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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Earth's Beginning

"Maybe your science teacher would be interested in seeing some fossils that you have found," Mr. Meed said to Jim as they were going home from the river.

"That sounds like a great idea! At least it would be more interesting than discussing the earth's beginning. Everyone in my class has to find a theory about the world's beginning and write at least 300 words giving reasons the theory could or could not be true," Jim said disgustedly.

"Hmm, there are some odd beliefs about it," said Mr. Meed. "Some think a star exploded and a chunk got caught in the sun's gravity. They believe this star became the earth. Others believe that a star passing close to the sun pulled long arms of gas from the sun. Eddies whirled within these arms of gas. They theorize that the gas cooled and somehow formed the earth and other planets. Perhaps the most popular belief is that the earth was formed from a myriad of small fragments in a great cloud of dust and gases swirling around the young sun. As bits and pieces of cosmic debris collided, the earth became larger

and larger, as did the other objects in the inner solar system, including the moon. Others believe the earth was a ball of fire spun off by the sun, then cooled."

"But how could any of these theories be correct, when the earth was created before the sun?" Jim asked.

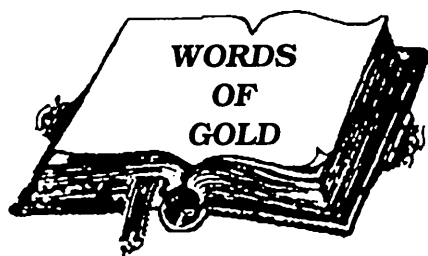
"They couldn't be," Mr. Meed answered, "that is what you are to prove."

"I think I will write only what the Bible says about the earth's beginning. Other students may laugh at me, but what the Bible says is how it happened and it's just as believable as any theory."

"You think so because you believe in God's power. How about the children who have read only books with the evolutionary point of view?"

After thinking for awhile, Jim asked, "How could a theory of earth's beginning be scientifically proven?"

"A question on my last science test was, 'How do scientists find facts?' I wrote, 'First, a scientist forms a theory. Then the theory must be tested many, many times under different conditions. This will show if it is true or not. Also, it must be observed over a period of time.' My answer was right. The theory of evolution cannot be a scientific fact.



## The "Big Bang"

### II Peter 3:1-10

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

### Hebrews 11:3

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

### Colossians 1:16-17

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

**The Message: Some evolutionists say the earth began with a "big bang." God says, "The earth will end in a "big bang."**

### Questions:

1. Give a reason Peter wrote the epistle.
2. Who will come in the last days?
3. Are the scoffers willingly ignorant?
4. How was the world destroyed?
5. What will happen to the earth in the future?
6. What will happen to the elements?
7. By what was the earth formed?
8. Who created all things?
9. Why is the Lord worthy to receive glory and honor?

### Verse to Memorize

...The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

II Peter 3:10.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The scoffers in our lesson today believed that *God has created all things* (verse 4.) Today, however, many scoffers do not believe that *God created all things*. Perhaps you have read some of the many different theories of how the earth was formed. People are trying hard to explain how things came into existence without God having done it. This is called the *theory of evolution*. Those who believe this theory are called *evolutionists*.

A popular theory of how the universe began is the "big bang" theory. Perhaps you have seen educational films that picture the earth being formed in this way. Films in many of our national parks show this theory.

The theory assumes that billions and billions of years ago, vast fields of gas gradually became tightly compacted. The gas became tighter and tighter until it began glowing with heat. Finally, set off by its own heat, or heat from who knows where, the gas exploded! Wow! The blast from the explosion shot huge chunks of rock into space. From these the galaxies of our universe were formed. These masses of rock began orbiting under the tremendous forces and high speed. These orbiting masses of molten rock, including our earth, have been rushing through space ever since.

Some believe these rocks grew in size as dust and other material in space stuck to them. Where did the dust come from? If the dust came from the other rocks then those rocks had to grow smaller.

From where did the gas come? This same theory, which affirms that the earth was formed from the explosion of hot gases at the time of the "big bang" also affirms that the forming of natural gas took millions of years during a time when water covered more of the earth's surfaces than it does today. The theory is that, "Down through the ages, great quantities of tiny marine plants and animals, called plankton, died and settled on the ocean floors. These masses of dead plants and animals were covered

by sand and mud. Many of these layers formed and were changed by heat, pressure and bacteria into gas."

Many explosions occur when fire ignites gas. Mobile homes and large houses have been blown to pieces. But with these explosions (according to the "big bang theory") large rocks were formed and went orbiting through the air. How can we believe that our solar system and the 100 billion stars forming the giant pinwheel which orbits through space came from a "big bang?"

The apostle Peter is telling us of a "big bang" in the future. He said, "The heavens shall pass away with a *great noise*, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also...shall be burned up."

Scientists have placed the "big bang" at the wrong end of earth. Instead of it being at the beginning of the earth, it will be at its end!

—Charlotte Huskey

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It can neither be tested, nor observed. No man was there at the beginning to see what was happening."

"That is right," Mr. Meed added. "You see, whatever we believe about earth's beginning depends on where we put our faith. People will have faith in books that teach evolution, or they will have faith in the Bible which was written by holy men of God."

"Jim," Mr. Meed said, looking very serious, "John Dewey said man's belief in evolution will change the way men act toward other men, towards their country, and towards God. Mr. Raven said Darwin's doctrine of evolution is not about physics and chemistry but about man's place in things and his religion. John Dewey, Mr. Raven and other wise men knew the theory of evolution is of spiritual matter, not scientific matter. Whatever a person believes about the beginning of everything is the basis of what he thinks about God."

"Is there any record besides the Bible about earth's beginning?"

"Yes, there are many records. One of the oldest is the thousands of tablets found at Ebla in northern Syria. Some pre-flood writings have been found in the ruins of Ur, Kish and Fara. Other historical documents, written soon after the flood were found at Obeid, near Ur, and at Larsa. The many fossils buried in the earth are also excellent records."

"Is Genesis the only book of the Bible that tells about the Earth?"

"No, there are places scattered all through the Bible about creation. One verse in Hebrews 11:3, says,

"The worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen (such as the earth, life, planets, sun, etc.) were not made of things which do appear." Everything we see came into being only by God's command. Is it hard to believe?"

"Nope! There is no way that billions of stars, moons, planets and meteorites could be whirling in space year after year and not be knocking each other out of orbit. Only God could design such a plan."

"You're on the right track, Jim," Mr. Meed said. "I hope no one ever bumps you off."

"Remember, I promised myself and my friends that I would do what Jesus would do. I think He believed God created the universe, so I'll believe it, too. Anyway, God didn't need an evolutionary process to make things. He made fish and bread for the 5000 hungry men to eat as fast as they could eat, so He didn't need four billion years to get the earth like it is now. All He had to do was say, "Let there be....and there it was! That's what my report will be about."

—Charlotte Huskey

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(Answers: 1. To help Christians remember things spoken by holy prophets. 2. Scoffers. 3. Yes. 4. By water. 5. It will be burned up, not burned over. 6. They shall melt. 7. By the Word of God. 8. God. 9. Because He has created all things.)

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## Our Young Earth

How long does it take to make an island, a canyon, or a mountain?

The cold November wind of Iceland lashed the fisherman's face. It caught his net. He threw it out again. That is when he noticed smoke rising from the North Atlantic about four miles out from Geirfuglasker. "Look! Smoke!" He shouted to his partner. "A ship's on fire!"

The ship's captain radioed for help and headed the small fishing boat in the direction of the smoke. Moments later the captain radioed again, "No ship in danger. But fire is shooting out of the icy ocean."

Dr. Thorarinsson, a well-known geologist was at the scene in a couple of hours. He watched from the deck of a ship a safe distance away as red volcanic rock and ash spouted into the sky. Gigantic flames lashed upward as if trying to lick the sky. Through binoculars he saw an island being formed.

Two years later, in 1965, he built a house on the new island. This new island was named Surtsey. The house was headquarters for scientists studying the new plants and animals that invaded the island.

Several leading evolutionary geologists watched as natural forces within the earth formed not only a new island, but one with a landscape that appeared to be thousands of years old. "The var-

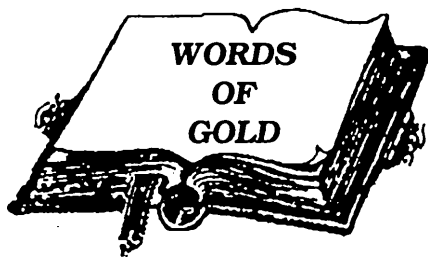
ied and mature landscape was almost beyond belief," Dr. Thorarinsson wrote. "What elsewhere may take thousands of years...the same development took weeks or even a few days here."

Evolutionists use a uniformitarian time scale for estimating the age of the earth, rocks, fossils, etc. According to this time scale, changes in the earth's surface are a gradual process rather than sudden upheaval. Geologists were taught by Surtsey (the new volcano) that this time scale could be very misleading.

Shortly after the island's first birthday it had a mountain, which has an active volcano, wide sandy beaches, impressive cliffs which were greyish white and resembled the cliffs on the English Channel. There were hollows, secluded valleys, soft waving surfaces and boulders worn almost round by the surf. Gales and sandstorms dealt blows on this island within its second year.

Some geologists watched as small amounts of lava flowed gently down to the edge of the sea. When the cold sea water splashed upon the hot lava, it shattered into a billion small bits of sand! When Surtsey was a two-year-old island it looked like it could have been 10,000 years old! Surtsey Island is good evidence that our earth is young, much younger than evolutionists want to admit.

The violent eruption of Mount St. Helen on May 18, 1980, gave some more geological surprises. In six minutes it



## The First Five Days

**Genesis 1:1-7, 9, 11-13,  
16-18, 20-23**

**New Words:** *Firmament:* The arch or vault of the heavens, sky, atmosphere. *Void:* Empty or vacant.

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the *face* of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

16 And God made two great lights; the

greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

**The Message: What we believe about the age of the earth has a great deal to do with our faith.**

### Questions:

1. Describe the earth soon after God created it.
2. When were light and darkness created?
3. What was the firmament and how was it used?
4. On what day did God remove earth's covering of water and let land appear?
5. Did grass, plants, and fruit trees grow on the same day that the dry land appeared?
6. What was created first—the sun, stars, moon, or earth?
7. What day did fish and birds appear on earth?
8. Which were created first—reptiles or birds?
9. What mammal was created with the fish?

### Verse to Memorize

**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

**Genesis 1:1.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

If we had been there on the first day of creation, we would have experienced a darkness darker than the darkest night. There was no moon, nor star, nor any speck of light. Then God said, "Let there be light." And—there was light! Still there were no moon, stars, nor sun. These were created on the fourth day.

On the second day, we might have seen billows of vapor rising from the earth. We know that hot water turns into vapor and rises into the air. But there was no sun, nor wood, nor gas for heating this water. It arose only at God's command and formed a canopy of water in the sky. This canopy of water protected the earth from the harsh rays of the sun.

On the third day we might have heard God's great voice thunder, "Let dry land appear." Then we would see rushing water plunging into the lower parts of the earth. Quickly, mountain tops would appear. The mountains would seem to grow taller and taller as more and more water falls away into the oceans and lakes. The water would rush on until dry plains surround the mountains. Before the day would be over the plains would be covered with grass, plants and fruit trees.

A very bright light would appear on the fourth day. Toward evening it would disappear, and a round ball-like light would be in the sky; and millions of very, very tiny lights would appear. Some would twinkle and some would only glow steadily. Kenneth N. Taylor in *Creation and The High School Student*, said that on a clear night we can see only as much of the universe

as an ameba can see of the ocean in which it drifts. So, trying to count the stars would be as impossible as trying to count the grains of sand on a beach. The sun, moon and stars were created on the fourth day of creation.

If we had been with God during the fifth day of creation, we might have seen many, many different kinds of fish filling the clear rivers, lakes, and oceans that were empty. Not only would there be fish in the water, but also some very large mammals. From every direction birds would be appearing. Black, white, yellow, red, blue and multi-colored birds would be flying overhead.

After watching the miracle of creation we would surely exclaim,

"Our God is so great, so loving and mighty.

There is nothing that He cannot do."

Some Christians like to connect creation with the evolution theory. They say each day of creation was perhaps a thousand or a million years. If this was so, how could plants live a thousand or a million years on earth without the sun? The sun was created a day after the plants. Plants could live a day without the sun.

Is it important that we believe the first chapters of the Bible just as they are? Did Christ believe them? What did the apostles say about creation? The first chapters of Genesis are referred to at least 100 times in the New Testament. The apostle Paul told Timothy, "All scripture is given by God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction." (II Timothy 3:16.)

At Jesus' command the storm ceased, blind eyes saw, deaf ears heard and crippled legs walked again. Could not the universe be created in one week at His command? The answer is "Yes." The creation happened a long time ago, but we should never doubt it.

—Charlotte Huskey

leveled enough trees to build 640,000 houses. The mountain paradise was turned into a bald wasteland.

Mud and rock avalanched into Spirit Lake, causing waves up to 850 feet high on the north shore of the lake. As the water returned to the lake, it scoured slopes of trees, plants, soil and volcanic debris, dumping a 320-foot-thick deposit on the bottom of the lake. This wood, bark and plant life under the log mat, and water pressure has already formed peat.

Peat is the first material in the formation of coal. This peat is already much like certain coal beds of the Eastern United States. Until now, scientists have believed that coal was formed over thousands of years. They will be testing this peat often to see how soon it changes into coal.

Twenty-three square miles of a valley on the north side of the mountain were covered to an average depth of 150 feet with rocks and volcanic debris. In this valley, hills and gullies formed within five days which geologists would have thought to have taken hundreds of years. Some of these gullies are 50 feet deep. A miniature "Grand Canyon" over 100 feet deep is believed to have formed in one day. The erosional features of Mount St. Helen are not unique, but are similar to those seen elsewhere.

At Lituya Bay, Alaska, an enormous wave destroyed the forest along the shore as high as 1720 feet above the ocean. It stripped the hills of vegetation and changed the mountain into a wasteland. Scientists thought that such stripping would have taken thousands of years under "normal" conditions.

On November 20, 1980, at Lake Peigneur, Louisiana, a well driller accidentally penetrated an underground salt mine. Two hundred forty million cubic feet of lake water emptied suddenly into the mine. This caused tree-like patterns of channels in the lake bed for a depth of 200 to 300 feet.

On the night of June 8, 1974, a rain storm in southern Brazil eroded a valley

16 feet deep, 50 feet wide, and 1600 feet long into a gently sloping field.

Scientists estimate that the 277 mile long Grand Canyon, curved by the Colorado River, took three to six million years to form. This all took place long before man kept records of erosion. But one of the world's largest man-made disasters was the unrestrained flooding of this same river between 1905 and 1907. In nine months the runaway river formed 43 miles of channels with an average width of 1000 feet, and depth of 50 feet. It removed almost four times the amount of dirt removed while digging the Panama Canal. If the Colorado River had kept eroding at that rate for 113 years it could have cut another canyon as large as the Grand Canyon. Or, if it had kept on the same rate for just three million years, the canyon it carved could be 2,000 times deeper than the Grand Canyon. This is just more evidence leading us to believe that the earth is young.

The moon also tells us that the earth is young. Scientists believe that the earth and the moon are about the same age. They also know that strong ultra-violet light and X-rays change rocks to dust at a very slow rate. Even this small amount could, during a billion years, cause the moon to have at least twenty miles of dust on its surface. But the astronauts did not sink into miles of dust when they landed on the moon. They only found enough dust to make good footprints!

Surtsey Island, Mount St. Helen, flooding, well drilling, a small amount of moon dust and a multitude of other evidence has caused many great scientists to believe that the earth is less than ten thousand years old, not 4 1/2 billions years old!

(Answers: 1. It was dark, without form and empty. 2. On the first day. 3 It was air. It separated the water above the earth from the water on the earth. 4. On the third day. 5. Yes. 6. Earth. 7. On day five. 8. Birds. 9. Whales.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Each After His Kind

Buried within the ground are many historical records of our earth. These records help us know things of the past that are not recorded in writing. Some of these hidden records show encampments of men who lived only on the plants and wildlife of the area. Others are cities with simple industries. When the dirt covering is removed, buildings are found with tools, furniture, paintings and other objects in them.

Other records, called fossils, show what plants and animals lived long ago. Although there are billions of fossils, they are few compared to the many plants and animals which have died. Most dead plants and animals decay and change into dust. To form a fossil, the living things must be buried very quickly and kept under much pressure.

In Carlsbad Caverns, a bat is preserved in a stalagmite. The bat has not decayed, so we know the bat was covered quickly by the stalagmite. Fossils are usually only a print of the plant or animal. These often show clearly the feathers or delicate wings of insects or fins and fleshy parts of the fish. Some fossil molds left by humans show the misery of the person at the moment of his sudden burial. Fossils are often found in limestone because it is much like cement and hardens quickly.

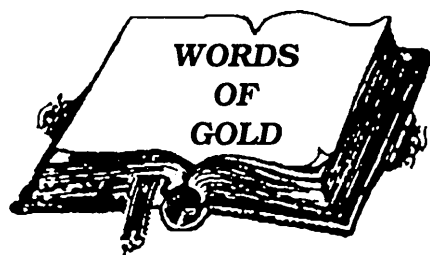
For many years men have studied fossils to understand the past. But the

past 100 years, paleontologists (men who specialize in the study of fossils) have been hunting for fossils of animals that would link the different kinds of animals together. In this way they hope to prove that all animals are from the same ancestry.

For example, if birds came from reptiles, fossils should be found of animals that have both reptile and bird characteristics. Some fossils would have more characteristics of reptiles and less of birds, while other fossils would be mostly bird-like. These fossils would show the connecting links between reptiles and birds. This would be a different species of one kind of animals.

It is recorded in Genesis that God created each animal after his own kind. There are many different dogs, but they are all dogs. We have many different cats, but they are all cats. Animals with both dog and cat characteristics would be the missing links.

Many natural history museums exhibit different sizes of fossilized horses. It is an effort to show that horses evolved or changed from a small three-toed horse to the large horse of today. According to the evolutionists, the first horses lived 50 to 65 million years ago (long before the earth was created). The next horse called the middle horse lived 35 million years ago. Thirty million years ago, a little larger one was around. The next horse appeared about 26 million years ago. All these horses had three



## God Makes Animals And People

**Genesis 1:24-26, 2:7,  
18-23, 1:31, 2:1**

**New Word:** To *have dominion* is to have control or rule over.

**24** And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

**25** And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

**26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

**7** And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**18** And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

**19** And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, was the name thereof.

**20** And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.

**21** And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

**22** And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

**23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

**31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

**1** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

**The Message: The order in which God created life is not the same order in which evolutionists say it developed.**

### Questions:

1. On the sixth day of creation, God created \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In whose image were people created?
3. Was man to rule over the animals?
4. What groups of animals did God create?
5. How was man's creation different from the creation of animals?
6. What was Adam's first job?
7. How was the woman created?
8. What did Adam say when he saw Eve?
9. In how many days was the creation finished?

### Verse to Memorize:

**...What is man, that thou art mindful of him?...Thou madest him a little lower than the angels;...and didst set him over the works of thy hands.  
Hebrews 2:6-7.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

God did not create animals in the order evolutionists say they developed. Evolutionists say animals evolved slowly into the different animals that are on earth today. They supposedly began from very simple animals and changed through millions of years. According to their speculations, mammals were the last kind of animal to develop. The Bible says that God created the fish, birds and some mammals (such as the whale) on the same day. Evolutionists say fish developed first then amphibians, later birds evolved. The Bible says *creeping things* which would include amphibians (frogs, toads, salamanders etc.) were created after birds were created. Man, who is the highest form of life, is supposed to have developed last, but from the Bible we read that creeping animals, cattle, beasts and man were all created the same day.

Each of these animals were created "*after its own kind*," which means in its own group. Cats are one group. Cows, oxen, water buffalo are one group. All dogs are one group. Within the dog group the mother can be a collie and the father a German Shepherd. But have you ever seen babies from a dog father and cat mother? A dog and a cat are not of the same *kind*. Horses are another group. A donkey and horse can have a baby, but not a cow and a horse. A cow and horse are not of the same *kind*.

Although people were created on the same day as animals, man was created very differently. When God created man, He breathed into his nostrils and "man became a living soul." Male and female animals were created at the

same time. Woman was made from a rib of the man, and she was also a living soul. Their children were also living souls. Man's creation was a special act of God.

People were also created with greater abilities than animals. They are able to solve problems and make decisions. The Pyramids in Egypt, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, and the huge walls of ancient cities show that ancient man had great reasoning powers. They were not all cave men. Some civilizations today are still using bone knives and stone arrowheads, while others have traveled to the moon.

By following their instincts, animals do many wonderful things, but when presented with problems outside the bounds of their instinct, they are very limited. Take the ant as an example. Each ant is born with an instinct to do a specific job, which it does. Ants live in colonies for survival. Some gather food, and some clean and feed the babies. Soldier ants squirt chemicals from a nozzle in their head, which tangle the legs and antennas of their enemies. They protect the colonies from enemies. Some ants keep slaves. Wood ants are "dairy farmers." They keep herds of aphids ("ant cows") underground. Some even build barns for their herds! Although the ant can do many things, it cannot choose the kind of work it does. It does the work it was born to do.

Human decision-making powers go beyond an animal's instinct. They can change occupations, choose the size of their families and communicate more intelligently. They reason and understand things about the earth and outer space that no animal could understand. Each day they can learn something new.

Perhaps someday we will know much more about creation. Until then let's not believe the unproven theories of evolution, for the evolution theory cannot qualify as a scientific theory, much less as a scientific truth!

—Charlotte Huskey

toes. About one million years ago horses looked like they do today. So we have 64 million years of horses slowly becoming larger and larger, but only five fossils to prove it. If we found one fossil for every thousand years, there should be 63 thousands fossils, showing this three-toed creature becoming more and more like a modern horse.

Now let's think about what might happen in another million years if people found fossils of the different kinds of horses today. The American Miniature horse is sometimes only one and one-half feet tall. There are Shetland ponies, three feet or more, the Walsh pony, the Arabian, American Quarter and Saddle horses, the Shire and on up to the Belgian, which is over six feet tall and weighs as much as 2200 pounds. Each of these horses is larger than the one listed before and also a little different. They could be exhibited as the evolution of the horse, when really the horses were just different horses that lived at the same time.

Here is a fact the exhibits never state: "two modern-type horses were found in the same geological strata (the same layer of earth) as the horses that lived supposedly 50 to 65 million years ago." Paleontologists usually consider that animals, whose fossils are found in the same strata, lived near the same time, not 35 to 65 million years apart.

Some fossils exhibited as prehistoric horses look more like racing dogs, such as greyhounds, than like the straight-backed, long-faced modern horses. Their feet are also more like dog's feet.

Archaeopteryx, a fossil bird is sometimes claimed to be a link between birds and reptiles, because it was thought to be a poor flyer, had claw-like growths on the edges of its wings, and had teeth. Today however, there are some birds, such as the ostrich, rhea and penguin, who do not fly. The hoatzin of South America and the touraco of Africa are much like the archaeopteryx. All these are classified as true birds.

Were the teeth a sign that it was part reptile? Some reptiles, such as turtles, do not have teeth; some fish have teeth, some do not; some mammals have teeth, some do not; and some birds have teeth, some do not. Most paleontologists, however, do believe that the archaeopteryx is a true bird because other fossils of true birds were found in the same strata of earth, showing they had lived in the same time period.

One Master Creator made everything, and He used the same ideas in many different kinds of plants and animals. Environment may change plants and animals, but scientists are finding that they change only within their own kind. They remain basically the same. The Sea Lily that is living today is identical to the fossils dated by evolutionists to be 136 million years old. The bat looks like a bird and is a mammal, but it remains the same as fossils made from sudden burial. Some of those according to evolutionists are "50 million" years old.

Men may look another hundred years for fossils to connect all animals together but will not find them. God created each animal after his own kind and put within that animal the ability to reproduce another like itself. (Genesis 1:21.) Characteristics (such as a disfigured face), which animals or man might acquire while living are not passed on to their young. God set the bounds for each to stay in his kind, and all of them will.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Cattle, creeping things, beasts and man. 2. In God's image. 3. Yes. 4. Fish, fowl, creeping things (reptiles, insects, amphibians etc.), beasts (mammals). 5. God put a living soul in man's body. 6. To name the animals. 7. She was created from Adam's rib. 8. He said, "She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man." 9. In six days.)

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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Plaster-Of-Paris Men

If man came from apes, then a million fossils should be available that show the linking characteristics between the two. According to the evolutionary theory, the change began more than five million years ago. I would think with all the excavating there should be found at least one fossil for every five years of time.

It seems men have a greater desire to find the "missing link" between man and apes than the missing links between the other kinds of life. Let's look at some evidence used to try to prove they are connected.

Back in 1891, Dr. Eugene Dubois thought the missing link between man and apes would be found in the East Indies. He went to Central Java and within a year he had dug up the top of a skull, a fragment of a left thigh bone, and three molar teeth. They were not found together, but within 50 to 75 feet of each other.

Evolutionists were thrilled with the find. Dr. Chapin exclaimed, "It is fortunate that the most distinctive portions of the human frame should have been preserved. Using these portions we can reconstruct the entire being." This man stood halfway between the man and the ape.

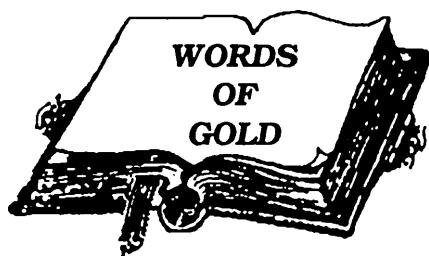
What portions were found? The top of a skull, a left thigh bone and three molars were found. From a piece of

head bone, one leg bone and three teeth, what can be learned about how a creature looked, who supposedly lived 750,000 years ago?

It was not until 1922 that scientists decided that this Java man, for so he was called, was just a big blunder. What Dr. Dubois actually found was the skull of a gibbon, leg and premolar of a man, and two molars of an orangutan! For thirty years, however, the Java man had been exhibited in museums and praised by books as the missing link between man and ape. Some magic was needed to produce a man from only a gibbon's skull, leg and tooth of a man, and two orangutan teeth. Magic plaster-of-paris formed most of his body.

