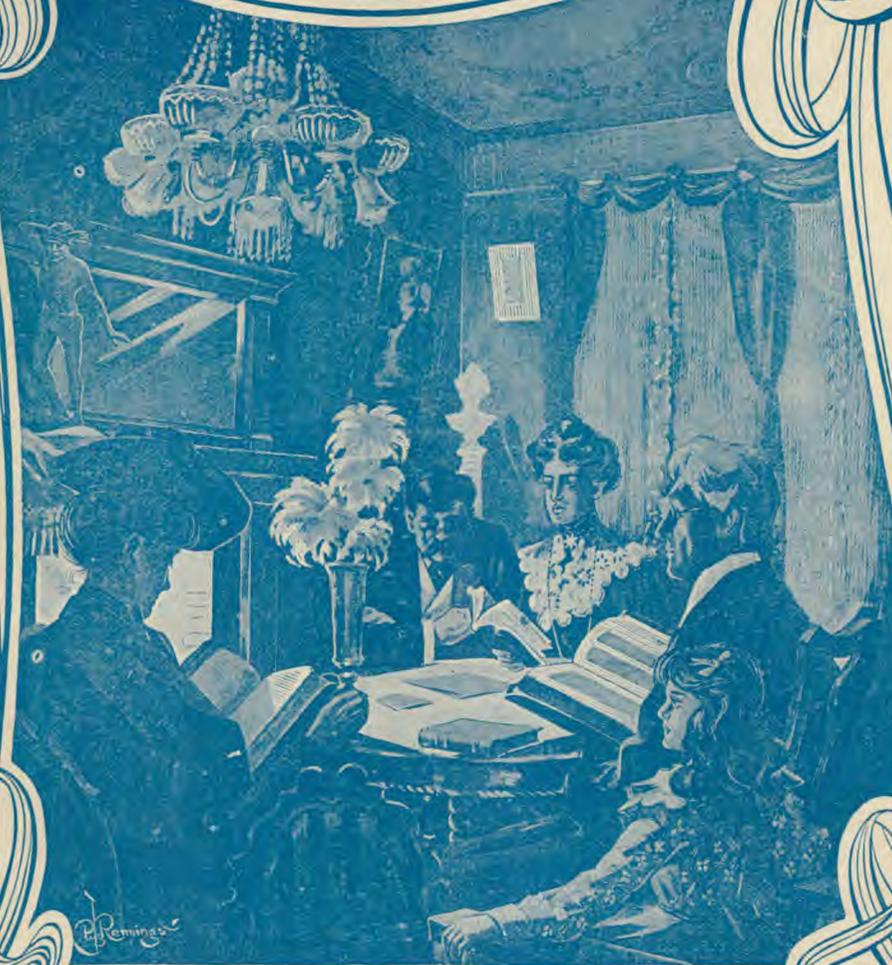


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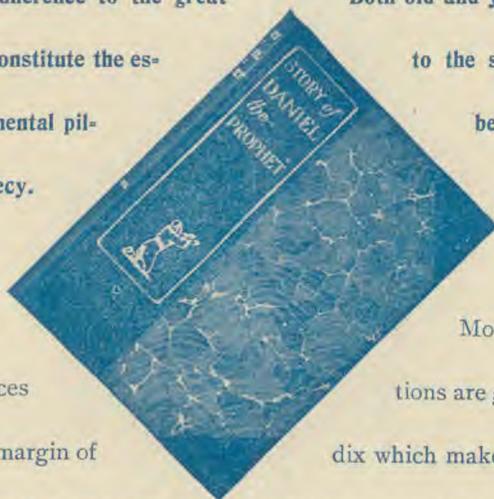
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Daily Prayer

AS SURE as comes my daily need,
And comes my daily care,
My humbled willing soul must feed
In daily prayer.

It brings me light when all is dark,
When fierce temptations lie
Beneath the clouds, when not a spark
Is in the sky.

When conflicts rage with thrusting sword,
In battles terrible,
I kneel before my listening Lord,
And him I tell.

A Friend, a Helper, in my need—
'Tis that He is to me;
Daily upon His love I feed;
My Fortress, He.

Sure as the sun its glory spread
When birds in carols call,
At daily prayer His love He sheds,
Illuming all.

—B. F. M. Sours. ☞

DANGER OF UNBELIEF

MRS. E. G. WHITE

WE should earnestly seek to know and appreciate the truth, that we may present it to others as it is in Jesus. We need to have a correct estimate of the value of our own souls; then we would not be as reckless in our course of action as at present. We would seek most earnestly to know God's way; we would work in an opposite direction from selfishness, and our constant prayer would be that we might have the mind of Christ, that we might be molded and fashioned after His likeness. It is in looking to Jesus and beholding His loveliness, having our eyes fixed steadfastly

upon Him, that we become changed into His image. He will give grace to all that keep His way, and do His will, and walk in the truth. But those who love their own way, who worship their idols of opinion, and do not love God and obey His word, will continue to walk in darkness. O, how terrible is unbelief! As well let light be poured upon the blind, as to present truth to these souls; the one can not see and the other will not.

