to leave the brethren. He had so many important things to tell them, but he knew he must go so the city could be peaceful again. Just before leaving, he called them together and encouraged them to always worship God and never turn to Diana. Then he hugged each one, just as we hug our friends and families when we are to be separated. I'm sure everyone was crying as he said "goodbye" and promised to always pray for them.

Leaving Ephesus, Paul visited the congregations in Macedonia then went into Greece and stayed three months. He hoped to sail to Syria, but someone told him the Jews were plotting to attack the ship with the purpose of taking him prisoner and robbing the offerings he was carry-

ing to the poor saints in Jerusalem. So he went back to Macedonia.

In Troas of Macedonia, he preached a long, long sermon. Although Paul did not know he would soon be arrested and sent to far away Rome, his spirit urged him to share all he knew about God. He talked and talked and talked.

I'm sure most everyone was wide awake and listening. Eutychus however, was asleep, and he was sitting in an open window. At midnight he went tumbling out the window and hit the ground three stories below. By the time the brethren got down, someone had already examined him. "He's dead," they announced.

The apostle Paul rushed over to where Eutychus lay and fell down over him and began to pray. After awhile Paul looked up and said, "Don't be afraid, Eutychus is alive."

After Eutychus was comfortably situated, Paul and the brethren went back upstairs. They ate bread and made solemn vows to always be true to each other and to God. Then Paul continued preaching until the sun came up.

Before Paul left, he brought Eutychus up to the brethren. They praised God. Paul then hugged each one and told them "goodbye" and promised to always pray for them, just as he had done when he left the brethren in Ephesus.

Do you think Eutychus would have slept had he known it was the last time he would hear the apostle Paul preach? Pay close attention whenever someone wants to talk with you. It may be their last time to speak to you. Remember they are taking time to talk with you because they love you.

Jesus Paid It All is on page number 466 in the *Evening Light Songs*.

—Charlotte Huskey

Another place you might want to see is the Methodist Church on Monument Street. It is an old and beautiful structure but is not exactly as it was originally. John T. Grape was the organist and choir director at the church when the building was being remodeled. He took the church organ to his home during the reconstructing and composed a tune which he named, *All To Christ I Owe*. He played it for the pastor and several others, but no one seemed to like it except his wife.

The residing pastor of the Methodist Church in 1865 was George Schrick. He prayed long prayers and preached long sermons. People in the pews could perhaps take a short nap if they chose to do so, however to nap while sitting up front in the choir would have been quite improper. Every choir member had to occupy his or her mind in some way to keep from slumping or falling from his seat.

Now what Mr. Grape did while Pastor Schrick prayed his long prayers and preached his long sermons we do not know, but we know what Elvina Mabel Hall did one Sunday morning. She leafed through her hymnal. Imagine the rustle of pages if all the choir had been turning pages, but the others weren't so Mabel got away with it, although it was not a recommended practice. Perhaps she was listening to the sermon, for a poem about Jesus paying it all came to her mind.

Well, she had a pen but no paper, so she continued turning the pages of her hymn book. The last page was blank. "A perfect place to write," she thought.

Before Pastor Schrick quit speaking, she had finished the poem, "Jesus Paid It All."

Sometime later she gave a copy to Pastor Schrick. He read it over a few times, then remarked, "These words may fit the tune Mr. Grape has com-

posed." They did. Later Elvina Mabel Hall wrote the chorus to fit his music.

Jesus Paid It All first appeared in *The New Lute Of Zion* which was printed in 1868. The song has been translated into several languages and sung by thousands of people all over the world.

Maybe you would like to sing it. It is on page 466 in the *Evening Light Songs*.
—Charlotte Huskey

Information from: James Draper, *More Than a Song*, Moody Press, 1970. Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, 1995.



Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

Since nothing good have I
Whereby thy grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down,
All down at Jesus' feet.

(Answers: 1. To Macedonia. 2. Yes. 3. Seven. 4. The first day of the week. 5. At midnight. 6. From the third loft. 7. No. 8. All night. 9. He brought Eurychus to the brethren and he hugged each one.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

"Morgan, wake up! Daddy says we'll go to Long Island Sound and spend all day on the beach. Won't that be great?" said Mrs. Stead.

Morgan yawned and rolled over.

"Come on now, get up. Put on your swimming clothes, and I'll take your jean skirt and knit top. If you need me I'll be in the kitchen packing a picnic lunch."

After eating breakfast, Morgan watched Daddy pack the station-wagon with a beach ball, floating gear, snorkels, frog feet and beach chairs. From the house he brought the ice chest, towels and water jug. When all was ready Mother came with her beach bag. Sunglasses, insect repellent and sunscreen jutted from its top.

"Maybe you won't burn this time," Mother said. She sat Morgan in the car and began rubbing her with sunscreen. "Perhaps there'll be no after-pain connected with this beautiful day."

"Which beach are we going to?" Mother questioned.

"I've found a new place where few people go," Daddy remarked as he hopped in. "I hate being around half-dressed people."

As soon as Daddy stopped the car,

Morgan ran from the parking lot and dug her toes into the soft sand. "Stay close to us," Mother cautioned. "We don't want a tragedy today."

Daddy took Morgan's hand and they waded into the water together. "Cold?"

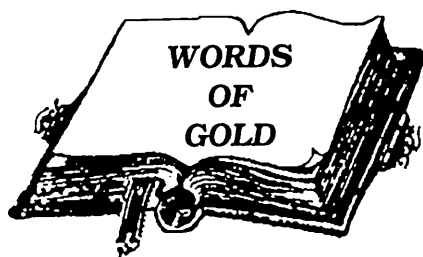
"Cold," Morgan answered shivering a little. But before long she was rolling over the beach ball in the shallow water. While Morgan built a sand castle, Daddy put on his frog feet and snorkel and jumped in. In the meantime mother lay in a beach chair reading a book. When he came back, Daddy covered Morgan with sand till only her face could be seen. Mother found a long seaweed and jumped rope. Then she swung the weed in a large circle while Daddy and Morgan jumped it.

The picnic lunch was eaten. Morgan, Daddy and Mother had stretched out on the warm sand to rest when they heard a boy scream. The sound was muffled and far away. Up Daddy jumped. "Look! Look! He's way out there," Daddy said. Mother and Morgan scrambled up and peered out over the water.

A boy was bobbing up and down in the water. "Help! He—I!" He disappeared.

"I'll get him," Daddy called.

Mother and Morgan ran to the water's edge and watched. Daddy was



Mary And Martha Trust Jesus

**John 11:1, 3, 5, 7-8, 20-23,
28-29, 33, 38-39, 41, 43-45**

1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him,...

5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

7 ...After that saith he...Let us go into Judaea again.