But the search was on, and in 1926 the *Science Newsletter* announced, "The jungle speaks again on man's prehuman relatives: A perfect skull of prehistoric man is found. This find, which is complete and sound, will be kept in Dutch East India, as transportation of such *relics* is prohibited." This important *relic* turned out to be the knee bone of an extinct elephant!

Another famous would-be link between ape and man was the Piltdown man. Around 1910, Charles Dawson found a reddish-brown skull in a gravel pit where some road work was being done. Later, in the same pit, was found a jawbone of about the same color and two dark teeth. Dr. Authur Smith of the British Museum created a bust of how



## Sin Brings Problems

### Genesis 3:6-22

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; 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 the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and 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, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

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.

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:...

**The Message: Adam's sin caused problems which have affected all people.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**For since by man [Adam] came death, by man [Jesus] came also the resurrection of the dead.**

**I Corinthians 15:21.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The earth which God had created was beautiful! Lush green vegetation grew everywhere. It was watered by a mist coming from the earth. Delicious, sweet fruit hung from the branches within easy reach of Adam and Eve. Grains, vegetables and grasses supplied men and animals with all the food they needed. However, in this perfect place problems soon arose.

God created people with the freedom to choose what they want to do. The 100 billion stars, moon and planets are continually rushing in the orbit God designed for them. Plants grow according to God's design. Animals also move through life as God designed, seeking nothing more than their needs. Adam and Eve had everything they needed, but were not satisfied. They could eat of every tree in the garden except one. But they also wanted to eat the fruit from that tree.

Eating this fruit created many problems for them. Adam and Eve were forced to leave the beautiful garden. No more could they eat without working. They had to grow all their food. Not only did they have to raise it, they also had to keep pulling out thorns and thistles which threatened to choke the food plants. Eve had trouble bearing children and Adam ruled over her. Even the serpent was cursed because of his part in their sin.

Why was the punishment so severe? In the garden was another tree. If anyone ate of that tree, they would live forever. God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden to protect them from

eating of this tree. They were God's special creation, and He did not want them to live forever in their miserable sinful state. It would be better to die than live forever in misery, so God said, "Out of dust you were formed and to dust you shall return again."

Sinning caused many problems for Adam and Eve. Their happy life in the beautiful garden ended. The once perfect earth was perfect no more. Sin had ruined it. —Charlotte Huskey

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### Questions:

1. Why did Eve want to eat of the fruit?
2. How did Adam and Eve change after eating the fruit?
3. Why was Adam afraid?
4. What curse was placed on the serpent?
5. What problems would Eve have because of her sin?
6. In what way did the earth change?
7. How did Adam earn food after he sinned?
8. Why were Adam and Eve sent out of the garden?
9. What was the worst problem sin caused?

(Answers: 1. It looked delicious and she thought it would make her wise. 2. They knew good from evil and were afraid because they were naked. 3. Because he had disobeyed God. 4. He was cursed above all animals. 5. She would have trouble giving birth and would be ruled by her husband. 6. Thorns and thistles grew from the ground. 7. He had to work hard to grow his own food. 8. So they could not eat of the tree of life and live forever in their miserable condition. 9. The worst problem was death.)

he imagined this ape-like man looked. He named it the Piltdown man and placed it in the museum. The Piltdown man was written about and pictures were taken of him. All this was put in children's science textbooks. Henry Osborn, of the American Museum of Natural History, called him the Trinal Ape-man; I suppose because he was made of three parts. Yes, only three parts, and much plaster-of-paris! For forty years children around the world studied from their school books that the Piltdown man was the missing link between man and ape.

In 1949, Kenneth P. Oakley examined the bones under new methods. He found the bones readily absorbed fluorine, that their color was only surface deep and collagen fibers could be seen under a microscope. These three tests showed that the bones were not old. Using a microscope, Mr. Oakley found file marks on the teeth. The teeth had been filed to look like man's teeth. Also, the black paint on the teeth could be scraped off. The teeth and jawbone were found to be those of a modern orangutan. It was nothing but a hoax (a trick). But for 35 years innocent children had been taught that the Piltdown man was proof that they were related to apes. The whole thing was revealed to the public by a splendid article in the *Popular Science Monthly*. It was entitled, "The Great Piltdown Hoax" and reprinted in the October 1956 issue of the *Reader's Digest*.

The Nebraska man, another ape-like man, was created out of plaster-of-paris in 1922. He was supposed to have lived in the United States of America one million years ago. At the Scopes Trial in Tennessee, William Jennings Bryan was made to look like a fool because he didn't believe in evolution. The recent discovery of the Nebraska man was used as evidence for evolution. Twenty years later, in 1943, S.E. Winbolt, in the Pelican Book Series, *Britain, B.C.*, alluded to the Nebraska man as a genuine link between man

and ape. What fossils or bones of the Nebraska man were actually found? One tooth! That's right, only one tooth. In the years since the Scopes Trial, it has been discovered that this tooth belonged to a peccary, a species of a pig now extinct in the United States. "Give us a tooth, and plenty of plaster-of-paris," the evolutionists cry, "and we will create a whole race of fossilized ape-like men."

Now we come to another missing link that was exhibited in the museums and whose pictures you still see in books. He is called the Heidelberg man, but he is really just one jawbone. The jawbone of Mr. Heidelberg was found in sand and was said to be from 375,000 to 700,000 years old. If bone could be preserved that long in sand, we'd probably be tripping over bones all the time. At any rate, the Heidelberg man is in the books for study, although even scientists have great differences of opinion about him. Some said it was a valuable find, while others said it was worthless. One scientist said a whole race of South Sea islanders have massive jawbones like the Heidelberg man. Another showed the skull of a modern Eskimo to have the same appearance. Using plaster-of-paris, the ape-like man was made and demonstrated as proof of the evolution of man. As far as I know, the Heidelberg man is still referred to as proof that man evolved from an ape.

It seems that when there is a great desire to create an ape-man, it can be done from plaster-of-paris, using as evidence of a once-living creature either a pig's tooth, the top of a man's skull, the jawbone and molars of an orangutan, the skull of a gibbon, leg and tooth of a man, or just one jawbone! The search continues without success for ape-man fossils. Millions of American tax dollars are spent each year in this search, but each uncovered fossil of man is found to be basically like man is today, for that is how God created him.

—Charlotte Huskey

**(Look for "Answers" on page 3.)**



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Hidden City

If you have a chance to visit Italy, you might enjoy visiting Pompeii (pahm-PAY-ee). It is a city buried when Mount Vesuvius (veh-SOO-vih-us) erupted in A.D. 79. It happened about 45 years after Christ died.

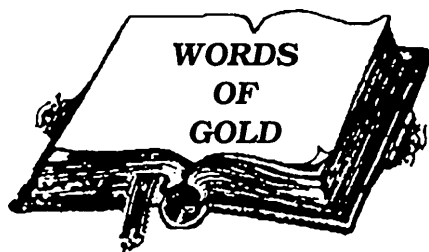
Visitors can walk on sidewalks built up higher than the narrow, paved streets. They can see Jupiter's Temple, which was ancient when Christ was on earth. They may stroll around the temples of Apollo and Fortuna Augusta and imagine being present when the pagan priest offered the blood of sacrifices, drank wine and practiced obscenities as part of his religious worship. You might prefer to visit the old Roman public hall, see hand blown glass wine vessels, or the faceguards of gladiators who fought to their deaths in the amphitheater. Some would enjoy seeing the golden dishes of rich Romans who had vacation villas at Pompeii, or the beautifully crafted iron ovens. Bread, 1800 years old, was found in one of these ovens! About half the city has been uncovered, so there is much to see!

At the time of the eruption, around 20,000 people lived in Pompeii. Mount Vesuvius had been smoking and spitting ash and stones for eight days before the deadly explosion. But the eruption buried Pompeii in one hour.

An estimated 2,000 persons were buried in hot, volcanic ash. Some had escaped earlier, others were fleeing, while still others crouched beside the city walls as if seeking protection from the hot flying stones. Some statues of the fleeing persons can be seen in the city.

Pliny the Elder, a Roman officer in command of a fleet of oar-powered war galleys was across Naples Bay when Mount Vesuvius began smoking and spitting stones. He took his fleet across the bay to rescue as many unfortunates as he could. The shore was blocked by debris and red-hot ash. Pumice and rocks pelted his men and vessels. He finally got to shore under the light of gigantic volcanic flames lashing upward as if trying to lick the stars. He found the buildings shaking and darkness on the city. In the morning, he returned to the shore and found waves tossing dangerously wild as if water was being sucked away by the earthquake and spit back again. Pliny, overcome by the fumes, collapsed on a sheet, and pleaded often for cold water until he died.

While Pliny the Elder lay begging for water, people by the hundreds were fleeing from the suffocating smoke, hot ash and rocks. Some had pillows on their heads, while others



## Trouble In The First Family

**Genesis 4:1-12**

**New Words:** *Wroth* is being very angry. *Slew* is to kill. *Fugitive* is someone who is forced to leave his country. *Vagabond* is a tramp.

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he

said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

**Ezekiel 14:13-14**

13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.

**Isaiah 57:20-21, 23**

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

**Romans 6:23**

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**The Message: Sin may be fun, but it always causes trouble.**

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(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**For the wages of sin is death;  
but the gift of God is eternal  
life through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.**

**. Romans 6:23.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Sin always causes problems. Adam and Eve, the first people on earth, had trouble because of their sin. They suffered for their sin even before they had to leave the garden. Sin also caused their two sons, Cain and Abel, to fight. This brought more suffering on Adam and Eve. Sinning is like making a snowball. The more you sin, the bigger the "snowball" of problems gets.

Cain had already sinned, so his offering was not accepted by God. He was angry when Abel's offering was accepted. He sulked. His anger simmered for days until one day, while out in the field, Cain killed Abel.

After God reckoned with Cain about the murder, Cain found himself in so much trouble he exclaimed, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!" The merciful God helped Cain by putting a mark on him so no man would kill him. He also gave Cain a wife and family. But Cain had a lot more troubles. One of Cain's sons became a murderer.

About 2,000 years later, people had become so wicked there was trouble all the time. So the wicked people were destroyed and a new generation started from Noah's family. Very soon after Noah came out of the ark, sin caused trouble in his family.

Everyone's sins cause problems. Abraham was a godly man, but he also got into trouble when he sinned. The men of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire and brimstone because of their sin. Lot, too, lost most of his family and everything else he had because he was living in sin. Jacob had to leave home and suffer under the hand of Laban because he de-

ceived his father. Saul lost his kingdom because he did not obey God. King David's baby died because David had sinned.

There are many records of men having problems because of sin. Jacob, King Saul, King David, King Solomon and many, many others are examples that show us that troubles come if we sin. The nation of Israel was punished repeatedly for sinning. During Ezekiel's life many Israelites were captives in Babylon because of their sins. Those left in their home country suffered from famine. Ezekiel told his people they would have to repent of their sins before God would send rain or loose them from captivity.

The prophet Isaiah said, "There is no peace to the wicked. They are like a troubled sea that cannot rest."

Sin has brought trouble to humankind from the beginning of the earth until now. All through the Bible, from the first book to the last book, there are stories of people who sinned and got themselves into trouble.

—Charlotte Huskey

### Questions:

1. Why was Cain angry with Abel?
2. Would Cain be accepted if he did well?
3. What happened in the field?
4. How was Cain punished?
5. How does God punish countries that sin?
6. What could Noah, Daniel, or Job do to save a wicked land from punishment?
7. Who has no peace?
8. To what did Isaiah compare the wicked?
9. What are the wages of sin?

(Answers: 1. Because God accepted Abel but did not accept Cain. 2. Yes. 3. Cain killed Abel. 4. His land would not produce and he would be a fugitive and a vagabond. 5. By famine. 6. Nothing. 7. The wicked. 8. To a stormy sea whose waters cast up mire (mud). 9. Death.)

held rags over their mouths to filter out the poisonous gas.

The officer's nephew, called Pliny the Younger, wrote an account of this disaster. He wrote, "The day is dark as night without a lamp, and a horrifying dark cloud, like a great fish trapping net, is coming down over us." Cutting through the thick darkness from every direction came shrieks of women, cries of children, groans from the aged and angry shouts of men. The thunder of racing feet blended with the roar of the volcano. As he was leading his mother away from the city, he had to take her out of the road to keep her from being trampled by the escaping multitudes.

At long last a little sulfuric yellow light broke through the darkness and Pliny the Younger saw the landscape covered with scorching ash that looked very much like a blanket of steaming snow. Ash was still falling.

When the explosion died away, Pompeii was buried under 20 feet of ash. Not a house top could be seen.

Besides this city, two smaller cities, Herculaneum and Stabiae were also covered. Lava and mudslides covered them 45 to 65 feet deep. Some records say Herculaneum is under 100 feet of mud. The river also had changed its course and flowed into the Tyrrhenian Sea at another place.

Strange as it may seem, after a few years, fears of the volcano died down and people moved back into the area. They planted vineyards, orchards and other crops in the fertile volcanic ash. Soon cities were built. Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae were forgotten beneath the lava, mud and ash deposits for over 1700 years.

Sometimes peasants living in the area dug for treasure under the ash, but nothing more until A.D. 1500 when workers digging a tunnel dis-

covered part of an amphitheater, forum and a temple. However, this too was soon dismissed from their minds.

In 1748, almost 250 years later, a peasant digging in a vineyard struck a wall. From that time on, excavations have been conducted.

Before its destruction, Pompeii's mild climate, fair blue skies, beaches and Bay of Naples attracted much business and many wealthy, godless Romans. They built elaborate winter mansions with marble floors and wall murals whose vibrant colors have lasted 1700 years. Some have portraits of the family who lived in the villa. Luxury was the rule of the Romans.

The city boasted 118 bars and taverns, besides gambling houses, theaters, several public bath houses and restaurants where beautiful girls danced around the tables. Evidently they were selfish, lustful people. Even some wealthy Pompeians lived in villas outside the city wall.

The signs on the walls indicated that the poor were oppressed. One read, "Curses on you, landlord, you sell water, but drink unmixed wine yourself." The poor paid rent and bought water from persons who drank expensive wines for water. The stone tubs and vats of many laundries show that either slaves or the poor peasants worked very hard.

Bodies of men, women, children and animals were buried quickly. This hot rock formed molds of their bodies. Men have filled these molds and made statues. These plaster statues show the agony on the faces of those people long ago as they tried to escape. These statues can be seen in Pompeii today.

Perhaps many of these people were unprepared to meet God. Would you be ready if God should call for you today? —Sis. Charlotte Huskey.

**(Look for "Answers" on page 3.)**

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Earth And Noah's Flood

A very good evidence of the Noahian Flood is the multitude upon multitudes of fossils found in the Cambrian layer of the earth. This shows that sudden death came to animals all over the world. The Pre-Cambrian layer which came just before the Cambrian layer has only a few fossils.

In science books you may have seen column pictures showing the evolution of animals. The most simple animals are at the bottom. Animals a little less simple are shown above the most simple. Above those are the animals whose bodies are a little more complex. On and on it moves up, with the most complex animals shown at the top. This supposedly proves the theory that all animals evolved from simpler forms of life.

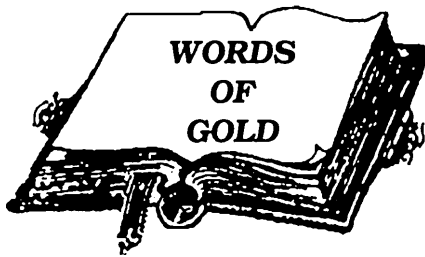
If the area where you live suddenly flooded so deep that no one could escape, which land animals would drown first? Would it be birds or people? No, it would be the simple animals.

During the Noahian flood it was the same. The most simple, one-celled animals died first. The smaller, dense, marine creatures, those with heavy shells, or those which did not move at

all, were some of the first to be buried by the deep mud that the big flood carried. Next to be buried were animals which were lighter and could move around a little faster. After that, might be the slow-moving shore creatures. Then the water rose and caught the reptiles as they struggled for higher ground. As the flood became deeper and deeper, the dinosaurs, mammoths, hippopotamuses and other mammals were unable to escape. Those with short legs or very heavy bodies might of drowned first. Last of all, man and birds could find no higher ground and they too were drowned. Because more complex bodies tend to float more easily, their fossils are found buried closer to the top of the layer.

Fossils in the layers of earth show that this is what happened. There would naturally be some animals that would not be fossilized in this order. For example, crippled men or animals, or birds with broken wings. Also, small sea animals were caught in water currents and carried to higher places and buried there.

At the Dinosaur National Monument in Utah, 300 dinosaur skeletons were removed from the park. The north wall of the monument is still almost solidly covered with dinosaur bones. What, except a great flood, could have washed so many



## Noah Prepares The Ark

**New Words:** *Cubit* is an ancient measurement of length of about 18 to 22 inches. *Pitch* is the thick sticky substance which comes from pine and fir trees.

### Genesis 6:5-10, 13-19, 21-22

**5** And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**6** And it...grieved him at his heart.

**7** And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;...for it repenteth me that I have made them.

**8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

**9** These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

**10** And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**13** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

**14** Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

**15** ...The length of the ark shall be

three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

**16** A window shalt thou make to the ark,...and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

**17** And,...I do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life....

**18** But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives...

**19** And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

**21** And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

**22** Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

**The Message: Noah built the ark exactly as God had said. Several expedition groups have reported that it is preserved in ice.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.**

**Genesis 6:22.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Two thousand years after creation, wickedness was so strong that God decided to destroy the people. This was the only way to stop sin. Because Noah was righteous, God told him to build an ark to save himself, his family and a pair of each animal.

This was a big job. Noah went right to work. He hired helpers to cut down and split and shape logs to form the hull. Hundreds of wooden pegs were whittled and used for nails. The ark was three stories high—compartments for different animals were built on each floor. A cleaning system was also built into the ark. Gallons and gallons of pitch were drawn from the trees. This was spread over the hull to keep water from seeping through tiny cracks. Noah warned the people of the coming flood while he was building.

A few years ago some scientists became interested in looking for Noah's ark. Fernand Navarra, an explorer, began reading about it. He found the Bible said it rested "upon the mountains of Ararat." Mt. Ararat is 17,011 feet high and located in Turkey, near Russia and Iran. An ancient historian, Josephus, described a ship in an icy grave on this snow covered summit. Marco Polo, a famous early explorer, said the ark was in the mountains of Ararat but year round ice and snow prevented investigation.

In more recent years, a Russian pilot saw the dark shape of a ship in ice. The Russian czar sent 150 men in search of it. It was reported that the men found the ark. But the Commu-

nist regime came to power soon after the men's return and records of the expedition were lost.

In 1952 a helicopter pilot took pictures of a prow sticking out of the ice, 1400 feet up on the mountain.

After much study and preparation, Fernand Navarra and his expedition of men hazarded their lives to climb the snow-covered mountain. Near the summit, where strong wind had blown away the snow, he could see the form of a massive ship's hull mostly encased in ice. After some searching, the men found a cave formed in the ice from volcanic steam. Through this cave they found some wood exposed. They sawed away a five foot piece of the beam. It was hand tooled and covered with a dark sticky substance. At the Madrid Institute of forestry in Spain, scientists estimated its age at five thousand years.

Although men have sinned against God, He has had mercy on them and let them prove for themselves that the story of Noah's Ark is true.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Information taken from When Science Fails, by John Hudson Tiner, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI, 1974, p. 70; and Halley's Bible Handbook.)

### Questions:

1. Why was God sorry He had made man?
2. What did God plan to do with His wicked creation?
3. Is it possible to live righteously when surrounded by evil?
4. Who was a perfect man among the wicked?
5. How were Noah, his family and the animals saved?
6. How big was the ark?
7. How many windows and doors did it have?
8. What was the purpose of the flood?
9. Did Noah have to work hard to obey God?

big, heavy dinosaur bones together in one place and buried them?

There are many other huge graveyards where animals' bones are found compacted together. The bones are piled together in much the same way sticks and small logs are washed together by local floods. However, these sticks and logs of local floods have not formed fossils because sediment from the flood did not bury them. The worldwide flood carried tons and tons of sediment in which both plants and animals were buried.

Mammoth skeletons have been found all over Europe, as if buried by an overwhelming flood. In the same layer or strata of earth are found many different kinds of animals: the lynx, fox, ibex, wolf, badger, antelope, bison, red deer, horse, hyena, rhinoceros, ox, leopard, rodents and several kinds of birds. These animal graveyards show us that some catastrophe such as a worldwide flood buried them. If it had not, their bodies would have been eaten by other animals, or they would have decayed. Plants and animals that decay are changed into soil, or dust. (Genesis 3:19.)

Oil beds and coal seams found worldwide also speak of great water pressure being over all the earth. Although evolutionists say coal was formed over millions of years in swamps, there is much evidence that huge amounts of plants were washed together. Some coal seams are 100 feet thick. A lot of vegetation was needed to make that much coal! Large boulders and fossils of marine life have also been found in coal. Fossilized trees, sometimes upside down, are found extending through several layers of coal. Have you ever seen a tree growing upside down in a swamp? The great flood uprooted trees and all kinds of plants and carried them together with rocks and sea life until

they fell into a low place. Here the bark and heavy plants sank to the bottom and the logs floated on top. Soon a great bed of coal was formed. (This is happening today in Spirit Lake, on Mount St. Helen.)

We know that volcanoes, local floods, mudslides, and many other catastrophes do happen. These sometimes bury animals and plants and fossils form.

Archaeologists often uncover fossils made from these kinds of catastrophes. A worldwide flood is the most likely way that hundreds, and sometimes thousands of animal bones, could be piled into one place. A catastrophe such as a worldwide flood is the most likely way vast areas of tropical forest could be quick-frozen or vast beds of plants washed together.

Fossils of almost every kind of animal can be found in the same layer of sediment rock. These animals lived in the same era and died together, probably during the flood. Dinosaur and human footprints have been found together in the United States, Australia and Russia. Were these dinosaurs and men running together to escape a common danger, such as the flood? Maybe not, but their footprints in stone are records to show that they lived at the same time, not thousands or millions of years apart.

The earth and the Bible speak to us saying, "There was a worldwide flood." —Sis. Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Because men let their thoughts be always on evil. 2. To destroy it. 3. Yes. 4. Noah. 5. By the ark. 6. The ark was 300 cubits high, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high. 7. One window and one door. 8. To cleanse the earth of wicked people. 9. Yes.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Raphael Finds The Ark

"The Ark's been spotted again," Mr. Navarra said to his son, Raphael. "A French helicopter pilot has taken a picture of its' prow sticking out of a glacier." He laid down the newspaper. "I'm going to climb Mt. Ararat and find it myself."

"Find what, Dad?"

"Noah's Ark. Yes, I'm going to find that Ark if it's the last thing I do." He slapped his hand down hard on his knee.

Pushing aside his third grade math book, Raphael asked, "May I go with you? I promise I'll stay close to you and not get lost."

"Not this first trip, but maybe another time. Only experienced mountain men can climb Aghri Dagh. Many men have died on her hazardous icy slopes."

Among the men who gathered with Navarra to plan the expedition on Mount Ararat was an Armenian who knew about the area. He had narrowly escaped death when a Moslem ruler ordered the death of all Armenian Christians. From their hiding place, he and his sister watched their parents being slaughtered. During the night they rowed across a lake and slipped through the darkness to their grandfather's home. To their

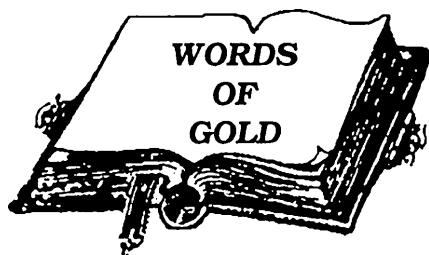
surprise, he too had escaped. Whispering in secret their grandfather told them about the ark on the mountain. "You must find it. I tried but I was too weak. Now I am too old."

After lengthy preparations, the men started on the expedition. Raphael waited impatiently for his father's return.

The Turks call Mount Ararat, *Aghri Dagh*, or The Mountain of Agony. It is very rugged and so high it is covered with ice and snow all year round.

Guides are hard to find because blizzards can come any time of the year. The first guides left the expedition at 10,000 feet. They said above that was "magic land" and no one dared go into it. Everyone said it was impossible to find the Ark. They said many men had never returned.

On August 11, the old sage of the village came to the camp and said, "Young men, we know all there is to know about this mountain. We know God brought the Ark to rest here, after men were destroyed. We know the earth was replenished of men and animals from those saved in the Ark. The Ark is still there, young men. But know ye that to reach it, one must be pure as a newborn child.... Above the monastery and the pasture zone where cattle graze, no man ventures with-



## The Flood

**Genesis 7:1, 11-12, 17, 23-24**

**1** And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

**11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

**12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

**17** And...the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

**23** And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

**24** And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

**Genesis 8:1, 4, 8-11,**

**13-14, 18-19**

**1** And God remembered Noah, and every living thing,...in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;

**4** And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

**8** Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated

from off the face of the ground;

**9** But the dove found no rest...and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

**10** And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

**11** And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf...so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

**13** And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year....Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

**14** And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

**18** And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

**19** Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

**The Message: God protected the righteous during the destruction of the wicked.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**But as the days of Noah...they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,...until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of [Jesus] be.**

**Matthew 24:37-39.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Noah was 600 years old when God told him to get into the Ark. Seven days later rain poured down. Fountains erupted over the earth's surface. Water gushed from these openings, for the earth contains about fifty times more water underground as it does in rivers. Soon every river, pond, lake and ocean overflowed. Water rose higher and higher until the highest mountains were covered.

Some unbelievers think it impossible for enough water to accumulate in forty days to cover the highest mountain. But the water from one volcano accumulated a flood which carried a 100,000-pound boulder. When Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, 1980, water caused a mud and rock avalanche careening into Spirit Lake, forming waves up to 850 feet high. During the Flood hundreds of eruptions formed, spouting out millions of gallons of water every minute.

The ark floated about 500 miles from where it was built. In a few months it went aground on the side of one of the Ararat mountains and stuck.

