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· Luke. 14: 28 ·



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Come Into the Sunlight

WHY sit in the deepening shadows
When the heavens are aglow for thee?
There's warmth in the brilliant sunshine,
And a promise of things to be.
Each ray in its gorgeous brightness,
As it lingers around thy feet,
Each beam, as it kisses the blossoms,
Is a melody most sweet.
Oh! come where the star flowers blossom,
Where the pinks and the roses grow;
Oh! come where, with faith and courage,
You can look on the vale below.
Oh! come where the sun is beaming,
Till the world with its light is o'erspread;
Oh! come where the angels linger,
And the glory of God is spread.

—R. M. Brown.

THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST

MRS. E. G. WHITE

THE Father can not be described by the things of earth. The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is invisible to mortal sight. The Son

is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested. The word of God declares Him to be "the express image of His person." "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Here is shown the personality of the Father.

The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are three living persons of the heavenly trio. In the name of these three powers,—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will cooperate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ.

What is the sinner to do?—Believe in Christ. He is Christ's property, bought

with the blood of the Son of God. Through test and trial the Saviour redeemed human beings from the slavery of sin. What then must we do to be saved from sin?—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour. He who confesses his sin and humbles his heart will receive forgiveness. Jesus is the sin-pardoning Saviour as well as the only begotten Son of the infinite God. The pardoned sinner is reconciled to God through Jesus Christ our Deliverer from sin. Keeping in the path of holiness, he is a subject of the grace of God. There is brought to him full salvation, joy, and peace, and the true wisdom that comes from God.

Faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ is the assurance of pardon. Christ can cleanse away all sin. Simple reliance on that power day by day will give the human agent keen wisdom to discern what will keep the soul in these last days from the bondage of sin. By faith and prayer, through the knowledge of Christ, he is to work out his own salvation.

The Holy Spirit recognizes and guides us into all truth. God has given His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Christ is the sinner's Saviour. Christ's death has redeemed the sinner. This is our only hope. If we make a full surrender of self, and practice the virtues of Christ, we shall gain the prize of eternal life.

"He that believeth in the Son, hath the Father also." He who has continual faith in the Father and the Son has the Spirit also. The Holy Spirit is his comforter, and he never departs from the truth.

MORNING AND EVENING WORSHIP

S. N. HASKELL

THE Sanctuary service was taken from Moses' view of the heavenly Sanctuary, and the counterpart of that service consists of Christian duties which are in

harmony with Christ's work in heaven. The highest type of Christianity is faith and works. Faith without works is dead being alone. These works are to keep step with Christ's work in heaven.

There were three articles of furniture in the first apartment in the earthly sanctuary, the table of shewbread, or "bread of His presence," the candlestick with its seven lamps, and the golden altar of incense. Heb. 9:2; Ex. 40:4, 5. The services connected with each of these articles taught essential, practical truths for every Christian. It is impossible to co-operate with Christ in His work as our High Priest without a knowledge of these truths. In view of this fact the prophet said, "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is His treasure." Isa. 33:6.

What lesson was taught by the altar of incense and its service? It was the work of the priest to burn sweet incense upon the golden altar, when he dressed the lamps every morning and evening. Ex. 30:7, 8. During this ceremony the whole multitude of the people were without, praying. Luke 1:9-11. It was at the time of this service that the angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and announced the birth of John. Luke 1:11-15.

Several events are associated together, viz., the offering of the morning and evening burnt offering, the offering of incense, the trimming of the lamps, and the morning and evening worship on the part of the people. Here lies the foundation of morning and evening worship in families, with a promise of God's special blessing. The families that neglected family worship in the days of Jeremiah were classed among the heathen, as shown by the following: "Pour out Thy fury upon the heathen that know Thee not, and upon the families that call not upon Thy name, for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed

him, and have made his habitation desolate." Jer. 10:25.

The judgments of the Lord fell upon those who burned strange incense. Lev. 10:1-3. But David prays, "Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." Psa. 141:2. Daniel considered praying three times a day, with his face towards Jerusalem of such importance that rather than compromise this privilege he went into the lions' den. Dan. 6. Over one hundred psalms testify to the fact that David was a man of prayer and praise. "Evening, morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice." Psa. 55:17. Again, "O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psa. 95:6.

In heaven there is an altar and censer with incense and a service conducted by our great High Priest answering to this earthly morning and evening prayer. "There was given unto Him much incense, that He should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne, and the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." Rev. 8:3, 4; 5:8. The incense represents the righteousness of Christ that makes our prayers acceptable in God's sight. *Much* incense is added, so when family worship is instituted on earth, the prayers of the family ascend, and Christ adds *much* of His righteousness, which makes them acceptable before God.

Christ rose early in the morning to pray. Cornelius had his season for prayer, and while praying was visited by the angel and instructed to send for Peter. The angel found Peter during his noon time season of prayer. Acts 10. Peter and John attended the regular hour of prayer at the temple. Acts 3:1. Elijah and the prophets of old had their regular seasons of prayer. It was

at the time of the evening oblation that the Lord answered Daniel's prayer. The Lord will hear prayer at all times, but he that regards morning and evening worship will find that the Lord especially regards it, and at such times there is an abundant supply of grace given to impart strength and wisdom to overcome the temptations of Satan.