I beseech you whose names are registered on the church book as worthy members, to be indeed worthy through the virtue of Christ. Mercy and truth and the love of God are promised to the humble and contrite soul. The displeasure and judgments of God are against those who persist in walking in their own ways, loving self, loving the praise of men. They will certainly be swept into the satanic delusions of these last days because they received not the love of the truth. Because the Lord has in former days blessed and honored them, they flatter themselves that they are chosen and true, and do not need warning and instruction and reproof. The True Witness says: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous, therefore, and repent." The confessed people of God have the charge against them, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember, therefore, from whence thou are fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

The love of Jesus that once burned upon

the altar of the heart, has become dimmed and nearly extinguished. Spiritual strength has become enfeebled. The displeasure of the Lord is against His people. In their present condition it is impossible for them to represent the character of Christ. And when the True Witness has sent them counsel, reproof, and warnings because He loves them, they have refused to receive the message; they have refused to come to the light, lest their deeds should be reproved. Jesus said, "I lay down my life for the sheep. . . . Therefore doth my Father love me." "By taking your sins upon myself, I am opening a channel through which his grace can flow to all who will accept it. In giving myself for the sin of the world, I have prepared a way for the unrepressed tide of his love to flow to men."

All heaven is filled with amazement, that when this love, so broad, so deep, so rich and full, is presented to men who have known the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, they are so indifferent, so cold and unmoved. What does it mean that such amazing grace does not soften our hard hearts? O! it is because of the power of unbelief; because "thou hast left thy first love." This is why the word of God has so little influence. It is a fire, but it can not penetrate nor warm ice-bound hearts that cherish unbelief.

AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF IMITATION

PAUL had labored over three years in Ephesus when Demetrius, the silver-smith, raised an uproar, because the sale of silver shrines had been reduced by the preaching of the gospel.

The town-clerk, when he quelled the mob, said, "Ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess." In all the time Paul and his associates had labored there in Ephesus they had not railed against the goddess Diana. If they had some one would have brought it up against

them at this time. This is worthy of careful thought.

We have a precious truth to proclaim and in proclaiming it we do not need to denounce false systems of religion. If the truth is preached in its simplicity it will of itself condemn all error and false theories. Preach the truth; we never need to fight darkness. Bring in the light, let it shine forth, and the darkness will flee without spending strength to contend with it.

THE NUMERAL THREE

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH

THERE is one case in the Scriptures where the numeral *three* is used in a typical sense. It is that of Jonah as recorded in the book called by his name, found in chapter one, verse seventeen. It is there stated that "Jonah was in the belly of the fish *three* days and *three* nights." Various have been the speculations of cavilers in regard to this case, some claiming that this could not be a true record, "because the throat of a whale is so small that he could not swallow a man." While this is true of the Arctic or bone whale, it is not true of the "Cachalot," the South Sea whale, which the encyclopedists tell us "frequently drift into the Mediterranean Sea." The throat of this whale is very much larger than the body of a man. The Lord "preparing a fish" to swallow Jonah (Jonah 1:17) was probably the bringing of the fish to that point when Jonah was cast into the sea.

The "higher critics," as they call themselves, formerly claimed that they believed in Christ's teachings, but they did not believe the story of Jonah, and some other records of the Old Testament. The query arises, How long would they hold to the teaching of Christ when they came to see that He endorsed the story of Jonah and the whale, for He said, "As Jonas was *three* days and *three* nights in the whale's

belly, so shall the Son of man be *three* days and *three* nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:50; Luke 11:30. From the time of our Saviour's betrayal to the resurrection He was under the ban of earth's powers, as Jonas was carried about by the whale for *three* days and nights.

The word "earth" is used in the sense of the people of the earth in many scriptures, as the following texts show: Ps. 50:4; Isa. 1:2; 34:1; Jer. 6:19; 22:29; Micah 6:2. With this understanding of the word earth, the matter of *three* days and *three* nights in the case of Christ is all plain. He was betrayed into the hands of earth the same as our Thursday night, condemned and crucified by them on Friday. He was still under their ban Friday, Sabbath and Saturday night; at sunrise, first day, "He is risen," and among the living. Thus according to the Jewish reckoning, we have the *three* nights, that of the sixth, seventh, and first days, and the first (night part) of the third day, and still rising on the third day from the time he submitted to, and was under the power of the people.

This is in perfect harmony with the prediction made concerning Him, and also His own statement. We read in Hosea 6:1-3, "Come and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn and he will heal us: he hath smitten and he will bind us up: after two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight." To His disciples He said He should "be killed and rise again the third day." Mark 16:21; 17:23. On His way to Emmaus the two disciples said of Him, "And this is the *third* day since these things were done." Luke 24:21. Peter, when preaching of Christ at the house of Cornelius said, "Whom they slew and hanged on a tree; him hath God raised up the *third* day, and shewed him openly." Acts 10:39, 40. Paul, when reasoning with the Corinthians, said, "Christ died for our sins

according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the *third* day according to the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:3, 4.

We see no necessity for the claim made by some that Christ was crucified on Thursday of our reckoning, in order to have Him *three* nights in the sepulchre, for with that reckoning His resurrection would be on the *fourth* day instead of the *third*, as these scriptures state. So we repeat, the idea that His being "in the heart of the earth," means under the control of earthly people for *three* days and nights. With this thought in mind all is plain and clear.

AN INVINCIBLE GUARD

OF the many beautiful truths contained in the Holy Book, there is one of great beauty and comfort that is often overlooked by Christians. This truth is the ministration of holy angels. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them," Psa. 34:7, just as truly to-day as when they entered the prison and delivered Peter from the chains that bound him. Acts 12:1-11. The angels have lost none of their power since they "shut the lions' mouths" in the days of Daniel, Dan. 6:22, neither have they lost their interest in the salvation of mankind since the day they took hold of Lot and his family and hurried them out of Sodom. Gen. 19:15, 16. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Heb. 1:14.