Three months later Noah looked out the window in the roof. He saw tops of mountains; however it was four more months until the ground was firm enough for him to release the animals and leave the ark. Noah's family and the animals had been in the ark for one year and ten days.

Fossils, buried deep in the earth, are a record of this great destruction of life. There are so many fossil graveyards that scientists can hardly keep records of them all. In these fossil graveyards, remains of every kind of animal, as well as humans, are found strewn, mangled, and twisted together as if they were washed together by water. In Geiseltal, Germany, 6000 fossils of animals with backbones were found. Sicily has a graveyard of hippopotamus. In the old red sandstone in England, where shoals apparently dried up after the flood, there have been found 1000 fish in twisted states of agony crammed together in one square yard. A million fossilized clams were found in a three foot thick layer of sedimentary rock in Texas. All these fossils and many, many more are proof of the flood.

The flood was 4,000 years ago. Evil is about as bad now as it was in the days before the flood. You may feel like your family and a few more families are the only righteous people on the earth. There are many more that you do not know about. But take courage, God will help you to live right just as He helped Noah.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### Questions:

1. Why was Noah saved?
2. How old was Noah when the rains began?
3. What happened to the wicked people?
4. How long did the water cover the earth?
5. What made the water dry up?
6. Where did the ark rest?
7. How did Noah know the water had abated?
8. How long were the people and animals in the ark?
9. Jesus is our ark. Are you safe in Him?

out disobeying the Holy Law." Quickly he left!

They knew they must disobey the Holy Law and go into "magic land." Navarra thought the Ark would be at Kop. Those who had seen it from the air said it was iced over in a lake with the prow sticking out. After a long, hard search he found an old shepherd who promised to go into "magic land" and take them to Lake Kop. For days he led them over a laborious trail, up steep banks, down valleys and around vertical cliffs to the lake. The Ark was not there.

Disappointed but not ready to quit, they climbed on to 13,500 feet. Confronted there by a huge glacier wall that looked impossible to get over or around, they set up camp. The shepherd guide refused to go on. He and the Turkish friend turned back. Only the expedition group was left. Cutting steps into the ice wall, they got to the top.

Standing on top of the dreaded glacier, they saw beautiful snow-covered peaks, valleys far below, and Great Chasm of the Ahora Gorge, which separates the two peaks of Mount Ararat. There was still no sign of the Ark.

While looking over the world below and lamenting about going back without finding the Ark, four bears came up over the edge of the glacier and started toward them. People had warned them about bears, foxes and poisonous snakes, saying, "Unarmed, you will never come back." They jumped, yelled and waved their arms. The bears kept coming! Suddenly a strange noise from another direction attracted the bears and off they ran toward the noise.

It was only 2:00 p.m., so they kept walking and looking. Before very long they noticed the ice had changed color. It was dark. Was it the Ark? They could see what looked like the prow of a big boat. They measured the

dark ice. The size fit the size of the Ark!

Convinced it was the Ark, Navarra returned a year later with a more complete expedition. This time they were able to take more accurate measurements and make better maps of the route.

Three years later in 1955, Fernand Navarra took his son Raphael and another expedition group. The summer had been very hot. The glacier had melted so much that the area looked different but they found their way to the top. Navarra wandered here and there. Finally, thinking he was lost, he said, "Let's turn back."

Raphael was not ready to give up. Hooking on a rope, he slid on his stomach to the edge of a cliff, and peered over. A short time later he calmly announced, "The boat, Father, I can see it." Down the ice cliff they climbed with the ropes. "The ice doesn't look very thick. Hack it away," Raphael urged. "Maybe we can touch the Ark."

After more investigation, they found a place where the steam from the partially extinct volcano had melted a cave in the glacier. First one and then another of the men chipped away at the ice until they got through.

Each one touched the Ark! As they climbed down the mountain, Navarra replied, "Raphael, the old sage said, 'To see the Ark one must be as pure as a newborn child.' You must be that pure!"

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Because he was righteous. 2. 600 years old. 3. They were destroyed. 4. 150 days (about five months). 5. God caused a great wind to blow over the earth. 6. On the mountains of Ararat. 7. He sent out a dove and the dove returned with an olive branch. 8. One year, one month and ten days. 9. If the answer is not "yes," please ask someone to pray with you to be saved.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Explosion Of Mt. Pelee

*"The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.*

"From my window I see Mount Pelee is still sending out ash, which has already covered everything. Although four miles away, we hear her rumbling and the sulfur smell is so strong, people outside wear wet handkerchiefs over their mouths and noses. The horses stomp and snort. But my husbands says, 'There is no immediate danger.'" Mrs. Prentiss, wife of the American consul, wrote to her sister in Massachusetts.

All around Martinique Island, big signs announced the coming elections on May 11. Other signs read, "Join the fun excursion with the Gymnastic and Shooting Club on Mount Pelee, May 4th. Games! Food! Fun!" The city of St. Pierre purred with excitement!

Tourist guides checked out the trails up Mount Pelee to its two craters. "Corkscrew" was nearer St. Pierre. Most tourists would want to climb only to it. The city's population of 28,000 was growing daily as tourists poured into the city. Thousands more were expected.

Besides the elections, St. Pierre's annual, "Mardi Gras" was under way. Carnivals, feasting, drinking, dancing and other festivities were in full swing. Mills hummed steadily, grinding wheat into flour. Bakers worked extra hours baking bread, cookies, cakes, pies, cream puffs and sweets of all kinds. Bars were open all night. Dancers performed in the streets nightly.

During all this merrymaking, occasional tremors rattled windows and knocked dishes from shelves. Sometimes parties and dancing were interrupted, but most of the people paid little attention. After a person is drunk on wine, life is a little tipsy and danger seems far away.

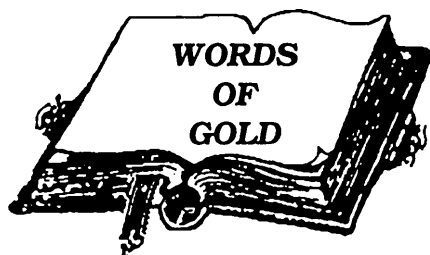
Volcanic dust now covered streets, houses and everything. It crept into the tiniest cracks of the grand hotels, covering snowy white bedding where rich foreign guests slept. It covered the leaves of the sugar cane, and the fruit trees that grew on plantations. On May 13, Mount Pelee hurled up hot rocks with its huge cloud of ash. The next day she did it again!

Investigators climbed the mountain. Sulphurous gas and puffs of steam had been coming from a new opening on the mountain's side for a month. They reported, "A small new volcanic cone about 30 feet high has been formed. Hot water is flowing from its side and filling the once dry lake bed."

"I guess old Pelee decided to give back our lake!" one scientist said laughing.

"Should any lava flow, it will run down the other side of the mountain away from the city," another explained. All agreed the city was in no danger. Business and partying continued.

*Roraima*, a Quebec-line steamer, arrived during "Mardi Gras." The ship's crew and tourists entered St. Pierre but the two Canadian missionaries were told to stay on the ship until it left and be sure to leave with it. Little more is known of the missionaries; however *Roraima* was one of two ships which stayed afloat during the explosion. The other 16 ships sank.



## God's Mercy On Lot

### Genesis 13:7-13

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle:...

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife,...between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered...

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan:...

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

### Genesis 19:1, 12-16, 23-24, 30

1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot...bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

12 And the [angels] said...whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 ...Because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law,... Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked...

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters,...lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain,...in a cave, he and his two daughters.

### II Peter 2:7-8

7 And [God] delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)

**The Message: God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sins. Only Lot and his two daughters were saved.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

...My spirit will not always  
strive with man,...

Genesis 6:3.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Not many years after Noah, there was much wickedness on the earth. It was surprising that people could be so wicked. Surely they knew about the flood destroying all the wicked people. Shem, one of Noah's sons, was an eyewitness of the flood, and he may have been living yet.

The abused children, men and women of Sodom and Gomorrah were crying to God for help. Their cries reached the ears of God, and He sent two angels to Sodom and Gomorrah. They were to check out the condition and to warn Lot that the city would be destroyed.

Abram begged God to spare the city. God promised to save the city if he could find ten righteous in it. The angels found only four. Lot and his family were the only ones. The angels' experience with the vile men was so horrible they told Lot to get himself and his family out of the city as soon as possible and not look back.

In the morning while it was still dark the angel led Lot, his wife and their two daughters out of the city. His sons-in-law and other family members would not go. As they were escaping, his wife looked back and turned to a pillar of salt. That day the Lord rained brimstone and fire upon Sodom and Gomorrah.

It is believed that the remains of these wicked cities are under the Dead Sea. During an archaeological expedition, Dr. Kyle uncovered evidence that the area around the Dead Sea was once a very fertile, prosperous and heavily populated region. Evidence also shows this civilization

ended suddenly about 2000 B.C. Now it is a barren wasteland.

In Genesis 14:10 we read about "slime pits." These pits were bitumen, asphalt and pitch—a lustrous black petroleum product which melts and burns. Today there are vast beds of it on both sides of the Dead Sea. Underneath a nearby mountain is a layer of salt 150 feet thick. Above this is a layer of marl mingled with free sulfur.

Dr. Kyle believes God kindled the gases and an explosion threw red-hot salt and sulphur high into the sky. Gravity pulled it back to the earth, causing hot brimstone to rain over Sodom and Gomorrah. Thus fire and brimstone rained on the area and stopped the wickedness.

—Charlotte Huskey

### Questions:

1. Why did Abram want to separate from Lot?
2. Why did Lot choose the plain of Jordan?
3. Name the wicked cities where Lot went.
4. How did the wickedness affect Lot?
5. Why should Lot leave?
6. How did God show mercy to Lot and his family?
7. At what time did Lot enter Zoar?
8. How were the wicked cities destroyed?
9. Where did Lot and his two daughters live after leaving Sodom?

(Answers: 1. Because there was strife between Lot and Abram's herdsmen. 2. Because there was plenty of grass and water. 3. Sodom and Gomorrah. 4. He was vexed by it. 5. Because the cities would be destroyed. 6. He warned them and took them by the hand, leading them out of the city. 7. Early in the morning. 8. By fire and brimstone falling on them. 9. In a cave on the mountain.)

On the last day of April, 1902, Mrs. Prentiss wrote to her sister again. City newspapers continued to announce the excursions and the elections. People saw no immediate danger but frightened animals were fleeing from the mountain. Small, yellowish speckled ants and foot-long black centipedes invaded the city. The sugar mill was a favorite asylum. Either insect has enough poison to kill an adult, if bitten several times.

Reptiles also came from under rocks and out of holes. They sought refuge in shops, houses and under cars. Fer-de-lance snakes, whose bite can be fatal in minutes, swarmed into the city, killing dogs, horses, chickens, and fifty people. The army was called to fight the snakes. Over one hundred poisonous trophies were collected.

Shortly after midnight on May 2, loud blasts terrified the slumbering citizens. From their windows and doors, they saw a huge cloud, darker than night, creeping over their city like a large fishing net. Gigantic zig-zags of lightings sometimes pierced the darkness. Mrs. Prentiss wrote again. This time her letter said, "We are standing on the brink of hell."

The next three days, torrents of rain fell! The mountain's twenty rivers overflowed. Flash floods swept boulders, brush, trees and anything caught in its wild currents. On May 5, about midday the banks of the newly filled lake burst! A deep, one hundred foot wide avalanche of near-boiling hot water plunged down Blanche River! Four miles away and 3,000 feet below was the sugar mill. Only the tallest chimney could be seen to mark where it had been. Thirty workers were buried alive in hot mud. Fearing the poisonous ants and centipedes that had invaded the mill, most of the workers had not come that day.

Earlier this very day, the Governor of Martinique Island had sent another committee to again evaluate the danger Mount Pelee posed for the city. The report was that the crater's openings, and the valley in the mountain would tend to send the lava away from St. Pierre and out to the sea. The governor then made preparation to go to St. Pierre and stay to console the frightened people. He also stationed the army

on the main road to turn back refugees trying to escape. Most roads on the island were blocked by ash-laden branches and trees which had fallen across them.

About 2,000 Pierrotins had left the city. But another 2,000 persons living in the country and on the mountainside had sought refuge in the strong stone buildings of the city. Many walls were two or three feet thick, and some reinforced with iron. Mouillage Cathedral was packed full every day with people praying. Many believed God was sending judgment on the city. Some hoped when they repented, God would calm Mount Pelee.

While authorities assured the people of safety, Mount Pelee boiled, groaned and grumbled. Her thunderous bellows were heard one hundred miles away on May 6th. By May 7, the harbor was so full of vegetation washed there by the floods, that the nineteen ships looked like they were anchored on land. An Italian ship whose captain knew about the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius in Italy, hurried out of harbor that day.

At 7:50 a.m., Mount Pelee exploded! The blast lasted only two minutes. It is believed that within three minutes 28,000 people were dead. That was May 8, 1902. According to some reports, another 10,000 died later.

Nothing was left in St. Pierre but a few broken walls and foundations strewn with thousands of charred bodies. Most of the bodies were found with their hands over their mouths as if to shut out the poisonous gases.

There were only three survivors. Four days later the rescue team found a man alive in the city's dungeon-like jail. Another had run to a village four miles away. Ten-year-old Harviva Dellrile was picked up by the crew of the French cruiser *Suchet* who had come from Port-de-France about 12 miles away to look for survivors. Harviva was floating, unconsciously, in a charred broken boat two miles out in the bay.

"My spirit shall not always strive with man." Genesis 6:3. —Charlotte Huskey

**(Look for "Answers" on page 3.)**



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Sam's Clock

Sam lived in Africa. All his childhood he had lived in the jungle and had never been to a city.

One day Sam had a chance to take a boat trip down the big river to the sea coast. At the mouth of the river was a large city. Sam's eyes and mouth opened wide when he saw the great high buildings, the cars and buses moving up and down the streets, and the crowds of people surging in and out of the big stores.

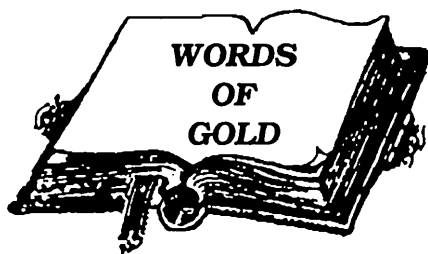
At first Sam's excitement knew no bounds. But when he got tired of watching the traffic, he walked down the street, looking in the store windows. On the way he came to a clock shop and going inside he asked the shopkeeper what they were and how to use one. Sam had always told the time of day by the sun, but now the watchmaker showed Sam how to tell time with the clock.

A day or two later Sam came back and bought a clock to take home with him to the jungle. He carried it very carefully lest anything should happen to it along the way.

Back home, in his grass and thatched hut, Sam told time by his new clock. It didn't matter whether the sun shone or not; he still knew what time it was. Sam was very pleased with his clock.

Many months went by and then Sam noticed that his clock had stopped. Sam thought something had happened to the hands of his clock. "I'll take them to the shopkeeper in the city," thought Sam, "and he will fix them." So he removed the hands, wrapped them carefully and soon was aboard the boat and on his way down the river to the city.

Entering the clock shop Sam explained why he had come. Handing the watchmaker the hands of his clock, he asked him to fix them.



## A Person Without Christ

### Genesis 8:21

21 ...The Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth;...

### Romans 3:9-23

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit;...

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that...all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being

witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:...

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

### Romans 5:12

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

### Romans 6:20

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

### Romans 7:5

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

### I John 1:8-10

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### Psalms 53:1

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

**The Message: Every person is born with a sinful nature and will sin until Christ's blood cleanses his or her nature.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**For the wages of sin is death;  
but the gift of God is eternal  
life through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.**

**Romans 6:23.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

This lesson is about the natural state of every person. The natural man is sinful. God says "we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...." (Isaiah 64:6.) We must believe we are sinful or we will be self-righteous and that is as filthy rags to God. We cannot be godly unless God changes our natural state into His image.

Small children show their nature soon after they are born. King David wrote in Psalm 58:3, "They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." Children who have not yet learned to talk can lie by their actions. It is a part of the natural man to lie to get what he or she wants or to keep himself out of trouble. It is a part of human nature to take what we want, not considering other people. It is natural to kick, hit or fight to get what we want.

The small child doesn't know how to control his or her actions, so their nature shows clearly. As we grow older, we learn to control our nature, at least part of the time. If we are honest though, we will admit it is impossible to be godly without the presence of God in our lives.

The natural man is a powerful force within each person. Proverbs 16:32 reads, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty,

and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." It takes great power to control our nature.

When I was a child, I sometimes thought it wasn't fair that Adam and Eve's sinful nature passed down to us. Now I believe that most every person I know would have sinned just like Adam and Eve did. Eve reasoned the fruit was good for food and would make her wise. Why shouldn't she want to eat of it? Most people reason the same way when they are tempted. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can we resist temptation.

Yes, each person has a sinful nature and a human spirit. Each of us needs the grace of God to be good Christians.

Jesus' death on the cross gives the Christian power to conquer sin. It is true we have all sinned. Next week we will study God's plan for salvation.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### Questions:

1. What kind of imagination do unsaved people have?
2. Whom do we make a liar if we say we have not sinned?
3. What will happen if we confess our sins?
4. Do people of every nationality sin?
5. Name two purposes for the law.
6. Is all the world guilty before God?
7. What causes death to pass on us?
8. Who said, "There is none that doeth good?"
9. Have you confessed your sins?

"There is nothing I can do with these hands," explained the shopkeeper. "The trouble is inside the clock. Bring me the clock and I will find out what is wrong."

Sam, however, was angry and would not listen. "There is nothing wrong with my clock," he said. "I don't need to pay you for fixing the whole clock." So, taking back the hands he returned to his jungle home and put the hands back on the clock. But it never ran after that. Sam went back to telling time by the sun.

Dear boys and girls, when we use our hands to do bad things, the trouble is on the inside, in our hearts. There is sin in there, for our hearts are "desperately wicked." (Jeremiah 17:9.) If with our lips we speak bad things it is only the bad coming out from inside us. If our feet carry us to places where we ought not to go it is because our hearts want us to go there. The trouble is on the inside.

We need to have our hearts cleansed from sin by the precious blood of Christ. Then His Holy Spirit will come to dwell there, and our hands, our lips, our feet, our all, will be used in doing those things that please and honor Jesus.

When Jesus saves a person, He cleans the inside. When the inside is clean, the outside becomes clean. Luke 6:45 reads, "A good man out of the good

treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." —Selected



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9.



"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.



King David Prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Psalm 51:10.



(Answers: 1. It is evil from their youth. 2. God. 3. God will forgive our sins. 4. Yes. 5. The law gives us knowlede of sin and it makes us guilty when we learn we have disobeyed God's law. 6. Yes. 7. Sin. 8. The fool. 9. If you have not already, do so today.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Chinese Bandit

During the war between China and Japan the town of Tancheng changed hands four times. The missionaries escaped to the mountains and lived in caves. Both Chinese and Japanese armies looted the city until there was scarcely any food left.

All the other missionaries had left and I with my orphan boy, Tim, was attempting to carry on the mission work. We cared for the sick and wounded. One day I was in the middle of the courtyard telling some poor women of God's wonderful love and His judgment. "All who haven't accepted Christ are sinners," I said. I was pointing at the crowd which had gathered in the doorway, although I hadn't noticed.

In a little while, Tim came hurrying in and exclaimed, "The general is coming for you!"

I knew what that could mean, so I prayed and prepared myself as best I could for the encounter.

Two hours later there was a great commotion in the courtyard. I walked out and the Chinese general glared fiercely at me and said, "You are under arrest."

"But why?"

"Who told you about me?" he asked.

"Nobody. I know nothing more about you than anyone else."

"Someone did. Tell me who it is and I will take my men away and leave you alone," he said and began swearing.

"No one had talked to me," I declared.

"I know someone has."

Again and again I declared that I knew nothing of his private life.

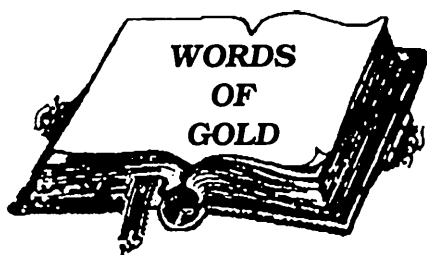
Gradually he quieted and quit swearing. Then after several more threats, he left without taking me.

Two days later the general came again, swearing and threatening me. In the conversation he asked, "How did you know I was a sinner?"

"Because the Bible says that everyone is a sinner. Jesus came to change sinners to saints," I said. "Read this and you will see." I handed him a New Testament.

Pulling off his hat he sat down and began to read. That is when I remembered the men in my doorway the day I talked to the Chinese women. He must have been one of those.

"What is this Bible? What is the gospel? Who is Jesus Christ?" He asked abruptly after he had read for about an hour. He began swearing again and then a note of longing came into his voice.



## God's Plan To Save

**New Word:** *Salvation* is being saved from destruction.

### Matthew 1:21

**21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

### John 3:15-17

**15** Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

### I Corinthians 15:20-23, 49

**20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

**21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

**22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**23** But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

**49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

## Galatians 3:22-25

**22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

**23** But before faith came, we were kept under the law,...

**24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

**25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

## Hebrews 5:8-9, 7:25

**8** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

**9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

**25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

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• **The Message: Soon after** •

• **Adam sinned, God made** •

• **plans to save men from** •

• **sin.** •

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(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

## Verse to Memorize

**For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

**John 3:17.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

One day Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China, was traveling up the river in a *junk* (Boat). It was made in the usual Chinese style, with a flat bottom, high stern, low bow and lateen sails of bamboo matting. On the boat with Mr. Taylor was his friend, Peter. Peter hardened his heart against the gospel each time that Hudson talked with him about it. Today was no different. Hudson said, "God sent his Son into the world so you would not perish. You are condemned to die, but just as by one man death came into the world, so by one man, Jesus, all can have life. Whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life." Mr. Taylor pleaded with Peter. Peter refused. After talking a while longer, Hudson went into the small cabin on the boat.

A few minutes later he heard a scream and splash as something heavy hit the water. Rushing out he saw Peter bobbing in the water below! Rapidly he lowered the sails, kicked off his heavy clothes and jumped into the water. Hudson Taylor was a good swimmer, but Peter didn't come up! "Help! Help!" Hudson called to the men in the fishing boat not far away. "Come with your net! A man is drowning!"

The cunning men saw their chance to make money. "We don't have time to stop fishing and hunt for men," they called back. "Fishing means money and food for our children."

"I'll pay you many days' wages," Hudson shouted back.

"Pay each of us. We both have children," they demanded.

"Okay, Okay. Hurry! My friend is drowning."

The men rescued Peter with their fishing net and brought him up on the deck. But nothing Hudson did would revive Peter.

Jesus wanted to be Peter's Savior but Peter rejected Him. Peter was lost. Hudson tried to be his savior from the water but it was too late. Peter drowned.

A Savior is one who saves. Salvation is being saved from destruction. The ark was salvation for Noah, his family and the animals. They escaped death by staying in the ark.

Jesus is our Savior. He is the ark that God uses to save men today. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

—Charlotte Huskey

### Questions:

1. What did Jesus come to do?
2. What is promised to those who believe in God's Son?
3. Why did God send His Son into the world?
4. Did Jesus come to save or condemn the world?
5. By whom did death come into the world?
6. Can everyone be made alive in Jesus?
7. Should Christian people bear a heavenly image?
8. Why is the law no longer needed?
9. Who can save to the uttermost?

"Is it possible for me to be saved?" he said at length.

"With God nothing is impossible," I replied.

"I am too wicked."

"No one is too wicked. Why don't you kneel down and confess to God that you have sinned but want Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord." He did.

When he arose from his knees, he ordered the men with him to bring me some food. He stood by while I ate as if to protect me. Then he burst out, "If I have accepted your God, then I have to tell my men about it, don't I?"

"Yes, to show them you are a real Christian."

The next day he brought his men and, standing before them, he said, "Thus far we have been a bandit troop. Now we will become honorable soldiers, as last night I took Jesus Christ as my God. I find that this book (and he held up my Bible) is against dishonesty and wickedness."

He asked me for a Bible which I gave to Him. "I'll come again soon," he said, and left. However, two years passed. Then one day a dirty beggar hobbled into the courtyard and sat down on a stone. He looked desperately ill and nearly starved.

"Don't you know me?" he asked, as I gave him something to eat.

"No, I don't."

"I belong to Jesus."

"Where are you going?" I asked him.

"Here."

"You do not belong to Yangcheng?"

"I belong to Jesus," seemed to be the only sensible remark he could make.

Then Tim pulled me aside and whispered, "He is the Chinese general."

"What is your name?" I asked gently.

"No name, I belong to Jesus."

Tim and I cared for him, and very slowly his health improved. Then I learned his story. On the day he bravely confessed his faith in Jesus, he was arrested. His men took his clothes, tied him to a mule and left the city. They continued looting, forcing the general to go with them. He was tortured, kicked and beaten, hoping to break his faith, but his mind was fixed. He belonged to Jesus. Finally one night one man said to him, "We want you back as our leader. Will you?"

"No, because I belong to Jesus." They didn't bother him again, but brought him some peasant clothes and sent him on his way. He begged in the villages, telling everyone that he belonged to Jesus.

Wearily and sick after fifteen months of wandering, he made his way back to us. As his health improved, his mind cleared, and he went into the villages to tell about Jesus. He was loved by all the Christians, especially the children.