PROFITABLE GIVING

THE *London Bible Society's Record* tells of a collector who called upon a man for his contribution to the Bible cause. He was not a wealthy man, and did his own work on the farm. He looked over his books, and said his contribution would be fifteen pounds.

"Why this remarkable benevolence?" said the collector. He replied, "Six years ago I felt I was not giving enough to the Lord, so I resolved to give in proportion to His blessing, and I hit upon this plan: I will give two pence for every bushel of wheat I raise, one penny for every bushel of oats, barley, etc., ten per cent. for the wool, butter, etc., that I sell. The first year I gave four pounds; the second, seven; the third, eight; the fourth, nine; the fifth, twelve; and this year my Bible contribution is fifteen pounds. For twenty years previous, my doctor's bills had not been less than four pounds a year, but for the last six years they have not exceeded ten shillings a year. I tell you, 'There is that scattereth and yet increaseth,' and truly 'the liberal soul shall be made fat.'"—*Selected*.

THE NUMERAL THREE

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH

IN the scriptural record of the Lord's dealings with man the numeral three occurs frequently. This being a fact may have led the people to think that there was some peculiar sacredness (or luck, as they might call it) attached to this number

We first note that in the arrangement of

the universe there are three heavens. The Lord created a firmament that separated the waters above it from that below it, and called the firmament heaven. Gen. 1:8. He created fowls to "fly in the open firmament of heaven." Verse 20. A second heaven is spoken of by the psalmist, "When I consider thy heavens, the works of thy fingers, the moon and stars which thou hast ordained." Ps. 8:3. Paul speaks of the "third heavens" (2 Cor. 12:2), where, according to David, "the Lord hath prepared his throne." Ps. 103:19.

In speaking of the world itself, Peter mentions three. First, "The earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished: but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment, and perdition of ungodly men. . . . The heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3:5-13.

When the Lord confirmed his covenant with Abraham, respecting the future possession of the earth, he selected three different animals, a heifer, a goat, and a ram, and each of these must be three years old. The animals were cut in twain and laid one part over against the other, and when "it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between the pieces." Gen. 15:9, 10, 17. It appears from the testimony of Jeremiah (Jer. 34:18) that that was the ancient manner of confirming covenants; and that the Lord used as His representative on this occasion the smoking furnace and the burning lamp.

In announcing to Abraham the destruction of Sodom, there were three angels sent to him. So also when he was requested to offer up his son Isaac on some mountain

that the Lord would shew him, he went three day's journey before he reached the place. Gen. 22:2-4.

"Three days this father traveled with his son, having sufficient time to reason and doubt God, if he was disposed to doubt. But he did not distrust God. He did not now reason that the promise would be fulfilled through Ishmael; for God had plainly told him that through Isaac should the promise be fulfilled.

"He staggered not at the promise of God; but believed that God, who had in His providence given Sarah a son in her old age, and who had required him to take that son's life, could give him life again, and bring up Isaac from the dead."—*Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, p. 99.*

THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Two Wise Women

MRS. S. N. HASKELL

WHEN David was estranged from Absalom, Joab, his cousin, sought to bring a reconciliation between the king and his son. To accomplish this he sent to Tekoah for a "wise woman." Inspiration has not recorded her name, but her wisdom enabled her to do a work that the statesmen had failed to accomplish.

She came before the king feigning to be in distress because her own son was banished from her home. So adroitly did she present her case that the king's sympathy was fully aroused in her behalf. He gave a very decided sentence in favor of the return of her son from banishment. Then the "wise woman" of Tekoah reminded the king that he had not taken back his own son that was banished. She was acquainted with the plan of salvation, and knew of the plan whereby the Lord could accept and take back into His fold those that had been banished by sin, and when she brought this argument to bear upon the king, the father's heart was touched and he made a way by

which his banished son could return. The record as given in 2 Sam. 14:1-20 is worthy of close study.

There is another woman that inspiration calls "wise," and yet has not seen fit to record her name. She lived in Abel of Beth-maachah at the time that Sheba revolted from David. "Every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba." The men of Judah only remained true to David. It was a time of great peril to the government. Joab gathered an army of loyal men and pursued after Sheba, who had fortified himself in Abel. Joab "cast up a bank against the city" and "battered the wall to throw it down." The city was in peril, and all the inhabitants would soon be at the mercy of an angry army, if some one did not avert the catastrophe.

There were many men in the city, but none came forward to relieve the situation. Then a woman came onto the wall and cried "Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee, and when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Joab? and he answered, I am he." Then she asked why he would destroy "the inheritance of the Lord." Joab said that Sheba had lifted up his hand against the king and taken refuge in Abel, and if they would deliver him the city would be spared. "The woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom, and they cut off the head of Sheba . . . and cast it out to Joab, and he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city." 2 Sam. 20:16-22.

It took more than ordinary courage for a woman to call to the general in charge of the enemy and offer to deliver the guilty party. She came forward in the time of a crisis and by her wisdom saved the lives of many and preserved a city from destruction.