8 His disciples say...Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him:...

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

28 ...She went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

33 When Jesus therefore saw

her weeping,...he groaned in the spirit,...

38 Jesus...cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone....

41 Then they took away the stone...

43 ...He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth,...

45 Then many of the Jews which...had seen the things...believed on him.

The Message: Mary and Martha trusted Jesus in a time of death.

Questions:

1. Whose brother was sick?
2. To whom did they send for help?
3. Who loved Mary and Martha?
4. Was it dangerous for Jesus to go to Mary and Martha?
5. What did Martha tell Jesus when she saw Him?
6. Was Martha's trust in Jesus?
7. How did Jesus react when He saw Mary crying?
8. Why did the Jews believe on Jesus?
9. Should we trust Jesus although we see no miracles?

Verse to Memorize

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5.

Let's



Talk . . .

Mary, Martha, and their brother, Lazarus, lived in Bethany. Bethany was a village about two miles from Jerusalem on the far side of the Mount of Olives, and on the road to Jericho.

Lazarus became sick so his sisters sent for Jesus. There is no better thing to do when someone is sick. Today we send for Jesus by praying for the sick.

Jesus waited several days before He went to see about Lazarus. When He arrived in Bethany, Lazarus was dead and in the grave, and many friends were there trying to comfort his sisters. Most of these friends were Jews. Many did not believe Jesus was the promised Messiah. Mary, Martha and Lazarus did.

Martha felt confident that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Although Lazarus had been dead four days, her faith was strong. She was sweetly trusting in Jesus, believing that God would do anything Jesus asked of Him.

Mary was also trusting in Jesus, but in a little different way. Mary was wanting to learn the lesson Jesus had for her in this trial. She fell down and worshipped Jesus when she saw Him.

Jesus saw her crying and it troubled Him greatly. And what was the rest of the story? Jesus brought Lazarus out of the grave and presented him to his sisters—alive!

Neither Jesus' disciples nor the two sisters could understand why

Jesus waited four days before coming to help. But the result for all of them was greater faith in Jesus.

The Jews also believed on Jesus because they saw the miracle. This was the seventh miracle He had done. It was just another proof that Jesus is worthy to be trusted. Jesus said He was the resurrection. He said He gives life. What better way to prove it than to bring Lazarus back from the grave?

Let us not be like the Jews. Let us be like Mary and Martha and trust Jesus without seeing miracles. The Bible has enough evidence to prove that Jesus is worthy to be trusted, and that He can do anything.

—Charlotte Huskey

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word,
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the
Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

already in the deep water and swimming toward the boy. Two men came running. Several children and a woman followed.

They watched in horror as the boy pulled Daddy under. Mother screamed.

"Why's he fighting with my daddy?" Morgan asked.

"He's frightened," Mother answered.

"Leave my daddy alone," Morgan shouted.

The horror-stricken crowd watched. The men waded in to help.

"Oh, God help us!" Mother prayed.

And there was Daddy's head above the water.

"Daddy, Daddy," Morgan called, "Come back. Come back."

"He's coming! Look!" Mother said. Then he disappeared again! "We gotta have Your help, Lord," Mother prayed again. She looked at her watch. "He's been out ten minutes already."

It is hard to understand why God failed to answer Mrs. Stead's prayers. As often happens in such a situation, the victim pulled the would-be rescuer into the water with him. They both drowned.

The shore patrol rescued their bodies and rushed them away in an ambulance. In another car they took Mrs. Stead and Morgan to the hospital. "Why doesn't Daddy wake up?" Morgan asked.

"When the doctor comes out, he'll tell us why," Mother told her. "Now lay your head on my lap and rest."

Morgan was asleep when the doctor brought the sad news.

Home alone that night, Mrs. Stead knelt in prayer. "Why, God? Why?"

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

"But how can this work for my good? What will Morgan and I do

without Bill? I have no job nor a vocation. Have You forgotten? Why did You turn your back on us today?"

Immediately John 14:18 came into her thoughts. "I will not leave you comfortless." Then she remembered how God had supplied for the widow and her son during three years of famine. He also multiplied the oil of the widow whose sons were to be sold as slaves to pay her debt. "I will trust You, Lord," she promised.

Dark days followed. Morgan cried for her daddy to come home. She was afraid for Mother to get out of her sight. Sometimes she had frightening dreams.

Often Mrs. Stead laid awake at night wondering what she would do. Little did she realize how close she and Bill had grown in the five years they had been married. She depended on him for almost everything, even her happiness. Who would listen to her the way he did? Who would bring home the groceries? How could she pay the house payment and utility bills?

One morning when she had no money nor food for the day, someone left a grocery sack of food and money in an envelope on her doorstep. That's the day Louisa M. R. Stead wrote *'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*.

—Charlotte Huskey

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(Answers: 1. Mary's and Martha's. 2. They sent for Jesus. 3. Jesus. 4. Yes. 5. "If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee." 6. Yes. 7. He groaned in spirit. 8. Because they saw the miracles He did. 9. Yes.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Old Rugged Cross

If you are traveling in Michigan, Reed City is a good place to visit. It is near the intersection of Highways 10 and 131. On Highway 131 just outside the city is a large cross built in honor of George Bennard, author of *The Old Rugged Cross*. A light shines on the cross at night, symbolic of the light of the real cross in a dark world of sin.

Mr. Bennard died in 1958, after 85 years of useful living. For this reason you will not have the privilege of meeting Mr. Bennard in a restaurant as did James Draper, author of *More Than A Song*.

George Bennard worked many years with the Salvation Army, helping the poor have a more comfortable life and leading them to the Savior. As he brought men, women and children to a knowledge of Jesus as their Savior he realized more and more the importance of the cross.

For almost 2,000 years the cross has been a symbol for Christians. All over the world, Christians believe it is the center, or core, of the gospel. Without the cross there is no salvation.

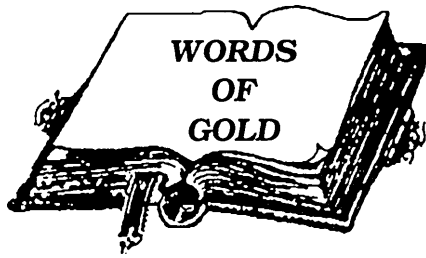
Bennard felt he did not fully comprehend God's plan for the cross. "I was praying for a full understanding of the cross, and its plan in Christian-

ity," he said. "I read and studied and prayed. I saw Christ and the cross inseparably. The Christ of the cross became more than a symbol. It was like seeing John 3:16 leave the printed page, take form and act out the meaning of redemption. While watching this scene with my mind's eye, the theme of the song came to me, and with it the melody; but only the words of the theme, *The Old Rugged Cross*, came. An inner voice seemed to say, 'Wait!'"

