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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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GOD HEARS PRAYER

Based on a true story

Everything seemed fine when Bob entered the Queen Elizabeth, a coastal submarine. Routine procedures of letting in sea water were followed for lowering her into the Atlantic, off the coast of Great Britain. The submarine was full of students eager to study ocean life at different depths. It wasn't to be a long excursion like some Bob had been on.

In those days studying ocean life was very dangerous though most people considered it only an excuse for adventure. The last two days of this excursion, they were to set the submarine down on the sand at the very bottom of the ocean. Those would be the most exciting days of all!

When the day finally came, valves in the bottom of the tank were opened to let in more sea water. The sub tilted, lowered to the ocean floor and leveled as expected. The students examined and recorded information about plant and animal life and rock formations at depths they had never seen before.

Two days later everyone was excitedly talking of getting up out of the darkness and into fresh air again. Bob and his friends anxiously waited for the tremor and the tilt that always accompanied the lift. By evening the

students were worried and hungry. They had only eaten emergency rations that day. The more tasty food they had brought had already been eaten. Some were very restless, some seemed fearful, others were aggravated. All wanted to get out of the darkness and home to see their families, their sweethearts, and their friends.

The following morning Bob went to the captain. "Weren't we to be home last night?" he asked.

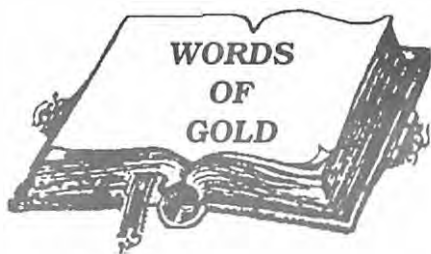
"We were, but something has gone haywire. This craft won't rise!"

"What? Are we stuck forever in this darkness? Are we being buried alive in water? Can't we signal for help?"

"At this depth? Impossible! But don't worry, the crew's been working all night. They will soon have her going."

"It's too gloomy in here. I want to see the sky again," Bob said and went back to tell his friends what was happening.

Another day and night passed. The Queen Elizabeth wouldn't budge. Panic was gripping the men. Unless changes were made, death wasn't many days ahead. The oxygen in the sub was almost gone. It was all so sickening. The captain knew that such mental pressure had driven men insane. Fearing such things, he called



PAUL JOURNEYS TOWARD ROME

Acts 26:31, 32; 27:1-13

31 And when they (Agrippa and Festus) were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto *one* named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; *one* Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next *day* we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave *him* liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a city* of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them*,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, *and there* to winter; *which* is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.

The Message: God had a work for Paul to do at Rome. In spite of all the dangers and obstacles Paul knew God would take him to Rome!

Questions:

1. What did Agrippa and Festus decide after hearing Paul's defense?
2. Why could they not set him free?
3. It was determined that Paul was to sail to what country?
4. Who was Julius?
5. What courtesy did Julius show Paul?
6. Why were they forced to sail so slowly?
7. Who warned that the trip would be dangerous and with much damage?
8. Who did the centurion believe more than Paul?
9. Why did they decide it was safe to sail?

Verse to Memorize

And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

Acts 23:11

Let's



Talk . . .

"This man has done nothing to deserve death or even imprisonment," King Agrippa and Festus concluded. "He could be set free if he had not appealed to Caesar!"

But Paul knew he had made no mistake in appealing to Caesar. While in Jerusalem, the Lord stood by him the night following his imprisonment and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul. As you have testified of me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness of me in Rome also." This was good news to Paul. He had desired to go to that city for a long time so he could preach the Gospel of Christ there.

Not long after it was determined that Paul must appear before Caesar, he and other prisoners were delivered into the care of Julius, a Roman centurion. Festus ordered Julius and his soldiers to take the prisoners safely to Rome and deliver them to Caesar. So, finding a ship sailing toward Italy, Julius put the prisoners on board. As the ship left Caesarea, Paul may have known he would never see his beloved homeland again. It was a great comfort to have Luke and Aristarchus sailing with him.

The next day the ship stopped at Sidon. By this time Paul had won the respect of Julius. He gave him permission to go ashore to visit his friends. Paul, Luke, Aristarchus, and a soldier guard had time for a short visit with the Christians at Sidon. This greatly refreshed them.

The ship docked at Myra, its last stop. Julius found another ship ready to sail for Italy. He had the soldiers

and their prisoners board this ship. It set sail and soon they were back in the great Mediterranean Sea.

But sailing was not good. The winds were strong and from the wrong direction so they could only sail slowly for many days. Finally they reached a harbor named Fair Havens on the island of Crete.

Winter was coming on and sailing was already dangerous. But Julius was so anxious to get back to Rome he ignored the danger. Paul told him and the owner of the ship, "Sirs, this will be a dangerous voyage. If you sail now there will be injury and much damage."

But Fair Havens was not a good place to spend the winter. The owner and Julius ignored Paul's warning and decided to go farther south before stopping for the winter. When a soft south breeze blew, they figured this was a good sign they could sail. The ship glided out of the harbor and into the broad sea. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

"A friend of mine told the following story: 'Early one morning,' he said, 'I heard the baying of a score of deer-hounds in pursuit. Looking across the field I saw a young fawn running for its life. Reaching the fence in front of me it leaped over and crouched within ten feet from where I stood. A moment later two of the hounds leaped over. Running to me the fawn pushed its head between my legs. I lifted the little thing to my breast, and, swinging round and round, fought off the dogs. I felt, just then, that all the dogs in the West could not, and should not capture that fawn after its weakness had appealed to my strength.' So is it, when human helplessness appeals to Almighty God. Well do I remember when the hounds of sin were after my soul, until, at last, I ran into the arms of Almighty God." —A. C. Dixon

the crew together. "Men," he said in a trembling voice. "Our destiny is in God's hands. It is best then that we call upon Him. Although I do not know how to say prayers, I do have in my hand a copy of the hymn 'Abide With Me.' I'll read it to you then we can sing it as a prayer." He read it. The men sang:

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

*"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;"*

"Swift to its close . . ." Bob could sing no more. His life was swiftly coming to a close, maybe today, maybe tomorrow. He shuddered. What kind of death would it be? Would he suffocate, starve, or be butchered by a crazy crewman gone wild.

Then Bob heard the men singing, "Where is death's sting?"

He hadn't thought about it before, but death did have a sting. He wasn't ready to die, nor prepared to stand before God. What would he say to God? He could only hang his head in shame, knowing he had rejected a Saviour who had died for him, for he had never sought Jesus to save him from the death penalty that is on all men. It hurt too, to think of how his mother and his sister Betty would cry should he never return.

Then he heard the men singing: "I triumph still if thou abide with me." From the depths of his heart he prayed, "Oh God, save us! Cause this submarine to go up."

The men finished the song. Then the captain spoke again, "Each of you take this pill. I know it isn't much to offer in such a dark time, but it should ease the pain a little and should help us to be more calm." As he passed out the pills, Bob looked over the crew.

Every face was solemn, as if each was seeing the open "jaws of death" ready to devour him. Some looked angry, others had tears in their eyes. He wondered how many were praying.

As the men began moving away, one of them stumbled against a part of the submarine's equipment. Immediately a tremor was felt. It was the old familiar tremor before a sub tilts and starts rising. The captain rushed into the cabin and looked at the instruments. "It's working!" he shouted.

Everyone cheered. They clasped hands in triumphant hand shakes. One student danced a happy little jig.

That night they were all safe on England's shore.

Bob wouldn't deny that there was a connection between the singing of the hymn and the circumstance that caused the rising of the sub. He knew God was down there in the darkness of the ocean floor, and he thanked Him for His mercy to the crew.

God had delivered him from death but not from spiritual death. He was yet under death as the penalty of sin. Could he believe that Jesus became a man in order to be men's Saviour, that He bore everyone's sin in His own body when he died on the cross? Faith in Jesus' death alone would save him from spiritual death.

Then he remembered the scripture: "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31. —Sis Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. Paul had done nothing worthy of bonds or of death. 2. Because he had appealed to Caesar. 3. Italy. 4. The centurion in charge of Paul and other prisoners. 5. He gave him liberty to go to his friends and refresh himself. 6. The winds were contrary. 7. Paul. 8. The master and owner of the ship. 9. The south wind blew softly.

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THE CONTRARY WIND

It was still dark when James Stewart's alarm sounded. He jumped out of bed and slipped into the loose cotton muslin breeches and shirt. These were used in most parts of Egypt because they shaded the skin from the harsh sun and at the same time did not prevent one from feeling the occasional breeze that blew.

"I have only three weeks left to visit the villages along the banks of the Nile," James told himself. "According to my map, there are thirty-six. Probably most of these haven't heard the Gospel. Some days I will need to visit two villages if I am to reach each one of these Moslem villages. Every day will count."

Hurriedly he gathered his traveling gear. A suitcase filled with Arabic Bibles, two changes of clothing, a water bottle filled with fresh water, tablets for purifying more water when that was gone, note pad and pens, some dehydrated foods to be eaten if unfriendly store keepers refused to sell to him, and last but not least, a large umbrella for protection from the sun. He took no camera, afraid it would cause trouble with the natives.

At ten o'clock James had made his way to the Nile River. He paid his fare

on a boat that was going across to a village where he knew some Christians lived. He was sure these Christians needed Bibles and would also be glad to hear the Gospel preached. He hoped they could also direct him to other villages in which he might be allowed to teach and hand out Bibles.

A strong wind was blowing from the direction of the town but James thought the boat strong enough to buck the storm. The anchor was raised and the boat churned out a ways into the water. Then it stopped moving.

"Every day counts," James muttered to himself as he watched the helpless boat struggling against the wind. "I may never get back to these parts. The war is raging in Europe. I have heard rumors that no Americans are being allowed to enter Egypt. Some that are here are being ordered to leave. If I could only fill these twenty-one days sharing the Gospel with these Moslems, how happy I would be."

But the boat was making no progress. During a calm it went forward a few yards. Then a huge wave, forced by a gust of wind, pushed it back to where it had started.

James couldn't sit still. He went up on the deck. Holding to a railing to steady himself against the wind, he studied the sky for any sign of change.



A STORM AT SEA

Acts 27:14-28

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive (drift.)

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, struck sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;

19 And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore sir, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.

The Message: God spared the life of everyone on the ship for Paul's sake. The Bible tells of other times that the lives of the wicked were spared because of the righteous.

Questions:

1. What was Euroclydon?
2. Why did they let the ship drift?
3. Why did they lose all hope of being saved?
4. What did Paul tell them they should have done?
5. How many lives would be lost in this storm?
6. What would be lost?
7. Who had stood by Paul that night?
8. How would they be saved, according to Paul?
9. On what night did the shipmen discover they were near land?

Verse to Memorize

Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Acts 27:24

Let's



Talk . . .

A gentle south wind was blowing when the ship carrying Paul toward Rome left the harbor at Fair Havens. They did not aim to go far; only to another port on the same island, called Phenice, to spend the winter there. Against Paul's advice, the captain of the ship set sail. But they had scarcely left the harbor when a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon, swept down on them. They could not turn back. Nor could they make any headway against the hurricane-force wind. The ship was tossed like a cork by the angry waves. It seemed it would be torn to pieces at any minute! The owner of the ship could not help remembering Paul's advice and warning.

Since they could not make it back to shore it was safest to keep as far from it as possible. So, heading out into the open sea, the ship was left to run at random driven by the fierce wind. They did all they could to save the ship. They strengthened it by passing four or five turns of a cable-like rope round the hull or frame. This, they hoped, would enable the ship to resist the violence of the seas. Then they began throwing the cargo overboard. On the third day the tackling of the ship was thrown out. There was nothing else that they could do except wait anxiously for the storm to pass.

Day after day the storm howled around them. They saw neither sun nor stars for many days. This dense darkness made the tempest all the more terrible. Since they could see

neither sun nor stars the sailors had nothing to guide them, making their situation even more hazardous. Now all hope of being saved from certain death was gone.

But God was still in control and right through the storm He had His eye on Paul and those with him. One morning Paul called everyone to him. Above the roar of the storm he told them, "Sirs, if you had listened to me, this would not have happened. But be of good cheer; even though we shall lose the ship, no one will lose his life. Last night an angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve, stood by me saying, 'Fear not, Paul. You must be brought before Caesar. And God has given you all them that are with you.' I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me!"

The angel's message assured Paul that he would come to Rome safely. The rage of the fiercest storm could not prevail against God's purpose. Paul knew his work was not finished. He was confident that God would spare him to accomplish the work He had appointed him to do.

Paul's words were comforting but still the storm raged on. Two weeks passed. Then one night, about midnight, the sailors discovered they were nearing land. No one knew where they were, since they had drifted on the waves for many days. They had no idea what latitude they were in, much less how to steer their course. They did not even know whether they were nearing a rocky coast or a sandy beach. Yet God, for Paul's sake had undertaken to bring them to an island that would prove to be a refuge for them.

Fearing they would be wrecked on a rocky shoreline in the darkness, the sailors threw the anchors overboard and waited anxiously for morning to come. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

He went to the captain's quarters and chatted with him. This day counted, for he had a great amount of work to do. The captain understood James' intense desire to get to the other side, "I'm sorry," he said, "but the wind will not release its grip."

James went to the dining room and visited with an old man who looked very scared. The man was a Moslem. James' message of comfort was rejected. He looked at his watch. It was three minutes after eleven. The wind hadn't died down a bit. Just then the captain announced, "We are returning to shore. Ticket monies will be refunded or the tickets marked to be used at a later time." James' heart sank.

"Only twenty days left," he sighed as he walked off the gang plank. Then new thoughts began channeling their way into his distressed brain. Yes, he was God's child. Nothing happened to him that wasn't for good.

With a determined look in his eyes he turned and asked the ticket agent if there was a town nearby. "There is a village on the south side of those huge sand dunes," the agent answered.

Soon after James arrived at the village, he met a man walking toward him. "Please sir," he said, "do you know if there are any Christians living here?"

"Well, folks tell me that Mungo has taken up western ideas. Maybe he is what you call a Christian. He lives over near that tall palm tree." He pointed to a tree on the other side of the village, then he hurried away like James might be dangerous.

James found Mungo. He soon learned that Mungo was a lonely, hungry Christian. He had no Bible nor other brethren to teach him more of God's ways. Excitedly, James began

sharing with him some of the treasures of God's Word. One by one his family gathered to listen.

An hour had passed before James glanced at his watch, but he talked on, realizing that he was gaining the day he thought he had lost.

"How wonderful it must be to have a Bible to read," Mungo said after James had slowed down a bit.

James opened up his back-pack and took out the new Bible. "God has sent you one today," he said, placing it in Mungo's hands.

Tears of gratitude welled in Mungo's eyes. He looked up to heaven and said, "Now I can teach my people about the Savior."

James felt light as a feather as he walked back to the river. "Hmm," he mused, "That town wasn't on my map, but God got it covered by sending this wind." Then he noticed that the wind wasn't blowing.

"We've been watching for you. I knew you were very anxious to go so I waited," the boat captain said when James neared the dock. "We can cross now."

"You will never know how grateful I am to you for waiting," James said. He found the Christians on the other side of the Nile. He gave them Bibles. They helped him with directions to find many villages that wanted Bibles and where he could preach the Gospel for the next twenty days.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. A tempestuous wind. 2. They could not bear up into the wind. 3. They had not seen the sun nor stars for many days and there was still a great tempest. 4. Listened to him and stayed in Crete. 5. Not one. 6. The ship. 7. An angel. 8. By being cast onto a certain island. 9. The fourteenth.

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I BELIEVE GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

In the province of Hunan, China, there lived a little Chinese boy named Ho Long. Ho attended a village children's meeting and there learned to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, the "Friend of little children."

Ho's home was a sad one. His father used to spend night after night away in the village, gambling and drinking, so that his poor mother was very miserable and often cried.

One night she was sitting up as usual, waiting for her husband to come home, and her heart was so heavy with dark hopelessness that she sat and sobbed as if her heart would break.

"What shall I do?" she cried. "What shall I do?"

At last little Ho could stand it no more. "Why don't you pray to the Lord Jesus?" he suggested.

"I don't know how to pray," sobbed the poor woman.

"I'll teach you, Mother," said the little boy, sitting up.

"But your God wouldn't listen to me, and He can't do anything for your father," replied his mother in a hopeless voice.

Ho climbed out of bed and knelt beside his mother. "Let's pray, Mother,"

he coaxed. "The Lord Jesus can change Father. He changes people's hearts."

"I don't know what to say. I can't pray," said Mother.

"I'll say it first, and you say it after me, Mother," said little Ho.

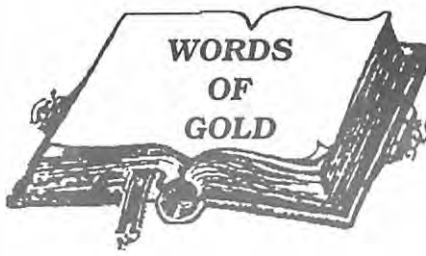
So in the shadowy darkness the little fellow taught his mother to pray sentence by sentence. She hardly believed there could be any answer to that prayer, but little 8-year-old Ho had no doubts about the matter. Had he not been praying for some months now that the Lord Jesus would change his father's heart, and bring peace and happiness into that little home?

Night after night, when the father was gambling and drinking away his earnings, Ho and his mother prayed together, and she seemed to get comfort from their prayers.

A few months later, the gospel tent came to their village. Out of curiosity Ho's father began to attend the meetings. Before long he was convicted of sin. At last the time came when he was saved by the power of God.

Now there was no more gambling or drinking, and soon Ho Long's home was the happy place he had dreamed of. Together he and his father and mother thanked God for hearing and answering their prayers.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are



A VIPER!

Acts 28:1-11

1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called **Melita**.

2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the

father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

The Message: Had it not been for the shipwreck, the inhabitants on the island of Melita would not have heard the gospel and seen the power of God.

Questions:

1. To what island did they escape?
2. How did the island people show them kindness?
3. How did Paul help?
4. What fastened itself to his hand?
5. What did the people think about Paul?
6. How did Paul react when he saw it hanging from his hand?
7. What did the people finally decide about Paul?
8. Who was Publius?
9. What did Paul do for Publius' father?

Verse to Memorize

And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

Acts 28:5

Let's



Talk . . .

The natives of the island saw the ship being torn to pieces by the fierce storm. They watched anxiously from the shore as they saw the people jump into the sea and head toward shore. As soon as they were near enough many of the natives ran to help the strangers, lighting fires so that they might warm themselves. It was then that the shipwrecked men learned where they were. They had landed on the island of Melita, only sixty miles from Sicily, a Roman possession.

As soon as Paul got to shore, he joined the others in bringing sticks for the fire. Picking up an armful of brushwood, he carried it to one of the fires. But as he threw the wood into the flames a viper which had been clinging to the wood was stung by the heat. To escape the flames the viper fastened itself to his hand. For a second it clung there. A cry of fear went up from the horror-stricken onlookers! But with one quick motion Paul shook it off, and it dropped back into the fire.

Here was a prisoner, they thought, who had escaped the sea, but the vengeance of the gods had followed him, and his hour had come. They knew the deadly poison of the viper and the speed with which it acts. They expected to see Paul sicken and fall dead in a matter of minutes. With horror in their faces they watched him. They were sure he had committed some terrible crime to meet death by so sudden a stroke.

But in Paul's mind there was no such thought. He was not afraid, for he believed God and was confident that he would preach the gospel in

Rome, as he had been promised. The minutes sped by and Paul prodded the fire, moving closer to it to dry his clothing and to warm his body. The people watched him closely; and as each moment passed, their amazement grew even greater. He did not seem pale, nor did he look like a dying man!

One by one the superstitious islanders nodded their heads and concluded that he must be a god in disguise. This, combined with what followed in the next few days, gave Paul an opportunity to preach the gospel of the one true God, who can protect his servants from every evil.

The islanders took the shipwrecked people to Publius, the Roman governor of Melita, whose residence was close by. He was glad to share his large house and outbuildings and make provision for them all for three days. Publius had an aged father living in his residence, who was sick with a fever. When Paul heard of this, he asked to see him and, receiving permission, he laid his hands on the old man. Lifting his eyes to God in heaven, the apostle prayed fervently that a miracle would be done and that this man might be healed as a testimony to the power of God and the truth of the gospel.

The Lord heard that prayer, and the governor's father was made well. Publius heard the good news, and so did many of the sick. By the score they came, hoping that the man Paul might heal them, too. And so for three winter months, while Julius and his prisoners waited until the sea became navigable again, Paul and his friends, Luke and Aristarchus, preached the gospel of Christ, and God confirmed their words by miracles.

Special honors were given to Paul and his friends. They had won the love and confidence of many people. Those of high degree and low had seen the mighty power of God, and some believed. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17.

—Selected

"CAN YOU TELL ME THE WAY TO HEAVEN?"

One morning we were holding the line in a trench when we came in for unusually heavy shelling. Presently there was a black cloud as a shell burst and pieces of shrapnel came whizzing past us. Poor Bert S- fell like a log. Jim who was 6 ft. 3 in., and another young man jumped down and picked him up; but they saw at a glance it was a hopeless case. There was not a nursing station near, so Tiny Jim and some other fellows got hold of some empty sandbags and an old coat, and laid Bert on them in the bottom of the trench.

Back on the firing step they got, but had not been there long, when Jim was startled by a voice behind him saying, "Can you tell me the way to heaven?"

Tiny Jim jumped down again beside Bert and said, "The way to heaven? I am sorry, I don't know the way, I'll ask the other fellows and find out if they know."

He returned to the firing step, walked along to the first man and asked him, he did not know; so he went further and asked the next man, but he did not know either. Tiny Jim then went over to the firing bay and asked the fourth but he was no better than the rest of us. From there on each man relayed the question to the man next to him. Down the line went the story of what had happened, and the question went from man to man until number 16 was reached. Not one of the sixteen could tell the way to heaven.