Although we may never know the names

of these "wise women" of Holy Writ, yet we can study their characters and admire their courage.

TWO METHODS OF TEACHING

GOD has a method of education and Satan has a method. These both were introduced into the garden of Eden. They have existed side by side ever since. One is what the world calls a broader education, and the other is looked upon by the wisdom of the world as narrow. The key to the Lord's method is contained in four words, "Through faith we understand." Heb. 11:3. It is then illustrated by the next sentence, "That the worlds were framed by the word of God." The next sentence contrasts it with worldly wisdom, "So that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Worldly wisdom declares that what is seen of this world, stones, earth, and trees, were made from certain elements that existed thousands of years before the creation recorded in the Bible.

The Lord made "every plant of the field *before* it was in the earth, and every herb of the field *before* it grew." Then comes the first recorded lesson. "And the Lord commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Here was a positive command what he should do, and what he should not do. Man was to believe God without questioning how, or why. But how different is Satan's reasoning. Hear him, "Ah! What hath God said, ye shall not eat of *any* of the trees of the garden? Then the woman spake unto the serpent: Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat, except of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, of which God spake: Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it lest ye

die. And the serpent said unto the woman : Not dying shall ye die [or ye shall not surely die] ; but God knoweth that on the day that ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be like God, understanding good and evil."—*Spurrell*.

Satan first disputes the testimony of God by a method of reasoning. Putting it in other words, "Did God say, so and so? Well, the Lord knows it is not so." Then he explains what the Lord meant, thus substituting an explanation for the positive testimony. This is Satan's method, and it becomes the chief corner stone of higher criticism of the Bible. It makes the reason above, superior to, the plain testimony of heaven. See the apostle's comment on this method of reasoning in 1 Cor. 1:18-31. The success of the Roman Catholic system of education is, the children are taught to believe what is told them. The weakness of the Protestant system is, the children are first taught to reason, and what they see to be true, believe. Let God's word be first, foremost, always to be believed, and then reason to demonstrate it is true, rather than to reason to see if it is true. In this is salvation. Do not drown what God says, by reason. God's method of reasoning will make men strong, ministers successful, the Bible reader intelligent.

Transformed by Beholding

THE great sea lay and looked on high,
When, floating aloft in the lovely sky,
It saw a fleecy cloud, so bright,
So pure, so spotless, and so bright;
And it wondered whence so fleet a form
Arose, the heavens to adorn.

"They say," it whispered, "that came from earth,
And more, that I had given it birth.
But how absurd to think that I
Could ever mount that lofty sky!"
And then the sea heaved such a sigh
As it watched the beauteous thing on high.

† Ah, I could never be like thee;
In the bosom of *God* thou seem'st to be.
Besides"—and the sea was silent now,
As it thought of its wild and fevered brow;

And how oft in its rage it had dealt a blow
That laid thousands dead in its depths below.

And yet I perceived the sea could not rest
As it looked at that beauteous thing so blest.
Then it roused itself, and said, "I will *try*,"
And it borrowed the wind to drive it high;
And, gathering its strength, it curled in its pride,
And dashed itself on the rocks beside;
Then, rearing a column of quivering spray,
It seemed to be borne to the heights away.

But it fell, alas! on the angry breast,
Back with its foaming, whitened crest.
Baffled and beaten it buried its head,
To hide in the depths of its ocean bed.
And it hissed as it did so, "It *can not* be;
I *said* I knew it was not for me."

At length the great sea lay quiet and still,
For fell despair had subdued its will;
When the glorious *sun* looked forth on the scene,
And gleamed on its bosom in silver sheen.
And the great sea looked in the *face* of the sun,
And asked if he knew *what* could be done;

"The moon draws me hither and thither," it said,
"But it can not uplift me from my bed;
Nor can it transform this turbid breast
Into that thing so pure and blest."

"Canst *thou* transform me?" said the sea.
"Oh, yes," said the sun, "if you'll suffer me."
And the sun sent down a noiseless ray,
That loosened and warmed it as it lay,
And lifted it up, how, it never knew,
A fleecy cloud in the heavens blue.

Do you ken the parable, reader fair?
Can you take the lesson that's couching there?
Are *you* that sea with its fond desire,
Sighing and struggling to rise up higher?
Does perfect grace attract thine eye
And to attain it dost thou *try*?
But do baffled efforts mock thy skill,
While sorrow and anguish thy spirit fill,
And thou say'st, "In *God's* bosom that grace *must*
rest;
It never can visit *my* troubled brest?"

Now change thy plan, and behold yon *Son*.
Just *rest* and *trust* and the work is *done*.
Transformed by beholding *HIM* thou'lt be,
HIS great salvation thou shalt see.
The process? well, that thou canst not know,
Enough for *thee* it is "even so,"
That lifts thee up and makes thee fit
In the heavenly places with *HIM* to sit.