At the time, Mr. Bennard was holding evangelistic meetings in Michigan and could not work on the song. The following week, while working in New York, he tried again to write a poem about the old rugged cross. He could not.

After he returned to Michigan, many thoughts about the cross flooded his mind. He recalled the many persons whose lives had been changed in the meeting. He praised God for the redeeming grace of God given through the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation was possible only because of Jesus' death on the cross. Now the thoughts were clear in his mind. He wrote them in a poem.

A friend helped him sharpen it a bit and get the lyrics and music written in manuscript form. They sent the song to Charles H. Gabriel. Mr.



Jesus Dies On The Cross

Matthew 27:27-35, 38-43

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him,...

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple; and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.



The Message: Faith in Jesus' death on the cross will save sinners from damnation.



Questions:

1. How did the soldiers dress Jesus?
2. In what ways did they mock Him?
3. In what ways did they abuse Jesus?
4. What was Jesus wearing when He went away to be crucified?
5. Who was compelled to carry the cross?
6. What does Golgotha mean?
7. Did Jesus drink the vinegar and gall?
8. Name those who mocked Jesus on the cross.
9. What did they say to Jesus?

Verse to Memorize

...Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27.

Let's



Talk . . .

Slaves and criminals were punished on the cross, or crucified, long before the time of Jesus. They were tied or nailed to a standing cross until they died of thirst or hunger. (Or until their legs were broken.) Such a cross was made by fastening a piece of wood to a tree or pole. The arms of the condemned man were attached to this wood, or beam. Then he was lifted to an upright position. (*World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 4.)

This was the suffering of Jesus. Not only did He suffer extreme physical pain, but He also suffered the emotional pain of humiliation, mocking and being treated like a slave or prisoner when He was the Prince of the Universe.

Christians began using the cross as a symbol about 100 years after Christ. Tertullian, an early Christian writer, says that the Christians of his time used it daily.

A symbol is something that represents something else. We often make symbols with our hands. Waving means goodbye. Lowering our hands means down. Raising the hand means up. Forming a circle with the forefinger and the thumb means okay. A smiley-face means happiness or a job well done.

The early Christians used the cross to identify themselves as people who followed Jesus. To them the cross meant suffering. When

they drew a cross, they were saying, "I promise to suffer for Jesus."

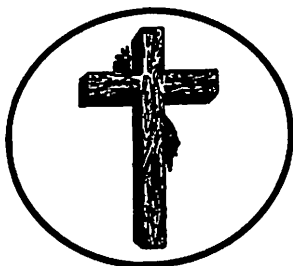
Jesus told His disciples, "Who-soever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." He is telling us the same thing today. Many who call themselves Christians are not willing to suffer for Jesus.

The cross has become kind of like a bomb shelter—a thing to believe in for their protection from damnation. Some use it kind of like a magic wand or a good luck charm. Superstitious persons sometimes wear a gold cross for protection. The cross is almost like a god to some.

For other Christians the cross is a symbol of redemption, signifying Christ's death on the cross for man's sins. It is true that Christ's death on the cross completed God's plan for our salvation. None can be saved without it. However, just because an object is shaped like a cross doesn't mean it has spiritual meaning.

Jesus agonized in the garden when He was only thinking of the cross, for it meant suffering and death. It should mean the same to us. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

The Old Rugged Cross can be found on page 511 in the *Evening Light Songs*. —Charlotte Huskey



Gabriel's return letter said, "You will hear from this song." How right he was!

When Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick heard Mr. Bennard sing while strumming his guitar, they said, "God has given you a song that will never die. It has moved us as no other song every has moved us."

Not everyone agreed that *The Old Rugged Cross* was a great song. Music purists don't like it, and religious theologians make fun of it. Like the cross itself, the song is "so despised by the world."

The Old Rugged Cross was introduced to the public at a special meeting in Pokshon, Michigan, on June 7, 1913. After that, the song was presented at an evangelistic convention in Chicago. Christians learned it and many "took it into their homes throughout the country."

This arrow of the gospel, shafted with music, has shot God's truth into the hearts of men. It is the gospel in song. Like John 3:16 is the heart of the gospel, this song is the heart of religious songs. The song has become one of the most often used gospel songs ever written. Around the world one can hear *The Old Rugged Cross*

on the radio, in the home, churches and even public market places.

Information from: James Draper, *More Than a Song*, Moody Press, 1970. Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House 1995. George W. Sanville, *Forty Gospel Hymn Stories*, The Rodeheaver-Hall Mack Co., 1943.

(Answers: 1. They put on Him a scarlet robe, a crown of thorns and a reed in His hand. 2. They bowed to Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews." 3. They spit on Jesus and hit Him. 4. His own clothes. 5. Simon. 6. The place of a skull. 7. No. 8. The chief priests, scribes, elders, soldiers and those passing by. 9. (Any of the following.) "Save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. He saved others: himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God."

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Brighten the Corner

Ina Duley Ogdon was shopping for a new wardrobe. She had been selected by the Chautauqua Institution to teach in their summer schools. Ina would be traveling to many different cities and teaching thousands of public school teachers and Sunday school teachers. She could hardly wait for the day when she would go. Her assignments were organized perfectly and all needed material was packed in boxes ready to be used. She had studied the itinerary and knew where she was going and when to be there. All she lacked were a few more outfits and a pair of shoes.

A letter came from home two days before Ina was to leave on the circuits the Chautauqua Institution had put in her responsibility. Ina read the letter, then buried her face in her pillow and cried like a baby. Could it really be true that she must give up this great opportunity and go nurse her invalid father? Was she mistaken about God calling her to teach? Hadn't He opened up this

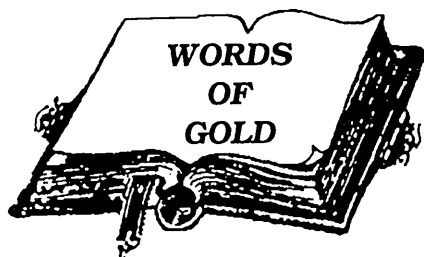
door, where she could teach hundreds of teachers, who in turn would teach thousands of students? What a great way to get the truth out. "God, there must surely be a mistake," she said.

At that moment she saw her Bible laying open on her desk where she had left it after her morning devotion. And there was the scripture staring at her. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9. She had read it that morning, but it had meant nothing to her. Now it spoke volumes.

Ina hurried down the dormitory steps and to the counselor's office to ask his opinion of whether she should leave the thousands to nurse one.

"Man's first responsibility to God is to care for the family," he said. "Your father is your family because he needs you. Although we cannot see it now, it will work for your good. Remember Romans 8:28?

"I can't; I can't," Ina sobbed. "I don't want to go home. Besides I



Dorcas Brightens Her Corner

Acts 9:36-43

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And for as much as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Titus 2:3-5

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness,...teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.