The story was passed on to number 17: "Bert is dying and wants to know the way to heaven. Can you tell him the way?"

"Yes, I know the way to heaven, but I cannot go along the trench. I dare not leave my station." Thrusting his

hand into his pocket he pulled out a little khaki Testament. Quickly, he turned its pages and said, "Look here, this is the way to heaven—that verse marked around with pencil (John 3:16.) I'll turn the leaves back there; you put your thumb on that verse. Tell him that is the way to heaven."

Quickly the message and the Testament passed back from man to man until it reached Tiny Jim. He dropped beside Bert, who lay there so still. He touched his shoulder; slowly Bert opened his eyes.

"I've got it, Bert, old chum," said Tiny Jim. "Here is the way to heaven: '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.'"

Poor Bert's eyes were wide open now, he was drinking in every word. What a scene it was—Tiny Jim kneeling on the bottom of the trench, his great hand holding the little Testament, the tears running down his cheeks, reading again and again those life-giving Words in Bert's ears:

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. John 3:16.

A look of peace came over Bert's face as he kept gasping out "whosoever." Then after lying quiet for a while, his face lit up with satisfaction, and with one last gasp he said, "whosoever," and was gone, gone from the battlefield to be with Christ!

The Lord Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," (John 14:6,) and "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

(John 10:9.)

—Selected

Answers: 1. Melita. 2. They built a fire. 3. By gathering sticks for the fire. 4. A viper. 5. That he must be a murderer. 6. He shook the viper off into the fire. 7. That he was a god. 8. The chief man of the island. 9. He healed him

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DEMETRIO'S CONVERSION

Demetrio was a sergeant in the Bolivian Army during the Chaco War between Bolivia and Paraguay. As a soldier, Demetrio was a man of courage but he was also a thoroughly ungodly fellow and he and his friends spent much of their spare time dancing and drinking.

One day the Bolivian troops were ordered to fix bayonets and storm a Paraguayan fort. After a battle ensued and Demetrio fell badly wounded with six bullets in his body. Taken out of action to a field hospital behind the lines, he was given blood transfusions which saved his life.

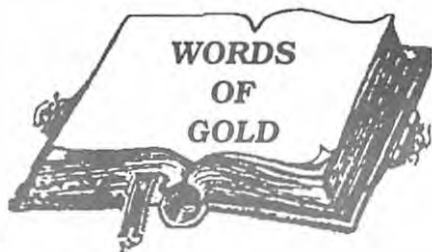
From there he was sent to the main hospital in Potosi, the capital, and thanks to the care of the surgeons who attended him, after considerable time he was able to walk again.

The doors of the hospital were heavily guarded, but one night, Demetrio, along with some other wounded soldiers, weary of confinement, climbed over the walls, bent on a night's pleasure. They passed the hours in barrooms and other places of wickedness. Then returning to the hospital drunk, they were severely scolded by the doctor for their bad behavior.

A little later, desiring a change from hospital life, the men again escaped over the walls. But this time Demetrio refused to accompany his mates in their visits to barrooms and dance halls. He preferred on this occasion to be quiet and alone.

Walking slowly down Junin Street, he was surprised to hear singing, and stopped to listen. He found himself outside a building with a sign over the door, "Local Evangelico" (Gospel Hall.) It wasn't the singing that attracted his attention so much as the words he heard, "Busca a Dios" that is, "Seek God." Demetrio had never heard such words, nor had he ever read a book called the Bible; never had he read a tract so he stepped inside the door to listen. A gentleman requested him to take a seat, but he refused.

After the singing, a man stood up, opened a book, and began to speak. He spoke of the judgment of God and stressed the fact that there was only one way to escape this judgment; that was by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, who came from heaven and who died on the cross of Calvary to save lost sinners. He went on to say that we were all lost sinners and that if we refused to accept Christ as our Saviour, we would not escape the judgment of God, but eternal punishment would be our sentence.



ROME AT LAST!

Acts 28:12-31

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against *it*, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came showed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

The Message: God told Paul that he must testify of Him at Rome. Through all the dangers and storm, Paul knew God would take him safely to Rome.

Questions:

1. How long did they stay at Syracuse?
2. How long did they stay with the brethren in Puteoli?
3. What caused Paul to thank God and take courage?
4. To whom did the centurion deliver the prisoners?
5. How was Paul treated differently?
6. Who did Paul call together after three days?
7. When the Jews rejected the Gospel, to whom did God send it?
8. How long did Paul live in his own rented home?
9. What did Paul do while he lived in Rome?

Verse to Memorize

Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

Acts 27:25

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with their *heart*, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Let's Talk . . .

The three months on the island of Melita went by quickly. With the first balmy breezes of spring, the masters of the ships in the harbor began calling back their crews and made ready to sail. Julius was restless to go, and when he made arrangements with the owner of another ship of Alexandria,

the soldiers with their prisoners prepared to depart. By this time Paul had many friends and they were sorry to see him leave. In token of their love, they brought gifts and provisions. Then, gathering at the shore, they waved farewell. The heavy ship was paddled out into the bay and the sails were hoisted. The soft winds blew, and after a day of good sailing with sunny skies above and blue waters about them, they reached the ancient city of Syracuse, nestling on a beautiful gulf of Sicily. For three days Paul and his companions, under Roman guard, visited this great city

Then it was time to sail on. The ship had the figureheads of the twin brothers, Castor and Pollux on the bow. In ancient mythology these were sons of Zeus. The sailors felt safe because these heavenly twins were said to protect seamen on their voyages.

Paul's feet touched Italian soil first at Puteoli. Julius stayed for a while in that city, and during that time Paul was allowed to see his friends freely. During the seven-day layover the Christians had opportunity to send word to Rome of Paul's arrival. The believers in Rome were happy to see the man who had spent his life in the service of Christ. Many determined to go out on the highway to meet him and accompany him back to Rome.

When Paul saw the friends from the church at Rome, his heart was moved. He thought of the trial that awaited him and the possible condemnation, but when he saw the love and devotion of these friends for Christ and His servants, he thanked God and took courage.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

The speaker, who was a missionary, said he had seen so many soldiers who were afraid to die because they were sinners. Demetrio thought to himself, "Well, I'm not afraid of death! Why be afraid? Had he not been a soldier, a proud fighter, wounded, but still not afraid of death?"

Still the thought lingered in his mind what the speaker had said: "You cannot escape the judgment of God unless you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

That night Demetrio went home to his parents at 9:15 p.m., and told them what he had heard. Never had he done such a thing as that before, and then he returned to the hospital. That was on a Wednesday night. There was another meeting on Friday night and Demetrio was present. The people sang another hymn, "Paz con Dios busque janarla," that is, "Peace with God, I sought to gain." This peace Demetrio did not have, but he desired it, so after the meeting he went to the speaker and talked to him. He told Demetrio again: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. He has made peace for us through the blood He gave at Calvary." Demetrio suddenly understood that the Lord Jesus had been seeking him. He got down on his knees, and asked God to save him; He did.

The next day all noticed the great change in his behavior. The doctors remarked that if he continued as he was doing, he would be well again. They even changed his medication, ordered him a new suit, and informed the hospital director to allow Demetrio to attend the gospel meetings.

He got to know the missionary who had led him to Christ and looked up to him as his spiritual father and guide in his earthly pilgrimage. That was 40 years ago and Demetrio has

gone on faithfully ever since.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, *he* is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. —Selected

GOD SENT A HEN

A good Christian man named Merlin was one of the Huguenot preachers in France when there burst out a great storm of persecution. All the preachers had to hide lest they be taken away and killed. Mr. Merlin hid in a hayloft where none of his enemies thought of looking for him.

However, the trouble was that his friends did not know where he had hidden, and he was in danger of starving in his place of refuge. Now what do you think it was that came to his help?

To his wonder and thankfulness a hen came and laid an egg beside him. Surely it was God who sent one of His little creatures to minister to one of His loved servants. She came for several days in succession and every time, she left an egg. In this way the life of the poor, hunted man was preserved until the danger was past.

"This poor man cried, and the *Lord* heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles... O taste and see that the *Lord* is good: blessed is the man *that* trusteth in Him." Psalm 34:6, 8. —Selected

<p>Answers: 1. Three days. 2. Seven days. 3. The brethren from Rome who met him. 4. The captain of the guard. 5. He was allowed to live by himself with a soldier to guard him. 6. The chief of the Jews. 7. The Gentiles. 8. Two years. 9. He preached the kingdom of God and taught them about Jesus.</p>

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TWICE MINE!

"Say, Mister, your catcher has just got my dog," exclaimed Jim to the pound keeper. The boy was almost out of breath from running. "And he's a good dog," he added.

Even as he spoke the dog catcher arrived, and they heard the rear door of the pound open. Soon they saw several dogs being shoved into the pen.

"That's him!" cried Jim. "That one over in the corner."

"Well," said the keeper, "I expect the trouble is he hasn't a license or something."

Poor Jim hung his head and confessed that it was so.

"He'll have to have one before we can let him out of here," said the keeper.

"How much does one cost?" asked Jim, as he fingered two quarters in his pocket.

"Four dollars and fifty cents," replied the keeper.

"Any work I could do around here, so I could earn the money?" asked Jim hopefully.

"No, I'm afraid not, son. You might try the food store on the corner."

That afternoon Jim reappeared at the pound and handed the keeper \$4.50. Moments later the gate to the dogpen opened, and a joyful pup, wiggling and twisting all over and barking with excitement, was in Jim's arms.

On the way home Jim paused and

taking his pup in his arms he said. "Pup, you're twice mine now! You were mine the day Dad gave you to me; but then I lost you, and I've had to buy you back. So you're twice mine now!"

And so it is with all of us. The Lord Jesus, our Creator, made us and gave us life in this world. But we were lost through the fall when Adam and Eve sinned. He had to come to redeem us—to buy us back, and this He did at the cost of His own precious blood on the cross, for He loved us so. If we have trusted Him as our Saviour, then we are saved.

Dear young friends, can you say, "I am twice His, for He has redeemed me?"

—Selected

TEDDY'S LIFEGUARD

A true story

Rover was a small Fox Terrier. He lived in the house with his master, Teddy. One day Teddy's father came home from work for awhile. He parked his big truck in the driveway and went into the house. While he was in the house, Teddy came out the front door and played on the driveway with his skateboard. When he was very close behind the truck, the skateboard slipped from under him. He fell on his back, hitting his head so hard that it knocked him out. Rover barked at his master, but Teddy did not answer. He stood over him and licked his face, but Teddy did not push him away.



LEARNING TO COUNT

Acts 20:23-24

23 The Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Philippians 3:7-10

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

James 1:2-4; 5:10-11

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have *her* perfect

work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

II Thessalonians 1:11

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power.

The Message: When we learn to count as God does we will gladly give up all that the world calls excellent in order to know Christ

Questions:

1. What did the Holy Ghost witness to Paul?
2. Why did none of these things move Paul?
3. How did Paul want to finish his course?
4. For whom did Paul suffer the loss of all things?
5. How should we count it when we fall into temptations?
6. What does the trying of our faith work?
7. Who were examples of patience?
8. How do we count those that endure?

Verse to Memorize

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Philippians 3:7.

Let's



Talk . . .

Cuff was a Negro slave who lived in the South before the Civil War. He was a joyful Christian and a faithful servant. His master, needing money, sold him to a young planter who was an infidel. When parting with him the master said, "Cuff will suit you in every respect but one. He will pray and you can't break him of it; but that is his only fault."

"I'll soon whip that out of him," remarked the infidel.

Cuff proved faithful to the new master but he soon got word that he had been praying. He called him and said, "Cuff, you must not pray any more, never let me hear any more about this nonsense."

Cuff replied, "Oh, Master, I love to pray to Jesus, and when I pray I love you and Missus all the more, and can work all the harder for you."

But he was sternly forbidden ever to pray any more under penalty of severe flogging.

That evening when the days work was done, Cuff knelt in prayer. Next morning his master demanded why he had disobeyed him.

"Oh, Master, I have to pray. I can't live without it," said Cuff.

At this the master flew into a terrible rage and applied the lash until his strength was exhausted.

Cuff went away singing in a groaning voice: "My suffering time will soon be o'er, When I shall sigh and weep no more."

He worked faithfully all that day, though in much pain, as the blood oozed out from his back. Meanwhile God was working on the master. By night he was in great distress of mind. Such was his agony at midnight that

he awoke his wife and told her that he was dying.

He asked his wife, "Is there anyone on the plantation that can pray for me? I am afraid that I am going to hell."

"I don't know of anyone," said his wife, "except the slave you punished this morning."

"Do you think he would pray for me?" he anxiously inquired.

"Yes, I think he would," she replied.

"Well send for him quickly."

They went after Cuff and found him on his knees in prayer. He supposed he was to be punished again. He was taken to the master's room where the master groaning, said, "O Cuff, can you pray for me?"

"Yes, bless the Lord. Master, I've been praying for you all night," and he dropped on his knees. Before day-break both master and mistress were saved!

Cuff, though a slave, was a master at counting. The joy and strength he got from talking to God in prayer was worth a cruel whipping, if that is what it cost. And it all added up to great profit—both his master and his wife were saved through his faithfulness!

When it came to spiritual things Paul knew how to count! He did not count his natural life dear; he was determined to have eternal life. He gladly gave up everything of the world and chose Christ, His cross, His reproach and even poverty in exchange for endless salvation through Him.

It is important to know how to count. If we cannot count accurately we will come up with wrong answers every time. This is as true spiritually as in everyday life. How we count spiritually determines our priorities and the choices we make. If we do not count eternal life more important than all that the world has to offer, we will never obtain it. How we count will determine our eternal destiny!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Rover knew something was wrong with Teddy, so he went to the front door and barked to call Teddy's mother. She did not come. He went to the back door and barked. No one came. Rover ran back and forth from the doors to Teddy, barking all the while, but no one came out to help Teddy.

After awhile, Teddy's daddy did come out, and without seeing Teddy, he got into his truck. Rover ran to the truck door and barked and barked, but Teddy's daddy paid no attention to Rover. He started up the truck. Rover jumped at the truck door and barked louder than ever and then he ran to the back of truck and stood over Teddy.

"Get out of the way! Get out of the way!" Daddy shouted, when he saw Rover's head in his rear-view mirror. But Rover stood his ground, barking and growling at the big truck that was coming back at him. "Get out of the way!" he shouted again. Rover would not get out of the way.

Teddy's sister who was upstairs heard all the barking and came to the window just in time to see Teddy lying flat on the driveway. Rover stood over him growling and barking at the big truck which was slowly backing up toward them. She was so frightened she could not move. "O, God!" she cried, "Please help Daddy to stop." Just then the big truck stopped! She ran downstairs.

Daddy got out to chase Rover away. There brave little Rover stood over Teddy, just inches away from the wheels of the big truck.

Animals have no souls yet they show loyalty and kindness to people they love. How much more should people who are created in the image of God do good for others.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

SAVED FROM LIONS

Perisi was a little African girl. She had come to the Bible classes and there

heard the sweet story of Jesus and His love in dying for sinners everywhere. Perisi believed that He died for her, and she trusted Him as her Saviour.

Her mother, however, was not at all pleased, and beat the little girl for going to the Bible school. She turned her over to the witch doctor, thinking he would make her afraid and give up her new religion. But Perisi did not cease to love her Saviour, and to memorize Bible verses, and sing the sweet Christian hymns she had learned.

At last her mother took her into the forest and tied her to a tree. She hoped the lions would come and frighten her belief in Jesus out of her. When her mother left she said, "You are a worthless girl to me—good-bye, I'm giving you to the lions!"

Throughout the long, black night little Perisi remained there and prayed. He Who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," watched over her all night long.

Thenext morning at dawn, a Christian boy found her still tied to the tree. There were lions' tracks all around, but little Perisi was unharmed. She saw the eyes of the great beasts shine in the darkness, but not one of them had come within fifteen feet of her. Perisi remembered how God had shut the lions' mouths and delivered Daniel, and she prayed that He would deliver her also. All her fear had gone.

Perisi never forgot that night and many, many times did she thank her Saviour that she could experience His love and care for her in such a remarkable way.

—Selected

Answers: 1. That bonds and afflictions awaited him. 2. Because he was willing to give his life to do God's will. 3. With joy. 4. Christ. 5. All joy. 6. It works patience. 7. The prophets. 8. Happy

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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, which 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.'



IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1-13

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.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

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.

10 And God called the dry *land*

Earth: and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

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.

The Message: It is wonderful to know God created the earth and the universe and that He is still in control of all He created!

Questions:

1. Who created the heaven and earth?
2. What did the earth look like when God first created it?
3. What did God do with the light?
4. What did He call the light?
5. What did He call the darkness?
6. On what day did God remove earth's covering of water and let dry land appear?
7. What did God call the firmament?
8. What did God call the dry land?
9. On what day did God create grass and fruit trees?

Verse to Memorize

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

Let's



Talk . . .

The first chapter of Genesis tells us plainly that God is the Creator of all things. All the matter necessary for His later working, He miraculously created, that is, made out of nothing. There was not any pre-existent matter; God created all.

God revealed this to Moses and he wrote it as the first principle of truth in the Bible. But Genesis is not the only place this fact is stated. Jesus, Himself, referred to "the creation which God created." (Mark 13:19) John, Jesus' beloved disciple, wrote: "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3) Hebrews 1:10 says, "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:"

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 13:1, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." God, by speaking through Moses, Jesus, John and the writer of Hebrews, carefully established the fact that He created the heaven and the earth. He gave us a firm foundation because this truth is basic to our belief of the entire Bible.

Probably every one has heard of the Theory of Evolution. This is an idea that everything we see about us, the whole universe, just happened by chance. Some explain that a Big Bang billions of years ago started our universe. The matter, which came from this unexplained explosion, just happened to cool into stars. Our sun, one of those stars, just happened to have planets around it. One of these planets, Earth, just happened to be the right distance from the sun and to have just the right mixture of water

and other elements.

Then, they say, as Earth cooled chemicals in an ancient sea just happened to come together in the right way, and these dead chemicals came alive. As ages passed, the first living cells just happened to take on plant and animal characteristics. As more ages passed these tiny cells just happened to cluster together to become larger living creatures.

As even more time passed, living creatures just happened to become more and more complex. Somehow some living creatures just happened to turn into other living creatures—fish became amphibians and reptiles. Some of these just happened to turn into birds and mammals. And eventually one line of living creatures supposedly turned into human beings.

This theory is presented as the "scientific" view of origins. School textbooks, many teachers as well as newspapers and magazines and even encyclopedias often present this theory as if it is fact. The biology textbook in use a few years ago at the Guthrie High School, was entitled BIOLOGY by Peter H. Raven & George B. Johnson, 5th edition, 1999. In the preface under the heading 'Guiding Themes' it stated: "Evolution is the core of the science of biology, and from the first words we wrote, has always been a central theme of Biology."

The caption under a picture of lightning declares: "The origin of life. The fortuitous mix of physical events and chemical elements at the right place and time created the first living cells on earth."

Yet none of this can be proven. Dr. Edwin Conklin, biologist, Princeton University, said, "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop!"

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

References: "It Couldn't Just Happen" by Lawrence O. Richards; "A Scientific Analysis of Genesis" by Edward F. Blick

"My answer was right. The theory of evolution cannot be a scientific fact. 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 Obeld 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."

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

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<p>Answers: 1. God. 2. It had no form, was dark and empty. 3. He divided it from the darkness. 4. Day. 5. Night. 6. On the third day. 7. Heaven. 8. Earth. 9. The third day</p>
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THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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OUR YOUNG EARTH

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

One day the cold November wind of Iceland lashed a 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 is 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

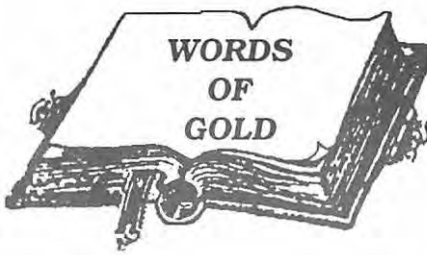
years old. "The varied and mature landscape was almost beyond belief," Dr. Thorarinsson wrote.

"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 island formed by the 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 grayish 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.



GOD, THE GREAT CREATOR

Genesis 1:14-25

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night: and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

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.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

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.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

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

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.

The Message: God saw that all He created was good.

Questions:

1. What would divide the day from the night?
2. How many great lights did God make?
3. What do we call the greater light that rules the day?
4. What lesser light rules the night?
5. What other lights did He make?
6. What day were the sun, moon and stars made?
7. What did God make on the fifth day?
8. What did God command when He blessed the fish and fowls?
9. What did God command to bring forth the cattle, creeping things and beasts?

Verse to Memorize

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelations 4:11

Let's



Talk . . .

Our lesson tells us how the sun, moon and stars were created. The sun, the greater light, was made to shine in the daytime—just as it does now. All our solar system was set in perfect order from the beginning. The moon as well as the sun travels in such perfect orbits that seasons, days, months and years can be predicted precisely.

Our well ordered universe could not have developed by accident from chaos. Anything, which starts with disorder, ends in more chaos, not precise order. If a great explosion rips through a building it becomes a heap of rubble, not a better-constructed building. How can scientists ignore such obvious facts? It is because they insist on explaining everything without God.

Yet it is the very order of the universe that enables scientists to discover and describe the natural laws that govern it. Our universe is a cosmos. The word "cosmos" comes from a Greek word meaning "orderly universe". Scientists have found that the entire universe behaves in an orderly way, with all things following their own sets of laws.

As they have studied these laws, scientists find that if these laws were just slightly different, life could not exist. Our existence depends on a great number of precise rules that govern nature. For example, only the precise amount of gravity on the Earth allows people and animals to walk about freely and, yet, not fly off into space. There was no margin for error in the establishment of these

laws. The more that is learned about the universe, the more awesome and strange it appears. Yet everything is ordered; everything is ruled by natural laws whose only possible source is God!