—Selected.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND

THE one hundred and forty-four thousand are divided into classes called by the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. These are character names, and those who develop the character, will be classed under the tribe bearing a name indicating that character. To illustrate; "Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens; and he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute." Burden bearers are here described. Those who, looking forward to the promised future home, are willing to couch often beneath heavy burdens; and like the patient ass, even bear double burdens, that the cause of God may prosper. They are free and happy in this service; and the cause of God would never move forward in the earth if it were not for these loyal burden bearers,—these faithful Issachars, spending their lives "couching down between two burdens," while close by perhaps, are the representatives of Naphtali, who bear no burdens. "Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth good words." Free and light hearted, he sees a thousand places where he can speak godly words, and spring hastily to give a helping hand, that the representatives of Issachar, bowed down under their heavy burdens, would never see, neither does God expect it of them. All are needed to make the number complete. Let not the burden bearer think, that because he bears the heavy burdens he is the most important. He is only one twelfth part of the whole.

One company will represent Levi, whose life seemed a failure through sin; and yet through victory in God, the Levites became teachers in Israel. And of unstable Reuben it is said, "Let Reuben live, and not die." He became the "excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power."

Judah represents the leaders, those before whom the others bow down. Every phase of the work is represented, and the name of each tribe will be placed on one of the gates of the city of God.

The tribe of Dan is omitted in the final count, and two portions are given to the family of Joseph to make up the twelve. Of Dan it was said: "Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward." God purposed that Dan should judge Israel righteously. Keen observation and quick discernment are necessary for a judge. These gifts were given to Dan, but instead of using them aright, he was "a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward." In other words, he became a back-biter, a cruel critic. The gift intended for a blessing, when perverted, became an injury, causing others to fall. The cruel critic, the one who always detects the evil in others and speaks of it first, has the gift of judgment misdirected. None who persist in this work can ever enter the kingdom of heaven; for the "accuser of our brethren" was cast out of heaven once, and neither he nor his representatives, will ever enter its shining portals again."—*Story of the Seer of Patmos.*

THE Arabs have a saying that all sunshine makes the desert. Men often sigh for entire exemption from care and sorrow. If this prayer were answered, they would not be the men they are. In silent, dark hours, character of a certain sweet, tender type is matured. God sends all kinds of weather to the soul which He would develop in His likeness.—*Selected.*

"If there was more true abiding in Christ, there would be less selfish abiding at home."



WILLIAM MILLER'S BIBLE

LAST summer, while attending a camp-meeting at Concordia, Kan., the writer had the unexpected privilege of seeing and handling the Bible which William Miller used when giving his famous lectures on the second coming of Christ.

The great-grandson and namesake of "Father Miller," William Miller Peck, resides at Concordia, and is cashier of the Cloud County National Bank. His twin brother, Charles N. Peck, an attorney by profession, lives just across the street from him.

During the meeting, Mr. Peck told some of the ministers of his relation to William Miller, and invited them to his home to look at some relics of his celebrated namesake. Accordingly the writer, with others, accepted the invitation, and spent a pleasant hour at the home of Mr. Peck, examining the relics, and talking about Mr. Miller's work.

Among the articles shown were a sun-glass and a watch, which were William Miller's constant companions. But that which interested us most was the Bible. It is a plain black Oxford Bible, seven inches long, four and one-half inches wide, and one inch thick, and bears the date 1838. A light

gilt border, now almost obliterated, runs around the cover, and the single word, "Bible," is upon the back.

The book, though much worn, is quite well preserved, save that the leaves after the fourth verse of Revelation 16, are missing. The mar-

gin of the leaves of Revelation are worn almost to the reading in some places, but the leaves of Daniel are not worn so much.

I was surprised to find so few notes in the book. There was nothing, so far as I could discover, except a computation of the twenty-three hundred days on the fly-leaf and a few passages marked with blue ink. Among these, Ps. 69:3-5, attracted my attention especially: "I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away. O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee."

I could not help thinking as I gazed at the passage, These words must have comforted the good old man in his disappointment after the passing of the time, or when those that hated him without a cause were speaking bitter words against him. How much sorrow of heart, and how much triumph in God, may be read in those faint blue marks that set off these verses from their companions.—*C. C. Lewis, in Youth's Instructor, Jan. 17, 1895.*

What Have You Done To-day?

WE shall do much in years to come;
 But what have we done to-day?
 We shall give our gold in princely sum;
 But what did we give to-day?
 We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
 We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
 We shall speak the words of love and cheer;
 But what did we speak to-day?
 We shall be so kind in the after-while;
 But what have we been to-day?
 We shall bring to each lonely life a smile;
 But what have we brought to-day?
 We shall give to truth a grander birth,
 We shall find the hungry souls of earth;
 But this is the thing our hearts must ask,
 "What have we done to-day?"

—Selected.

GEHAZI'S EXPERIENCE

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GEHAZI was a faithful servant of the prophet Elisha for years. He had seen his master perform many miracles and had worked faithfully holding up his hands, but he had become so accustomed to the work done by Elisha that it became a common thing to him. Then he began to question the judgment of his master in different matters that came up for settlement. He became fully convinced that Elisha's judgment was defective, and in his imagination pictured what he thought to be a much better course. He lacked spiritual discernment, as was shown by his attempting to push away the Shunammite whose soul was burdened with deep sorrow.