Their forms are not always visible to the natural eye; and yet they have so often appeared as human beings that God admonishes us to "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby *some have entertained angels unawares.*" Heb. 13:2. The Bible teaches that each child of God has a guardian angel that attends them through life. Matt. 18:10.

Power and Work of the Angels

- HEB. 1:14. Minister to mankind.
 Rev. 14:18. Power over fire.
 Dan. 3:25-28. An example of their power over fire.
 Rev. 16:5. Power over water.
 Dan. 6:22. Power over animals.
 Rev. 21:12. Gatekeepers.
 Acts 12:23. Power over disease.
 Dan. 10:16, 20, 21; 11:1. Control the affairs of nations.
 Dan. 9:20-23. Answer prayer.
 Rev. 14:6, 8, 9. In charge of the gospel message.
 Rev. 15:7. In charge of the plagues.
 Matt. 24:31. Gather the righteous.

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

H. W. COTTRELL

LOOKING into Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:2.

Jesus is the author of simple faith in God and the Bible—the Word of God. Satan is the author of unbelief in the justice of God, the divinity of Christ, and the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. He is the author of the criticism of the Word of God emanating from both the "higher" and "lower" critics of to-day. "Understandest thou what thou readest?" "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and forever;" and as "the Scripture can not be broken," the plain teaching of the Scripture is still the only safe guide from earth to heaven.

Jesus was with God in heaven before the world was created. "And now, O Father, glorify me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John 17:5. He and the Father were one in creation, and are one in redemption. Jesus said, "I and my Father are one." John 10:30. The Father in counsel with the Son said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Gen.

1:26. Thus it will be observed that the Father was the great architect. He devised the plan of our formation, and the Son of God spoke the creative word.

It is clearly stated by the Father in Heb. 1:8, that Christ, the Son, is God. "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever." The sixth verse may also be read in this connection with profit to the child of simple faith. "And again, when He bringeth the first-begotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him."

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. . . . He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." Ps. 33:6, 9. Of Jesus it is said, "By Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, . . . And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist" (or hold together). Col. 1:16, 17.

In cooperation with the Father, He made the world and all things that are therein in the first six days of time. Each day was bounded about by the terms, "evening and morning." The last four days were doubly guarded as expressed by the words, "the greater light to rule the day." The sun marked the beginning and closing of the day; and it continues thus to do. Hence there can be no mistake as to the length of those days, for they were of the same length as our twenty-four-hour days.

Creation's work thus being completed, the Lord rested on the seventh day, and thus He made that day His Sabbath. All things were made by Christ, and for Him. The Sabbath, therefore, having been made by Christ, is a Christian institution. The seventh day having been made the Sabbath, it is the Christian Sabbath, and is as unalterably the Christian Sabbath for all time to come, as is its Lord the Saviour and only Saviour of mankind, for time and for eter-

nity. He said, "The seventh day," not the first day, "is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." It is true. He is the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. His word can not be changed to read thus of another day. Of the Sabbath it is said, it is "the holy of the Lord." We are admonished by Him, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Shall we act well our part, or will we place our reliance in the class of "higher" or "lower" critics of God's Word?

The Sabbath, like the Saviour, is for the benefit of man. Mark 2:27, 28. Acts 4:12. The Saviour is for every man who will believe; and the Sabbath is for every man who will receive. Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for man." Neither races nor nationalities are particularized in the Saviour's language. Wherever man is, the world round, Christ and His memorial, the Sabbath, may be found.

The seventh day, or Saturday, was made the Sabbath twenty-three hundred and fifty years before there was ever a Jew born on the earth; so the scheme to make it Jewish will not meet the situation, will it? Christ came to the Jews, but He was not particularly a Jewish Saviour; but rather a Saviour, like His Sabbath, to all men who will believe and receive.

Jesus gave us an example of thirty-three years in Sabbath-keeping. Luke 4:16. "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." 1 John 2:6. The great question for every individual to settle with himself and his God, is, What did Jesus do? And when we have settled that question, we will have also settled the query, What *would* Jesus do? for as He is ever the same, and changeth not, He *would* do if He were here, as He did do when He was here.

The Saviour's followers joined Him in Sabbath-keeping, as is seen in Mark 16:1, 2, "And when the Sabbath was past, . . .

had bought sweet spices that they might come and anoint Him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." Let it be observed that the Sabbath the Christians observed, was Christ's Sabbath, and it came just the day before the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

What did Jesus do? What did those Christians do? What should we do?

Dreaming and Doing

I've earned, in my mind, the world's plaudits and praise,

The noblest of deeds I have done;

I've made this life better in numerous ways,

The greatest of victories won.

The kind things, the good things, the true and the glad

I have planned in my mind I would do

Would have crowned me with glory and fame only had

But a tithe of them ever been true!

Oh, the many good things that we all plan to do

And promise to do in our minds,

The noble resolves and the tender and true

That die with the first passing winds,

If only with just a small part we would blend

The visible triumph of fact,

A happier world it would be! Oh, my friend,

DREAM ON, but forget not to ACT!

—Henry Waldorf Francis.

THE wave that carries a well-steered boat forward, swamps the vessel whose helmsman lets her drift. Adversity or opportunity—the same event means either, according to the way we meet it. Character, not circumstance, determines destiny.