The Message: Dorcas brightened the place where she lived by sewing for the poor widows.



Questions:

1. Where did Dorcas live?
2. What were some of the good works Dorcas did?
3. What happened to Dorcas?
4. Did Dorcas die?
5. Who prayed for Dorcas?
6. Who was happy Dorcas was again alive?
7. Who were the older women to teach?
8. Were the younger women to be keepers at home?
9. Who were the young women to love?

Verse to Memorize

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16.

Let's



Talk . . .

God does not expect every Christian to be a minister, preacher, missionary or do some great work. God does have a job for each one, however, some of these jobs do not appear to be of great importance.

One job which is of great importance to God but seems of little importance to people is being a homemaker. God commanded that the older women teach the younger women to be homemakers, to love their husbands and their children. People of the world frown on women who spend their lives keeping a home and training their children. God smiles on them.

Dorcas was such a woman. She did a simple work which most any woman can do. She had no college degree, no regular paycheck. She sewed for others. This doesn't seem like a big thing, however, it was so important to God that He had it recorded in the Bible. Now, almost 2,000 years later, we hear about the great work Dorcas did.

Ina Duley Ogdon stayed at home nursing her invalid father for many years. But the world still remembers her each time they sing her song, *Brighten the Corner*.

Mrs. Cowman had been a missionary, but her husband became ill and she had to stay in the home and nurse him for many years. We remember her when we read devotions from *Streams In The Desert*.

John Bunyan was locked away in jail for 12 years. He did what he

could while there. He wrote a story for his children at home. We know the book he wrote as *Pilgrim's Progress*. A few years ago, only the Bible was read more than this book.

Are you doing what you can in the place where you live? Try to brighten the corner where you are. God may make you a special blessing.

Let's not overlook the little jobs. Let us do them quickly and cheerfully. In this way, we can be a blessing to ourselves and to others. And who knows, we may be remembered for a long time for the little things we have done. —Charlotte Huskey

Brighten The Corner

Do not wait until some deed of
greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you
now be true,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Chorus

Brighten the corner where you are,
Brighten the corner where you are,
Someone far from harbor you may
guide across the bar,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Just above are clouded skies that
you may help to clear,
Let not narrow self your way debar,
Tho' into one heart alone may fall
your song of cheer,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Here for all your talent you may
surely find a need,
Here reflect the Bright and
Morning Star,
Even from your humble hand the
bread of life may feed,
Brighten the corner where you are.

didn't study to be a nurse."

"I will be praying for you," the counselor said.

When Ina arrived home, she hated to face her father. She feared he would detect her anger. She kissed him gently and stood beside him, stroking his thin hair. "I'm so glad you came," he said.

Ina said kindly, "I'm glad you are happy." She wanted to add, "But I'm sure not!" But she knew that would hurt her father. He already had enough pain.

Day after day, Ina thought about the Chautauqua Summer School. Tears rolled down her cheeks and splashed into the dish water. Day after day she prepared food and carried it to her father. She mopped floors and washed clothes, all the while feeling like a bird in a cage hopping from one side to another.

When her father was asleep at night she cried. "Why? Lord, Why? Why did You let me spend my money and energy on an education that I can't use? Why did You help me meet the right people and be selected for the job and then snatch it away?"

One day when she was praying, this verse came to her mind. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

"Lord, I will be faithful in this little job," she promised. After making that promise, she was happier.

Day by day she grew more content until the day came that

she could brighten the corner where she was.

This experience inspired her to write, *Brighten The Corner*. It has good advice for everyone. The world would be a much better place if each one would take its simple message and obey it.

Charles H. Gabriel made the musical setting that has added effectiveness to the song.

Ina Duley Ogdon wanted to reach thousands. She has reached millions with her song. More than 25,000,000 reproductions of *Brighten The Corner* have been made in hymn books, radio transcriptions, phonograph records and moving pictures. All that was done before 1943. Possibly another 25,000,000 have been produced by now, and there is no way to number all those who heard it while Homer Rodeheaver used it as a theme song.

—Charlotte Huskey

Information from: George W. Sanville, *Forty Gospel Hymn Stories*, The Rodeheaver-Hall Mack Co. Winona Lake, 1943.

(Answers: 1. Joppa.
2. She made clothing for the widows. 3. She was sick. 4. Yes. 5. Peter. 6. The widows which she had helped. 7. The younger women. 8. Yes. 9. Their husbands and children.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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O Little Town Of Bethlehem

"I finished memorizing another hymn today," Phillips told his mother.

"I'm so happy you are using your mind for something good. So many boys these days are wasting theirs' on the foolish pleasures of the world," Mrs. Brooks said.

"Not me," Phillips answered. "I want to do something useful with my time."

"How glad I am that you aren't seeking a career in some sport. With your six-foot-six height you would be good in most any one. You could be king of the basketball court," his mother answered as she looked up admiringly into her son's face.

"I know. I've thought about that, but I think I would rather do something of more value."

"Like what?"

"Maybe help children or become a pastor," Phillips answered.

"You could do both—pastor a church and work the Sunday school yourself," Mrs. Brooks assured him. "You seem to love chil-

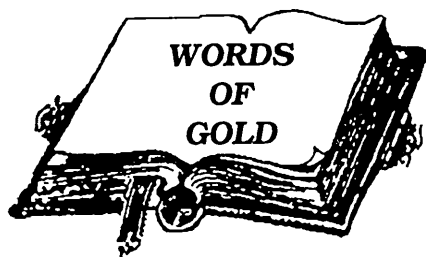
dren and music. Both are qualities that will make you a better minister. You can use music to attract the children. Most all children love music."

Phillips continued to memorize songs. Before he left home to attend college, he could sing more than 200 hymns from memory.

He never lost his love for children either. Even when he was a busy pastor, he would gladly interrupt his study and romp with boys or girls. While he was serving a church in Philadelphia, God blessed him with a good helper, Lewis H. Redner. Mr. Redner loved children equally as well as Pastor Brooks. The Sunday school grew from 36 to over 1,000 students.

One year, just before Christmas, Pastor Brooks and Mr. Redner were finishing up the last details for the children's Christmas program when they realized a new song was needed. No song they knew or had found seemed to fit with their plans. "Maybe I could write a song," Pastor Brooks said.

"That would be fine," Mr. Redner answered.



Bethlehem

Genesis 35:18-19

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-o-ni: but his father called him Benjamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in...Bethlehem.

Ruth 1:22; 4:13-14, 17

22 So Naomi...and Ruth...her daughter in law...came to Bethlehem...

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife:...and she bare a son.

14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord,...his name may be famous in Israel.