When Elisha refused a present from the wealthy Naaman, Gehazi was indignant. He thought Elisha was surely devoid of good judgment, and he followed after Naaman, thinking perhaps the "ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment" would be given to him. But notwithstanding the fact that Gehazi told a lie to make Naaman believe Elisha had sent him, Naaman evidently remembered the prophet had refused the money and he gave Gehazi only *two* talents

of silver and *two* changes of raiment.

When he returned, he received the following testimony: "Is it time for thee to receive money, and to receive *olive yards*, and *vineyards*, and *sheep*, and *oxen*, and *menservants*, and *maidservants*?" A strange testimony! Gehazi had not received olive yards, vineyards, sheep or oxen; he had received only two talents of silver and two changes of raiment. We can picture the indignation of Gehazi. He had *thought* for some time that Elisha's testimonies and course of action had not been quite correct, and now he knew it, for Elisha said he had received sheep and oxen and a lot of things that he had never possessed in the world.

But God had read Gehazi's heart, which was deceitful above all things, even so deceitful that Gehazi did not know it himself. The love of money that led him to lie to obtain the money, also planted in his heart a desire for olive yards, vineyards, sheep, oxen, etc., and all would have followed if the Lord had not interposed to prevent it. God vindicated His own word by making Gehazi "a leper as white as snow." And the sacred record mentions him no more for several years.

Gehazi was of no ordinary ability, and the next mention of him he is talking with the king. The king said to him, "Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done." Gehazi's experience had placed him where he could better appreciate the man of God than when he daily ministered to him, and he began telling of the child that had been brought to life by Elisha. While Gehazi was speaking, the mother of the child appeared and verified the statement. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

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 "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established."

THOUGHTS ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

IN many respects the book of Revelation is unlike every other book in the Bible.

It is a special letter sent from God to His people sixty-five years after His ascension. The title of the book is given by God himself, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." The object of the book is definitely stated, "To show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass." Christ sent it by "His angel;" this angel is Gabriel; he is the one who "stands in the presence of God." Luke 1:19. He is the only angel associated with Christ in giving messages to His prophets. Dan. 10:21; 8:16. It came through "His servant John," who is five times called the "disciple whom Jesus loved." John 13:23; 19:26; 21:7; 20:22.

To say we do not understand this book may be true; but to say it can not be understood virtually denies that we are servants of God; for the book was sent to "show his servants" certain things.

It is a complete book in itself; for John was told, "What thou seest write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches."

Christ's personal appearance in the heavenly sanctuary is described. Rev. 1:12-18. And the mystery of the lamps and candlesticks is also explained with a spiritual application to his church and ministers. Rev. 1:20; 2:1. The Lord makes mention of this particular book and prophecy, pronouncing a blessing on him who reads it or hears it read, and keeps the things written therein. Rev. 1:3. He declares that Christ's angel, which is Gabriel, will be a servant to him who keeps the sayings of this book.

He expressly declares the prophecy of this book is not sealed. Rev. 22:10. Four times it is mentioned in connection with the most terrible denunciations found in the Bible, on him that shall take away or add to the things that are written in this book. Rev. 22:18, 19. Seven times He calls

upon everyone "that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches." Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.

And with all of this, many professed Christians take no interest in the book of Revelation. Let such stop and consider whether there is any meaning to God's own words or not.

Consolation

UNTO those who sit in sorrow, God has sent this precious word:

Not an earnest prayer or impulse of the heart ascends unheard.

He who rides upon the tempter, heeds the sparrow when it falls,

And with mercies crowns the humblest, when before the throne he calls.

—*M. Elizabeth Burns-Howell.*

A FOREIGN MISSIONARY OFFERING

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MANY of the offerings in the Levitical service were to be slain in the temple court; but lest some poor sinner should think that because he had never been associated with the people of God there was no hope for him, God directed that some of the offerings should be slain away from the precincts of the temple.

Prominent among this class of offerings is the offering of the red heifer. This offering cleansed from the defilement caused by contact with the dead.

Death comes as the result of sin, and this offering was typical of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ to remove the blight of sin from man and the earth.

There were several distinct features in connection with this offering. It must be a female, a heifer. Only one color was accepted, red, without any spots. It must be without blemish, and one which had never drawn in the yoke.

It was taken without the camp to a rough valley that had never been plowed or sown, and there in the presence of the priest the heifer was slain, and the blood sprinkled

seven times before the tabernacle of the congregation. Some take the position that the blood was carried to the temple, while others take a very reasonable view, that as all the offering was made at a distance from the temple in an uncultivated valley, the priest turned his face towards the temple and sprinkled the blood towards the temple.

The heifer was burned, and into the fire was thrown cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool.

Each offering taught some special truth in connection with Christ's work that was taught by no other offering. The cleansing power of the blood of Christ was taught by every offering slain; but the red heifer had some very distinctive features taught by no others. It was the "foreign missionary offering." Slain away from the accustomed haunts of men in a valley that had never been plowed, it taught that the blood of Christ could save the most distant heathen, and as the priest faced towards the temple and sprinkled the blood towards the temple so the most benighted heathen that would turn his face towards heaven and plead the blood of Christ would be accepted.