Hindrances help. Wendell Phillips never did himself justice as an orator until he was hissed. Demosthenes had a natural impediment in his speech. When he had overcome the hardest thing, all the less difficult things became easy to him.—*Rev. Myron Reed.*

The Law of God

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III.

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

IV.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

V.

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

VI.

Thou shalt not kill.

VII.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

ARE THERE ANY SAINTS IN HEAVEN?

THE Scriptures recognize the fact that there are at the present time saints in heaven. The apostle wrote to the church, "Ye are come unto Mount Zion, . . . to the general assembly and church of the firstborn which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Heb. 12:23.

John on the isle of Patmos saw four living creatures, and a Lamb as it had been slain; and the elders and the four living creatures sang "a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Rev. 5:9. These were certainly in heaven, but how did they get there is a question that is easily answered. The apostle Paul says when Christ arose from the dead he became "the firstborn among many brethren." This was a pledge on the part of God that all who believe in Christ will be saved when he comes the second time. When Christ died "the veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom; and the earth did quake and the rocks rent." Then when he came out from the grave, "Many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection." Matt. 27:50-53. When He ascended up on high he led this multitude of captives, and when the Father accepted them as a pledge of all that Christ would deliver, he gave special gifts of the Holy Spirit unto men. Eph. 4:8.

So for the last eighteen hundred years there have been saints in heaven, and they have a part with Christ as He ministers in the outer apartment of the heavenly sanctuary. But when He entered the most holy place, the saints did not go with him, as none minister in that apartment but the High Priest alone. Heb. 9:7. The saints

which are in heaven do not minister in the most holy place, but cooperate with Christ in the outer apartment and offer to Him prayers which ascend from honest and contrite souls here upon the earth, while Christ in his own righteousness presents those prayers to the Father.

THE DEVIL'S REASONING

S. N. HASKELL

THE serpent was the medium used by the devil to communicate the first lie to humanity. God had said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:17. The devil said, "Ye shall not surely die." Gen. 3:4. Then the devil proceeded to explain what God meant. This mode of reasoning is Satan's stronghold over the human mind. It is cunning and artful; it is designing and deceitful, and those who follow this reasoning, denying the plain testimony because the mind can not comprehend it, and begin to explain that it does not mean what it says, shut their minds from the reception of faith that would be their salvation.

The apostle said, "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world (which is Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:3, 4.

The serpent was the most subtle beast of any which God had created. It was for this reason that Satan chose him for his mouth-piece. He was originally a beautiful "fiery flying serpent." Isa. 14:29; 30:6. God protected his people in the wilderness from the bite of fiery serpents. Deut. 8:15. But Israel became discouraged because of the way, and spoke against God and against Moses in despising the diet which God had given them, and longing for the flesh pots of Egypt. And for this cause God removed his protection and

they were bitten by these fiery serpents. Num. 21 : 5, 6. When they repented and confessed their sins, God heard their prayer and removed the serpents from them. Verse 7.

From the time that the serpent was Satan's medium in the garden, God said to him, "Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." Gen. 3 : 14, 15.

He also placed an enmity between humanity and the serpent, and man would ever seek to bruise his head. This has been literally true for six thousand years. From that time it has been God's open lesson book to remind man of the result of this sophistry which originated with the devil. The serpent is afterwards spoken of as containing poison in his bite, as poisonous to the body as evil doctrines are to the soul. Deut. 32 : 24, 33. Evil and designing men are compared to the poison of the serpent. Psalms 58 : 3-5. The poison is under the lips. Psalms 140 : 1-3. They will bite without enchantment, and are compared to the babbler who is no better. Eccl. 10 : 11. An unruly tongue connects a person with hell, and will be as surely destroyed as a person will die from the bite of an adder. James 3 : 5-9.

OUR DUTY

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THE infinite treasures of truth have been accumulating from age to age.

No representation could adequately impress us with the extent, the richness, of these vast resources. They are awaiting the demand of those who appreciate them. These gems of truth are to be gathered up by God's remnant people, to be given by them to the world ; but self-confidence and obduracy of soul refuse the blessed treasure.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have

everlasting life." Such love can not be measured, neither can it be expressed. John calls upon the world to "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." It is a love that passeth knowledge. In the fullness of the sacrifice, nothing was withheld. Jesus gave Himself. God designs that His people shall love one another as Christ loves us. They are to educate and train the soul for this love. They are to reflect this love in their own character, to reflect it to the world. Each should look upon this as his work. In His prayer to the Father, Jesus said : "As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

Christ's fullness is to be presented to the world by those who have become partakers of His grace. They are to do that for Christ which Christ did for the Father,—represent His character.

Into and Out

"He brought us out, that He might bring us in." Deut. 6:23.

OUT of the distance and darkness so deep,
Out of the settled and perilous sleep ;
Out of the region and shadow of death,
Out of its foul and pestilent breath ;
Out of the bondage and wearying chains,
Out of companionship ever with stains ;

Into the light and glory of God,
Into the h liest, made clean by thy blood,
Into His arms, the embrace and the kiss,
Into the scene of ineff it le bliss ;
Into the quiet, the infinite calm,
Into the place of the song and the psalm ;

Wonderful love, that has wrought all for me,
Wonderful work that has thus set me free,
Wonderful ground upon which I have come,
Wonderful tenderness ! welcoming home !

