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## My Life's Heartstrings

(Continued from last issue.)

A number of the young people were going to be baptized. Anna Marie understood what it meant to be baptized since she was older and really wanted to obey the Lord. No one talked to her about it, but the Lord. She was ready to go down into the water and be baptized like Jesus had been, who is our example. Matt. 3:13,17. She knew that Jesus' last commands to His disciples before He went up to the Father were "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19,20. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward work of the heart. She knew it meant to go down into the water and be buried from sight and brought up again, and that she should "walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:1-4. She knew that the water didn't wash away her sins, as they were already washed away with the blood of Jesus when she was forgiven of her sins through godly repentance. The Jews believed in an actual and ceremonial

cleansing. (Read Lev. 14:2-7) Jesus obeyed that law by sending the leper who was (actually) healed to the priest saying, "Go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the (ceremonial) gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them." (Matt. 8:1-4) Baptism doesn't cleanse the soul but ceremonially it is "a testimony unto them" of an outward sign of an inward work of grace. We are "dead to sin," therefore buried with him by baptism.

Anna Marie had been taught to do as her parents told her and she asked their permission to do the things that she did. She didn't just tell them what she was going to do. One of her girl friends told her that her parents didn't appreciate her being so good. She thought about this and began to believe it. Then the next thing the devil brought to her mind was, that if they didn't appreciate her doing what was right, then why bother to do as they said? She might as well do as her girl friend suggested. She would just do as she pleased, and not pay any attention to what her parents said. Then she began to feel bad in her soul. This was not the way the Lord wanted it to be. She let the Lord talk to her. The Lord made her know that they did appreciate

her and that they possibly felt she should know it without being told. And besides, she should want to do the right because it pleased the Lord. She could have taken a wrong attitude at that time, from outside influences, and got into deep trouble, but God helped her out. Her love for God caused her to stay on the right track. She saw many young people around her who had gotten into deep trouble by disobeying their parents. She learned many things through watching others. She didn't want to follow in their footsteps.

The young people who went to services were going to get together and play some games out at Etta and Audney Davis' home. Sister Etta was going to make some ice cream for them. Anna Marie wanted to go but there was a lot of work to be done in the office. A big stack of tracts needed to be run on the folder. This folder had to be fed by hand. Her father said that she could not go but had to stay and work that evening. She begged him to let her go, but he was firm in his decision. She tried not to let him know she was hurt. At first she sat at the folder and cried. She had to fight rebellion but since she loved the Lord, He came to her rescue as she prayed to Him. Finally, the Lord helped her to dry her tears, and she felt a calm submission in her heart about it all. This was good for her, as she needed to learn that it never pays for a person to have his own way. This brings quality to a young person. Her father no doubt felt sorry for her, but he saw that she needed a lesson even though she was sixteen years of age, and therefore he didn't give in even if he saw that she was hurt very much.

The first out-of-state campmeeting that Anna Marie went to was at Carthage, Missouri in 1928. There was much straight preaching and she saw the Lord work. Sis. Nola (Marvin) Porter talked to the girls in a girls' meeting.

She gave some good advice that influenced Anna Marie greatly. She was taught to be pure-minded and how to conduct herself around boys. She received some personal instructions that were very helpful to her in her later teenage days. She was taught at that meeting, and at later meetings by the ministers, and also by her parents to not keep company with unsaved boys. They taught that saved girls should keep company and marry only saved boys. They read from the Bible to "marry only in the Lord." I Cor. 7:40; 2 Cor. 6:14. This was her decision for her life as she had only one desire and that was to please the Lord.

On the evening of Anna Marie's 16th birthday the Pruitt family went to prayer meeting. After the service was over, a group was standing around the stove. She said, "I'm sweet sixteen, and my Daddy's pet, and I haven't been kissed by the wild boys yet." To her surprise, a boy came up behind her, climbed over the benches and planted a big kiss on her cheek and ran out the door. Oh, she was so embarrassed and wished there were a hole in the floor for her to go through. Her face was beet red. This was funny to those around, but not to her. She didn't have the faintest idea that the boy who kissed her would later be her husband, as he was about a year younger than she was. Later she told him that she didn't appreciate what he had done but he only laughed at her. She soon forgot the incident and it didn't have any effect upon her toward this boy.

Another boy wanted her to write to him as he was leaving Guthrie, but she told him that she didn't want to go with him because he wasn't saved. He said that if she would write to him, it would help him. She consented but made it clear that she wasn't considering it as being anything between them. A number of months later she heard that

this boy told someone that she was his girl friend, so she wrote him and broke off their correspondence. She was striving to please the Lord in all her walks in life. She had some other suitors but refused their attentions.

She was not too strong in body and at different times she would get sick at school and her father would come to get her, but the Lord was her Healer and always came to her rescue. She loved the Lord very much. —Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

## A Great God

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the fair stars that are shining there. Can you count them? No. But God has counted them, and given all of them names of his own, far better than ours. How great must that God be who counts the stars, and gives them all their names. They are very beautiful, especially on winter nights; and tell us what a great, wise, good, and holy God it was who made them.

Once a well-educated man, who thought himself very wise, once wished to question a poor man whom he met going to church.

"Where are you going?" he said.

"To church," said the poor man.

"What are you going to do there?"

"To worship God."

"Is your God a great God, or a little God?"

"He is both."

"How can that be?"

"He is so great as to fill the heavens, and yet so little that He can dwell in my heart." —Sel.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We are still studying about the things that were foretold of Jesus in the Old Bible. It's wonderful how God let them know of the many things that were to come to pass thousands of years later. Jesus loved the Psalms and often re-

peated them, and the writers recorded His words in the New Testament.

In our lesson we have taken parts from the 22nd Psalm and the 69th Psalm that speak of what Jesus was to suffer, and the reproaches that He was to endure. Then we have taken parts from the New Testament where these things came to pass just as were spoken in the Psalms. They had the Old Bible when Jesus lived and He studied the Scriptures.

Let us follow Jesus to the cross. There we see the men lay His body down upon a cross of wood. They hammer the nails through His hands and feet. Then they lift it up and let it fall into the hole, which tears His flesh, causing great suffering. Oh, the suffering He undergoes is beyond our understanding! Why does He willingly do this? It's because He loves you and me. We had sinned and we were separated from God. We could not look at Him, nor could God look upon us with pleasure. Sin had to be punished. Jesus, who had not sinned and was God's Son, was willing to take our punishment. No one but Jesus Christ could do that. Oh, how we love Him for suffering the pains of that terrible punishment for us!

One time a boy disobeyed his father. He left the gates open and let the cows out. His father had told him that he was to be whipped the next time he disobeyed. Now the boy stood before his father who was going to whip him. His older brother loved him very much. He looked at him and thought about how small he was, and the older brother stepped up and said, "I'll take his punishment and let him go free." The father was touched, but his word must stand. Punishment was to be given if the gate were left open. Now don't you think that the younger brother loved his big brother with a really deep love from that day on? Oh, yes, he did! Today our older brother, Jesus Christ, has stepped in and has taken our punish-

ment for sin. If we believe this and accept Him as our Saviour from hell and eternal damnation, then we can go free. Boys and girls, always praise and thank Jesus Christ daily for saving us from hell. Oh, I love Him dearly don't you? Then tell Him often that you love Him.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 1, July 1, 1979

### REPROACHES FELL ON CHRIST

Psa. 22:14 (Prophecy of Christ's crucifixion) I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Psa. 69:9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Psa. 22:1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

Mark 15:24 And when they had crucified him [Jesus], they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

**Memory Verse:** For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. Rom. 15:3.

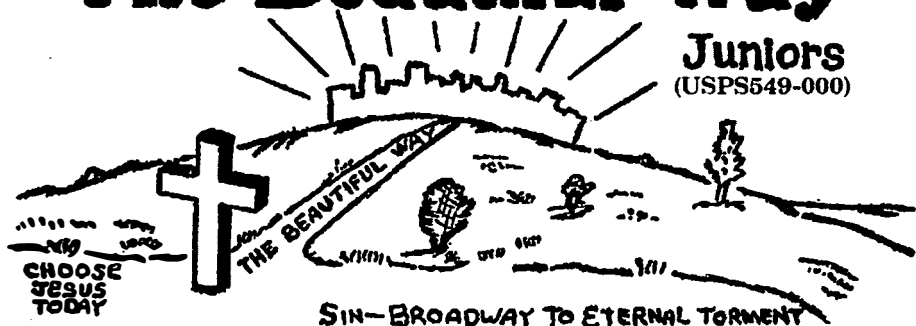
### Questions:

1. To what were the words in Psalms "they have pierced my hands and my feet" referring?
2. How were the words "they look and stare upon me" fulfilled in Jesus?
3. What happened to Jesus' clothing at the time of His crucifixion?
4. Name some of the ways Christ was reproached, or treated shamefully, during His trial and crucifixion.
5. What words did Jesus say on the cross that were written in the Psalms?
6. Did God forsake Jesus? When and why?
7. Do you think Jesus knew beforehand all that He would suffer?
8. Was Christ forced to suffer for our salvation or did He do it willingly?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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It was such a wonderful change for Anna Marie in the summer of 1931, after she had finished her junior year in high school, to go with her father and others to the Hammond, La. campmeeting. Bro. Charles E. Orr was pastor there at that time. She was glad to meet other young people and enjoyed being in the different homes of the saints.

Anna Marie loved the Lord. She prayed, sang, and looked earnestly to the Lord to bless in the meeting, and did all that the Lord laid upon her heart to do. She was naturally a very timid person. In school, when she was assigned to give an oral talk, she would suffer greatly over doing it. It was hard for her to talk to strangers and to testify. She often prayed for grace to witness for the Lord.

After the campmeeting her father had some meetings in Loranger, La., which was close to Hammond. One time, during the meeting a number went to the altar for help. She felt strongly impressed to go and pray with a little girl. The Lord blessed her but the devil fought her hard over this act. No one

knew the struggles that she had over being timid and still desiring to do what the Lord asked her to do. But the Lord was there to help her.

After that meeting, they drove to Mississippi for a few nights' meetings. This was the first time she was ever in Mississippi. It was different from the swampy places they saw in Louisiana. When she first thought of going to Louisiana and Mississippi, she thought about the malarial fever that some had in the south. While at the Hammond campmeeting, a boy was brought to the meeting that had malarial fever and he was very sick. The Lord healed him. One night after they arrived in Mississippi she had fever and the devil told her that she was coming down with malarial fever but she had faith in God. The Lord healed her after prayer was offered for her.

One day, they drove up to one of the saint's homes and when they stopped the car, they saw some boys running as fast as they could to the woods. The boys had seen the girls and were so bashful that they would not stay in the house. They were treated with the greatest hospitality. The house sat back from the road in a clump of trees and

was made of plain, unpainted boards. The floor did not have any covering but was spotlessly clean. During reading and discussing the Bible, the cat came into the room. The man just lifted a board from the floor and dropped the cat through it.

The meeting was well attended. People came from all directions in wagons and some walking, while others drove their cars. The Lord gave good messages of truth and some were at the altar for help. Everyone was so kind and friendly. The night before the group with Anna Marie's father left, a family asked them to go home with them, which they did. They told them that they wanted to leave early the next morning and not to fix any breakfast. But before the alarm went off they heard a stirring in the house. When they got up there was a fried chicken breakfast with all the trimmings on the table for them to eat, and also some was sent with them for their lunch. This was a precious experience for them and their hearts were filled with thanksgiving and appreciation for those dear people.

When Anna Marie was seventeen a Christian boy asked her to date him. She accepted and they had many nice times together. She was very careful to stand by her convictions in her conduct, and by her parents' teachings. Their relationship was carried on in a Christian way. Some of the evenings or times when he came, they spent it with the family or with the young people. They attended services and loved the Lord. They later broke off their companionship.

Graduation from High School rolled around and Anna Marie looked forward to that time. She had a number of friends that she had gone to school with from the first grade, yet there were many that she had made friends with after she went to the higher grades. But

the parting time was coming and she wanted to be with them in the last days in school. Some of the activities she could not enter into. One of the things she didn't feel right to attend was the Senior Banquet, therefore she refrained. Anna Marie had a problem concerning her graduation exercises which was a battle for her. The girls were to wear long, white formal dresses. She knew that she would not wear a sleeveless or low neck dress. She knew that the Bible taught her to dress in "modest apparel." 1 Tim. 2:9. This was the way that she did dress at school and other places. She prayed much about it and the Lord gave her such sweeping victory over it that she was perfectly willing to wear a dress with long sleeves and high neck although it would be long like the other girls. The long length pleased her mother very much, as that was the length she would have liked for her dresses to be all the time, although Anna Marie did wear her dresses at a modest length.

—Marie Miles

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## A Picture of True Faith

A salesman in one of the rural villages of England called one day at the door of a cottage to sell his books, and took the opportunity of talking to the woman of the house about spiritual things. He soon found she had no Scriptural view of faith in Jesus Christ, nor of its relation to her personal salvation. He tried, therefore, to teach her thus: "You believe, perhaps, I am a Christian man," he said. "Yes," was the reply, "I do." "Supposing, then you had \$500, would you trust me with it?" "No; I should be afraid to do that," was the answer. "Well, that shows you believe something *about* me," said the man, "but you do not believe *in* me. That is just your attitude towards the Lord Jesus

Christ. You believe He is a Saviour; you believe what the Gospel says about Him, but you do not *believe in Him*." Perplexed though she had been, she perceived the point and force of the illustration, and said, "Then I now believe IN HIM," she *believed* and she was "saved" (Acts 16:30).

What the Scriptures mean by believing in Christ is not merely believing what you have heard and read about Him, but *depending upon, relying upon, trusting in Him* for something—that something being the security of salvation of your precious soul for all eternity. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." John 3:36. "Believest thou this?" —E. S.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

The Psalmist, years before it came to pass, mentioned "the stone which the builders rejected became the head stone of the corner." When Jesus came, He referred to what the Psalmist had said years before and told the people what it meant. Isn't it wonderful how the Bible has been written? Year after year, the things in the Old Testament were fulfilled by Jesus and others. What God says will come to pass. There are things in the New Testament that Jesus has told us will also come to pass. Boys and girls, it will be just as it is spoken. There is no book like the Bible. Love it, believe it, and have a holy reverence for it!

Jesus brought precious truths out through stories, or parables. He told a parable which explains how the stone was rejected by the builders. Jesus Christ is the stone and the builders were the Jewish nation. Jesus said that a householder planted a vineyard and fixed it all up so it would make money for him. Then he took a trip into a far country. Finally, it was time to receive the money from the vineyard. The men, or husbandmen, were left in charge of the vineyard

to pick the grapes. They were to make grape juice with some of the grapes and sell the others, and have the money ready for their boss, or the householder. The householder sent three of his servants, or workers, to collect the money for him. The husbandmen killed one, beat another, and stoned the third one. When the householder sent more servants to collect the fruits, the husbandmen did the same to them. Finally, the householder said that he would send his son and that surely they would respect him. But when the husbandmen saw the son coming, they did the same to him. They caught him, cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. How terrible! After Jesus spoke the parable He asked those around Him what they thought would be done to the husbandmen when the householder returned to his own vineyard. They said that those wicked men should be caught and destroyed and the vineyard be let out to other husbandmen who would give the householder his fruits. The householder is God. He gave the Israelites the laws of Moses. He sent prophets at different times telling them that they would be punished if they did not reverence God's laws, but they killed the prophets. (Read Heb. 11:32-39). They would not bring forth fruits unto righteousness. So God sent His only begotten Son, but they rejected Him and killed Him. The prophecy was fulfilled when the Jewish people rejected the stone, Jesus Christ. There are still those who love Jesus and bring forth fruits of love, faith, and kindness. Jesus has become the head corner stone of the Church of God. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 2, July 8, 1979

## THE REJECTED STONE

Psa. 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

Matt. 21:33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and

given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

**Memory Verse:** Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. I Pet. 2:7.

#### Questions:

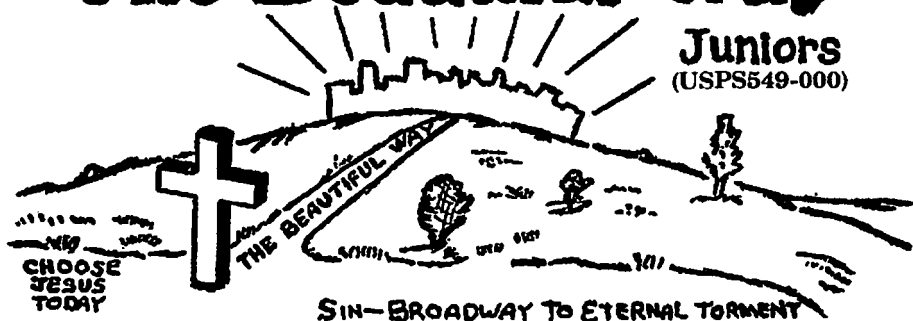
1. Who is the cornerstone, or the one upon whom the church is built?
2. In the parable, what did the householder plant?
3. What did he do with the vineyard?
4. For what were the servants sent to the husbandmen?
5. What did the husbandmen do to the servants?
6. Whom did the householder send at last to gather his fruits?
7. Did the husbandmen respect the son? What did they do to him?
8. In the parable whom did the household represent? the husbandmen? the servants? the son?
9. How was the vineyard, or the dwelling place of God, taken from the Jews and given to others?
10. What is now the dwelling place of God?
11. When the Jewish priests heard this parable, did they know Jesus spoke of them?
12. What did they seek to do to Jesus?

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The night of the graduation came and she noticed that she was the only one who had on a long-sleeved dress. Her victory was so great that she didn't feel out of place. After the graduation exercises, a number in the town came to her and congratulated her for her stand on her dress, saying that they wished the girls from their church had been able to take the same stand. This was a great encouragement to her. That was a great night for her and she was happy that she had accomplished her course in school in May 1932. She considered going to college, but her father advised her that he didn't feel she was able to take a vocation of teaching school because of her physical condition, although he said he would loan her the money and she could pay him back later. After much prayer she gave up the idea. She daily helped in the office work and went with her father to gospel services.

Anna Marie's father had a burden for those who were in great physical and temporal need as well as spiritual need. His heart went out to those who were in the county poor home and those in the

jails. Anna Marie went with him and others to these places many times to help sing. Some would get saved and then many times the Lord would take them Home to be with Him. Often in the jails some would kneel for prayer.

One time, while she and others were in a jail meeting, and her father was preaching, some of the prisoners were digging a hole to get out. That evening a number escaped from the jail. The jailer then put more restrictions on every one and they had to have meetings with two bars and an aisle between them and the prisoners. This hindered, preventing contact with the prisoners.

Anna Marie also helped sing with others at many funerals that her father took care of, and helped generally in any way she could in the work of the Lord.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

### Traveling Experiences

Right after her graduation in the summer of 1932, she was asked to take a trip with L. Y. Janes and his daughter, Evelyn. She studied Spanish and prepared for the trip. Soon they left and visited a number of places in Mexico. She didn't get a command of the lan-

guage, but being there helped her a lot and she could get parts of what was being talked about. One thing she saw was the darkness they were in spiritually. After that trip she knew how to pray for them. Surely they needed someone to help them out of their deception.

On returning across the border, they were asked if they had ever had small pox or had been vaccinated. She and Bro. Janes had, so they vaccinated Evelyn before they would let them return to the U.S. Her arm swelled up and she suffered much from it.

Much was said about being a missionary even in Africa, but Anna Marie thought of the snakes and lions, and she had a great reserve in her heart about ever going to those places. The Lord did not call her, so the thought was dropped.

Bro. Pruitt was the pastor at Guthrie Church of God and had many problems to face besides the printing of the gospel at the Faith Publishing House. There were several ministers in the congregation. Some were young, but he encouraged them to move out for the Lord. At times they would have meetings at country school houses and other places.

Bro. C. E. Orr and his wife, Sadie, lived in Guthrie and he would preach some messages that were deeper than Anna Marie could understand, yet some would stay with her and in later years they were a help to her.

Once while Bro. Pruitt was gone, a man came to the Pruitt home. He was made welcome, as all guests were, by Mother Pruitt. Soon he was found to be very strange in many ways. During the family worship service, which was regularly observed twice daily in the Pruitt home, he prayed that Sis. Pruitt would have power to "run through a troop" and by God's help to "leap over a wall." (Psa. 18:29.) This really tickled the Pruitt children, yet they dared not let out a peep during prayer. They muffled their laughter, but after worship they

had to let it out. "Can't you just see Mamma leaping over a wall?" little Frank asked, and the children would laugh. Of course, Mother Pruitt didn't appreciate this interruption of the worship service, yet, with Papa Pruitt away, holding a meeting in Kansas, she hardly knew what to do.

On Sunday, the man attended services at the Guthrie chapel. That night in the service he led out in prayer saying, "Lord, help me to give these people the truth tonight that they need." Bro. C. E. Orr was there and realized the man intended to preach. Bro. Orr was near the pulpit; so as everyone arose he just crawled over on his knees toward the pulpit and then got up into the pulpit. He knew the man had a wrong spirit, and therefore he didn't feel he ought to preach. Bro. Orr brought a good message that night. The man got up from his knees and sat down with a dejected look on his face. He soon left the service. Papa Pruitt had arrived home after service had started, and the man found him there when he went back to the Pruitt home. He told Papa Pruitt that the devil had beat him to the pulpit that night. Papa Pruitt knew by his conversation that he needed help, but he could not help the man because he didn't want help in his soul. The man left the next morning and went on his way.

—Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

## For A Limited Time Only

There is a story told in ancient history of a certain king who lit a lamp and hung it in his palace. He then sent heralds to bring every criminal and rebel into his presence that they might receive his royal pardon. Those who came while the lamp was burning were set free. But those who delayed until the lamp had gone out, or who altogether neglected his invitation, met with a terrible death.

That is a picture of what is happening today. God's time for pardon and forgiveness is now. The lamp of salvation is still burning, but there is a time coming when God will say, "The time is up," and those who have refused to accept His offer of pardon will meet with a terrible fate—eternity in hell. Come to Him now while the lamp is still burning!

—Sel.

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Seek for beauty of heart.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Remember that we are taking verses from the Old Bible which were written years before Jesus came, and are reading in the New Testament about their being fulfilled. This is a great miracle of God's plan being unfolded about Christ and His labors and life.

It was foretold in the Psalms, which was written years before, that Jesus would ascend and sit on the right hand of God. We read in Acts of the New Testament about Jesus' taking the disciples out to Mount Olivet and there talking to them. He knew that He was going to leave them. He had walked with them for a number of years and had taught them about God's great plan of salvation for the souls of mankind. He had instructed them how to live and how to work for Him and help others to be saved. He loved them and He knew that they would be hated by all men and have many troubles. Yet He knew that they would have His Spirit with them to make them happy in their souls and to give them power to obey His Words. He told them to be of good cheer and not to let their hearts be troubled.

Jesus had been put in the tomb, but He had risen, and the disciples had seen Him at different times for forty days after His resurrection. Paul says that He was seen of 500 brethren at one time; so there was no doubt about His

coming back to life in a new body. Jesus told them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, which was the infilling of the Holy Spirit. After receiving the Holy Spirit they were to have power to live godly in this life.

After Jesus spoke these things, He began to rise slowly up into the sky. Finally a cloud received Him out of their sight. Two angels spoke to the disciples, telling them that as they had seen Him go up, He would come again in like manner. This is the hope we have in our souls. He will come one day in the clouds and will meet us up in the air to receive us, and we will forever be with Him in eternity. How wonderful!

The last part of our lesson tells about Stephen's being stoned. He looked up into heaven just before he died and saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God, just where the Old Testament said He would be. Stephen was glad to leave his old body and enter into the presence of Jesus, the Lover of his soul. Boys and girls, Jesus is alive and we can pray to Him and He will hear us and help us.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 3, July 15, 1979

## CHRIST AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND

Psa. 110:1 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Psa. 68:18a Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men.

Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Acts 7:54 When they [Jewish council opposing Stephen] heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

58a And cast him out of the city, and stoned him.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**Memory Verse:** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8:34

### Questions:

1. Was it prophesied in the Old Testament that Christ would sit at God's right hand?
2. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, where did He tell the disciples to wait?
3. For what were they to wait?
4. Even after Christ's resurrection, did the disciples really understand the kingdom that Christ came to establish? What did they ask Jesus that makes you know they didn't understand?
5. What "power" were the disciples to receive with the coming of the Holy Ghost?
6. After Jesus talked with His disciples and told them to wait for the Holy Ghost, what happened to Him?
7. Who appeared to the disciples after Jesus ascended to heaven?
8. What did the angels tell them?
9. From what mount did Jesus ascend?
10. Why was Stephen stoned?
11. What did Stephen see as he looked toward heaven?
12. What did Stephen pray concerning those who were stoning him?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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Since the monthly paper went to different parts of the United States and other countries, there was often someone stopping by the Print Shop while traveling. Many preachers came by, and of course they were always welcomed in the Pruitt home. Mother Pruitt was a gracious hostess and her company came first. Her children were also taught this.

Two preachers came from New York state. They were in the annual meeting here at the chapel, but stayed at the Pruitt home after the meeting. One day at the big dinner table one of the preachers commented about the pie Mother Pruitt had made as being so delicious. He said, "Sis. Pruitt, do you have any more of that pie?"

"No, I do not, but you may have my piece," and she handed him her piece of pie.

"Thank you," he said, as he took her pie.

The Pruitt children were amazed at this, but, of course, they didn't dare say anything until afterward. They felt that the preacher surely was in the wrong to take their mother's piece of pie. Their

mother told them that company was always to be first.

The young men and women who came to help in the Print Shop were treated very kindly and Mother Pruitt didn't spare them anything, even if her own children had to do without. The Pruitts appreciated their help, and of course many times they received but a very small allowance. Their sacrifice was great to be able to come to help. Her parents, therefore, felt that they should have the best. Some of the children didn't feel this way and, at times, it took some grace to know how to face different situations. The Pruitt children also worked in the Print Shop and sacrificed many things, even their parents' time and attention, when others demanded it. Mother Pruitt also needed grace to share her kitchen with the workers. She was very particular. She wanted everything in its place, as it saved her time. God let them know as He did the Apostle Paul, that "my grace is sufficient for thee." 2 Cor. 12:9. Bro. and Sis. Pruitt had a burden to get the printed gospel sent forth even if it meant many sacrifices during those depression days.

In December of 1932, Bro. C. E. Orr

quit printing a separate paper called *The Path of Life*, and put his Sunday school lessons in the *Faith and Victory* paper. At this time he was living in Louisiana and was pastor at Hammond.

## CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

### *A Trip To California*

In the summer of 1933, Bro. and Sis. C. E. Orr rode with Sis. Alta Flynn to the Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Oklahoma City. During the meeting Bro. Orr started hemorrhaging from the lungs, and he was brought to the Pruitt home to be cared for. His daughters came to help Sis. Orr care for him. He talked to Papa Pruitt and gave him some instructions about what to do after he was gone, and then said, "Let me get off to glory." It was not long until he died a triumphant death after about four weeks of illness. He was buried in the Summit View Cemetery in Guthrie, Okla., where many of the saints are buried to await the resurrection. He left some wonderful books that teach glorious truths. His life still lives on in the minds of those who knew him and through the teachings of his books.

One of Bro. C. E. Orr's daughters had bought a ticket to Kansas City, and she told Anna Marie that she could use it to go see her brother, Andrew, who lived there. Anna Marie needed a new pair of shoes and her mother said that they didn't have the money to buy them. Sis. Sadie Orr found out about it and gave Anna Marie money to buy the shoes. This was deeply appreciated. She felt that the Lord had answered her prayer and was very thankful. She never forgot that kind deed. Being thoughtful was one of Sis. Sadie Orr's virtues. Marie heard her often quote, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last."

The fall of 1933, Papa Pruitt and Anna Marie went with Bro. and Sis. Charley Forbes on a trip to California to

hold some meetings. This was the first time she had ever been to California and she was looking forward to the trip. She had heard much about California being a land of flowers, beautiful mountains, and of course, a shoreline for the Pacific Ocean. To her amazement, as they traveled on the highway, Bro. Forbes kept turning the steering wheel back and forth and the car would go back and forth, yet he didn't go very far over the center of the road or side. As they neared the beautiful mountains, she was more alarmed, as there were deep canyons on one side, and at places there was only room for one car. You would honk your horn to let anyone that might be coming up the other side know you were there. Anna Marie became very nervous about it all.

"Oh, he isn't going to make it!" cried Anna Marie as they came sailing down the side of the mountain facing a sharp turn at the bottom. Sure enough, they bounced over into the shallow ditch, shaking everyone and everything up and down, and back and forth. They then bounced back onto the road and Bro. Forbes just kept driving on down the road not saying a word.

"Charley, you are going to kill us all!" Sis. Forbes yelled in her naturally shrill voice. "Why can't you drive straight?" Bro. Forbes just laughed in his good natured way, and put his arm around her and said, "Well, maybe your next husband will drive better!"

"If I ever get rid of this one, I'll never get another one!" Sis. Forbes stated in her high-pitched voice. Bro. Forbes just laughed and kept on driving back and forth down the road. —Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

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Is there someone who would like to have the chance to do something brave? Well, I want you to turn back a lion! "What's that?" you say; "turn back a

lion!" Yes. The next time you are tempted to sin—to tell a lie, or to disobey your mother—you may turn back a lion, for that is what Satan is like—"As a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

—Sel.

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"The locusts have no king yet go they forth all of them by bands." Locusts are large insects that travel together in great companies, and eat up everything in the fields, so where they go, no food is left for cattle or for sheep, and great distress is caused to all the people who live there. They are to be dreaded, because they go in such numbers. To be wise, then as the locusts, we must learn to work together. We must all try not to quarrel with one another; but to be helpful to one another, to obey orders, and to do our duty well.

—Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We are going to talk about what Isaiah the prophet said about Jesus. Isaiah was called the "gospel prophet." It seemed that through the Spirit of God he received many glimpses of Jesus and His work, and also of the work of God's people.

Our first verse speaks of Jesus who will "swallow up death in victory." Because Jesus arose from the dead He gives us victory over death. In other words, those who have been put in the graves will come forth in the last day just like Jesus came forth from the grave. Our second verse in Isaiah also speaks of the general resurrection. Dead men, women, boys and girls will come forth from the dust and their dead bodies will live again. Isn't that wonderful? How sad it is when we see the body of one we love put down into the grave. Of course, the soul or spirit has left that body. It has gone to be with Jesus, or to a resting

place, until the judgment, or the resurrection. Only the house that the soul or spirit lived in is put in the ground. Our loved one is not really in that body. That body will go back to dust, but their spirit is in paradise, or in the presence of Jesus. It's a wonderful place.

In I Thess. we read that we are not to sorrow as those who have no hope. Those bodies that sleep in the ground will arise again. When the last day comes and the trump of God sounds, the Lord will descend with a shout of the archangel, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Those who are alive in Christ will be caught up in the air with them. Together they will meet the Lord in the air and will be with Him forever.

Our lesson in Revelation tells us about the Judgment. There we see a picture of the great white throne. God is sitting upon it. The heavens and earth are passed away. All the dead, both small and great, are standing before God. Even those who have died at sea are there. Everyone is there. The books are opened. Every one is being judged out of those books. What you have done is recorded there. Nothing has been left out. The book of life is opened, and those whose names are written in the book of life are ready to go into heaven with Jesus.

How sad it will be for those who have not sought Jesus for forgiveness of their sins. They will be cast into the lake of fire with the devil and his angels. Boys and girls, because Jesus arose He has victory over death and in the end He will deliver up the kingdom to the Father.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 4, July 22, 1979

## DEAD WILL COME FORTH

Isa. 25:8a He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

Isa. 26:1a In that day . . .

19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

I Thess. 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Rev. 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

I Cor. 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put all rule and all authority and power.

**Memory Verse:** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. I Cor. 15:13.

#### Questions:

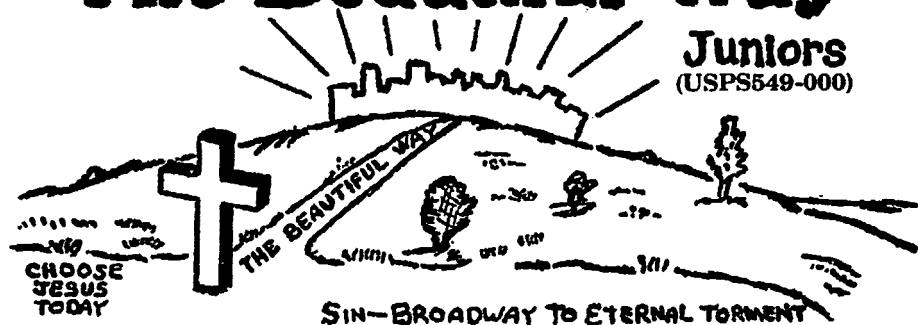
1. How has death been swallowed up in victory?
2. What hope do we have concerning the dead?
3. What will happen to the dead in Christ at His coming?
4. What will happen to the living Christians?
5. How long will we stay with the Lord?
6. In Revelation who is spoken of as sitting on the throne?
7. Who will stand before God's throne at the end of time?
8. What do you think will be found written in the books that will be opened?
9. What will happen to the people who have drowned at sea?
10. Will anyone escape the judgment?
11. What will be done with the people whose names are not written in the book of life?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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When they crossed the border, Anna Marie was surprised that Southern California was mostly desert. If they didn't water continually things would not grow as they get very little rain.

By the Lord's protection they made it to California, and soon were in meetings which had been scheduled. The Lord worked in the meetings in a precious way. It was wonderful to meet the different saints of God. They had the first meeting in Whittier, Calif., where Bro. E. M. Zinn was pastor. Some had recently sought salvation, being stirred to their spiritual need by an earthquake that had taken place. It was an awful sight to see the buildings that had been shaken down and big cracks in some of the larger buildings. Half of a building would be standing with the furniture still in it. In one upstairs apartment, the table with dishes on it was at the edge of the part that had been broken off. There were still having small quakes when they arrived.

God blessed in the meetings and some were at the altar. Anna Marie also went to the altar for a closer walk with the

Lord, and she received a great blessing to her soul. Other young people sought God. Different ones were healed, and God blessed in the meetings.

While in Whittier, Marie and her father drove down to see the ocean. They drove out on the pier, which went out in a circle into the ocean. Marie was so very thrilled at seeing the huge body of water that she didn't keep her eyes off it. They came back and then walked along the beach. Soon Marie got sick at her stomach and lost her breakfast. She didn't know what the trouble was but later she was told that she was seasick. The motion of the water causes people to get seasick.

Marie picked up some sea shells and marveled at the waters as they would come in upon the coast and then go back out into the sea. The water would dash back and forth in a troubled state, yet moved according to a certain pattern. Since Marie was there to be a help to souls, the Scripture came to her of what the Bible said about a soul that is not saved. "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isa. 57:20, 21.

After the meetings in Whittier, they held some meetings in Glendale. The Lord blessed and it was wonderful to see Bro. and Sis. George Harmon, their son and his wife, and Bro. and Sis. Gene Harmon and family. Papa Pruitt had known both these families when they lived in New Mexico, and Bro. and Sis. Erle Forbes and their family who lived next door to the chapel. Sylvia (Busbee) was a baby at that time. Many of the saints gathered, and the Lord blessed in sharing the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Anna Marie had decided that she would drop the name Anna, as she was not particularly fond of that name. She told everyone she met there that her name was Marie. From that time she was just called Marie.

After meetings in Glendale, they went to San Bernardino and stayed in Bro. and Sis. Poulos' home. Their three children were very small, Esther being the baby. They had meetings there in the chapel.

While in California a young man was extremely interested in Marie, but she did not want to return that interest, although she tried to be gracious about it. At this time she was not keeping company with anyone, although she received a letter from Carl Miles, a young man who lived in Guthrie. He told her how much he missed her, but she was not impressed and took it only as a friendly letter.

They took the southern route home, therefore missing many mountains. The trip home was without any unusual event, except in the desert Bro. Forbes spent half a day working on the car, while Sis. Forbes told him which bolt to take out and put in. He didn't pay any attention to her, but did it his way. He was surely a patient man.

At first the desert didn't appeal to Marie very much. For miles they only saw rocks, sand, bushes, or cactus. Some

of the cacti were huge and looked like giants against the horizon. One could see for miles and miles, although at places one could see the bare mountain or hills in the distance.

Marie's father remarked, "You read in Isaiah about the desert rejoicing and blossoming like a rose."

"What does it mean when it says that?" asked Marie.

Marie's father opened his Bible and read in Isaiah 35:1,2. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing. . . ." Marie's father explained that the sinner's heart was the desert place which is void of God and without the joys of salvation. The fruit of the Spirit can't grow in that heart. When a person repents of his sins and then lets Jesus rule his life, that desert heart becomes a fruitful garden. Bro. Pruitt turned over to Isa. 51:3 and read, "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: [the church] he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." Then Marie's father got lost in meditation and soon he said, "Praise God!" Marie shared his joy in also experiencing the change in her own heart. As she looked out on the desert it took on a new meaning.

It was wonderful to be at home again. Soon Marie was busy in the office helping send forth the gospel through the printed page. She took part in the young people's meeting and would testify on prayer meeting night for the Lord. She had a great battle with timidity. It was very hard for her to even talk in school, and of course the devil is against anyone who would testify for the Lord, so she had to pray much about this.

Marie enjoyed going to Neosho, Mo., where they had campmeeting. Many came from various places and she met many young people. They had a tent for the services and smaller tents for people to stay in. Bro. and Sis. John Strech and family worked hard to see that each summer this meeting was kept going, with the help of the saints in Neosho. The tent was put up next to the chapel in Neosho.

—Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

There is something wonderful about a daisy. It is not one flower, but hundreds of little flowers all bunched together. The center of the daisy is a whole town of little flowers, every one of them complete in itself. But the flowers on the outside of this ring are the most wonderful of all. Two of the teeth on each floret in the outer ring are drawn out into a long petal to make the white ring. Why, though, should there be so many little flowers in one? It is because they have learned how to help each other. In place of each flower having a stem and roots of its own, they all go together and have one root and stem.

Lots of people are not as wise as a daisy. They want their own way all the time.

—Sel.

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

Dear Boys and Girls:

Maybe you remember hearing about President Carter, Mr. Begin of Israel, and Mr. Sadat of Egypt meeting together in Washington D. C. As President Carter watched, Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat signed a peace treaty stating that they would work for peace between their nations. Mr. Begin is a Jew, and in his speech he quoted the Scripture in our lesson about beating "their swords into plowshares and their spears into

pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." President Carter used the same Scripture in his speech, saying that it is better to sign a peace treaty before mothers' sons' blood drenches the ground, than afterward. All of this is good, and peace should be sought after. But, boys and girls, there will not be peace here on earth among all nations, as peace can be only in godly men's hearts.

The Scriptures in our lesson from Isaiah (the gospel Prophet) pointed to the holy mountain of the Lord, which is the Church of God, or Mt. Zion. It's not a literal mountain. It's God's mountain of peace that dwells in the hearts of all who are "born again" and who are God's children. There is not one of the devil's children in that mountain. It's too high for them to get into. Our Scriptures in Isaiah and in Psalms point to the time when Jesus would come and set up His kingdom in the hearts of people who are saved from sin. Jesus came to bring peace, but only peace comes among God's children. There is no peace among those who follow the devil's ways. In this world there are two kinds of people: those who love God and those who don't.

When we think of this mountain of love and peace, we love the way that the Psalmist spoke it. He saw God's church up above all of the wickedness in this world. God's church is people who love God and all of His good ways. They love peace and seek for it. They do not war against any person. He said, "Walk about Zion," or God's mountain of peace where God's people in this world dwell, and see how beautiful and secure it is. The devil can't get to it.

Those who seek God are translated into this mountain of peace. They are holy and have put on bowels (tender emotions) of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering,

forbearing one another, forgiving one another, and above all they have love and peace in their hearts. Isn't that wonderful?  
—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, July 29, 1979

## GOD'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

Isa. 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Psa. 48:1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Col. 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath

translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Col. 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

**Memory Verse:** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Eph. 5:11.

### Questions:

1. What is established in the top of the mountain?
2. Are all nations in God's church?
3. What does the Scripture say will be beaten into plowshares?
4. Where can the peace of God be found?
5. What is Mount Zion?
6. What are the bulwarks, or wall of protection, around God's church?
7. Who will be our guide even unto death?
8. How do we get into the kingdom of God?
9. Through whom do we have redemption?
10. Name some of the attitudes we should have, such as mercy, etc.
11. Whose example are we to follow in forgiving others?
12. What is spoken of as "the bond of perfectness"?

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### CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

#### *A Close Friendship Developed*

Maybelle (Miles) Pruitt's brother, Carl, came to work in the Print Shop after school. He had loved Marie for some years, but he felt that since she was a little over a year older than himself, he didn't have a chance of winning her affections. As far as she was concerned, he was just like one of her brothers. She thought he was a fine person and she even tried to get other girls to go with him, telling them how nice he was. He went with some girls, but not for long, as he loved Marie. She didn't let it concern her very much, even if she did know it. When he came to work in the Print Shop after school, he would ask Marie to help him with some of his studies. She consented, but still she didn't have any further personal concern for him.

Time passed and the Assembly meeting came at Christmas time. Marie was very excited about her girlfriend Verta's coming from California to be there during the meeting. When she arrived, the girls were together and

enjoyed each other. Verta O'Raine was a few years older than Marie. She had previously worked in the Print Shop and had shared Marie's bedroom.

One day, Carl told Marie that he was leaving and going home during the rest of the school Christmas vacation. "Oh, you shouldn't go and leave the meeting," she replied.

"You don't care if I am around. You never pay any attention to me," he said. "I'm going to leave in the morning." She could tell that he was deeply hurt.

"Please don't go!" Marie said, and suddenly she realized that she did care if he was around, and she told him so. Subconsciously she had appreciated his attentions and had not seemed to realize it.

Later, Verta told Marie that Carl had told her of his love for Marie. He also told Verta that he didn't think he had a chance. Verta questioned Marie, and she had to admit that she didn't want him to leave and that she did care for him. It seemed from that time on, Marie felt a great love in her heart for Carl. Soon there was a mutual understanding, and they began going together. Carl was very happy that he had at last won the attention of the girl whom he had loved

for several years. Marie loved the Lord and Carl did too, as they both were saved. They prayed about their courtship and felt clear in God's sight.

One time when Carl was working in Oklahoma City and living at his sister's, he hitchhiked down to see Marie. In those days not many young people had cars, as those were depression days. As he left the city, he got a ride to Edmond, which was about twenty miles from Guthrie. While waiting on a street corner, a car stopped and picked him up. The young man was in an expensive car and he drove very fast. Carl felt a little alarmed at his high rate of speed, but of course, didn't say anything. It began to rain, and as the driver went around a curve, the car went out of control and hit a truck loaded with apples. Carl got a big gash on the top of his head above his forehead. It was such a hard knock to his head, that for a few minutes he was unaware of what was going on around him. He was taken to the Guthrie hospital. They sewed up the gash and he had them call his sister to come and get him. This alarmed Marie very much, but God took care of him and the place healed. He didn't have money to pay for the hospital bill, but he worked it out. They were building a new hospital in Guthrie at the time (1933), and he worked on it until his bill was paid.

The young man who wrecked the car worked for a Guthrie merchant. He was supposed to take the car and wash it, but he had his suitcase in the back, and had intended to leave for other parts, but changed his mind. He was on his way back to Guthrie when he picked up Carl. He got five years for his attempted theft and for wrecking the car.

It doesn't pay to do wrong. A person may try to cover up his sins but those sins will be found out. As the poet has said, "You can't do wrong and get by."

Carl's folks had moved to Springfield, Mo., from Guthrie, and then to Neosho. His father, W. I. Miles, was a preacher in this reformation and his parents had taught their children the precious truths of the Bible. Carl's mother was a wonderful mother to her family of eleven children. At that time several of the older children were married. Maybelle was older than Carl and she had married Marie's brother, Lawrence; therefore, the families had been very close.

When the Miles family moved to Guthrie, Okla. Carl's mother, Lycenia, took sick with pneumonia and she was very low. Marie's father and others came and prayed for her. God healed her and she got up and cared for her family.

Carl and Marie believed the truths of God's Word and both wanted to please the Lord. Carl played the violin in the school orchestra, and because he would not wear a tie, he was given a low grade. He felt that he was pleasing the Lord.

I'll insert a poem that Carl wrote in 1932, which was printed in the November issue of the *Faith and Victory* paper.

### *What Is Life?*

*One night as I was thinking  
Of the path that we should trod,  
I tho't of the ones who were sinking,  
Oh! I wish they would come to God.*

*Life is real—we should take heed,  
And keep our hearts pure and clean.  
We should sow good and holy seed,  
And never be unkind and mean.*

*People are only servants.  
But some of them think they are not.  
If they are not God's servants,  
Destruction shall be their lot.*

*What is life to a sinner?  
It is sorrow, misery and pain  
But the life of a VICTORY WINNER  
Is joy, peace—A crown shall gain.*

—Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

## The Boy For Me

A gentleman advertised for a boy, and nearly fifty came to see him. Out of the whole number he chose one, and dismissed the rest.

"I should like to know," said a friend, "why you picked out that boy, who has not a single recommendation."

"You are mistaken," said the gentleman; "he had a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful."

"He gave his seat instantly to that lame old man, showing that he was thoughtful and kind. He took off his cap and answered my questions promptly, showing that he was gentlemanly."

"He picked up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor, and placed it upon the table; and he waited quietly for his turn instead of pushing and crowding, showing that he was honorable and orderly."

"When I talked to him I noticed that his clothes were neat, and his hair in order; when he wrote his name I noticed that his fingernails were clean."

"Don't you call those little things recommendations? I do; and I would give more for what I can tell about a boy by using my eyes than for all the letters he can bring." —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We are still studying from Isaiah, to whom the Lord showed some wonderful things about Jesus who was to come and die on the cross for our sins. It's great how God revealed this to him several hundred years before.

Isaiah said that a child would be born of a virgin. A virgin is one who has never been married or touched by a man. Then we read that Isaiah told about the great names that Jesus would be called. He also said that Jesus

would have a great kingdom of peace. He would have judgment and justice in that kingdom. His kingdom would never come to an end. We know that when we are saved from our sins we are in that kingdom of peace. It's not a kingdom of this world. Jesus was of the family of David. Today Jesus is sitting upon David's throne in heaven. How wonderful that is!

Let us read in the New Testament about Jesus who was born of Mary, a virgin. She had been engaged to Joseph and they planned to be married. One day Gabriel, the angel, visited her. He said, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Mary was troubled. She didn't understand the angel's saying. She became afraid. The angel said, "Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor with God. You will have a child. You are to call Him Jesus, He shall be great. God will give Him the throne of David. He will reign forever. His kingdom will never come to an end."

Mary thought that this could not be because she was not married. She asked the angel about it. He said, "The Holy Ghost will come upon you and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you. The holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." God was to be the Father of Jesus and Mary was to be His earthly mother. Only in this way could God come down and be a part of mankind. If Jesus had been born of an earthly father He would have had sin in His heart, but since He was born of God He never had any sin. He was pure and holy, yet took on the fleshly body like we have. God's plan was perfect. God could then show us the way to live in this life so we could be ready to live in heaven with Him when we leave this life.

Our memory verse brings out what the angels told the shepherds that night on the hillside as they cared for their sheep.

Jesus had been born in Bethlehem and the angels rejoiced. They let the shepherds know that Jesus was born and was Christ, their Saviour.

—Aunt Marie

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### Lesson 6, August 5, 1979

## THE WONDERFUL CHILD

Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt . . . bring

forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

**Memory Verse:** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11.

### Questions:

1. Of whom did Isaiah say Christ would be born?
2. What were some of the names Isaiah said Christ would be called?
3. What government is on His shoulder?
4. Was Jesus a descendant of David?
5. Who told Mary she would have a child?
6. Was she at first afraid of the angel?
7. Why do you think Mary was chosen to be Jesus' mother?
8. Who was Jesus' real father?
9. Who acted as Jesus' earthly father?
10. Was Jesus born with sin?
11. Is Christ now reigning on His throne?
12. Will the kingdom of Christ ever end?

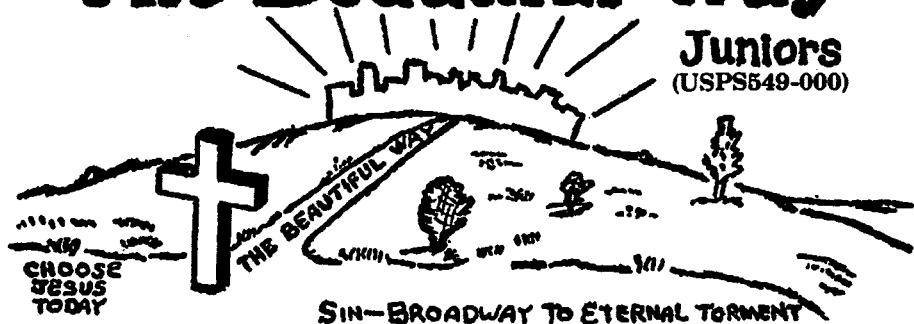
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## My Life's Heartstrings

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Carl and Marie did a lot of their courting on the front porch. When it came time for Marie to come in, her father would call her. Sometimes he had to call twice, but never a third time. Carl and Marie would also walk to town and to different places to spend the evening with others.

One winter day when snow was on the ground, the Pruitt boys and others wanted to go hunting for jack rabbits. Some of the girls went, also. Carl and Marie were in the group. The boys built a fire and the girls prepared the meal over it. They all ate and had a nice time. The girls walked with the boys up the railroad tracks, while the boys watched for rabbits to shoot along the sides of the tracks. Carl and Marie dropped a little way behind the others. While they were walking along, Carl told Marie of his great love for her and asked if she would marry him. She told him she would, as she also deeply loved him. What a glorious day that was as their hearts were knit together in love! Of course, they could not make plans for the wedding, as it was depression times

and young people had a hard time starting housekeeping. So it was to be some time in the future when things could work out. Marie felt that Carl would always love the Lord and she had perfect confidence in him that he would live for God.

## CHAPTER NINETEEN

### *Miles' Family Experiences*

When Carl's parents and their family lived in Homestead, Okla., his grandmother Johnson came to live with them. She was about one hundred years of age at that time. She was half Cherokee Indian, but Grandpa Johnson was a white man. She told them many stories about the Indians and the early days. She was born in Texas, as were her husband and both of Carl's parents.

In the early days, the Indians would raid the compounds, which were places where the white people lived together with their families. Often they would have high board or post fences around their houses, which they called stockades. When the men would be gone, the Indians would come and scalp the women, burn the houses and barns, steal what they wanted, and often ride off on good ponies, leaving their own

skinny ones. They would drive the cattle off, and take all the goods they could.

One time the Indians raided the compound where Grandma and Grandpa Johnson lived, while the men were gone. They scalped one of Grandpa Johnson's cousins, but she lived. They scalped another woman and she died. The Indians shot an arrow through one of Grandpa's niece's stomach and worked it back and forth to watch her suffer. They drove off the cattle and took the horses. Part of the compound was burned. When the men returned, they found the women hiding, some dead, and the niece half dead, who died later. The men found two babies on the trail that the Indians had scalped. Grandma Johnson helped to prepare one of the babies for burial. All these things caused Grandpa Johnson to hate the Indians.

Grandpa Johnson came to live with the Miles family one time. He was tall and had a long white beard. He was blind. Carl's father and mother would talk to him about giving his heart to the Lord. Sometimes he would weep and pray, but he could never forgive the Indians. Of course, the Bible tells us that "if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:15. Mother Miles was very sad about the hardness of his heart, and grieved much about him when he died without making peace with God. Even though he hated the Indians, he loved his wife who was half Indian.

In the earlier days the Miles family lived in Clovis, New Mexico. In 1918, when the flu was raging and people were dying, Mother Miles helped care for many who were sick, and laid out the dead for burial. The body of one little boy who had died with the flu was brought to the Miles home, waiting for burial, because his father was very low and the family was sick. Then Mother

Miles took the flu and was very low. Bro. George Harmon, their pastor, was sent for and came and anointed and prayed for her according to the Bible teaching, and God healed her. She got up the next morning and cared for her family. She was out sweeping off the porch and Bro. Herforth walked by. He spoke in broken English, "Vell, I knew the Lord could heal, but I didn't know He could do it so quickly."

Not long after Bro. and Sis. W. I. Miles had been saved, before they learned to trust the Lord completely for healing, their second child, Argie, who was about three or four years of age, took sick with pneumonia. They called Bro. Kerane to come and pray for her. He prayed and she didn't get any better. Bro. Kerane told Bro. and Sis. Miles that something was standing in the way of her healing. He then asked if they were giving her medicine, and if so, were they willing to throw it away and trust God. Bro. Miles told him that he had it because if the Lord didn't heal Argie then he would give her the medicine. Bro. Kerane said that God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26b. He read other Scriptures of how Jesus had healed when He was here on earth and was "the same yesterday, today, and for ever." Heb. 13:8. Bro. Kerane then asked, "Are you willing to throw the medicine away and trust God completely?" Bro. Miles told him that he was willing to completely trust God. He threw the medicine away and then God healed the child.