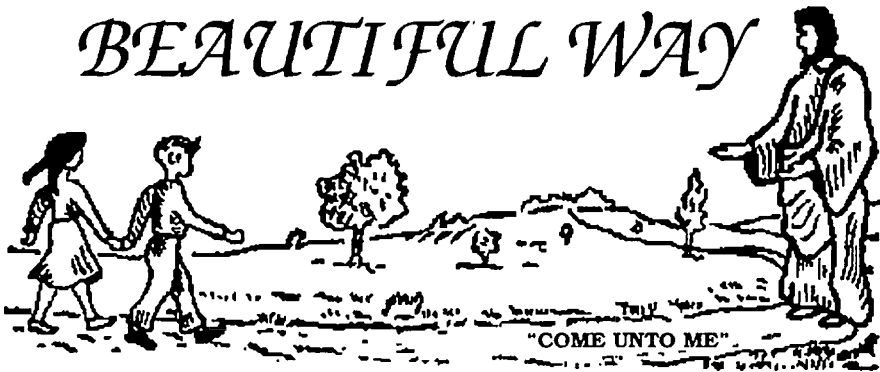
He never grew strong again. One year after his return the Lord took him home. All the Christians mourned, for he had been their "Big Brother."  
—Selected

(Answers: 1. To save His people from their sins. 2. Eternal life. 3. So the world can be saved. 4. To save the world. 5. Adam. 6. Yes—all those who believe in Jesus as their Savior. 7. Yes. 8. Because faith has come. 9. Jesus.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Dam Did Not Hold

The Teton Dam in Eastern Idaho stood taller than a 30-story building. It was three fifths of a mile long, spanning the deep canyon of the Teton River with its enormous walls of broken volcanic rock. Millions of tons of clay, sand, silt, gravel and rock were used in the construction of the dam. Some had strongly argued against building it. They were afraid it might not hold up. Nevertheless the dam was built and declared to be entirely safe. The large canyon filled up with water making a good-sized lake. Through the years houses were built in the valley below the dam.

The first hint of disaster came on June 5, 1976 when at 7:00 a.m., a worker at the dam site noticed a little water was dripping out of the canyon wall near the edge of the dam. This did not look too serious, but by 10:30 a.m. a second leak was spilling onto the dam itself and had eroded a good-sized hole in the edge of the dam. It was then that Mr. Robertson, the chief engineer, began to be concerned that the dam might break.

Mr. Robertson called in a construction crew and ordered them to push great boulders into the hole on the face of the dam. However, the bulldozers sank into the sand and mud, and the drivers barely escaped.

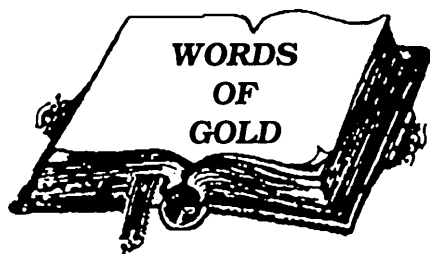
By 11:00 a.m. it was clear that the dam was doomed. Another leak was found on the far side near the base. Mr. Robertson telephoned a short message to the sheriffs of the towns below: "Believe the Teton Dam may break. Notify people below the dam of the possibility."

The local radio stations were informed of the danger, and though the warning messages went out, no one realized how quickly the collapse would actually come.

Don Ellis, owner of the radio station, casually decided to visit the dam and see how bad the situation really was. He was horrified and broadcasted a description of the possible disaster on the radio so people could escape.

Many did escape. Those who did not hurry were caught in the terrible deluge. The whole side of the dam collapsed.

A 40-foot wall of water plunged down the canyon. Behind it came a roaring flood that crested 100 feet high. Down the canyon and into the Snake River Valley poured the mighty wall of water, carrying with it people, animals, automobiles, houses, barns, trees and bridges. The wall of water carried away whatever was in its path. It swept the valley clean, even uprooting trees whose roots had held them safely in many storms.



## How To Keep Saved

**New Words:** *Renew* is to make new again. *Sacrifice* is to give up one thing for a dearer thing.

### Romans 5:1-2

**1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

**2** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

### Romans 13:12-14

**12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

**13** Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

**14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

### Ephesians 6:10-18

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

**11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

**13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

**15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

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

**17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

**The Message: For a Christian to keep a relationship with Christ he or she should be a "living sacrifice" for Jesus.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**Ephesians 6:11.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Years ago there were no guns, hand grenades, tanks, bombs or airplanes. War weapons were clubs, axes, swords, knives and sometimes rocks. (David killed the giant with a rock.) Soldiers wore armor to protect themselves. Ancient men covered their bodies with several layers of animal hides. Later, men made metal shields and body armor of specially hardened leather. This did not give them sufficient protection, so men developed metal armor from bronze and iron.

Shields and body armor differed in sizes and shapes with the time and region. But its purpose was to protect from enemies attacks.

When a person is saved by Christ, he escapes the kingdom of Satan and becomes a soldier for the Lord against Satan. Satan and all his demons are angry and make war against the new soldier of God. That is why Paul said, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles [tricks] of the devil." The armour that God has for His children is not made of hardened leather, bronze or iron. They fight not against other men, but against spirits. The battle is a spiritual battle.

Many battles take place in the soldier's mind. God said, "Put on the helmet of salvation." It will protect the mind. Our "helmet" is the hope of salvation. It is an assurance that God has forgiven all sin. The saved person must wear his helmet. This helmet will help him or her to resist temptation from the devil.

God provides the armor. Each soldier must keep the armor on. God provides truth, and the Christian must keep it in his heart and mind. We must think on God's Word and His goodness instead of thinking of this world.

The breastplate of righteousness protects the heart. We are using the breastplate when we make ourselves behave correctly.

The shield of faith will protect the Christian from the fiery darts of the wicked one. Often the devil's darts come by thoughts coming to our mind. Other darts come from people. Unless we are careful, we will be angry with the person instead of the devil. Faith is trust in God. When the devil shoots a dart, just trust in God and the fiery dart will not burn!

The sword for spiritual warfare is the Word of God. This piece of armor needs sharpening often. Mental battles with the devil sometimes dull the sword. The devil can give one hundred reasons why something is right, although God's Word says it is wrong. Sharpen your sword by studying the Bible so you can be true to God.

After you are saved, "present your body (daily) as a living sacrifice," and put on the whole armor of God. If you don't, Satan will trample you under his filthy feet.

—Charlotte Huskey

### Questions:

1. How is a person justified before God?
2. Why should a justified person go on to perfection?
3. How should we live each day?
4. What should every Christian put on?
5. Whom are we fighting?
6. Are truth and righteousness used to protect Christian soldiers?
7. For what is the shield used?
8. What protects the soldier's head?
9. What is the Christian's sword?

Eleven persons and thousands of cattle perished in the overwhelming tide. Millions of dollars of damage was done. Men had trusted in a dam that simply couldn't hold.

The Teton Dam disaster reminds us of a more serious disaster that is coming. God will someday bring judgment on this sinful world. Nothing will change the awful tide in that day, and it will be too late to seek a refuge. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,..." Romans 1:18.

Today there is a place of refuge from the coming wrath. It is in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Saviour whom God Himself has sent into this world to save sinners.

"For when we were yet without strength (unable to help ourselves),... Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6.) Christ is the sure refuge and only hope for sinners. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts. 4:12. All who trust in Jesus now will be safe in that awful day. All others will be cut off, forever, from God.

Many people trust in their good character, their good deeds or their religion for their soul's salvation. These things, however, like the Teton Dam, will all prove unsafe and useless in the day of judgment. Dear reader, what are you trusting in?

Do not put off the salvation of your soul until it is too late. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Corinthians 6:2.) "Flee from the wrath to come." (Luke 3:7.) Trust in the Lord and be safe forever.

—Selected

## **The Magic Book**

"And ye shall...find me,...when ye shall search for with all your heart." Jeremiah 29: 13.

Kimberly's parent did not take her to church. Neither did they send her. But Kimberly had a real desire to be good. One day a man came by when Kimberly was playing in front of her home. "I want everyone in this neighborhood to know about Jesus," he said. "I am giving away this book that tells about Him. Will you please read a verse or two each day in it?"

Kimberly was reading the New Testament when her parents came home. "What are you reading?" they asked.

"A book about Jesus," she answered.

"That book is no good," said her daddy.

"I don't like it," her mother said.

Kimberly wondered why anyone could not like such a wonderful book. She read it every day. When her parents saw her reading, they scolded. One day her mother was especially angry and threatened to take it away.

That is when Kimberly found a secret place in the garden and hid the New Testament. When she was free to play, she took her New Testament from its hiding place and read.

Kimberly fell in love with Jesus after reading about Him and she tried hard to do what she thought would please Him. Kimberly changed so much that her parents gave her permission to read the New Testament all she wanted.

Later they also read it and became Christians.

—Selected

(Answer: 1. By faith in Jesus. 2. So they will have God's power to overcome temptation. 3. Honestly and open so all can see how we live. 4. The armor of light. 5. The rulers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. 6. Yes. 7. To quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 8. The helmet of salvation. 9. The Word of God.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Operation Auca

**Pronunciation Guide:** *Arajuno*—a-ra-hoo'-no. *Auca*—ow (as in now)-ka. *Dayuma*—dye-u'-ma.

On January 6, 1956, five men waited in the jungle of Ecuador. Three of the five stood facing the river and shouted phrases of welcome. Their reward came as three Auca Indians stepped hesitantly out of the jungle and crossed the river.

Jim Elliot, Ed McCully, Nate Saint, Roger Youderian and Pete Fleming were men dedicated to God and His work. When they left America they knew they might never come back, yet they were willing to be used of God.

Dayuma, an escaped Auca slave, taught Jim Elliot some simple friendly Auca phrases he could use. She told them not to trust the Aucas, because they will act like friends, then kill.

About this time, Ed McCully and his wife Marilou moved their family to Arajuno, a place near Auca territory. From there, Nate Saint, the pilot of the five, took Ed and flew over the jungle looking for the Aucas' village.

The missionaries planned to drop gifts from the airplane to the Aucas below. This would show the Aucas they were friendly. With Nate piloting, they flew over the village and dropped their first gift—a kettle filled with bright buttons and tied with colorful streamers. They didn't see any Aucas that time,

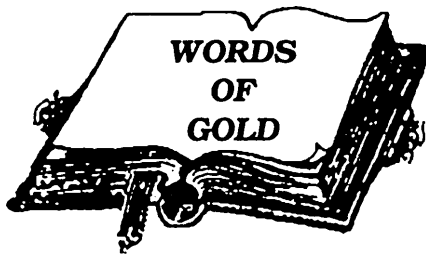
but on their next trip they saw one. He was running and trying to catch their gift—a machete. After they dropped it, more Aucas came out to look at it.

The five men wanted the Aucas to become familiar with them and to realize they only wanted to be friendly. So, on their next flight, they hooked up a loudspeaker system. They used the phrases Jim had gotten from Dayuma and yelled, "I like you. I am your friend." Soon they hoped they could meet the Aucas on the ground and tell them about the Lord. As they flew over, Nate looked for a possible place to land, but there was none.

Nate had fixed a way for them to drop their gifts by using a long cord with the gift attached. He would circle the plane so the gift dropped into the Indians' hands. On their sixth week of gift drops, the Aucas grabbed the cord and tied an Indian headdress to it. The missionaries rejoiced at this sign of friendship.

They began to call the Auca village "Terminal City." This was to keep their work secret. When they brought the next gift, they saw a model plane on the roof of an Auca house. They were thrilled, sure that the Aucas felt friendly now. After much prayer, they felt that the Lord was ready for them to make another move. They began to talk of a meeting on the ground.

After a long search, Nate found a beach on which they could land the



## A Christian's Duty

**New Words:** *Fruit* is our actions.

**John 15:1, 4-5, 8**

**1** I [Jesus] am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

**4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

**5** ...He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

**8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

**Romans 6:22, 7:4**

**22** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

**4** Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ;...that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

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

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

**Philippians 1:10-11**

**10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

**11** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

**James 3:17**

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

**The Message: Christians can have holy behavior if they stay connected to Christ, the holy vine, by reading the Bible and praying seriously each day.**

### Questions:

1. Who is the true vine?
2. Can a branch bear fruit by itself?
3. What can we do without Jesus?
4. Where should Jesus abide?
5. Where should we abide?
6. How is God glorified?
7. Name five fruits of the spirit.
8. What kind of fruit should we bear? (Philippians 1:11.)
9. What kind of fruit does wisdom bear?

### Verse to Memorize

**As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.**

**John 15:4.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

King David said a righteous man is like a tree growing beside a river, which gets plenty of water so it always bears fruit and never withers.

When a person believes in Jesus as his Lord, Jesus puts a "well of water" in his heart. (John 4:14.) It's a well of everlasting water and provides spiritual water needed to bear righteous fruit. Our fruit is our actions. There is no spiritual water without Jesus in our heart. The fruit borne will be ugly fruit, just like natural fruit is snarly and ugly when the tree does not get enough water. Also the heart without Jesus is "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Only when the water of God's spirit is in the heart can we behave correctly.

Galatians 5:22-23 says, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." A Christian will have these characteristics when he is a branch of Christ's holy vine. An apple tree bears apples, and a banana tree, bananas. So a branch from a holy vine will bear holy fruit.

If your fruits (actions) are hateful instead of loving, your connection to the Holy Vine needs repairing. Get busy reading the Bible

and praying more seriously and your fruit will change.

Romans 6:22 reads, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness,..." Jesus removes sin from our lives. We are no longer servants to it, therefore we do not produce sinful fruit such as fornication, witchcraft, wrath, strife, envying, murders, drunkenness and reveling (partying).

A Christian gets into Christ's holy vine by being grafted in. First God breaks the Christian off the old root of sin, makes him a new creation, then by way of a very delicate method, He attaches the Christian to the Holy Vine. The Christian then draws his nutrients (food) from Jesus' holy roots. How could a branch bear sinful fruit when his roots are holy? The Holy Spirit is flowing from Jesus to the branch so its fruits are holy. The Christian will not sin unless he cuts himself off from Jesus. As a natural branch will wither and die if it is cut from a tree, so a Christian will die spiritually when he is separated from Jesus. Then he will not be a tree with green leaves and delicious fruit. But if he stays in Christ, he will bear good fruit. —Sis. Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. No. 3. Nothing. 4. In us. 5. In Jesus. 6. By us bearing much fruit. 7. Any five of these: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. 8. Fruit of righteousness. 9. Good fruit.

plane. The missionaries called it "Palm Beach." Plans were they could stay. Six by nine pictures of themselves were dropped with the next gift so the Aucas would recognize them on the ground. The Aucas gave them a parrot.

The five missionaries set the date for a possible meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 1956. Nate flew Ed to Palm Beach first, then he brought Jim and Roger. After they were settled, Nate flew over Terminal City and gave the invitation. The next day, Nate and Pete flew to Terminal City. There seemed to be fewer Aucas than usual, and they hoped some might already be coming. They flew back to wait with Ed, Jim and Roger.

After another day or two, Nate and Pete flew to Terminal City again and repeated the invitation. An Auca pointed toward Palm Beach. This sign cheered them.

On that day in January, while Ed, Roger and Jim shouted foreign words, their hope was fulfilled. Three Aucas, a young man and two women, crossed the river. The missionaries named the man "George." They called the younger woman "Delilah." Jim met the Aucas with gifts. Before long, their guests were at ease and talked happily.

Nate took George, who seemed interested in the plane, for a ride over Terminal City. George yelled down at his friends, who were very surprised to see George in the plane. When they landed at Palm Beach, George leaped out of the plane and clapped his hands in delight. The five missionaries lifted their heads to signify their heavenly Father, and gave thanks for these visitors and the opening it gave to witness for Christ. They tried to hint to George that they would like an invitation to visit Terminal City, but he wasn't enthusiastic.

Nate and Pete flew back to Arajuno with the pictures they had made and their written records.

No one came the next day, so Nate and Pete took the plane and scouted Terminal City. The Aucas seemed frightened, so Nate dropped some gifts and

yelled. "Come, come." They saw George, who pointed toward Palm Beach. They noticed most of the Aucas were gone. On their way back to Palm Beach, they saw a group of Aucas headed to the camp. When they landed, they informed the others and radioed the news to Marj Saint (Nate's wife). They promised to contact her again at 4:30 to report the outcome.

At 4:30, Marj Saint was unable to get in touch with the men. The next day, thoroughly alarmed, the five wives asked another missionary friend, Johnny Keenan, to fly over Palm Beach and check on the men. When he returned, his news was bad. The plane was torn apart and there was no sign of the missionaries.

On January 11, a ground search party found a body floating in the river. The wives' trust in the Lord was the only thing that helped them through this tragedy. They knew He had a plan for them. Later, planes found other bodies in the river. None of the five had survived.

Investigators found signs of a struggle on the beach that seemed to indicate the missionaries had backed into the river. Apparently, even then, the men had tried to show they had love and not hate. Nobody discovered why the Aucas had attacked.

News of the missionaries' deaths was spread throughout the world, and many were inspired to become missionaries. Many totally dedicated their lives to God because of the five who had died for Him so willingly.

Rachel Saint, Nate's sister, worked with the Aucas through Dayuma, the Auca girl. George, Delilah and the other Aucas seemed unchanged and happily accepted the gifts new missionaries dropped to them. The new missionaries continued to build on the foundation Jim, Nate, Pete, Ed and Roger had laid. Their vision was to show the Aucas the love of Christ. One day the dream became a reality. The missionaries had not died in vain! —Janet Mc Murrin

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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Aucalands Reached

**Pronunciation Guide:** Akawo—ah-cah'-woh. Auca—ow' (as in now)-ka. Dawa—dah'-wah. Dayuma—dye-u'ma. Kimo—kee'-moh.

Rachel Saint had come to Ecuador to teach the Auca Indians about God. The Aucas were a savage tribe, and there was only one person who could teach her. That one person was Dayuma, an Auca girl who had run away eight years ago. Dayuma told Rachel about the murder of her father; the reason she had left. She said the Auca policy was "Kill before you are killed."

While Rachel worked with Dayuma, Nate Saint, Rachel's brother, was killed with four other missionaries on "Palm Beach" by the Aucas. Now Rachel was more concerned than ever for the Aucas' salvation.

The world was interested in the Aucas after the five missionaries were killed, so Rachel and Dayuma went to the United States to tell about the work with the Aucas. As Rachel learned the language from Dayuma, she taught her about the Lord. Soon Dayuma loved the Lord.

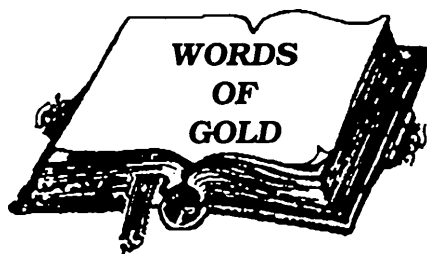
When they were in Arkansas, Dayuma got sick. While she was recovering, Rachel got a phone call telling them two Auca women had come out of the jungle. The news excited Dayuma, and she wondered who they were. Rachel suggested she record a tape and send it

to the women. On the tape, Dayuma told who she was and asked the women who they were. Finally, she got a return tape.

It was a bad recording, but Dayuma listened eagerly. The women were her aunts. The things they said on the tape drew Dayuma back into the past fears and hatreds. They said "Delilah" who went to Palm Beach was Dayuma's younger sister. After hearing the tape, Dayuma told Rachel she was ready to return to her people and tell them about God, so they flew back to Ecuador.

When Dayuma met her aunts, they told her what had happened in the tribe since she had left. Dayuma told them about God. The aunts said Akawo, Dayuma's mother, had searched for Dayuma when she left. They told Dayuma that "George" of Palm Beach had married Delilah, Dayuma's sister. The aunts told Dayuma about the airplane that had dropped gifts in the jungle. The Aucas reasoned that the airplane must hold more Aucas (who else would be so kind to them?) and that they might be related to Dayuma.

Akawo had told Delilah and her aunt to go to the foreigners and ask about Dayuma. On the trail, they were joined by George. They asked the foreigners about Dayuma, but, naturally, the missionaries didn't understand them. Delilah asked the foreigners to take them in the plane to Dayuma. Instead, they took George for a ride. Delilah was sure Dayuma was dead, so



## Jesus Serves

### Philippians 2:7-8

7 [Jesus] made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And...he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

### Acts 10:38

38 ...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil;...

### Luke 4:40-41

40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

41 And devils also came out of many,...

### Matthew 9:35

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching...preaching...and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

### Mark 6:31-34

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many...ran afoot...out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus...was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

### Matthew 14:19-21

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

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

### John 21:25

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

**The Message: Jesus became a servant and went from village to village serving all who came to Him.**

### Questions:

1. What form did Jesus take upon himself?
2. Who anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power?
3. What was Jesus doing when He went from village to village?
4. Instead of resting in the evenings, what did Jesus sometimes do?
5. Was Jesus too busy to eat?
6. Why did Jesus go into the desert?
7. Who met Jesus at His resting place?
8. How did Jesus feel toward those who followed Him?
9. How many books could be written if everything Jesus did was written?

### Verse to Memorize

**And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching...preaching...and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.**

**Matthew 9:35.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Jesus is the King of kings, the Creator of the universe, the Master of all things. But He humbled Himself and served others. Instead of having servants as other kings, He became the servant of others.

Hour after hour, He ministered to the needy. His great compassion caused Him to help them, even when He felt exhausted. Mile upon mile He walked over the dusty roads between Judea and Galilee. In Galilee He served the cities of Bethsaida, Capernaum, Magdala, Cana and Nazareth, and all the towns and small villages surrounding each city. In all these places He healed the sick and ministered to hundreds of needy people.

He served thousands in the great city of Jerusalem; also Bethany, Jericho and Bethlehem in Judea. From these cities streamed multitudes of sick, blind, lame and those possessed with devils. They crowded close after Him, to get just one touch of His comforting hand. He took time for each one.

He served in the cities of Decapolis and of course Samaria, as it lay between Judea and Galilee. Sometimes He stopped in Samaria to rest at Jacob's well. Even while He rested at the well, people came seeking help.

Yes, every day, from morning until evening, Jesus was busy helping others. Once He was teaching near the sea. People kept crowding in closer and closer to Him until He

had to get into a boat to keep them from backing Him right off into the water. Another time He was so tired after helping the people all day that He slept during a storm that was tossing the boat dangerously. Only a very, very tired person could sleep in a wildly tossing boat.

Occasionally He would try to get away from the people for a little time of rest. Once He and His disciples rowed to the other side of a lake to get some rest. When they arrived on the other side, whom do you suppose they found? They found the people they were trying to get away from so they could rest. What did Jesus do? Did He act like a king and order the people away, or shout to His soldiers to kill them? No. Jesus felt sorry for the people. Instead of resting as He had planned, He helped them again. He humbled Himself as a servant and served them.

Stop just a moment and ask yourself these questions, "Could I do like Jesus? Whom have I helped today? How long has it been since I felt sorry for someone? Do I help my mother and father like I should? Do I share with my brother and/or sister? Am I forced to help around the house? To be like Jesus, we must have love for others and serve them.

Jesus is the King of all kings, yet He humbled Himself and served the needy. —Sis. Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. The form of a servant. 2. God. 3. He was teaching, preaching and healing. 4. He healed the sick and cast out devils. 5. Yes. 6. To rest. 7. A multitude of people. 8. He felt compassion. 9. More books than the world could contain.)

she left. George followed her, but the aunt stayed. George and Delilah met Akawo in the jungle, and they told her the foreigners were bad and would kill her if she went to see them. They said the foreigners had beaten them and tried to kill them. When the aunt came back, she said George and Delilah were lying, because the foreigners were good.

The Aucas believed George and Delilah's story, so they made many spears and went to Palm Beach. They killed the missionaries there. When another plane sent by the missionaries' friends came to drop gifts, Akawo believed Dayuma must still be alive.

After the aunts had told Dayuma about the tribe, they went into the jungle with Dayuma. There Dayuma was reunited with her mother, Akawo. Several of Dayuma's other relatives were also there. They told her George had been killed. They did not feel sorry though, because George was a killer himself.

After a month, Dayuma decided it was time to bring Rachel into the Aucas. They were ready to accept her. On the way, Dayuma told Rachel the results of her short stay. She said when she told the Aucas about heaven, only two did not laugh. The idea of heaven was strange to the Aucas who believed death was the end, or worse than the end. When they arrived in the jungle, the Aucas welcomed them.

One night, Dayuma woke Rachel to tell her an Auca boy wanted to be saved. He was the first of the Aucas in the tribe to accept Christ. Rachel was very glad.

Dayuma would tell the Aucas stories from the Bible as they sat together. Soon Rachel heard other Aucas beside Dayuma telling other Aucas about Jesus. She was happy, because this proved they were accepting the truth.

Dayuma and Rachel went to the United States to record Dayuma telling Bible stories in the Auca language for her people. Then they could hear the stories without Dayuma being present.

When Rachel and Dayuma came back to the jungle, all the Aucas except

two, Kimo and Dawa, had left. They didn't believe Rachel and Dayuma would come back. When Kimo went to bring them back, he found most of them were sick. They were angry at Dayuma for bringing the sickness in. They threatened to kill Dayuma and Rachel, but since no one died, they forgot the threat.

Near Easter, Dayuma told them the story of Christ's resurrection—how He left, and how He would come again. She asked who would follow Him. Dawa and Delilah said they would.

Over and over the Aucas listened to the records Dayuma had recorded for them. The records were a short version of the Old Testament.

Once the Aucas talked about the missionaries they had killed. They said after the first one was killed, the other four shot their guns into the air. The Indians waited until the bullets were gone, then killed the others. They seemed sad they had killed the missionaries.

Rachel wanted to know more of the Auca stories of creation, so she went to the Aucas' storyteller, Uncle G. (Gikita). Uncle G. told her the stories that had been passed down. Then he laughed and said, "Our ancestors were talking crazy." He said "Dayuma has come and told us God created everything. Now we know the straight story."

More and more of the Aucas were believing God's Word. Kimo was the first Auca man to tell Bible stories to his people. Uncle G. began to talk to the Lord as he hunted in the forest. He told the Aucas how he had killed and now was sorry. Kimo had also killed the foreigners. Uncle G. said it was very bad. Because the missionaries had not fought back, the Aucas were touched. It was through the deaths of the five missionaries that the Aucas' hearts were softened to the truth. Rachel and Dayuma rejoiced over the salvation of the Aucas. Today the dream of reaching the Aucas with the gospel is being realized.

—Janet McMurrin

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## The Kansas Streamliner

The Kansas Streamliner thundered toward them, its whistle warning country crossings. Blake and Zack dropped their school books and waved to the engineer. "Sure wish I could be on it," Blake sighed. "I've never been on a train." His gaze wandered out across acres of shimmering wheat. But he was not seeing wheat; he was seeing cement streets, skyscrapers, faraway places.