Out of disaster and ruin complete,
Out of the struggle, and dreary defeat !
Out of my sorrow, and burden, and shame ;
Out of the evils too fearful to name :
Out of my guilt and the criminal's doom,
Out of the dreading, the terror, the gloom :

Into the sense of forgiveness and rest ;
 Into inheritance with all the blest ;
 Into a righteous and permanent peace ;
 Into the grandest and fullest release ;
 Into the comfort without an alloy :
 Into a perfect and confident joy.

Wonderful holiness ! bringing to light !
 Wonderful grace, putting all out of sight !
 Wonderful wisdom, devising the way !
 Wonderful power that nothing can stay !

Out of the horror of being alone ;
 Out, and forever, of being my own ;
 Out of the hardness of heart and of will ;
 Out of the longings which nothing could fill ;
 Out of the bitterness, madness and strife,
 Out of myself, and of all I called life :

Into communion with Father and Son,
 Into the sharing of all that Christ won ;
 Into the ecstasies full to the brim,
 Into the having of all things with Him :
 Into Christ Jesus, there ever to dwell ;
 Into more blessings than words ever can tell :

Wonderful lowliness, draining my cup !
 Wonderful purpose, that ne'er gave me up !
 Wonderful patience, that waited so long !
 Wonderful glory, to which I belong !

Out of my poverty, into His wealth :
 Out of my sickness, into pure health :
 Out of the false, and into the true :
 Out of the old man, into the new :
 Out of what measures the full depth of "LOST" :
 Out of it all, and at infinite cost.

Into, what must with that cost correspond ;
 Into that, which there is nothing beyond ;
 Into the union which nothing can part ;
 Into what satisfies His and my heart ;
 Into the deepest of joys ever had ;
 Into the gladness of making God glad.

Wonderful Person, whose face I'll behold :
 Wonderful story, then all to be told :
 Wonderful, all the dread way that He trod,
 Wonderful end, He has brought me to God.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: That ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

THE young man who does not feel called upon to apologize for his Christianity is one for whom Christianity is not likely to be called upon to apologize.

SOMETHING WONDERFUL

IT was so wonderful that when the Saviour told the people about it He said, "Marvel not." He well knew the carnal heart could not comprehend the wonderful truth contained in the words, "The hour is coming in the which *all that are in the graves shall hear His voice*, and shall come forth." John 5:28, 29. If the Saviour had said that all *in heaven* would hear His voice and come forth, many at the present day would not marvel. But the people that hear the Saviour's voice are "*in the grave*," silent in death. They are *in the grave*, not in heaven, *when they hear His voice*, and when that voice penetrates the silent tomb a mighty host spring forth obedient to His call. They do not come from heaven, but they come forth *from* the grave where they have lain silent in death.

The Saviour's voice shouts, "Awake and sing, *ye that dwell in the dust*." Isa. 26:19. He does not call those that dwell in heaven, but those "that dwell in the dust," and the old earth will resound with such a shout of triumph as was never heard before, as the innumerable company of the redeemed spring from their dusty beds shouting, "O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God, which *giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*." 1 Cor. 15:51-57.

"TO WEAR a cheerful face when the heart is aching, is not deceit. When a good housekeeper cleans the front steps before she sets the house to rights, she does not mean to deceive passers-by; she merely shows some pride in her home, and some consideration for her neighbors. We conquer our heartaches more quickly when we begin by considering the friends who are near to us."



A WORTHY UNDERTAKING

PERHAPS there is no more perplexing question before the Christian worker to-day than that of, How is the message to be carried to the millions of colored people in our own country?

The above is a picture of the Oakwood Training School for colored workers, near Huntsville, Alabama. In connection with this school is a good farm, and the young men and women attending the school are educated to become efficient workers in different lines of farm and house work, while receiving an education in books to fit them to carry the message to their own race.

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THE MIRACLE OF THE AX

2 Kings 6: 1-7

GOD'S power is ever made manifest in the path of obedience. A school of the prophets had outgrown its surroundings; and so they said, "Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us." The prophet dwelt with them in the school. He was an attraction for the students. So the students said, "Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye." They made no important move that would affect their school or those who attended it without first consulting the prophet. He encouraged them to go. They, in reply, said to him, "Go with thy servants." So the prophet said he would.

The students were poor, but they cut

down their own trees. In those days it was not unpopular for students to labor physically; for "a man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees." Psalms 74:5. The students were so poor they were obliged to borrow the ax with which they cut down the trees. "As one was felling a beam, the ax head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand and took it."

In every miracle performed by God, when he united divine power with human effort, two things were always necessary; first, a firm confidence that God was in the work in which they were engaged; and second, that they were putting forth an effort to advance the work of God on earth. God does not bless man in idleness, neither does He bless those who say, "Go," and go not. But He does bless those who say, "Come." If, then, accidents happen, if miraculous power is needed, the believer will see the salvation of God.

THE SABBATH A PERPETUAL WEEKLY MEMORIAL

VERILY my Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant."

"It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested." Ex. 31:13-17.

The Sabbath, then, is a sign, or seal, between God and his people forever. It is a perpetual covenant between them. Will

some one show us the end of a perpetual covenant, given for a sign forever? The only reason here given why the Sabbath is a perpetual sign, is "for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested." This shows that the Sabbath was given for a weekly memorial. The passover was given for a memorial to remind them of their deliverance from bondage, that they should not forget God, who passed over their houses slaying their first-born, and with strength of hand brought them out of Egypt.