17 And...her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David. [King David.]

Micah 5:2

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Matthew 2:4-6

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Matthew 1:1, 5, 16

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

The Message: God often chooses the small things and makes them a blessing.

Questions:

1. Who was traveling and their mother died?
2. Where was the mother buried?
3. Where did Naomi and Ruth live?
4. Who was Ruth's great-grandson?
5. Is Ruth listed in the genealogies of Jesus?
6. Where was Jesus to be born?
7. Who prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem?
8. From where would a Governor for Israel come?
9. Must a city or person be big to be a blessing?

Verse to Memorize

But thou, Bethlehem...though thou be little...yet out of thee shall he come forth...that is to be ruler in Israel;...

Micah 5:2.

Let's

Talk . . .



Bethlehem was a small city south of Jerusalem. Although it was not the center of activity for the country of Israel, many important people have come from there. Israel's most famous king was born there and so was the King of the world, Jesus.

I'm sure you know and enjoy the story of Joseph, who was hated by his brothers, sold as a slave, yet he became the prime minister of Egypt and saved his family from starvation.

When Joseph was a little boy, a terrible thing happened in his family. At this time he had ten brothers and one sister, Dinah.

Dinah had no sisters, so she had friends, but none of her friends were godly. Joseph's family was the only godly family in the country. One day when Dinah was out visiting her friends, Shechem carried her away and kept her overnight.

The following day he tried to make an arrangement with Dinah's family to marry her. Joseph's brothers wouldn't allow it. They treated these neighbors so badly that Joseph's family had to move to another country.

Joseph's mother, Rachel, was expecting a baby soon. As they were traveling near Bethlehem, Benjamin was born. His mother died. Rachel was buried in Bethlehem, which made it a very special place to the family.

Elimelech and Naomi also lived in Bethlehem. A drought forced them to go into Moab, where they lived until their sons were grown and married. Later Elimelech and their two sons died. Then Naomi and Ruth returned to live in Bethlehem.

There Ruth married Boaz, a cousin of her first husband. Their first son, Obed, is the father of Jesse. Jesse is King David's father.

The first chapter of Matthew gives the genealogy of Jesus. It begins with Abraham, goes on through the family of Joseph, and includes Ruth. After Ruth comes Obed, Jesse, King David and the eternal King Jesus.

Jesus, like Joseph, was rejected by his people yet became the Savior of his family. Ruth left her family and home and became the savior of Naomi's family. Jesus left his home in heaven and became the Savior of all humanity.

Many years before Jesus was born, prophet Micah said the Governor of Israel would be born in Bethlehem. Although Bethlehem is a small town, it has given the world many great people who have been a blessing.

Just so YOU, although you may be small, can do something for the Lord. If you live for Jesus, He will give you His character and you will be a blessing as Joseph, Ruth and David were blessings. —Charlotte Huskey

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light—
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary—
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the
angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

"I'll get at it as soon as I'm finished with a sermon for Sunday," he promised.

Pastor Brooks went to his office and settled down to serious work on the needed sermon. He thought and he prayed. He prayed and he thought, but his thoughts kept going to what he loved most—the children. It was like his mother had said, "Children are attracted by music." How disappointed they would be without a song for Christmas. What could he write?

It seemed God led his mind back to three years ago when he had taken a trip to the Holy Land. He remembered the Christmas Eve service at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. This church was built in the place where it is believed the shepherds found Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

He imagined how Bethlehem must have been the night Jesus was born. Multitudes of people were all soundly sleeping, but the angels were watching over the city. The earth was silently spinning around, changing the location of the twinkling stars. Yet, in the dark streets of that town, an everlasting light was shining (Jesus). All generations would someday see this Light.

Then Pastor Brooks thought about the shepherds calmly watching their sheep when suddenly the sky was filled with angels singing and praising God. At the same time Mary was giving birth to a Savior who would im-

part blessings to every humble heart that received Him.

He was caught up in the grand feeling of having Jesus in his heart, so he wrote "cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today."

Now the ideas for the song were fully formed in Pastor Brooks' mind. He wrote them. Then he changed them here and there. Perhaps he rewrote the song several times as most poets do before it says just what they want it to say.

He gave the poem to Mr. Redner. Day after day, Mr. Redner thought about a tune to fit the beautiful words. It was the day before Christmas and he still had no tune. That night he was awakened by what seemed to be angels singing. He jumped out of bed and wrote down the notes of the tune. The following morning he completed the harmonization.

That day the children sang
O Little Town of Bethlehem.

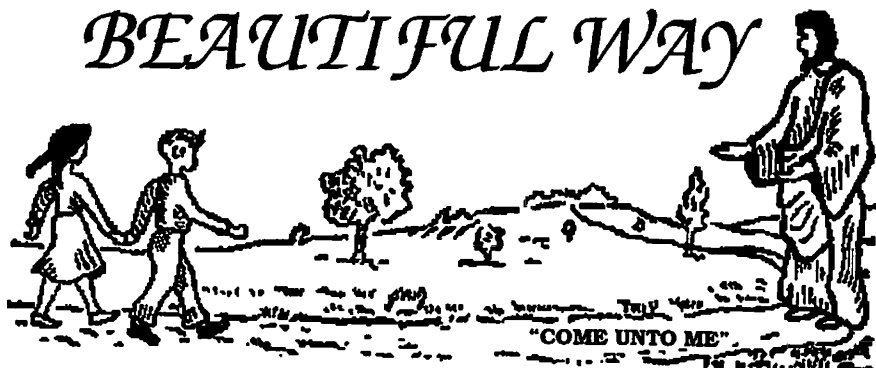
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(Answers: 1. Joseph's farm-
ily. 2. Bethlehem. 3. In
Bethlehem. 4. King David.
5. Yes. 6. Bethlehem.
7. Micah. 8. Bethlehem.
9. No.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild—
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia—
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace—
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night! holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King—
Christ the Savior is born.

The history of this Christmas carol is a source of disagreement. Most stories, however, give Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber the credit for it.

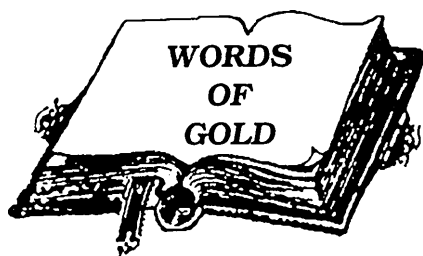
It seems that a little chapel in a village nestling high in the Alps, near Oberndorf, Austria was having trouble with the church organ. Some say it had rusted out. Others say mice had

chewed through vital parts. At any rate, a group of traveling actors came into the village hoping to use the chapel to present a play based on the birth of Christ. But the organ repairman had left organ parts strewn all over the floor. The privilege was denied because some vital parts of the precious organ might get misplaced.