The heifer was never under the yoke, but had been free to roam as it pleased. So Christ was not under a yoke. He was not forced to come and offer His life for man. He could have wiped the bloody sweat from His brow in the garden and returned to heaven, leaving man to perish in sin, if He had wished to do so. But He chose of His *own free will* to lay down His life to redeem man. This truth was beautifully taught by selecting a heifer that had never been *compelled* to do anything. It was to be a heifer "which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke."

The cleansing of the earth was also taught by the cedar wood and hyssop being cast into the burning. The two extremes of vegetation were here represented. Also the animal kingdom by the scarlet wool. The

fires of the last days will cleanse the face of the earth, and again the earth will be covered with vegetable and animal life free from the curse.

Any one wishing to give further study to this important offering will enjoy comparing Num. 19:1-10; Deut. 21:1-9; and pages 121-123 of "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4.

Smile Whenever You Can

WHEN things don't go to suit you,
And the world seems upside down,
Don't waste your time in fretting
But drive away that frown.
Since life is oft perplexing,
It is the wisest plan
To bear all trials bravely,
And smile whene'er you can.

Why should you dread to-morrow,
And thus spoil your to-day?
For when you borrow trouble,
You always have to pay.
It is a good old maxim,
Which should be often preached—
Don't cross the bridge before you,
Until the bridge is reached.

You might be spared much sighing,
If you would keep in mind
The thought that good and evil
Are always here combined.
There must be something wanting,
And though you roll in wealth,
You may miss from your casket
That precious jewel, health.

Though you are strong and sturdy,
Not full may be your purse
(And earth has many trials
Which I consider worse);
But whether joy or sorrow
Fill up your mortal span,
'T will make your pathway brighter
To smile whene'er you can.

—Selectea.

Real Tainted Money

THOU shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God, for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the Lord thy God. Deut. 23:18.

UNION

THE doctrine of the trinity is true when rightly understood. They are one in nature, one in purpose, and so perfect is that union, that Christ said, "I and My Father are one." "All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine and show it unto you." "At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in Me, and I in you." "That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." "I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." No human reasoning can explain this oneness. Certain it is, here is a union that is as much holier, higher, and perfect, as the heavens are higher than the earth. And it is possible for man to attain unto it through Christ.

DANIEL'S PURPOSE

THE prophet Ezekiel presents three men as representative men of those living in the time of trouble. "Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son or daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Eze. 14:20. In this connection these three men are four times referred to. Noah was conspicuous because of his faith. Heb. 11:7. Job on account of his patience. James 5:11. Daniel because of his principles as shown upon the subject of appetite. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Dan. 1:8. The apostle gives the counterpart of this in the following: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and

that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.

The Saviour lifts His warning voice to those living in the last days upon this point as follows, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Luke 21:34, 35; see also Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-28. Surfeiting is over-eating, gluttony. Drunkenness is taking improper food into the stomach. In other words, over-eating, and eating and drinking improper food is one of the sins in the last days. It is a sign of the second coming of Christ. There is not a city or village in the land but this sin is prominent. Thousands upon thousands are being overtaken in this snare and will be lost.

MY LESSON

I AROSE one morning early, and knelt beside my bed,
 And for the grace of patience most earnestly I plead.
 Faith grasped the precious promise, "Lo, I will be with you;"
 And a holy peace fell on me, as gently falls the dew
 All through the early morning my work seemed almost play;
 And my glad heart kept repeating, "I will be sweet to-day."
 But ere the hasting noonday, cares gathered thick and fast,
 And each vexation really seemed more trying than the last.
 Each member of the household brought some grievance new, or loss,—
 'Twas buttons off, and rents to mend, and baby doubly cross.
 And as toward noonday serving my anxious thoughts were turned,
 Some dusty sacks must needs be patched—of course the dinner burned.
 And thus a host of petty things, like messengers of wrath,

Came hurrying, skurrying, as on wings, right in my very path.

And so, in eager, anxious haste, my weary feet sped on,

Now here, now there, and everywhere, doing, but never donë.

At last, in tearful sorrow, "My Father, dear," I cried,

"I trusted you for patience. Why must I be so tried?"

Then quick the Spirit whispered, in accents soft and mild,

"The trial worketh patience, O simple, doubting child!"

"Why, yes, dear Lord, I see it; and oh, it seems so sweet!

You are my great Refiner, and this is furnace heat."

And thus I gained the lesson, God notes our strong desires;

But when we plead for special grace, we may look for furnace fires.

—*Carrie Butcher.*

What All Desire

ONE morning as I was coming into New York on the Hudson River Railroad, I was attracted by the conversation of two gentlemen on the seat immediately behind me. At length one said to the other, "There are three things which all men desire, wealth, happiness and long life."

Turning to them I said pleasantly, "Gentlemen, I possess those three things." They seemed a little surprised, and looked inquiringly at each other and then at me. Encouraged by their looks I proceeded, "As to the first, I am one of the wealthiest persons in the world, for I have Christ, and, having Him, I possess 'all things;' as to the second, I have found the secret of constant happiness, for 'I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content;' and, as to the third, no one can live longer than I, for 'I have everlasting life in Christ my Saviour."