Our lesson tells us that God created different kinds of sea creatures to live in the water. He created the birds of many kinds to fly in the sky as well as cattle, creeping things, and beasts to live on land. Each was created after its own kind. All the animals on Earth now have come from these original animals which God created. A fish was created to be just that. It will never be a dog, a cat, much less a man!

We can study even a single feather and discover a world of wonders. Each feather is a marvel of engineering design. Barbs extend from each side of a center shaft. Smaller barbules grow out of both sides of the barbs, and these have tiny, microscopic barbicels. These barbicels are tiny hooks and some birds have over a million barbicels on a single feather! The hooks fit into the next feather's barbules, weaving the whole together. If the barbs are pulled apart, the bird hooks them back together by running its beak through the feather, much like we zip a zipper! This makes it possible for the wing to flare and hold air as the bird flies. Such intricate detail could never happen by accident!

Even a casual study of nature reveals such wisdom, order and beauty of design we cannot doubt that they are the handiwork of God! To leave Him out leads us to all kinds of absurd conclusions. How can anyone believe the entire universe is a product of chance? Only by ignoring God Who is Himself the source of all wisdom and knowledge.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: "It Couldn't Just Happen" by Lawrence O. Richards

The violent eruption of Mount St. Helen on May 18, 1980, gave some more geological surprises. In six minutes it 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 trees, plants, soil and volcanic debris from the mountain's slopes. This was dumped into the lake forming a 320 foot-thick deposit on the bottom. This mat of wood, bark and plant life under the 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, carved 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, the 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!

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. Lights. 2. Two. 3. The sun. 4. The moon. 5. The stars. 6. The fourth. 7. The fish and fowl. 8. "Be fruitful and multiply." 9. The earth.

THE

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 that has been 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, the 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. The '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. Arthur Smith of the British Museum created a bust of how 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



GOD CREATED MAN

Genesis 1:26, 31; 2:1, 7, 19, 20, 18, 21-24, 31

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.

2:7 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.

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, that *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 an help meet for him.

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.

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.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

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.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

The Message: It is clear that God made man distinctly different from the animals He had already created.

Questions:

1. Who said, "Let us make man?"
2. Over what was man to have dominion?
3. Of what did God make man?
4. How did man become a living soul?
5. Who named all the creatures?
6. Why did God make a help meet for Adam?
7. What did God do to Adam before taking a rib from him?
8. What did God do with the rib from Adam?
9. Why did Adam call her woman?

Verse to Memorize

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Psalms 139:14

Let's



Talk . . .

Maybe you have seen pictures of cavemen with short, bent bodies and dull beast like features. These pictures supposedly depict our ancestors. Drawings of these "Neanderthal men" have appeared in magazines as well as in high school and college textbooks. Encyclopedias present the theory of evolution as if it were fact. All this infers that scientists have "proven" that these are the ancestors of modern human beings.

How did this idea become so popular? A number of fossil bones have been found in different parts of Europe. Scientists decided some of them are as much as 100,000 years old. When the first few bones were found in 1856, evolutionists were anxious to prove their theory of human development. Working from surprisingly few fragments they misinterpreted what they found and drew caveman pictures, showing what the supposed ancestors of modern humans looked like. They said their finds "proved" the "fact" of human evolution.

The Encyclopedia Britannica (15th edition) says this in its article on Neanderthal man:

"The popular conception that those people were slouched in posture and walked with a shuffling, bent-kneed gait seems to have been due in large part to faulty reconstruction of the skull base and to misinterpretation of certain features of the limb bones of one of the Neanderthal skeletons discovered early in the 20th century."

Today most all paleontologists agree that the Neanderthals were true human beings who lived in Europe, not a "missing link" at all. The skulls show that they had as much or more

brain capacity than we do. But even though scientists know better, many people still think that cavemen, whose pictures they saw in school, really existed.

In 1912 a skull found in Piltdown, England excited evolutionists. The skull was humanlike, but the jaw was like an ape. Near the skull were other fossils and even tools! This must surely be proof of human evolution!

Scientists, to demonstrate the "fact" of human evolution, used the Piltdown man for forty years. Then, in the 1950s Piltdown was shown to be a hoax! Someone had taken a human skull and an ape jaw, stained them to make them look old, and even used a file to make them fit together.

Java man also fooled the scientific community. This "man" was constructed from a part of a skull and a leg bone found, a distance apart, in a gravel deposit on the Island of Java. Later the man who found the remains decided that the skull was human, but the leg bone was from a large gibbon ape.

Eugene DuBois, the discoverer, also found two truly human skulls in the same strata. The Java man could hardly be the ancestor of a human who lived at the same time! But DuBois kept this discovery a secret for nearly thirty years. Before his death, he declared the Java man was nothing more than a giant gibbon! Many still think the Java man "proves" the theory of human evolution.

Such misinterpretations prove that when someone finds a few bones or bone fragments and an artist 'reconstructs' them to depict a link between human and animal, we don't have to believe it! Every other claim to discover some link to man's animal past has later been proven wrong. It is wise not to accept such "proofs" even when such claims are widely accepted by scientists as facts and reported in newspapers and magazines as if it were true —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: "It Couldn't Just Happen" by Lawrence O. Richards

Natural History, called him the Trina 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, collagen fibers could be seen under a microscope and that their color was only surface deep. These three tests showed that the bones were not old.

Using a microscope, Mr. Oakley found fine 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 Nebraska man had recently been discovered and 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. Yet 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 seem to

say, "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 observed that 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.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. God. 2. Over the fish, fowl, cattle, creeping things and the whole earth. 3. Dirt. 4. God breathed the breath of life into him. 5. Adam. 6. Because God said it was not good for him to be alone. 7. Put him into a deep sleep. 8. From it He made a woman. 9. Because she was taken out of man.

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.

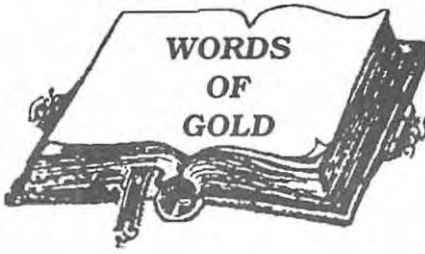
For many years men have studied

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



FORBIDDEN FRUIT

Genesis 3:6, 8-13, 16-20

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.

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....

11 And he said,...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.

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.

The Message: Adam's sin caused tragic changes in the earth, in man, and the whole course of nature.

Questions:

1. Why did the woman want to eat the fruit?
2. Who walked in the garden in the cool of the day?
3. Why did Adam and his wife hide?
4. Who did Adam blame for his sin?
5. Who did his wife blame?
6. How did the woman's life change after she disobeyed?
7. In what way did the ground change?
8. How did Adam earn his bread after he sinned?
9. What did Adam name his wife and why?

Verse to Memorize

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

1 Corinthians 15:22

Let's



Talk . . .

God placed Adam in the beautiful Garden of Eden and told him he could eat all the fruit he wanted of every tree of the garden except one. It was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned him to not eat its fruit adding, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Adam passed this warning on to Eve.

Adam and Eve may have passed by that tree of knowledge of good and evil many times, choosing to obey God and not to eat its fruit. Perhaps they made the right choice for years, the Bible does not say. But one day satan found Eve near the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She was alone. By lies and flattery he confused and fooled her, and she ate the forbidden fruit. Then Adam decided to disobey God. He could have refused but instead he also ate the fruit.

God planted this one special tree in the Garden of Eden and then commanded Adam not to eat its fruit. It might seem that the tree was planted just to trap Adam. That was not the reason it was there. Adam and Eve had a very clear choice to make. If Adam was to be like God, he must choose between right and wrong. They could obey God and do what was right or they could disobey God and do what was wrong.

So long as Adam and Eve did what was right, death had no power over them. But the moment they disobeyed, their bodies began to grow old and die, just as our bodies do today. And at that moment Adam and Eve "knew good and evil" just as we do. They constantly faced the temptation to

do things that were not right. Adam and Eve had sinned.

Sin brought other devastating changes. God could no longer talk face to face with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. Sin had made an impassable gulf between God and His creation. By Adam's disobedience sin entered into the world. Sin brought death. Death then passed upon all men. (Romans 5:12)

Every human being who has ever lived has also sinned and chosen to do things he or she knows are wrong. That is why God sent His Son, Jesus, to the world to die on the cross. He died to pay for our sins and to offer forgiveness to us. He died too so that we might be truly good. By trusting in Him we find power to make right choices every day.

The Theory of Evolution would have us believe that our ancestors were animals and that we are no different from them. Like animals we do have a physical body. God fashioned man's body from the dust of the ground, but his spirit came from the very 'breath' of God. This made him like God in spiritual powers. He was given the powers to think and feel, to communicate with others, to discern and discriminate, and, to a certain extent, to determine his own character.

But beyond this, that breath of life made man a living soul. Unlike animals we do not stop existing when our bodies die. Our soul is eternal meaning it will never die. When our body dies our soul will live forever in one of two places. It is our choice. If we choose to do evil we will live forever in the torments of hell. But if we accept Jesus as our Savior, His blood atones for our sins. We are made pure before God and will live forever with Him in heaven!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: "It Couldn't Just Happen" by Lawrence O. Richards

appeared about 26 million years ago. All these horses had three 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 thousand 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 Welsh 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.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. It looked good and she thought it would make her wise. 2. God. 3. They knew they had sinned and they were afraid. 4. His wife. 5. The serpent. 6. She had trouble bearing children and her husband ruled over her. 7. It grew thorns and thistles. 8. By working hard. 9. Eve, because she was the mother of all

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THE HIDDEN CITY

If you have a chance to visit Italy you might enjoy visiting Pompeii. It is a city that was buried when Mount Vesuvius 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 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 800 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 just 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 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."



GOD IS OMNIPOTENT!

Romans 1:18-21

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Jeremiah 32:17

17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

Colossians 2:2-3

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Hebrews 11:3

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

John 5:46-47

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Luke 16:31

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The Message: Our faith in God is greatly increased as we see Him as the Creator of the entire universe!

Questions:

1. How can man know about God?
2. How do we know the invisible things about God?
3. What happened to men who knew God but did not glorify Him nor thank Him?
4. How did Jeremiah know that nothing was too hard for God?
5. In Acts 4:24, when the saints prayed, what did they say the Lord God had made?
6. In Christ all the treasures of _____ and _____ are hid.
7. How do we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God?

Verse to Memorize

Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:
Jeremiah 32:17

Let's



Talk . . .

God created man in His own likeness so He could talk with man and reveal Himself to him. In nature, too, He carefully left an imprint of His very character. Just as a skilled workman is often known by his work, the variety, order, beauty, and harmony that are found in nature all portray God. The systems built into living creatures are wonders of design. They show the touch of an intelligent Maker, God.

God reveals Himself so vividly in all of His creation men are left without excuse for ignoring Him. Because they see the wonders of all His creation and yet refuse to acknowledge Him, God's wrath is upon them. Their foolish hearts become darkened because they reject the truth revealed to them. This explains how 'scientists' can still hold to such futile theories as the Theory of Evolution when all nature points to a Divine Creator. They have personally rejected God and refuse to acknowledge Him in His handiwork.

But what a difference when we see God in everything! When Jeremiah considered God's great power in creating the heavens and the Earth, he had to exclaim, "Nothing is too hard for thee!"

One definition of science is "knowledge, as of facts or principles." Paul tells in Colossians 2:3 that wisdom and knowledge are hidden

in Christ. Those who would be wise and knowledgeable must go to Him. These treasures are not hidden from us, but for us, in Christ. But unless we press after the full knowledge of them, they will be hidden to us.

This is the case of those who refuse to acknowledge God. Romans 1:21 says they "became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Those who refuse to accept God as the Creator grasp at any theory that eliminates God. Paul says they have their "...understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." (Ephesians 4:18) Paul warned Timothy to avoid such false science. (1 Timothy 6:20)

God revealed to Moses how He created the heavens and earth. Moses wrote it down so this truth would be handed down through all generations. In nature God verified that He was the Creator, leaving His divine imprint in the many wonders of the universe.

Jesus aptly predicted, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 16:31) The greatest miracle will have no effect on those who are determined to not believe. Behind the Theory of Evolution is Satan's intent and determination to destroy our faith. If he can cause people to disregard God as their Creator, then it will be simple for them to disregard Him as their Redeemer.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation by Dennis R. Petersen

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. Then in A.D. 1500 workers were digging a tunnel when they discovered 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. Some wealthy Pompeians even 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 had to pay rent and buy water while the landlords drank expensive wines like it was 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

Answers: 1. He has shewed Himself to them. 2. By the things He has made. 3. Their foolish heart was darkened. 4. Because He had made the heaven and earth by His great power. 5. The heaven, earth, sea and everything in them. 6. Wisdom and knowledge. 7. Through faith.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE EARTH AND NOAH'S FLOOD

A very good evidence of the Noachian 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 columns of 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.

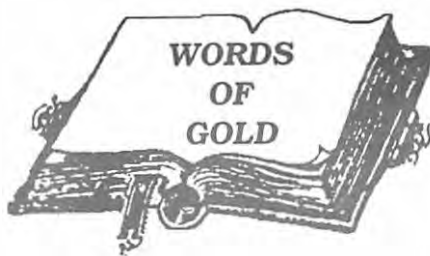
During the Noachian flood it was the same. The most simple, one-celled animals died first. The smaller, dense, marine creatures, those with heavy shells, or those which did not move at all, were some of the first to be buried

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, hippopotami and other mammals were unable to escape. Those with short legs or very heavy bodies might have 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,



THE GREAT FLOOD

Genesis 6:5-22

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 repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, 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: both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air: 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.

11 The earth also *was* corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

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 And this *is the fashion* which thou

shalt make it *of*: 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 in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; 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, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

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 with thee.

The Message: The wickedness of men was so great that it grieved God that He ever created man. He decided to destroy this wicked generation by a flood.

Questions:

1. Why was God sorry He made man?
2. Who found grace in the eyes of the Lord?
3. How many sons did he have and what were their names?
4. How were Noah, his family and the animals to be saved?
5. How many windows and doors were there to be?
6. How many stories high was the ark?
7. What was God going to bring on the earth to destroy it?
8. What people were to come into the ark?
9. How many of each animal was brought into the ark?

Verse to Memorize

...God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great....the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth:...Genesis 6:5,7

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.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

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.

Let's



Talk . . .

Most of us have heard the story of Noah and the ark so many times we can repeat it by heart. But do we accept it as fact, not just a story? Is there any concrete evidence that such a flood did actually occur?

In his book, "A Scientific Analysis of Genesis" Dr. Edward Blick, a noted science professor states that he has studied the evidence which seems to indicate that Noah's ark is still on Mount Ararat. Genesis 8:4 tells us that "the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat."

Mount Ararat is located in the northern part of Turkey, near the Russian border. It towers to the height of 16,916 feet and is basically a treeless mountain. In the past one hundred

and fifty years, there have been quite a number of reports from different people who claim to have seen the Ark somewhere in the fourteen thousand to sixteen thousand foot range.

An explorer named Fernand Navarra and his expedition 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 encased in ice. After some searching, the men found a cave formed in the ice from volcanic steam. Through this cave they found some of the wood exposed.

They were able to saw off a five-foot long piece of the beam. The wood was hand tooled and covered with a dark sticky substance. At the Madrid Institute of Forestry in Spain, scientists estimated its age at about five thousand years.

Various tribes of people all around the world have a tradition or folklore that deals with a flood, a family, and animals. Hebrew, Japanese, Egyptian, Hawaiian, or Eskimo, people when relating these traditions are all essentially repeating the story of Noah and the Ark. The fact that so many of these tribes and peoples relate this same story indicates there is historical truth behind it.

The descendants of Noah, as they spread around the world to repopulate it, no doubt carried this story with them, passing it on from generation to generation. For that reason, as the population spread around our globe as we have it today, we find that in almost every part of the world, the story is there. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: A Scientific Analysis of Genesis by Edward F. Blick, Ph.D.

could have washed so many 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 then fossils form.

Archaeologists often uncover fossils made from such 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 were so wicked. 2. Noah. 3. Three; Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 4. In an ark that Noah would build. 5. One window, one door. 6. Three. 7. A flood of waters. 8. Noah, his wife; his three sons and their wives. 9. Two; a male and a female

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FATIMAH

"Mother, must I take the horrible medicine?" questioned Fatimah.

"Yes, you must. I paid a great price for it. Our whole family has sacrificed to buy it for you, and you do not appreciate it? The medicine will make you well. Then you can carry the water and help me with the work around the house. Must you always be sick and a burden to us?"

"But I have been taking it a long time now and I am no better. Mother, I have heard that the Christians have a place for sick people to stay until they are well. Could I go there?"

"Oh no, Fatimah, you may not go. The Christians will poison your mind and make you hate the Mohammedan."

"I would never hate my people," Fatimah assured her mother. "I would only go to get healed."

"How horrid to think of going to the Christians, but you are no good lying in bed all the time. I will ask your father."

For many days Fatimah's father would not consent. When Fatimah got no better and kept begging to go, one day he said to her, "I cannot take you to the Christians. It is against our religion to go to them for anything."

Sick, weak Fatimah dragged down the road to the town where the Christians lived. She was tormented by many fears because of all her

friends and family had said about the Christians.

When she finally reached the mission she was afraid to go inside. It was a big, shiny building, where many sick people stayed. Fatimah had never seen anything so clean. A kind speaking lady came out and spoke softly to her. The loving words made Fatimah feel happy, but when the woman patted her arm she pulled away in fear that she might be tied up and punished. After a long time she followed the nurse inside where she was given a bed in which to sleep.

She was not so afraid in the morning. She bravely ate her breakfast. No one spoke harshly to her nor expected her to carry the water or hunt for sticks to burn. She was amazed at the love. "Why do you love me?" she asked the nurse.

"It is because the love of Jesus is in my heart," the nurse answered.

"My people say the Christians hate Mohammedans, but you seem to love me."

"The love of God causes us to love everyone, even our enemies. God loves all people, too. He loves them so much that He sent His only Son down from heaven to die on a cross so that all who believe in Him might some day go to heaven also."

Fatimah had never heard such beautiful words. She loved them! But when the Bible teacher came around to give the daily gospel message,



JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-3; 6-15

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strowed *them* in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-

changers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased.

The Message: The crowds joyfully welcomed Jesus as the Messiah by crying, "Hosanna!" In a few days the mob would cry, "Crucify Him!"

Questions:

1. What did Jesus tell the two disciples they would find?
2. What were they to do with them?
3. Who did they set on the colt?
4. What did the multitude spread in the way?
5. What did the multitudes cry?
6. What did the people in Jerusalem ask?
7. Jesus said the temple should be called the house of _____.
8. Those who bought and sold in the temple had made it what?
9. What happened to the blind and lame who came to Jesus in the temple?

Verse to Memorize

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee...
Zechariah 9:9

Let's



Talk . . .

Six days before the Jewish Passover, Jesus rode into Jerusalem as a king while the people shouted praises to Him. This was a fulfillment of prophecy and proof that He was truly Christ the King. Before the week was out some who were now praising Him would shout, "Crucify Him!" He was a king and could have called angels to defend Himself, yet He went to His death voluntarily that He might be our Savior.

As Jesus and his disciples came near to Jerusalem, He said to two of them, "Go to the village nearby. As you enter the village, you will see a donkey tied and a colt with her on which no one has ever sat. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks, 'Why do you do this?' say, 'The Lord has need of them.'"

The two disciples went to the village, found the donkey and the colt, and untied them. Someone asked, "Why are you untying them?" When they heard that Jesus needed them they let them go.

The disciples brought the donkey and colt to Jesus. They spread their coats on the back of the colt for Jesus to sit on.

In the meantime the people in Jerusalem learned that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. Crowds of people, gathered from everywhere for the feast of the Passover, went to meet Him. Many took off their outer garments and spread them on the road before Him. Others cut palm branches, carried them in their hands and spread them on the road. And all the people, who went before and who followed,

cried out with joy, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

As they drew near to Jerusalem, Jesus looked out over the city with sorrow and wept over it. He knew that the people would reject Him, their Saviour, and that Jerusalem would be destroyed.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the entire city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee," and told them about how He had called Lazarus forth from the tomb and raised him from the dead.

When they reached Jerusalem, Jesus and His disciples went to the temple. Here Jesus saw men buying and selling animals for sacrifices. Others were changing money into temple coins. Jesus knew they cheated the people. Once before He had driven these men out of the temple.

Again he drove them out saying to them "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers!"

Then those who were blind and lame came to Him in the Temple, and He healed them. The people, seeing the wonderful things Jesus did, began to praise Him even more. Even the little children who were in the Temple cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

The chief priests and the scribes were indignant! They said to Him, "Do you hear what they are saying?"

Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read: 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou perfected praise?'" (Matthew 21:16)

Jesus taught daily in the Temple but when evening came, He went out of the city. He knew that the chief priests, scribes and the principal men of the people were waiting for a chance to destroy Him. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Fatimah would bury her head under her blankets, determined to obey her father and not listen to the Bible.

God caused the woman's voice to pierce through the blankets and fall clearly into Fatimah's ears. She liked the words. "Could this message be so bad as her people had said?" she questioned. She could not keep from hearing the Bible being read, so before long, she was sitting up in bed and drinking it all in.

A few days later she asked the nurse, "Is what I am hearing true or is it a fairy tale? Is there really a Saviour even for Egyptian girls and women?"

"Yes, it is true," answered the nurse. "I am an Egyptian and I know Him as my personal Saviour and friend."

"Then I want Him to be my Saviour, too. How did you get Him to be yours?"

"You must believe that Jesus took your place in death; that His death on the cross makes you free from sin."

Fatimah thought awhile. For a long time she had been afraid to die, because she thought her sins would make God angry and that He would punish her. Could it really be true that Jesus would cover her sins so God would not see them? It sounded too good to be true. Then she thought about the Mohammedan religion. It did not make people loving, nor did it make her happy when she obeyed its rules, and it gave no promise of heaven.

"Yes, Jesus," she said softly, "I do accept you as my Saviour. I do believe you will cover my sins." What joy and peace filled her heart!