The actors then found a large home in which to present their drama. Mohr went to watch. He saw the actors portraying Mary and Joseph traveling on a donkey to Bethlehem. He saw Joseph searching and searching for a place where the virgin Mary could rest. Finally Joseph had to take Mary into an animals' stable to sleep.

While she was in this dirty place, her firstborn son was born. An angel suddenly appeared and announced that this was no normal child, but the Son of God come in human flesh. "He is the King of kings and Lord of lords," the angel said. After that, lowly shepherds fell before the new King and worshipped Him.

Mohr watched as they portrayed wicked King Herod raving at the scribes and doctors of the law, demanding them to find where the new King was staying. And the same King, appearing with a fox smile, plead with the wise men to find the new King and



God Protects His Son

Matthew 2:1-5, 7-13

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child

with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

The Message: Just as God protected Jesus. He will protect those who obey Him.

Questions:

1. Who was king when Jesus was born?
2. What did the wise men ask Herod?
3. What did Herod command of the high priests and scribes?
4. What did Herod ask the wise men to do?
5. Did Herod say he wanted to worship the new king?
6. What did God show the wise men in a dream?
7. Did the wise men obey God?
8. What did God tell Joseph to do?
9. Did Joseph's obedience save Jesus from death?

Verse to Memorize

...If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts,... and serve him only:...he will deliver you...

I Samuel 7:3.

Let's



Talk . . .

Many years before Jesus was born, the Jewish people rejected the laws of God. They worshipped idols. A few times they sacrificed their children to these idols. Prophets and wise men warned them of the danger to come if they did not stop these evil practices. The people did not change.

Enemy armies marched into the land of Israel and took the people captive. They burned the cities, stole their livestock and their crops. The people they captured were herded like livestock over mountains and plains until they reached the conquerors country. Here they were put to work as slaves.

There were a few of these Jews who remembered the laws of God and obeyed them while living in the foreign country. The three Hebrews who did not bow to the golden idol, and Daniel, are some of those who obeyed. In this way the laws of God spread into many nations. I am sure as they visited with their neighbors, they sometimes mentioned God's promise of a king to deliver them.

It also seems that some of the Jews had taken along some books of prophecy. These books are portions of the Bible. Prophecies about Christ were in these books.

One said, "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel."

Some Bible historians believe the three wise men who visited Jesus had heard some prophecies of Jesus. When they saw the bright new star they thought it meant the new king of the Jews had been born.

When they arrived in Jerusalem, they went straight to the palace. King Herod cared nothing about prophecies and therefore knew nothing about a new king. The scribes and high priests knew very little more than King Herod. But they had the old books. They found the prophecy in Micah which said the new Governor would be born in Bethlehem, so they told the king to look for Him in Bethlehem.

Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem with an order to return and tell him where the child was. The wise men were warned of God to return another way and avoid going through Jerusalem.

To protect Jesus, God instructed the wise men to go home on another route. Then He showed Joseph to flee into Egypt and stay there until it was safe to return.

Remember how God protected the three Hebrews from the king's fiery furnace, and Daniel from the lions?

Obey God and you can trust Him to protect you.

—Charlotte Huskey

let him know his whereabouts so that he too, could worship Him.

Mohr was greatly impressed by the presentation. He walked out of the home, but instead of going to his bed, he walked up on a hill to meditate.

The night was clear and calm. In the quietness all around, a holy feeling of awe came over him. "O holy night," he whispered into the stillness. "O silent night, all is calm, yet all is bright."

Lights shown from the cottages in the village below. He wondered if it looked much like Bethlehem. He pictured a stable somewhere in the village with Mary and her baby in the manger. "Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace," he said.

Mohr thought of the shepherds and the words of the second verse formed in his mind. As he walked the path back to his cottage, the remaining words of the carol came to his mind little by little.

The following morning he gave the words to Franz Gruber and asked him to see if he could give them music.

Christmas Eve, Gruber and Mohr sang the song for the first time, as Gruber strummed his guitar. Some believe that Gruber had already written the music. What is the truth, we do not know. It does seem to be true that the words and music of this heavenly song were divinely inspired.

Thanks to the organ repairman, we have the hymn today. A few days after Christmas, he got a copy of the song and began sharing it with others. Soon touring groups began to sing it in concerts, spreading its popularity even further. Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber never dreamed that 180 years after that makeshift Christ-

mas program, millions would be singing their simple carol and hearing it over millions of radios and television.

We must also thank John Freeman Young for this beautiful Christmas carol. The carol that Mohr wrote was in either German or Latin. Freeman translated it into English.

Now you know how we came to have *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

—Charlotte Huskey

Here is a different translation of Mohr's carol. It is sung to the tune of *Silent Night! Holy Night!* See if you can sing it.

Holy Night

Holy night, peaceful night!
Through the darkness beams
a light

There, where the sweet vigils keep
O'er the Babe in silent sleep;
Resting in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holiest night!
Darkness flies and all is light!
Shepherds hear the angels sing:
"Hallelujah! hail the King!
Jesus the Savior is here."

Holiest night, peaceful night!
Child of heaven, O how bright!
Thou didst smile when thou
was born;

Blessed was that happy morn,
Full of heavenly joy.

Information from: James Draper, *More Than a Song*, Moody Press, 1970. Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, 1995. *World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 1.

(Answers: 1. Herod. 2. "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" 3. To tell him where Christ was born. 4. To find Jesus and let him know where Jesus was. 5. Yes. 6. To not return to Herod. 7. Yes. 8. To take Jesus and his mother to Egypt. 9. Yes.)

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing is perhaps the most loved of all the songs written by Charles Wesley. He has been called the most gifted and tireless hymn-writer that England has ever known. America's blind Fanny Crosby is probably the only person who has written more hymns than Charles Wesley. Some say he has written about 8,989 hymns and religious poems. Nearly 6,000 have been put to music by himself and others musicians. Hundreds of Charles Wesley's hymns are sang regularly in churches throughout the world. Some are just now being printed for the first time.

Charles was the eighteenth child of Samuel and Suzanne Wesley. (Only ten children lived to be adults.) His birthplace was in Epworth, near Lincoln, England. He was born prematurely on a cold December night and appeared to be dead. He was wrapped in wool and laid close to his mother's warm body. Here he lay silent for weeks.

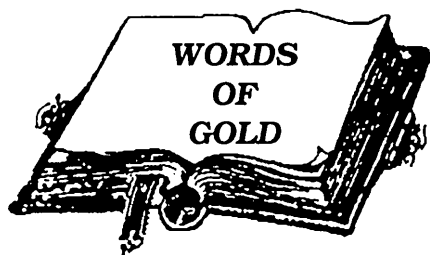
Charles' father, Samuel, was a very poor man and even spent some time in jail for not paying his debts, but he and Suzanne were determined each son should have an excellent education. Charles' education started at home. His mother was the teacher. Each child, on their fifth birthday, was expected to

learn the alphabet. Suzanne dropped whatever she was doing and drilled and drilled, until her student could repeat the alphabet in correct order.