They did not seem disposed to question what I said. But I could not fail to feel grateful that I possessed what all men need

and are seeking, wealth, happiness, and long life.

Reader, do you possess them?

—*Selected.*

Sciences as Mentioned in the Bible

ARCHITECTURE, Gen. 4:17; Deut. 8:12; 1 Chron. 29:19.

Arithmetic, Gen. 15:5; Rev. 5:11; Lev. 26:8; 1 Pet. 1:2, 5.

Astronomy, Job 38:31, 32; Isa. 13:10.

Astrology, Isa. 47:13.

Botany, 1 Kings 4:33.

Geography, Deut. 32:8; Gen. 10:1-32; Isa. 11:11.

History and Chronology, 1 Kings 22:39; 2 Kings 1:18; 1 Chron. 9:1.

Mechanics, Gen. 4:22; Ex. 35:30-35; Gen. 6:14-16.

Medicine, Rev. 22:1; Jer. 8:22; Mark 5:26.

Music, 1 Chron. 16:4-7; 1 Chron. 25:6.

Navigation, 1 Kings 9:26-28; Acts 27:12-20.

Surveying, Josh. 18:4-9; Neh. 2:12-16.

Zoology, 1 Kings 4:33.

"PRIDE doeth its own will; humility, the will of God."

A CRANK, my son, is something that makes the wheels go round and insures progress. The thing that goes in for variety and versatility, that changes its position a hundred times a day, that is no crank, my son, that is a weather-vane. Don't thank Heaven that you are not a crank; perhaps you could not be one if you would. Heaven is not very particular when it wants a weather-vane, almost any man will do for that; but when it wants a crank, my boy, it looks very carefully for the best man in the community. Before you thank Heaven that you are not a crank, examine yourself closely and see what it is that debars you from the election.—*Burdette.*



BIBLE READERS' CLASS

PRAYER is the link that connects us with Christ, or as it is sometimes stated, "Prayer is the key that opens heaven." Few realize the mighty power there is in the prayer of faith.

Secret Prayer

Matt. 6:6. If we really grow in grace we must have seasons of secret converse with the Lord.

Mark 1:35. If the day is crowded with cares we can do as the Saviour did, rise before daylight in the morning and spend time alone with God.

Matt. 14:23. The Saviour also spent time alone with the Father after the perplexities of the day were past.

Psa. 55:17. At "evening, and morning, and at noon" there should be special seasons of prayer.

Psa. 88:1, 2. We may pray during the day or night.

1 Thess. 5:17. We should be in a prayerful frame of mind continually.

Job 22:27, 28. It is the privilege of the Christian to believe that his prayer is heard.

Isa. 43:26. The Lord is pleased when we plead the promises He has made.

Isa. 41:21. The Lord invites us to produce our cause, and bring forth our strong reasons.

Luke 11:1. We should ask the Lord to teach us how to pray.

Rom. 8:26, 27. The Holy Spirit presents the prayer of the broken and contrite heart before God in an acceptable manner.

Amos 5:4. There is life in earnest prayer.

Phil. 4:6. We should always thank the Lord for what He has done for us when we present our requests for greater blessings.

Family Prayer

Matt. 18:19. The Lord's word is pledged to answer the united prayer of two or more individuals.

Matt. 18:20. As the family of two or more kneel in prayer, it is their privilege to claim the promise of God's presence with them.

Acts 2:46, 47. A church whose members have daily prayer in their homes will always be a growing church.

Gen. 12:5, 8. Abraham erected a family altar wherever he lived.

Gen. 35:2-4. Jacob gathered his family together for family worship.

Gen. 35:5. A family that is faithful in their worship will be respected by their neighbors.

Joshua 24:15. Every Christian should say with Joshua, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Job 1:5. Job made offerings for his family continually.

Jer. 10:25. The families that do not have family worship are classed with the heathen.

Jer. 10:25. The cause of God is "devoured," "consumed," and made "desolate" by families that do not honor God sufficiently to have family worship.

For Whom Should We Pray?

1 Tim. 2:2. Kings and all in authority.

2 Cor. 1:11. Phil. 1:19. Ministers.

Psa. 122:6. Isa. 62:6, 7. The church.

Eph. 6:18. All saints.

1 Tim. 2:1. All men.

Gen. 17:18. Matt. 15:22. Children.
 Gen. 24:12-14. Masters.
 Luke 7:2, 3. Servants.
 Job 42:8, 10. Friends.
 Rom. 10:1. Fellow-countrymen.
 James 5:14. The sick.
 Matt. 5:44. Persecutors.
 Jer. 29:7. Enemies among whom we dwell.
 Num. 12:13. Those who envy us.
 2 Tim. 4:16. Those who forsake us.
 1 Sam. 12:23. Sin of neglecting.