From babyhood Carl had seen the Lord heal in his family. He never knew anything but trusting the Lord for soul and body. One time when yet a child, Carl was healed of a carbuncle on his leg. He was not even able to walk. God healed him without medication. His mother had cared for him tenderly and he always loved his mother dearly. (To be continued.)

—M. Miles

## Be Not Proud

An old grandfather once quoted this short test—"Be not proud"—at the family breakfast table. Everyone present said they had never heard it before, and they did not believe that it was in the Bible. He declared that it was, and he gave them a week to find it in, and promised the finder a silver dollar. But at the end of the week nobody claimed the silver dollar.

They searched both Testaments in vain, and the old grandfather had to show it to them. And so, many a precious gem lies hidden in this vast mine until a light is struck over it, and lo! it glitters.

Christ is our model and no pride was in Him. He knew everything, and possessed everything, and could do everything; but He laid all His honors at His Father's feet; He chose fishermen for His companions, and welcomed babes to His arms and condescended to men of low estate. —Sel.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Today we are going to talk about more things that the gospel prophet Isaiah has said about Jesus. He told us what Jesus would be like when He came to live on the earth, as recorded in the New Testament. As we read about Jesus' life, we know that what the prophet said is true.

First, he mentions that Jesus would come from the stem or root of Jesse. Jesus did come from the lineage of Jesse, who was the father of David. Jesus was called a Branch. We read in Matt. 3:16 that when Jesus was baptized the Spirit of God came upon Him in the shape of a dove. This was the fulfillment of a prophecy. Isaiah said, "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." The Spirit of God would not only be in Him, but also the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, and knowledge and the fear of the Lord. All of these things were

in Jesus. He could put the wisest men of His day to shame because of His great wisdom. (Luke 20:2-8). Remember when He confounded the men in the temple when He was only 12 years of age?

In verses three and four we read how He judged, not after the sight of the eyes, but with righteous judgment. (Mark 2:5-10). Jesus knew the thoughts of others. He never made a mistake in His judgment. The prophet Isaiah also said that He would smite and slay the wicked with the rod of His mouth. We read in Revelation 1:16 how Jesus looked to John while he was in the spirit on the Isle of Patmos. He said that "out of His mouth went forth a sharp two-edged sword." Then we read in Heb. 4:12 that the "word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." We know that God's Word is powerful and must be listened to and obeyed, or we will be slain by the very Word that we reject.

Now we come to the part of the lesson that the prophet Isaiah tells us will happen when we have the peace of God in our souls, after we have been changed and made a new creature. (2 Cor. 5:17). When we are changed by being "born again" we will "seek peace and pursue it." (Psa. 34:14). We will "follow after the things which make for peace." (Rom. 14:19).

A boy or girl who has had a wolf-like nature will no longer try to hurt or destroy a lamb, or helpless child. He will be kind to everyone after he has been "born again." The one who had lion-like actions will be changed and be nice to others. He won't be wanting to hurt anyone. The one who has been like a bear, growling about everything, won't be doing that any more. When a boy or girl is following Jesus, he will have peace in his heart and will follow after

things that make for peace. Isn't it wonderful what Jesus does for those who give Him their hearts?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 12, 1979

## HEARTS FILLED WITH PEACE

Isa. 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth

shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Acts 13:22 And when he [God] had removed him [Saul], he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus.

Memory Verse: And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col. 3:15.

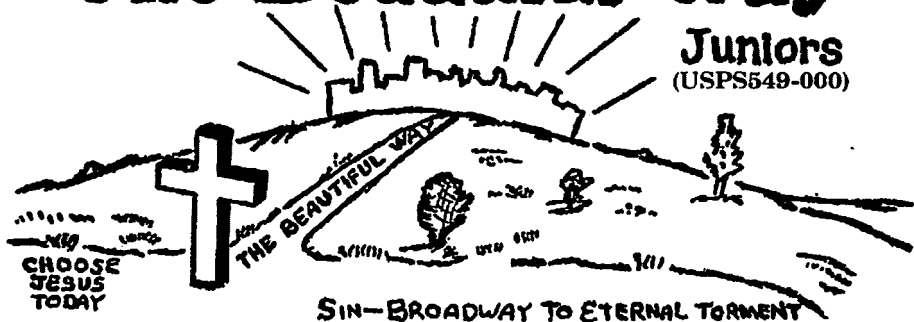
### Questions:

1. Was Jesus a descendant of Jesse?
2. Who was Jesse?
3. What spirit did Isaiah say would rest upon Jesus?
4. What kind of judgment did he say Christ would have?
5. Are the Lord's judgments always righteous?
6. Describe someone with a wolf-like nature; with a lion-like nature.
7. Is it possible for these natures to be changed? How?
8. What is an asp and a cockatrice?
9. Can the Lord change people's natures who are harmful and evil as serpents?
10. What king did God have to replace Saul?
11. In what ways do you think David was a man after God's own heart?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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One time Mother Miles was making taffy candy and had just poured the hot candy out into a large platter. Carl didn't know it was hot and reached up and put his hand into the hot candy, burning it severely. He screamed with pain. His mother and all the children cried and prayed for him. Big blisters raised up on his hand. The Lord heard their prayers and took away the pain. They trusted God completely. Today he has scars and one finger is slightly drawn from that terrible burn. It's a reminder of what God did for him.

Bro. and Sis. Miles lived in Roswell, New Mexico around 1910, where Bro. Willis M. Brown was pastor. They had a school there for the children. Carl's two older brothers and sister went to that school. Sis. Coral (Myers) Johnson, Sis. Pauline (Mays) Yeaman, Anna Guyer, the Brown sisters and others taught there.

Bro. Willis M. Brown had the gift of healing. They witnessed many healings that God performed through his prayers. A man and his wife named Kirkseik lived in part of the house with the Miles

family. When Bro. Brown held a meeting in a tabernacle the woman got saved. After accepting the truth she got very sick. She sent for Bro. Brown to pray for her. She was instantly healed. Her husband was sitting there and seemed very angry, as he was a grouchy old man, according to some of the Miles children. He did not believe in divine healing, but after his wife was healed instantly he was amazed. He said that she never acted that way before when she had those spells. She had always lain in bed for several days, and would nearly die. Mr. Kirkseik had been hurt when his horses got scared and ran away with the wagon. He was crushed severely which left him crippled and he had to use crutches. One day he said, "Ol' lady, if you will help me get to church I will go with you." After hearing a few sermons, he said, "If God could heal my wife, He could save my soul and heal me, too." He came to the altar and got saved. Brother Willis M. Brown and others anointed him and prayed for his healing. God healed him and he got up and walked away without his crutches. Carl's sister said that one time he began to stumble and Bro. Brown rebuked the devil and said,

"Keep your eyes off those crutches and trust God!" He left his crutches at the altar. Later he walked six miles to work on a ranch. The doctors had said that he would never walk again, but God healed him.

Carl had an older twin brother and sister. Their names were Maude and Claude. Maude was blind and Claude would lead her around. One day Bro. Willis M. Brown came to visit the Miles home. Maude asked her mother if she could have Bro. Brown pray for her. Of course, Mother Miles told her that she could. Maude walked over and stood between his knees and asked him to pray for her. Bro. Brown asked her, "When I say 'Amen' will you open your eyes?" Maude said, "Yes." He laid his hands on her head and prayed for her healing. When he said, "Amen" she opened her eyes and she could see. Oh, how beautiful everything did look. She went over to the door, sat down and enjoyed what she saw. Her mother was so very happy as well as all in the house. It was a great day in the Miles home.

Maude said that she used to play with Ruth Hendrichs, a four-year-old girl who was bitten between the straps of her sandals by a rattlesnake. When her older brother and sister saw her standing on the snake they killed it and took the rattles off. They took her into the house and the children prayed earnestly for her. Her parents were gone and it was about an hour and a half before they got the message about what had happened, for the boy had to walk a mile to use the neighbor's phone. The neighbors had urged the boy to call a doctor, but since his parents had trusted God for both soul and body for about eighteen years, he didn't see the need of calling a doctor. When her parents reached home, she was not suffering at all, as the Lord had heard and answered the prayer of the children. The saints agreed in prayer

and stood on the promise, "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." Mark 16:18. She was sick, but didn't have any pain. She called for water constantly. They called Bro. Willis M. Brown and others to anoint and pray for her. They prayed nearly all night for her and God gave her a good night's rest. By morning she was badly swollen and sick, but not in severe pain. On the fourth day she got up and went to the table for breakfast. Her limb was swollen twice its normal size and was black. The sixth day it was very hot and the poison spread over her body up to her neck. They didn't understand why this happened, but soon knew that it was for unbelievers to know what God could do. God did heal her, and less than two weeks after she was bitten she rode to town, five and one-half miles. A nurse, who was an unbeliever, saw her and examined her and said that it was a remarkable healing.

The Miles family, as well as all the saints, praised the Lord. All glory and honor goes to our God "who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psa. 103:3.

## CHAPTER TWENTY

### *Evangelistic Trip to Eastern States*

In the early summer of 1935, Marie went with her father and Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, Jr. of Anthony, Kansas, to hold some meetings in Stone County, Mo. Sis. Mattie Wilson, Bro. Ostis' mother, went with them as far as Joplin, Mo., where she took a bus to see her brother, Otto Bolds, in Anderson, Ind., who was very sick. On the trip they had a lot of car trouble. This gave Marie a lot of time to be with Sis. Wilson. She enjoyed this very much as she was truly a "mother in Israel." She told her about her love for Carl Miles and their plans for marriage. Sis. Wilson prayed with her about their marriage and she felt

good about it. They discussed many things and she gave Marie some good advice. She thought they were wise in waiting until he could get established in a job, as times were difficult during the depression. Sis. Wilson thought Carl was a fine young man. —M. Miles

(To be continued.)

In Bible days, purple dye was very important and precious. It was used for kingly cloth and robes. Lydia, mentioned in Acts 16:14, was a merchant who sold this purple. Today we call the color royal purple because it was so often worn by kings and emperors.

This purple dye came in Bible times from a sea creature known as the murex. There are over half a dozen kinds of the murex, such as the rock purple, spiny dye, horned, rose-branch, and Venus' comb. But only a few kinds produce the purple color. The city of Tyre, north of Israel, made dye from the spiny dye murex which was about three inches long.

The murex shown here has purplish-brown spines with a beautiful rose edge. It is not a dye murex for they are very hard to find today. Our royal purple dye must come from other sources. These murex snails have become almost impossible to find because man used so many for dye. It took 240,000 murex snails, not their shells, to give one ounce of dye. —L. Burdick

“Lies, like chickens, come home to roost.”

Dear Boys and Girls:

Many people today have a false idea of the meaning of the first verse in our lesson. They say that Jesus is coming back to earth again, and when He comes every “desert will blossom as a rose.” It is a false idea that Jesus will ever set foot on this earth again, and it is false that the deserts will blossom with roses. Boys and girls, I will give you a verse to

remember: “The Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick [living] and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.” 2 Tim. 4:1. So, we see that when Jesus comes in the clouds of glory the dead in the graves will arise, and He will judge the dead and the living at that time. He will not come back to live on earth, but to judge.

Isaiah is making a prophecy of what Jesus will do to those who believe on Him. Their hearts are thirsty and are like the desert, but when Jesus is allowed to come in they will be happy and bloom for God. They will have joy and singing. The great glory of God will be given to them, which is pictured as the “excellency of Carmel and Sharon.” Today we can say to the fearful heart, “Be strong and fear not,” Jesus will be your Saviour. It's precious to know that we have such a wonderful Saviour! The prophet puts it so wonderfully. It was given to him, through the Spirit of God, before he even knew altogether what Jesus would be like. But today we know. We have that water of life springing up in our souls, and we are not thirsty, but our souls are satisfied.

God let Isaiah know what Jesus would do when He came years later. He would open the blind eyes and unstop the deaf ears. We read in the New Testament about this coming to pass.

John the Baptist had been put in prison and he sent two of his disciples to find out about Christ. When they told Christ about John's questions, we read that Jesus sent word back to him concerning the miracles that were being done. That was all John needed to know, because he had read in Isaiah what Christ was to do when He came.

My sister-in-law was blind when she was a little girl. She had a twin brother who would lead her around. Bro. Willis M. Brown came to their house and she asked her mother if she could have him pray for her eyes to be healed. She, of

course, told her she could. She went over to him and stood at his knees. He asked her if she would open her eyes when he said, "Amen." She said she would; so he prayed for her. When he said, "Amen," She opened her eyes and was healed. Boys and girls, Jesus Christ is still healing today. —Aunt Marie

## Lesson 8, August 18, 1979

### CHRIST BRINGS JOY

Isa. 35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

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

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

Matt. 11:2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

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

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

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

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

**Memory Verse:** Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. John 4:13.

### Questions:

1. What prophet tells us much about the coming of Jesus?
2. What do the words *the desert will blossom as the rose* mean?
3. To what does the sentence *he will come and save you* refer?
4. What miracles did Isaiah prophesy that Jesus would do?
5. When John the Baptist was in prison whom did he send to Jesus?
6. What did he want the disciples to ask Jesus?
7. What answer did Jesus send unto John?
8. Does the Lord still heal today?
9. In whom do we find rest?
10. Is the burden of the Lord heavy?
11. Who can be saved?
12. What is the *water* that the Lord gives us?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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The meeting was held in a school house for ten days, but no one came to the altar until the last night, when one woman got saved. She kept her salvation. Surely that soul was worth all the time spent in the meeting. They stayed at the home of Sis. Nellie Poulos' sister, Edith Sturgis, and husband. They had two small children. They were burdened for the community there and wanted to do all they could to help souls find God.

On the way home there was more car trouble. It was a time when a person had to let his "patience have its perfect work." They stayed all night with the W. I. Miles family in Neosho.

Marie was glad to get home again after such a trying time. It prepared her for a longer trip they were planning to take to the eastern states.

The Lord impressed Papa Pruitt to take a trip to the eastern states from Guthrie, Oklahoma. Mention was made in the *Faith and Victory* paper, and there was a great response. So plans were made to visit different ones and some meetings were scheduled.

On July 8, 1935, Bro. Ostis Wilson, Jr.,

of Anthony, Kansas, Sis. Katherine Watson (later Sis. Key), of Loranger, La., Bro. Fred Pruitt and his daughter, Marie, said good-byes to their dear ones and were on their way. It was especially hard for Marie to tell Carl good-bye. She loved him very much and they had plans to be married in the future when things worked out for them. As has been mentioned, it was during the depression and jobs were hard to get. Carl wanted to be a printer, and it took time to learn the trade. He was working in the Print Shop, but, of course, there wasn't enough pay in it for them to make plans for marriage. Marie felt that the Lord impressed her to take the trip; therefore, after much prayer by both of them, she left. She was to be gone about four months.

The evangelistic company stopped in Tulsa, Okla., to see Bro. Will Barton who was on his deathbed. After having prayer with him, they went on and stayed all night with Bro. Willie Hughes and family in Webb City, Mo. Marie had always loved Ella Mae Hughes (who later married Pat Huskey). The next morning a number of saints came to the home to have worship with them and bid them God-speed on their trip.

The group crossed the Mississippi River and had to pay a ten-cent toll. They drove through the state of Illinois and into Indiana. When they arrived at Anderson, Indiana, they found out that Bro. Ostis Wilson, Jr.'s uncle, Otto Bolds, had passed away on July 10th. Before the funeral they visited the Gospel Trumpet office and the Old People's Home. They met Sis. Mary Cole, who was one of the pioneer ministers, and also Bro. C. W. Naylor, who was bedfast. He had written some books and many of the songs in the *Evening Light Songs* book. Sister Palmeter, who used to be Eunice Miller, was not there. She was the one who had been healed of blindness. She had told her family to put some writing paper in her suitcase when she went to the campmeeting because she expected the Lord to heal her and she would write to them. God did just that. Praise His name!

They visited others close around Anderson, and then came back to Bro. Otto Bolds' funeral. Bro. Charles E. Brown, son of Bro. Willis M. Brown, who was Editor of the Gospel Trumpet paper at that time, preached his funeral. Bro. Bolds had been a pioneer minister and was a faithful soldier of the cross and lived to be of great age.

The first meeting they held was at West Sonora, Indiana. There were a number at the altar for help, some for salvation. They also met many of the saints in that vicinity. They stopped at Bro. and Sis. Deckers'. He was very sick at that time. After being prayed for, he got up and came out to the car. They left him praising God.

Bro. and Sis. William McCoy, Bro. John Strong, Bro. Ray Key, Bro. Smalley, and Bro. W. M. Wolcott, who wrote some songs in the *Evening Light Songs*, and others came to the meeting.

They visited in the home of Bro. Elihua Key. Bro. Ray Key met Sis. Katherine

Watson for the first time. A correspondence started between them, and within a year they married.

Bro. Ostis, Sis. Katherine, and Papa Pruitt preached, and the Lord blessed them in giving out the Word of God. Marie helped in the singing and in testifying. In the meeting at Dayton, Ohio, where they stayed in the home of Bro. William McCoy, the Lord used Marie to tell about the healing of her back and in exhorting on how God can, and does heal. Bro. McCoy later told Marie that he received a vision of God's healing power and took his stand on divine healing from that testimony. He threw his medicine away and God did some marvelous healings in his family in rearing their five children. (He fully trusted God until he died a triumphant death on Feb. 26, 1979, at the age of 78, not taking medicine for forty-five years.)

Marie received a letter from Carl and he told her that he was going to California to see about getting work. He had three brothers who lived out there. This troubled Marie, but she committed it all into the Lord's hands. During the trip different boys sought her attention, possibly because she was the preacher's daughter, but she told them she had a boy friend. She would not consent to write to them or to let them take her any place. She was true to Carl, which was the proper thing for her to do, as she loved him very much. They corresponded regularly while she was on the trip. He wrote of his great love for her and about their future plans.

The evangelistic group left Dayton, Ohio, on their way to Pennsylvania and visited different ones along the way. They stopped to visit a man in Washington D. C. who had written to them. As it was their first time to be in the capitol of the United States, they did some sight-seeing. The Capitol building at that time was one of the largest buildings in the world and was a

magnificent structure covering three acres. The building was made mostly of granite and had a dome with the Statue of Freedom on the top, which towered 317 feet in the air. The cornerstone was laid by George Washington in 1793. It was very interesting to tour parts of the Capitol building.

—Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

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## The Chain That Was Too Strong

A blacksmith of olden times was taken prisoner and put in a dungeon. He there conceived the idea of escaping, and began to examine the chain that bound him, hoping to discover some flaw that might make it easier to be broken, but his hope was vain. He found from marks on the chain that it was one of his own workmanship, and it had always been his boast that no one could ever break a chain that he had forged. Now his own chain bound him!

Thus it is with boys and girls who sin. Their own hand has forged the chain that binds them—a chain which no human power can break. Yet there is One who can break the chain. The Lord Jesus came preaching “deliverance to the captives.” He, and He only, can break the terrible fetters of sin. Will you let Him do it now? —W.S.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

When we go somewhere in the car we travel on a highway. Sometimes the highway will be up above another highway. The highway we are going to talk about today is above all sin and all the ways that take people down to damnation, or a devil's hell. This highway is so high that the devil can't even get on it. It's only for the pure and holy. This highway leads to heaven and it's called “the way of holiness.” We

want to be on that way of holiness because it's a highway that leads to heaven.

In one of our lessons we talked about the wolf, the lion and the leopard. We talked about how the boys and girls who had those kind of actions were changed when they were saved and following Jesus. Now we read that none of those ravenous beasts, or those boys and girls who have those kind of actions or hearts, can get on this highway. It's only for those who have been “made a new creature in Christ Jesus.” They are the ones who have given their hearts and lives to Jesus. Only the redeemed, or those who have been saved by the blood of Jesus, can be on that highway. They are the ones who are singing songs of joy, and all sorrow and sighing have fled away. They have troubles, but they do not carry them because they let Jesus carry their troubles for them. Isn't that wonderful? They pray to Jesus and tell Him all about their problems, and then go walking up the highway of holiness with joy. They love the narrow way and it's not too strait for them.

The way we get on the highway of holiness is through Jesus. He is the way, and the truth, and the life. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to prepare a way for us to get to heaven. He has gone and has prepared a place for us in heaven when we get to the end of the highway.

How sad it is for those who are on the broad way. It leads to destruction. It's a way that the devil has mapped out for people to walk on. He makes some people believe that his way is best, and they go right on and do as the devil tells them. How sad it will be for them if they stay on that broad way.

We read about the sins of those who are on that broad way. Every person may not do all of those sins, but even if they do one of them they are on the broad way. Boys and girls, be sure that you

stay on the highway of holiness. Never go on the broad way. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, August 26, 1979

## HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

Isa. 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Matt. 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

14 And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand.

John 14:3 [Jesus said] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Rom. 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wicked-

ness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

**Memory Verse:** The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. Prov. 16:17.

### Questions:

1. What is the highway of holiness?
2. What people cannot walk on this highway?
3. How can a person become clean enough to walk on God's highway?
4. How does a Christian have everlasting joy?
5. Where did Jesus go to prepare a place for us?
6. Did He say He would come again to get the saved?
7. What did Jesus tell Thomas was the way He was going?
8. Name some of the things we find in Romans that if people commit they are worthy of death?
9. Is God displeased when children are disobedient to parents?
10. God does not want people to invent evil things. What are some evil things that have been invented?
11. Can children be inventors of evil things? How?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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They visited the George Washington home in Mt. Vernon and the Washington Monument in Washington D. C. They saw the Lincoln Memorial and the White House. This was all very interesting to Marie as she liked history. They went to the Arlington Cemetery and also went through Robert E. Lee's home. Before they left the city, they drove by the Congressional Library and saw the original Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and many other important documents. They stopped just long enough at the Smithsonian Museum for Marie to run in and see the airplane that Lindberg had flown over the ocean. They drove through the Gettysburg battlefield, and also through Frederick, Maryland, where Frances Scott Key, who wrote *The Star Spangled Banner*, had been buried.

They held some meetings in Sis. Gibney's home in Shermansdale, Pa., and then went to Perkasio, Pa., where they rented a building in which to hold meetings. It was wonderful to see Julia Cramer (later Llewellyn), as she and her brother, William, had worked in the

Print Shop. They were glad to meet William's wife, Edith, and her mother, Sis. Shaffer, Rosella Slifer (later Scott) and others. Not many came out to services, but the Lord blessed and the saints were encouraged.

One day an eighty mile boat ride was planned down the Delaware River, from Philadelphia, Pa., to Wellington, Del., and back. The boat could accommodate 1800 people and had refreshments that one could buy on board. A lovely lunch was prepared by Sis. Rosella Slifer and her sister, Mabel, and others, and was eaten on deck under the shade of the canvas while the boat went slowly down the River. It was a wonderful trip. At places the river was five or six miles wide. Sis. Edith Cramer's mother bought everyone in the group ice cream, which they ate with the delicious cake Sister Julia Cramer had made. Tracts and papers were given out on the boat. They arrived back in time for services that night.

The company visited a rest home and prayed with the different ones. Another day they went to an orphanage where there were 300 children. One day the group drove a number of miles to visit a dear old man who was in such a pitiful

condition. He was deeply touched by their visit and wept when they sang, read the Word, and prayed. The group gave out tracts and papers wherever they went and did all they knew to spread the gospel.

A day was planned to go to Philadelphia, as Marie wanted to see the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall. The bell weighed 2,080 pounds and had the big crack in it which was made when it was rung so hard declaring freedom.

As Marie looked at the huge liberty bell which stood as a mute monument of the freedom of the early settlers in the United States she thought of the song, "Glorious Freedom!" Her heart sang with joy as she thought of the great work that salvation does upon the hearts of the sinners who come to God and are set free from Satan, who is a hard taskmaster. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. What a Saviour! Jesus came to "heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:18).

They also went into the room where the Declaration of Independence was signed and where the Constitution was adopted in 1774. The original furniture was still in that room.

Nearly every town in that part of the country had a historical value and was very interesting. It was also wonderful to see the Atlantic Ocean, which is much rougher than the Pacific. Marie picked up some shells on the shore.

It was interesting to drive through the Holland tunnel, which was under the Hudson River, into New York City. They weren't very impressed with the city of New York, though. They did see a lot of tall buildings, and the Statue of Liberty in the distance.

The company held a few meetings in several places and visited many saints who had written asking them to come

by. At one place where they stopped and were going to have a few nights' meeting, Marie was awakened by something that bit her. Soon she saw that the bed had bedbugs. Sis. Kathrine said, "I can't sleep in this bed." Neither could Marie. They took turns sleeping on the throw rug on the floor. The next day Sis. Kathrine told the sister of the home about it. She said that they had bought the wooden bedstead especially for them to sleep in. She didn't know that it had bedbugs in it. Marie felt sorry for her as she was very embarrassed about it. Bedbugs are very hard to get rid of when they once get in a house. The next night the sister gave them another room and bed to sleep in.

At another place they stopped to have a meeting and to encourage the saints there who had been readers of the *Faith and Victory* for many years. The home in which they stayed did not have screens on the windows. They bought some fly spray to kill the flies. Some spray got on the floor and Sis. Kathrine slipped on it and broke her arm. That was a trying time for her. Marie had to help her dress and care for her in various ways for some time. The Lord marvelously took away the pain.

While in Kent, Ohio, they had some meetings. Bro. Royer lived in a small house, so he rented a sleeping place for them. Marie did the cooking at his house for the company and him. Sis. Kathrine still had her arm in a sling and couldn't help much. The Lord blessed in the service. Papa Pruitt preached one night on the "Kingdom of God," and different ones surely did appreciate that message.

Bro. Royer took them over in his car to North Benton, Ohio, where they saw the grave of the man who had said, "If there be any God, let my grave be infested with snakes." It is said that they had to take one out when they lowered his

casket. Others said that they had seen snakes there, but they did not see any that day. One preacher had caught a snake and put it in a jar with fluid to preserve it. He would show it when he preached. Oh, how sad it is that people do not even want to believe in God! God will never make anyone believe in Him, nor does He need to prove that He is God. Everyone will stand before Him in the judgment day and give an account of how they have lived while in this world.

—Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

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### God's Great Love

One time a father wanted to teach his son the lesson of God's great goodness. He took him to the top of a high hill and pointed northward over Scotland, southward over England, eastward over hill and valley, and then sweeping his arm around the whole circling horizon, he said, "Johnny, my boy, God's love is as big as all that."

"Why, father," the boy replied with sparkling eyes, "then we must be right in the middle of it."

—Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today tells us of the great sufferings that our precious Lord suffered. It's amazing to realize that God revealed this to Isaiah hundreds of years before it came to pass. Let us remember this one thing from our lesson as we study about the sufferings of Jesus Christ, "It pleased the Lord to bruise him." Why did it please the Lord? Because of God's great love for us. Nothing but love could cause God to be willing to let His Son suffer in such a terrible way. His love overshadowed Jesus Christ and His suffering, and He saw you and me lost in sin. Unless Jesus suffered we would be cast into the terrible lake of fire. Oh, what great love God had for us! And what great

love Jesus had for us to be willing to suffer and take our punishment! Oh, may we never forget what He suffered because of His great love for us. We want to always thank and praise Him for it.

Boys and girls, we trust you will be sober today and enter into the feelings of the prophet Isaiah as he tells what our precious Lord and Saviour was to suffer for us. Sin is a terrible thing. Sin will cut one off from everything that is good. If death finds you a sinner, you will suffer untold agony. Why? Because you refused to accept Jesus as the One who suffered for your sins. Jesus is like one who grabs the helpless person who is drowning in the water, and brings him out. He saves his life. Jesus is like the fireman who has on a mask and rushes into smoke, grabs the person who is overcome by the smoke of the burning house, and saves his life. Jesus is like the one who stands out on the highway and flags down a car filled with people, which is speeding toward a bridge that has collapsed or washed out. He saves their lives. Jesus is like the one who drags a person from a car that has wrecked and is about to explode from the gasoline's catching on fire. Really and truly, Jesus is much more than anything that has been mentioned. The above mentioned people can save the person's body, but only Jesus can save a person's soul. No one but Jesus can forgive you of your sins. Why? Because he was despised, rejected of men, a man of sorrows, was wounded for our sins, smitten, bruised, chastised and was made an offering for our sins. All of His outward sufferings could never compare to what He suffered in His heart and mind. Oh, how we ought to love Him and never forget to tell Him of our great love for Him!

—Aunt Marie

## THE MESSIAH'S SUFFERINGS

Isa. 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Memory Verse:** Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Rev. 1:5b.

### Questions:

1. From Isaiah's words, give a description of Christ.
2. Did Isaiah say that men would gladly accept Christ?
3. For what was Jesus wounded?
4. With what does Isaiah say we are healed?
5. Who bore our iniquities?
6. Did Jesus speak out in defense when He stood before His accusers? With what does Isaiah compare the trial of Christ?
7. Was Jesus a violent person?
8. How did Jesus make His grave with the wicked and rich?
9. How was Christ numbered with the transgressors?
10. Should people have known from Isaiah's writings that Christ would not be crowned an earthly king?



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## My Life's Heartstrings

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The company had meeting in Akron, Ohio, where Sis. Jones was pastor at that time. It was glorious to worship with the saints of God at different places, and to stop by and visit those who did not have the opportunity to be with others who loved all of God's Word. They appreciated the encouragement that they received from each visit.

One place where they stopped, the sister started weeping as soon as they came in. She was heartbroken. Her teenage son had just been buried. He had shot himself in his bedroom. He was not well and the mother said that the father had kept telling him that he was lazy and "good for nothing." She said he became so discouraged that she supposed he decided to do away with himself. How sad! He went to a place worse than this life, as murder is sin, and sin will never get into heaven. Jesus is the way out for those who have hard things in life to face. Jesus is anyone's best Friend. Young people should never think of taking their life as it will mean hell-fire.

Marie later asked her father why teen-

agers in the world had many troubles and were so unhappy. She added that she did not have that many troubles. Her father replied, "It is because I have shielded you from sin and not let you go out into the world with the wicked people. Sin causes all the trouble in the world." Marie then began to think of the times that she longed to go here or there and her parents did not let her. She felt a deep thankfulness in her heart that they watched over her and kept her out of deep troubles. She appreciated their being strict with her and teaching her the way to obtain salvation. She loved the Lord and He was real to her. She wanted Him to guide her in life.

As has been stated before, the company was visiting different congregations and those who lived in places where they did not have congregations to attend. Others were people who were readers of the *Faith and Victory* paper who wanted encouragement, prayer, or had planned a few nights' meeting. No extended meeting was held in many places. All the places visited are not mentioned.

The company stopped close to the Niagara Falls one evening. It is one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." They

went down to see the falls from the American side. There were different colored floodlights shining on the falls. As the lights marched across the huge falls and played in the mist that rose from them, it was a gorgeous sight to behold.

The water comes from Lake Erie into the Niagara River and then flows westward for a long distance. The river divides and one part drops 186 feet and the other 193 feet, and turns directly north and flows to Lake Ontario. The water below looks green, because of the great depth. It is estimated that 1,500,000 cubic feet of water passes over the falls every minute.

Some have gone over the falls in barrels and lived, but some have died. Maybe you have heard about Charles Blondin who was the world's greatest tightrope walker in the world in 1885. He announced that on June 30, 1885, he would walk above the thundering Niagara Falls with only the assistance of a forty-pound pole.

The news spread like wildfire. On that eventful morning crowds came to see this daring man who wanted to defy death and the law of gravity.

With breathtaking awe the crowd watched Charles Blondin place one foot before another on the tightrope stretched from bank to bank. Finally he stepped foot on the American side. The cheers of the crowd rose above the roar of the falls, and he waved his hand in thanks.

Blondin then announced that he didn't want to go back by himself and asked for a man to volunteer to be carried on his back. No one volunteered, so he asked his manager if he believed he could do it. "I have no doubt about it at all," he replied.

"Then will you trust me?" asked Blondin.

"I will!" answered his manager.

The 40-foot pole was balanced and the great rope tightened beneath their

weight. The two men moved along slowly and confidently. When they reached the center, the rope swayed. Someone had cut the guy line. "Dismount," said Blondin to his manager. "Be a part of me. Sway when I sway. Do not try to balance or we both will be dead." Finally they reached the Canadian soil. The spectators went wild with excitement.

Oh, my dear reader, this shows a perfect picture of what Jesus did for you and me at Calvary. His cross spanned the great gulf between man and God, between time and eternity. No other "rope" could span it. No other one could die and then rise from the grave in three days—alive and triumphant! Do you believe it? Surely you do, so put your own heart and soul in His hands. Trust your whole self to the Saviour just as the manager did to Blondin. Trust Jesus Christ completely and He will take you through life to a victorious landing on the other shore.

The next morning the company drove over a bridge into Canada. They stopped and saw the falls from the Canadian side. The falls were even prettier from the Canadian side. They went on their way, driving 217 miles in Canada. It seemed strange to be in a place where the English flag was flying. They crossed back into the United States at Sarnia, Michigan. They saw Lake Huron in the distance. They arrived at Alma, Michigan and had meeting that night. It was nice to be in the home of Hazel Mann. She had a nice home with a large yard full of blooming flowers. The company was treated royally.

One day they went to Bro. and Sis. Maurer's home for dinner, which they enjoyed immensely. Afterward they had a prayer meeting, as the Maurers wanted prayer for their healing. The Lord was precious to bless, and each one there rejoiced in the Spirit. It was a day long to be remembered.

Bro. Ostis Wilson, Jr. received a phone call and also a telegram that he was needed at home. He got a bus ticket to leave for Anthony, Kans., where he had left his wife and three children. Before he left he expressed himself as having enjoyed working with the company on the trip. Sis. Katherine remarked that in the time that the company had been together they surely had a chance to know each other. She added that she had never seen any of them the least ruffled or in any way out of humor.

Bro. Ostis was greatly missed by the company. In many places there had not been anyone to lead the singing, so Bro. Ostis had led it. The Lord had also blessed him in giving out the Word of God. He could quote many Scriptures by memory and was able to get his thoughts over clearly which was a great blessing to many.

—Marie Miles

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Men who are chosen to be leaders in a battle must first show courage in their homes. Home is one of the hardest places in which to show ourselves true and faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Pray God to give you the courage to be true to Him. There will be all kinds of streams of pleasure to lead you astray; but remember your purpose in life is to serve God for the sake of Jesus Christ, to fight all the enemies of the soul, and to permit none of these things to lead you away from God.

Try to begin early to live as soldiers of the cross, try to learn early to be brave as He who died on the cross for you, try and learn in early life those lessons of obedience, self-sacrifice, and love, which will make you good servants of the Lord.

—Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

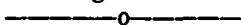
It's wonderful news to know that Jesus has come. We rejoice because we

love Him and know of His love in our hearts. The prophet Isaiah looked down through the years and by the Spirit of God he saw Jesus in all His beauty. He said, "Arise and shine for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Oh, boys and girls, let us arise and shout with joy! Jesus has come and we see His glory! It's great, and as we love Him and serve Him, He will shine light upon our pathway through life.

As you awoke this morning you did not know what the day would bring. As you prayed and told Jesus that you loved Him and asked Him to guide you through the day, He did just that. Maybe a boy or girl shouted a bad word at you—"What should I do or say?" you may have thought. Now the light from God came into your mind. Light means understanding of good and evil. God shone some light down upon your pathway, or the way you should take, in facing this awful thing. God said for you to ignore it, and not to say anything back. Just go on and, in your heart, pray for that boy or girl who would say such awful things. That is light from Jesus being shown to you, or being shined upon your pathway.

How glad Simeon was when he saw Mary and Joseph bring Jesus into the temple. Simeon had been told by God that he would not see death until he saw the Lord's Christ. As every baby came into the temple Simeon looked at them and, oh, how happy he was when he saw baby Jesus. He took Him up in his arms and blessed Him. He said for the Lord to let him die because his eyes had seen His salvation. He said that Jesus would be a light to lighten the Gentiles and would be the glory of His people. You and I are Gentiles, unless you are a Jew. Simeon knew that the Gentiles would see the great light of Jesus and come and be saved. The Jews saw the

light but rejected Jesus, but thank God, the Gentiles who believe on Jesus, received Him. Today, we rejoice, and we will arise and praise the Lord for being such a great Light to us in our souls! We know the way because Jesus has taught us and is leading us. —Aunt Marie



## Lesson 11, Sept. 9, 1979

### ARISE AND SHINE

Isa. 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Luke 2:30 [Simeon said while holding baby Jesus] For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

21 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Acts 9:3 And as he [Saul] journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Memory Verse: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

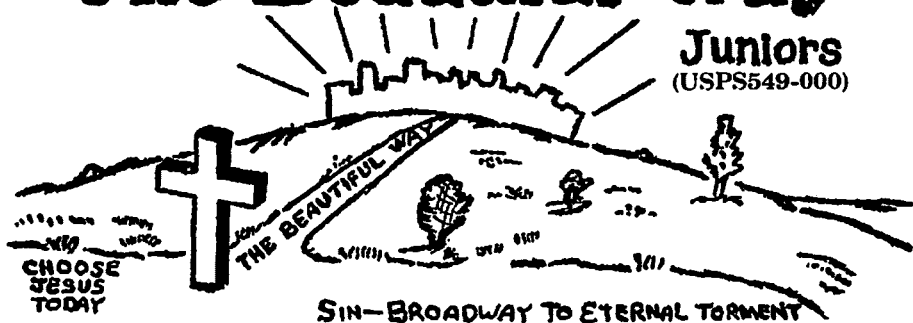
### Questions:

1. Who was the light of the world?
2. Is He still the light?
3. If light is truth and understanding, what is darkness?
4. Did Isaiah say that when the light came, it would be everlasting?
5. When baby Jesus was taken to the temple, who help Him and said that He was the light to lighten the Gentiles?
6. Did Jesus say that whoever followed Him would walk in darkness?
7. Are there people today walking in darkness?
8. When Saul was going to Damascus, what came down from heaven?
9. Who talked to Saul?
10. What did Jesus tell Saul to do?
11. Did Saul believe it was the Lord talking to him?
12. Are we to let our light shine before others? Why?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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The company left Alma, and visited different ones on their way to Benton Harbor, Michigan. They had meeting there, as Bro. Morris had a place for services. The building was in a Jewish settlement, therefore there was not much interest in the services, but Bro. Morris wanted to clear his soul and give those people a chance. The company was glad to be with some who came from other cities, too.

On the trip the enemy worked in various ways to hinder God's Word and work. Marie carried a burden for souls. She prayed much and God blessed her in her soul. She wrote in her diary, "I surely love my Lord with all of my heart and expect to make it through." Marie wanted to always do the will of the Lord in her life. She regularly received letters from Carl on the trip as she would let him know where they were to go next and a letter would be waiting. He wrote of his great love for her and of how lonesome he was to see her. He was in California working, but wages were very low. Those were depression days and money was scarce.

The company had meeting in Norwalk, Wisconsin, where Bro. Sakanke and his sisters lived. They left there and visited Marie's Uncle Orlin and family in Kansas City, and then drove on home. They arrived home on Oct. 30, 1935, after being gone since July 8, 1935. Marie was happy to be home, but was tired and very worn. Even though she was frail in body the Lord blessed her to keep going. Her trust was completely in the Lord. He never failed her and she loved Him.

### CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

#### *Marie Makes Some Changes*

Marie had hoped that Carl would have returned from California to Oklahoma when she got home, but he had not. Money was hard to get in those days. He was wanting to learn the printing trade and had started serving his apprenticeship at a printing company. He wrote that he would like for Marie to come to California. That seemed an impossibility to her. She prayed earnestly about it. She felt if the Lord wanted her to go He would work it out. She worked in the Print Shop, doing all she could to help get the gospel out by the printed page. She had a burden to

work for God in any way she could and loved the Lord dearly.

Marie's father asked her to learn to run the Linotype. She started practicing on the keyboard, and soon she was doing fairly well. She was always afraid of having what was called a "squirt." That was when the line that was set didn't mold correctly, and the hot metal from the pot would squirt out through the machine. Sometimes it would get on her feet or somewhere near them. This made her quite nervous about operating the machine. But she tried and did her best.

One day Marie got a letter from her friend, Verta, who lived in California. She had married and had a little boy. She wasn't well and asked Marie to come and stay with her for awhile. She lived close to where Carl would be and naturally this would be fine. Marie talked to her father about going. She was twenty-two years of age, but she would not think of going without his permission. She had always respected her parents' wishes. At first he didn't want her to go. She then said that they would put out a fleece. If Verta would send her the money to come, she would know that the Lord was in it. Since the times were hard, she knew that Verta and her husband didn't have much money, so it would have to be the Lord's working. In the next letter she got, Verta told her that she had made some other arrangement. Soon after that another letter came with the money in it for her fare. Marie's father prayed earnestly about her going and permitted it when it worked out in this way.

Marie arrived in California the fifth of March, 1936. She stayed with Verta and helped her. She took care of Verta's new baby and little son until she was able to care for them herself. During that time, she was glad to see Carl. She also was glad to be in meeting at Glendale, California, and to be with the saints

who met there. Bro. Gene Harmon was the pastor, but his father, Bro. George Harmon, also preached. There were others whom she had met before and knew, so she was not among complete strangers. In fact, there were a lot of Oklahoma people who had gone to California during the "dust bowl days." Marie's mother many times would see the dust coming and would send the children upstairs to close the windows. She would close the house up, trying to keep out the dust that would come rolling in, carried by the wind. The land was ruined and at times the seed that had been planted would be blown up. It was hard times for the farmers. Many people left their land and went to other states. Many ended up in California. Out there they were called "Okies."

After Marie finished her job with Verta, she went up north to Visalia, California, to stay with a young mother who had lost her baby and needed care. She learned to love Anna Taylor. Her husband drove a truck and was gone most of the time. She also was glad to be with Mother Taylor, who was the mother of Lois Longley. While there, Marie took her driver's test. They did not require a test in Oklahoma, but did in California. She was nervous about it but was glad she passed.

The country up in northern California was beautiful. There were huge fields of grapes and vegetable gardens. There were peach, orange, and other fruit orchards.

—Marie Miles

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## Dorothy's Temptation

Dorothy lived upstairs in a great big house with her parents. This house belonged to her aunt, who lived in the downstairs. Dorothy was in and out of her aunt's house, which was a great joy to her elderly aunt.

One day Dorothy was looking at her aunt's old-fashioned china closet. The woodwork, with small squares of glass on the doors was beautiful. As Dorothy looked, something in the china closet caught her eye so she looked closer. It was a small change purse bulging with money. A thought came to her that she would like to have some of that money. Of course we know where that thought came from. The devil is always bringing bad thoughts to us. That is the reason we must always check our thoughts and see if they are good or bad. The devil caused Dorothy to want that money so very much that she didn't stop and check to see where the thought was coming from. She took some of the money. Immediately, she ran to the nearby store, and bought some candy. Several times she took some of the money.

About twenty-five year later, Dorothy heard about Jesus. She learned that He wanted to save her from her sins. She listened to Jesus and gave her heart to God. Now she wanted to please Jesus more than anything else in the world. She wanted everything to be clear between her and the Lord. God brought to her mind about the money she had taken. But now her dear old aunt was dead. How could she fix it up? Finally she thought about a child whom this aunt had raised that was in a home being cared for. Dorothy received some birthday money so she sent more money than she had taken, to those who cared for this child.

—(Told to me) M. Miles

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Isn't it wonderful how the prophets knew that Jesus was coming hundreds of years ago? Jeremiah tells us the same thing that Isaiah did about Jesus being a branch of David. We want to remember each prophet who spoke about Jesus' coming. It is wonderful to know

that what God said did come to pass. What is said in the Bible that has not come to pass will surely be fulfilled.

In Jeremiah's day there were false pastors. Jeremiah referred to the people as sheep. We know that David also spoke of the Lord as being a shepherd. He said in the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." David was a shepherd and he knew how the sheep were cared for by the good shepherd. Even in the storm, the shepherd stayed with the sheep and took care of them.

One time a shepherd was carrying a little lamb with a broken leg. Someone asked how its leg was broken. The shepherd said that he broke it. The lamb would not stay with the flock. The shepherd knew that a wolf would kill it, so he broke its leg. The shepherd said that now the lamb was eating out of his hand. In mercy he broke the leg to keep him alive. Sometimes the Lord has to let hard things come to us so we can learn lessons that will keep us from greater dangers.

Jeremiah spoke of false shepherds scattering the sheep and destroying them. They didn't love the sheep. In verse three the Lord spoke of gathering a remnant out of the flock that had been scattered. A remnant is a few. God was going to gather out a few who would love and obey Him. God would set up good shepherds over them and they would be happy. Then He was going to send Jesus Christ to that remnant. He would be their shepherd, their King and His name would be called, "The Lord our Righteousness." Isn't that wonderful? Remember there were a few who were looking for Jesus Christ to come. We talked about Simeon looking for Him in our last lesson. The shepherds also seemed to understand what the angels told them that night on the hillside when Jesus was born.

Jesus would be the good shepherd. He would be the door of the sheepfold. He would take care of the sheep and give them the good life. Jesus died on the cross, arose, and went to heaven and He now has a church. All who love and obey His Word are in that church. God places pastors to feed the Bread of Life to the sheep of His fold. If you are saved, you are in the Church of God. You are being cared for by God and He will be your good Shepherd. Jesus will love and bless you. He will hear your prayers and help you. Isn't that wonderful?

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 12, Sept. 16, 1979

### JEREMIAH SPEAKS OF JESUS

Jer. 23:1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord.

3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord.

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

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

John 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

**Memory Verse:** And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. John 10:4.

### Questions:

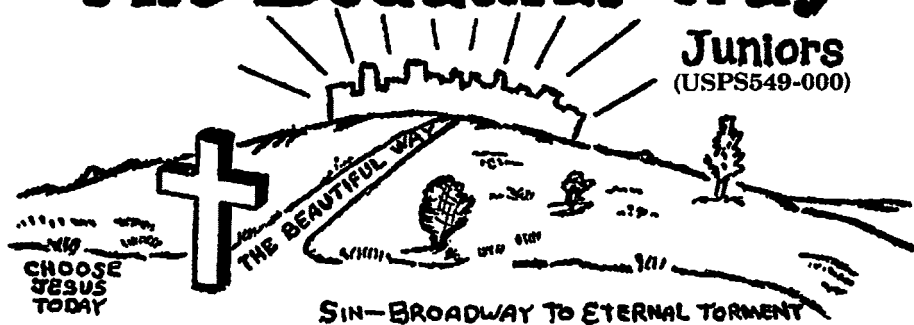
1. Did Jeremiah say there would be pastors that would scatter the sheep?
2. Are there preachers today that lead people away from God?
3. Who sets up shepherds (pastors) over God's sheep?
4. Do men sometimes set themselves up as pastors?
5. Did Jeremiah say that the King God set up would prosper?
6. How does Christ's kingdom prosper?
7. Who is the Door of the sheep?
8. Does this mean that all who come to God must come through Jesus?
9. How do we come to God through Jesus?
10. Are there people who try to steal God's sheep? How?
11. Why does God want pastors, evangelists, teachers, etc?
12. Who is our chief Shepherd?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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After being up north for awhile, Marie came back to southern California. Her brother, Andrew, and wife, Hope, lived in Glendale, so she went to their home. She got a job for awhile working in a canning factory on the string bean belt. Soon that was over. She then got a job working in a bakery shop where she made pies. The pies were sold over the counter and also served in a restaurant. She soon was a supervisor in the bakery department.

During this time, she and Carl made plans to be married. Carl had gone to the altar at the Pasadena, California campmeeting and seemed to really have it settled to please the Lord. Marie was glad for that, as she didn't want anything to hinder her living for the Lord. Even though she loved Carl, she didn't want to marry him unless he had it settled to live for God. The Bible says to "marry only in the Lord." Many temptations were out in the world to draw young people away from the Lord. Before going to the altar Carl had not been as prayerful as he should have been and had gotten slack toward the Lord.

Marie and Carl talked about their desire to always have family worship in their home. They discussed their views on how each should treat the other. Carl mentioned about a husband that would leave his wife crying after a disagreement. He said that he never wanted to do that. He felt that if there were any differences on anything that it should be cleared up between a couple. They also talked about parents not agreeing on how to train their children, and agreed that they would stand together. When one parent told a child to do something, the other one would never cross that parent in front of the child. They felt that this gave the child a secure feeling—parents being in agreement. They also agreed not to talk about any of their differences in front of their children, but talk them over privately. Many other things they talked about, as they wanted their marriage to be solid and their family to be one that was fine. Most of all they wanted to put Christ first in their home.

At last they felt that they had something with which to start a home. Carl was working at the Glendale Newspress, serving his time as an apprentice in printing. Even though he didn't make

very much money they felt that working together they could manage. Marie was working in the bakery department at the Sharps' Lunch. She would have liked to be married in her parents' home in Oklahoma, but money was too scarce to go to Oklahoma and then come back to California. Her parents could not afford to come out, so Carl and Marie accepted the invitation to be married in Marie's brother's home. Some wanted Marie to be married in the chapel in Glendale, but she didn't want a big wedding.

Carl wrote to Marie's parents, asking for their permission to marry their daughter. They wrote their approval, admonishing them to always put the Lord first in their lives. Marie's father wrote that he didn't want to be selfish and keep Marie from Carl, knowing of their great love for each other. So they set their date for August 8, 1936. This would be in the fall after Marie had come to California in the early spring.

Marie ordered her wedding dress, as she didn't have time to make it. She got a long white dress with high neck and long sleeves. Carl had a dark blue suit.

Marie's sister-in-law, Hope Pruitt and Carl's sister-in-law, Pearl (Miles), worked hard to make the living room very charming for the wedding. They had a candle stand with seven white candles on either side of the fireplace and the lattice work in front of the fireplace was covered with fresh greenery. They made a wedding cake and served punch with it. Carl and Marie appreciated deeply all that was done to make it a special day for them. With much joy they looked forward to the day when they could be one, as they were deeply in love. Carl had to have his parents sign for him to get married, as he lacked about three months being 21 years of age. Marie was 22. It was a great day when they went down to Los Angeles and got their marriage license.

Carl and Marie gave wedding invitations only to their families, as her brother's home was small. Carl's three brothers and their families came. Carl asked Ralph Embly to be a witness for him and Marie asked Pearl Taylor, although the room was too small for them to stand up with them. They asked Bro. Robert Longley to perform the ceremony as he had been special with Marie from childhood.

It was a joyful day when Carl and Marie said their, "I do's" and Bro. Longley said, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Congratulations were made and the couple cut the cake and opened their gifts and enjoyed the family. —Marie Miles

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## The Four Plants

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An old teacher was once taking a walk through a forest with a pupil by his side. The old man suddenly stopped and pointed to four plants close at hand. The first was just beginning to peep above the ground; the second had rooted itself pretty well into the earth; while the fourth was a full-sized tree. The teacher said to the young boy: "Pull up the first."

The boy easily pulled it up with his fingers.

"Now pull up the second."

The youth obeyed, but found the task not so easy.

"And now the third."

The boy had to put forth all his strength and use both arms before he succeeded in uprooting it.

"And now," said the man, "try your hand upon the fourth."

But lo! when the youth grasped the trunk of the tall tree in his arms, he could hardly move it enough to shake the leaves.

"This, my son, is just what happens with our bad habits. When they are

young we can cast them out readily, but only divine power can uproot them when they are old." —Sel.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our first verse lets us know that Ezekiel also knew about Jesus' coming, and spoke of His being the Prince of the house of David.

In the next part of our lesson, we read about a vision that Ezekiel had. This is to be applied spiritually, as there was not a fountain at the temple. The temple was upon a mountain. In the temple there was a container made of brass which held water, called the brazen sea.

Let us get the vision that Ezekiel saw, and then let us apply it spiritually. He saw waters flowing out from under the door of the temple. They came right down past the altar. A man had a measuring line, and he measured the waters close to the temple and they were only a thousand cubits wide. (Four cubits is seven feet.) The water was up to the man's ankles. Then he went a thousand cubits farther and the water was up to his knees. He went a thousand more, and it was up to his waist. Then he went a thousand more and the waters were deep enough to swim in, but were so great the man could not pass over them. On either side grew trees. Then the man brought Ezekiel to the brink of the river and said to him: "These waters flow toward the east country and go down into the desert and then into the sea. Every where these waters go they heal. These are life-giving waters."

Now what does this vision mean? It can be explained as being the gradual unfolding of the plan of salvation. First, God gave Adam a glimpse of His plan, and then Abraham. Moses was given the plan of making the tabernacle with the two rooms and two altars, which were types of the two works of grace of the gospel day, justification and sanctification. Later, we see where

David was given a lot of information of how Jesus would be put on the cross. This was also given to the other prophets. Then John the Baptist came, and at last Jesus Christ. After Jesus' ascension we know that God sent the Holy Spirit into the hearts of the believers. Gradually the plan of salvation was unfolded, and everyone who believed God and drank of the life-giving stream was blessed.