"Sure is fast, isn't she?" Zack commented. Blake stared after it. At last he answered slowly. "Headed for New York. I've never been any place.... That's a swell record for a guy eleven years old, isn't it?" He kicked hopelessly at a stone as they walked home.

"You really want to ride on a train and live in the city?" Zack asked.

"I didn't say I wanted to live in the city. You just have more chance to do things there."

"Like what?"

"Oh—I dunno. I want to do something that really counts, something to show I'm a Christian. What can I do here?" He threw up his hands and hunched his shoulders.

"You helped me become a Christian," Zack reminded him. "Isn't that a big thing?"

"Oh, that's different. You're easy to talk to."

"Well, how about persuading Michael to swing over to God?"

"That guy?" Blake's eyes narrowed.

"Not me. I invited him to church last week, but he just laughed and said, 'No thanks. I'm taking the flyer to Wichita Sunday.'" Blake shook his head. "No sir-ee, I'm not sticking my neck out anymore."

"He won't be in school Monday?"

"Nope, coming back Tuesday, on the streamliner."

As they shuffled along the tracks, Blake's thoughts began nagging him. "You can't take a little sneering to win a fellow to God?"

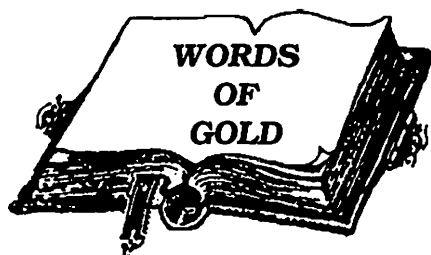
Suddenly, Zack slapped him on the back. "Seriously, Blake—you helped me find God. That's greater than anything in the world!" He turned and headed across the field toward home.

Blake stared after Zack and muttered, "Even my best friend doesn't understand me." Half angry he raced the opposite direction across the wide country.

Zack's words raced after him like a swarm of bees, "greater than the city, greater than anything..." The words buzzed at him. Then the verse joined in. "He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death."

Blake knelt in his room. "Help me, Lord," he prayed. "I just can't talk to Michael." God seemed far away.

Rain lashing against his window awoke Blake the following morning. Lightning cut the dark sky. As Blake stared from his window a deafening clap crashed overhead, in unison with a blinding flash.



## **The Passover**

Exodus 12:1-14

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

**The Message: The lamb that was killed for the feast of the Passover was a type of Christ. As the blood of the lamb was to be applied to the door posts, so the blood of Jesus must be applied to our hearts if we are to escape eternal death.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### **Verse to Memorize**

**...For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.**

**I Corinthians 5:7.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

"Get out of my sight!" Pharaoh shouted angrily at Moses. "If I ever see your face again I will kill you!"

After Moses left Pharaoh, God told him He would bring one more plague upon Pharaoh after which he would gladly let the Israelites go. According to God's instructions, he told the Israelites to kill a lamb for each family and sprinkle their door posts with the lamb's blood. This midnight supper was called the 'Passover' because the angel passed over the houses of those who obeyed the command God gave Moses. To remind them of this night, God commanded the Israelites to eat such a supper each year at this time.

Now the Egyptians had not sprinkled blood on their door posts or prepared a midnight meal. Every one of them had gone to bed as usual, expecting to sleep all night. But at midnight all were awakened, even Pharaoh. He hurried to the bedside of his oldest son and found him dead. Pharaoh cried loudly. In every Egyptian home there was the same sad cry. At once Pharaoh sent a swift messenger to Moses commanding him to leave at once with all the Israelites and their belongings.

The killing of a lamb without blemish each year at the Passover was more than a memorial of Israel's deliverance from Egypt. It typified a much greater deliverance—freedom

from sin through the precious blood of Jesus. Christ, the Lamb of God, was the perfect sacrifice.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



### Questions:

1. Who spoke to Moses and Aaron?
2. On what day of the month were they to take one lamb for every household?
3. If there were not enough people in one house to eat one lamb, what were they to do?
4. What kind of lamb must it be?
5. On what day would the lamb be killed?
6. What were they to do with the blood?
7. What was to be eaten with the roast lamb?
8. How were they to eat this meal?
9. Why was this feast called the 'Passover'?



(Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. The tenth. 3. Share with their neighbor. 4. A male of the first year, without blemish. 5. The fourteenth. 6. Strike it on the two side posts and the upper door post. 7. Unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 8. Hurriedly, with their shoes on, their staff in their hand and ready to march at a moment's notice. 9. When the death angel saw the blood on the door posts he passed over that house. The firstborn was not killed; his life was spared because of the blood.)

"That's too close for comfort when its in your own backyard."

Monday, Blake watched through whipping curtains of rain. He saw the streamliner gamely plowing through. Its whistle sounded. A thrill shot through him.

"She's a big engine," he said into the storm, "doing great things!"

Great things. There it was again. Could he ever shake it? He turned from the window with a restless sigh.

The three-day storm left a flooded world. Tuesday the great Kansas plains steamed in welcome sunshine as Blake shouldered his books and headed for the rural school. He glanced around for Zack, but his friend was not among the class. Neither was Michael; he should be coming home today on the Flyer.

Blake missed Zack as he was walking home. "But I will wave at the engineer anyway." As he rounded the curving bank, he stopped in sudden and dumbfounding surprise. Completely covering the tracks sprawled a huge boulder. Blake glanced up to the enormous gap in the bank where it had been. A scattering of rocks spilled over the ground.

For one terrible minute Blake stood rooted to the spot. Then, as he fully realized the danger, he leaped forward and ran as he had never run before—for home; for help.

He gasped for breath, but he dared not slow down; the train was almost due. Rushing into the kitchen, he screamed, "Dad! Dad! Mom!" His voice echoed back empty; then he remembered, "This is their day to shop in town." In panic he cried, "Please, please, Lord, what shall I do? It's up to me now, there's nobody else."

His eyes swept the room. Over its rack hung a large dishtowel. Snatching it, he raced out the door.

As he flew over the ground he remembered, "Michael is on that train!" He sobbed as he stumbled on. "Oh, please, Lord, let me get there in time. Give me another chance to win Michael for You."

Finally Blake's legs refused to obey him. As they started to buckle, the warn-

ing whistle of the Flyer sounded across the plain. With one last spurt of determined strength Blake forced himself on. The tracks gleamed ahead.

The train was almost upon him. Frantically Blake beat the towel in the wind. Its whiteness caught the sunlight. "Make them stop, make them stop" his heart begged.

The train thundered past.

Then—the brakes caught. The wheels screamed in the sudden force of their burning against the hot rails. The coaches clanged as they jarred together.

"Thank you, thank you," he whispered under his breath.

He felt a bit dazed as he looked at the approaching engineer. "Why did you stop us, boy?" he demanded in a frightful and puzzled voice.

Blake pointed to the circling bank ahead and stammered between gasps, "A rock—as big as your—engine. It's clear over—the tracks."

The engineer caught his breath, and then whispered hoarsely, "Thank God." The escaping passengers echoed, "Thank God."

From the small crowd a tall boy was coming toward him. It was Michael.

"You saved us." His voice was shaky. "Why—I could have been killed!"

The crowd began moving toward the great boulder and Michael walked beside Blake. "I thank you, Blake. You did a great thing."

Blake looked at his schoolmate. "Michael," he said firmly, "I have to tell you something. I learned today that the greatest thing anyone can do isn't stopping a train; it's stopping folks from going the wrong way. If you had been killed where would you be?"

Michael had no answer.

"God saved your life. He wants to save your spirit," Blake added.

For a long minute Michael stared back; then a look of understanding came over his face. He nodded slowly, "You're right, Blake. Show me how!"

—Adapted from *Open A Memory, a book of recitation given at the Christian School Assemblies in Myrtle, Missouri*



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Van's Scars

Elizabeth and Harold Hornlet had four children: Van, 14, Susan, 12, Debbie, 11 and Caleb, 6. Caleb's round baby face broke into laughter at the simplest joys, or it showed tears over the least bit of teasing. Susan, a bookworm could be found on rainy or sunny days curled up in her bed with a book. Debbie, a ball of energy, cleaned, baked and made crafts for every occasion. When not in school Van worked side by side with his carpenter father. He could complete a job to perfection or run a crew of men in his dad's absence. However, his hot temper and sharp tongue often got him into trouble.

"You're going to kill someone if you don't control your temper. Think what could happen," Mr. Hornlet told Van when he threw his hammer.

"You're too thoughtless. Think how your words sound. Think how others feel when you speak so harshly," Mrs. Hornlet scolded. They spanked. They grounded. Van didn't change.

One day, Mr. Hornlet said, "I'm going to drive a nail into the tree in the back yard every time you hurt someone. Maybe that will help you to see how careless you are."

The following day Van shouted at Caleb, "You look like a jack-o-lantern, your round face and missing teeth. I don't want to see you again."

"I can't help it if I have no teeth," Caleb wailed.

Dad drove a nail into the tree.

At the table he yelled, "Sounds like I'm eating beside a pig. Slop, slop, slurp, goes little piggy Caleb."

Dad drove another nail into the tree.

Dinner was ready and Van was hungry but Debbie's craft materials were scattered all over the table. "Such a mess!" he stormed. Then scooping up a great handful he wadded them up and threw them into the trash.

"You've ruined the cards for the children in the hospital," Debbie cried.

That evening Dad drove another nail into the tree.

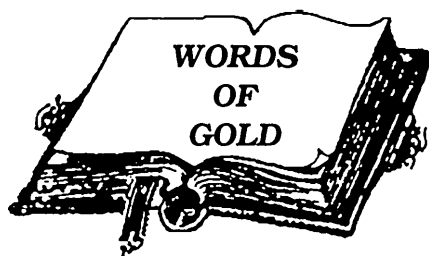
The tree was filling quickly with nails as the days went by.

One day Van was teasing Susan about reading so much. "Stop before you hurt her," Mother warned.

"Give me my book," Susan pleaded.

"Here, Caleb," Van called and pitched the book to him. Caleb missed it. The heavy book hit the lamp. The lamp toppled against a vase of flowers. Both fell and broke against each other. The vase had red food coloring in the water to tint the white rose petals. The red water poured over the new library book.

"It's your fault," Van stormed at Caleb. "You can pay for it." Caleb ran to his room, crying.



## Jesus Is Arrested

**John 18:1, 3-8, 10-13**

1 Jesus...went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden,...

3 Judas having received a band of men and officers...cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus...knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he....

6 ...[and] they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7 Then asked he again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he:...

10 Then Simon Peter...smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear....

11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword...

12 Then the...officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,

13 And led him away...

**John 19:1-4, 6-11**

1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,

3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

4 Pilate...saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

6 When the chief priests...and officers saw him, they cried out, Crucify

him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

7 The Jews answered him,...he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

9 And...saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:...

**The Message: Jesus' great love for us caused Him to bravely endure false accusation and death so we might be saved.**

### Questions:

1. Who came to Jesus with a band of men and officers?
2. What did they carry?
3. What did Jesus ask them?
4. What happened when He told them who He was?
5. What did Peter do to the high priest's servant?
6. Who put a crown on Jesus and what was it made of?
7. Who found no fault in Him?
8. What did the chief priests and officers say when they saw Jesus?
9. What saying made Pilate more afraid?

### Verse to Memorize

**...Jesus...endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Hebrews 12:2.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

How could the Jews have so much hatred for Jesus? He did nothing but good as long as He was with them. He healed their sick, He fed them in the desert, and He taught them the true way to serve God.

The chief priests and scribes were determined to do away with Jesus. These were the religious leaders. It was they who taught the common people about God. And although they appeared to be holy and to love God, in their hearts there was much evil. They loved the praise and honor of men more than they loved God.

The common people followed Jesus in great crowds listening gladly to His gracious words. They felt a commanding power in the words He spoke. He taught them with authority as He told them about God and how to serve Him. It was evident—He knew God personally! His messages told of the deepest truths, yet they were so amazingly simple that even the children could understand.

The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Jesus' popularity. They determined to find a way to kill Jesus. To take Him by force in broad daylight was out of the question. This could cause an uprising of the common people who loved and followed Jesus. These people would rather stone them than to see Jesus killed! They wondered how they would ever capture Jesus. Not daring to take Him in public, they did not know where to find Him in private.

Then, suddenly, the problem was

solved. Judas, Jesus' own disciple, came to the chief priests. "What will you give me and I will deliver Jesus to you?" he asked. Quickly they offered him thirty pieces of silver to lead them to Jesus by night. Judas did not bargain for more. He seemed glad to take what they offered.

The chief priests could hardly believe their good fortune! They did not even send for Judas; they would never have thought to do that. Jesus' own disciple betray Him? Never! But here he was, volunteering to lead them to Jesus. The chief priests gladly agreed to pay him to do just that.

Judas knew where to find Jesus. He had often gone with the other disciples and Jesus into this garden to pray. Judas led the band of armed soldiers straight to this place.

Jesus knew what was taking place. He knew the awful persecution and, finally, death that He must soon endure. When Judas and the band of men came Jesus went out to meet them. They did not need their weapons to capture Him. Jesus had prayed through. His purpose in coming to the world was to die for the sins of the people. He was ready to suffer so we might be saved. "I am He," Jesus boldly volunteered. In their surprise at such power and courage, the men ran backward and fell to the ground.

After examining Jesus, Pilate told the Jews, "I find in Him no fault at all!" Yet he commanded Jesus to be cruelly scourged and then turned Him over to the soldiers who mocked Him. Bringing Jesus before the Jews with a crown of thorns on His head and dressed in a purple robe, Pilate said, "Behold the man!" At the sight of Jesus the chief priests and officers began shouting, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

That night Dad drove four nails into the tree; one for Mother's lamp and vase, one for the book and one each for Caleb and Susan.

All Van's Saturday earnings went to pay for the ruined book. A worker accidentally stepped on Van's hand. In blind anger Van threw down his hammer. It flew against the wall breaking three of the four windows leaning there. "You'll work several more Saturdays to pay for those," Mr. Hornlet said.

Another nail went into the tree.

When the neighbor boys learned why the nails were in the tree they began calling Van, "Vampire." Almost every day one would ask, "Got any more nails in the tree, Vampire?"

Van lashed at them.

More nails and more nails!

Mr. Hornlet realized that Van was helpless to overcome his angry habits. He took Van to the river and while they fished, they talked. "The tree is pretty loaded."

"I know, but I can't do anything about it. I try to control my temper. What's a guy gonna do? Anyway, everyone thinks I'm bad, guess I just as well be and live up to my new name."

"There's a way out, Son. Remember 'The Lion and the Mouse' fable? The lion was caught in a trap. He thought there was no way out. But a little mouse did a very simple thing and the lion went free. (She chewed the rope that held the trap.) A very simple act will set you free."

"What is it, Dad?"

"Jesus came to open the prison doors and set the captives free. He will set you free, if you will confess you sin and trust Him to change you."

"But, Dad, that's being a coward. I should be able to control my own actions."

"You can with God's help. I tell you what—I'll start pulling out a nail every time I catch you saying or doing some-

thing nice for those you have offended."

"Really, Dad? Someday there will be no nails in the tree?"

"That's right!"

"I'm gonna try."

"What's the first step?"

"Hum... Oh, yes, ask God to come into my heart and change it."

"Yes, Jesus said that what's in your heart affects what you say."

Van reeled in his line, closed his eyes and asked Jesus to make him a different guy.

The following day, Dad pulled three nails out. Van helped Caleb do his homework, he washed dishes for Debbie so she could make new cards for the sick children and he praised his mother for the good dinner.

Although there were some days when Dad had to drive in a nail, more nails were coming out than were going into the tree. Finally the day came when Van watched Dad remove the last nail from the tree.

"Ah, Dad," he said. "The tree's a mess. Will it always be that way?"

"The tree will always be scarred."

So it is, when we hurt others, it leaves a scar both on us and on the person we hurt. They may forgive and we may overcome our bad habit as Van did but only God can remove the scars. Some bad habit scars are almost impossible to be removed. Think of this when you are tempted to sin.

—By Charlotte Huskey, adapted from *Nails In The Post* by M.F. Cowdery

(Answers: 1. Judas. 2. Lanterns, torches and weapons. 3. Whom seek ye? 4. They went backward and fell to the ground. 5. Cut off his right ear. 6. The soldiers. Thorns. 7. Pilate. 8. Crucify him, crucify him. 9. He made himself the Son of God.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Sacrificed For Christ

There is a growing intolerance for Christians in India. In July of 1998, the body of a deceased Christian was dug out of the grave and dumped outside a church. Two months later, an armed group of Hindu activists went into a church-run kindergarten, beating and molesting the sister teachers.

This is very sad and there may not be an end in sight because some Hindu leaders believe such "punishment" against missionaries is fine. The Evangelical Fellowship of India reported there were more than 90 acts of violence against Christians in 1998 alone.

In January 1999, Dr. Staines and his two sons died in their jeep when a militant anti-Christian mob set fire to it. The Australian missionary had come to India over thirty years before. He helped establish the Mayurbhanj Leprosy Home and worked for years to eradicate leprosy in the region. Through his work he expressed the love of God. He let the natives see the work of God's Word in his exemplary life.

The missionary was in Manoharpur helping run a "Jungle Camp," a Bible teaching camp held

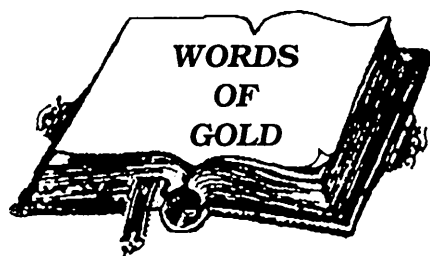
in that remote village each year. He and his two sons Philip, 9, and Timothy, 6, were asleep in their jeep in front of the church when an angry mob of about 50 men stormed the village. They stationed armed guards around the homes of Christians who might try to save Staines and his sons.

Leaving each guard in his place the remaining mob marched on to the church and silently poured gasoline over the Staines' jeep. Then they formed a circle around it to prevent anyone from rescuing Staines. While they chanted "Barjang Kali" in reference to one of the Hindu goddesses they watched the missionary and his two sons burn to death.

Dr. Staines had helped to translate the New Testament into Ho, a local tribal language. The Bible Society of India published the Ho New Testament in Oriya script in 1997.

Dr. Staines had proofread the entire typeset text himself, and he bought the whole print run of 3,000 New Testaments for local distribution. He was hoping to start work on the translation of the Old Testament.

The murder of Dr. Staines and his two sons, however, has secured



## Jesus Is Crucified

**John 19:12, 15-18, 29-30, 32-34. 36-39, 40-41**

**12** ...Pilate sought to release [Jesus]:...

**15** But they [the mob] cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him....

**16** Then delivered he [Jesus]...to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

**17** And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull,...

**18** Where they crucified him, and two other with him,...and Jesus in the midst.

**29** Now...they filled a sponge with vinegar,...and put it to his mouth.

**30** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

**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.

**37** And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

**38** And after this Joseph...a disciple of Jesus,...took the body of Jesus.

**39** And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes,...

**41** Now in the place where he was crucified there was...in the garden a new sepulchre,...

**42** There laid they Jesus...

**The Message: God's love for us was so great that He devised a plan by which man could be saved from his sins. The prophets wrote of this wonderful plan many years before Jesus came and fulfilled it.**

### Questions:

1. Who wanted to release Jesus?
2. What did the mob cry out?
3. What did Jesus bear?
4. How many others were crucified with Jesus?
5. What three words did Jesus say just before He died?
6. Why didn't the soldiers break Jesus' legs?
7. Who pierced Jesus' side with a spear?
8. Who took the body of Jesus?
9. Who brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes?

### Verse to Memorize

**For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled,...**

**John 19:36.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Because of His great love for us, God sent His only Son from paradise to earth. He was moved with pity when He saw the awful misery sin had brought into the lives of men and women. Although He had given laws for people to live by, these laws only brought condemnation. They could not give people power over sin. The purpose of the law was to show man his own sinfulness and his inability to help himself.

God yearned to be near His people. This was the very reason He had created man. He wanted them to love Him in return. If only they would allow Him to rule their lives He could free them from their awful load of sin.

There was only one way man could ever be set free from sin. It required a great sacrifice. Not just any sacrifice would do. The lambs sacrificed under the law had to be perfect, without blemish of any kind. These lambs were the type of the only sacrifice that would bring man back to a state where he could once more be acceptable in God's sight. Jesus, God's only Son, was alone worthy to be this sacrifice.

And Jesus loved us so much He was willing to leave His beautiful home in heaven to live on earth, to first teach men how to please God, and finally to give His very life to

atone for our sins. In this way we can once more be at-one with God.

His was no ordinary death—every detail was a fulfillment of prophecy. When His clothes were divided among the soldiers, they cast lots to see who would get His coat. More than a thousand years before David wrote in Psalms 22:18, "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture (coat). Psalms 69:21 says, "...and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

When the soldiers came to break the legs of those who had been crucified, they were surprised to see that Jesus was already dead. Instead, a soldier pierced His side. Again, David had written this would be so. In Psalms 34:20, he wrote, "He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken." The prophet Zechariah wrote, "...they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,..." (Zechariah 12:10.)

Knowing from the beginning the agony He must endure, yet Jesus' great love for us compelled Him to come and die that we might be saved. God commands us also to love others, just as He did. With the love of God in our hearts, we will have a great desire to see others saved. It is thrilling to read the biographies of men and women who risked their lives, as the missionary in our story, to spread the gospel. Many have left their comfortable homes to live right among the people they hope to win. It has sometimes cost their very lives, but God works powerfully through such sacrifices to save those who will accept the good news of salvation.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

a promise from Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee to take firm action to stop such violence.

The violent deaths of these noble Christians should not surprise us. Wasn't Jesus abused and killed? What did He say to His disciples? Jesus said, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.... If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." Jesus also said, "Blessed are you when men shall hate you and shall separate you from their company, and shall...cast out your name as evil,...rejoice ye in that day...for...your reward is great in heaven." (John 15:18, Luke 6:22-23.)

Timothy, Philip and their father have received their great reward in heaven. While we are still here on earth being scorned and rejected by the world, they are rejoicing.

A true Christian just doesn't fit in this world. He is of a heavenly kingdom. Those in the world are of an earthly kingdom. These two kingdoms have been at war with each other since the beginning of the world. We know from experience that Jesus' words are true. He said, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own:...But I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. (John 15:19.)

People who do not have a relationship with God think it strange that Christians are willing to suffer for Christ. But a Christian is so in love with Jesus that he will do anything to keep that relationship strong. Just as the Staines' family was willing to give their time, talents and energy to share Jesus with others, so are we.

If you do not have this relationship with Jesus seek God to help you know Him better. The following poem explains why Christians are so in love with Jesus.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

### ***The Bundle***

He carried a bundle of false beliefs,  
Musty and heavy as a lawyer's briefs.  
Prejudice, jealousy, bitterness,  
strife—

These were the wares of his troubled  
life.

He carried the bundle wherever He  
went—

Anger, suspicion, and selfish in-  
tent;

He saw what he sought, injustice  
and sin.

Life was a tempest without and  
within.

He mumbled and stumbled; the  
world was all wrong.

His bundle grew heavy as he  
shuffled along.

Worry, impatience, discord, and  
doubt—

These were the things that he  
dragged all about.

Tired of his bundle, he set the load  
down,

He prayed long to God; his face lost  
its frown.

In his eyes dawned a light by which  
he could see.

He forsook his old bundle and  
walked away free.

(Answers: 1. Pilate. 2. Crucify Him! 3. A cross. 4. Two. 5. It is finished. 6. He was already dead. 7. A soldier. 8. Joseph. 9. Nicodemus.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Mighty Messenger

"What will you read to us tonight?" John asked as he threw himself down on the patio recliner.

Grandmother, who was rocking in a blue and white patio rocker, looked over her glasses at him and said, "I have a letter to read."

"A letter? Is it from Mother and Dad?"

"No. Not from them. Maybe we'll get one tomorrow. Where's Melissa? I'm ready when she gets here."

Just then Melissa came from behind the house carrying Tubby, her Siamese cat.

John jumped up hoping to frighten the cat and make Melissa angry. Melissa was prepared. She had a towel over the cat's head. "Guess I fooled you," she said laughing at her little brother.

"Listen, and I will read this letter to you," Grandmother said.

Melissa seated herself on the edge of the swimming pool, a safe distance from John, and uncovered Tubby's head.

Grandmother began reading:

*"My Dear Christian Friend,*

*"I am only a little tract, but I have a message for the whole wide world. When you have read me, send me on; oh, please send me on. Don't put me on a dusty bookshelf, or in a musty old*

*book, or in your dark writing desk.*

*"Oh, dear me! Are you going to bury my talent? Please don't.*

*"Read me, and then pass me on. My message is for every creature. Put me into an envelope and let me fly to a friend. After they have read my message let me fly again in another envelope, then another until I have encircled the entire globe. Then, but not until then, can I lay down to rest.*

*"Signed,*

*"A little tract.*

*"P.S. If you have any of my brother tracts safely tucked away, shake the dust off them and send them on their way that they, too, might finish their course and hear, "Well done, little tract. You have done all that people let you do."*

"That was written by Percy G. Near," Grandmother said.

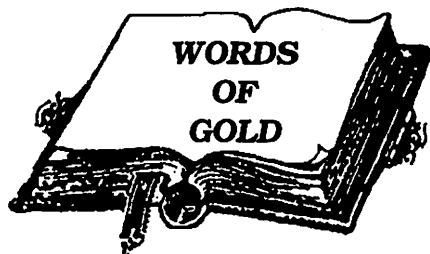
"It is a funny letter," John remarked.

"I like it," Melissa said. "I'm writing an essay about Hudson Taylor in my literature class. He was saved by reading a tract."

"Can you tell us about it?" Grandmother asked.

"I'll tell you what I know," Melissa answered.

"Hudson Taylor was taught to be a Christian. He tried to be good, but as he got older, he realized he could not always be good. This made him doubt



## Jesus Lives

**John 20:1-2, 4, 10-21**

**1** The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark,...and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

**2** Then she runneth,...to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple,...and saith...They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre,...