Within a few days, Fatimah was well and telling other patients in her room how great she felt since confessing that Jesus was her Saviour.

She decided to stay at the mission and become a nurse but when her parents found out she was well they forced her to come home. They knew she had become a Christian and set to

work at once to discourage her. They locked her in a room and gave her only a tiny ration each day to eat. Every few days they would ask if she was ready to give up Christianity. When she would say, "No," they would beat her.

"How could she love it so much?" they questioned. Then one day they discovered she had a Bible. They tore the Bible from her and burned it. Fatimah felt like dying when she saw her Bible being burned. However, in her haste to hide it one day she had torn a page out. This page she still had tucked away in a hole in the mattress.

When everyone was away she would read it. What words of comfort! "The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?... When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

Day after day she quietly and patiently bore her sufferings. All the while she prayed for her family, and God was working in the hearts of her mother, her sisters and her brother.

The time came when they, too, decided that the Christian message was good; not poison as they had thought years ago. They too believed in Jesus and committed their lives to Him. Then she and her sisters all became nurses so they could help others as Fatimah had been helped.

When people came to visit the mission, they found Fatimah and her sisters telling that there is a wonderful Saviour for all who will put their trust in Him.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. An ass and a colt. 2. Bring them to Him. 3. Jesus. 4. Their garments and branches from the trees. 5. "Hosanna in the Highest." 6. "Who is this?" 7. Prayer. 8. A den of thieves. 9. He healed them

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE CHILDREN'S SONG

"Come," the king demanded of his most trusted captain.

"Yes, your highest," said Captain Walters as he bowed to his knees before the king.

"You must go now to Heather Town and kill all the Bible folks," ordered the king in his gruffest voice. "They will not worship in our beautiful churches. Pope Paul III will kick me off my throne if I do not get rid of them or get them back into his church. I've ordered them back many times, but they will not come. They will pay for their disobedience."

"At your command," Captain Walters said, and left the throne room to make preparation.

Heather Town was nestled among the hills on which grew many purple and white heather bushes. Most of the town's people were Bible believing folks. They heard that the king was planning to kill all who refused the holy sacrament of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Small children were not allowed to take the sacrament so it was thought that the king would not harm them. It was planned that when the time came, the adults would hide and the children would stay in the

town and care for the animals. They were instructed to not tell where their parents had gone.

"The king's soldiers are on their way," a messenger cried one day as he rode into Heather Town. Mothers sent their sons to the fields to warn their fathers. All precious items were hidden in the most secretive places. Then, taking their babies and older children, the parents ran to hide in caves among the mountains.

That afternoon Captain Walters and his soldiers paraded proudly into Heather Town. They dismounted their horses and knocked on doors, but no one answered. Then, crash! bang! the doors were broken down! Not a person was found in the town. The children had scattered like frightened chicks to hide under the heather bushes around the village. Captain Walters was angry! He trembled with fear of what the king might do to him if he could not find the men.

"How did they know we were coming? How have they escaped so soon?" he questioned. "Go find them!" he shouted gruffly to his men.

Away the soldiers galloped, through the town, over the heather covered hills, searching everywhere.



TWO DISCIPLES BETRAY JESUS

Matthew 26:14-15; 47-54; 69-75

14 ... Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

15 And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

47 ... Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords...

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come?...

51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place:...

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into

the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

The Message: Both Judas and Peter denied Jesus. Peter repented and Jesus freely forgave him. Instead of repenting Judas went out and hung himself

Questions:

1. Who did Judas go to?
2. What did he agree to do?
3. How much did they offer to pay him?
4. What sign did Judas give the soldiers to show which one was Jesus?
5. Whose ear did Peter cut off?
6. What did Jesus say His Father would give him if He prayed for it?
7. How many times did Peter deny that He knew Jesus?
8. What happened as soon as he had denied Him the last time?
9. What did Peter do?

Verse to Memorize

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

1 John 1:9

Let's



Talk . . .

Judas Iscariot asked the chief priests, "What will you give me if I turn Jesus over to you?" Quickly they offered him thirty pieces of silver. Judas did not ask for more. He began watching for a convenient time to betray Jesus to His enemies.

When the feast of the Passover was ended Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. There He told eight disciples, "Stay here while I go and pray." Then, taking Peter, James, and John, He went on into the garden.

Again He left the three. He went a little farther and fell to His knees. Jesus knew the suffering He must endure for our salvation. He dreaded to suffer the pain of such a death. He dreaded to be left alone by those He loved. He prayed earnestly, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." He was in such great agony God sent an angel to strengthen and comfort Him.

While He prayed, the disciples fell asleep. He had brought the three so they would be near to pray with Him. Twice Jesus came and found them asleep. Each time He woke them up and told them to pray. He knew they would also need special help from God.

The third time He came and found them asleep Jesus roused them, saying, "Rise, let us be going; my betrayer is near." Then they heard a mob of people and soon saw a great multitude carrying torches, swords and staves. They had been sent by the chief priests and the scribes and

the elders to capture Jesus.

Judas was with them. Stepping forward he said, "Hail, Master!" and kissed Jesus on the cheek.

Jesus looked sadly at this disciple and asked, "Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss?"

When the soldiers took hold of Jesus Peter sprang into action. He drew a short sword, struck one of the soldiers, and cut off his ear. But Jesus told Peter, "Put up your sword." Then He healed the soldier's ear.

Peter felt confused and defenseless. He drifted into the shadows with the other frightened disciples.

The soldiers bound their prisoner and started for the assembly room where Jesus' enemies were waiting. Peter followed far behind, wondering what he should do and fearing that the soldiers might take him prisoner too.

The soldiers brought Jesus to the house of Annas, and here the trial began.

As Peter stood in the courtyard, a young girl said, "Aren't you also one of His disciples?"

Peter was so afraid he said, "No, I do not know the man!"

Then, as Peter stood by the fire to warm himself, other men, the high priest's servants and some soldiers, came up. One turned to Peter and asked, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?" Again fear filled Peter's heart, and he replied, "No, I am not!"

A soldier standing by who had seen Peter use his sword said, "I saw you in the garden with Him!" Peter cursed and said, "I know not the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

Peter remembered Jesus' words, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter was overwhelmed with grief. He rushed out, and wept bitterly.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Soon a soldier came back with a small girl. Then another came with a trembling boy riding behind him. Another came with two little boys clinging to each other. The search continued, but no one was found except children.

"Where is your father? Where is your mother?" each child was asked. Not one of the thirty-six children would tell where their parents had gone.

"Then you will die in place of your parents," the captain shouted roughly to the frightened children.

No one answered the Captain. Nothing could be heard except the prancing and snorting of the horses, the soft crying of the children, and the scuffling of little feet as they huddled closer together.

"On your mark. Aim!" he shouted to his men. Immediately the long musket guns were pointed right at the children. Some children screamed. Others were too frightened to make a noise. "Closer!" the captain shouted.

The soldiers moved nearer until the long gun barrels were nearly in the children's faces. Captain Walters shouted again, "Now will you tell where your parents are hiding?"

No answer.

"You rebels," he shouted, "then you will all be shot. Kneel down in rows, and cover your eyes with handkerchiefs," he demanded.

Many children in Scotland wore handkerchiefs around their necks, so at once the soldiers began making the children cover their eyes with their handkerchiefs.

Christa looked up at the soldier nearest her and asked, "May I hold my little brother's hand? We could die better that way." Then she took her little brother's hand. "Don't cry, Alex," she said.

"Will it be hard?" the soldier heard Alex ask Christa.

When all was ready the captain ordered, "FIRE!" The muskets went off with a terrible BANG! Some of the children fell to the ground.

After the smoke had cleared, Captain Walters shouted. "Get up, you are not dead. Only powder was in our guns." It was to frighten you children into telling. "Now if you do not tell, we really will kill you."

Not one child would tell.

"Then you will die!" he roared. "Say your prayers before we shoot."

One of the little boys said, "We don't know how to say prayers."

Quickly another added, "But please, Sir, we could sing a song." Without waiting for an answer, he stood up and began singing:

"The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie.

In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by."

One by one the other children joined in the singing.

Captain Walters trembled. He looked at his soldiers, fear shown in every eye. "March," he ordered softly to his lead man. One by one the others followed. As they disappeared over the hills the children's voices could be heard singing:

"Yea, though I walk
in death's dark vale,
Yet I will fear no ill."

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. The chief priests. 2. Deliver Jesus to them. 3. Thirty pieces of silver. 4. A kiss. 5. A servant of the high priest's. 6. Twelve legions of angels. 7. Three times. 8. The rooster crowed. 9. Went out and wept bitterly.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE SCARLET SASH

"They are coming! The robbers from the hills! They have outnumbered the police and driven them away! What shall we do?"

The cry ran from lip to lip in a great city in northwest China. The bandits were on their way to ransack the town. The armed officers had fled before them, and the town was at their mercy.

Suddenly there arose a cry: "To the foreigner's house! The mission compound is large. There we shall be safe!"

So the English missionary found to his amazement the doors of his compound besieged by a terrified crowd. Men, women and children by the hundreds were clamoring to be admitted to the shelter of the mission. Mr. Shirley, the missionary, could do nothing except pray. God knew, and God could preserve them even now with danger and death advancing so near.

The bandits' leader soon learned where the people had gone. After looting the village of all that he and his men wanted, he started hunting the missionary. "The foreigner! Show me where he lives!" he shouted to all. No one dared tell him, for their mother, or child, or uncle or father was hidden in the compound.

Mr. Shirley knew only too well what kind of fate was likely to be in

store for him and the people he was protecting. But he made no attempt to hide or escape. Calm and fearless, he went outside. Closing the gate behind him to protect the frightened villagers, he waited for the bandit. His heart raced, and he prayed silently all the while.

"Where is the foreigner?" demanded the bandit chief as he galloped up the street.

"Here! I am he!" The missionary called. He hoped this would keep the bandit from hurting the man he had just stopped and asked. He stood waiting. What terrible fate was to be his, he did not know.

How surprised he was when the robber chief stopped and looked carefully at him. Then the chief came forward smiling—and held out a friendly hand.

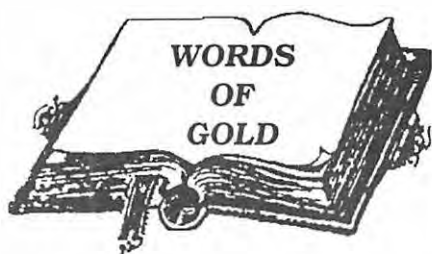
"You are the foreigner?"

"Yes."

"No harm shall come to you," said the bandit. "Once I was ill, and one of your foreign doctors saved my life. So now your life shall be spared. Here, take this!" he said, as he untied his scarlet sash from his neck and handed it to Mr. Shirley.

Mr. Shirley hesitated to accept the scarf.

"Take it! Take it," he demanded. "Tie it to the gate of your compound. None of my gang will dare harm you or anyone else within your gates. They know the sign of my scarlet sash."



UNDER ARREST!

John 18:1, 3-8

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

3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, 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 ...they went backward, and fell to the ground.

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

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

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 therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, 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, We have a law, and by our law 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 went again into the judgment hall, 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 couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

The Message: Jesus gladly suffered the agonies of the cross so that we can be saved from sin and someday be with Him in Heaven.

Questions:

1. Who was with the 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. Who scourged Jesus?
6. Who put a crown on Jesus and of what was it made?
7. Who found no fault in Jesus?
8. What did the chief priests and officers do when they saw Jesus?
9. What saying made Pilate more afraid?

Verse to Memorize

... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Let's



Talk . . .

The Jewish leaders felt threatened by Jesus because people followed Him by the multitudes, anxious to hear every word He said. Their power over the people was slipping away from them. They must find some way to kill Jesus.

They knew they could not take Him by force in broad daylight. That would cause an uprising of the common people and they would likely be stoned to death themselves. They wondered how they would ever capture Jesus.

Then to their amazement Judas, Jesus' own disciple, came to them asking, "What will you give me and I will deliver Jesus to you?"

Gladly 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 that Jesus' own disciple would ever betray Him.

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. Jesus was grieved that Judas would turn from Him and betray Him to His enemies. He must have looked at Judas with great sadness as He asked, "Do you betray the Son of man with a kiss?" (Luke 22:48)

The soldiers came prepared to fight but they did not need their weapons to capture Jesus. He had prayed through. He knew He was about to fulfill His purpose for coming to the world: He would soon die for the sins of the people. He was ready to suffer so we might be saved.

"I am He," Jesus boldly volunteered. He answered with such power and courage the soldiers stumbled over each other backing away from Jesus instead of immediately seizing Him!

Regaining their composure the soldiers roughly took hold of Jesus and led Him away to the place where His enemies were waiting. There the high priest and others arrogantly questioned Jesus and put Him to shame. Then soldiers led Him before Pilate, the Roman governor.

Pilate knew nothing about Jesus. He took Him into the judgment hall to question Him. He could find no fault with Him. He realized that the Jewish leaders were intent on killing Him because of their own hatred and jealousy; Jesus had done nothing wrong.

In spite of this Pilate treated Jesus as a common criminal. His soldiers scourged Him, lashing His body with their cruel whips. Then they took thorns and wove a crown and put it on His head causing it to pierce Him painfully. When they had put a purple robe on Him and mocked, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They hit Him with their hands.

Perhaps Pilate thought the hard hearts of the Jewish leaders would be touched by seeing Jesus' awful suffering. But he was wrong. As he told them, "I find no fault in Him," the mob began to shout, "Crucify Him, crucify Him! We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

The chief left. His robber band pursued their way through the city, robbing and looting everywhere. But none came near the mission. It was safe—protected by the robber's sash!

The missionaries and their Chinese guests, sheltered behind that scarf tied on the gate, opened their Bibles and read of others who were saved by a scarlet line. Rahab was saved by hanging a red cord in her window when Joshua and his men came to destroy Jericho, for she had let down the men by a cord from a window on the city wall, and the messengers escaped back to Joshua's camp. Later Rahab and her family were saved when she obeyed their order and tied the red cord in her window. To Rahab it was a signal of protection.

To us it is also a picture of protection from the devil and his tricks. A scarlet line runs through all the Word of God. It tells of Jesus, who on the cross of Calvary put away sin so that man's guilt that is like scarlet, and red like crimson can be washed as white as snow.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

The crowd of Chinese women and children were safe behind the gate where hung the scarlet sash, because Mr. Shirley had risked his life to talk with the robber chief. We read that "...Jesus also, that He might sanctify (cleanse) the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate." Hebrews 13:12. Jesus came out of His home in heaven and met the devil's power and the judgment of God against sin. He did this when He sacrificed His life on the cross for all those who trust Him as their Saviour.

Are you under the shelter of His blood, dear reader?

—Selected

WHY JIM WAS SAVED

"Are you saved, Jim?" Mrs. Day, the Sunday school teacher asked.

"Yes, I'm quite sure that I am," Jim answered.

"How do you know you are saved?"

"Well, I used to think I was all right because Daddy and Mother were saved, but I have found out that everyone has to answer to God for himself so I have surrendered my heart to Jesus. He is now King over me."

"Then you are ready to stand before God and be judged?" asked Mrs. Day.

"Yes."

"You are not afraid that He will judge you and turn you away into everlasting darkness?"

"Oh, no," Jim answered with a radiant smile. "I know for sure that Jesus is my Saviour. His death on the cross hides all my sins and mistakes from God," he said as he put his chubby hands over his eyes.

"Tell me, Jim, why doesn't the Lord Jesus take us to heaven as soon as we are saved?"

Jim thought for a minute, "Must be 'cause He wants us to tell others 'bout Him. He wants everyone in the whole wide world to know about His love." Then he stretched his short little arms as far apart as possible. "And they should also know about the beautiful home He will take us to after we die."

"That is right, and the Lord Jesus never turns anyone away. Anyone can come just as they are, and He will receive them. When they repent of their sins, He will save them. No one is too great a sinner for Jesus to save."

"This is a faithful saying.... that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."

I Timothy 1:15.

—Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. Judas. 2. Lanterns, torches and weapons. 3. "Whom seek ye?" 4. They went backward and fell to the ground. 5. Pilate. 6. The soldiers, thorns. 7. Pilate. 8. They cried, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." 9. That Jesus was the Son of God.

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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KILLED BY A TRAIN

Many people have been almost persuaded to surrender to Christ, but never did. On pages 64 and 65 of *Birth of a Reformation*, D. S. Warner tells about a man who was almost persuaded. We shall call the man Ezekiel Randel.

Mr. Randel had been a friend of the Warner family for as long as Daniel could remember. He had helped Daniel Warner's father and mother move to Ohio. There Mr. Randel had become wealthy. Daniel's father made quite a lot of money too, but he spent most of the money on whiskey. Many times Daniel had heard Mr. Randel joking and making fun of preachers and Christians.

He was now past eighty years old and had most everything he wanted, but he did not give God thanks for anything. There was no place for Christ in his heart, for his whole heart was set on gold—the god of this world.

Daniel Warner had just come home from a meeting in Basswood. Now he was helping with a meeting in Auburn where he grew up. One night he preached from Malachi 3:8: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Many people present that night were like Ezekiel Randel. They loved money and had not been giving to the Lord as they should have been.

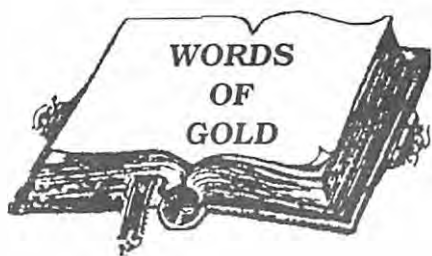
That night God's Word cut into hearts. Gospel workers, singers and the audience felt like something awful would happen soon. It was like a grave was already dug and someone was being pushed into it. The awesome feeling could not be shaken off.

Brother H. Caldwell arose and prophesied, "Before tomorrow's sun shall set someone in this community will suddenly be killed. Please, let us pledge ourselves to pray more fervently for poor sinners to be saved." They prayed again.

The following evening, after meeting, Warner heard a group talking excitedly. He walked up in time to hear a man saying, "Ezekiel Randel was killed by a train at the Shelby crossing. They say he started out to foreclose on a mortgage and take a widow's farm."

Another added, "And I heard that old Mrs. Randel cautioned him to watch out for the train at the crossing. And his last words to her were, 'I wasn't made to be killed by the cars.'"

"Poor man," Warner said. "He's like the rich man who said, 'Thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said, 'Thou fool! This night thy soul shall be required of thee.' I visited Mr. Randel twice during our meeting last winter and talked about religion."



HE AROSE!

John 20:1, 2, 4, 10-20

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 unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre....

4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first 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, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned...and saw Jesus standing, and 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, and I will take him away.

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: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, ascend unto 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...came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

20 And...he showed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

The Message: Jesus comforted the disciples and proved that He was alive by appearing to them numerous times.

Questions:

1. Who came early and what did she see at the sepulcher?
2. To whom did she run to tell the news?
3. Who stooped down and looked into the sepulcher?
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 through closed doors?
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 we celebrate Easter, the day set aside to commemorate Jesus' resurrection from the grave. We celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. This was a most wonderful event. But His resurrection was an even greater event. God raised Jesus from the dead after He had lain in the tomb three days. Jesus' death and resurrection broke the power of sin over our lives!

Mary Magdalene's life was never the same after she met Jesus. The Bible tells us that He cast seven devils out of her. What a change came over her after He set her free! After this Mary spent her days with the multitudes that followed Jesus. She was hungry to hear more about God and His wonderful kingdom. Jesus had shown her such compassion and given her such hope and happiness she loved to bring others to Him.

Mary Magdalene's heart ached with grief when she watched helplessly as the soldiers fastened Jesus to the cruel cross. Through her tears she saw Him hanging there between the two thieves. Then she heard His voice—the voice that once commanded the evil spirits to depart from her and set her free. "It is finished!" He had shouted.

As Mary turned toward home she determined to return as soon as the Sabbath was over. She would bring spices and the things necessary to give Jesus a proper burial.

The hours seemed to drag on endlessly. Saturday's sun finally dipped below the mountains; Sabbath was over. Now Mary could prepare the spices. Then, long before sunup, she

and two other women started for the tomb. Hurrying along, one of the women whispered, "Who'll move the stone?"

"Oh, the stone!" Mary said. She had forgotten about it!

As they came in sight of the tomb, she gasped. The stone had already been pushed aside—the tomb was empty!

Mary ran to find Peter and John. "They've taken the Lord's body out of the tomb," she said breathlessly. "We don't know where they've put Him!"

Peter and John ran to see for themselves. When they came to the tomb they saw the grave clothes that Joseph had wrapped around Jesus' body. Mary, too tired to run any farther, trudged slowly back to the garden tomb. By the time she got there, Peter and John had come and gone. She stood by the empty grave and wept.

Finally stooping down to peer into the tomb, Mary saw two angels! One was sitting at the head and another at the foot where Jesus' body had been.

"Woman, why are you weeping?" the angels asked.

She answered, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Mary turned and saw a man whom she supposed was the gardener. He too asked, "Why do you weep?"

"Sir," she pleaded, "if you have carried away my Lord, tell me where you have laid Him."

"Mary!"

Instantly she knew it was Jesus! She fell at His feet and cried, "Rabboni! Master!" Jesus, her Lord, was alive!

"Go tell my disciples," Jesus instructed.

Overjoyed Mary ran to share the good news with the disciples. "I have seen the Lord!" she exclaimed excitedly.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

"He said. 'This thing about being born again causes me to study a great deal. It is completely dark to me. Once I went to hear a great Universalism preacher speak about it, but I received no understanding whatsoever.'

"It is a fulfillment of I John 2:11," Warner added. "Darkness hath blinded his eyes. (II Corinthians 4:4.) The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."

"He had a large, well-developed brain," Warner said slowly.

"But it was dashed out and strewn along the tracks," another added. "And his body was ripped into pieces."