After mastering reading, writing and basic math, Charles was enrolled in Westminster. (This was made possible through friends and relatives.) Westminster was a prestigious school where Latin was the only language allowed in public. Its boys sang in Westminster Abbey, as they do today. Charles spent thirteen years here and became captain of the school. He added nine years of study at Oxford where he received an M.A.

Charles learned not only Greek and Latin literature, but also gained a thorough knowledge in the structure of language. This training helped him a great deal in writing poetry and songs.

At an early age, Charles began showing his God-given talent for rhyme. While others were writing in regular sentences, Charles was writing most everything in rhyme. He wrote a verse about every occasion: birthdays, news of the day, about what he saw around him, rhymes for entertainment, even what he was studying showed up in sentences that rhymed. His poetry was simple, imaginative, filled with wonder and passion. Common, uneducated people understood and enjoyed his verses.



Angels Sing Of Christ's Birth

Luke 2:7-16

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away...the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to

pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.

Matthew 1:22-23

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

The Message: Angels rejoiced at the birth of Jesus and angels rejoice when a sinner repents.

Questions:

1. Where did Mary lay her son?
2. What were the shepherds doing?
3. Who came to the shepherds?
4. What shone around the shepherds?
5. What did the angel bring to the shepherds?
6. Who was born in the city of David?
7. How would the shepherds know which baby was Jesus?
8. What was the multitude of angels doing?
9. What did the multitude of angels say?

Verse to Memorize

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21.

Let's



Talk . . .

Many years ago David cared for his father's sheep on the hills near Bethlehem. Syrian brown bears, leopards, lions, wolves, foxes and jackal lived in the thickets nearby. Sometimes at night these animals crept into the city, killing animals and threatening the young children.

The men of Bethlehem built a wall around the city to protect those inside. If cattle or sheep had to stay outside the city wall, shepherds guarded them to keep the wild animals away. This is why the shepherds were with their sheep on Bethlehem's hills the night Jesus was born.

Each year, Christian children around the world hear the story of these shepherds and how they saw the angels and heard them announce the birth of Jesus. Perhaps the younger shepherds were asleep and the older ones were talking around a campfire. They may have been talking about God's promise of a king to save them.

They believed Jesus would save them from their Roman rulers. But Jesus was coming to save them from their sins.

He knew "the heart [of each person] is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jeremiah 17:9.) Jesus came to give people new hearts, not a new government. A man with a new heart can live peaceably in any kind of government. The angels' message to the shepherds was "peace on earth, good will to men."

Jesus knew wicked spirits such as hatred, lusts, deceit and fear are as cruel as lions, bears or foxes. They

too, are lurking around every one, waiting for a chance to destroy whoever is not protected. When Jesus is in a heart, these spirits cannot get in and destroy that person. The Holy Spirit protects a heart like the city walls protected the people in Bethlehem.

If you have not asked Jesus into your heart, do so today. You will be protected and the angels will rejoice just as they did when Christ was born.

Let's finish this lesson by singing,
Hark The Herald Angels Sing!

—Charlotte Huskey

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild—
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of
Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Once when Charles and his brother John were holding an open-air meeting, some drunks disrupted the service singing a lewd song called *Nancy Dawson*. Charles memorized the meter and words. Then he wrote seven 8-line verses to the same tune. These he taught to the people. The next time the drunks disrupted the service singing *Nancy Dawson* the Christians drowned the drunks' words with Charles' new song.

Charles' father was a minister in the Church of England, who taught his sons to live deeply religious lives. This Charles did. He formed the Holy Club while attending Oxford University. To be a member of the Holy Club, a young man had to live by strict rules. He must get up early, reverence authority, obey the Ten Commandments and discipline himself to study God's Word and his school subjects. He must also meet with the group each day for prayers and reading the scripture and be active in prison ministry. Students at Oxford had no dealings with poor or vile people. Charles broke school rules by inviting a poor Oxford man to breakfast.

Other students ridiculed members of the Holy Club. Charles was persecuted for this and because he did not have clothing and luxuries that other students had. Charles did not let this keep him from learning. He concentrated on his studies and sought continually to improve his Christian life.

Although Charles was a good religious boy, he was not saved from sin. He was thirty-one years old before he was saved. He and his brother, John, had been with Moravian Christians on a ship bringing them home from a missionary trip to America. Both John and Charles realized they did not possess a relationship with God like the Moravians. John said to Charles, "I went to Georgia to convert the Indians;

oh, who will convert me?"

Charles answered, "I carry my hell about me." He had struggled for years to be holy, but realized his heart was wicked.

After returning to England they continued in their religious work, preaching, writing and singing the gospel. They also sought God for a change of heart. While John was in Aldersgate seeking God, Charles was in London, sick in bed. When John returned on May 24, 1738, to tell Charles about the change in his heart, he found that Charles had been saved three days earlier.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing expresses the experience that Charles found when he got saved. He was now reconciled to God. Jesus had cleansed his heart and was now King of his life. He had been lord of his own life until the day he was saved. Charles was healed at the same time he was saved, so Jesus had also "risen with healing in His wings" as the fourth verse says. In the end of the song, he praises God that "men shall no more die." Charles had the assurance that he, too, would never die.

—Charlotte Huskey

Information from: Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton, *The One Year Book of Hymns*, Tyndale House, Wheaton, 1995. Jim Townsend, *The Forgotten Wesley and Did You Know?* Timothy Dudley Smith. *Why Wesley Still Dominates Our Hymnbook*, *Christian History*, Issue 31. *World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol. 21.

(Answers: 1. In a manner.
2. Watching their sheep. 3. An
angel. 4. A bright light. 5. "Good
tidings, of great joy." 6. "A Sav-
iour, which is Christ the Lord."
7. Jesus would be wrapped in
swaddling clothes. 8. Praising
God. 9. "Glory to God in the high-
est and on earth peace, good will
toward men."

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Joy to the World

Isaac Watts, author of *Joy To The World* was pastor of London's Mark Lane Independent Chapel for almost fifty years. It was a congregation of Dissenters. People who did not follow the National Church of England were called Dissenters. These people were persecuted by the majority of people, including the rulers.

At Isaac's birth in 1674, his father was in prison for sympathizing with the Dissenters. Isaac, the oldest of nine children, followed his father's strong biblical faith.

The whole family worked together to earn a living in Southampton. His mother cooked, washed and cared for students who stayed in their home. His father taught and directed a school for the boys.