The communion of the body and the blood of Christ was given for a memorial to the Church, that we may not forget the sufferings and death of the Lamb of God.

So the Sabbath was given to man for a weekly memorial, that on the seventh day he might dismiss all servile labor and care, and look back to the creation and holy rest, and thus call to mind, and worship, and adore, the great Jehovah. If man had kept the weekly rest, he would never have forgotten God, who made heaven and earth. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." Ps. 9:17.

This view gives the Sabbath its just weight of importance. How wise and wonderful the plan of Jehovah, laid out in the beginning. Man was to labor six days, and on the seventh day rest from servile labor and care. He was to look to the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all things, even himself, noblest of creation, and thus call to mind the living God.—James White.

"ARE you rich in the years of bright gold
Yet untold?
Do they leisurely go
Like a dream that is fair,
Or a prayer?
O be wise; use them well! You shall know
How the years growing shorter with good can in-
crease,
And a life at the end be transfigured with peace."

A Quiet Stream

A QUIET stream flowed through a meadow all day
long,

Its voice was heard in murmurous melody
That half a whisper seemed and half a song;
Yet no one paused to hear its harmony
Or marked the brightness of its sudden gleam.
But when its course was half arrested by the rug-
ged stone,

It swelled and bubbled till with new-born power
It leaped the barrier, all its weakness gone:
Its spray ascending in a silvery shower,
Its onward way pursued with added force.
Its beauty then the artist praised, the poet sang,
Until came many to admire the pretty scene,
Half marveling at the strength of such a rill,—
A silver ribbon parting bands of green,
Swift as an arrow, deeper than their ken.
So we in life, unconscious of our strength may pass
along,

Our silent efforts vain,—our labor lost—
Content to rest unnoticed by the throng,
Whose paths in life our daily course have crossed
Till trouble comes to rouse us unto strife,
Then we possess through labor, power;
From pain and weariness we learn the lesson that
will make us strong,

Endow us with capacity to bless.
The world will listen to the stirring song,
Born of a soul replete with earnestness.

—Frances Lee Robinson.

HOW GOD ESTABLISHES DATES

EVENTS which establish important dates are like clusters of stars around some great light. They are like the many limbs on a tree, no two alike; yet all testify to the character of the tree. So God has surrounded important dates with many events which are His providences that fill an important link in the prophetic chain of the Scriptures. These dates are surrounded by many historical events.

Luke mentions seven which establish the date of John's preaching in the wilderness. (1) It was "in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar. (2) Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, (3) and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, (4) and his brother Philip, tetrarch of Iturea of the re-

gion of Trachonitis, (5) and Lysanias, the tetrarch of Abilene, (6) Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, (7) the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Luke 3:1-4. This was in 26 A. D., see margin. Six months later, Christ was baptized. Three and one half years later He was crucified. Three years and a half more brings us to the time that the gospel went to the Gentiles.

Inspiration mentions these seven events which fix the date of Christ's birth, His baptism, His death, and the gospel's going to the Gentiles, and determines the date of the prophetic periods of the eighth and ninth chapters of Daniel.

Take Time

TAKE time to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to keep you from evil, and use you for his glory during the day.

Take time to read a few verses from God's Word each day.

Take time to be pleasant. A bright smile and a pleasant word fall like sunbeams upon the hearts of those around us.

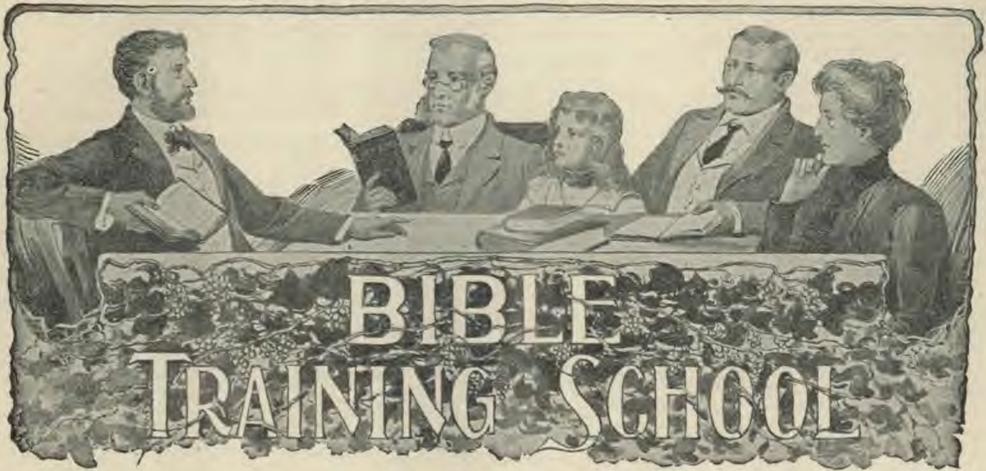
Take time to be polite. A gentle "I thank you," "If you please," "Excuse me," etc., even to an inferior is no compromise of dignity, and you know

"True politeness is to say

The kindest things in the kindest way,"

Take time to be patient with children. Patience and kindness will open a way for good influence over almost any child.

Take time to be thoughtful about the aged. Respect gray hairs, even if they crown the head of a beggar.—*Christian Observer.*



BIBLE READERS' CLASS

THE Bible gives many particulars in regard to the condition of the earth in the last days. Any one who studies the Bible can see clearly the condition of the earth to-day fulfils these particulars.