**4** So they ran both together: and...came...to the sepulchre.

**10** Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

**11** But Mary...as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

**12** And seeth two angels in white sitting,...where the body of Jesus had lain.

**13** And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith...Because they have taken away my Lord,...

**14** And when she had thus said, she turned...and saw Jesus [but] knew not that it was Jesus.

**15** Jesus saith unto her, Woman,...whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith..., Sir...tell me where thou hast laid him,...

**16** Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She...saith unto him,...Master.

**17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father:...

**18** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the

Lord, and that he had spoken...unto her.

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

**20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

**21** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

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**The Message: Jesus told His disciples He would be raised from the dead. After His resurrection He appeared to them many times to assure them He was indeed alive.**

### Questions:

1. Who came early and what did she see at the sepulchre?
2. To whom did she run to tell the news?
3. Who stooped down and looked into the sepulchre?
4. Who was sitting where Jesus' body had lain?
5. What did they ask?
6. Who did Mary think Jesus was?
7. What did Mary tell the disciples?
8. Who appeared to the disciples even though the doors were shut?
9. What did Jesus show the disciples?

### Verse to Memorize

**But now is Christ risen from the dead,...**

**I Corinthians 15:20.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Today is Easter, the day Christians think especially about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of our Savior. This was a most wonderful event. But an even greater event took place at Christ's resurrection. God showed his exceedingly great love and power when He raised Jesus from the dead after He had lain in the tomb three days.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and followers in miraculous ways as positive proof that He was indeed alive.

Mary saw the tomb was empty but she could not leave. She did not know where to find the body of Jesus. Turning from the sepulchre she saw Jesus standing nearby. "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked kindly. In her grief Mary did not recognize her Lord. She thought He must be the gardener. Surely he knew where the body was. Only when Jesus lovingly spoke her name did Mary realize this was Jesus.

That same day two disciples were sadly discussing Jesus' death. As they walked along the road to Emmaus Jesus caught up with them and walked with them. "What are you talking about as you walk that makes you so sad?" He asked.

"Are you only a stranger in Jerusalem to not know all that has happened there the past few days?" they asked in surprise

When Jesus asked, "What things?" they told them about the crucifixion. "We trusted that He was the One who would redeem Israel," they confided. Then they told Jesus how some women

went to the sepulchre and found it empty.

Jesus responded, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things?" Then, starting at Moses He proved that Jesus was indeed the Savior they looked for.

When they got to Emmaus, the disciples still did not recognize Jesus. It was getting late so the disciples insisted that He spend the night with them. When supper was prepared they sat down to eat. Not until He blessed the bread did they recognize that it was Jesus. Immediately He vanished out of their sight.

The two disciples were too excited to keep the news to themselves. Returning to Jerusalem that very evening they found the eleven disciples gathered together with others. Then as the two related to the other disciples how Jesus had appeared to them He suddenly stood in the middle of them! "Peace be unto you," He told them lovingly. But they were terrified! They were sure it must be a spirit.

"Why are you troubled?" Jesus asked. "Look at the nail prints in my hands and my feet." As they looked they believed. Jesus was alive!

But Thomas, one of disciples, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him excitedly, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas doubted. "Unless I see the print of the nails in His hands and actually put my hand in His side, I will not believe," he declared.

Eight days after this the disciples, with Thomas, were in a room with the doors all shut. All of a sudden Jesus was standing among them. Speaking directly to Thomas He said, "Look at my hands and touch them. Put your hand into My side. Do not be faithless; believe!"

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas humbly acknowledged.

Jesus answered, "Thomas, because you have seen Me you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

God. Also many of his friends did not believe in God. By the time he was 15 he, too, had decided there was no God.

"One day it was too cold to be outside so he was looking in his dad's library for something to read. He found a box of tracts and booklets. 'Sometimes these have interesting stories,' he murmured, 'I'll read the amusing part and ignore the rest.'

"He read. The more he read the more he wanted to read. What he read convinced him that if he gave himself to God, Christ would help him be good. So he got saved. Later he became a missionary and taught thousands of Chinese about Christ," Melissa said.

"I will tell you another story about a man getting saved because he read a tract," Grandmother said.

"He had tried and tried to find God by worshiping Japanese gods. Through the year, he burned incense to idols. Before New Year's he decorated his father's shop with stalks of bamboo and straw ropes. On New Year's Day he ate carp. It was supposed to give energy and determination to overcome problems. He ate chestnuts for success in the new year and seaweed for happiness. None of these things helped. He was just as depressed as ever.

"One night the man climbed to a high rocky cliff beside the ocean. Strong waves beat the razor-sharp rocks below him. Why they hadn't already worn smooth, he didn't know. He perched in a very dangerous spot, waiting for courage to fling himself to his death below.

"While waiting he heard a strange noise. In a smooth spot nearby a paper held fast by a rock was flapping in the wind. 'Someone has placed the paper here. Wonder why anyone would put it in such a place?' he questioned. Laboriously he crawled over the rocks and freed the paper. Taking a small pen flashlight from his shirt pocket, he began reading it. Presently he raised

his face toward heaven and cried out, 'Oh, God, are You there? Is this true? Do You free men from evil? Will You save me from my wicked self and give me peace in my mind?'

"As soon as he had said these words, a calm quiet peace came over him," Grandmother said.

"He got saved on that cliff all by himself?" John asked.

"Yes, he did. God will save a person anywhere, when they repent and believe," Grandmother assured John.

"The man was so thankful for salvation, that he quit his job and began helping others get saved.

"He became the pastor of a church near where he found the tract. Later while telling how he was saved, he said, 'I was on the highest, most rugged cliff around here ready to plunge myself to death when I found a tract. I read it and was saved.' Then he told the date he was saved.

"An elderly gentleman in the congregation stood up. In a quivering high-pitched voice he exclaimed, 'Pastor, I am the man who put that tract under the rock. I had passed out about 300 tracts on the seaside that day. The tracts were not welcomed. I was scorned. By the time I got to that cliff, I was very sad. Having just one tract left, I placed it under a stone and prayed it might fall into some welcome hands.'

"Praise God, He answered that prayer!"

Grandmother took off her glasses and laid them in her lap. "We never know how much good a good tract will do, so we should pass them out every chance we get." —Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Mary Magdalene. The stone taken away. 2. Simon Peter. 3. Mary. 4. Two angels. 5. "Woman, why weepst thou?" 6. The gardener. 7. That she had seen Jesus and that He spoke to her. 8. Jesus. 9. His hands and His side.)

THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Spoiled Picnic

BEEP, BEEP! Dale heard in the bedroom where he was lacing up his Nikes. He picked up his jacket and raced through the hall to the door.

"Bye, Mom!"

"Good-bye, Dale. Have a good time and be sure to obey Mr. Whitney...." But Dale was crowding into Mr. Whitney's green stationwagon beside nine other guys. Strings from his untied shoes hung out the door.

"Glad you could come," said Bob Whitney, the Sunday school teacher. "We're all here so let's ask the Lord to take care of us."

Dale frowned. *Do we have to take picnic time to pray? Is this outing a bait to get me to come regularly to Sunday School?* he thought.

Halfway up the winding mountain highway, Mr. Whitney turned on to a narrow gravel road. The busy city was far away when they stopped beside a creek with big stones in it.

The boys scrambled out.

"This will be a blast," Dale said.

Bruce pointed toward the creek. "Let's go exploring."

"Yeah. Let's go."

Just then Mr. Whitney announced, "The creek is off limits. I don't want anyone getting wet."

"Let's play being an Indian scout."

Dale wrinkled his nose.

"It's lots of fun!" Bruce said.

The boys gathered around Mr. Whitney.

"When I blow the whistle, you run as far as you can. When you hear the second whistle, stop and begin working your way back to home base. Whoever gets here without being seen is the winner. When I blow the third whistle come out of hiding."

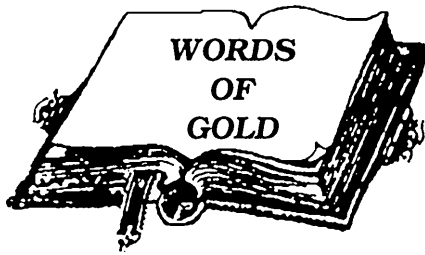
"If I hear something I'll be watching that spot trying to see who it is. Ready?"

"Yes."

"There is just one more thing. The creek is out of bounds." He raised the whistle and gave a long shrill blast. The boys ran in all directions.

Dale ran fast though the underbrush, behind trees, over rocks. At the second whistle Dale stopped. For a few moments he sat quietly, planning his moves. *If I cross the creek, I can get near the base without being seen. Then I can slip back across on the rocks while Mr. Whitney is looking away. He'll never know I've been near the creek. Mr. Whitney has such strange ideas!*

He hurried along the creek to a shallow place, rolled up his jeans, took off his shoes and socks. Oh! Very cold for summer. On the other side he had to dry his feet and put his socks and shoes on again. He was wasting



## A Brass Serpent

### Numbers 21:4-9

**4** And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea,...and the...people was much discouraged because of the way.

**5** And the people spake against God, and against Moses, [saying] Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water;...

**6** And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

**7** Therefore the people...said, We have sinned,...against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

**8** And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

**9** And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and...if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

### II Kings 18:1, 3-4

**1** Now it came to pass...that Hezekiah...king of Judah began to reign.

**3** And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did.

**4** He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the

groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

**The Message: Those Israelites who believed and looked up at the brasen serpent were healed. Now we look up to Jesus who is our Savior and Healer.**

### Questions:

1. Why were the people discouraged?
2. Who did they speak against?
3. Why did they think they would die in the wilderness?
4. What did the Lord send among the people?
5. Who prayed for the people?
6. What did the Lord tell Moses to make?
7. What was he to do with what he made?
8. If a snake bit someone, how could he be healed?
9. Why was the brasen serpent finally broken in pieces?

(Answers: 1. Because of the difficult way they had to travel. 2. God and Moses. 3. There was no bread or water in the wilderness. 4. Fiery serpents. 5. Moses. 6. A fiery serpent of brass. 7. Put it on a pole. 8. By looking at the serpent of brass. 9. Because the people were worshipping it.)

### Verse to Memorize:

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:14-15.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The children of Israel were on their way to Canaan, the land God had promised them. When they came near the kingdom of Arad, he came out and fought against Israel and took some of the people prisoners.

The people prayed and vowed to God that if He would deliver these enemies into their hands they would utterly destroy all the cities of king Arad. God heard their prayer and delivered their enemies into their hand. The Israelites destroyed all the cities of king Arad, as they had vowed.

This great victory and God's mercy to them should have still been fresh in their minds. But soon the people became discouraged because the way they had to go was rough. They began to speak against God and Moses, showing no gratitude for God's many mercies to them.

The people complained that they had no bread or water and accused Moses of bringing them into the wilderness to die. "We hate this light bread," they said, referring to the manna God daily provided for them.

While they were complaining, snakes crawled into the camp and bit many people. These snakes looked like fire, and the poison from their bite felt like fire. Those who were bitten died. The wilderness through which they had passed was, no doubt, infested with these fiery serpents all along. Up to this time God had wonderfully preserved His people from receiving hurt by them. But to chastise them for their mur-

muring, the snakes, which before had stayed out of the camp, now invaded it.

At once the people realized they were being punished for complaining against God and Moses. They knew they had done wrong, and they were sorry. Quickly they came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord and ask Him to take these snakes away."

Instead of taking the snakes away God provided a means by which those who were bitten could be healed if they obeyed His command. God told Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and put it on a pole. Then whenever anyone is bitten, he can look at the pole and he will be healed."

So Moses made a serpent of brass and put it on a tall pole in the middle of the camp. From then on whenever anyone was bitten by a snake, the person looked up at this and the snake bite was made well.

The serpent of brass had no power to heal. The people were healed by faith when they believed God and obeyed by looking up to the brass serpent. If they refused to look up they would die from the snake's bite.

John 3:14 says, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." The snake was lifted high up on a pole. Jesus was lifted up on a cruel cross. As looking at the brass serpent with faith healed the Israelites, so we must look up to Jesus to be healed from sin and all its evil effects. An Israelite who refused this method of cure would die; so if sinners despise Christ's righteousness and refuse to accept Him as their Savior, they will perish in their sins.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

precious time, so he carelessly tied his shoelaces and hurried along the opposite bank. The brush was thick and he was too far away to be easily heard. Now he was near the big rocks beside the clearing. But they were in full view of Mr. Whitney.

While deciding what to do he heard Mr. Whitney saying, "Only one minute more!"

He dared not go across in sight of Mr. Whitney. To take off shoes and put them back on would take too much time so he slipped back to the gravel bar in the middle of the creek. Two jumps and he'd be across. He jumped, landed safely on the soft gravel. On the second jump he tripped on his shoestring, fell in the soft mud and rolled into the icy water.

Dale jumped to his feet just in time to hear Mr. Whitney call, "Stand up where you are."

He heard the rattling of the brush as the other boys stood up.

"I can see everyone except Dale," Mr. Whitney said.

Dale stood up slowly behind some bushes.

"Okay. Come in. Dale is nearest so he's the winner."

The other boys came crashing though the shrubs, but Dale stood trembling.

"Come on in, best scout," the boys called.

Dale hung his head.

Mr. Whitney suspected something and went to see. "Well, well, you're not the best scout; you're a wet scout," he said. "Better get in the car and strip off those wet clothes. I brought a robe for such accidents. Put it on and stay in the car while your clothes dry. I can't take you home in wet clothes."

Dale obeyed. Mr. Whitney spread Dale's jeans and T-shirt on the hood of the car in the sun. Then he continued playing games with the boys.

Later they gathered wood and built

a fire. Dale could see Bruce placing wieners on forks and the boys roasting them. "What a fool I've been," he muttered. Bruce, his best friend, brought him a hot dog, some chips, and a piece of chocolate cake, and hurried away.

After the boys had eaten Mr. Whitney came to the car and said, "We're going for a hike, think you'll be all right for an hour or two?"

Dale didn't answer. That is when Mr. Whitney noticed Dale hadn't eaten. "Not hungry?"

"No."

Bruce was feeling Dale's clothes. "Say, Mr. Whit, these jeans will soon be dry enough to wear. Then could Dale come with us?"

Dale looked at Bruce and then at Mr. Whitney. "I'm sorry, sir. I disobeyed. Will you forgive?" Dale whispered.

"I will, but remember I said Sunday that sin catches up with us. Today it caught up with you, didn't it?"

"Yes."

"I'm sure you're sorry, Dale."

"I am. But Mr. Whit, would you ask God to forgive me, too?"

"It would be better if you ask His forgiveness. God's Word says, 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'"

Dale looked at Mr. Whitney for a moment, then he bowed his head and asked God to forgive him, and he really meant it. "I feel better now," he said.

"Come on then, let's go!" Mr. Whitney said.

"Coming!" Dale answered, as he slipped on his warm jeans. They were still damp and a little muddy.

Then he grabbed his hot dog in one hand and cake in the other. It was a cold dog by now, but it tasted great!

—Charlotte Huskey

**(Look for "Answers" on page 2.)**



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Big S-t-r-e-t-c-h

Pinky was in trouble again. And it was all his fault. He knew he shouldn't do it but it was so much fun. Now don't get me wrong, Pinky was a good boy—at least most of the time. All the fellows liked him. He was good-natured and always ready to think up a great new game or something interesting to do. But there was one thing Pinky did that was not so good.

When Pinky told about something that happened he made it sound bigger than it really was. By the time Pinky got through telling a story, you could hardly recognize it as the same story, even if it had happened to you. Pinky was a big exaggerator. He had tried to break the habit, but he enjoyed making things sound a lot bigger than they really were so much that he couldn't resist the temptation.

Take for example the time his daddy turned his ankle while he was mowing the yard. Mr. Blake, Pinky's daddy, was out in their yard pushing the lawnmower when he turned his ankle. It hurt and Mr. Blake limped over and sat down on the steps and rubbed his ankle for a minute. But that is all there was to it.

But you should have heard Pinky telling two of his best friends in the

grocery store. "Hey, fellows," he said, "You'll never guess what happened at our house last night. My dad was mowin' our front yard and he was pushin' the lawnmower so hard he lost his balance and fell, wham!"

"Did he hurt himself?" Chuck asked.

"Hurt himself? Well I guess he did. Why, his leg was hurtin' so bad. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if his leg's broken. In fact, I'm sure it is. Why, you could see the bone, even."

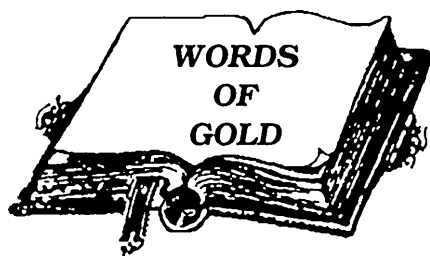
"That's terrible!" said Burney.

Chuck Morton and Burney Short, ran home and told their folks what had happened to Mr. Blake.

Later that day Mrs. Morton met their pastor's wife downtown. Naturally she asked about Mr. Blake's leg. The pastor's wife looked surprised and said, "I haven't heard about this, but I will send my husband right over to see Mr. Blake."

Pinky's face was red when the pastor came to see his dad! And so Pinky's parents realized that Pinky had been exaggerating again.

After the pastor left, Mr. Blake called Pinky into his room and said, "Sit down, Son." Mr. Blake looked very sad. "Pinky, how many times have we told you that exaggerating is the same as telling a lie? Don't you know the Lord says lying is wrong?



## A Talking Donkey

### Numbers 22:21-34

**21** Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

**22** And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way...

**23** And the ass saw the angel...and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass...went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass,...

**24** But the angel...stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

**25** When the ass saw the angel...she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

**26** And the angel...went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn,...

**27** And when the ass saw the angel...she fell down under Balaam:...and he smote the ass with a staff.

**28** And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said...What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

**29** And Balaam said...Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

**30** And the ass said...Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine...? was I ever wont to do so unto thee?

And he said, Nay.

**31** Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel...and his sword drawn...and he...fell flat on his face.

**32** And the angel...said unto him,...behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse...

**33** ...Unless she had turned from me, surely...I had slain thee...

**34** And Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord, I have sinned;...

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**The Message: Balaam was not willing to accept God's commandment to not go with Balak's men. He continued to ask permission to go because he had hopes of getting the reward Balak offered.**

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### Questions:

1. With whom did Balaam go?
2. Who was angry because he was going?
3. Who stood in the way?
4. Why did the donkey turn out of the path into a field?
5. What did Balaam do to the donkey?
6. Why did the donkey crush Balaam's foot against the wall?
7. Why did the donkey fall down?
8. What did the donkey say to Balaam?
9. What did Balaam say after the Lord opened his eyes?

### Verse to Memorize:

**And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.**

**Psalms 106:15.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

When the children of Israel reached the land of Moab, Balak, king of Moab, was afraid. He had heard of the many kingdoms the Israelites had conquered. Their army was larger than his so he dared not go out in battle against them.

He decided to send for Balaam, a wise man of Midian. He had heard that Balaam could speak against a people and they would become weak; or, if he blessed them they would become strong. So he sent messengers with money to Balaam.

Balaam told the messengers, "I do not know whether the Lord wants me to go with you. Stay here tonight. In the morning I will know."

During the night God asked Balaam, "Who are the men in your house?"

Balaam explained who they were and what they wanted. "Do not go with these men," God commanded. "You must not speak against the Israelites because I have blessed them."

In the morning Balaam told the men God did not want him to go with them. The messengers returned to Balak with this message.

But Balak was desperate. Again he sent men to Balaam.

They told him, "King Balak said to let nothing stand in your way, but come to him. He will give you great honor."

"If King Balak would give me his house full of gold and silver, I could not change the word of the Lord. But if you want to wait until morning, I will talk to the Lord again."

While the messengers slept God told Balaam, "If the men come to call you, get up and go with them. Be sure to do whatever I tell you."

But Balaam did not wait for the men to call him. He was so anxious to go he got up early so by the time the men got up he was all ready to go with them.

The trip did not go well. First his donkey ran off the road. Balaam hit her to force her back on the road. Before long while going through a place with walls on both sides, the donkey ran against the wall, crushing Balaam's foot. This made Balaam very angry. He finally got her back on the road but they hadn't gone far when the donkey suddenly sank to the ground.

Now Balaam was furious! He hit the donkey as hard as he could with his staff. He was too angry to think it strange when his donkey asked, "What have I done that you should hit me three times?"

Then the Lord let Balaam see the angel. Only then did he realize the donkey had saved his life. "I have sinned," he confessed to the angel. "I did not know you were standing in front of me."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

I'm sure you love the Lord. But God is not pleased with you lying this way. Go to your room and talk to the Lord about it."

Pinky stormed out of the room. He stomped his feet on the stairs and slammed his bedroom door. Then he threw himself down on his bed. "It isn't the same, it isn't, it isn't," he cried. Pinky cried until he went to sleep lying there across his bed.

The next thing Pinky knew, he was fishing down on the creek with his dad. They were having a great time, when suddenly his dad slipped on a big rock and plunged down into the deep water. Pinky was frightened, more scared than he'd ever been! Quicker than he'd ever done anything in his life Pinky began to pray. Then he saw his dad's head come up out of the water and his hand reach out and grab hold of a sharp rock along the bank.

"Pinky, run quick and get somebody to come and pull me out with a rope. The bluff's too high for me to climb. You must hurry or I can't hang on to this rock until you get back."

Pinky ran as fast as his legs would carry him. He came to Chuck's house and ran in without even knocking. He told them what had happened. Chuck said, "Ha, probably your dad fell and got one foot in the water. We know you, Pinky. You're just stretchin' the truth again."

"No, no, he did fall in. You've got to save my dad!" Pinky shouted. The whole family laughed. They didn't believe him because he had exaggerated so many times.

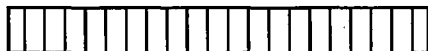
Then, all at once he wasn't at Chuck's house anymore. He was at home on his own bed. He had been dreaming.

Pinky was never the same. Now he knew his dad was right. The things he'd exaggerated really hadn't been

the truth. The truth is exactly what happens—not any bigger or any smaller.

After that dream, Pinky tried to always tell the truth. Some people might say that dream just happened, but Pinky knew better. He knew God sent the dream and Pinky was mighty grateful.

—Selected



## WORDS

Words are things of little cost,  
Quickly spoken, quickly lost;  
We forget them, but they stand  
Witnesses at God's right hand.  
And their testimonies bear  
For us or against us there.

Oh, how often ours have been  
Idle words and words of sin,  
Words of anger, scorn, or pride,  
Or deceit, or faults to hide;  
Envious tales, or strife unkind,  
Leaving bitter thoughts behind!

Grant us, Lord, from day to day,  
Strength to watch and grace to pray;  
May our lips, from sin kept free,  
Love to speak and sing of Thee,  
Till in heaven we shall raise  
Hymns of everlasting praise.

—Anonymous

(Answers: 1. The princes of Moab. 2. God. 3. The angel of the Lord. 4. He saw the angel standing in the path with a sword in his hand. 5. He hit him. 6. Because the angel stood in the way. 7. If he went further Balaam would be killed by the angel's sword. 8. "What have I done to you that you would hit me three times?" 9. "I have sinned.")

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The World's Meanest Mother

I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other children ate sweets for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had cookies and candy for lunch, I had to eat sandwiches. As you guess, my supper was different from other children's also.

But at least I wasn't alone in my suffering. My sister and two brothers had the same MEAN MOTHER that I had.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times—you'd think we were on the chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour that we be gone one hour or less—not one hour and a minute. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually spanked us. Not once, but each time we did as we

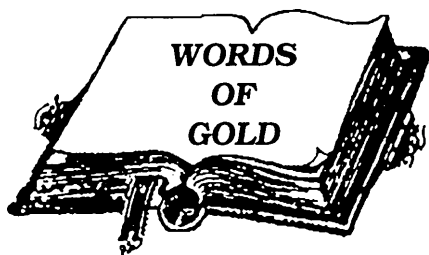
pleased. Can you imagine someone actually spanking a child just because he disobeyed?

**NOW YOU CAN BEGIN TO SEE HOW MEAN SHE REALLY WAS.**

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up early the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends, so while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the CHILD LABOR LAW. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds and learn to cook all sorts of hard things. I believe she lay awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us, and it nearly did.

By the time we were teenagers, she was wiser—and our lives became more unbearable. None of this tooting of the car horn by the boys for us to come running. She



## A Happy Mother

**I Samuel 1:9-11, 20-24  
24, 26-28**

**9** So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh,...

**10** And she...prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore.

**11** And she...said,...if thou wilt...remember me, and...give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life,...

**20** Wherefore it came to pass,... that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

**21** And...Elkanah [her husband], and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice,...

**22** But Hannah went not up; for she said...I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him,...

**23** And Elkanah...said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him;...So the woman abode,... until she weaned him.

**24** And when she had weaned him, she...brought him unto... the Lord...

**26** And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the

woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

**27** For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

**28** Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

**The Message: Hannah did not forget God's great mercy to her or her promise to Him. God blessed the entire nation through the son she sacrificed to serve Him.**

### Questions:

1. What did Hannah do after they had eaten?
2. What did she ask for?
3. What did she promise to do if her prayer was granted?
4. How did God answer her prayer?
5. What did she name her son?
6. Who was Elkanah?
7. What did Hannah do with Samuel after she had weaned him?
8. To whom did Hannah lend Samuel?
9. For how long did she lend him?

### Verse to Memorize:

**...As long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord....**

**I Samuel 1:28.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Hannah has been called the prayerful mother. She lived at a time when the people of Israel in general had turned from serving God. In her own home there was trouble. Elkanah, her husband, loved her and treated her kindly but he had another wife. Her name was Peninnah. Now Peninnah had children, while Hannah had none.

Nor did Peninnah let Hannah forget that she was childless. She often provoked Hannah by reminding her that the Lord had kept her from having a child.

But Hannah worshipped God with all her heart. She knew He was the creator of children and that He only could grant her greatest desire—to have a son. Every year she went from her home at Ramah to the temple at Shiloh to worship with her husband. Every year her most fervent prayer was for a child.