"Isaac was a very intelligent child, who loved books and learned to read early." It is said he studied Latin when only four. He was studying French, Greek and Hebrew under tutors when he was thirteen.

At an early age, he often spoke in rhyming phrases. His father became quite annoyed at this and told him to stop. When the rhyming persisted, the father started to whip the boy, and little Isaac cried out:

*'O father, do some pity take
And I will no more verses make.'*

When he was seven, Isaac wrote an acrostic poem on his name which reflected his Christian training:

*"I am a vile polluted lump of earth,
So I've continued ever since my birth;
Although Jehovah grace does give me,*

As sure this monster Satan will deceive me.

Come therefore, Lord, from Satan's claws relieve me."

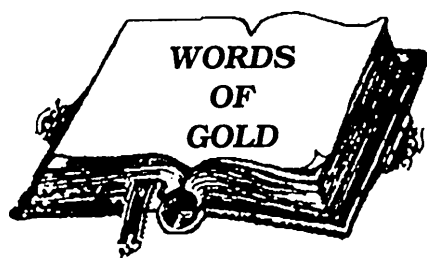
By the time Isaac was ready for higher education, a wealthy townsman came to Mr. Watts. He said, "I have noticed your son, Isaac, has great powers for learning. I will be happy to pay his expenses at either Oxford or Cambridge University.

Mr. Watts told Isaac about the opportunity. "I'd love to," Isaac answered, "But that would lead me into an Anglican ministry. I could never believe or preach their doctrines."

"Perhaps you could study science or something else."

Several others offered to sponsor Isaac at these universities, so he tried to get accepted. Both universities denied him because he would not follow the National Church of England.

Isaac chose to be a Dissenter and at sixteen went to London to study at a leading Nonconformist academy where other Dissenters studied. It



Joy For Salvation

Psalms 96:1-10, 13

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

8 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:...

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

13 ...For he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow

of death, upon them hath the light shined.

6 For unto us a child [Jesus] is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever....

The Message: Be joyful, for the Savior has come to save from sin, to keep from sinning and to judge righteously.

Questions:

1. What kind of song should we sing to the Lord?
2. Where should we declare His glory?
3. How should the Lord be worshipped?
4. How will God judge His people?
5. What did the people sitting in darkness see?
6. What happened to those sitting in the shadow of death?
7. The government shall be on the shoulder of whom?
8. Who is the Prince of Peace?
9. Is there an end to Jesus' kingdom?

Verse to Memorize

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

Luke 15:10.

Let's



Talk . . .

The prophet Isaiah said those who walk in darkness will see a great light. This happened when Jesus came. All men were in darkness until that time. Jesus, is "the light of the world." When He came, His light shined over everyone. Now everyone can have light in their soul. But only those who repent of their sins receive this light.

Every person has sinned. Sin causes a shadow of death over the person who sins. But God sent Jesus, in the form of a child, clothed in human flesh, to shine a light over those beneath a shadow of death. If this light is accepted, the person will be set free from sin and death. And as the memory verse says, the angels in heaven will rejoice.

King David in Psalm 96 tells us to sing a new song to the Lord. This new song is a song of praise for salvation. Before Jesus came, people could not sing of salvation from sin. They could only give offerings to be sacrificed for their sins. There was no cleansing of their hearts, so they continued sinning.

Today the blood of Jesus cleanses our hearts of sin. The Holy Spirit takes away the roots of sin and fills us with power to overcome temptation to sin. We can resist Satan and do what Jesus would do. He did no sin. (1 Peter 2:22.)

Being able to overcome temptations to sin is something to rejoice about. The third verse of *Joy To The World* says,

"No more let sin and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground (of your heart);

He comes to make His blessings
flow—

Far as the curse is found."

The curse is death for sinning. Jesus came to remove this curse. He removes it from everyone who repents of their sins.

When sin is repented of, the heart is full of light and the person is saved. A saved person is in the light. As long as he continues to obey God, he is walking in light and is able to sing the new song.

—Charlotte Huskey

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! the Lord
is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let ev'ry heart prepare

Him room,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n, and heav'n and

nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the

Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks,

hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the

sounding joy.

No more let sins and

sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His

blessings flow

Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse

is found.

He rules the world with truth
and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His

righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of

His love.

proved to be a great school. Mr. Hughes, the poet, and Dr. Horte, afterwards Archbishop of Tuam, studied with him.

Isaac helped the Dissenters greatly by teaching them to write and speak more carefully. Their good ideas and doctrines were hidden by their blunt, coarse speech. He showed them that zeal and purity might be expressed and enforced by polished diction (choice of words).

After graduating, he hired out as a tutor. During these years he spent much time diligently studying the scriptures and helping his father. One day he complained to his father about the church's songs. His father challenged him to write something better. The following week Isaac, at age 20, presented his first hymn to the church. It was received with much enthusiasm.

In 1707 he published his first book, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*. It contained 210 hymns and was one of England's first hymn books. We can thank Benjamin Franklin for printing these hymns in Boston. Franklin also printed Watts' *Psalms of David*. Isaac changed many Psalms into Jesus' teachings. *Joy To The World* is a paraphrased Psalm. He said, "Where the Psalmist describes religion by the fear of God, he joined it with faith and love." Where David talks of sacrificing goats or bullocks, Isaac put the sacrifice of Christ. When David promises wealth, honor and long life, Isaac's psalms promise grace, glory and life eternal. These two books did much for Christian education. They were still selling as many as 60,000 copies per year over 100 years after being first published. His children's hymnal may be the most popular children's classic ever published.

Besides writing religious material, Isaac Watts wrote a textbook on

logic that was used at four universities—Oxford, Harvard, Yale and Cambridge. He also wrote books on grammar, how to teach, right behavior, the study of the mind and the study of matter in space and geography. Watts published 52 books, besides his religious works and 600 hymns.

Isaac never married. Though he had a beautiful soul, apparently Isaac Watts was not much to look at. He was frail and often sickly. His head seemed too large for his five foot tall body; his small, piercing eyes and hooked nose did not enhance his appearance. A lady once fell in love with Isaac by reading his poetry. They wrote letters and he fell in love with her. When she saw him, however, she said, "I wish I could admire the casket [jewelry box] as much as I admire the jewel."

Although Watts was often rejected, he rejoiced in the Lord. His joy for salvation is expressed in *Joy To The World*. This song does not mention the birth of Christ. But joy in the soul comes by faith in Jesus, the Babe who was laid in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn.

—Charlotte Huskey

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(Answers: 1. We should sing a new song. 2. Among the heaven. 3. In the beauty of holiness. 4. Righteously. 5. A great light. 6. A light shined upon them. 7. Jesus. 8. Jesus. 9. No.)