"His poor soul has gone with all its guilt to the place where another rich man once went and opened his eyes in torment." (Luke 16:19-23.)

"Sad, so sad," they all agreed. Mr. Randel may have been almost persuaded when Daniel Warner spoke with him. But he did not yield to God.

The song, *Almost Persuaded* written by Philip P. Bliss about the time that Mr. Randel was killed says:

Almost cannot avail;

Almost is but to fail!

Sad, sad, that bitter wail,

Almost, but lost.

Don't let this be your cry!

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

In the early 1870's, Philip Bliss was listening to a sermon in a little church in the east. The preacher closed his appeal with, "He who is almost persuaded is almost saved. But, to be almost saved is to be eternally lost!" These words impressed Bliss so deeply that it led him to write the great hymn, *Almost Persuaded*.

Many have been persuaded to be saved through this song.

On December 29, 1876, Philip Bliss and his wife boarded the train in Pennsylvania. They were traveling

to Chicago to help D. L. Moody in a revival. In a blinding snowstorm the train was passing over a trestle bridge that was spanning a river when it collapsed. The first engine reached solid ground on the other side but everything else plummeted 75 feet into the icy water below.

Five minutes after the train fell, fire broke out. Fanned by gale-like winds, the wooden coaches were ablaze. Mr. Bliss succeeded in crawling to safety through a window. Finding his wife was pinned under the ironwork of the seats, he returned into the car, and bravely remained at her side, trying to extricate her as the flames took their toll. All that remained was a charred mass. No trace of their bodies was ever discovered. For days it was not known who were among the dead, as there had been no passenger list. It was tabulated that out of 160 passengers there were only 14 survivors. Later official sources said 92 died. In most cases, there was nothing to recover.

Mr. Bliss's trunk reached Chicago safely. When it was opened, it was found that the last song that he had written, before his death, began as follows: "I know not what awaits me. God kindly veils my eyes." He was only thirty-eight years old but, unlike Mr. Randel, he was saved and ready to meet the Lord.

D. L. Moody preached the funeral using the text "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Answers: 1. Mary Magdalene; that the stone was taken away. 2. Simon Peter. 3. Mary. 4. Two angels. 5. "Woman, why weepest 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 CALENDAR FOR COURAGE

The gatekeeper at our mission compound limped into the kitchen doorway, bowed crookedly, and announced, "Hsieh si-mu, pastor's wife, here is his excellency, the colonel."

I held my breath. The colonel commanded the troops currently protecting this city of Shenkiu in Central China. It was January 1941; the invading Japanese were only a few miles to the east.

The colonel entered briskly and made his announcement: "The enemy is advancing into Honan Province. We have orders not to defend this city. You should find refuge in one of the villages outside."

I crossed my hands over the sleeves of my wadded e-shang and bowed politely, thanking him for his gracious concern for a "miserable" woman. As the colonel left the room, the icy January blast swept through the doorway. My baby cried.

Suddenly the enormity of our danger overwhelmed me. Our Margaret Anne was scarcely two months old, Johnny just over a year. My husband was 115 miles away. I looked at the little Daily Scripture calendar on the wall: January 15. Not until early February would he be back. How would

I manage without him? How would I make the myriad decisions that now crowded upon me?

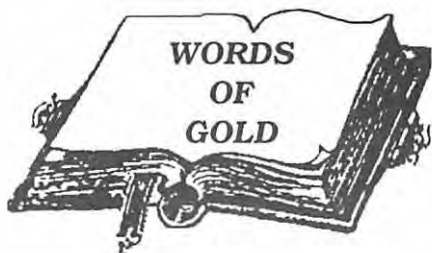
You see, I had not yet experienced the full wonder of God's power to guide us when all other guides fail. Nor did I guess that as His instrument He would use anything as prosaic as a calendar on a kitchen wall.

By mid-afternoon the army garrison in our little city was empty. The departure of the soldiers created a panic. Families packed their goods and fled.

The elders of the church called on me before they left. "Come with us," they pleaded. "We will care for you while Pastor Hillis is away."

I looked at the concern in their eyes and I thought of the country homes to which they were headed. My husband and I loved these village homes because we loved the people in them. But they held death for Western babies, as too many little graves in our mission compounds showed.

How could I explain to these friends, without offending, that I could not take my children into their homes? Unheated, mud-floored huts, they crowded three and four generations together amid vermin and filth. Just a few weeks ago the six-month-old son of the nearest American family had died of dreaded dysentery.



LIFE AFTER DEATH

Psalm 17:15

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Daniel 12:2

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Matthew 25:46

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Luke 20:36-38

36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

John 3:15-16

15 That 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.

John 6:47

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

II Corinthians 5:1

1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

I Timothy 4:8

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Titus 1:2

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began:

The Message: There is eternal life after our natural death. Some will go to everlasting punishment but the righteous will have eternal life.

Questions:

1. Daniel speaks of those "who sleep in the dust," who is he talking about?
2. Who will have life eternal?
3. Where will the wicked go?
4. What did Moses shew when he called God the God of Abraham?
5. God is not a God of the dead but of the _____.
6. Who shall not perish?
7. What will we receive if we believe on Jesus?
8. What is more profitable than bodily exercise?
9. Who cannot lie?

Verse to Memorize

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. John 3:16

Let's



Talk . . .

According to the Theory of Evolution you are just an intelligent animal among a race of animals that developed by chance. Other animals die and are gone, and, so the Theory of Evolution teaches, you will die and be gone, too. There is no life after death, according to this theory.

Thankfully, the Bible gives us the true account. God created the universe. He made man in His own image, eternal like Himself.

The Bible is a book that didn't just happen. God, who created the universe, gave us the Bible through human writers who spoke and wrote His word as He inspired them. Archaeology shows us the Bible is historically accurate. Fulfilled prophecies and miracles prove the Bible's supernatural origin. We know that we can trust the Bible and believe what it says.

The Bible tells that one day God will destroy our Earth. In 2 Peter 3:10 the Bible says, "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."

In the end God, who created this universe, will destroy it. As the universe had a definite beginning, it will have a definite end.

But the story does not end there. The Bible says in 2 Peter 3:13, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." And in Hebrews 11:16, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." The new earth is the "heavenly country," the "better country." The new heaven

is the "heavenly city" that He has prepared for them. "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Hebrews 13:14

Just as there is Heaven, there is hell, too. The Bible tells us that God wants us to spend eternity with Him. He was willing for His Son to become a human being and die to pay for each person's sin. Those who accept Jesus as their Savior can have their sins forgiven and look forward to everlasting life.

But many ignore God's Son. They will not obey Him as Savior and give up their sin. God has done everything He can do to forgive human beings and bring them to Heaven, yet some people just refuse to turn to God.

The Bible tells us about the tragic future of these people, too. Revelation describes a "lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." (Revelation 21:8) Jesus also talked about hell fire. (Matthew 5:22) So each individual will exist forever. Some will be with God. But some will be separated from God in a place of terrible punishment.

The Theory of Evolution teaches that there is no need for God: everything can be explained without Him. If the devil can make us believe that God really did not create all things as the Bible says, then he can make us believe that Jesus did not really come to save us from our sins. If he can make us believe that people just die and that is the end, why worry about sin?

But God... "formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7) People are not like animals; death is not the end. We will exist forever and forever. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." He will come into our heart and life if we will confess our sins and accept Him as our Savior. He will then give us power over sin and show us how to live for Him. We will know then that we are ready to meet Him and live with Him in heaven for eternity.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: *It Couldn't Just Happen* by Lawrence O. Richards

No, my babies were chained to this kitchen where I could boil dishes, milk and water.

But these were not things I could say to Chinese friends. I bowed, I thanked them. I spoke of waiting for my husband's return, of watching the mission property—and I went to bed that night shaking with terror. When Johnny woke up whimpering in the cold, I took him into bed with me and lay awake a long time, listening to the wind rattle the waxed paper windowpanes and praying that my little boy would live to see his daddy again.

Next morning I was in the kitchen early to start the water boiling for Margaret Anne's bottle. Automatically I reached up to the wall calendar and tore off yesterday's date. The Scripture verse for the new day gleamed like sunlight. "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Psalm 56:3.

Well, I was certainly afraid. I fulfilled that part of it. Now, indeed, was the time to trust God. Somehow the verse sustained me all through the tense day.

The city was being evacuated rapidly. Other church members came to invite me to their family huts. But the Scripture held me. I was not to panic, but to trust.

By mid-morning the next day the city was nearly deserted. Then the gatekeeper came to me, eyes blurred with fear. He must leave, he said, and begged me to find refuge with him in his village beyond the city.

Should I? What could I do without our gatekeeper? The deserted city would be an open invitation to bandits and looting.

It was noon before I remembered to pull the page off the little daily calendar on the wall. The tenth verse of

the ninth Psalm read, "And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."

As I bowed my head over my noon-day meal, my heart poured out its gratitude to God for these particular words at this moment.

My main concern now was food. All the shops in the town were boarded shut. Meat and produce no longer came in daily from farms. I still had the goats for the babies' milk, but the man who milked them had left for his village. Tomorrow I would have to try to milk them myself. I wondered if I could ever make the balky little beasts hold still.

I slept uneasily that night, wondering how I would feed my children, and sure of very little except that we should stay in the city and, somehow, trust God. The sound of distant gunfire woke me.

Before facing the goats, I fixed myself a bowl of rice gruel. Then I tore the old page from the calendar and read the new day's message. "...I will nourish you, and your little ones,..." said the God of promise (Genesis 50:21.)

The timeliness of these daily verses was becoming almost uncanny. With some curiosity I examined the back of the calendar pad. It had been put together in England the year before, but God in His all-knowing had provided the very words I needed, a year later, here on the other side of the world.

To be continued

Answers: 1. The dead. 2. The righteous. 3. Into everlasting punishment (hell.) 4. That the dead are raised. 5. Living. 6. Whoever believes on Jesus. 7. Everlasting life. 8. Godliness. 9. God.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A CALENDAR FOR COURAGE

Continued

It is January 1941. A young missionary, his wife and two babies have come to central China to teach the people about Jesus. While the missionary is over one hundred miles away news comes that a Japanese invasion is imminent. Kind neighbors insist that the young mother bring her babies and accompany them to their homes outside the city. This would expose her very young children to deadly diseases and unsanitary conditions that she feared almost more than the Japanese guns. After urging her to come with them, her friends leave one by one. Overwhelmed by the enormity of her peril she glanced at the daily scripture on the calendar. The words of comfort and courage seemed to leap out to her as if written specifically for this moment. Each day she found the daily verse carried a timely message giving guidance, hope and courage.

I was still eating the gruel when a woman stepped into the kitchen. She was carrying a pail of steaming goats' milk. "May I stay and help you?" she asked. "See, I have milked your goats."

Mrs. Lee had been our neighbor for years, but that morning I stared at her as though she had dropped

from heaven. She had no family living, she explained, and wished to show her gratitude to the mission.

Late in the day a loud rapping at the gate set our hearts to pounding. Braver, Mrs. Lee was the one who went to open it.

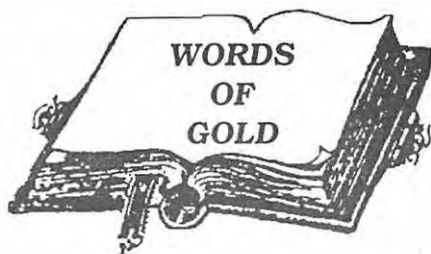
Her face beaming, she returned leading our caller.

"Gee-tze! Gee-danf!" she cried triumphantly. "Chicken! Eggs!"

A frail, black-robed country woman came in with a live chicken and a basket of eggs. "Peace, peace," she gave the customary Christian greeting as she bobbed to us shyly. Noise of the cannons had not kept her away when she remembered that the missionaries would be hungry.

The calendar promise had come true! God would see to it that our little ones were nourished! That night my heart was full of hope. To the sound of shells bursting in the sky I prayed that somehow God would spare this city and these gentle people whom we loved.

Next morning I rushed down to the little square of paper hanging on its nail and tore off the page. "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me," the Scripture declared (Psalm 56:9.)



JESUS, GOD'S SON

Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:18

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Jeremiah 23:5

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Matthew 1:1

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Micah 5:2

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

Matthew 2:1

1 ...Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king...

Isaiah 35:5-6

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Matthew 9:35

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Isaiah 53:12

12 ...and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Matthew 27:38

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

Zechariah 12:10

10 ...and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,...

John 19:34

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

The Message: Bible prophecies about Jesus and the miracles that He performed show that He truly was the Son of God.

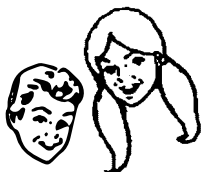
Questions:

1. Who would give a sign concerning the birth of Jesus?
2. According to prophecy, who would bear a son?
3. Who fulfilled this prophecy?
4. Jesus was also known as the son of _____.
5. According to prophecy, where was Jesus to be born?
6. Who was king when Jesus was born?
7. Who healed every sickness and every disease?
8. With whom was Jesus crucified?
9. Why did the soldiers pierce Jesus' side?

Verse to Memorize

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet...
Matthew 21:4

Let's



Talk . . .

We can trust the Bible. We can be sure it is God's word. The fulfilled prophecies in the Bible show us that what the Bible says is really from God. Many prophecies in the Bible are about Jesus. These prophecies do more than show that the Bible is the word of God. They also show that Jesus, who fulfilled the prophecies, truly is the Son of God.

The Old Testament promised that God would send a leader to deliver His people. The promised leader would be someone that God appointed to save His people.

Long before Jesus was born, the Jewish people realized that many prophecies were about this leader. The New Testament shows us that Jesus Christ fulfilled those prophecies!

Here are some Old Testament verses with the New Testament record of their fulfillment.

Jesus was to be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9; John 13:18; Matthew 10:4), who was paid thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:15.) This money was to be thrown down in God's house and then used to buy the field of a potter (Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 27:5, 7.) Jesus was to be silent when falsely accused (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26:59-63; 27:12-19.) Jesus was to be mistreated (Isaiah 53:3; Matthew 27:26), spit on (Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67) and mocked (Psalm 22:7-8; Matthew 27:31.) Dying, Jesus was to pray for His persecutors (Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34.) People would gamble for His clothes (Psalm 22:18; John 19:23-24.)

Long before Jesus was born these and other Old Testament passages were recognized as prophecy about the promised Messiah.

Then Jesus was born. And not just one or two of the Bible prophecies fit His birth, life and death. All the prophecies about His first coming fit perfectly!

How likely is it that a person could "just happen" to fulfill all these predictions so perfectly? In *Science Speaks*, Dr. Peter Stoner uses probability theory to test how likely it is that just eight of the many prophecies about Jesus could happen by chance. His results, checked by the American Scientific Affiliation, show that the chance any man might have lived from when the prophecy was made to the present time, and fulfilled all eight is just 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. Dr. Stoner illustrates by saying that if we took that number of silver dollars and spread them over Texas, they would cover the whole state two feet deep! Dr. Stoner then explains:

"Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the marked one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and have them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote in their own wisdom."

Bible prophecy about Jesus could not have "just happened" to be fulfilled. God must have spoken through the prophets. And Jesus must be the Son of God, as the Bible says He is.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: *It Couldn't Just Happen* by Lawrence O. Richards

But this time it was too much to believe! Surely it couldn't be right to take literally a verse chosen just by chance for an English calendar?

As the gunfire drew closer, Mrs. Lee and I began to prepare the house for invasion. Any papers that might possibly be construed to have military or political significance must be hidden or destroyed. We searched my husband's desk and the church buildings. By nightfall the gunfire sounded from both sides of the city. We went to bed dressed, prepared at any moment to meet the Japanese invaders.

I awoke abruptly in the early dawn and strained my ears for the crunch of military boots on gravel. But only a deep stillness surrounded me. There were no tramping feet, no shrieking shells or pounding guns, only the waking murmur of little Johnny in his crib.

Misgivings warred with excitement as I woke Mrs. Lee and we went to the gatehouse, each carrying a child. She was the first to stick out a cautious head. "There is no one in the street," she told me. "Shall we go out?"

And then, we stepped through the gate and watched as the streets began to fill, not with Japanese soldiers, but with townspeople returning from their country hiding places. Had the Chinese won?

As if in answer to our question, we met the colonel. "Pastor's wife!" he greeted me with relief. "I have been concerned about you!"

Then he told us that the Japanese had withdrawn. No, they had not been defeated, nor could anyone arrive at a reasonable conjecture concerning their retreat. The enemy had simply turned back.

I stepped into my kitchen, eyes fixed on a little block of paper pinned to the wall. Oh, you could say it was just a calendar. You could say

strangers had chosen those verses without any thought of China, or of the war that would be raging when those dates fell due. But to me it was more than a calendar, and no stranger had picked those lines. To me it was the handwriting of God. Margaret Hillis HIS MYSTERIOUS WAYS Edited by Guideposts

ONE RAT

In England one little rat caused a dike to collapse in England. The rodent burrowed through the embankment of a canal. Soon water began seeping through. Slowly but surely, the original trickle became a sizable stream. Soon one bank collapsed and a 40-foot break-through let the water pour out in torrents. Three million gallons of water escaped and the canal was drained for seven miles.

As a result more than a million fish were swept away and a twenty-foot gorge was channeled through a nearby field. It took sixty men with bulldozers three weeks to shift thirty thousand tons of soil and repair the damages.

Just as one tiny rat caused this tremendous damage, so can one individual like you start a chain reaction that will either harm or benefit everyone. While it is true that "...one sinner destroyeth much good" (Ecclesiastes 9:18), it is also true that through a faithful life you may cause many to be saved. We may never fully know the far-reaching good that results from a seemingly insignificant prayer, word or deed. But God knows and that is what counts.

—Selected

Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. A virgin. 3. Mary. 4. David. 5. In Bethlehem. 6. Herod. 7. Jesus. 8. Two thieves. 9. It was prophesied that they would.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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'I' BEFORE 'E'

"So you're to have a test in spelling tomorrow?" asked Grandpa with a teasing pull at Carla's black curl. "Well, if you make 100% on it, I'll give you a dollar."

Carla laughed. If she failed to make 100% on that spelling test, it would be the first in a long time. She got an "A" in spelling on her report card every month. She fan for her spelling book and began studying. Wow! A whole dollar was a lot of money.

"What will you buy with a dollar?" Grandpa asked.

Carla kept on studying.

"Pay attention to your Grandpa," Mother whispered. "He won't be here long."

"Okay," Carla promised, but kept on studying.

Grandpa looked at Carla and made himself more comfortable in the big chair by the window. Presently he asked, "Whose puppy is this out here?"

"Carla," Mother whispered again. "Grandpa spoke to you."

Carla got up obediently and went to Grandpa's side.

"It's my puppy and he's really smart," she said.

"You must show me what tricks he can do," suggested Grandpa.

"I'll do that tomorrow after school," promised Carla as she ran back to her speller.

Just before bedtime Grandpa asked, "Want to hear a story, Carla?"

"Oh, Grandpa, I love your stories, but tonight I must study." She meant to study the next morning, too, but she didn't get up when Mother called and then it was too late.

"Good-bye," said Grandpa. "I'll have that dollar ready for you. I hope you do what it takes to get it."

"I'll try," Carla answered, smiling.

As the teacher was giving the words that morning, Carla spelled each one easily. She wrote them in nice plain letters like her daddy had said so anybody could read them. He had told her he wished some of the businessmen he knew would write half as well as she did. Carla always laughed when he said that.

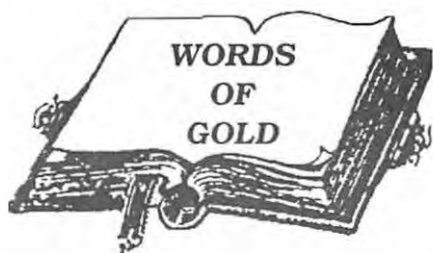
There were twenty words in the test. Fifteen had been given out, and Carla was sure she had written each one correctly.

"Believe," called out Miss Mitchell.

It was at this point that Carla became flustered. "B-e-l-i-e-v-e," she spelled the word silently in her mind. "Is that right? No. Let's see, 'B-e-l-e-i-v-e.' Now—yes, that is right." She began writing the word.

Then she heard Billy from across the aisle faintly saying, "I before E." Of course, of course! Carla knew that old spelling rule in rhyme:

*I before E,
Except after C,
Or when sounded like A,
As in neighbor and weigh.*



GOD'S WORD

Exodus 19:3, 6, 7

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying....

6 ...These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-8, 12-17

1 And God spake all these words, saying.

2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image....

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain....

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother...

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet...

Exodus 31:18

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with

him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Exodus 32:16

16 And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

Isaiah 59:21

21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD: My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

The Message: The Ten Commandments were given directly to all Israel by God's audible and terrible voice. The people were so frightened they begged that God would speak to them only through Moses.

Questions:

1. Who did the LORD call to out of the mountain?
2. What did Moses tell the elders?
3. Out of what land did the LORD bring the Israelites?
4. What is the first commandment God gave?
5. What were they commanded to not make?
6. What day was to be kept holy?
7. What were the commandments written on?
8. How were they written?

Verse to Memorize

And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables. Exodus 32:16

Let's



Talk . . .

The Bible clearly states that God created our universe, our Earth and all living creatures. It tells us that God created human beings in His own image. We believe that God created all things partly because the evidence of science shows it is the best explanation for what exists. However, the main reason we believe in creation is because we trust what the Bible tells us.

The Bible is God's Word to human beings. It reveals things about God and His actions that we could not discover in any other way.

In the Bible we learn that God created the stars and Earth and animal life simply by speaking them into existence. We discover that human beings were made in God's image and likeness. In the Bible alone we find the explanation of why only humans can appreciate beauty, invent new things, and tell the difference between right and wrong. And only in the Bible do we learn about sin and about God's plan to bring us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

The Bible's claim to be revelation is important to us when we think about origins. That claim means that, while the Theory of Evolution was made up by mere human beings, God Himself has communicated what the Bible says to us.