This yearly journey became difficult for Hannah. As she saw parents and children coming together, she probably grieved all the more because she had no part in the coming generation. As her husband made his sacrifices in the tabernacle, he would give portions to his other wife, Peninnah, and to her sons and daughters. Though he gave Hannah a "worthy portion," it was much smaller because she had no children.

Finally one trip Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband asked her kindly, "Why are you crying and why won't you eat? Why are you so grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

Hannah did not want to trouble her husband. Though she had no appe-

tite, she ate and drank to please him. Then, as quickly as she could get away, she got up and went into the tabernacle to pour out her heart to God. Eli, the priest, sat nearby. Seeing her lips move, but not understanding her silence, he decided she was drunk.

"No, my lord," she answered Eli respectfully, "I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord."

When Eli saw how eager Hannah was for a child, he joined her in her prayer, asking God to grant her petition. "Go in peace," Eli assured her, "and the God of Israel grant you your petition." Hannah went her way feeling assured that God would answer her prayer for a son.

And God did give her a son. Hannah named him Samuel, meaning "asked of the Lord." Hannah was a loving, devoted mother. She carefully taught little Samuel, preparing him for his service to God.

Finally, when Samuel was weaned, Hannah dressed him for his first trip to the tabernacle, where she was to leave him. Hannah's strong faith in God helped her. She confidently placed her small son in His great hands. It was a great sacrifice for her to return to her home in Ramah without him, but she had dedicated him to the Lord. She would prove true to her promise.

Each year when Hannah returned to worship she brought a little coat for Samuel. She was grateful that her young son could learn to perform many little duties in the tabernacle—light a candle or hold a dish or run an errand or shut a door. Because he would learn to do these menial tasks joyfully, he would rise to a greater ministry for the Lord.

Wise, godly mothers are a gift from God. Those who have their mother's prayers to guide them are truly blessed.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

embarrassed me to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 or 13, my old, MEAN MOTHER refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 18. Fifteen, that is if you dated only to a school function, and maybe that twice a year.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us have ever been arrested, divorced, nor have we beaten our mates. Whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? Your're right—OUR MEAN MOTHER.

She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults. Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children.

I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me MEAN.

—Selected from *Open A Memory*

## JUST "A" HOUSEWIFE

"I'm just a housewife," that's what she said!

And apologized with a toss of her head.

Just a housewife? I don't agree.

I'm glad my mom stays home for me.

Her duties are different as occasions arise.

Some very lowly, others high as the skies.

She's a housekeeper, homemaker, warm-hearted friend

Dietitian and nurse with patients to tend.

She's a mediator, manager, booster, chef,

Critic and agent, both in one breath; A chauffeur, listener, counselor, and judge.

With a faith in her family that nothing can budge.

She's an entertainer when visitors are nigh,

A hearer of lessons, a detective's eye.

She's a wealth of suggestions to someone who cares

A kisser of bruises, a listener to prayers.

She's a master at making the little things do,

From last year's pajamas to leftover stew.

A homemaker? Yes! Just a housewife? Never!

To hold down her job you've got to be CLEVER.

—Selected from *Open A Memory*, adapted for children.

(Answers: 1. She prayed and wept sore. 2. A man-child (son). 3. To give her son to the Lord as long as he lived. 4. He gave her a son. 5. Samuel. 6. Hannah's husband. 7. She brought him to the Lord. 8. To the Lord. 9. For as long as he lived.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Granny

Granny was old—possibly 100 years old or older. No one in the village knew her history or her family, if she had any. She was living in a grass hut outside Johannesburg when the old folks of the village were children.

She was not senile. The villagers had always considered her a half-wit. They had never known her to bathe. Some said they had seen her washing her face and her hands occasionally. The aroma around her and in the hut was such that kept any intruders or friendly folks away.

Her one room had neither windows nor openings except the one low door. Even a dog's kennel could have been more inviting. There was no bed, nor chair so she sat and slept on the earthen floor. At night she covered with an old blanket, so filthy it was stiff. She cooked over a small fire in the middle of the smoke-filled room.

In her older years she was often hungry, until Bro. Buchler moved to Johannesburg. He brought food for her. Bro. Buchler was a Christian but he didn't believe Granny had enough mind to be delivered from sinful habits. Knowing she had used snuff for many years he occasionally brought her a box.

One very cold night Granny rolled

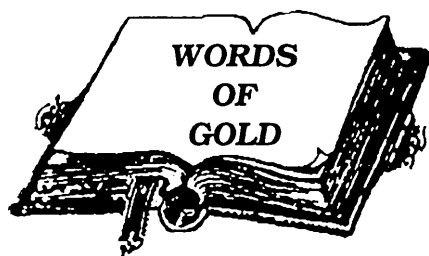
too close to the remaining embers of her little fire and her blanket caught fire. Feeling warm and cozy, the poor old woman slept even better, until she was engulfed in flames. She then ran outside screaming. But there were no neighbors to hear her screams. Granny ran wildly about beating the flames with her bare hands. Finally she fell down exhausted and rolled around to put out the flames. Before morning she recovered consciousness and crawled back into her little hut.

Granny lay there in the dirt for days before anyone discovered her. She refused to leave her hut, so there was little the villagers could do except to take her clean clothes and food. In spite of the filth and neglect, Granny recovered.

The burns left her almost helpless. She could only creep about a little. She could no longer crawl as a child crawls, but like some strange animal. With disfigured face turned up toward heaven, she propelled herself with her feet and elbows.

Now Mr. Buchler was more attentive to supply her with food and firewood. He prayed for Granny and often spoke of Jesus although he thought she was not responsible for her sins.

One day he returned to his beautiful home in the village and an-



## Jesus Visits John

### Revelation 1:9-19

9 I John, who also ain your brother, and companion in tribulation,...was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice,...

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia;...

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And...I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt...with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth...

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet...And he laid his right hand

upon me, saying unto me, Fear not;...

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

**The Message: Jesus promised to be with us always. John was banished from the church, his family and friends because he taught about Jesus. But he was not alone. There the Lord appeared to him and showed him many wonderful things.**

### Questions:

1. What was the name of the isle where John was?
2. What happened to him on the Lord's day?
3. What was he commanded to do?
4. When he turned to see who spoke, what did he see?
5. Who stood in the middle of the candlesticks?
6. What was His voice like?
7. What did He hold in His right hand?
8. What did John do when he saw Him?
9. Of what did He have keys?

### Verse to Memorize:

**I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,...**

**Revelation 1:18.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

John was a powerful witness for Jesus Christ. Through his godly life and inspired ministry many were converted to Christianity. Determined to stamp out Christianity, the Roman emperor persecuted, tortured, and killed many of the believers. Soon John, too, was arrested.

God spared John's life because He had a special work for him to do. Instead of death John was condemned to imprisonment on a small, desolate island called the Isle of Patmos. By banishing John from his kingdom the emperor thought he had effectually stopped the influence of this preacher of righteousness.

Instead, this very isolation provided the perfect setting for a much greater work to be accomplished. With no other duties and distractions John was free to write the wonderful words God gave him—the book of Revelation. Only God could dictate such a book. Instead of killing John's influence, his banishment was used to spread the word of God to everyone for the rest of time.

God used similar circumstances to teach others His will. Jacob had to leave his home because his brother, Esau, wanted to kill him. That night he found himself all alone in a strange place. The sun had set so he took stones for his pillows and lay down to sleep. There, far from friends and family, God gave him the wonderful dream of a ladder reaching to heaven. As Jacob watched in wonder at the beautiful angels going up and down this ladder, God spoke to him. He promised to give that very land to Jacob and to give him many children. He would

become a great nation and from this nation Jesus, the Savior, would one day be born.

"I am with you," God assured Jacob. "I will not leave you." When Jacob woke up he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I didn't realize it!"

God also spoke to Moses when he was far away from home. One day in a lonely desert he was startled to see a bush on fire. Stopping to watch he was amazed to see that it never burned up. Then the Lord spoke to Moses out of the bush and told him that he must lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Elijah is another example of God's presence when it seemed there was no person to turn to. Jezebel swore that she would kill Elijah that very day. Elijah ran for his life. While hiding in a lonely cave God spoke to him in a "still small voice" and told him the work he must do.

And the Lord spoke to Ezekiel, a captive far from his homeland, one day as he sat by the river Chebar. He saw a great vision and the Lord told him that he must go and preach to his people.

Daniel, too, was a captive. We all know that God was with him. King Darius would gladly have kept him from the lion's den but he could not. But the king knew God was with Daniel. He told Daniel encouragingly, "Your God whom you serve continually will deliver you!"

We, too, can take courage from Jesus' last words. In Matthew 28:20 He tells us, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Jesus' wonderful visits to the old woman in our story prove that He is present and He is no respecter of persons.

God may allow us to be isolated from our family and friends so He can better teach us His will concerning our life. But we will never come to a place where Jesus is not there to comfort and lead us, if we let Him.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

nounced to his family that Granny had gotten saved. No one believed it. But Mr. Buchler constantly affirmed she had changed. Granny had been born again.

"How could anyone so lacking in intelligence comprehend the way of salvation?" his son, Asa, scoffed. "It's a waste of time talking or praying for her." Asa was Mr. Buchler's younger son. He had studied in schools throughout the world, and enjoyed laughing about a half-wit being saved.

However, not many weeks afterwards Asa became convicted. He repented too, and changed. Instead of running with his friends to dances and parties he studied his Bible and stayed home with the family.

That was fine for winter but soon it was spring and Asa wanted to go somewhere, but not with his old friends. They laughed at him for getting saved. What could he do on such a beautiful Sunday afternoon?

A voice within him said, "Go visit Granny." That's the last thing I want to do, he thought. But the suggestion persisted. Finally Asa invited Vanessa and Ludi, his sisters to go with him and they walked to Granny's hut.

Asa stepped into the hut, then backed out, hands over his nose. "Let's just visit from the door," he said, coughing.

Granny was lying on her back on the dirt, her soft dark eyes looking out from a face scarred to inhuman form. Asa, Vanessa and Ludi sat on a log outside and sang "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!" Although the face was too scarred to smile, they could see a gleam in her eyes. When they sang, "What a friend we have in Jesus!" Granny hummed with them. After they had sung, Asa opened the Bible. It fell open to Revelation, the first chapter. Thinking it mattered little

where he read, as she could not understand, he began, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.... And I turned and saw the voice that spake to me . . . His . . . hairs were white...as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire...his feet—"

"Wait a minute! I know that Man!" Granny interrupted. "He comes to see me every night."

Asa was speechless. His sisters stared in unbelief. Again Granny said, "I know Him." She then described him exactly as the Scriptures, which Asa had not finished reading. She talked for a good while about her visits with Him.

As they were walking home, Asa said, "We went to bless Granny but she blessed us."

They told their father and their friends. Soon, the whole town heard of it and several went to see if it was true. All came away convinced that Jesus was visiting Granny.

When Bro. Buchler brought her her next bag of groceries, she said, "You need not bring me anymore snuff."

"Why?" he asked.

"That Man who visits me said I must not use anymore snuff."

"Why did I underestimate God's power to reveal His truth to a half-wit?" he questioned sadly. "Granny could have been enjoying these heavenly visits a long time ago, if I had only helped her to be saved!"

(Told to Julia A. Shelhamer by Asa, who is now a pastor in Johannesburg.) —Charlotte Huskey.

(Answers: 1. Patmos. 2. He heard a great voice. 3. To write what he saw in a book and send it to the seven churches in Asia. 4. Seven golden candlesticks. 5. One like the Son of Man. 6. The sound of many waters. 7. Seven stars. 8. Fell at His feet. 9. Of hell and of death.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## "Jump, Or I Will Shoot"

Have you ever watched a sailboat race? They are beautiful. The boats look like great birds with outstretched wings sailing over the water. Sailboats can reach high speeds, although their only power comes from the wind. Some countries use sailboats mostly for recreation, however, in other countries sailboats are used for coastal and inland shipping.

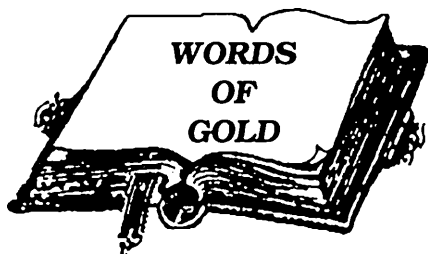
Before boat motors were invented, there were some very large sailing ships. The largest of these was the *Preussen*; a five-masted, full-rigged German vessel built in 1902. The *Preussen* measured 433 feet long (132 meters) and 45 feet (16 meters) wide and could carry 8,000 short tons of cargo. It had magnificent sails that caught the wind and forced the ship across the water. Men used heavy ropes to change the direction of the sails according to which way the ship needed to go.

Tall straight poles of wood or metal, called masts, held the sails. Masts on those old sailing vessels jutted high into the air. Near the top of the mast was the truck, a small platform through which the ropes to raise and lower the sails passed.

Only occasionally did men climb the mast to replace the ropes or loosen a torn sail. On some sailing vessels guard rails protected the man working on the truck, however, in many vessels the truck was only a small bleak platform. The ship in our story had no railing on this platform high in the air.

One calm, sunny day the ship in our story anchored in the harbor and most of the crew went ashore. The captain's small son, Wilford, ran freely on the deck exploring it. Seeing the truck high up on the mast he decided to investigate it. Wrapping his little legs and arms around the mast he began climbing. Hand over hand he pulled himself up, up, the pole. As he got higher, the mast began swaying but he held on. On and on he went, placing hand over hand, pulling his body behind until he reached the truck. Then he climbed out on the small platform high above the deck.

Wilford was standing on the truck without any protection when one of the sailors coming back on the ship noticed him. Not realizing the danger, the small boy threw his arms into the wind and gave a yell of triumph.



## Obeying

### Deuteronomy 11:26-28

**26** Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

**27** A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:

**28** And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

### Joshua 23:14-16

**14** Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth, and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which...God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you,...

**15** Therefore...as all good things are come upon you, which...God promised you; so shall the Lord bring upon you all evil things,...

**16** When ye have transgressed the covenant of the Lord...which he commanded you,...

### Joshua 24:24

**24** And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

### Ephesians 6:1-3

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

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

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

### Colossians 3:20

**20** Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

### Hebrews 13:17

**17** Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

### Proverbs 30:17

**17** The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

**The Message: Our happiness and safety depend on our being obedient to our parents, to authorities and to God.**

### Questions:

1. What will we receive if we obey the commandments of God?
2. If we disobey God's law what will we receive?
3. How many of the good things God promised came to pass?
4. Why would God bring evil things upon people?
5. What did the people promise Joshua?
6. Who must children obey?
7. What is the first commandment with promise?
8. Who is pleased when we obey our parents?
9. Everyone must obey whom?

### Verse to Memorize:

**And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.**

**Joshua 24:24**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

God loves children. Because of His great, loving concern, He gives a commandment specifically to them. He adds to this commandment a special promise, saying that it is the first commandment with promise. The commandment, "Children obey your parents," if obeyed, brings with it the wonderful promise of long life and well being.

Obedience is the child's most important lesson. Learning to be immediately obedient to your parents and those over you is the necessary foundation of a truly happy and successful life. The younger this lesson is mastered, the better.

God, in His providence, watches over those who are obedient to a father and mother. He regards a falling sparrow (Matthew 10:29); He will surely be mindful of an obedient child. He numbers the hairs of the head (Matthew 10:30); He will certainly bless the child that honors Him by obeying a father and mother.

Obedience to parents is conducive to length of life. Those who are most obedient in early life have the best prospect of living long. Obedient children are saved from the vices and crimes that shorten life. Also, obedience to parents is connected with virtuous habits. It will make a child industrious, temperate and sober; it will lead him to restrain and govern his wild passions; it will lead him to form habits of self-control, which will save him from the snares of sin and temptation all his life.

We can learn a great lesson from the Alaskan Bull Moose. Each fall, during the breeding season, the males of the species battle for dominance. They actually go head-to-head, antlers crunching as they crash together. When antlers are broken, the moose is defeated. His antlers are his only weapon.

Almost always, it is the heaviest moose with the largest and strongest antlers that wins. You might say then that the battle is "predetermined" the summer before. It is then that the moose eat nearly round the clock. The one that consumes the best diet for growing antlers and gaining weight will be victor. Those who eat inadequately will have weaker antlers and less bulk. The fight itself involves far more strength than skill.

The lesson for us? We will face spiritual battles all our lives. Whether we are victorious depends not on our physical skills or brainpower, but on our spiritual strength. Now, while you are young, is the time to develop this strength through strict obedience to your parents and advisors.

Colossians 4:5 teaches us to "redeem the time." This means we are to make the most of every opportunity. When Paul wrote to the young minister, Timothy, he instructed him how to be "prepared unto every good work." (II Timothy 2:21.) Now is the time to prepare yourself to be your very best for God and His service. Use your young mind for prayer, reading and memorizing God's Word, and listening as the Gospel is preached. By this you will develop enduring faith, strength and wisdom. Then God will keep you from the snares of the devil. Then your life will be an honor to your parents and to God, as well as a great blessing to others.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

That is when the remaining crew members saw him standing between earth and sky with arms outstretched. At first they were glued in horror. No one called to him for fear he might look down and become dizzy or come close to the edge to be better seen. A little dizziness or one step off the edge and he would plunge to his death on the deck below. None dared climb the pole. Their weight would cause the pole to sway and the boy might topple off. One thing they all knew—any second he might fall.

An old sailor rushed for the captain. The boy was the captain's greatest joy. All the crew knew he would give the right advice to save the boy he loved so much.

The captain swooped up his gun that he kept ever ready, for sea bandits were common in those days. Up the stairs he bolted, two at a time. For a long moment he looked at his son standing between earth and heaven. Sure death awaited him unless—

"Wilford, jump far out into the water." He bellowed in his strong captain voice.

Now Wilford was holding tightly to the slender mast. "No, Daddy, I'm afraid! Come and get me."

"My climbing would sway the mast and knock you off," his daddy called back. "You must jump."

"No! Daddy, no!" He cried, looking down.

Everyone gasped. They were sure he would fall and die at their feet. But Wilford was gripping the pole.

"Jump or I will shoot you."

"Daddy, you wouldn't shoot Wilford." He loosened one hand to wipe his tears, and toppled. A woman screamed. She had come aboard to

see the ship her husband was to sail on. "Hush," her husband demanded. Wilford grabbed the mast with both hands and got his feet back onto the truck.

The captain never took his eyes off Wilford. "I will shoot you, Wilford, if you don't jump, now!" the captain roared.

"No!" Wilford begged.

The captain cocked and aimed the gun. Wilford looked down at the gun aimed at him and cried again.

"Jump away from the ropes before I shoot," his father called again.

Wilford jumped.

The old sailor had already lowered a lifeboat and was waiting beside the ship for Wilford. Quickly he pulled him out of the water and carried him up to his father.

The captain took his wet, shivering son into his arms. Then he collapsed, knocking Wilford to the deck as he fell. "Daddy, what's wrong?" Wilford cried.

The ship's nurse came running.

"Your daddy will be all right," the old sailor said. Picking up Wilford he carried him down into the captain's warm cabin and wrapped him in a blanket.

In a few minutes the captain came in, picked up his son and sat down. "I still have you, Wilford, because you obeyed me and jumped."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. A blessing. 2. A curse. 3. Every one. 4. If they disobeyed His laws. 5. To serve God and obey Him. 6. Their parents. 7. Honor your father and mother. 8. God. 9. Those who have the rule over them.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Sonya's Birthday

"Mom! Look!" Sonya shouted as she waved a letter. "Uncle Bob sent me \$10.00. Now I can buy the dollhouse at Wal-Mart! May I?"

"Next week is your birthday."

"I want it today."

"What if you get one for your birthday?"

Sonya tossed her head, "I'll have two. Mom, please? I've been saving a whole year."

"Not that long."

"Yes, um."

"Okay, then. But we must hurry. Prayer-meeting is tonight."

Sonya dashed upstairs. "Now I have \$29.73. I'm sure it's enough," she said, dumping her savings from her bank into her purse. The purse overturned and coins rolled under the bed, toy box and chest of drawers. Sonya heard two falling down the air vent to the basement furnace. "Sounds like my hard-earned quarters are going into the fire," she muttered.

When Sonya and her mother finally found most of her money, it was too late to go.

That night at prayer-meeting, Sonya heard Mrs. Johnstone whisper to Mother, "Old Mrs. Willham's gas was shut off today."

Just thinking of it made Sonya shiver. "Should I share with Mrs. Willham?" She asked herself. Mom may be getting me a dollhouse.

The following day when Sonya saw her friend, Amanda, she said, "Mom says I can go

to Wal-Mart after school and buy that dollhouse I've been wanting."

"That pink and green one?"

"Yes. Want to go with me?"

"Sure. I'll come over if Mom lets me."

"Okay."

That evening when Sonya and Amanda started out to shop, Sonya's mother said. "Go only to Wal-Mart. I don't want you running all around town in this cold weather."

Wal-Mart was on the other side of the small town where Sonya and Amanda lived. "I'm surprised Mom let us come alone," Sonya said.

"She's finally realized you have grown up," Amanda answered.

As they were passing Toys-R-Us Amanda said, "You should look at the dollhouses in there. You might like one better."

"Probably can't afford another. Besides Mom said, 'Go only to Wal-Mart.'"

"She wouldn't care if you just stopped in."

"Well, maybe not."

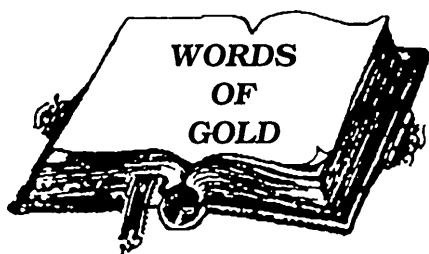
"You might get one for less. Then you could help poor Mrs. Willham like you wanted!"

"Know who has the best dollhouses in town?" Amanda said as they came out of Toys-R-Us.

"Who?"

"Mr. Smitty. I saw one with doors that open, lights that turn on, every room has carpet, and it has furniture. Oh, Sonya you've got to see it."

"Be quiet. You're getting me confused."



## God's Rules For Giving

**New Words:** The *gleanings* are the bits of grain that fall when harvesting. The *year of the release* was the year when all debts were forgiven.

### Leviticus 19:9-10

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger:...

### Deuteronomy 15:7-11

7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee,

saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

### Matthew 25:41-43

41 Then shall he say...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

42 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

### Ephesians 4:28

28 Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

### Acts 20:35

35 ...Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**The Message: Giving makes us more like God. He continually gives us life, breath and all the rich blessings of life.**

### Questions:

1. What are gleanings?
2. Why were they to leave the gleanings of their fields and vineyards?
3. What was the year of release?
4. What should we do if a brother comes to us in need?
5. Who will never cease out of the land?
6. How can we give food to Jesus or visit Him in prison?
7. What should the thief do?
8. What did Jesus say about giving?

### Verse to Memorize:

**Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.**

**Psalms 41:1.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Jesus sat down near the temple treasury. The money boxes were nearby where the people gave their offerings. Jesus saw rich men give large offerings. Then He saw a poor widow stop to put in two small coins. Together these coins were worth less than a penny.

His disciples were surprised when Jesus turned to them and said, "Truly, I tell you this poor widow has given more than anyone else. Others had plenty to give. She is poor, yet she gave all that she had!"

The poor widow had faith that God would supply her needs. Her love for God compelled her to give; though she had so little. There is a special promise to those who give. In Luke 6:38 Jesus says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Giving to the Lord will never impoverish us. Rather, this is the best investment we can make. Jesus Himself promised a good return on the money we give. He also says our return will be in direct proportion to our giving; the more we give, the more we will receive.

This is also an investment anyone can make. John 6:9 tells us how Jesus fed a multitude of hungry people. He was only a young boy and he had only five barley loaves and two small fishes in his lunch but he gladly gave them to Jesus. With this gift Jesus fed the multitude and had twelve baskets of

leftovers! Never hesitate to give because it seems so little. With God's blessing it will meet the need.

In his book, "Personal Experiences," Bro. Susag tells of a time he and another minister were in need. He says:

"Bro. Ahrendt and I were holding some meetings in the locality between Bertha and Hewitt, Minnesota. We were staying in a log house—just the two of us. We ran out of kerosene, and were also out of money. Bro. Ahrendt took the can and started to walk to Hewitt—a distance of six or seven miles—in the snow, hoping to meet some brethren who would ask him why he was carrying that can—but he met no one. He went to the post office, got the mail and concluded that he would have to go back without kerosene; however, on opening one of the letters a dime dropped out. He immediately went to the store, bought the kerosene and returned home.

"One evening Bro. Ahrendt said to me, 'Brother Susag, I'm hungry for some eggs; let's pray the Lord to send us some eggs.' I replied, 'How can we expect to get eggs out here? I haven't seen any chickens around here, nor in the bush where I have been.' 'Well,' he said, 'the Lord can bring them from somewhere.' That evening on our returning from service we found something setting on the table covered with a newspaper. Brother Ahrendt lifted the paper and found a tiny basket with five eggs in it! I said, 'You get three of them; you prayed and had faith while I only said, 'amen.'"

The one sending only a dime may have been ashamed to send so little. But they sent what they had and it was just what was needed at the time.

Comparatively few will be called to go out into active ministry, but we can all have a part in the gospel work by supporting those who do go, both with prayer and money. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

"Really, you should shop around. You've been doing without everything to save your money. Better spend it right."

"But Mom said—"

"She'll never know."

"If she finds out, I'll never get to go to town again alone."

"Your Mom isn't that mean. Come on. Smitty's shop is right down there. See it?" And Amanda took off ahead of Sonya.

Smitty's shop was filled with expensive crystal, imported ceramic and all kinds of unusual things. Sonya looked around carefully. Then she saw the dollhouse. "Oh, it's beautiful!" Sonya gasped. "Maybe I should save until—but look, \$58.00! I'd have to save another year." Angrily she swung her purse full of coins over her shoulder and said, "Let's go!"

At the same instant she heard a crash. A beautiful ceramic woman lay broken at her feet. Her delicate pink dress reminded Sonya of cake frosting. "Oh, I'm sorry!" Sonya exclaimed.

"I am, too," answered Mr. Smitty. His crafty eyes told Sonya she was in trouble. "Did you read the sign by the door?" he asked.