Signs in the Earth

Matt. 24:7, 8. Earthquakes and pestilence in divers places.

Luke 21:25, 26. Violent storms at sea.

Matt. 24:24. Nation shall rise against nation.

Matt. 24:24. False prophets will arise.

Luke 17:26-28. Feasting and revelry will abound.

Isa. 22:12-14. Flesh-eating and drunkenness will prevail.

Isa. 66:15-17. Those who give way to their appetite and eat swine's flesh, and food forbidden, will be destroyed when Christ comes.

1 Tim. 4:1. Some will depart from the faith and become spiritualists.

1 Tim. 4:3. These who depart from the faith will command people to abstain from "meat which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Gen. 1:29. Fruits, grains, and nuts were created to be used as food for man.

1 Tim. 4:4, 5. The food that is sanctified by the word of God, is good.

1 Tim. 4:6. The subject of diet is an important one in the last days, and the one who puts the people in remembrance of these truths is doing well.

More Signs of the Last Days

1. Perilous times.

2. Men lovers of their own selves.

3. Covetous.

4. Boasters.

5. Proud.

6. Blasphemers.

7. Disobedient to parents.

8. Unthankful.

9. Unholy.

10. Without natural affection.

11. Trucebreakers.

12. False accusers.

13. Incontinent.

14. Fierce.

15. Despisers of those that are good.

16. Traitors.

17. Heady.

18. Highminded.

19. Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

20. Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.

The above twenty signs are all given in 2 Tim 3:1-5, and we are admonished to turn away from them.

Every-day Signs of the Last Days

Jas. 5:1-3. Riches heaped together.

Jas. 5:4. Laboring man oppressed.

Isa. 8:9, 10, 12. The people are associated together and confederacies of various kinds are formed to protect themselves.

Isa. 8:15. The confederacies will not save them.

Isa. 8:16, 17. The law and the testimony will be the safeguard of God's people.

Isa. 8:19. Spiritualism will increase in the earth as we near the end.

Rev. 16:13-15. Spiritualism will be strongly manifested in the "dragon" or paganism, in the

"beast" or papacy, and in the "false prophet" or apostate protestantism.

Rev. 16:14. It is the spirits of devils and will go to the kings of the earth.

2 Cor. 11:14, 15. Satan has power to appear as an angel of light and can easily personify our dead friends.

Rev. 18:14. The devil has power to work miracles. It is a miracle worked by the devil when he personifies the dead, for God says, "The dead know not anything." Eccl. 9:5, 6.

Important Signs of the Last Days

Dan. 12:4. Knowledge shall be increased. Many shall run to and fro.

Dan. 12:9, 10. The prophecies of Daniel will be studied and understood.

Nahum 2:3. The chariots shall be with flaming torches *in the day of his preparation*. Surely the steam engines and automobiles answer this description.

Nahum 2:4. These chariots will *rage in the streets*. This can be seen in every large city. They shall jostle one against another. They run like the lightning.

Nahum 2:5. Here the prophet describes the conductor of any rapid train of cars, as he counts his passengers or collects his fares. He stumbles as the cars jostle, and takes hold of the walls to steady himself.

Luke 21:29-31. When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Bible Etiquette

Lev. 19:32. Always rise and give a seat to an aged person.

Ex. 20:12. Show especial respect to your father and mother.

Prov. 1:8, 9. Respect for parents gives a charm and dignity to the character.

Lev. 19:14. Be careful to show kindness to any that have physical deformities as the blind, deaf, etc.

Ex. 22:22-24. Be kind to those who have passed through heavy sorrow, as widows and fatherless children.

2 Tim. 2:24. "Be gentle unto all men."

1 Pet. 3:7. Men should show respect to, and honor the women.

1 Tim. 2:12, 13. Women should not be forward and take the place of the men, but should recognize men as occupying the first place.

Matt. 5:33-37. Avoid *all* slang expressions of every sort.

Prov. 6:13-15. Winking or making signs with the hand or feet is *very rude*.

Prov. 25:17. It is not good etiquette to visit the same family too often.

Prov. 27:14. If one rises very early in the morning he should be quiet so as not to disturb the others.

1 Pet. 3:1-5. Nothing can add as much to a woman's charms as a "meek and quiet spirit."

Prov. 31:30. "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

THE book of Leviticus is devoted to the offerings of Israel and the ceremonies connected therewith. All of these offerings pointed to Christ. In Him alone was perfection. It required every offering and ceremony to illustrate Christ, that each phase of his character might be seen. There was the sin offering; the trespass offering; the burnt offering; the meat offering; the drink offering; the peace offering; the offering of the red heifer, etc.

Each of these offerings taught some phase of Christ's work which no other offering taught. There were also many ceremonies, and each of these ceremonies had a significance. The offering itself, and the ceremony connected with the offering, pointed to some phase of the gospel in Christ.

Were these offerings understood by the light of the New Testament teachings, there is no error but what would be exposed, and there is no truth but what would be taught. Every Bible teacher, if he would be fully equipped and thoroughly furnished unto all good works, should study together the law and the gospel.

Satan has come down with great wrath knowing his time is short. The Bible alone is our guide-book to the heavenly Canaan. It is our purpose this coming year to take up some of these different offerings and present them one by one with their fulfillment in the gospel, and draw practical les-

sons therefrom. These offerings and ceremonies were connected with the sanctuary service, and the typical sanctuary and its service were only a shadow of Christ and His work in the heavenly sanctuary.