Some people view the Bible as nothing more than a human writing. They think that the Bible is merely a report of what different men have thought about God. If this were true, the Bible would contain only good religious ideas. And no one would have

to respect the guesses of its writers about creation or even about sin and salvation.

What kinds of evidence should we look for to show that the Bible is God's Word? First, it would need to be historically accurate. God doesn't make mistakes. Also, there should be something about the Bible that is clearly supernatural.

At one time scholars said Moses could not have written the first five books of the Bible. They argued that there was no written language in Moses' time. Archaeologists have worked for many years in the lands mentioned in the Bible. Through their findings we now know that Moses could have written these books in any of several different well-developed written languages used in his time.

Scholars also doubted the accuracy of Daniel's accounts of the names of rulers and other details of his time. But archaeological discoveries have shown that Daniel was right in naming the rulers of his time, and the critics were wrong. In fact, Daniel had information that a person writing hundreds of years later could not have had! Nelson Glueck, a famous Jewish archaeologist, wrote, "No archaeological discovery has ever controverted (proved wrong) a biblical reference." He calls the Bible's history "incredibly accurate."

Archaeological discoveries have shown that the customs of 2,000 years before Jesus fit the Bible's account of Abraham. The Genesis account of Joseph in Pharaoh's court uses just the right technical terms and refers to practices followed in Egypt's royal court 1,800 years before Jesus. Again and again archaeological finds have proved the accuracy of the Old and New Testament historical accounts.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: *It Couldn't Just Happen*
by Lawrence O. Richards

She wrote the word quickly. Miss Mitchell had already called another word. Carla wrote it and the other three.

The test was over. The monitor took up the papers. Carla was sure she would get 100%. The bell rang for recess and the children filed out.

But Carla couldn't play. She stood by herself and was glad when the bell rang to go back into the school building.

The day wore on. Finally Miss Mitchell handed back the spelling test papers. Carla quickly looked at hers: 100%. Her face flushed-hotter and hotter. She lay her head on the desk and began to cry. She just couldn't help it.

"Why, Carla, what is the matter?" asked Miss Mitchell.

"I made-I made-a 100%," gulped Carla.

"You usually do. I would have been surprised if you had missed a word."

"But-but I would-I would have-if I hadn't heard Billy."

Squatting beside Carla's desk, Miss Mitchell said kindly, "Tell me about it."

Carla explained, "I was writing the word wrong when I heard Billy whispering to himself, 'I before E.' Then I spelled it right. I-I didn't really earn a 100%, did I?"

"Not really if you spelled the word right only because you heard Billy saying the rule," Miss Mitchell said slowly. "But I'll say this," she said, standing to her feet so all the room could hear, "Carla has earned a 100% in honesty. I'm so proud of her. She refused to keep a perfect grade that didn't belong to her." Miss Mitchell changed Carla's grade to 95%.

Carla swallowed hard. She would not get the dollar.

That evening, while Carla stood beside Grandpa in his chair, she told him why she did not get a 100% on the spelling test. Grandpa's arm tightened around her as she finished and Mother smiled in approval.

"Well, now, do you know what I'm going to do?" he said. "I have to leave this weekend, but I'm going to give this dollar to your mother. You'll be having another test soon. If you make 100% on your next spelling test, this dollar will be yours."

Carla threw her arms around Grandpa's neck. She was going to study, but not so hard that she would have no time to be nice to Grandpa if he happened to be there.

—Adapted by Charlotte Huskey

A HIDDEN TREASURE

Old Joel was a Christian who hid his money between the pages of his Bible. He thought the money would be safe there.

One night some robbers broke into his house. They hunted all over for his money. They emptied his drawers, they ransacked his cupboards, they lifted up his carpets, they looked behind the pictures. But they didn't find any money. They never thought of looking in the Bible which was laying in plain sight on the living room table.

There are many treasures found in the Bible. We may all find some of these treasures. It is full of precious ones. The very best treasure found in the Bible is the plan of salvation. By following it one can escape going to hell.

We must love and read the Scriptures daily. Reading a precious promise of God is like finding a new treasure. The Word is able to make you wise unto salvation, which will lead you to that everlasting heavenly home. That will be the grandest treasure that anyone can find.

—Selected

Answers: 1. Moses. 2. The words which the LORD commanded him. 3. Egypt. 4. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 5. Graven images. 6. The Sabbath. 7. Two tables of stone. 8. By the finger of God.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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EVERLASTING HAPPINESS

A true story from history

In Carthage, North Africa, a slave answered a knock at the door of her mistress, Perpetua. "It's your father," she called.

Felicitas, the slave, opened the massive hand carved door and let Perpetua's father come in. "What brings you here so early in the morning?" Perpetua asked.

"Emperor Septimus Severus is cracking down on traitors. He's ordered your arrest."

"Me? I'm not a traitor."

"But you've joined the Christians and they show a dangerous lack of loyalty to the Roman government. You know that refusing to sacrifice makes the authorities suspicious. I hear you refused to burn incense to the Roman gods."

"My beloved father. Jesus is my Lord. I cannot worship any other god."

"Perpetua, it's only a patriotic gesture. Worship the god of your choice, but you should comply to the laws of the land..."

Suddenly the door burst open! "Are you Perpetua?" demanded a burly soldier. He grasped Perpetua's delicate arm in his huge rough hand, whirled

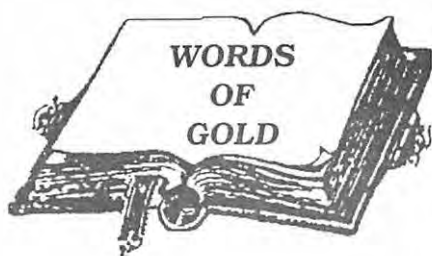
on his heels and stared at Felicitas who was crouching in a corner. "And you're Felicitas?" he snarled. "Both of you follow me!"

"My baby!" cried Perpetua as she struggled to get loose. She felt the soldier's grip tighten as he dragged her on. Calling back to her father she begged, "Please take my dear baby home to Mother."

Perpetua looked back at Felicitas who was great with child. What would become of her beloved slave? They had always been best friends, but now they were real sisters in the family of God.

Thankfully they were both thrown into the same dark dungeon. There they prayed together and encouraged one another. Perpetua could endure joyfully being in prison for Christ, but being away from her son was almost more than she could bear. Felicitas soon gave birth to a son, also. Helping care for him only increased the longing Perpetua had for her only child.

Each time Perpetua's highly respected father visited her, he begged that she give up her faith. "Think of me, your aging father," he would say. "Do not the laws of Christianity teach respect for parents? You are bringing our noble family low. No decent daughter in this patriarchal society would deny her father's pleas and cause him public disgrace as you have done



Hannah's gift

I Samuel 1:11, 20, 24, 26-28

11 And she (Hannah) vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and...wilt 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, when the time was come...that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD...

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him...unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young.

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.

I Samuel 2:1, 11, 18-21

1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house...

18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she...bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

The Message: Hannah's longing for a son was not a selfish desire. She asked this gift from the Lord so that she could offer him back to God.

Questions:

1. What did Hannah pray for?
2. What did she vow if God answered her prayer?
3. What did she name her son?
4. Where did she take him after he was weaned?
5. For how long did she lend him to the Lord?
6. What did Samuel's mother make him every year?
7. Who blessed Hannah and her husband, Elkanah?
8. How many more children did Hannah have?

Verse to Memorize

...a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

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. Peninnah had children, while Hannah had none.

Peninnah did not 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 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. 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 on one trip Hannah was so troubled that she 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 appetite, 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. She was crying so much she could hardly pray but she vowed that if God would give her a son she would give him to the Lord and he would be dedicated to the Lord's service all his life. Hannah prayed from the depths of her heart but made no sound; only her lips moved.

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 her sincerity he told her, "Go in peace and the God of Israel grant you your petition."

Hannah went her way. She was sure that God would answer her prayer for a son.

And God did give her a son. Hannah named him Samuel, meaning "asked of God." 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 pleased to see that her young son joyfully performed many small duties in the tabernacle.

Wise, godly mothers are a gift from God. Those who have their mother's prayers to guide them are truly blessed!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

The embarrassment is more than I can bear!"

Perpetua took her father's large wrinkled hands in her smooth dainty ones. "Father, listen to me," she said as tears trickled down her cheeks. "I love and respect you more than I did before I became a Christian."

He shook his head from side to side and went on talking. "Think, too, of your son, so sweet and small. He will be rejected and scorned by society, if you..."

"You must go now," the guard ordered.

Sometime later Perpetua's son was brought to stay with her in the prison. A few days after he came she told Felicitas, "This prison has suddenly become a palace. Why, I would rather be here than anywhere else should that separate me from my son! And I'm feeling better. My worrying about him was breaking me down." Felicitas smiled at the babies. Perpetua knew she understood.

Perpetua and Felicitas both had court trials. Both chose to follow Christ no matter what the cost. They felt to deny Christ was worse than death.

One day while awaiting execution, Perpetua asked, "Have you ever thought about the meaning of our names? Felicitas means 'happiness,' Perpetua, 'everlasting,' put them together—'everlasting happiness'! If things don't change, we shall soon enter into everlasting happiness."

"Oh, Perpetua," said Felicitas hugging her new baby. "think of leaving our sons to suffer in this evil world. What if they grow up thinking it more important to obey state laws than to obey God's laws? It almost takes away my joy."

"Remember the day we were taken out of prison and to the river and baptized? The brethren promised to care for our little ones. I know they will be in good hands. I feel sure they

will diligently teach sound Christian principles to our boys."

The fatal day came. Perpetua and Felicitas were taken from the dungeon with two other Christians. As they were being led to their death, a prison guard commented, "They act as if they are on their way to paradise, not on their way to death."

The huge stone bleachers were almost filled with men, women, and children waiting to see the Christians face their death. When the Christians were led into the arena the crowd of spectators began shouting. "Turn the lions loose! Clean up the city of Carthage! We don't want Christians here! We don't want Christians!"

Instead of a hungry lion a wild, mad, heifer with long horns was turned loose on Perpetua and Felicitas. It charged at Perpetua and in a flash hooked a horn under her and tossed her into the air. Then the angry heifer attacked Felicitas. The crowd cheered the heifer. The beast charged again and again at the two young women.

"You must all stand fast in the faith and love one another. Do not be weakened by what we have gone through!" Perpetua called to the other Christians who would soon be martyred.

The beast did not kill either Perpetua or Felicitas. Their throats were slit by soldiers whose hands were trembling so violently they could hardly control their swords.

Together Perpetua and Felicitas had accepted the Christian faith. Together they endured prison, and together they entered into "everlasting happiness."

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

Answers: 1. A son. 2. That she would give her son to the Lord. 3. Samuel. 4. To the house of the Lord at Shiloh. 5. For as long as he lived. 6. A little coat. 7. Eli. 8. Three sons and two daughters.

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BEAUTIFUL WAY



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GOD DIDN'T FORGET

A true story

Living through the Great Depression of the 1930's left a permanent mark on Lou Ellen Henry. Her family, like thousands of families all over the United States of America, were left without a steady income. Lou Ellen never forgot the winter of 1935 when it looked like God had forgotten them. By the third week of November there was not a bit of food for the seven children, their parents and an aunt who made her home with them.

Lou Ellen's father, Mr. Henry, had been employed by the local limestone mine. But soon after the beginning of the depression he was laid off with the rest of the workers. They had survived four years by raising a huge garden and Mr. Henry working odd jobs. He hauled hay, mixed cement, shoveled snow, split wood, washed windows and worked with road gangs. If he earned money it was one dollar a day. Often he accepted food or other commodities in return for a hard day's work. Hunting and fishing, which had once been his leisure-time sports, were now necessary for survival.

The family usually canned food from the garden to keep for the winter. But the summer of 1935 little rain fell and the garden hardly produced enough for eating. By November their

food supply was gone. One day near Thanksgiving Mother made pancakes for breakfast with the last bit of flour and shortening. She ground up the last few apples and made a sauce to serve with the pancakes. Father shouldered his gun and went out to hunt. Noel and William had gone early that morning to the neighbor's pond hoping to bring back fish for breakfast.

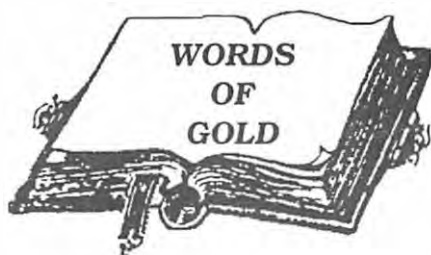
Aunt Mary groaned, "There is not a bite of food in this house. I think God has forgotten us."

"And there is no money, either," moaned Lou Ellen. "Why doesn't God take better care of His children?"

"We've had food everyday," Mother rebuked. "He promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. I believe Jesus will provide. Let's gather around and pray."

The children bowed in a circle around mother and she prayed. Before she had finished, William and Noel had returned, cold and discouraged, from the pond.

"William, bring the Bible," Mother said. She opened it and read Psalm 37:23-25, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: ...Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him* with his hand. I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen



WE SERVE A MIGHTY GOD!

Psalms 104:24

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Nehemiah 9:6

6 Thou, *even thou, art* LORD alone: thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all: and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Job 5:9-10

9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable: marvellous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

Psalms 8:3-4

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained:

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Psalms 40:5

5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which* are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if I* would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

Psalms 107:31

31 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

Exodus 15:11

11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders?

Job 9:10

10 Which doeth great things past finding out: yea, and wonders without number.

Job 26:14

14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

Psalms 136:4

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

**The Message: Praise and wonder
should fill our hearts when we
consider all of God's works!**

Questions:

1. What is full of God's riches?
2. What all has the Lord made?
3. In Nehemiah 9:6, who worships the Lord?
4. According to Job how many are the great, unsearchable and marvelous things the Lord does?
5. What question came to David's mind when he considered the great works of God?
6. What should men do for God's goodness and wonderful works to them?
7. Who does great things without number?
8. How much of God's great ways do we understand?
9. What endures forever?

Verse to Memorize

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Psalms 104:24

Let's



Talk . . .

Imagine driving with your family in Yellowstone National Park. You drive slowly, looking at the mountains and pointing out the different animals you see. Then your dad pulls over to the side of the road because he sees one of the park's major attractions: the bears!

Later, as you drive on, you talk excitedly about the bears. Of course, you don't say much about your car. You are used to cars and expect them to operate as they do.

The fact is, however, both the bear and your car are wonders. The car you ride in has a complicated engine that mixes gasoline and air. A spark that flashes at just the right time explodes the gas and air mixture, and the energy of that explosion is transferred through the transmission to turn your car's wheels.

No one looking carefully at your car and the complicated systems we take for granted would ever imagine that it had "just happened." There is too much evidence of planning and design. The elements of each system work together in ways that are far too complicated to have happened by chance.

Similarly, if we look closely at bears or other animals, we find something very similar. There are a variety of systems built into living creatures, too. These living systems have elements that are far too complicated to have happened by chance. Like our car whose design shows the touch of an intelligent maker, so the systems built into living creatures are also wonders of design.

They too show the touch of an intelligent maker, God.

Consider the woodpecker. It is totally different from other birds. Every part of his body is especially fitted for drilling into wood.

His short legs and powerful claws are absolutely essential for holding on tightly to vertical tree trunks. They are very different from the spindly legs of other birds. The two toes pointing backward and two forwards hook securely into tree trunks. Its tail feathers are short and stiff, so the woodpecker can actually brace himself against the tree.

The beak of the woodpecker is also very unique. Banging away as much as a hundred times a minute, the woodpecker's beak has to be much harder than the beaks of other birds. Even more special is the way his beak is connected to his skull. In other birds the skull and bill are fused together. But the woodpecker has a resilient spongy tissue in between the beak and the skull. This built-in shock absorber is far better than anything developed by man. Woodpeckers can pound on hard wood for five or six hours a day. Some great spotted woodpeckers have actually pounded their way into "woodpecker proof" concrete boxes!

The woodpecker has an amazing tongue. It is often longer than the bird. It is not attached to the back of the mouth, as are other birds' tongues, but circles around inside the skull to attach to the top of the woodpecker's head! Without a long tongue to probe insect tunnels, the woodpecker could not survive.

Woodpeckers truly show the touch of an intelligent maker, God. An honest observation of nature will always cause us to acknowledge the power and wisdom of God!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

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the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.' I believe God will help us," she said. "Let us pray again and thank the Lord for all He has given us and for taking care of us."

While still on their knees praying, a loud knock on the door startled them. Mother arose from her knees and opened the door cautiously.

A nicely dressed man stood there smiling. "Mrs. Henry?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I have a delivery for you. I understand you need it," he said. Then he handed her an envelope and walked away.

Mother closed the door and with trembling hands ripped open the white envelope. "Fifty dollars!" she shouted. "Oh, William, run! Run after the man. Find out who he is or who sent this, so we'll know who to thank."

William rushed out the door. Ellen followed him and watched as he ran down the hill toward the road. One by one the others went out to look for the man. Mother stood like a statue beside the door, tears streaming down her cheeks.

"That's a lot of money," Noel gasped.

"Sure is," Aunt Mary agreed. "It'd take more than two months to earn \$50.00 with today's wages."

"That is, if Dad could find work," Ellen added.

Mother was still by the door when William returned. "Mom, there was no man in sight. I looked and looked, and waited thinking he might have gone into the woods for a moment but he never did appear."

"Must have been an angel sent from God," she said. "Well, children, get cleaned up, we're going to town."

With the \$50.00 they bought flour, oats, rice, beans, shortening, salt, sugar and other staple groceries

which lasted all through that winter. In the spring of that same year, 1936, Mr. Henry was called back to work at the limestone mine.

"...Seek ye first the kingdom God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

AMONG ROBBERS

One night a band of robbers broke into the house of a Christian man in China. They took away his son and then asked for a great sum of money as a ransom.

The poor man did not have enough money to pay the ransom, and he knew that if the money was not paid on a certain day in an appointed place, the child would be killed by the robbers. But he knew the One who has said: "...Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalm 50:15)

The father got down on his knees and prayed earnestly to God to save his child. He prayed the whole day and the following night.

Early in the morning he heard the voice of his boy at the door. He had a happy face, but his clothes were torn and his feet were sore. He told his parents how the Lord had helped him. In the evening, while the robbers were quarrelling among themselves and not watching him, he took the opportunity to steal away in the twilight. He had run all night to get home. With thankful hearts the whole family praised the Lord for this merciful deliverance. —Selected

Answers: 1. The earth. 2. Heaven, earth, the seas and everything in them. 3. The host of heaven. 4. Without number. 5. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" 6. Praise the Lord. 7. God. 8. Only a little portion. 9. God's mercy.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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IN THE GRIP OF AN OCTOPUS

A terrible storm was raging at the mouth of Cape Town Harbor, and anxious watches awaited the arrival of the 'S. S. Dunvegan Castle.' Would she gain the harbor in safety? Already she was at the entrance, and was almost in calm water when she collided with the pier. It was evident that great damage had been done, not only to the vessel, but also to the pier: for big blocks of masonry had been dislodged.

When the storm had subsided the amount of damage had to be discovered. Cape Town boasted many brave divers, but none to compare with Palmer—strong, resourceful, and successful. To him fell the work of inspection. A bulky, ungainly figure he appeared as he stood ready to make the descent, having first assured himself that all was in order. His final instructions were to the man above to be on the look-out for any signal he might make below.

"Look alive, Jack, and whatever you do, keep the signal cord free and in order; my life may depend on that." The sea was calm, and he easily discovered the damage done, as he inspected the huge blocks of fallen concrete.

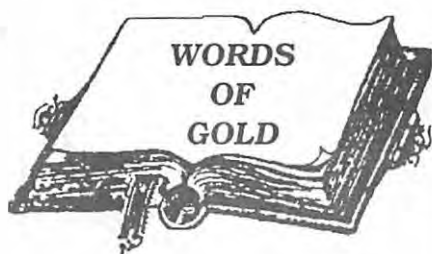
But suddenly something darted out from a crevice in the rocks, and

gripped his arm as in a vice. In a moment of appalling horror, Palmer realized that he was in the grip of an octopus! Even as the horrible certainty came upon him another tentacle was flashed around his leg and yet another around his chest, and he was held in deadly embrace.

He was helpless, held in a vice of iron. What could he do? Absolutely unable to deliver himself, he knew that one chance alone was his, and that was to get help from above! Yes, in his despair, he knew that 'UP THERE' lay his only hope. Help from above, or destruction, that was what it meant. With all the energy of despair he pulled the signal cord. Would Jack "look alive" as he had charged him? Would he heed his despairing signal and give him the only help remaining? If not, only a ghastly death awaited him.

In the torturing suspense that followed, with the diabolical eyes of his tormentor glaring at him, the moment of awful stillness that intervened seemed to him an eternity crammed with horrors.

But thank God; Jack's strong hand was on the lifter, and Palmer, to his infinite relief, found that he was rising. But his enemy was rising with him! There was no loosening of his grip! Oh, that awful clutch, and leaden weight, all about him! Still there was hope, for help was coming from above.



ANIMALS TEACH US

Job 12:7-10

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee: and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Whoknoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

Job 35:11

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

Proverbs 6:6-9

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

Proverbs 30:24-31

24 There be four *things* which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:

25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer:

26 The conies *are* but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands:

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

29 There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion *which* is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any:

31 A greyhound, an he goat also: and a king, against whom ; no rising up.

The Message: All created things proclaim the omnipotence and wisdom of God, their Creator.

Questions:

1. What can teach us more about God, the Creator?
2. How will it help us to consider the ant's ways?
3. What does a sluggard love to do?
4. What four things are little yet very wise?
5. When do the ants prepare their meat?
6. Where do conies make their houses?
7. What goes out in bands, as if they had a king to direct them?
8. What lives in king's palaces?
9. What four things are 'comely in going'?

Verse to Memorize

Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven? Job 35:11

Let's



Talk . . .