The vision can also mean the experience that a person receives when he is saved from his sins. He steps out into the life-giving stream and it comes to his ankles. Because of his love for the Lord he learns more about God, and keeps moving out into the waters of life. Then as a person keeps growing in the things of God, he comes to the time when he gives his all to the Lord, and is filled with the Holy Spirit. His self-life is lost and he launches out into the deeper things of God. Only God and His ways can be seen in his life. Everyday he knows more about God and the Bible.

We could also think of the waters as being the progress of Christianity. First there were only a few believers, who were fishermen, but then more believed. On the day of Pentecost we find that 3,000 were saved, and later there were 5,000 believers. As the life-giving stream flowed into other countries we find that the Gentiles were saved, and today it has flowed to America, to you and me.

—Aunt Marie

### Lesson 13, Sept. 23, 1979

#### LIFE-GIVING STREAM

Ezek. 34:24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.

47:1 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house [Solomon's temple]; and, behold, waters issued out

from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

Rev. 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal,

proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Memory Verse: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6.

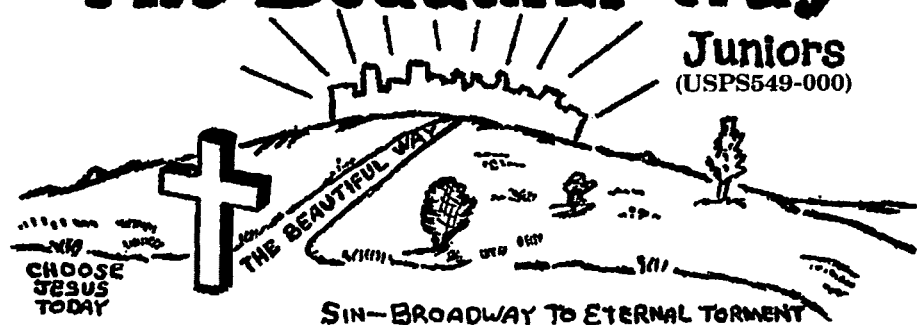
#### Questions:

1. In our lesson who had the vision?
2. From where did the waters come?
3. What did the man do when he saw the waters?
4. When he measured 1,000 cubits distance, how deep were the waters?
5. How deep were they at 2,000? at 3,000? at 4,000?
6. To what part of the river did the man have Solomon return?
7. What were on the sides of the river?
8. Into what did the waters flow?
9. What power did the waters have?
10. Would there be fish in the waters?
11. Describe the river spoken of in Revelation.
12. What did Jesus tell the people to do who are thirsty?
13. Did He mean He would give them a glass of water?
14. Of what kind of thirst was Jesus speaking?
15. Explain the vision as being descriptive of the life of a Christian today.

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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When the couple started to leave with Clarence and Pearl that night after the wedding, they saw a group of young people down the street waiting for them. They followed them to Clarence's house where Carl had left his car. Carl and Marie got into their car and drove out in front of Clarence's house and left their car running. They went back into the house and out the back door and got into Clarence's car and hid in the back seat while he backed out of the driveway and drove them to Carl's apartment—thus they eluded the group. When the group of young people checked at Carl's apartment, the landlady's son, who was visiting her, met them at the door and said that he thought the man had moved out, so they were turned away and didn't get to do whatever they had planned to do to the newly married couple.

The young couple were given a wedding shower and everything that they received was greatly appreciated, as they didn't have very much with which to start housekeeping. They received five dollars from Marie's mother for a

wedding present, which was a great sacrifice as everyone was having a struggle in those days and money was scarce.

Sis. Mattie Wilson sent a framed verse she had composed. The title was:

### To Carl and Anna Marie

Love is the title page of life,  
And love the volume through and through;  
Love, in the bosom of a wife,  
Love, in a husband ever true.

Love is the story of each page,  
No other line deserves a thank.  
Yea, love is life from youth to age.  
Where love is not the leaf is blank.

Love is the heart and pulse of life,  
Each jot and tittle of the book.  
Where love breathes not its holy breath,  
There we in vain for life may look.

Love is the light of life indeed;  
Pure love to God, and hearts that glow.  
He that would love, on love must feed;  
Life is but life, where love doth flow.

Then may your hearts forever bloom,  
Your twain-one life to God be given,  
Your voyage be one honeymoon,  
Till hope shall anchor safe in Heav'n.  
—Mrs. O. B. Wilson

The young couple was supremely happy and their love for each other was

very deep. Carl was very tender to his young wife and she loved him deeply. They did not forget to pray together and thank God for His many blessings to them and ask Him to help them in their life together. They attended services at the Glendale, Calif. chapel and loved all the saints of God. Sis. Vera Forbes was very dear to both of them, and Marie especially felt very close to her. The young couple was happy in their little three-room apartment—kitchen, living room and bedroom. The apartment was furnished and was very neat and clean. Carl was not happy to have his wife working, so four months after they were married she quit work. When Carl's brother heard about it he said, "I don't know how you will manage to live." Times were really hard. Many were on soup lines trying to exist down in Los Angeles.

—Marie Miles

(To be continued.)

## For Rent

Sometimes we see a house that has upon it a sign that reads, "For Rent." Of course, everyone knows what that means. The house is vacant or is going to be vacant, and the owner is anxious to get a family to come and live in it.

Often it seems that some boys and girls become like a house. They have nothing to do. Their minds and their hands are empty and waiting for somebody to fill them.

On Saturdays and often on Sunday afternoons this condition prevails more than on other days. Then there is no school to attend or regular work to do. Children may go to their mothers a dozen times and ask them what they can do. They wander about looking for someone to play with or something to do. Are they not "For Rent"? Just as the owner of the house wants someone to come in it, so idle children want someone to possess them.

This is a sad condition. First of all, one is losing valuable time. Some day you may want this time, but it will be gone forever, and cannot be recalled.

Furthermore, when one says they are "For Rent" they are likely to get into trouble. "Satan always finds something for idle hands to do," people used to say. Sometimes it is easy for idle boys and girls to take up with what is bad.

To be "For Rent" is a dangerous condition. There are three rules to avoid this:

First, we should always try to be busy. We should never be afraid of having too much to do. Work is our friend, and every wise child likes to have lots of it before him.

Secondly, be sure that what we are doing is good. There are two kinds of activity—good and bad. The games that we play ought to be clean. The books that we read ought to be pure and wholesome. The work that we do ought to be the kind of work that will help and not hurt ourselves or others.

The third rule is this: The best way to tell whether activities are good is to try to decide whether Jesus would consider them right. If we can be sure that they are in accord with His will, then they are the activities for us, and we should be ready to take them up.

So remember: Keep busy. Do what is good. Let Jesus decide for us what is right. Then our lives will be what they ought to be and we shall never be "For Rent."

—Sel.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have an interesting lesson today. It's amazing that God showed Daniel what would come to pass 600 years before Christ came to set up His kingdom. God also showed him the kingdoms that would rule the world after the Babylonian kingdom (in which he lived) fell. Read your history and you

will see that Daniel was right. Oh, there is no book like the Bible! Believe it, and live by it!

Can't you just see the image that King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream? It was a great image of a huge man, who looked terrible, yet was bright and shiny. His head was of fine gold, his breast and arms of silver, his belly and thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part iron and part clay. Now while the king looked at this image he saw a stone cut out of the mountain without hands. The stone rolled down, and hit that big image breaking it into pieces. Then as he watched, the stone grew and became a huge mountain until it filled the whole earth. The king of Babylon was troubled about his dream. He called his wise men and they could not tell him what it meant. The king said that they would be killed unless they told him its meaning. So the wise men sought Daniel. Daniel looked to God for the meaning. God revealed it to him, and he blessed the Lord, saying, "God reveals the deep secrets because he knows what is in the darkness and in the light. He removes kings and sets up kings." Daniel 2:18-23.

When Daniel was brought before King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon he said, "The head of fine gold art thou. After you will arise another kingdom that will be inferior to you, which is the silver arms and breast. A third kingdom will arise, which is the brass thighs. Then the fourth kingdom with legs of iron, and feet part clay and iron will arise. Now in these days will the God of heaven set up His kingdom which shall never be destroyed." When Daniel finished, the king said, "Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret." (Verse 47).

Boys and girls, according to history the Medo-Persians conquered the Babylonians. Later the Greeks conquered the Medo-Persians. Then the

Romans conquered the Greeks. In the New Testament we read that the Romans were ruling when Jesus was born. When Jesus came, God set up His kingdom. We read in Mark 1:15, that after John the Baptist was put in prison, Jesus came saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel [or good news]." Those who were believers of Jesus' teaching were in the kingdom. First it was the twelve disciples. Then we read of Jesus' sending out the seventy. On the day of Pentecost, we read of the 120 in the upper room, and that same day we read of 3,000 souls being saved and added to the church. (Acts 2:41, 47). Then in Acts 4:4 we read of 5,000 that believed. The stone that hit the image in the days of those kings, or during the reign of the Roman empire, grew until it was a big mountain and filled the whole earth. Today the whole world has heard about Jesus and the kingdom of God. Isn't that wonderful?

—Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 14, Sept. 30, 1979**

## **GOD'S KINGDOM PROPHESED**

Dan. 2:31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the

chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

**Memory Verse:** The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. Luke 16:16.

### Questions:

1. In our lesson who had a dream?
2. Who interpreted it for the king?
3. Describe the image the king saw.
4. What broke the image into pieces?
5. After it broke the image, what happened to the stone?
6. Was the king of Babylon powerful?
7. What part of the image represented the king of Babylon?
8. How many other kingdoms were to arise after the Babylonian kingdom?
9. What kingdom was represented by iron? (This kingdom was ruling when Jesus was born.)
10. Why was this kingdom partly represented by clay?
11. What kingdom did the stone represent?
12. Is God's kingdom still reigning today?

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Part 1

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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### CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

#### *God Supplies Needs*

"I think we need a different car," Carl said as he had spent so much time trying to keep the old one running. They already had one debt—a washing machine—and discussed how they might manage another debt. Although times were difficult, Marie prayed to God to help her to make the small weekly check meet the bills. Many people, in the depression days, charged their groceries, but Marie saw how hard it was for them to pay for them. Some only paid a little each week on the grocery bill, and were, therefore, always in debt. Marie would estimate each monthly utility bill and save some toward it from the weekly check in order to have enough to pay them, the rent, and the other bills.

Marie was happy when she received a letter from her younger sister, Mary Lola, saying that she was coming out to see them, as she was homesick to see her family. Mary Lola intended to get a job. Before she got a job, however, she fell

and broke her arm. One day Mary Lola had gone to the doctor's office and the nurse asked her to watch the office while she went out, saying that she would give her a dime to buy a malt.

That afternoon Mary Lola came home with a loaf of bread.

"Where did you get that bread?" Marie asked as she came in the door.

"I bought it," Mary Lola replied. She then told what she had done for the nurse and said that she felt she could help a little with the groceries. This brought tears to Marie, as she wished so much that finances were not so close. It was amazing how God did help and caused their groceries to stretch. Marie thought about Elijah who went to the widow's house after the brook dried up during the famine. She was about to use the last handful of meal and the little oil to make a cake for herself and her son before they died. Because she made a cake for the prophet first, God blessed her. God said, "The barrel of meal shall waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth." I Kings 17:13,14.

Marie remembered the many times God had supplied food for her father's family when he was struggling to put

out the printed gospel, depending entirely upon God to supply. She especially remembered one time that they didn't have much food. Her father had been praying about it privately, but finally he prayed about it in family worship one morning. They didn't even have food for breakfast. As he finished praying, a special delivery letter came. It had some money in it. She remembered how glad they were, especially her parents, as they knew the depths of the need. Her mother told her father what to buy, and he went to get something from the store for breakfast. Sometimes the *Faith and Victory* paper would be already in the bags while they prayed for God to supply money to pay the postage so it could be mailed out. From these experiences, Marie's faith was anchored in the Lord. —M. Miles

(To be continued)

## Our Lord Is Mighty

There was a big storm on the lake. The wind was strong, and big waves were splashing over the boat. Water was coming into the boat faster than the men could scoop it out. Jesus was asleep at one end of the boat. His friends woke Him. They said, "Lord, save us." They thought they were going to drown soon.

Jesus got up and talked to the wind and the water. He calmed the storm. Right away the wind was quiet, and the water quit splashing. The friends of Jesus were surprised. They said, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey Him!"

Just think! Jesus can talk to the wind and tell it to be quiet, and it quits blowing. He can tell the thunder to quit rolling or the rain to quit falling or the fire to quit burning or the sickness to quit hurting. Everything has to do what Jesus tells it to do.

Well, then, why doesn't Jesus chase away all of our troubles? Well, often we

don't ask Him to do so. And sometimes when we ask Him, He knows it is better not to do what we want.

A man once asked Jesus to help him catch a train. But when he got to the station, the train was gone. Afterwards the man read in the paper that the train had crashed into another train. Then the man was glad he had missed the train.

If Jesus wants to, He can do anything. Doctors said Jim could never get well again. Jim said to Jesus: "I am willing to be sick, if you want me to be sick, dear Jesus. But if it will be good for me, please make me well. The doctors don't think I can get well, but I know You can talk to the sickness, and it has to obey You." And Jesus did make Jimmy well. Sel.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION

*Temple rebuilt*

457BC.

+ 26AD.

(verse 27) + 7 YRS.

490

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have an amazing lesson today. When Jesus was born, the people were reading our lesson in Daniel. They knew that it was about time for the Messiah to come. They were looking for Him. Jesus was led before Caiaphas, who was "high priest that same year." Caiaphas said that they knew "that one man should die for the people." (John 18:14). Of course, we know that they rejected Jesus. "He came to his own but his own received him not."

Our lesson needs some arithmetic done to be able to understand it. The

Jews had what is called sabbatical years. We read in Lev. 25:8 about their years being divided into weeks of years, each week containing seven years. So, in verse 24 in our lesson the 70 weeks would be taken times seven years, and that would be 490 years. What was to come to pass at that time? (1) The finish (or restraint) of the transgression. What was the gospel to do? Its preaching would cause people to give up their sins. (2) There would be an end of sins, or rather an end of sin offerings, which our Lord ended when He offered His spotless soul and body on the cross once for all. (3) There would be a reconciliation, or an atonement for sin or iniquity. (4) There would be everlasting righteousness and the sealing up or completing of the vision. All the prophecies were fulfilled in Christ. (5) The most Holy would be anointed. Messiah means the anointed One. Our blessed Lord was the Holy One of Israel and was to be Prophet, Priest, and King of mankind. As was prophesied, this came to pass 490 years later when Jesus was born.

In verse 25 the 70 weeks, or 490 years, are divided into three distinct periods, and in each period was an event. The date from which the seventy weeks were to be counted was from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. We know that Jerusalem was burned and the people were taken down into Babylon and were to be there 70 years. The time came for them to go back, so the Persian king issued three decrees for this purpose (536 B.C., 444 B.C., and 457 B.C.; see the books of Ezra and Nehemiah). The most noted decree was 457 B.C.

The 70 weeks is subdivided into 7 weeks, 62 weeks, and one week (verse 25, 27). The 69 weeks (including the 62 weeks and 7 weeks) equal 483 years, that is, on the year-day theory (Ezekiel 4:6), which brings us to the preaching of the gospel to the Gentiles. The decree to

rebuild Jerusalem, as noted above was 457 B.C. (B.C. means before Christ; A.D. means *in the year of our Lord*.) 490 years brings us to A.D. 26, the year that Jesus was baptized and began His public ministry. (457 B.C. + 26 + 7 [verse 27] = 490.) A most remarkable fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, even to the year!

Furthermore, within 3½ years Jesus was crucified; that is, "in the midst of one week" "the Anointed One" was "cut off," purged away sin and brought in everlasting righteousness." (Verses 24, 26, 27). Isn't that wonderful how it figures out? God showed Daniel when Jesus was to come, and He came just at that time. (See Clarke's Commentary).

—Aunt Marie

## AN AMAZING PREDICTION

Dan. 9:21 Yea, while I [Daniel] was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall

be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end therefore shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

**Memory Verse:** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Matt. 2:1.

### Questions:

1. Daniel was in captivity with others, in Babylon away from the city of Jerusalem. Jeremiah the prophet, said they would be in captivity 70 years. Daniel was in prayer and fasting about their return. Who appeared unto him?
2. What did Gabriel come to give Daniel and what did Daniel think of him?
3. In Lev. 25:8, the Jews had sabbatical years. Their years were divided into weeks of years. What would seven times 70 equal according to years?
4. What was the first thing to come to pass 490 years later?
5. Name two more things that Jesus was to do when He came.
6. Name two more things that Jesus

was to do which makes five things in all.

7. Did these things come to pass?
8. Now in verse 25, the 70 weeks are divided into three distinct periods. What are they? Remember that the Persian king issued three decrees for the people to go back from captivity to Jerusalem, which we read about in Nehemiah. They were 546 B.C., 457 B.C., and 444 B.C.) We will count from 457 B.C. + 26 A.D. + 7 (verse 27) = 490.
9. In Ezekiel 4:6 it says, "I have appointed each day for a year." The "threescore [a score is 20] and two weeks" would be 62 weeks plus the one week on the day-year theory would be 69 weeks. What is 7 times 69? That makes \_\_\_\_\_ years.
10. What took place in the life of Christ in 26 A.D.?
11. What does A.D. and B.C. stand for?
12. "The Messiah shall be cut off in the midst of the week." One week would be seven years. This would take us to the time of John the Baptist's preaching. Being cut off in the middle of seven day-year weeks would be how many years? (One-half of seven years.)
13. We read that Jesus preached three and one-half years before he was crucified. What happened in the temple when he died on the cross? (Matt. 27:51). Sacrifices ceased being offered by the multitudes.
14. In the last part, verses 26 and 27, is a prophecy of what history tells us came to pass. Jesus referred to it in Matt. 24:15. The Roman prince, Titus, came and destroyed the temple. Did the Jews ever rebuild the temple?

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Part 2

Oct. 14

## My Life's Heartstrings

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One day Marie's youngest brother, Frank, came to visit them. She was happy to see him. He got a job at a restaurant. Marie and Carl had moved to a two bedroom house by this time and had more room.

Frank didn't like his job, so he decided to go home and go back to school. He made arrangements with a truck driver to meet him in Los Angeles. That morning after he had gone, someone knocked on Marie's door. It was a doctor who was bringing her brother home. Frank was very weak and almost looked like death was on him. The doctor said someone called him and said they had found Frank lying on their lawn down the street a couple of blocks from Marie and Carl's house. He was very sick. The doctor had wanted to take him to the hospital, as it seemed to him that he had food poisoning. Frank said he didn't want to go to the hospital, but wanted to be taken to Marie's house. She told the doctor she would take care of him. The doctor left some pills to give Frank and said he would call later to see about him. Of course, the doctor didn't agree with

the decision for Frank not to go to the hospital. Marie didn't give him the pills.

Frank was so sick that he couldn't even talk to tell Marie all that had happened, so she just prayed for him and put him to bed. Later, she called Bro. George Harmon to come pray for him. Soon Bro. Harmon came and prayed for Frank and hurried back to his job. After he left, Frank looked up at Marie and said, "I feel better." She told him not to talk but to go to sleep and rest. After he awakened, he told her what had happened. He had stopped at a little cafe to get something to eat. He said that the place didn't look too clean but it was the only place close to where he got off the street car to meet the truck driver and that he was hungry. He ate breakfast and after he left he got sick, so he thought he should go back to Carl and Marie's place. He got on the street car and even vomited there. After he got off he passed out. Some women came out to check on him and called the doctor. The Lord healed Frank.

Frank did go home after he was well. Mary Lola got a job as soon as she was able. Marie was very glad to have her with them. She helped some with the

groceries, also. That made things a little easier.

One time Marie was really sick and had been for a few weeks. She lost a lot of weight and one evening she almost felt like she was dying. She asked Carl to get Sis. Vera Forbes to come pray for her. Soon he was back with her and, oh, what a comfort that dear mother in Israel was to her at that time. She seemed to know just what to say to be of help and to inspire Marie's faith. She prayed for Marie and the Lord touched her.

Another time Marie was very sick. In the night she prayed for the Lord to either heal her or take her. After praying and putting herself completely in the Lord's hands, she dropped off to sleep. The Lord visited her and she heard angels singing, "Tho' faith was very weak, Jesus said so sweet and kind, 'I will surely heal you every whit, And will break the chains that bind.' I am healed, I know I am, I am healed this very hour; For Jesus says I am, And I feel his mighty power."

When Marie awakened, she felt so relaxed and wonderful. God had healed her! Oh, she did praise the Lord and sang softly, "I am healed, I know I am, I am healed this very hour; for Jesus says I am, and I feel His mighty power." Oh, how precious the Lord is to help those who put their trust in Him completely! Marie did not look to a doctor, nor did she have her trust in anyone but the Lord. She began to recover and gained strength from that hour. She and Carl thanked the Lord together for His great and mighty love shown to them.

One evening Marie and Carl had gone to the supermarket. It was just before dark and as Carl backed out from his parking place, he backed into the fender of another car. Oh, the man was very mad! He got out of his car and came over in a rage, telling Carl off. Marie got

out of the car and stood looking on. She heard the man say, "You'll pay for this and you aren't getting off easy." Marie thought about their bills and how hard it had been for her to manage on the small weekly check. She was glad that they had been making out financially, but she felt they could not take on another bill. She couldn't keep back the tears. Another man who was with the owner of the car got out and came over to her. He said, "Cheer up and don't feel so badly." Marie said, "I don't know how we can pay for it as we can't take on any more bills." The man said, "Don't worry about it. Things will work out." The owner of the car took Carl's address. Carl told the man that when he got an estimate on it to send him the bill and he would pay it, as it was his fault.

Marie couldn't keep from crying, but Carl comforted her. They prayed earnestly for God to help them out. They put it all into God's hands, being assured that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28. Marie wanted to get good out of this trial. She asked God to increase her faith, as she knew He understood. She knew God had worked out many things for them before and He could take care of this.

Time passed and no letter came from the man with an estimate. Marie and Carl talked about it and wondered. Carl had not taken the man's address. They didn't even know his name, nor how to contact him about getting the car fixed. The Lord took care of the whole thing and they never heard from the man. How they did thank the Lord for what He did, as they surely felt it was God's doings.

Marie was glad to sacrifice and stick by Carl in getting low wages while serving his apprenticeship in printing. He was to get raises as he learned the

trade. They were glad for every raise because it helped so very much. She tried to make ends meet. She would use water in the cornbread, and they had such little meat that it was usually used to season the vegetables, so it would go further. On Friday they usually had brown beans. She would put chopped celery in the mashed boiled egg with dressing, so she could make two sandwiches for Carl to take for his lunch. She used leftovers in different ways, and didn't waste anything. Her mother had taught her this by example. The Bible taught her also. When Jesus fed the 5,000 He had them pick up the leftovers. Nothing was to be wasted. Her mother had said that a woman can throw more out the back door than a man can bring in the front door through wastefulness. God honored her in being careful. Their needs were supplied and their monthly bills were met.

—M. Miles

(To be continued)

Dear Boys and Girls:

The Bible is such a wonderful book. God has preserved it down through the ages for us. Many times there would only be a few of the Old Testament books in the world but God kept His eye upon them. The scribes, spoken about in the New Testament, were those who rewrote the Old Bible and they were very careful not to change any of it.

Just to think that God letting Joel know about what was going to take place on the Day of Pentecost after Jesus ascended to heaven, makes one stand in awe. Notice that the prophet Joel said, "And it shall come to pass." It did come to pass. There were 120 in the upper room praying, waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit to come according to the words of Jesus. There were men and women. (Acts 1:14,15). In our lesson we note that in Jerusalem there were people from every nation who spoke

every language. God wanted the world to know of the coming of the Holy Spirit. There was a need of their hearing about it. God caused those among the 120 to speak in the languages of those who were there and they were amazed, saying, "We do hear them speak in our tongues (or languages) the wonderful works of God." It was not a jabber that no one understood. It was not a prayer language. The speaking was done for profit to the hearers.

We are using the thought about the prophecy of "your daughters shall prophesy," by Joel, and then repeated by Peter on that day when God fulfilled that prophecy. There are those in the world who do not think that women can preach or prophesy. They have to deny these Scriptures that are in our lesson today to support their false idea. First let us think about our memory verse. It says that "there is neither male nor female" concerning those who have "been baptized into Christ." (Gal. 3:27,28). In other words, in the church where gifts are given, God does not make any difference. We also have definite instructions in the Bible about the place a woman is to fill as a wife. One minister, whose wife was a minister and pastor, said, "At home she is to be under subjection to me, but with her working in the gift and place that she fills in the church, I am to be under subjection to her." She was his pastor. He respected her gift.

In the part of our lesson in I Cor. 11, we note that Paul is speaking about the fad in that day of women being compelled to wear the veil. In verse 15 we read that woman's long hair is her covering, and not the veil. Note that Paul refers to the woman's work in the church of prophesying and praying. False teachers leave these verses out, I guess. Then they must leave out the verses where Paul speaks of Philip's

having four daughters that prophesied. Dear boys and girls, study the Bible and know the truth that it teaches, then you can know when you hear false teachings.

—Aunt Marie

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## MEN AND WOMEN PROPHESYING

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward [in the Gospel day] that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

(Peter repeats what Joel said.)

Acts 21:8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and

came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

I Cor. 11:4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

**Memory Verse:** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28.

## Questions:

1. What prophet said that "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy"?
2. Has this come to pass?
3. Whose spirit did Joel say would be poured out upon the people?
4. What is Mount Zion?
5. How is there deliverance for us in Mount Zion?
6. What does the Bible mean "to speak with other tongues"?
7. When did a number of people speak with other tongues?
8. What did some of the people looking on think about the ones "speaking with other tongues"?
9. Into whose house did Paul and his company enter in Caesarea?
10. What did Philip's four daughters do in the work of the Lord?
11. What is given a woman as a covering?
12. How can a man dishonour his head?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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Elvin Embly, the brother of Marie's sister-in-law came to visit them. He was in the navy. He and Mary Lola were attracted to each other right away. They corresponded and soon a romance started. He would come see Mary Lola whenever he was on shore and could get time off. He was stationed on the battleship *Arizona*.

One time when a number of battleships were anchored just off shore in the Pacific Ocean, Carl and Marie went down to the coast and took a boat out to see one. There were days that certain battleships were open for the public to tour. Boats shuttled back and forth taking the people. It was an interesting experience. The ships were kept spotless. Everything looked like it was freshly painted. Of course, the salt water is hard on ships and they have to be painted often. The salt eats into the metal and causes rust. That is the way it is with our experience with the Lord. If we do not keep prayed up and are not watchful, the devil will cause a tiny spot to appear and if we don't get rid of it we will be in great trouble, as it will eat into

our lives and cause trouble. A little ill-feeling toward someone, or just a little unforgiveness, will grow unless we get rid of it. We need to be diligent in watching our feelings and attitudes.