We hope the friends of the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL will do what they can to increase the circulation of the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL at the beginning of the year 1907.

'Tis You, My Friend, 'Tis You

THE world is waiting for somebody,
 Waiting and watching to-day;
 Somebody to lift up and strengthen,
 Somebody to shield, and stay.
 Do you thoughtlessly question, "Who?"
 'Tis you, my friend, 'tis you!

The world is waiting for somebody,
 And has been years on years;
 Somebody to soften its sorrow,
 Somebody to heed its tears.
 Then, doubting, question no longer, "Who?"
 For, oh, my friend, 'tis you!

The world is waiting for somebody,
 A deed of love to do;
 Then up and hasten, everybody,
 For everybody is you!
 For everybody is you, my friend,
 For everybody is you!

HEALTH IN THE LEVITICAL LAW

THE Levitical law embraced the health of the body and soul, and is worthy of careful study by all who wish to escape disease.

In Lev. 14:33-45, we find valuable instruction, which, if followed to-day, would prevent much sickness.

When the walls of a house became mouldy and mildewed, it was to be shut up; no one was to live in it in that condition. The mouldy walls were to be scraped and the mouldy mortar was not to be thrown down in the yard where every gust of wind would fill the air with mould germs, and thus they would be breathed by every passer-by; but the mouldy mortar was to be

carried outside the city and thrown in an unclean place. The wall was to be repaired with fresh mortar so that the moisture would not penetrate through the wall. If the mould did not appear again, the house was pronounced fit to live in; but if the walls were still mouldy, after they had been replastered, it would be apparent that the house was built in a damp place and the house was to be torn down and thrown outside the city.

If this rule was carried out to-day, some land-lords would lose their rent, for many houses are full of mould and mildew; but there would be far less people suffering with consumption.

While we may not be able to tear down all the mouldy houses, we can keep our families out of them, and always choose bright, sunny homes, free from damp and mould.

Special

EVERY mind should turn with reverent attention to the revealed word of God. Light and grace will be given to those who thus obey God. They will behold wondrous things out of His law. Great truths that have been unheeded and unseen since the days of Pentecost are to shine from God's Word in their native purity. To those who truly love God the Holy Spirit will reveal truths that are entirely new. Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that can not be repressed. The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men.—*Review and Herald, Aug. 17, 1897.*

ALL high and beautiful gifts, graces, and achievements have flowered on the stem of pain.—*The Outlook.*

Bible Questions

1. Did the high priest ever perform any service in the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary?

2. Could the high priest himself enter the most holy place before the day of atonement at the close of the year?

3. Were there any sin offerings offered on the day of atonement beside the sin offering of atonement?

4. Did the high priest perform any work in the first apartment of the sanctuary on the day of atonement?

5. Could the common priests officiate in the first apartment of the sanctuary?

6. Could the common priests officiate in the most holy place of the sanctuary?

7. In what two ways, in the type, were the sins transferred to the sanctuary?

8. How can you prove that the scapegoat had no part in saving the people?

9. What was required of the people on the day of atonement that marked that day from all other days of the year?

10. Give the antitype of that required of the people on the day of atonement.

Answers to Questions in October "Bible Training School"

[OMITTED in the November BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.—ED.]

1. Artificers in brass and iron and musical instruments, in the fourth generation from Adam are mentioned in Gen. 4:22.

2. The copy of the law "which was written by the finger of God," is the first writing spoken of in the Bible. Ex. 31:18.

3. David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by Uriah. 2 Sam. 11:14.

4. Jeremiah speaks of apartments which were painted with vermilion. Jer. 22:14.

5. "By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt." Hos. 12:13.

6. Gen. 35:4, 5.

7. Gen. 46:2.

8. When God spoke to Jacob, He spoke to us. Hos. 12:4.

9. The Levites entered the service of the temple at the age of twenty-five. Num. 8:24, 25.

10. Ex. 30:13.

Answers to Questions in November "Bible Training School"

1. Enoch was the first prophet mentioned in the Bible. Jude 14.

2. The Lord spoke "mouth to mouth" with Moses and with Christ. Num. 12:7, 8; Heb. 1:2.

3. Jeremiah sent a testimony in the form of a letter. Jer. 29:1, 4, 8.

4. Paul's letters were of equal value with his personal testimony. 2 Cor. 10:10, 11.

5. Peter recognized Paul's writings as a part of the Scriptures. 2 Pet. 3:15, 16.

6. Every new prophet must acknowledge the leading prophet then living. 1 Cor. 14:37.

7. God speaks to His prophets by visions and dreams. Num. 12:6.

8. In Paul's days some rejected his personal testimony. 2 Cor. 10:10.

9. Enoch was three hundred and sixty-five years old. He is the oldest prophet mentioned in the Bible.

10. Every true prophet since the world began has spoken of the coming of Christ and the "restitution of all things." Acts 3:20, 21.

WHEN we are adopted into Christ's family we take his name and identify our fortunes with his. His welfare becomes ours, his prosperity ours, his honor ours, his sorrows ours, his joys ours. Whatever would bring reproach upon him is a shame to us; whatever would give him happiness is our delight. Thus in an indissoluble fellowship we are bound up eternally with our Elder Brother.

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—*Health.*

"FOR though the fig tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vine;
The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no meat;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
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