In all creation we can admire the wisdom and power of the Creator. Ants are tiny and very weak, yet they are hard workers, industrious in gathering proper food. God gave them such wisdom that they prepare their winter food supply in the summer when food is plentiful.

There are many different kinds of ants, and there are many amazing patterns in ant behavior. One of the strangest patterns is found among South America's "army" and Africa's "driver" ants.

These ants march in columns, attacking and eating any living thing in their path. In some parts of the world it is dangerous to tie up an animal because if a column of army ants comes by, it will bite the animal to death, and eat it.

You may remember in the story of Samuel Morris that his cruel captors planned a slow death for him by means of the dreaded driver ants. If God had not miraculously delivered him he was to be buried up to his neck. His mouth would have been propped open and smeared with a sweet mixture to attract the ants from a nearby anthill. The driver ants would have then devoured his flesh bit by bit. Then, after the ants had cleaned his bones of every piece of flesh, his white skeleton would have been hung up for everyone to see.

The army ants march in a long column, with soldier ants at the head. Worker ants follow, many carrying the larvae of the next generation. These larvae give off a certain message. As long as the message-scent is given off, the army keeps on marching.

But when it is time for the larvae to hatch into ants, the army halts. The soldiers and workers find a place

between tree roots or stones and literally create a living nest from their own bodies.

This living nest of clinging ants has rooms where the birthing infants can be placed. It has passageways along which others can travel and a chamber for the queen. The queen begins to swell and within a week, she starts to lay eggs. In a few days there are some 25,000 eggs in the living nest. At the same time, the birthing ants in the other rooms emerge, to become the workers who will carry the just laid eggs!

The army, with its 25,000 new recruits, many carrying the eggs of its next generation, marches off again, ready to attack, kill, and eat. Even the largest of animals run from army ants! The individual ant may be small. But enlisted in an army, the marching ant is one of the most feared of jungle creatures!

Science fiction stories and movies have told of vicious giant ants or other insects that took over the world. This is not possible for an interesting reason. While there are millions of kinds of insects, all have one common trait that limits their size. Insects have no lungs. Instead, they have breathing tubes that run the length of their bodies. These tubes draw oxygen from the air. While some insects have ways to pull air into the tubes, the longer the tube the less effective they are in providing the oxygen all living animals need.

Because of the way insects breathe, they cannot grow to giant size and live! Larger insects would never be able to absorb the amount of oxygen they would need to keep them alive. It is easy to see the hand of God in this. He did not create Earth to be mastered by insects, but to be a home for humankind. In His wisdom He designed insects with a built-in limitation that guarantees they will never supplant human beings as masters of His world.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: *It Couldn't Just Happen* by Lawrence O. Richards

Up, up, he went, the light growing stronger, and the pressure less, till at last the worst suspense was over and the glad light of day shone on his dripping helmet. The surface of the water was reached.

"Man alive! What's up now?" was Jack's remark, as Palmer and his close clinging enemy came into sight.

Knife and axe were used to hack and hew as, bit by bit, the long clinging arms of the octopus, twelve feet long, were cut away. It was no easy matter; for the tentacles were lined with hundreds of tiny suckers. But at last Palmer was a free man. Once, tied and bound, once in the depths, he now stood free and unshackled in God's sunshine.

The face of a black spider, magnified, is said to be the ugliest and most vicious sight in all the realm of Nature's monstrosities; but the octopus has all the horrors of the spider magnified ten thousand times. It has a round body, and on either side are four ribbon-like tentacles. When it travels, these tentacles are closed like an umbrella; but if a victim is sighted, those great leathery arms open and grasp the object so quickly that escape is almost impossible. It secrets itself in the most beautiful rock caverns. Its presence cannot be detected even by a ripple on the surface of the sea. At such times the tentacles feel out in every direction.

The first contact is a gentle brushing of the delicate ends; then the great leathery arm is thrown about the victim. If one is not sufficient, another tentacle encircles. On the underside of these spidery arms, there are two rows of cup-like sucking discs. There are twenty-five in each row, fifty to each tentacle, making four hundred in all. The tubes can be thrust out or withdrawn at will. They can be thrust into the flesh of the victim more than an inch. All these sucking cups can

draw every drop of blood from the man or an animal. They do not eat their prey—they absorb it. The arms are so slick and fibrous that they cannot be cut with a knife. It is nearly impossible to tear away from the octopus; an attempt only ends with a firmer grasp; the monster clings with more determined force. Every effort, every struggle, produces a tightening of the ligatures.

In the octopus we have the best illustration in all nature of the processes of sin. It begins with the innocent, harmless touch; then the vise-like coils of habit, and finally the utter ruin. Once we tamper with the first taste or touch, whether it be appetites, habits, or giving way to the baser passions, the beginning seems harmless but the blood-sucking tentacles soon enfold the victim, then the drawing out process soon takes away character, will-power, and conscience. Just as the victim is helpless within the coils of the octopus, so it is with sin. When these are gone, all that is worth while of the life's finest and best is absorbed.

When the octopus finishes with its victim, only the shadowy skeleton remains. Victims of sin have only a skeleton of manhood left; every god-like emotion absorbed and gone. The octopus first stupefies its victim, and then paralyzes it. Even so, in the paralyzing power of some deadly sin which has its grip on the soul, and from which a man is absolutely unable to free himself, there is nothing for it, but to get **HELP FROM ABOVE**.

—Pilgrim Tract Society

Answers: 1. The animals (beasts) and the birds (fowls.) 2. It will make us wise. 3. Sleep. 4. The ant, the conies, the locusts and the spider. 5. In the summer. 6. In the rocks. 7. Locusts (grasshoppers.) 8. Spiders. 9. The lion, the greyhound, the he goat and a king.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE BEGGAR

It was Sunday afternoon, and Esther and her two younger sisters were wondering what to do with themselves. "Can't you find something to do for Jesus?" their mother asked. "Children that love Him must do their best to serve Him."

"How?" Esther wondered.

"Well, one way is to speak for Him," Mother told them. Then all three girls dropped on their knees and prayed, "Please, Lord Jesus, will you help us?"

Presently they ran out into the lane to play, and soon they saw the bent form of an old man in rags, leaning on a stick, coming up the hill. Esther felt so sorry for him. "I'll tell him about Jesus," she thought.

Very timidly she slipped up to him and asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

"Beggar!" he said in anger. "Call me a beggar again and I'll let you feel the weight of this stick!"

All three of the girls turned and ran. Inside the house Esther exclaimed, "Oh, Mother, it's no use my trying to work for Jesus! I don't want to do it ever again, because the old man I spoke to was angry with me."

"Why was that, dear? What did you say to him?" Mother asked.

"I only said, 'Beggar, do you love Jesus?'"

"Oh, my child, did you call him a beggar?"

"But, Mother, he is. We always call those ragged people beggars, and I'm sure he is one."

"But darling, you ought not to have said that to him; it was unkind. Run down the lane and tell him you're sorry."

A sudden thought struck Esther. Maybe the beggar would forgive her, and think her like Jesus, if she gave him her dime. She found him sitting on a bank at the side of the road, under a tree. Trembling from head to foot she bravely went up to him. He looked so cross and angry. But she sweetly said, "Will you please forgive me for what I said? I didn't mean to hurt you. And will you have my dime?"

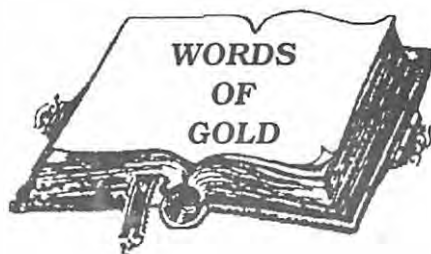
The anger died out of the old man's face as he saw how sorry Esther was. "There is nothing to forgive, you angel child," he said. "I was the wretch; for I don't love Jesus, little girl."

"But He loves you," Esther told him quickly. "I know He does."

With a deep sigh he answered, "Not now, my child." Then he added, "I'll take your dime for I haven't even a penny. If all who love God were like you I might have loved Him, too."

At that moment Esther's father called her. Saying, "Goodbye, I'll ask Jesus to make you love Him," she ran home. Lying awake that night she prayed, "Lord Jesus, you do love that old man, don't you?" Soon the answer to her question came.

Snow fell during the night, and in the morning it was really cold.



WE NEED EACH OTHER

Psalms 133:1

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Romans 12:10

10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love: in honor preferring one another:

Romans 14:19

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

1 Corinthians 1:10

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Philippians 2:2-4

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

3 *Let* nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

John 13:34-35

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

35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:12-14

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Romans 15:1-3

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

2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself:...

Galatians 6:2

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

The Message: We should be willing to deny ourselves to help others. Jesus is our example.

Questions:

1. What things should we follow after?
2. What should not be among us?
3. How can we be perfectly joined together?
4. How should we esteem each other?
5. What was the new commandment Jesus gave?
6. How will men know we are Jesus' disciples?
7. What is the greatest love one can have for his friends?
8. Who should bear the infirmities of the weak?
9. Whose burdens should we bear?

Verse To Memorize

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!
Psalms 133:1

Let's



Talk . . .

Jesus died for all of us. The same blood redeems all that accept His sacrifice. By this we are all born into one spiritual family. We are children of the same God and Father and are going to the same heaven. We have the same wants, the same enemies, and the same joys.

There is no friendship so strong and pure as that which results from having the same attachment to the Lord Jesus. Because of this, Christians, in the New Testament, are represented as being "perfectly joined together." We are all parts of the same body, and members of the same family. On the ground of this union we are told to love one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to study the things that make for peace, and things by which we may benefit one another.

We need each other! The Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We draw strength, knowledge and courage from each other as we worship together. God designed that we should each be a member of His body, dependent on each other and all dependent on Him.

God shows this truth even in nature. Many times in the plant and animal world we find two different living creatures which live in strange relationships with each other. In many cases one, or both, could not even exist without the other!

Some insects seem to enjoy munching on wood. Wood is mostly hardened cellulose. Humans cannot digest cellulose in any form.

Termites actually live almost exclusively on wood. Yet the fact is that termites cannot digest cellulose either!

How can termites, which eat wood, live on a food they can not digest? In their intestines they have tiny organisms called flagellates. These tiny animals can live only in the absence of free oxygen. If they are left in the open air, they quickly die. What these organisms can do, however, is digest wood! So when the termite eats his meal, it is the tiny animals living inside his body that digest it for him.

What happens if the two are separated? In an experiment, termites were exposed to extra oxygen to kill their flagellates. Then the termites were fed their usual lunch of wood. The termites ate the wood—but could not digest it. When the same termites were reinfected with the flagellates, they were again able to digest cellulose.

This is one of the many examples in nature of a symbiotic, or mutual, relationship. The termite could not live without the flagellate because it would be unable to digest the wood it eats and would starve to death. The flagellate, out of the intestine of the termite, would be poisoned by oxygen and die. Together, each lives. Separated, each will die!

Such relationships are very difficult for the Theory of Evolution to explain. Clearly the termite could not have existed before the flagellate developed. And the flagellate could not have developed in the open air, away from the dark safety of the termite's intestine.

As we look at the world God created we discover that many different kinds of mutual and symbiotic relationships are found in nature. Each is a quiet witness to the fact that God, not chance, is the best explanation for the world in which you and I live.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: *It Couldn't Just Happen* by Lawrence O. Richards

A man came to see Esther's father to tell him there was a tramp dying, in the clay pits outside the town. The tramp was asking for him to come see him, and to bring his daughter with him—the little girl who asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

My father quickly agreed to take me (for I am really Esther), and he led me to the clay pits. I shall never forget the sight that met my eyes. The weary old tramp lay there, covered with a bundle of straw. "Raise my head and let me see the little girl," he said.

I was frightened, but my father put me in front of him. "Sir," the tramp said, "your child's question has been ringing in my ears all night long—'Beggar, do you love Jesus?'"

"Oh, sir, I once loved Him; but I left Him and put Him to open shame. But early this morning before the light came, when I could only see the twinkling of the stars, I came back to Him, bitterly crying for mercy. And, oh, Sir, He took me back! I know He did! And before I die I want to tell the dear girl that the beggar really loves Jesus now and is going to Him. And he thanks God for sending her so bravely to dare to ask him, 'Beggar do you love Jesus?'"

Before sundown the old man died; a beggar no longer, but a prince in the glorious world above.

I, Esther, became a missionary when I grew up, and my whole life was spent in working for Jesus. But ever since that Sunday afternoon when I prayed, "Use me, Lord Jesus." I have always added, "but make me wise, that I may make no mistakes."

—Selected

The Captain Turned Preacher

A lady, who was giving out Bibles and religious tracts went one day to the bay of Plymouth and requested permission of the captain to go on board a man-of-war, on which were about 800, chiefly wicked, men.

The captain told her it would do no good; the men would only make fun of her. But when she insisted he gave his permission.

Something occurred during her visit which irritated the captain. He swore a most dreadful oath. The lady politely asked him to not swear while she was on his ship. This he complied with.

After the lady had gone round the ship and given away some tracts she returned to the captain who was standing at the entrance of the vessel.

She thanked him kindly, and said: "I have yet one more favor to ask you, sir."

"Yes, certainly, madam," was the reply.

"It is this," she said, presenting him with the New Testament; "I desire you will read it through twice."

"I will, madam, for my word's sake."

Some few years afterward, when on a visit to a place about five miles from Plymouth, on the Lord's day, she went to the church, where she heard an excellent sermon.

As she was returning through the churchyard, a gentleman came to her, and asked, "Do you remember, madam, giving a New Testament to a captain, after distributing some tracts on board a man-of-war, and desiring him to read it twice?"

"Yes, sir," she replied.

He added: "I am the man to whom you gave it, and I have been preaching to you today. Through your work, God has brought me to love that book which once I despised!"

—Selected

Answers: 1. The things that make peace. 2. Divisions. 3. In the same mind and judgment. 4. As better than ourselves. 5. To love one another. 6. If we love one another. 7. To lay down his life (die) for him. 8. The strong. 9. One another's.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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OVER THE FALLS

A true story

It was a beautiful day on July 9, 1960. James Hunnicut came to visit our family. Rodger, my seven-year-old brother and I wanted to go boating. James had a small boat with a 7 ½ horsepower outboard motor, so Dad said we could go with him. "Be sure to wear your life jackets," he told us.

We took the life jackets. Rodger put his on and I took mine in my hand, putting it on as soon as I was in the boat, then taking it off as soon as I was of Dad's sight. We entered the river's calm water five miles above Niagara Falls.

I was seventeen years old and knew nothing about boating. James, however, was forty and an experienced fisherman, a trusted family friend, and none of us were in the least bit worried. We let the boat float along on the smooth water for a long time. We talked and laughed during the time and little noticed that the boat was drifting into unsafe water.

Rodger noticed a large building on the bank and asked, "James, what is that building?"

"That is the Ontario Hydro control dam," James answered. Then he added, "We've gone farther than I realized. Maybe we had better turn around and head back up the river. We covered those miles mighty fast!"

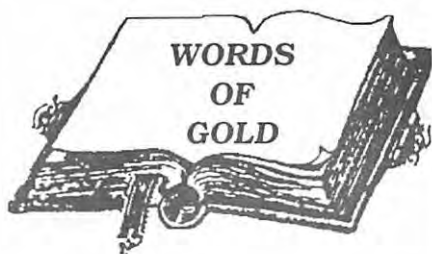
He turned the boat around and gave it all the power. "Rum, rum, rum," went the engine. I was prepared for the boat to lunge forward, but it seemed to be barely moving. "What's wrong?" I asked.

"This current seems a little stronger than I expected," he answered, with a puzzled look on his face. "Don't be afraid, though; we'll be all right. We'll take off in a minute."

Minutes passed, and we could tell by the things on the shore that our boat was steadily moving downstream. "Give it more gas!" I called above the roar of the accelerated motor.

He did, but instead of leaping forward as I thought it would, the boat only whirled around and kept on heading for the swirling rapids.

James seized the oars and fought with all his might to bring us to the shore. Try as he might, we were getting nearer into the rapids! Then, amid the rocks, the motor sheared a pin and was useless! By then I had on my life jacket—Rodger had been wearing his all the time. The roar of the water falling over the cliff could be heard in the distance. The swirling churning of the water on the rocks as it carried us downward was like the open mouth of a man-eating shark ready to devour us. On we raced, faster and faster, each moment getting nearer to the drop off.



THE BOY WHO SHARED

Mark 6:34-46

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

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave *them* to his disciples

to set before them: and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

The Message: Many people were fed because one boy was willing to share his lunch. Jesus can take our offering and multiply it to bless many people.

Questions:

1. What did the people remind Jesus of?
2. What kind of place were they in?
3. Why did the disciples want Jesus to send the people away?
4. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
5. How much food did they have?
6. What did Jesus do before He gave the food to the people?
7. How many baskets of fragments were there?
8. How many men had eaten?
9. Why did Jesus go into a mountain?

Verse to Memorize

Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. Luke 6:38

Let's



Talk . . .

Jesus knew His time on earth would be short. It was important that His disciples should be taught the work of spreading the gospel. One day He sent the twelve out to tell the Jewish people the good news of the kingdom of heaven and to heal the sick. When the disciples returned they told Jesus about the people who had been healed and where all the gospel had been taught. As many more people heard about Jesus they came from everywhere to hear and see Him.

There was always a crowd around Jesus because so many people were eager to hear His words and have their loved ones healed. He did not have time to rest or even to eat. Finally Jesus called his twelve disciples to Him and said, "Come with Me to a quiet place. We must rest awhile."

So they sailed to the other side of the sea to a desert place far from any city. But somehow the people found out where He was going. When He reached shore there was already a great crowd gathered! The people had followed from the other side of the sea.

As tired as He was, Jesus felt sorry for the people who were so hungry to hear the good news of the gospel. Looking out over the multitude He said, "They are like sheep that have no shepherd!"

All day Jesus sat teaching the people about the kingdom of heaven and healing the sick. Evening came and the people still stayed. They seemed to forget their need for food and shelter for the night. The disciples reminded Jesus that they were in the

desert and the people had a long way to go back home. "Send the people away," the disciples told Him, "so they can buy food in the towns and villages as they go home. They have nothing to eat!"

To their surprise Jesus answered, "We must feed them before sending them away." Turning to Philip, He asked, "Where shall we find bread, that all these people may eat?"

Philip looked at the people and shook his head. "If we should buy two hundred pennyworth of bread," he answered, "there would not be enough for each one to have a small piece."

There were five thousand men in this great crowd besides all the women and children. They had left home without thought of food. They did not know they would walk so far to find Jesus. One boy, however, had a lunch basket with five little loaves of barley bread and two small fishes in it that his thoughtful mother had packed for him.

When the boy heard Jesus and the disciples talking about what to do, he went up to Andrew. Showing him his lunch basket, he offered to give the food to Jesus. Andrew told Jesus.

"How many loaves are there in the basket?" Jesus asked.

"Only five and two small fishes," Andrew said. "But what will that be among so many people?"

"Bring it to me," Jesus replied. He then told the disciples, "Make the people sit down in groups of fifty and a hundred."

Jesus took the loaves and fishes, gave thanks, and broke the food into small pieces. He filled a basket for each disciple to pass among the hungry people.

When the crowd had eaten all they wanted, Jesus had the disciples gather up the food that was left. There were twelve baskets full!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

We were near enough that anxious tourists were calling for us to stop! Others waved us toward the shore. How glad we would have been to come to shore!

Now the roar of the mighty cataract pounded our ear drums. "We're going to die!" Rodger screamed. Trembling all over, I tried to calm him, when suddenly the boat capsized and threw us all into the water.

The last thing I heard from Rodger and James was Rodger screaming and James saying, "Don't be afraid! I'll hold you."

I looked up to find my little brother, just in time to see them both going swiftly on toward their certain death. I was swimming with all my might toward the shore of Goat Island, my life jacket keeping me afloat. The strength with which I was steadily being pushed toward the shore was unnatural. Although I was a good swimmer, I was no match for the wild current against which I was combating. Within a few feet of the shore the current seemed stronger or else my strength was failing. I began losing ground; then I would gain again, but never quite enough to touch land. The people stood as if frozen, seeing my death as a sure thing. I was so close to the shore!

Finally, a brave man stepped across the safety rail and locking his feet around the rail post, stretched himself out on the water. I forged ahead with all my strength. Stretching with all my might, my hand touched his! I managed to grasp a firm grip onto his thumb. Then another man risked his life also by climbing over the rail and reaching to help the man struggling to pull me out.

I came to shore only fifteen feet from the brink of an awful chasm. Had I not been rescued, the water would have taken me 162 feet to my death on the rocks below.

Moments later, my little brother went over the Falls, plunging 180 feet in torrents of water. His body shot clear of the rocks and the abyss below. He was spotted by some tourists going for a sight-seeing ride on an excursion boat called "The Maid of the Mist."

"Look! Something's in the water!" a man called in excitement.

"It's a small boy," the boat captain shouted. He radioed in for help. "There is a small boy at the bottom of the Falls, and he's alive!"

The boat started toward Rodger. As he floated past them going downstream, they threw him a life line. He missed at first and the current rushed him on. They raced the boat motor and threw another. Rodger missed it, also. He began to cry as the surging, boiling torrent tossed him from one place to another. The third time the life line went out to him, he seized it securely in his hand.

Apart from a few scrapes and bruises, neither Rodger nor I was hurt. We were taken to a hospital, examined, and released in a few hours.

Four days later, James Hunnicut's body was found floating in the river. Surely it was only the mercy of God that spared our lives. The life jackets, no doubt, helped in some ways. James had no life jacket. He died.

We're all being carried along irresistibly in the great stream of time. Without a doubt, what helped save Rodger's life was his life jacket. That life jacket may well serve as a picture of Christ.

—Selected

Answers: 1. Sheep. 2. A desert place. 3. Because they had nothing to eat. 4. Give the people something to eat. 5. Five loaves and two fishes. 6. He blessed the food. 7. Twelve. 8. Five thousand. 9. To pray.