Postures in Prayer

Psa. 95:6. "Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."
 Luke 22:41. The Saviour "kneeling down and prayed."
 Acts 20:36. Paul "kneeling down and prayed."
 2 Chron. 6:13. Solomon "kneeling down upon his knees before all the congregation" and prayed.
 Matt. 26:39. The Saviour when in agony "fell on His face, and prayed."
 I Chron. 21:16. David when in distress fell upon his face in prayer.
 Joshua 5:14. Joshua fell upon his face and worshipped.
 Num. 16:20-22. Moses and Aaron fell upon their faces and prayed.
 Mark 11:25. "One may stand while praying."
 Isa. 38:1, 2. Hezekiah prayed while lying in bed.
 Isa. 1:15. Some spread forth their hands while praying.
 Psa. 28:2. The psalmist lifted up his hands toward the heavenly sanctuary when he prayed.
 Lam. 2:19. Whatever the posture, the heart must be poured out before God.
 Psa. 66:18. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."
 Prov. 28:9. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law even his prayer shall be an abomination."

The Main Pillars

UPON what two events does the plan of salvation rest?

"Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28.

How much sin did Christ bear?

"Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

In what way did He bear the sin of the world?

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should

live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye are healed" 1 Pet. 2:24.

After He died where then did Christ go?

"Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building." Heb. 9:11.

With what blood did He enter this heavenly building?

"By His own blood He entered once into the holy place having obtained eternal redemption for us" Holy place is rendered HOLIES by other translators. Heb. 9:12.

What will the blood of Christ accomplish for the believer?

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your consciences from dead works to serve the living God." Heb. 9:14.

If we neglect the virtue of Christ's blood, what will be the result?

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace." Heb. 10:28, 29.

How then can sin be overcome?

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev. 12:11.

In what way can we overcome sin by the blood of the Lamb?

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:21.

Justification by Faith that Works

In whom alone can men be justified. Isa. 45:25.

How may we find peace with God? Rom. 5:1.

Being justified by His blood, from what are we saved? (Saved from wrath) Rom. 5:9.

Does our justification cost us anything? Rom. 3:24, 28.

If God justified us by our works would there be any grace in it? Answer, No. Rom. 4:4; 11:16.

Why does God justify and save men by grace instead of by works? Answer, "Lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-10.

"Being justified by His grace," what are we made? Answer, "Heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7.

Though justified by grace, what should we be careful to maintain? Answer, Good works. Titus 3:8.

Of what will God's peculiar people be zealous? Titus 2:14.

When we yield ourselves instruments of righteousness, what will God do? Answer, He will work in us. Phil. 2:12, 13.

What is an appropriate prayer for us to pray, if we would have God work for us? 2 Chron. 14:11.

How long will God continue to work in and for us? Answer, So long as we submit to Him. Jas. 4:7, 8. 2 Chron. 15:2.

Whose works will then appear in the life of every true Christian? Answer, God's works. Isa. 26:12. John 15:5.

How is faith made perfect? Answer, By works. James 2:20-22.

What in a Christian's life will prove he has been justified by faith? James 2:23, 24.

How shall the just live a Christian life. Heb. 10:38.

What warfare must they fight? 1 Tim. 6:12.

Is He who justifies able to keep us from falling away to perdition? Jude 24, 25.

G. T. WILSON.

Ready for an Emergency

WHEN the temple of Solomon was built, the stones were gotten out in the quarry and all fitted for the building, so that when the building came together, it was without the sound of ax or hammer. This is like the work of God. He prepares one thing to meet another. When the time had arrived for Israel to be delivered from the Egyptian bondage, Moses was prepared. He had been schooled by the providence of God in the land of the Midianite for forty years. When Saul had rebelled and forfeited his claim to the throne of Israel, says God to his prophet, "I have found a man after mine own heart." And while Saul was taking step after step which proved his final ruin, David also was being prepared in the school of affliction to take Saul's place. Thus it is in the work of God. In all emergencies in the cause of Christ, the providence of God prepares the way.

"CONSCIENCE is a sleeping giant. We may lull him to deep slumber, but his starts are terrible in the waking hour."

Questions

THE answers to the following questions will be published in the April BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL. The names of all who send the correct answers before the first of April will be published.

1. When does the Bible say there was no teaching priest in Israel?

2. Who burned a testimony sent him by a prophet?

3. Name all the sons of King Josiah in the order of their birth.

4. What two prophets gave their first prophecies two months apart?

5. What prophet is spoken of as being especially fond of his wife?

6. Give chapter and verse where the Bible states that rivers come from the sea.

7. What man had his household goods put into the street?

8. Give the Bible definition of Selah.

9. To whom was the first promise of the Saviour spoken?

10. What infant was named by the neighbors?

YOUNG men, let no man deceive you. When you kneel in prayer you kneel in the company of the real men of the world—such men as Lord Shaftesbury, Wilberforce, Livingstone, Washington, Faraday, Sir Isaac Newton, Oliver Cromwell, William Penn and a host of heroes beside. It is the scoffer, he who lounges at street corners, laughing at religion, who is the mere shadow and unreality. For he is in the company of the King Charleses, the Caligulas, the Pilates of mankind. Reality has its home in the religion of Jesus.—*Rev. Dr. Newton H. Marshall.*

SACRIFICE alone, bare and unrelieved, is ghastly, unnatural, and dead; but self-sacrifice, illuminated by love, is warmth and life; it is the life of Christ, the life of God, the blessed and only proper life of man.—*F. W. Robertson.*

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