One day Marie wanted to visit Sis. Vera Forbes, whom she called "Aunt Vera." She only had a little in the house at the time to fix for her lunch, so she decided she would go to Aunt Vera's in time for lunch, knowing that she would ask her to eat. She walked the ten blocks, or more, and arrived at Aunt Vera's house about the normal time for her to be preparing lunch, but Aunt Vera was gone. Marie was so disappointed that she couldn't keep from crying. She learned a lesson from that experience. She never went to anyone's house again expecting to be asked to eat. She knew that she needed to look to God for her needs and not to people.

## CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

### *Their Home is Blessed*

"Isn't he a darling?" Marie told Carl as they looked at their precious baby son. He was born on Nov. 6, 1937. They chose to name him Vernon William. The name *William* was after his grandfather Miles. Vernon was a name that Marie

had liked many years before she ever married.

"Look at those tiny hands, and see what a perfectly round head he has. God has given us a precious little one. He doesn't have much hair, but it's brown and his eyes will be brown just like yours," Marie told Carl as she put her arm around him; and they stood looking at the sleeping baby in the bassinet. Different ones had given them nice things for the baby and with what they bought he was well supplied. His grandmother Pruitt had come out from Oklahoma to take care of Marie and the baby. She was a great joy and comfort to them. They hated to see her leave. She had prayed in her last prayer with them before leaving that they would bring the baby up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. This was Marie's greatest desire. She loved the Lord and wanted her baby to always love Him.

Aunt Vera (Forbes) was with Marie when the baby was born and was a great help to her. When she needed advice on how to take care of her darling, she would call Aunt Vera. Marie's health was not very good for some time afterwards, but God touched her and she gained her strength back. She did enjoy her baby and was never too tired to see that he was cared for.

"Did you know that your baby was born on my birthday?" LaVern (Manuel) asked Marie when she and Alta (Flynn) came to see her baby.

"Oh, how nice! Now, I will always know when your birthday is," Marie said. Both of them thought Marie's baby was a darling and, of course, Marie agreed. Others came to see the baby and share with Carl and Marie their new joy.

Marie's sister, Mary Lola, and Elvin Embly were married just a few days after the baby was born. Elvin had

served his time in the Navy and had been discharged. They were very happy together, and had rented an apartment. Marie was glad to have her sister living in the same state with her. They were very close. Carl had five brothers who lived in the vicinity.

Carl had received raises right along in serving his apprenticeship and things were better for them. Since they lived away from their families they did not have any help from them, so had to face their problems by themselves. But God never forsook them.

The baby was the joy of the home, and he grew and was loved very much. He was a healthy little fellow and was soon sitting alone. He was seven months old when Carl let Marie go back to Oklahoma on the train to see her parents. How happy she was, as it had been the longest time she had ever been away from home. She asked her mother if she could cook some of the meals and work in the office just like she had before she married. Home seemed wonderful to her. Many memories were recalled. But she was home only a little while before she missed Carl. Time passed and again she was back in her home with Carl, and how happy she was!

—M. Miles

(To be continued)

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## I Love You

The Lord doesn't promise a bed of roses, but does give us grace to bear the hard things. In 1977, when I was going to the campmeeting at Ojos Negros, Baja California, Mexico, it took me three days to drive out, and the second day at noon I stopped at a rest area to eat my lunch, as I had food with me. I had gone to the right side of the front seat to eat. As I got out, I stumbled and fell at the curb and caught my weight on my left elbow; it felt as though it were turning wrong-side out. My first thought

was a broken arm. Of course, I began immediately to pray. It wasn't broken, but I couldn't grasp the steering wheel with that hand for about one and one-half hours. The sweetest part of all was that as I walked toward the back of the car to get to the left side, the Lord spoke these words to me: "I love you." Never had I heard sweeter words than those. There I was, hundreds of miles from anyone I knew, but the Lord was there with me. There were cars all around, but no one I knew. As I drove on down the road, I was crying so that I could hardly see to drive, but they were tears of joy for the presence of the Lord, not because of the pain in my arm. I began thanking the Lord for this having happened so that I could be reminded anew that the Lord goes with me wherever I go and He loves me. "For the Father himself loveth you. . . ." John 16:27. —O. Kelly

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"Who is right is never as important as what is right."

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Were you ever in the valley of decision? You didn't know what to do about something that came up. It is a pretty hard place to be sometimes. One ten-year-old had a big decision to make. He was invited to a boy's birthday celebration, and it so happened that it was the same time that he went to a Bible class for boys and girls his age. He didn't know what to do about it. He asked his mother to tell him what to do. She said for him to pray about it and ask the Lord to help him know what to do. For two days he troubled about it. He wanted to go to both places. Finally, he chose to go to the Bible class. He then felt so good deep down inside of his heart. God blessed him for his right decision. Don't you think that this boy had a deep desire to please the Lord? He had some depth. He wasn't shallow. He

had a deep desire to know his duty and do it. He had a deep, honest purpose in his heart and life. Shallow people carelessly make decisions. If they feel like doing something they do it, but if they do not, they don't. They are fickle and weaklings. They are cowards and afraid to face anything hard.

We want to be like Moses. He chose not to be Pharaoh's daughter's son. He chose to suffer with God's people. Do you have something inside of you to be like Moses? He could have lived in luxury with everything he wanted and people to do as he commanded. But, oh, there was something in Moses that was real. He didn't want a life of ease. He wanted to serve God. He didn't want to worship idols. They were lifeless and helpless. He knew about the true God and knew that He was real. To serve God he had to leave the palace of the king. God made him a great man. When God makes you great it will be right, but when you choose to be great in the eyes of the world, you are making a wrong choice.

Jesus sent the disciples out to preach repentance. Those who believed were saved, but those who did not believe were damned. How terrible! Joel spoke of the gospel day. He said that the "harvest is ripe." Souls need God. They need someone to tell them about how Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for their sins. People need to make a decision to serve God and turn away from sin. Boys and girls, today God is asking you to make that decision and then keep making it every day. Be full of courage and strength! Serve the Lord! Don't be ashamed of Him! Then you can have Jesus to help you make right decisions each day. Right decisions, made according to the Bible, will take you to heaven. Great will be your reward. Dare to be like Daniel! He chose to pray and God delivered him

from the lions that were in the den. Dare to be a Moses! Dare to be like Jesus! Be brave and be a soldier of the cross. Fight the devil and all wrong! Choose God's way each day! —Aunt Marie

## THE VALLEY OF DECISION

Joel 3:13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Mark 16:15 . . . [Jesus said] Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the

apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Heb. 11:24 [Paul wrote] By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

**Memory Verse:** For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalms 84:10.

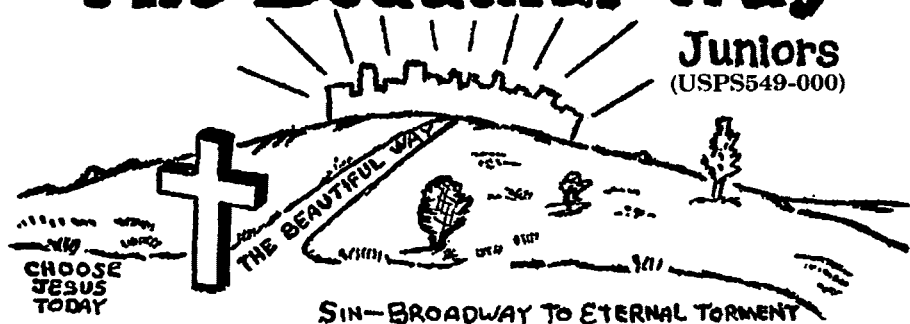
### Questions:

1. What is the Lord's harvest?
2. What decision are people faced with today?
3. To whom did Jesus tell His disciples to preach?
4. What will happen to the people who believe in Jesus?
5. What will happen to the ones who don't believe?
6. What were some of the signs that were to follow those who believe?
7. What happened to Jesus after He gave them this great commission?
8. After Peter preached Jesus to some Jews, did they believe him?
9. What did Peter tell them to do?
10. Did Moses choose to suffer with the people of God?
11. How are the reproaches of Christ greater riches than earthly treasures?

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One day Marie began to ache all over, and by the time Carl got home she was very sick. She was hot with fever all night and the next day. When Carl came home from work she asked him to call Bro. George Harmon to come and pray for her. He came and anointed her with oil. He prayed and the Lord instantly touched her body. She was healed. Whatever the trouble was, it was gone. God had said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." She praised the Lord for His great love and mercy to her. It made her love her Lord and Saviour very much.

The summer of 1938 Bro. George Harmon married Sis. Sadie Orr. When they returned from the East to Calif., they visited Carl and Marie. The Harmons did not have a washing machine. Marie remembered how Sis. Sadie had bought her a pair of shoes when she needed them so much. She was glad to offer to do their washing for them until they could make other arrangements. It was a joy to have them come and bring their clothes and then

pick them up. Just to be with those dear old people brought Marie much joy.

Marie received word that her youngest brother, Frank, who was one of the twins, had married Helen Partenhiemer, on Dec. 24, 1938. She was from Guthrie, Okla. Frank was following the trade of printing. Marie wished them much happiness.

Baby Vernon was a normal healthy child and grew fast. He began to crawl and looked forward to seeing his daddy come home, as his mother would prompt him by saying joyfully, "Daddy will be home soon!" She loved her husband very much and was glad for the time each day when he would arrive. She always had the evening meal ready to put on the table when he came home. She kept her house clean and neat, and was careful to keep their clothes washed.

One day Marie was making a little quilt out of scraps. She put it on the floor to get it straight so she could pin the back on it. She saw baby Vernon put something in his mouth as he was crawling around on the floor. She picked him up and felt in his mouth. She felt a pin, but before she could get it out of his mouth he swallowed it. Oh, what

anguish she had. She began to cry and pray for her baby. What should she do? Then she remembered someone's telling about a baby swallowing a button and they gave it bread to eat. She began to feed him bread and tried to get him to take all she could. It troubled her very much and she prayed. She watched his stools, and in three days he passed the pin. Oh, how she did thank the good Lord for answering prayer and not permitting the pin to lodge in his body somewhere. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." (I Pet. 3:12a).

Marie taught Vernon to put his hands over his eyes and bow his head when they returned thanks at the table. With his head bowed he would jabber and then raise his head with a big smile on his face. Marie wanted him to love the Lord. She would hug him up tightly and say, "We surely love Jesus, don't we?" As he grew older she taught him to pray.

They were very excited and happy when he took his first steps. Soon he was a busy boy, and his mother was busy, also.

It was with great joy in 1939 that Marie and Carl welcomed Carl's parents, Bro. and Sis. W. I. Miles to California. Carl and his brothers who lived in California thought it would be wonderful to have their parents close so they could see about them. Marie loved them both very much. Curtis Jr. and Clyde were the only ones at home and they were teen-agers. Carl and Marie enjoyed visiting them, and Curtis Jr. enjoyed coming over and staying with them at times.

One time Vernon took the measles. Marie kept him in his bed in a dark room, so his eyes would be protected. His grandfather Miles came over to see him. Vernon was thrilled to see him. Grandfather Miles prayed for him. All through the day Vernon would call,

"Grandpa, come and pray for me." Grandpa Miles would go in and pray so earnestly. Vernon would get down on his knees on the bed and peek up through his hands at his grandfather. Vernon didn't want his grandfather to go home, so he stayed all night. Vernon was really enjoying all the attention that he was getting. He mended rapidly. The Lord healed him and he was soon going again.

—M. Miles

(To be continued)

## A Funeral Procession

(A True Story)

Often the boys at Harrow school talked of what they would do when they grew up. They could make great plans, for Harrow was the English school for boys from rich families. Its students would become England's leaders.

Anthony Ashley Cooper was 14 years old and he dreamed along with his friends. His father held a seat in the House of Lords and one day young Anthony, or Lord Ashley as he was later called, would sit in the House of Lords, too. When his friends would ask him, "What will you do when you grow up, Anthony?" he would answer, "I will do something that will make me rich and famous and powerful."

Anthony had come to know the Lord Jesus as a personal Saviour when he was very small but he did not yet realize that his life belonged to God and not to himself. One day in the year 1815 something happened that changed his future.

School was over for the day, and he was walking down the hill from school with a friend. The two boys were suddenly startled. They heard shouting and laughter and noisy singing coming from around the corner. Imagine their shock when they saw coming out of a side street, a party of drunken men, swearing

and staggering as they carried a coffin. A gang of small boys and dogs followed after them. The men were not singing a funeral hymn but were singing a rough, rowdy song about their dead friend. "Only a pauper (poor man)," they sang over and over again. "Only a pauper."

As they turned the corner, one of the men stumbled and the whole mob, coffin and all, tumbled to the ground. With loud shouting they got to their feet. On they staggered with the coffin, boys and dogs running after them.

Anthony was shocked. He knew that a funeral should be a solemn time as a soul had gone out into Eternity. This poor man had died without the money for a good burial and thus had to be carried to his grave by a drunk, rowdy crowd.

Anthony exclaimed to his friend, "Can this be allowed just because the man was poor and friendless?" Right then and there he vowed to give his life so that other people could live happier, better lives even though they did have less of this world's riches than he had been blessed with. —Selected

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#### Dear Boys and Girls:

We are talking about those prophecies that were in the Old Testament and were fulfilled years and years later and spoken about in the New Testament. When Christ came He brought all peoples together. Under the Old Testament, God had one nation with which He worked. Through that nation He was to bring Christ into the world to die for our sins. Through Christ, the Gentiles were to be brought into favor with God. Gentiles are all who are not Jews. If you are not a Jew, you are a Gentile. We notice that in the first verses of our lesson in Amos, which is one of the books of the Old Bible, the Gentiles are called heathens.

The lesson in Acts is about a council of the brethren in Jerusalem. We might call it a minister's meeting. Jesus had told the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel. They obeyed Him and preached to the heathens and Gentiles. Many of the Gentiles got saved. In the unprinted part of our lesson, Peter had already told how he had gone to the Gentiles and that many had received the Holy Ghost. He went on to say that the Holy Ghost had purified "their hearts by faith." Some of the Jews did not see the fact that the Gentiles should not obey some of Moses' laws, and they caused trouble. Paul had preached to the Gentiles also and many of them were saved. Those who wanted the Gentiles to keep some of Moses' laws had gone up to Antioch and caused trouble. Paul and Barnabas had come down and called this ministers' meeting so the question could be settled.

Our lesson begins with James' talking after Peter, Paul, and Barnabas. James called Peter, Simeon. He referred to his talk and then we note in the 15th verse that James refers to what the prophet Amos said, which is part of the verses in our lesson by Amos. James said that what Amos had prophesied had come to pass. Through Jesus Christ, who was of the family of David, the tabernacle was rebuilt. This was a spiritual tabernacle and not a building on earth. Jesus built a church and He is the chief corner stone. We are all "lively stones" in that building. The Gentiles can be in that building also. We notice that Joel calls the Gentiles heathens, which they were. They worshipped idols and not the true God.

The ministers, or brethren, at Jerusalem took James' advice and they wrote a letter for Paul and Barnabas and others to take back to Antioch. The brethren said that the Gentiles did not have to keep the laws of Moses but that they

should not have anything to do with idols and to keep themselves "from fornication, from things strangled and from blood." The whole church was pleased with the outcome of the ministers' meeting.

—Aunt Marie

## GENTILES WILL KNOW GOD

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that

Amos 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this.

Acts 15:13 And after they [Paul and Barnabas] had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:  
ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barnabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greetings unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia.

**Memory Verse:** And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Acts 15:9.

### Questions:

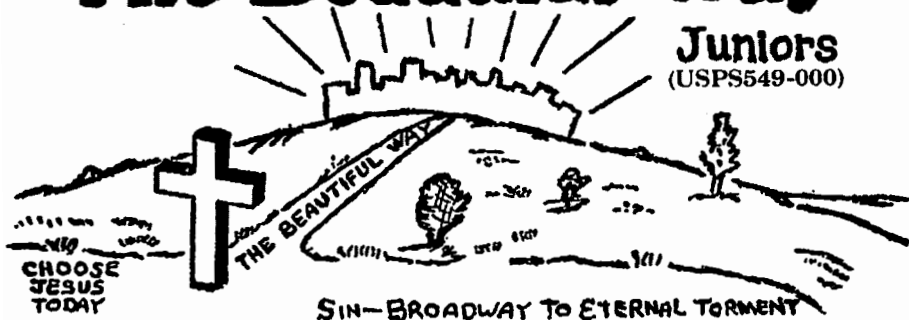
1. What did Amos say that God would raise up "in that day"?
2. Did he say the heathen (Gentiles) would be called by God's name?
3. In our lesson who talked to the council of Jerusalem?
4. What did he say Simeon (Peter) had declared?
5. From what book of prophecy did he quote?
6. Did James think that the believing Gentiles should be bothered with Jewish ordinances?
7. From what did he say the Gentiles should abstain?
8. Who did the council send to Antioch?
9. Was the dispute settled?
10. Did the Jews send greetings to the Gentiles in Antioch?
11. Can a person of any nation or race come to God?

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On October 18, 1941, Marie and Carl were happy to have another baby boy. He was a fine healthy fellow with brown eyes and brown hair. Oh, they loved him so much! Vernon, who was four years old a few weeks after the baby was born, was so thrilled to have a baby brother. They named the new baby Carl Benjamin, after his daddy. To be sure this was Marie's idea, but Carl liked it, too. Right away Vernon wanted his name to be like his daddy's, also. Again, dear Aunt Vera (Forbes) helped. She kept Vernon the ten days that Marie was in the hospital, and then Carl had a woman care for Marie for two weeks after she came home. He was thankful that God had spared her to him, as she had been very sick. God soon gave her good health again and she begged Carl to let her do the baby's laundry instead of having the baby laundry service pick it up, as they had done for four months.

Marie cared for her darling baby. The Scripture "His eye seeth every precious thing," (Job 28:10) made her know that God was looking down upon her precious

baby. She wanted him to grow up and love her God and Saviour. Vernon was already praying to the Lord and he loved Jesus. He could quote several Bible verses, and of course the first one he learned was "God is love." Later he learned "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right."

Marie and Carl lived in a small house in the rear of a bigger house which was the home of the landlady. She was very nice to them and kept their house in nice condition. The landlady had a lovely yard with many flowers and shrubs. She had a lovely bed of rare Iris which she had a man take care of. Marie and Carl's small yard was fenced and it was their yard to take care of. The fence made it nice to keep Vernon from getting into the busy street.

One day while Marie was out watering her flowers she saw Vernon go over to the back door of the landlady's and knock on her door. The lady enjoyed talking to him, so soon she was at the door. After a while Marie saw little Vernon come running back and go into the house. Marie wondered what he was going after in such a hurry. So she went over and looked in the house. There she found Vernon, down on his

knees in front of the divan. He was praying. Marie went on back to the yard and didn't disturb him. Later he came out and said, "Mrs. Doolittle is sick. I told her I would pray for her. She will be well." Later that day Marie happened to come out into the yard and Mrs. Doolittle saw her and came out. She told her about being sick when Vernon knocked on her door. She said she told him about it and he said, "I'll pray for Jesus to make you well." And he took off running. She said, "God did touch me. I am well." Tears flooded her eyes as she continued to tell Marie what a precious child she had. Marie had the opportunity to talk to her about God. She had felt that Mrs. Doolittle was very proud and not interested in the things of God, but she saw a tenderness there, underneath her pride, that God had touched through a child's prayer.

Later, in talking to her, she opened up her heart to Marie. She said she had turned against God because He had taken her little girl, and for years her heart was like brass, but in her older days she had begun to think more about God, and she was feeling that surely God knew best. She said that her only son was a help to her, also. Marie couldn't seem to reach her with gospel truths, yet she listened. She prayed for her and trusted that before she died that she made her peace with God, and what she told her about real Bible salvation stayed with her. —M. Miles

(To be continued)

## A Plane Crash

A few years ago an old man and his wife lived up North. The man got very sick and wanted to see his son, John, who lived in California. John and his wife decided to take their two little girls, ages six and seven, and go visit his mother and dad.

They rented a small plane and started out one night. Everything was going well until the engine stalled and the plane crashed into a forest of trees and brush. It was a terrible crash. The mother and father were both killed. The seven year old girl got a broken leg. Her little sister helped her to the side of a tree which was on a hillside. Then the younger girl got their suitcases and clothes and made a bed. The girls were sad and afraid, but after a while they got very sleepy, so they lay down to rest.

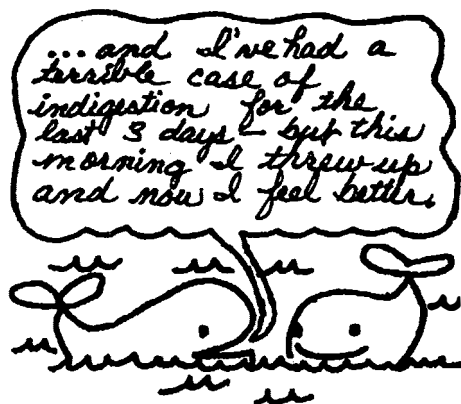
The next morning the younger sister went back to the plane and got the food they had taken on the trip. The girls ate only a little because they were not hungry. They spent several days and nights there in the woods near the plane crash. Often at night the little girls would hear noises in the woods around them, which were probably made by the wild animals creeping about. When they would get scared, they prayed to the Lord to take care of them. The girls never thought of walking into the woods to try to find help. They wanted to stay near the plane.

Several days later a group of men were out hunting when they came upon the little girls. The girls were taken to live with their grandparents. They were sad that their mother and father had been killed, but they were glad to be out of the deep woods.

The Lord heard their prayers when they had been all alone and He didn't let any wild animals come near to hurt them. When we are afraid, we should ask the Lord to protect us. He will hear our prayer.

— M.W.

Watch and pray ev'ry day and hour,  
Satan seeks whom he may devour;  
You shall conquer; resist the wrong,  
Standing fast—in the Lord be strong.  
—Sel.



Dear Boys and Girls:

The Bible tells us that disobedience is a sin. That is the reason that boys and girls need to be very careful to obey their parents. The Bible says for children to obey their parents in the Lord. Of course, if parents ask their children to do something that is not right, or not according to the Bible, they do not need to obey them. I have heard of some mothers or fathers who asked their children to steal. That is something you will not have to do.

The other day I heard about a man who became a criminal and has now been in prison for years. He said it started from a time when he was told that it was all right if he took his knife out and cut a boy in self-defense, instead of running. This started him on a road of crime. When parents tell you to fight, you do not have to obey them in that. Jesus has told us to "turn the other cheek." It's better to suffer a wrong than to do a wrong.

Jonah was told to go down to Nineveh and cry out against its wickedness. Jonah was shocked. He didn't want to do that. He was afraid and so he ran "from the presence of the Lord." Oh, how terrible! God never asks us to do anything unless He helps us. It might

look really hard, but if we will obey Him, He will see us through. Jonah just wasn't going to obey the Lord. He went down to the seashore and got on a ship that was going the other way. But no one can run away from the great "all-seeing eye" of the Lord. He sees everything. God was displeased with Jonah, just as He is displeased if you and I disobey Him. The Lord sent a great wind out into the sea so that the ship was about to be broken into pieces. The mariners were afraid. They began to unload the ship to make it lighter. But Jonah went down into the ship and went to sleep. The shipmaster woke him up. He told him to call upon his God so they would not perish. Finally the mariners decided that someone on the ship was to blame for the big winds and their trouble. They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. They asked him who he was and where he was going and what great evil had he done. He told them that he believed in the God of heaven, which made the sea and the dry land. The men were then very afraid. He told them that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord. When they asked him what they should do, he told them to cast him into the sea. They did, and God had prepared a big fish to swallow him. The sea ceased its raging. Jonah was in the fish's belly three days and three nights before it vomited him out upon the land. We will talk more about Jonah next Sunday.

Let us notice that Jesus referred to Jonah when He was talking about how long He would be in the tomb after His death on the cross. —Aunt Marie

## JONAH DISOBEYS GOD

Jonah 1:1 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great

city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

9 And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.

17 Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Matt. 12:40 [Jesus said] For 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.

**Memory Verse:** Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good. Eccl. 9:18.

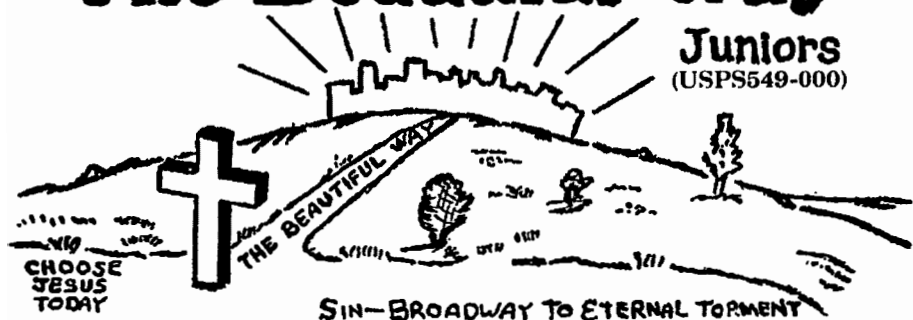
#### Questions:

1. Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go?
2. What did God want him to do there?
3. Did Jonah obey?
4. He got aboard a ship going to what city?
5. What happened on the ship to disturb the mariners?
6. How did the mariners find out which man brought the evil upon them?
7. Upon whom did the lot fall?
8. What did they do with Jonah?
9. Did the storm stop?
10. Did this make the mariners believe in God?
11. Did Jonah drown?
12. What happened to him?
13. What did Jonah's being in the belly of the whale three days and nights represent?
14. Does God punish us if we disobey Him?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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### CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

#### *War Declared!*

One December morning in 1941, there was much excitement as the headlines of the papers flashed the news and radio newsmen gave minute by minute details of the bombing of the U.S. Naval fleet in Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands, by the Japanese. War was on. Soon people were given instructions as to what to do. There was to be a complete blackout on the California coast that night. All lights were to be turned off, and if a light were on inside it was to be only with dark blinds pulled. The U.S. was afraid that their western coast would be bombed.

In the afternoon of that eventful day Carl and Marie got in their car, with their boys, to drive around and see what was going on. They drove over to the Lockheed Aircraft factory and men were busy painting green trees and dark colors on the top and sides of the factory, so it would be camouflaged and

would look like a forest from the air. At the airport the airplanes were scattered over the field, and many other things were being done for protection. In some places people were turned back, as guards were being stationed at various places for security reasons. It was a frightful time, as no one seemed to know just what would happen.

The next day Marie noticed at the market the Japanese men and women who usually worked there were not to be seen. They had been put in camps so they could be watched. Many did not know what would happen next.