THE

BEAUTIFUL WAY



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AN OLD BIBLE

In a certain New England home, among the treasures that have been handed down from generation to generation from the Mayflower days, is a leather-bound Bible, which far antedates the historical Mayflower period.

In the year of 1555 Queen Mary sat upon the English throne with her Spanish husband by her side. You remember how she won the title of "Bloody Mary" because of her cruel persecution of all Christians.

There lived, during "Bloody Mary's" reign, a blacksmith in the village of Harrant whose small house adjoined his shop, with a fine garden in the rear. The blacksmith's most precious possession was a leather-bound copy of the Protestant Bible, even though Queen Mary had forbidden anyone to read that Book anywhere in her kingdom on penalty of death.

The blacksmith's wife was dead, and his little blue-eyed daughter spent hours that would otherwise have been very lonely, playing about her father's shop—watching the bright sparks fly upward from the great forge, and making believe they were jewels.

This little girl's name was Elsie.

One morning when she went into the shop after her tasks were done, she found father standing behind the door with his precious Bible in his hands, reading the sacred pages

with bent head. So intent was he in this that he did not hear her as she entered.

She was greatly surprised to see that when her father had finished reading he picked up a stick that stood behind the door and touched the heavy beam above the door with it. As he did this, a block of wood fitted on hinges fell forward, disclosing an opening in the beam just large enough to hold the Bible.

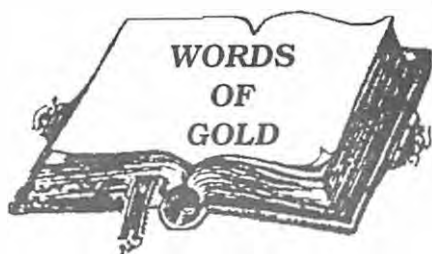
The blacksmith thrust the Book in the space and pushed the block into place, leaving no sign of the opening. Then he turned and saw Elsie staring at him with wide eyes of surprise.

"Little daughter," he said sternly, "how dare you spy upon me!" Elsie's blue eyes filled with tears and she said with sobs in her voice: "I was not spying, Father, but you did not hear me come in and I could not help seeing you hide the Holy Book. That is such a good place that I am sure that all of the Queen's soldiers could never find it."

"My dear child, see that you tell no one where it is," said the blacksmith, still sternly.

"Have no fear, Father," returned the child. "I love the good Book as you do and would guard it if necessary with my life."

These were dark days for the blacksmith of Harrant and all those



THE BIBLE LIVES ON

**Jeremiah 36:1, 2; 4-7; 10-16;
21-23**

1 ...this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel....

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch... and Baruch wrote...all the words of the LORD...upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying...

6 ...read in the roll...in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day...

7 It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way:...

10 Then read Baruch...in the ears of all the people.

11 When Michaiah...heard out of the book all the words of the LORD.

12 Then he went down into the king's house...and, lo, all the princes sat there...

13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent... unto Baruch, saying, Take...the roll ...and come. So Baruch...came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid...and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll:...And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king...

22 Now the king sat in the winter-house...and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.

The Message: We have the privilege of having a Bible because men were willing to give their lives to preserve it!

Questions:

1. Who did the word of the Lord come to?
2. What did the Lord tell him to do with the words He gave him?
3. Who actually wrote the words?
4. Why did Jeremiah want the words of the Lord read to the people?
5. What did the princes ask Baruch to do?
6. When they heard the words they were _____.
7. Where was the king sitting?
8. What did the king do after three or four pages were read?

Verse to Memorize

All scripture is given by
inspiration of God...
II Timothy 3:16

Let's



Talk . . .

Your Bible is the most precious Book you own. Maybe it is not the most expensive one in dollars and cents, but it has lived on in spite of evil men's desire to destroy it.

In our lesson God told Jeremiah to write down His words warning Israel that they would be punished if they did not confess their sins and turn from their wicked ways.

The people and the princes gladly listened to God's message. But when the words were read to the king he became angry. Taking his knife he cut the roll into small pieces and threw them into the fire until the whole roll was burned up.

However, this did not destroy the words of God. God repeated His message to Jeremiah so they could be recorded again.

Many years later, William Tyndale realized that the common people needed to be able to read the Scriptures for themselves. One day a fellow student expressed the attitude of most people of that time when he said, "The Bible is not necessary. All the people need is the word of the pope!"

Passionately Tyndale shouted, "I defy the pope and all his laws; and, if God spares me, I will one day make the boy that ploughs in England to know more of the Scriptures than the pope does!"

It was not an idle boast. Tyndale went right to work to make an English Bible that all the people could read.

Some people thought it was evil to put the Bible in terms the common man could understand. The pope knew his power would be broken if the people could understand the Word of God for themselves. He sent spies to arrest Tyndale. After spending over a

year in prison he was hung and his body burned on October 6, 1536. But this did not stop translators. It just stirred them on to greater efforts.

Adoniram Judson, a missionary to Burma, translated the New Testament into Burmese. Before he could have it printed, he was thrown into prison.

His wife buried the precious translation for a while, but she knew it could not remain there safely. She made a pillow from a roll of cotton and placed the translation inside of it. The guards permitted her to give the pillow to her husband to sleep on. For seven months he slept on this hard pillow.

When Judson was taken to another prison the keeper threw the pillow away. A native Christian saw it and took it home as a keepsake. Later the New Testament translation was found safely preserved and complete. God had worked a miracle to preserve this portion of His Word.

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A young man went to New York City to find a job. He went from place to place without success. Finally he went to another place and applied for a position as a clerk. At first he was told that there was no opening. But as he was looking for some letters a Book fell to the floor. The young man quickly picked it up and wiped off the covers carefully.

"What Book is that?" the manager inquired.

"It is a Bible, sir."

"What do you plan to do with it in this big city?"

"Read it, sir. I promised my mother I would read it every day."

The man was impressed and hired him.

—Selected

Don't let your Bible stay under a pile of other books or lay around unread. In order to let it guide your life, you must read the Bible carefully every day.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

who believed as he did. Emissaries of the Queen were sure that there was a Bible hidden somewhere in Harrant and the town was searched again and again. The people of the village stoutly refused to accept the Queen's religion, and since the blacksmith was the only one among them who could read he was thrown into prison.

Elsie's heart was very sad and she spent lonely days in spite of the kindness of her neighbors. Her rosy cheeks grew paler and paler when she remembered the hidden Bible and what her knowledge of it and her promise to her father might mean.

One day the soldiers came again to Harrant and searched every house. "We'll burn the house and shop of the blacksmith," Elsie heard them say. "In case a Bible is hidden there it will surely be destroyed."

As the soldier approached the house, the girl fled swiftly down the garden path and out upon the moor where she lay flat upon her face trembling amid the furze bushes.

She began to breathe more freely as she heard the soldiers marching away. Then the smell of burning wood struck fresh terror to her heart. She looked up to see that the thatched roof of both cottage and shop was already in a blaze.

Swift and sure as an eagle in its flight, she sped homeward past the departing soldiers, who in the approaching dark did not see the little figure who darted past them, and entered the burning shop.

The angry flames scorched her clothing and blistered her face and hands before she reached the beam above the door where the Bible was hidden. She seized it in a firm clasp and in a few moments staggered out the door. When she reached the garden again, she sank to her knees, suffering with keen pain and choking with the smoke that filled her lungs, but with a prayer of thanksgiving on her lips.

Then to make sure that the Bible would be safe, she slipped off her woolen skirt and wrapped it in it and, digging in the garden soil with her blistered hands, buried it from sight. Then she crawled to the spring at the foot of the garden and tried to bathe her face and hands in the cool water.

There, an hour later, the villagers found her, unconscious from the awful ordeal through which she had passed. You may be sure that they went with her to the place where she had buried the Bible, and each man pledged to guard it with his life.

Of course, you know that times grew better in England and that the people gradually achieved more religious freedom. But perhaps you do not know that many years afterward, when Elsie's great-granddaughter followed her Puritan husband across the ocean to make her home on the lonely New England shores, she carried the Bible of the blacksmith of Harrant with her as a talisman for her new home.

—Gospel Herald

## THE WEAKEST SAINT

Little Mary knelt every night at her bedside and prayed. Mother stood nearby. One night little Mary prayed longer than usual. Finally she arose. "Mary," asked Mother, "why did you pray so long tonight?"

Said little Mary, "Today in church we sang a song that said, 'Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.' I wanted to make him tremble longer!"

—Selected

**Answers:** 1. Jeremiah. 2. Write them in a roll of a book. 3. Baruch. 4. He hoped they would turn from their evil way. 5. Bring the roll and read it to them. 6. Afraid. 7. In the winter house. 8. He cut the roll with his knife and burned it in the fire.



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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## "JUMP OR I WILL SHOOT!"

Have you ever watched a sail boat race? The boats are beautiful. They look like great birds with outstretched wings sailing over the water. Sailboats can reach high speeds even though their only power comes from the wind. Sailboats are mostly used for recreation. However in some countries sailing boats are used for coastal and inland shipping.

Before engine-powered ships 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 propelled the ship across the water. Men using heavy ropes changed the direction of the sails according to the direction the ship needed to go.

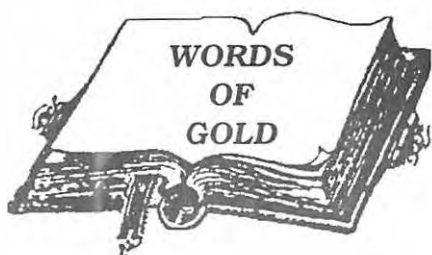
Extremely tall straight poles of wood or metal called masts held the sails. Masts on those old sailing vessels rose high into the air. Near the top of the mast was the truck, a small platform through which the ropes used to raise and lower the sails passed. It was seldom necessary for a man to climb the mast. However, if the ropes needed to be replaced or tightened or a sail was torn they

would climb up to the truck to make the repairs. On some sailing vessels guardrails protected the man working on the truck, however, in many vessels the truck was only a small flat platform. The ship in our story had no railing around 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.

That is when the remaining crewmembers 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 GODLY FATHER

**Genesis 21:3, 5; 22:1-5; 7-13**

**3** And Abraham called the name of his son...Isaac.

**5** And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

**1** ...God... said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here* I am.

**2** And he said, Take...Isaac...and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

**3** And Abraham rose up early in the morning...and took...Isaac his son... and went unto the place of which God had told him.

**4** Then on the third day Abraham... saw the place afar off.

**5** And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

**7** And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

**8** And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

**9** And they came to the place which God had told him of: and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son,

and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

**10** And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

**11** And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven...

**12** And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad...for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

**13** And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

**The Message: A godly father must be an example in great faith and obedience to God!**

### Questions:

1. What was Abraham's son's name?
2. How old was Abraham when his son was born?
3. What did God tell Abraham to do with Isaac?
4. How soon did Abraham obey?
5. What did Isaac ask his father?
6. What did Abraham answer?
7. After he built the altar what did Abraham do to Isaac?
8. Who called to Abraham out of heaven?
9. What did he offer instead of Isaac?

### Verse to Memorize

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:... 1 John 3: 1

# Let's



## Talk . . .

What comes to your mind when you think of a father? Do you picture someone that is strong and always ready to protect you? Do you think of someone who tries to always provide his family with everything they need? Do you think of someone you can go to when you are in trouble? True godly fathers, such as Abraham, have all these qualities. Those who have such a father should truly thank God!

I read a story about a father whose little son was extremely sick with diphtheria. That disease is so highly contagious that the little boy had to be kept away from other people.

One day the boy asked his father, "Daddy, am I going to die?"

The father had taught his boy to always tell the truth. Now he must do as he had taught. So, even though it was painful, he told the little boy that it looked like he would soon die.

After watching anxiously to see what effect his words had on his little son, the father finally asked, "Son, you are not afraid are you?"

Looking up at his father trustingly the little boy replied, "Daddy, if God is like you are, I won't be afraid."

Every child should have a father who shows them what God is like. But many children do not have a father or they may have a father who has hurt, disappointed or even deserted them. Yet everyone has a heavenly Father!

God is that Father. He is always ready to help us when we call on Him. Even the most caring earthly father cannot always be there when his child is in need or in grave danger.

Many times a natural father cannot help, though he longs to. The father we mentioned above would have done anything to save his son from the dreadful disease of diphtheria but he was powerless to help.

But nothing is too hard for your heavenly Father! The prophet Jeremiah was so well acquainted with God he said, "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:" Jeremiah 32:17. When God spoke to Abraham, He told him, "I am the Almighty God." He wants us, also, to know that we can bring every problem to Him. There is nothing He cannot do!

It would not help to have a strong, powerful Father if He was not concerned about us or our needs. But God wants us to know that He loves us deeply and cares about everything that we face. He inspired David to write, "Like as a father pitieth *his* children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him." Psalms 103:13

So, as the very best Father, God is always ready to do good things for His obedient children when they ask. He knows that we do not understand many things so He loves to instruct us. When we do wrong He is anxious to forgive us and draw us back to Himself in love.

When great trouble came to Job one of his visitors wisely advised him, "Acquaint now thyself with him (God), and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee." This is sound advice. Talk to God often in prayer. Confide your deepest secrets to Him. Tell Him your needs and desires. Read the letter He wrote, the Bible, to learn how to please and serve Him. Make Him your dearest Friend and you will always have unspeakable peace and happiness. What an honor and privilege to have such a Father!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

A little dizziness or one step off the edge and he would plunge to his death on the deck below. No one dared climb the pole. Their weight would cause the pole to sway and the boy might topple off. One thing they all knew, he could fall any second.

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 as 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 tight 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 on 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."

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey

## ANOTHER WAY TO SPELL LOVE

Can you spell? Do you know the other way of spelling love? Put the "o" first, then a "b," an "e," and a "y" and you get the practical day-by-day meaning. Yet "obey" doesn't mean merely doing things. Obedience is the rhythm of our wills with Jesus' will. It opens the way for Him to pour out the fullness of His love, and this in turn stirs ours to a new depth and tenderness. Let us learn the spelling that links our lives to His.

—John 14:23

*THE BENT-KNEE TIME* By S.D. Gordon

**Answers:** 1. Isaac. 2. One hundred years old. 3. Offer him for a burnt offering. 4. He arose early the next morning to obey. 5. "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 6. "God will provide." 7. Bound him and laid him on the altar. 8. The angel of the Lord. 9. A ram.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## ACROSS NIAGARA FALLS ON A TIGHTROPE

Charles Blondin, the famous French acrobat and the world's greatest tightrope walker, performed the amazing feat of crossing Niagara Falls on a rope carrying a man on his back.

His first trip he made alone in the year 1859. One hundred thousand people went nearly frantic as he pranced and ran, turned somersaults, walked backward, sat down, lay down, walked with baskets on his feet and even walked with stilts. When he landed safely on the other shore, the great crowds were weak with anxiety for his safety.

The next year he came back to do it again. Special trains were run from Toronto, Canada, and Buffalo, New York carrying the huge crowd that gathered to witness the breathtaking spectacle. Among them was the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.

With a 40-pound pole to balance him, Blondin darted back and forth across the river like a playful monkey. He walked across pushing a wheelbarrow, ate his lunch at mid-stream and cooked himself an omelet on a small griddle he carried with him. Finally amid the cheers of the thousands of lookers, he set foot on the American shore.

Then waving his hand in thanks, he shouted, "I don't want to go back to the other side by myself. I want to carry a man on my back. Who will volunteer?"

There were no volunteers. It is said he asked Edward the prince. Edward didn't question Blondin's ability, but he wouldn't dare take the risk.

At last he asked his manager, Henry Colcord, from Chicago, "Do you believe I can carry you across?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Then will you trust me?"

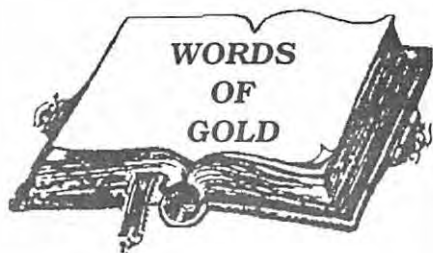
"I will."

"All right. Let's start."

With Colcord on his shoulders, piggy-back fashion, off they went, Colcord shaking in his boots. Foot by foot and inch by inch they moved along. They reached the center of the river. Below them churned the deep dark swirling waters of death, as if waiting for their prey.

So far all was well. But as they neared the Canadian side one of the guy lines had been severed and the rope was swaying fearfully. Blondin was nearly exhausted. He told Colcord to dismount while he took a rest. Colcord obeyed, somehow holding on to Blondin's hips. The crowd, all tense, held their breath.

"Henry," said Blondin, "you are now Blondin. Be a part of me.



## DARE TO PROVE IT!

### Matthew 5:14

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

### Philippians 2:14-16

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world:

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

### 1 Timothy 4:12-13, 15

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

15 Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them: that thy profiting may appear to all.

### 1 Peter 2:21

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

### Romans 12:1-2

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.

### 1 John 2:6

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

### Ephesians 5:10

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

### Ezekiel 36:27

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

**The Message: We are to be lights in the world, proving the truth and power of God's word by our lives.**

### Questions:

1. Ye are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
2. What city cannot be hid?
3. We are to do all things without \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We are to be an example of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who left us an example by suffering for us?
6. What must we offer to God as a living sacrifice?
7. How can we be transformed?
8. What are we to prove?
9. What will God put within you to cause you to walk in His statutes?

### Verse to Memorize

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1 John 2:6

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Joseph, Moses, Timothy, Daniel, and countless others stand out as great men in the Bible. They possessed a faith in God which caused them to stand head and shoulders above their peers. Although they were surrounded by evil they proved that God is able to keep us faithful no matter what opposition we meet. They are proof that, by God's help, we can also be powerful tools in His hand!

One secret common to all these Bible heroes is that they purposed in their hearts while they were still young that they would always obey God. Believing that God's commandments were the highest authority, they dared to prove it though it brought them face to face with death. They faced lions, giants, and angry kings and rulers but stood boldly because they knew God was able to deliver them.

Devotion to God cannot begin too early. Little children do not need to wait until they are grown to work for God. In fact, children who do little for God while they are young are likely to do little or nothing for Him later. Joseph had eleven brothers and all of them except one were older than him. These older brothers hated him because it was evident that Jacob, their father, loved Joseph more than all his other sons. When Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful coat of many colors it made his brothers even more envious of him.

Joseph told his brothers that he had dreamed that they had all bowed down to him. From that time they looked for some way to get rid of him.

God had His hand on Joseph. He prevented his brothers from killing him. Instead he was sold as a slave to Egypt. There God used him to save the lives of his hateful brothers and their families. Joseph is a much better person to idolize than one of today's sports heroes or entertainment stars that so many idolize.

The Bible challenges us to be like Joseph. His dedication to God allowed him to live righteously, even under the most trying circumstances. If your life was recorded in the Bible, would it inspire others to be faithful as Joseph's does?

Moses was very young when he was taken from his home to live in the Egyptian palace. He was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians and educated in a system of science and religion which did not reverence God. But he remained faithful to the God of his parents and never forgot what he was taught by them in those first few years of his life.

As the son of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses may have become the next ruler of Egypt. But the Bible tells that when Moses was grown he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Instead he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin. (Hebrews 11:24-27)

Moses became a strong young man and undoubtedly gained the favor of all around him. He was surrounded by idol worshipers who cared nothing about the one true God and pleasing Him. The riches of Egypt were available to him if he chose to follow their idolatry. We should admire him. In such a hostile environment, he yet stood firm in his convictions and loyal to God. Even though there is evil all around us we can honor God by our lives as Moses did!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

If I sway, sway with me. Do not try to balance or it will be the end of us."

Colcord climbed back on Blondin's back. The rope was swaying wildly. Blondin's teeth were set, for this was his closest call. Then he started to run. How he kept his balance no one could understand. But he made it. At last with Colcord on his back he stepped safely on the Canadian shore, while the crowd went wild with excitement. But that was Blondin's last trip across the mighty Niagara.

Well, dear friends, Charles Blondin has long gone. "The paths of glory lead but to the grave." Whether he crossed the deep dark mighty river of death and is landed safely on the heavenly shore, eternity alone will reveal. Gone too is his friend, Colcord, and all the great crowds that witnessed his death-defying feat.

One thing is sure, no man can safely cross the waters of death alone.

But there is One who crossed that deep dark river. Jesus went down under those mighty waters of God's judgment against man's sin and gave His life that He might land every believer safe on the peaceful shore. We deserved to die, but He took our place in death. When that fearful judgment against sin had spent itself, Jesus rose from the dead the mighty Conqueror of Satan, death and the grave.

Since then He has borne countless thousands of souls across the river of death to that peaceful happy shore. He wants to take you over too, dear reader, if you will get saved.

Prince Edward thought Blondin could carry him across Niagara. all right, but he didn't have the faith to trust him. Do you believe Jesus can save you? Are you willing to trust yourself to those everlasting arms of love that will never let you go?

May God give you the faith to commit the safe-keeping of your soul to Him, who has said, "...They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand."

John 10:28, 29. —Selected

## Could I Trust The Bridge?

When I was in the mountains once. I wanted to cross a deep gorge. There was a slender rope bridge stretched across from one mountain to another; over a thousand feet below was a river. I knew that if I fell from that great height I should certainly be killed. The question was. Could I trust myself to that rope bridge?

I stood there and watched several other people go across. I saw that even heavier men than I went safely over. At last I believed that that bridge would sustain my weight. Finally I believed it enough to trust myself to it and went safely across.

This illustrates what it is to believe Jesus. It is beautifully expressed in the little hymn:

*Jesus, I will trust Thee,  
Trust Thee with my soul  
Weary, worn and helpless,  
Thou canst make me whole.  
There is none in heaven.  
Nor on earth like Thee;  
Thou hast died for sinners.  
Therefore, Lord, for me*

—Selected

**Answers:** 1. Light. 2. One that is set on a hill. 3. Murmurings, disputings. 4. Believers. 5. Christ. 6. Our bodies. 7. By the renewing of our minds. 8. What is acceptable to the Lord. 9. His Spirit.