Sonya read the sign, "You break. You pay." Sonya burst into tears.

"It was an accident," Amanda said in her most persuasive voice.

"Rules are rules," Smitty answered. "No one forced you to come in. Let's see, the tag says, \$15.95. Tell you what young lady, you pay only what I paid for it and we'll call it even. How's that? It will be \$10.95."

Sonya couldn't speak. She opened her purse and took out the \$10.95 and handed it to Mr. Smitty.

"Thank you very much," he said. "I'm sorry this has happened and I hope some day you'll get the dollhouse."

Sonya was outside before he finished. "Just as well go home," she puffed.

"I'm so sorry I asked you to go in there," Amanda apologized.

Amanda left for her home and Sonya went to her home alone. Mother was busy with dinner and didn't notice Sonya going upstairs. "Oh, Lord," Sonya prayed, "Why did this

happen to me?"

She was still a minute then said, "Yes, Lord, I've been selfish. I will help Mrs. Willham."

"Did you get the dollhouse?" Mother questioned later.

"I think I should help Mrs. Willham get her gas turned on."

"What? And not get the house?" Mother questioned.

"Yep. I'll get my money now."

When Sonya placed the money in Mother's hand, she asked, "Is this all you had?"

"That is all I have."

"You're keeping what Uncle Bob gave?"

"It's all I have, Mom. I'm not an Ananias or a Sapphira."

"I meant no harm," Mom said. "I'm really proud you are sacrificing something you've wanted so long."

"Good," Sonya said and disappeared upstairs.

When Sonya awoke on her birthday the beautiful dollhouse from Smitty's shop was sitting beside her toybox.

"Oh, Mom," she cried running down the stairs in her pajamas. "I can't believe you bought it for me! It's the most beautiful dollhouse in the world! Can I call Amanda to come see it?"

"Of course you may, it's Saturday."

While the girls played with the house, Amanda asked, "Did you tell your Mom about the trouble at Smitty's?"

"No. But I will. She thought I was keeping the \$10.00 Uncle Bob sent for my birthday."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. The bits of grain that fall when harvesting. 2. To feed the poor and the stranger. 3. The year when all debts were forgiven. 4. Open our hands wide to him (give him what he needs as much as we are able). 5. The poor. 6. By doing these things to those in need. 7. Stop stealing and go to work so he will be able to give to others. 8. "It is more blessed to give than to receive.")

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Best Gift

"Harvest Festival is coming soon," exclaimed Rachel to Sarah. "What will you be giving?"

"I can't tell."

"I've been working on mine a long time."

"Me, too."

Jon shuddered every time he heard the students talking about the Harvest Festival. He was an orphan who slept in a widow's shed and shared her meager supply of food. She had persuaded the Christian school to accept Jon and insisted he go every day. Unlike the other children who dressed in fine clothing, Jon went barefoot and in old clothes.

When Harvest Festival day arrived Jon wanted to skip school. But how could he? The widow might get angry and send him away. She always found out when he missed school, and always knew when he was pretending to be sick.

On Harvest Day, every student carried a sack. Rachel and Sarah's sacks were so large they could hardly handle them. One was round; the other oblong. Jon wondered what could be in the sacks. Jon sneaked sadly into the schoolroom and pretended to be looking at a book while

the other children chattered excitedly.

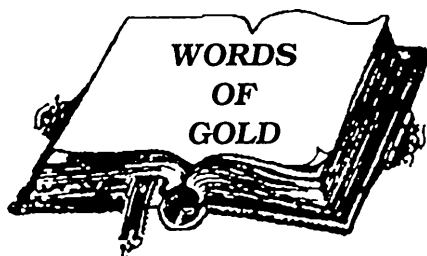
When the bell rang, the students placed their sacks under their desks and scrambled into their seats. Mr. Groom, the teacher, started the class with prayer as he did every day, only his prayer was much longer and he said how important it was to give a gift to God. Jon squeezed back a tear.

Other students finished their lessons quickly but Jon could hardly keep his mind on his. And then the bell rang announcing the Harvest Festival.

Students from all the rooms filed into the church sanctuary and sat in groups according to their class. Jon was glad his class sat close to the front. He could see what was happening.

Large baskets of red and yellow roses, mixed with white carnations, and blue bells stood at each end of a low wooden bench. On the bench was a shiny silver plate. Jon gazed in wonder; he had never been in such a beautiful building.

Pastor Reual, a gentle-faced old man, led the children in singing "The Harvest Song" after which he said a long prayer thanking God for the bountiful harvest. Then he said,



## Giving Oneself To God

**Romans 12:1-2, 9-21**

**1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*

**2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**9** Let love be with dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

**10** Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

**11** Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

**12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

**13** Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

**14** Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

**15** Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

**16** Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

**17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

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

**19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

**20** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

**21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

**The Message:** It is only reasonable that we give ourselves to God. We are not our own. God both created us and, through Jesus, saved us when we were condemned to die for our sins.

### Questions:

1. What are we to present to God?
2. What is the first step to take in giving ourselves to God?
3. How can we be transformed?
4. What must we abhor (hate, detest)?
5. Whom should we prefer?
6. What should you do to those who persecute you?
7. Who has promised to avenge you (punish those who injure you)?
8. If your enemy is hungry or thirsty, what should you do?
9. How can we overcome evil?

### Verse to Memorize:

**For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

**1 Corinthians 6:20.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

In the first verse of our Bible lesson Paul begs us to give ourselves to God. Then he tells us this is only reasonable. God created us for Himself. Therefore we belong to Him. Sin separated us from God but He loved us too much to leave it that way—He redeemed us. To redeem means to rescue by paying a price. It cost God the dearest thing He had—Jesus, His only Son. Therefore we also belong to Him because He bought us.

God made us in His own likeness. He has a plan and purpose for each one. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 2:9-10. "...Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." If we get but a glimpse of God's great plan for our life we will realize it is not only reasonable to give Him our life, it is also our greatest privilege!

Young children can give their lives to God. He will then keep them from the awful traps the devil has set for them. God can accomplish great things through young, dedicated lives.

Last month we studied about Samuel. Hannah, Samuel's mother, gave him to the Lord even before he was born. While he was still very young Hannah brought Samuel to Eli the priest. There in the temple Samuel ministered before the Lord.

Soon the Lord was speaking directly to young Samuel. As he grew older God spoke through him to the

people. Samuel was a great prophet and accomplished much for God during his long life. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

The following story tells how God answered a young girl's prayer:

### **Prevailing Prayer Of A Child**

At the close of a prayer meeting, the pastor observed a little girl about twelve years of age remaining upon her knees, when most of the congregation had retired. Thinking the child had fallen asleep, he touched her and told her it was time to return home. To his surprise he found that she was engaged in prayer, and he said: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." She looked up at the pastor earnestly, and inquired: "Is that so? Does God say that?"

He took up a Bible and read the passage aloud. She immediately began praying: "Lord, send my father here; Lord, send my father to the chapel." Thus she continued for about half an hour, attracting by her earnest cry the attention of persons who had lingered about the door. At last a man rushed into the chapel, ran up the aisle and sank upon his knees by the side of the child, exclaiming: "What do you want of me?" She threw her arms about his neck, and began to pray: "Oh, Lord, convert my father!" Soon the man's heart was melted and he began to pray for himself. The child's father was three miles from the chapel when she began praying for him. He was packing goods in a wagon and felt impressed with an irresistible impulse to return home. Driving rapidly to his house, he left the goods in his wagon and hastened to the chapel, where he found his daughter crying mightily to God in his behalf; and he was led there to the Saviour.

—Foster's Encyclopedia

"We have brought gifts for God to show we love Him and are thankful. The older students will present their gifts first."

The older students' teacher stood and called a name. Jon slid to the front of his seat and watched. A student walked forward and placed a sack of pears in the large shiny plate on the altar. All the other students clapped. Then the Pastor took the pears from the plate and placed them beside the bench. The student returned to his seat and the teacher called another student.

Jon's heart grew heavier and heavier as each student went forward and laid a gift in the large silver plate.

The pile grew as each student presented his gift. There were big, little and middle-sized bags of rice; black, brown and white beans, and dried corn, a bunch of bananas, pink pears, brown potatoes, red yams, green and yellow squash, and large orange pumpkins.

Now Mr. Groom was calling names from his class. Sarah went up carrying a large orange pumpkin, "I grew it myself," she proudly told Mr. Groom. Jon's heart raced. He slipped way down in his seat.

Then came Rachel carrying a stripped watermelon. M-m-m, it looked so good. Jon's tears fell. He just couldn't help it. "Oh, God," he prayed. "I have no gift to take up. Could you make Mr. Groom not call me? But I love You, Jesus, it's just..."

Then God seemed to whisper in his ear, "My son, just give yourself. That is the gift I want from you today."

"What? I have a gift? Yes, I will," he mumbled.

Sarah put her finger to her lips telling him to be quiet. Jon just smiled back at her.

When his name was called, he slipped out of his seat and walked down the aisle to the altar. He reached for the shiny silver plate and placed it on the floor. Then he stepped into the silver plate with his bare feet. The other students snickered. Some had to cover their mouths to keep from laughing aloud. But Jon looked seriously into the eyes of Mr. Reual for a moment. Then he stepped out of the plate placed it back on the altar and returned to his seat. No one clapped until Mr. Reual began clapping.

After the service the pastor took Jon aside and asked him why he had done such a strange thing.

"I also wanted to give a gift to show Jesus that I am thankful, but I have nothing, so I gave Him myself. Don't you think that is a good gift?"

"Of course it is—it is the best gift of all."

Jon looked at the mountain of food beside the altar. There was Sarah's pumpkin and Rachel's watermelon. Was his gift better than all the food? It was more food than he had ever seen.

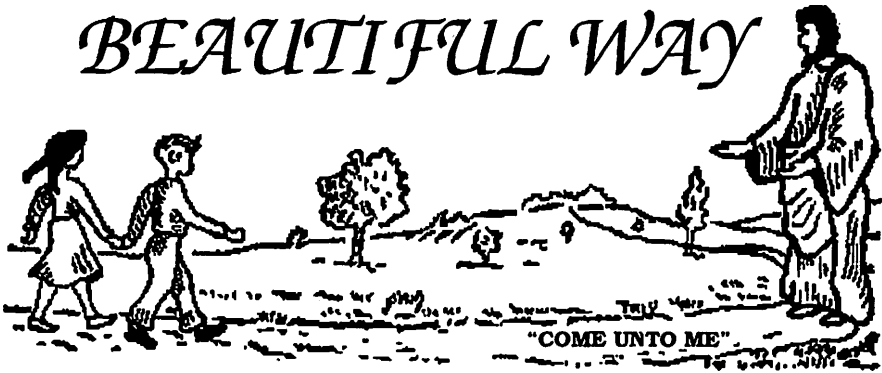
"I must be very important," he said to himself. His stomach growled in approval. —Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Our bodies. 2. Confess and forsake our sins and accept Jesus as our Savior. 3. Our minds must be renewed by accepting the mind of Christ. 4. All evil. 5. One another. 6. Bless them. 7. God. 8. Feed him and give him a drink. 9. By doing good.)



**THE**

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## **The Village Blacksmith**

*Under a spreading chestnut tree  
The village smith stands;  
The smith, a mighty man is he,  
With large and sinewy hands;  
And the muscles of his brawny arms  
Are strong as iron bands.*

*His hair is crisp, and black, and long,  
His face is like the tan;  
His brow is wet with honest sweat,  
He earns whate'er he can  
And looks the whole world in the face,  
For he owes not any man.*

*Week in, week out, from morn till  
night,  
You can hear his bellows blow;  
You can hear him swing his heavy  
sledge,*

*With measured beat and slow,  
Like a sexton ringing the village bell,  
When the evening sun is low.*

*And the children coming home from  
school  
Look in at the open door;  
They love to see the flaming forge,  
And hear the bellows roar,  
And catch the burning sparks that fly  
Like chaff from the threshing-floor.*

*He goes on Sunday to the church,  
And sits among his boys;  
He hears the parson pray and preach,*

*He hears his daughter's voice,  
Singing in the village choir,  
And it makes his heart rejoice.*

*It sounds to him like her mother's  
voice,  
Singing in Paradise!  
He needs must think of her once more  
How in the grave she lies;  
And with his hard, rough hand he  
wipes  
A tear out of his eyes.*

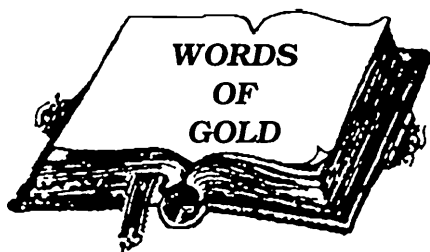
*Toiling, -rejoicing, -sorrowing,  
Onward through life he goes;  
Each morning sees some task begin,  
Each evening sees it close;  
Something attempted, something  
done,  
Has earned a night's repose.*

*Thanks! Thanks, to thee, my worthy  
friend,  
For the lesson thou has taught!  
Thus in the flaming forge of life  
Our fortunes must be wrought;  
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped  
Each burning deed and thought.*

*-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

## **A Letter To My Son**

Martin Luther, the famous 16th century religious reformer, was a loving father. Every Christmas we sing one of his songs that shows his love



## **A Good Father**

### **Genesis 17:19, 17**

*New Word: A covenant is a binding promise or bargain.*

**19** And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son...and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

**17** Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

### **Genesis 18:9-15, 17-19**

**9** And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

**10** And he said, I will certainly return...and, lo, Sarah...shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

**11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age;...

**12** Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old...my lord being old also?

**13** And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child,...?

**14** Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

**15** Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

**17** And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

**18** Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

**19** For I know him, that he will command his children...and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

**The Message: The most valuable inheritance a father can give is godly instruction backed by a godly life. Abraham was faithful to always obey God. God knew Abraham would teach his children to keep the way of the Lord.**

### **Questions:**

1. What is a covenant?
2. What did God promise Abraham and Sarah?
3. What would they name him?
4. How old was Abraham? Sarah?
5. Why did Sarah laugh?
6. Why did she deny laughing?
7. What did the Lord say Abraham would become?
8. How would all the nations of the earth be blessed in him?
9. God had confidence that Abraham would do what?

### **Verse to Memorize:**

**For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord,...**

**Genesis 18:19.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Abraham loved and trusted God. He knew God's voice and was quick to obey whatever He commanded. He also prayed with his household and taught them to love and serve God. He had no child of his own until he was very old, yet he taught his household, consisting of many servants, as faithfully as if they had been his own children.

God had made a covenant with Abraham. He promised to give the land of Canaan to him and his descendants. He also promised that he would have many descendants and would someday be a father of many nations.

There was never a doubt in Abraham's mind that God's promise would be fulfilled; He took it as a very serious responsibility to teach his household. He carefully taught them to keep the way of the Lord, to be serious and devout in the worship of God and to be honest in their dealings with all men.

They in turn would teach their children so that his household after him should keep the way of the Lord. Thus the fear of God would continue in his family when he was in his grave. Doing this, he fulfilled the conditions of the promises which God had made him.

### **A Praying Father**

When I was eight or nine years old I was walking home from school. It was a long walk and about half way home I had to cross a busy four-lane boulevard. There was no signal

or even a crossing guard at that time.

On this particular day I was standing on the curb waiting for a break in the traffic. A lady in the lane next to me decided to stop to let me cross. Without thinking I immediately ran across her lane. Just as I stepped into the next lane I saw a car in that lane coming fast. I tried to stop and in doing so threw out my hand to keep my balance.

The car whizzed by just inches from me, clipping my thumb. Otherwise I was shaken, but unhurt. As I walked on home I decided I wouldn't tell anyone about my close call—I knew I should have been more careful.

My mother met me just as I stepped into the house and for some reason reached out and grabbed my hand as she spoke to me. I couldn't help crying out in pain. She, of course, wanted to know how I got hurt so I told her of my close call.

That evening my father, Francis Doolittle, told my mother that he was driving along that afternoon when a heavy feeling came over him so strong that he started to pray. After prayer he felt no better so prayed again, but still it didn't lift. Finally he pulled to the side of the road and earnestly begged the Lord to take care of the problem. After this, the burden lifted.

When my mother told him what happened to me on the way home, they realized this was the same time that the Lord burdened him to pray.

This incident made a strong impression on me as a child and is still fresh in my memory. I have often thanked the Lord for sparing my life and for godly parents who taught me how to trust Him.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

for children. It starts like this, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head,..."

Luther wrote the following letter to his son, Hans, to encourage Hans to always love and serve Jesus.

**To my little son, Hans Luther, grace and peace in Christ,**

My dear son:

*I hear that you learn well and pray diligently. Continue to do so, my son. When I come home I will bring you a fine present.*

*I know of a lovely garden, full of joyful children, who wear golden coats, and pick beautiful apples and pears, and cherries and plums under the trees. They sing and jump and make merry. They have beautiful horses with golden saddles and silver bridles.*

*I asked the man that kept the garden who the children were. And he said to me, "The children are those who love to learn, and to pray, and to be good."*

*Then said I, "Dear sir, I have a little son, named Hans Luther, who is four years old. May he come into this garden and have the same beautiful apples and pears to eat and wonderful horses to ride upon, and may he play about with these children?"*

*Then said he, "If he is willing to learn, and to pray, and to be good, he shall come into this garden; and his friends Lippus and Justus too. If they all come together, they shall have pipes, and drums, and lutes, and music of stringed instruments. And they shall play and shoot with little crossbows."*

*Then he showed me a fine meadow in the garden, all laid out for playing. There hung golden pipes and kettle-drums and fine silver crossbows, but it was too early to see them playing, for the children had not had their dinner.*

*I said, "Ah, dear sir, I will instantly*

*go and write to my little son, Hans, so that he may study, and pray and be good and thus come into this garden. And he has a little cousin, Lena, whom he must also bring with him."*

*Then he said to me: "So shall it be. Go home and write to him."*

*Therefore, dear little son, Hans, be diligent to learn and to pray; and tell Lippus and Justus to do so, too, that you may all meet together in that beautiful garden. Give cousin Lena a kiss for me. Herewith I recommend you all to the care of almighty God..*

—Your father, Martin Luther

Writing letters is a wonderful way to show our love. It is also a way to say what we want to say. Sometimes we may not have the courage to tell someone to their face that we love them. But we can write it on a piece of paper and give it to them.

Today would be a good day to write a letter to your father. Thank him for things he has done for you. You could thank him for the food and shelter he provides. Thank him for being good to your mother, or for taking you to Sunday school. Ask the Lord to help you think of things for which to thank your father and for ways to show love to him.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. A binding promise. 2. That Sarah would bear him a son. 3. Isaac. 4. 100. 90. 5. She did not believe she would have a child. 6. She was afraid. 7. A great and mighty nation. 8. Christ, the Savior, would be born of his lineage. 9. Command his children that they would keep the way of the Lord.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Three Ripe Tomatoes

Many people love the Lord Jesus but do not understand that He heals without the help of medicine. John and Nina Clark were one such couple. They loved Jesus so much they left their comfortable home and went into the jungles of Africa to teach those people about Him. Besides the usual troubles of establishing a mission station among heathens, Nina got sick.

Back and forth, outside their cabin, John Clark was pacing. He had almost worn a rut in the hard, sun-baked clay of the mission compound. His head ached and in his mind tumbled these thoughts:

*Will Nina die? Why is the Lord allowing my sweet Nina to suffer so, when there is no one to help relieve her? Not a doctor within hundreds of miles, nor a Red Cross station. It would take a week for a medical doctor to get here. And she couldn't live to make a trip through the jungle to the hospital.*

*Why did we come to Africa? Perhaps we should never have come to this lonesome place. Maybe*

*God didn't send us.*

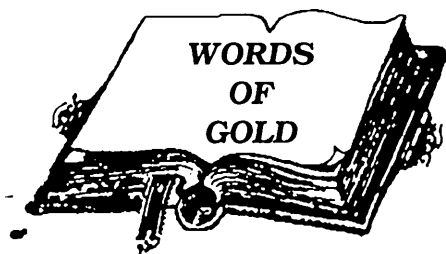
*But He has blessed our work; souls have been saved, a church established. Surely God wants us here.*

John sat down on a stump of a tree he had cut down to build their hut and placed his head in his hands. He could hear Nina breathing heavily inside the hut and the swish, swish of the fan as Aui swung it back and forth to cool Nina's fevered brow. "John? John? She's calling you," Aui was saying.

Instantly he bounded to her side. "Find—three ripe tomatoes" she said. "I think I need fresh tomatoes for strength—"

"I'll do my best," John promised. Their eyes met, and John smiled but Nina was too weak to smile. He kissed her hot cheek.

Nina's request complicated John's problems. Where in Belgian Congo were three ripe tomatoes? There might be some canned tomatoes at some distant outpost or a supermarket in a far away city, but fresh ripe ones? In all the years they had lived in Africa John had never seen tomatoes growing.



## Pray Always

### Luke 18:1-14

1 And [Jesus] spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily....

### Pray Humbly

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed, ...God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, un-

just, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

**The Message: Prayer is our opportunity to speak with God Himself. He tells us to pray always. This assures us that He is ever near us; always listening for our prayers.**

### Questions:

1. What is a parable?
2. How often should we pray?
3. Who did not fear God or man?
4. What did the widow want the judge to do?
5. Why did the judge finally do as the widow asked?
6. What will God do for His own elect who cry day and night to Him?
7. What two men went up to pray in Jesus' second parable?
8. Which thought he was better than the other?
9. Every one that exalteth himself shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and he that \_\_\_\_\_ himself shall be exalted.

### Verse to Memorize:

**...Men ought always to pray, and not to faint;...**

**Luke 18:1.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Before telling the story of the unjust judge, Jesus immediately tells us the meaning of this parable—we ought to pray always. It is both a privilege and a duty to pray. What an honor it is to be invited to speak with God Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of the universe! Very few people are admitted to the presence of truly great people. If they are given this opportunity they must do so at the convenience of the dignitary. But God invites us into His immediate presence at any time, day or night. He knows how weak and helpless we are. He knows that as long as we are in the world we will face trouble, heartache and danger. For these reasons He tells us we should always pray. I Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "Pray without ceasing".

Wisdom and humility teach us that we are dependent on God for everything. Without Him we can do nothing. This puts us into an attitude of complete dependence on God at all times and a spirit of prayer—of continually lifting our hearts to God in petition for help, guidance and, also, thanksgiving for His many blessings to us. In this way we are always praying.

Prayer strengthens us spiritually. In mythology there is a story about a giant named Antaeus. In order to keep alive, Antaeus must touch the earth as often as every five minutes. With each and every touch he became twice as strong as before. This illustrates the power and nature of prayer. Every time we truly touch God through prayer we receive real strength and increased faith.

When we have a need we should bring it to God in prayer. Our prayer

may not be answered immediately. We are taught then to continue to pray until the need is met. God cannot be compared to an unjust judge—He loves us far more than we can realize. He wants to give us the very best. The Bible tells us that all things work together for our good if we love God. (Romans 8:28.) So, if our prayers are not answered at once we must continue to pray, knowing God has a purpose in the delay.

The prayer of faith waits on God. A minister was once holding a revival. An infidel came to the meeting to ridicule and hinder others from accepting God. Seeing his intent, the minister stepped up to him and asked, "Are you a Christian?"

"No," the infidel answered emphatically.

"Well, do you want to be one?"

With a sneer the infidel answered, "I should say not!"

"Then shall we kneel and pray together?" asked the minister

"I do not believe in prayer," answered the infidel.

"Well, then, will you allow me to kneel and pray for you?"

"Yes, but it will do no good," replied the infidel sarcastically.

The minister knelt and poured out his heart in prayer for the infidel's salvation. When he got up the infidel remarked, "I don't feel any different at all."

"Wait," the minister answered, "wait awhile. God works in His own time."

Two years later the minister met the infidel again. "See, your prayers were not answered," the infidel told him.

"Just don't get uneasy," the minister assured him. "We must not rush God."

After a few more years this same infidel went to another service. God had been dealing with him. This time he yielded to God and was wonderfully saved in answer to years of continued prayer.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

A little voice said, "John Clark, pray for tomatoes."

"Why pray?" he questioned. "I don't believe tomatoes will fall out of heaven, and if I had tomato seeds, plants won't grow like the beanstalk did in the old fairy tale."

"Pray," the voice said again.

By now John was getting angry. "I've prayed until I know nothing else to say. What good has it done? This tropical fever is burning the life right out of my precious Nina. And I can't even give her her last wish," he grumbled, but fell on his knees.

After he prayed, he organized everyone in the mission compound to pray through the night, not for tomatoes, but for Nina's life. Next morning as he massaged Nina's aching back, he heard her whisper, "If-only-I had-three ripe tomatoes."

In agony of spirit John cried, "If it were possible I'd get them, Dear. I'd go a hundred miles to bring you tomatoes." He picked up Nina's hot hand and gripped it compassionately in his.

While John stood looking down into his wife's face, a helper appeared abruptly at the door and said, "A woman asks to see you." Reluctantly John left Nina and stepped out into the burning sun of the African summer. The strange woman wore a familiar tribal dress. Questioning her, he found she was from the tribe he had visited last month. "How may I help you?" John asked.

Opening her basket she said, "I've been sent to ask if this fruit is safe to eat."

When John Clark peered into the crude basket she carried, he cried, "Three tomatoes! God has sent these from heaven!"

"Yes! Yes! They are safe to eat. I must have them now! What can I give you for them?"

"You can have them as a gift for your advice," the woman answered.

"Where did you get these tomatoes?" he asked.

"I grew them myself from seeds given to me. I have many more!" the bewildered woman said.

"Bring me a basket full," John Clark commanded excitedly.

All the while the little voice within chided him. "Why pray? Tomatoes won't fall out of heaven."

Nina Clark lived many years after this and had a successful ministry.

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*"Somebody prayed, and refreshing rain*

*Fell on the parching grass and grain;*

*Cooling, reviving, the drought was stayed,*

*And food was growing for somebody prayed."*

(Answers: 1. A story that teaches a lesson. 2. Always. 3. The judge. 4. Avenge her of her enemy. 5. So she would quit bothering him. 6. Avenge them speedily. 7. A Pharisee and a publican. 8. The Pharisee. 9. Abased, humbleth.)