As the days passed, things calmed down, but the U.S. had declared war against Japan. Troops were being trained and moved along the highways and by train.

Marie prayed earnestly for the Lord to protect them. Her heart was saddened because Carl could not agree with her in prayer. He had lost out with the Lord, which grieved her very much. He had told her that he couldn't fight for a living and keep saved, which was only a trick of the devil. This was such a shock to Marie as she had expected Carl to always live for God. She drew even closer to God and did all she could to

please Him. Carl didn't hinder her at all in serving the Lord. In fact he wanted her to. He told her that he intended sometime to get back to the Lord.

It wasn't long until Carl's single brothers had to register for military duty. Curtis volunteered for the Navy and Clyne for the Marines. It was sad to see them go away, but the war was raging and more and more men were being taken into service.

Married men were also being drafted. Of course, Carl felt that it might be some time before they drafted him because of having two children, yet he felt it would come. Marie just wouldn't think about its being possible. Carl quit his job at the Glendale News-Press and went to work at the air base. Things were in a serious condition.

Marie thought of the Scripture which said, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10. What a comfort the Word of God was to her soul! He had promised to "never leave" her nor "forsake" her. His promises were forever settled in heaven and He would verify them.

Marie and her sister Mary decided they would take the train back to Oklahoma to be at their sister Frances' wedding, which was to be June 6, 1942. They thought they would save a little money by fixing a lunch to eat on the train. They were to be on the train for two days and one night. Suitcases were packed for them, and Marie and her two boys and Mary Lola and her daughter, Mary June, who was about three years old, boarded a train for Oklahoma. To their dismay the train they took did not have air conditioning, and before they arrived they were afraid that some of their lunch had spoiled. The best trains were used to move troops and the public

was being put on the older trains. It was not as nice a trip as Marie had taken in years before the war. But many things changed during World War II. Some things were rationed and other things were nearly impossible to get.

It was wonderful to be at home with their parents and family again, and to sit on the front porch as the evening shades fell. They had spent many evenings like this in their childhood. Mother Pruitt had watched her children as they played on the sidewalk, around the big house and the office, and at times out under the corner street light. Now Marie and Mary sat with the family as their children played with their cousins at the same place.

One evening, Marie saw Frances and Willie Murphey, the boy whom Frances was going to marry, go into the office. She knew that Papa Pruitt was in his office. She thought maybe Willie was going to ask her father for Frances, so she said to Lawrence's son, Byron, "Go over to the office window and listen." Soon he came back and said, "Oh, they are just talking about sheep!" Marie thought that probably she was mistaken in her suspicion. Later, she found out that when Willie had asked for Frances, he asked her father if he could have his "last little lamb."

Mary Lola and Marie helped in getting the house fixed up for Frances' wedding, as she was being married in her parents' home. She only asked the young people to come, since the house would not hold many. Bro. Ostis Wilson, Jr. performed the ceremony. They were a happy couple. Willie had felt the call to the ministry and Frances would be a help to him, as she loved the Lord.

—M. Miles

(To be continued)

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"Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth."

## The Lord Knows His Own

When Mark was ten years of age he asked the Lord to forgive him of his sins and come into his heart to live. When anyone asked him whether he was a Christian, he would answer "Yes."

But when Mark reached the age of twelve, no one could ever have guessed him to be a Christian! He picked on younger boys and girls at school. He cheated on tests. He disobeyed his parents and was sassy. He even said some ugly words at times.

Other boys and girls at school knew what Mark was doing. They also knew that he went to Sunday school and professed to be a Christian. He was a discredit to the Lord.

A real Christian tries to please the Lord in every way. A Christian will not want to do things that are wrong. The Bible says that God knows those that are His. Many say they belong to God, but they do not. Does your life prove that you are a Christian? —Sel.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

I am so glad that today we can talk about Jonah obeying God instead of his disobedience that we studied about last

Sunday. It pays to obey God. Remember that God is the Creator of this world and everything in it. Remember that God controls all things. People might hurt our bodies, but they can never touch our souls. If they kill the body, we will go to a better place than this world. Oh, it is a wonderful place! It's perfect because Jesus is there. Jesus is all powerful and so wonderful and kind. Won't it be wonderful to see Him "face to face"? Don't be afraid of death if you are saved and are God's child.

Jonah was not so happy down in the whale's belly. We should say, "in the big fish's belly," because we read in our lesson that God prepared this fish to swallow Jonah. Since a whale is the biggest fish we have, I guess that is the reason it is said the fish was a whale, but I am told that a whale has a small mouth.

Jonah prayed. Jonah thought he didn't need God. He thought he could run away from God, but now he was in a corner with no one to help him and he could not help himself. The weeds were wrapped around his head. He was a prisoner in the depths of the sea. He was in trouble. He knew that God could help him. See how foolish Jonah was in disobeying God? If he had obeyed, he could have saved himself all of this trouble. Boys and girls, it pays to obey the Lord. You will save yourself so much trouble. Your parents are trying to keep you out of a lot of trouble, too. They know more about what is ahead of you than you do. They went the same way you are going. So listen to them. Some boys and girls have had to suffer a lot of things because they disobeyed their parents. With tears they wished over and over that they had obeyed them.

God heard Jonah's prayer. Jonah was sorry. He said that those who go their own way and fill their own desires

"forsake their own mercy." God has mercy upon people but they must accept that mercy.

Jonah went down into Nineveh and preached to the people. They believed his message. They fasted and covered themselves with sackcloth and sat in ashes. Even the king was troubled and called for prayer and fasting. God heard their prayers and spared Nineveh. (We will talk more about Jonah next Sunday).

—Aunt Marie

### JONAH OBEYS GOD

Jonah 2:1 Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

10 And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

3:1 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and

said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

**Memory Verse:** The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. Luke 11:32.

### Questions:

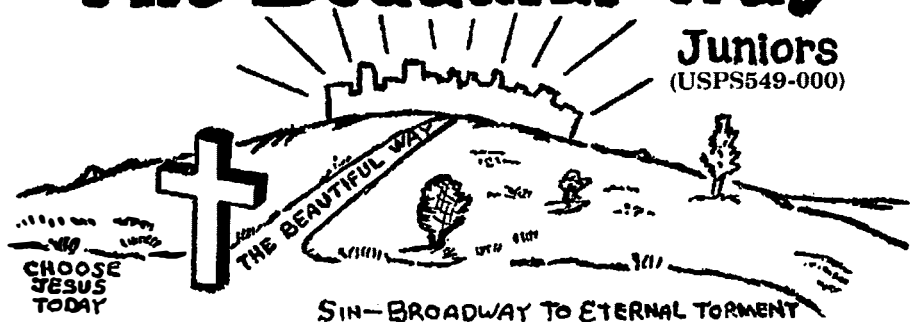
1. To whom did Jonah cry when he was in the fish's belly?
2. Did the Lord hear him?
3. What did Jonah say he would sacrifice unto the Lord?
4. What did the fish do with Jonah?
5. Who made the fish "throw-up" Jonah?
6. Did the Lord speak again to Jonah?
7. Where did the Lord tell him to go?
8. What did God say would happen to Nineveh?
9. Did the people of Nineveh believe what God told Jonah?
10. What did they do?
11. Did they turn from their evil ways?
12. Did God let their city be overthrown?
13. If we humble ourselves and turn from our evil ways, will God bless us?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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Not long after Carl's parents moved to California from Missouri, Carl was transferred from the air base in Los Angeles to Sacramento Air Base. Carl and Marie packed what they could take in their car and stored some things, and with their boys moved to Sacramento, which was 375 miles from Glendale. They stopped by Marie's sister's home to tell them goodbye as they left. Her brother-in-law, Elvin, looked at their tires and told them they would never make it. At that time tires were being rationed because the Army came first, and one couldn't buy them except under special conditions. This troubled Marie, but she prayed earnestly for the Lord to help them make the trip on their worn-out tires. The Lord heard and answered prayer and they didn't have a flat. They rented an apartment and Carl went to work.

While in Sacramento their son Vernon took really sick. He couldn't keep anything on his stomach and had a high fever. This troubled Marie greatly. She was too far away to have anyone come and pray for him, and they did not know

anyone who lived in the town. She looked earnestly to the Lord, but his fever continued. She took the best care of him that she knew how. One day, she was reading in John 4:50-53, about the nobleman who came to Jesus and asked Him to heal his child, lest he die. Jesus didn't go to the child's bedside, but He heard and took note of the father's earnest prayer. Jesus told the father, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. Marie took note of the fact that when the man prayed, Jesus heard and spoke. Then the man believed the words of Jesus. Marie knew that she had prayed and that Jesus had spoken to her through His Word, and she believed just like the father believed, that the Lord would touch her darling son. In the Bible when the father was on his way home he met some of his servants and they told him, "Thy son liveth!" The father wanted to know when he began to amend. They said, "Yesterday, at the seventh hour the fever left him." Praise God! This inspired Marie's faith. She prayed and committed her son into the hands of Jesus. The dear Lord touched him and his fever left him and he began to mend. Marie didn't know

what he had, as she didn't consult a doctor but only consulted the Lord. He is the best One to depend upon and to have confidence in when trouble arises. God had been her Healer all of her life and she knew He could heal her children.

They were only in Sacramento a month when Carl was transferred to the Taft, Calif. Air Base. Another young couple was transferred also, and it was wonderful to have someone that they knew in the strange town. This was a fine couple with high morals, although they didn't attend church. Marie missed being in services since they had left Glendale. She had attended services of the Lord on Sunday ever since she could remember, so this was a new life for her. She prayed and read the Word of God daily and loved the Lord.

One day Marie got a letter from her mother telling her that her father was being persecuted because of his taking the stand against the boys going to war. The government provided for those who were conscientious objectors. The Bible plainly told God's people to be lovers of peace and to make peace. Jesus even told Peter to put up the sword when he wanted to fight for Jesus when He was taken by the soldiers to be put to death. Jesus healed the man's ear that had been cut off. (Matt. 26:50-52). The Sermon on the Mount by Jesus in the fifth to seventh chapters of Matthew set forth a non-resistant doctrine. Marie's father felt that the boys should follow Jesus' teachings and example and sign up as conscientious objectors. Some on the draft board were very angry with him for his stand. One made the remark that he hoped that if the enemy came over here that they would drop the first bomb on Pruitt's head. Rumors were that he might be put in jail. Some of the young brethren signed up as C.O's and were taken to camps. Marie's brother, Lawrence, prepared, thinking that he

might have to go, also. The draft was getting close to those who had children.

When Marie got this letter she couldn't hold back her tears. Oh, it couldn't be true that they would even think of doing anything to her father! He was a man of God, and surely the Lord would not let this happen. She prayed earnestly and continued to pray until the Lord comforted her heart. God made her know that He had everything in His great Hand. She was so glad when she received word from her mother that things had calmed down and that her father would not be put in jail. The local draft board had found out that they had to obey the federal law which provided for conscientious objectors. Conscientious objectors had to work in some charity work with very little pay during the time that they would have had to serve in the U.S. armed forces. Of course, the board sent them away from home to serve their time, as there were only certain places they could be stationed. To live for God in this world takes courage. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us." 2 Tim. 2:12.

One young brother was brought up before the draft board, and questioned about his stand against fighting, or taking up arms. He was asked what he would do if someone came into his home and was going to harm his wife. The brother said, "The Lord promised that



we would not be tempted above that which we are able to bear." I Cor. 10:13.

Those were trying days, but God gave many the grace to face them with victory and endure many persecutions and hard times for Christ's sake. —M. Miles

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## A Cheery Smile

A cheery smile will often prove  
A most contagious thing;  
It spreads and scatters happiness  
Like blossoms in the Spring.

And when things all go crookedly  
And everything looks blue,  
A cheery smile is well worthwhile  
And always helps you through.

Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us think about our memory verse. "Behold the goodness and severity of God." In our lesson about Nineveh, we notice this being fulfilled. Nineveh was a wicked city. God was displeased with it as he had been with Sodom and Gomorrah. Do you remember how God sent brimstone and fire down upon those people and destroyed them? (Gen. 19:24). They had been warned to repent but did not. We see that Nineveh was different. God honors those who will humble themselves and repent. We note that Jonah repented in the belly of the big fish. God had mercy upon him.

Jonah went outside of the city and sat down to watch what would happen. Because God did not destroy the city Jonah was angry. He prayed to the Lord and reminded him that he had not wanted to go to Nineveh and tell them that in forty days the city would be destroyed. Jonah reminded the Lord that he knew that God was very merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and

of great kindness. Jonah wanted to die. He did not want to face the people again because what he had told them didn't come to pass. Wasn't that sad for Jonah to have such feelings? They were wrong feelings. He did not live in our day when we can have Jesus in our hearts to give us help to overcome such feelings. Today when we are saved we do not want to see anyone perish, just as God doesn't want to see anyone perish. God wants all to come to repentance. Jonah didn't have that kind of help from Jesus. He yielded to his wrong feelings.

God taught Jonah a lesson. While Jonah was out under the hot sun, on the east side of the city, God prepared a gourd and it grew up overnight to make a shade for Jonah. Jonah was so glad for the gourd vine that shaded him. He loved that vine. Then God prepared a worm. The worm ate the gourd vine and it withered and died. Jonah was angry with the worm. He felt sorry for the gourd vine that was attacked by the worm. God then prepared a hot east wind that blew sand upon Jonah and he fainted. He wished that he were dead. Then God spoke to Jonah. He said, "Do you think it is right that you had pity on the gourd vine?" Jonah said that he thought he felt the right way about having pity for the gourd vine that the worm killed. Then the Lord said, "You have pity for the gourd vine, for which you did not labor to cause to grow but it came up in a night and perished in a night. Don't you think I should have spared Nineveh in which there are sixscore thousand (120,000) persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand: and also much cattle?" I am sure that Jonah understood the lesson. He needed to have mercy upon others just as God has mercy. Jesus said, "Blessed are the

merciful for they shall obtain mercy." Matt. 5:7. If we do not ask God to give us a heart full of mercy we will be lost.

—Aunt Marie

## JONAH IS REPROVED

Jonah 4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4 Then said the Lord, Doest thou well to be angry?

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

10 Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Matt. 20:15 [Jesus said] Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

Ezek. 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Memory Verse: Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou shalt be cut off. Rom. 11:22.

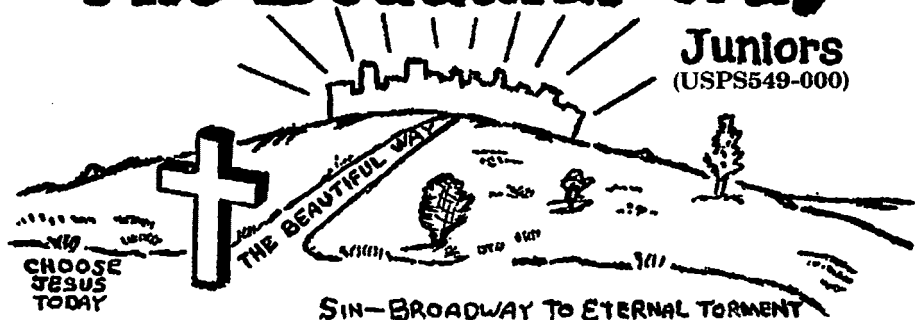
### Questions:

1. Was Jonah happy that Nineveh was spared?
2. What did he want God to do to him?
3. What did Jonah do outside the city?
4. What did God prepare to shadow him?
5. Was Jonah glad for the gourd?
6. What caused the gourd to wither?
7. What nearly caused Jonah to faint?
8. What did God use the gourd to represent?
9. Do you think that Jonah then understood why God spared Nineveh?
10. Does God take pleasure in the death of the wicked?
11. What can a wicked man do to please God?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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In 1942 Carl was transferred from Taft to San Bernardino, Calif. Air Base. Again the car was packed and they moved. By that time they were able to get some rationed tires and have the car fixed. They went to Carl's parents' home and the next day looked for a house to rent. None was to be found. How disappointed they were when time passed and they could not locate a house. Carl's parents were renting and had an extra bedroom. Carl and Marie felt they were imposing, although they were made to feel at home. While Carl was at work Marie hunted a house. Finally she heard about some houses being built by the government in Redlands. They were being rented only to government employees. She checked it out and signed up. So after being with Carl's parents for about a month and a half, they were able to move into a new duplex with two bedrooms. They were so happy to be in their own home with their family again. The grounds were beautifully landscaped, and since the houses were built in an orange grove

they had orange trees in their yard. Carl and Marie planted flowers and kept up the yard.

Marie missed having a place to go to church, but she loved the Lord and lived for Him, and taught her boys to love Him also. She would not go to worldly places, nor dress worldly, even though she was not around any of the children of God. She truly wanted to please the Lord. God was holding her heart strings. She had very nice neighbors, and soon was well acquainted with them. Most of the men, and many of the women, worked at the Air Base where Carl worked.

Marie and Carl lived across the street from the school in Redlands. That is where Vernon started in kindergarten. Carl Jr. was growing and was a healthy, happy boy, and laughed a lot. It was with great joy that he took his first steps, and Vernon thought there was no one like his baby brother. He saw that Carl Jr. had everything he wanted. The baby would put his little hands over his eyes when thanks was returned at the table and jabber along, too. Soon he was praying. Marie and Carl loved their boys very much. They saw that they were carefully cared for and watched.

Marie and the boys looked forward every day to the time Carl came home from work.

There were times Marie drove down to Glendale to church services and enjoyed them very much. Aunt Vera Forbes was always glad to have her. Marie was always glad to see her sister Mary Lola, and Elvin, who lived in Glendale. Aunt Vera took care of Mary Lola's daughter Junie.

One day Marie drove down to the Assembly meeting in Los Angeles, which was about sixty miles away. She took Carl Jr. with her. She surely enjoyed being in services, and her soul rejoiced in hearing the Word preached. She was so hungry to hear God's Word expounded. While there, Dad Miles took Carl Jr. around and showed off his youngest grandson. He was so proud of him.

On the way home at a railroad crossing the bars dropped suddenly, as a train was coming down the tracks. Marie didn't hear the bells ringing soon enough, and she put on her brakes so suddenly that it threw Carl Jr. down on the floor of the car. She became very alarmed and in tears. Carl Jr. was crying, and she was so afraid he was hurt. As she prayed and checked him over, he seemed all right, with only some bruises. The incident made her very nervous, so she decided she would not go back to the services by herself.

Once a week Carl and Marie visited Carl's folks in San Bernardino. They were getting up in years and Dad seemed to be slowing down. For his birthday on Oct. 15, 1943, Marie made him a birthday cake and put seventy candles on it. Since he wasn't one who cared for anything very fancy, she was afraid he might not appreciate so many candles, but he seemed pleased. He felt so happy that evening and walked across the floor and said, "I feel like I

might be able to live to be one hundred years of age."

Carl's mother was a dear mother-in-law. She loved the Lord and had a lot of faith. She was a great comfort and encouragement to Marie when she would talk to her about her problems. She felt very sad because Carl did not live for the Lord. She prayed with Marie often for his salvation. Carl loved his parents very much, especially his mother. When visiting Carl's folks, they always had prayer before Marie, Carl, and the boys left.

Mother and Dad Miles grieved much over their two boys who were in the armed services. Clyne was in many of the advances made by the Marines on the different Pacific Islands. Curtis was in the Navy, and in the midst of battle all the time. Prayers went up for the boys daily.

On Sunday mornings Dad would take the bus and go down to Los Angeles to preach. The saints appreciated his coming.

—M. Miles

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## It Happened in 1864

The man of God sat at his desk in his study, watching the rain as it fell in torrents. He was the pastor of a small church in Pennsylvania. He sat in deep thought, occasionally glancing at a coin that lay on his desk.

"It just isn't right," he spoke aloud, although there was no one near to hear his voice. "It just isn't right that our Almighty God is not recognized in some form on the coins of our nation."

Arising from his desk, the minister walked back and forth in his small study. At last he decided he would write a letter to the Secretary of the United States Treasury, asking his help in doing something that would help to take away the shame — the shame of our

nation's not recognizing God on its coins.

The letter read, "One fact touching our currency has been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition of Almighty God in some form on our coins. What if our Republic were now shattered beyond reconstruction? Would not peoples of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation?"

He proposed a motto on the theme of God, liberty, and law.

This letter deeply impressed the Secretary. He sent a letter to the director of the mint in Philadelphia. He said: "No nation can be strong and stand except in the strength of God, nor can it be safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our coins."

After two other mottoes were proposed — the first, "God Our Trust," then, "God and our Country" — the motto we know today was chosen. Now over a century old, "In God We Trust" first appeared on a United States two-cent piece in 1864. —Sel.

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### A Real Christian

A real Christian is as honest in the dark as where everybody can see him.

A real Christian does not expect favors. He does favors for others.

A real Christian is loyal to his friends and guards their reputations as he guards his own.

A real Christian witnesses for his Lord by the way he lives every day. —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We do not want to confuse the Joshua in our lesson with the Joshua of old who took over after Moses died and led the children of Israel into Egypt. The Joshua in our lesson was a high priest in Israel. He was standing before the angel of the Lord and Satan was stand-

ing at his right hand to resist him. (This is the vision that Zachariah had about Joshua and Satan.) Boys and girls, we cannot see into the spirit world, but Satan is there trying to get us to do wrong. God let Zechariah have a vision of what takes place. Notice that the angel of the Lord is standing there also by Joshua. We must always remember that God and His angels have power over all the power of Satan. It's up to us to be willing to let the angel of the Lord help us. God never makes us obey Him nor the Bible. We must willingly obey God. Joshua wanted to obey God. So the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan: even the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee. Is not Joshua a brand plucked out of the fire?"

Joshua had on filthy garments as he stood before the angel. We read in Isa. 64:6 that "all of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Joshua needed to get rid of his own righteousness and put on God's righteousness. In other words, your own righteousness is thinking that you do not need God's Word nor His help, and that you can take care of your own life. That is self-righteousness and it is looked upon by God as filthy rags. We need to be "clothed in white raiment" and "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Rev. 19:8. But as Joshua desired new garments that were clean, the Lord said, "Take away the filthy garments from him. I have caused thine sin to pass from thee. I will clothe thee with change of raiment." Then as Zechariah looked on, God said for them to put a fair mitre upon Joshua's head. He was crowned with beauty from the Lord, clean and white with purity.

In verse seven the angel of the Lord spoke to Joshua and told him that if he would walk in the Lord's ways and keep His laws, that He would bless him. The

Lord spoke to him about Jesus, the Branch, that was to come from the Jews. Wasn't that wonderful? The angel of the Lord spoke of "removing the iniquity of that land in one day." When Jesus died on the cross, the sin of the world was forgiven. Do you remember when John the Baptist saw Jesus that he said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world?" That is what Jesus came to do. Oh, how we love Jesus!

—Aunt Marie

## THE PROMISE OF THE BRANCH

Zech. 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.

6 And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying,

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my

courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

**Memory Verse:** And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. Isa. 11:1.

## Questions:

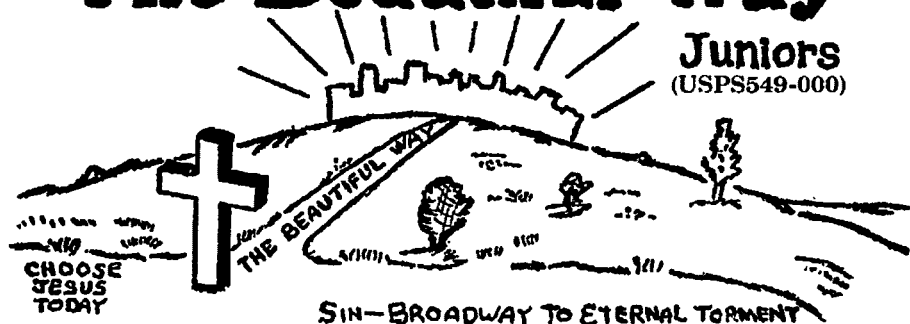
1. Who had the vision in our lesson?
2. What high priest did Zechariah see in the vision?
3. Who stood at Joshua's right hand?
4. Who rebuked Satan?
5. How was Joshua clothed?
6. What did his "filthy garments" represent?
7. What did the Lord do with his *filthy garments*?
8. What was put upon Joshua's head?
9. Did the Lord give him new clothes?
10. What did the angel say that Joshua must do to be a judge in God's house?
11. Who was the "BRANCH" of whom the angel spoke?
12. How was the world's iniquity removed in one day?
13. How will God forgive us of our iniquity?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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One evening when Marie and Carl visited them, Dad wasn't feeling too well. The next day, on Tuesday, was Carl's day off work, so he took Marie and Carl Jr. with him to see about some business in Glendale. They left very early in the morning, and in the afternoon they stopped by Aunt Vera Forbes' home. Marie was going to visit with her while Carl went other places. After Carl had gone, Sis. Vera asked how Bro. Miles was feeling? Marie told her that he had not felt very well the night before, but she didn't know that it was anything too serious. Then Aunt Vera said that Mother Miles had called over that morning for prayer for him. This alarmed Marie very much. She knew that he surely must be serious or Mother Miles would not have called. As soon as Carl returned, she told him about it and they felt they should hurry home. They went by the folks' and Dad Miles was not well. He had not been able to keep his food down and complained of his chest hurting. Mother Miles said he had a very weak spell early that morning, but that the Lord

had undertaken. Carl took Marie and the boys home and he came back and stayed with him all night so Mother Miles could rest. Some of the other children came to see about him, also.

It was sad when the phone rang three days later on Oct. 28th, 1943, and they were told that Dad Miles had suddenly left them. He had had his 70th birthday on Oct. 15th. Others of the family came to share their mother's grief. The saints of God were a great comfort to the family in that hour of sorrow. Many came from afar to attend the funeral services. The grandsons were the pallbearers, and he was laid to rest in the San Bernardino, Calif. cemetery to await the resurrection of the saints in the last day.

Carl Jr. loved to play outside during the morning with the neighbor children, and come in for his lunch. He then had a bath and took a nap. When he got up he put on clean clothes. Soon his brother would be home from school and his daddy home from work. His daddy rode with another man every other week to save on gasoline. The man would let Carl off down on the corner which was almost a block away. Carl Jr. would walk down to the corner to wait for his

daddy. What a sweet sight it was for Marie to see little Carl Jr. walking down the street, carrying his daddy's lunch bucket with one hand and holding to his daddy's hand with the other. The house was situated so Marie could watch from her kitchen window as Carl Jr. waited on the corner. She was very careful with her boys and kept an eye on them at all times. Even in their play with others she checked out their play to see if it was the right kind. She kept her boys at home so her yard was often full of children.

Carl and Marie would take the boys and go to the mountains to hike or take a lunch to eat. The boys loved to throw rocks into the water or hunt for different kinds of flowers with their mother. Carl would practice shooting, or maybe fish in the stream. They did many things together and sometimes asked others to go with them.

One day Carl got a letter from the federal government. What a shock it was when Carl and Marie read it. Carl was being drafted into the Army and was to appear before the draft board on a certain day. Marie just could not believe it. He just couldn't leave them and go to war. What would they do without him? What if he got killed? Oh, it was almost more than she could take. Carl tried to be brave about it all, yet he hated to leave his family. Fathers were being drafted, but Marie would not even think that Carl would have to go. But it had happened! She wept out her heart and Carl tried to comfort her. Only in prayer could she find comfort from the Lord. She prayed and cried, "Oh, Lord, what will I do?" The sweet, still, small voice of the Lord said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." The Lord was a great comfort to her and helped her get over the shock of it all. She then was able to face it with courage. She tried to be calm about it all and make the going easier on Carl, as she knew it

was hard for him to leave, and to face being in such a terrible war. Soon Carl and Marie had made plans for his going. Carl left it up to Marie to decide what she wanted to do while he was gone. She thought it all through carefully. She could have taken her boys and gone back to Oklahoma to stay with her folks, but she felt that it would not be wise to give up their house since they had had such a hard time finding one to rent. They had bought furniture, through careful planning, and if they sold it, they would not get much for it. Vernon was in school, and she didn't like to have him change schools. She felt it was best to stay where she was, and then Carl would have a home to come back to, and their family would be together. Of course, his job was promised to him when he returned from the service.

—M. Miles

(To be continued)

## LORD ASHLEY'S LIFE

(A True Story)

One evening after Anthony Ashley Cooper had seen a poor man's funeral while walking home from school, he wrote in his diary, "There was a time when all I could think about was becoming famous and living a life that everyone would remember. But now I have changed my thinking. I only desire now to be useful while I am living. The first thing that I want to consider is living for God; the second, other people's happiness. I intend to accomplish this in my life by much prayer and never giving up."

Lord Ashley did just as he said. After he was out of college he entered Parliament which is the lawmaking government. There he worked endlessly for the poor and people who are treated wrong.

At that time in England, children who were only four and five years old were made to work in factories, coal mines

and on farms. Anthony worked for many years to make a law against this. He also made it possible for schools to be held free for poor children.

He saw that parks and fields were set aside, where the poor could relax. He gave money so that orphan boys could go to America or Australia and find jobs. All of his life he was known as the friend of the friendless and poor.

Lord Ashley never forgot that Christ should have first place in his life. More than once he was offered a high government office but he always prayed about such offers. Then he turned them down saying, "I feel that God has called me to work among the poor and humble."

Lord Ashley never became rich or powerful. However, he became world famous during his lifetime. And now he holds an honored place in English history because he spent his life helping others. —Selected

Jesus said, "If ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" When we are friendly only with those we love, we are not helping Jesus. But when we love everyone, we may lead someone to Christ. Then we are really helping Jesus. —Sel.

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



"I will live for Jesus while I am small  
And still I will serve Him when I grow tall."

Dear Boys and Girls:

When you think of thirty pieces of silver, of whom do you think? Yes, it is Judas. How terrible it was for Judas to let the devil cause him to betray Jesus, our precious Lord. Now Judas did not have to do that. He chose to do it. First, we read about his stealing from the money bag that he carried that belonged to the disciples. Then little by little he did more wrong things. Finally, he was so hardened that he was willing to betray Jesus for money. The Bible tells us that the "love of money is the root of all evil." I Tim. 6:10. It's not money that is the root of all evil but it's the love of money. Boys and girls, do not love money. Oh, yes, I know you like to have money because it seems that your list of things that you want gets longer every day. But be sure that you do not let your love for money overpower you into doing wrong.

Stealing will get hold of you. First you might just take a nickel now and then; then it's a quarter; then a dollar bill, and finally you can take more and you do not feel badly about it. Then a time comes when you can't pass up any money that is easy to take when you think no one will know. Oh, boys and girls, flee from such things. Many men and women are confined to a prison cell because they started down that road when they were just young boys and girls. If you have taken some money, or anything that did not belong to you, go right now and make it right. You might say that the one from whom you took it would not like you anymore—instead that person will love you more than he did before. He will know that you really are honest if you are brave enough to make it right and ask forgiveness. But remember, the devil will fight you every

inch of the way. Pray to the Lord and He will help you obey Him.

How wonderful it is to know that hundreds of years before it came to pass Zechariah, through the Spirit, knew that a potter's field would be bought with thirty pieces of silver. And that is what took place. Since it was the price of blood, it was used to buy land in which to bury strangers.

Judas didn't enjoy his money any more. Boys and girls, stolen money might buy something that you want, but you will never enjoy it like you would if you had worked for the money to buy it. It pays to do right. —Aunt Marie

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### THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Zech. 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

Matt. 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

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

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

27:1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

**Memory Verse:** Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. Prov. 20:17.

### Questions:

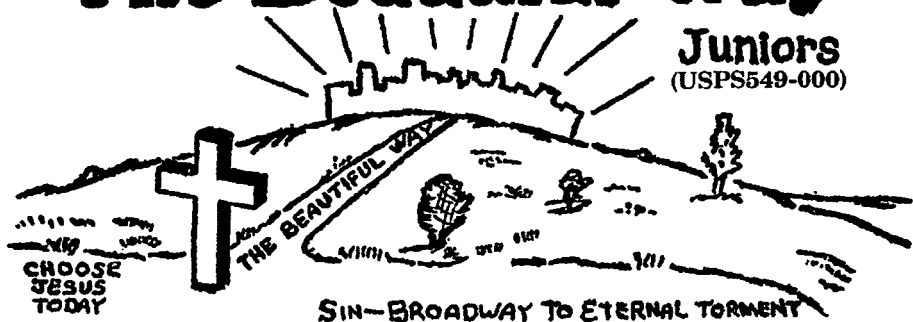
1. What amount of money did Zechariah prophesy would be the price of Jesus?
2. What did he say would be bought with the money?
3. Did these two things actually come to pass?
4. Who betrayed Jesus?
5. To whom did Judas deliver Jesus?
6. Was Judas sorry that he betrayed Jesus?
7. What did he do with the thirty pieces of silver?
8. What did he do to himself?
9. Why did the chief priests not put the money back into the treasury?
10. What is a "potter's field"?

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It was with tears that they bid Carl good-bye as he left for the Army. It seemed that he took part of Marie's heart with him, yet she looked to the Lord. She surely knew that His promises were true. She knew that God would never leave her nor forsake her. But she had some decisions to make. The government only sent her one hundred dollars a month, which was taken out of Carl's check, for her and the boys to live on. This would not pay her bills, nor buy enough food for them. She would have to work to make ends meet. Many of the men were drafted and the air base was begging women to come to work. Women were working on airplanes and doing men's work. There were other places where there were great shortages of help. Jobs were plentiful. That was not Marie's problem, but, oh, she could not leave her boys with a baby sitter or in a child care center. She knew no one would care for them as she did. She prayed much about it. The Lord made her know what to do. She would take in washings and ironings. She put an ad in the paper and soon was

swamped with calls. She chose the ones she wanted and those who would pay her the best. The laundries were not able to do the work, so many were willing to pay even more than laundry prices. Then she did some sewing and part of the time cared for two little girls during the day. She was so happy that she could be at home and manage to save a little money for emergencies.

Carl wrote regularly, as they decided to write to each other every other day. He was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for training. His basic training was very rigid. He had to crawl under a line of fire. If he raised his head he would be killed. They wanted the soldiers not to be afraid of bullets flying all around them. They were trained to be calm and face everything with courage. They might have to crawl in mud so this was part of their training. Every night when they came back to camp after a hard day's march, they had to clean their guns before any of them could go to bed.

Carl was trained in the tank corps. He was commander of one tank. They would drive the tank over bushes and small trees. The men who took care of the tanks were trained carefully. War was a serious business and they were

trained to take orders and obey them or they would be punished.

One day Marie was reading to her boys from 2 Tim. 2:3,4, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life: that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." She said, "Boys, we can be soldiers, too."

"How can we be soldiers for Jesus Christ? He is in heaven and we are here," Vernon said.

"Daddy is a soldier," little Carl Jr. added.

"Well, your daddy is a soldier for the U.S., and if we are children of God we are soldiers in fighting against the devil. The devil hates Jesus and all who love Him. So when we fight against the devil we are soldiers, and Jesus is our Captain."

"Does Daddy have a captain?" asked Vernon.

"Yes, he has a captain and he leads the Army in battle. They are to obey what he tells them. Just so, we must obey Jesus, our Captain, when we are in battle. He tells us in the Bible how to fight, and we can be sure that our Captain has never lost a battle. We can always win. We must pray and ask Jesus to help us to be good soldiers for Him. We do not want to listen to the devil when he tells us to tell lies or disobey our parents. When we obey Jesus, and not the devil, we are fighting against the devil. Jesus will give us power to overcome the devil every time. We want to please Jesus who has chosen us to be His soldiers."

When school was out, Marie took her boys and went back to Oklahoma for a visit. It was nice to be with her folks, since she had been so lonesome while Carl was gone. While there, she went with her father to the Hammond, La. camp-

meeting. The Lord richly blessed in every service. It was wonderful to meet many of the saints there that she previously had known.

On the fast and prayer day for the healing of the sick, Marie went up to be prayed for. She had an affliction that she felt was very serious and perhaps was cancerous. Since there were a great many, the ministers divided up to pray for the sick. Two ministers in the group that prayed for Marie had afflictions on their bodies. Marie thought about this, and her faith was hindered. Later, she talked to her father about her need of healing which she didn't receive. She told him that she was afraid that she got her eyes off of Jesus, the Healer, and on the ministers. Her father counseled her about this. She prayed and asked the Lord to forgive her and to heal her. Again she went up to be prayed for according to God's Word, which said to "call for the elders of the church." She had her eyes upon Jesus and her faith in Him, and the Lord touched her body and healed her. She did thank the Lord and she also learned a valuable lesson.

When she returned to Oklahoma, Carl wrote her that he was to be transferred to Fort Ord, Calif., before being sent overseas to the Philippine Islands. This was so hard to bear, but again she remembered that the Lord had promised to never leave her nor forsake her. It was such a great joy when Carl arrived at her parents' home.

—M. Miles

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## A Mouse In the House

"Look! Look!" cried Tracy. "A mouse is in the house! It ran in that hole."

"Oh, dear," said Mother. "We must get the mouse out of the house."

"Why?" asked Tracy. "I like the mouse."

"No, Tracy," said Mother. "He can't stay here. He may look nice, but he is very bad. He does bad things."

"What can that little mouse do?" asked Tracy. "He's too little to be bad."

"He will eat up the potatoes in the kitchen," said Mother. "He may get into a cherry pie some night. He may go into your room and chew up your books."

"Get the mouse out of the house!" shouted Tracy.

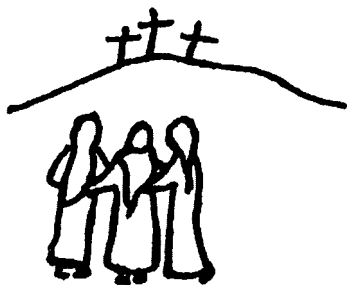
"Tracy, that little mouse is like little sins," said Mother. "If you take one little pencil, you may think it will not hurt. But it is a sin even if it is a little pencil. A sin may look little to you, but to God all sin is big." — Sel.

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"Happiness is living for Jesus."

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

Isn't it wonderful that the Lord revealed to the prophets hundreds of years before that Jesus' body would be pierced? Sometimes it's so wonderful that we can't take it all in. Our God is so great and has had things under control down through the ages. Boys and girls, don't forget how great our God is!

Zechariah, the prophet, looked down through the ages and got a glimpse of something wonderful that was going to take place. He saw a huge fountain of water opened in the side of the mountain.

That mountain was the "house of David." Out flowed the water. As he thought about it, he thought of all the sins and wickedness of the people who were of the house of David. He then said, "That fountain will cleanse the inhabitants [people] of Jerusalem [David's town where his throne had been where he lived] of their sin and all their uncleanness." He also got a glimpse of someone being pierced.

We know the meaning of this in a deeper sense. We have in our lesson about Jesus' going to the cross willingly. Do you remember when the soldiers came to take Jesus, that Peter took out his sword to defend him? Jesus told him to put up his sword and then said, "I could pray (or ask) the Father, and He would send twelve legions of angels to help me. But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled?" That fountain would not have been opened in the house of David for sin if Jesus had not willingly died, taking our punishment. He was without sin, and He alone could die for our sins. Oh, how we love and adore Him!

A soldier came along and pierced His side while He was on the cross. Out flowed blood and water. When we repent of our sins, then we accept that blood, or we accept the fact that Jesus died for our sins. Your heart is not literally washed in Jesus' blood. This is a spiritual thought. It has a spiritual meaning. In other words, if Jesus had not been pierced, or had not died, we could not be forgiven of our sins. So we can say that our hearts were washed in the precious blood of Jesus.

Those who pierced Jesus will see Him appear in the clouds one of these days. They will wail with all kindreds of the earth that are not ready to meet Jesus. Every eye will see Jesus come as our Judge. He will not be our Saviour when He comes in the clouds of glory. We need

to send our sins on before and let them be judged now. We do want to be ready when He comes in that last great day.

—Aunt Marie

## PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

Zech. 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened in the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

John 19:16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

30 . . . Jesus . . . said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

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

35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

Rev. 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us

to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

**Memory Verse:** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. I Peter 1:19.

### Questions:

1. What did Zechariah say would be opened in the house of David?
2. Of what use would the fountain be?
3. Upon whom did Zechariah say the people would look?
4. Who died on the cross for our sins?
5. What did the soldiers do to the thieves crucified with Jesus?
6. Did they break Jesus' legs?
7. What did one of the soldiers do to Jesus?
8. Were these things fulfillment of Old Testament scripture?
9. Why was Christ worthy to bring our redemption?
10. How are our hearts washed in Jesus' blood?
11. Who will see Jesus when He comes in the clouds?
12. What will He do when He comes again?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

(Continued from last issue)

Carl and Marie bought an old car and drove to California. When they came into a town in New Mexico there was a great commotion going on. Some people were throwing their hats into the air and others were blowing their horns. Some were running up and down the street yelling. Carl and Marie wondered what was going on, so they stopped at a filling station and asked what the celebration was about. The man gladly informed them that Japan had surrendered (Aug. 14, 1945). What happiness filled their hearts! Marie said, "Oh, now you won't have to go overseas!" The boys were happy too, as they thought their daddy would be home with them.

War is horrible and this had been a terrible war! The United States had dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on Aug. 6, 1945. More than 71,000 persons were killed or missing. Others had been left maimed for life. This was the first atomic bomb ever used in war times. On Aug. 9th, another bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Japan knew they were whipped and that unless they gave up, their whole country could be wiped

out. "The greatest military machine that the world had known was allowed to pass out of existence before fruits of victory had been secured."—Americana. This was called V-J day. Formal surrender took place on Sept. 2, 1945.

Carl's orders were to report to Fort Ord, California to be shipped to the Philippine Islands for duty. Marie was hopeful that he would be discharged now that peace had been signed with Japan. How sad she was when she heard from him and there was no change in his orders. Although the U.S. Army had invaded the Philippine Islands part of the Japanese divisions were still there. Stiff resistance had been made against an attack on Manila. When the Japanese surrendered on Aug. 14th, Manila fell. The Japanese army had been forced into the mountains and had broken up into five isolated groups. Their communications were slow and many did not know the war was over. They needed to be captured. So there was a need of replacements on the island.

Marie prayed for God to give her more grace to face what was ahead. She keenly felt the responsibility of rearing the boys alone and providing for their care financially. She still had it settled that she

would do work in her own home and not put her boys in a day care center or have a baby sitter see about them. She knew that no one loved them as she did nor would they take care of them as she would.

Carl was being trained for overseas duty, and he wanted Marie to bring the boys and drive up to Fort Ord and be with him the last two weeks before he sailed. This was a challenge to her, as she had never driven a car that far with the full responsibility of it. She prayed earnestly about it and the Lord made her know that He would help her. She wanted to be with Carl so much, and the boys also longed to be with their daddy.

Marie's brother-in-law checked her car over, and when she left that morning from their home, he laughingly said, as he pointed to a light on the dashboard, "If that light turns red, you had better stop." He didn't know that she would be needing that advice before the day was over. Needless to say, Marie was a little nervous about the operation of the car and she often looked to see if that light had turned red.

Salinas, which was close to Fort Ord Military Base, was about 300 miles from Chino, Calif., where Marie lived. She took her time and drove carefully, trusting the Lord to help her. The boys enjoyed the trip and didn't seem to have a care in the world. It was a beautiful day and the mountains were beautiful. All of a sudden she saw the dash light turn red. Her heart seemed to skip a beat, as she pulled over to the side of the highway. She got out of the car and raised the hood. The radiator was boiling. She didn't know what to do. As she stood there praying, a car stopped. The man looked her car over and told her that the fan belt had broken. He informed her that over the hill was a filling station, and he thought they had fan belts for sale and could fix it for her. He told her to

wait a while, and then drive slowly over the hill.

Soon the car was fixed and Marie and the boys arrived in Salinas without further delay. They rented some rooms and Carl was able to be with them when he was off the base. The time seemed to fly and soon he had to board the ship to sail for the Philippine Islands. Oh, how hard it was to tell him good-bye. Marie wondered if she would ever see him again. She knew that in places the ocean had been mined with bombs, and that if Carl's ship hit one, it might not make it. With tears, Carl and Marie held each other in their arms for their good-bye kisses. The boys didn't realize the seriousness of the time, yet they knew that it would be a long time before they would see their daddy again. They asked him a lot of questions about the big ship on which he was going to sail and about the place he was going. Carl loved his wife and boys, and it was hard for him to leave them. Marie told Carl that she and the boys would be praying daily that the Lord would take care of him. He appreciated that. Carl felt his need of God's help in those perilous times.

Marie and the boys arrived home safely and Vernon was back in school. Little Carl, Jr. and his mother kept the home fires burning. Marie continued to do her washings, mending, caring for some children, etc., as she had done before. It was very lonesome for her, but she was glad that she had the Lord to be her comforter. She didn't know very many in the town and there was not a place to attend worship services. But she would read to Vernon and Carl, Jr. from the Bible Story book, and they loved the Lord together.

—M. Miles

(To be continued)

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"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:2

"If someone recorded your life on a tape cassette, would it be a 'joyful sound'? If someone colored your life in a coloring book, would he use bright, cheerful colors? I hope so. Jesus meant for His disciples to be happy. The 'joyful sound' in a Christian's life comes from the heart, for Jesus is there to make one's whole life sing."

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"Some say that they love Jesus, but no one can tell it by the way they act. Jesus wants us to hear God's Word and then act like we really love God. Do you? Are you a *hearer* and also a *doer*?"

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**

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Dear Boys and Girls:

John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus. When the angel, Gabriel, told Mary that she would have a child, he also told her that her cousin, Elizabeth, would have a child that was six months older than Jesus. (Luke 1:36). Mary went to see her cousin, Elizabeth. They rejoiced together about the wonderful thoughts of having such wonderful boys. Elizabeth told Mary about her husband, Zacharias, who was a priest, being in the temple of worship and burning incense before the Lord. An angel appeared before him. The angel told him that in his old age his wife would bear him a son and he should call him John. The angel also told Zacharias that John was to be a special messenger from the Lord and that "many of the children of Israel would be turned to the Lord their God." (Luke 1:5-41) Zacharias could not believe

the words of the angel, Gabriel. Because he doubted, the angel told him he would be dumb, or not able to speak, until the child was born. (It doesn't pay to doubt God, does it?) When the child arrived they were going to name the baby after some of his relatives. But Elizabeth told them that the baby's name should be John. Finally, they made signs to the baby's father and he asked for a writing tablet. When he wrote, saying, "His name is John," his tongue was loosened and he could talk again. (1:57-64)

John grew and the Spirit of the Lord was upon him. He lived in the wilderness and many went to hear him preach. Many repented and believed and turned from their sins.

One day Jesus came to be baptized by John. As he baptized Him, a dove came from heaven and sat upon Him. A voice spoke out of heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:13-17. Later, when John saw Jesus walking along he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. The Spirit made me know that upon whom a dove would come from heaven and sit, that He would be the Lamb of God, or the Messiah. (John 1:29-33). Later, John was beheaded because he told Herod that it was not lawful for him to have his brother's wife. (Matt. 14:1-12).

John was the one that Malachi, the prophet, had said would go before the face of Jesus and prepare the way. He was the messenger sent from God.

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—Aunt Marie

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Mal. 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Matt. 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

11:7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy

face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

**Memory Verse:** And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Matt. 11:12.

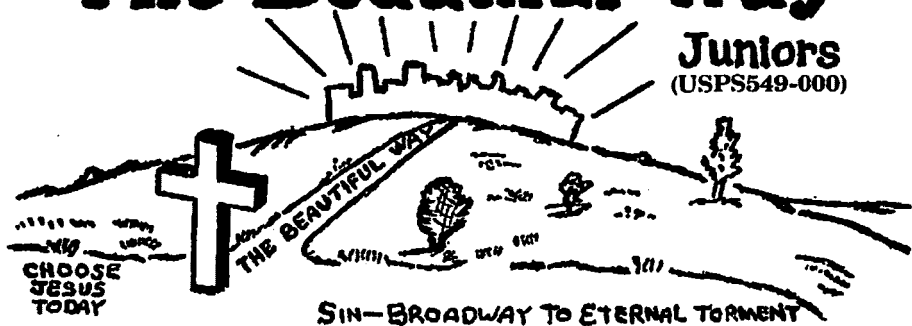
### Questions:

1. Did Malachi prophesy that a messenger would come to prepare the way of the Lord?
2. Who was this messenger?
3. Where did John the Baptist preach?
4. How did he dress?
5. What did he eat?
6. Did many people go out to see John?
7. What did John tell the Pharisees and Sadducees to do?  
What are "*fruits meet for repentance*"?
9. What did John say would happen to every tree (person) that did not bring forth good fruit?
10. With what did John say Jesus would baptize them?
11. Of whom was Jesus speaking when He said that there was none greater born of women?
12. Who did Jesus say is greater than John the Baptist?
13. What does it mean "the violent take heaven by force"?

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## My Life's Heartstrings

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Since Carl, Sr. was on the ship, he could not write to Marie as he had done before. Those were hard days for Marie. At times she would weep and pray out her lonesomeness to her Lord. God made her know that He loved her darling husband more than she did, and that He would take care of him. Other times she would brace up and say that she was not going to be a weeping war wife.

Marie got a letter from Carl. What a happy day! He had arrived safely. While on the ship Carl had written to her and the boys on one side of the paper. When he arrived, he wrote to her on the blank side; so she got two letters. He told about a storm at sea. He wrote that they closed the hatches and told everyone to stay off the deck. The ship rolled, and at times the waves were high above the ship and would then dash upon the deck. Many of the fellows got seasick. There were many soldiers on the ship and not much to do, so it wasn't a very interesting trip. Many of the soldiers were young men and away from home for the first time. At times, Carl said, some of them would cry in the night. Their training had not been as

long as some of the older ones, since they were being sent to replace those who had fought in the war.

Their food was very good and they had plenty to eat. They were served navy beans every morning for breakfast. Carl was very glad to be on land again. Each letter was full of love for his wife and boys. He missed them so much. He was not enjoying his life in the army.

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(Letter written to Marie from her mother, Mary Ann Pruitt.)

Nov. 13, 1944

Dear Daughter,

*This afternoon finds all well and encouraged to cling to the unchanging hand of God from whom all our help comes. We are fully decided, by the help of our loving Saviour, to travel on and reach that home over yonder where Jesus is sitting on the right hand of God, interceding for those that are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. . . .*

*If you and Mary Lola come next summer, it would be better to come as soon as school is out. It will not be so hot and you will enjoy your visit better. . . .*

*Tom Christ (who lived at Fallis) has a lot of pecans on the ground, but we do not*

have the gas to make the trip, and neither does Lawrence. [During the war gas was rationed and people were issued so many tickets a month.] Your father may get some gas and give the station man tickets for it when he gets his tickets next month.

Your father, Hyrum, and Bro. Lemons are tearing down the little room on the north of the print shop so they can build on to the main building of the office. We want to put 22 feet more on the print shop. . . .

Your father ordered a job press and a feeder for the large job press that he has.

We will have our trials. We are going to be a tried people, but the Lord won't permit more to come upon us than what we are able to bear, but will with the temptation make a way of escape. So when a trial comes, we know we can bear it or Jesus wouldn't let it come our way. . .

May the dear Lord bless you and the little boys richly.

Lovingly,

Mother

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(Letter to Marie from her father, Fred Pruitt)

Dec. 25, 1944

Dear Anna Marie and family,

May the blessings of God be upon you and yours all through the coming New Year of 1945.

I received the package of cookies that you sent me for Christmas. I have the box in my office room and reach for one once in a while. Even though the cookies are good, the fact that you thought about me on Christmas pleased me most. I received several gifts. . . . But the greatest gift of all is the gift of the Son of God living in my soul. The other gifts will be used up in a little while, but the "Gift" of God is eternal.

The Assembly Meeting is going on and the Lord is greatly blessing. Six were at the altar last night. The Lord is giving

the saints some good spiritual food which makes the soul glad.

The company where Lawrence works gave him a big turkey for Christmas. Wife and I were there and ate turkey with them. We finished up with a generous piece of pumpkin pie. Maude and Mother Miles were there to eat dinner, also.

We will be glad to see you and Mary Lola next summer, as I understand you are planning on coming.

The Lord is greatly blessing the work here and we have 22 feet built on the north end of the office building. That makes us able to put in some more machines to carry the work forward for the Lord. The Lord has so blessed in supplying, that we felt clear to make all the workers a gift of twenty dollars each. We feel so good in our souls that He made us able to do this. We have a fine, consecrated group of workers here in the office. We are so thankful to God for them. . . .

I sold the place down on the 600 block of Mansur [the first Faith Pub. House print shop] for \$800. I thought it was best to let it go while prices were good. . . .

It will be meeting time soon, so I will close with prayers that God will continue to bless you in every needed way. Pray for us as we do for you.

Your father,  
Fred Pruitt

This concludes the story *My Life's Heartstrings*.

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When Jesus was a twelve-year-old boy, He went to Jerusalem with His parents. Soon He sought out the leading teachers in the temple. Before long He was listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were astonished at the things He said.

Mary and Joseph had started home thinking that Jesus was with their caravan. When they learned that He

wasn't, they went back to the temple and found Jesus.

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" asked Jesus. But He went with Mary and Joseph, and the Bible says He obeyed them. It also says that His mother thought much about the things Jesus said.

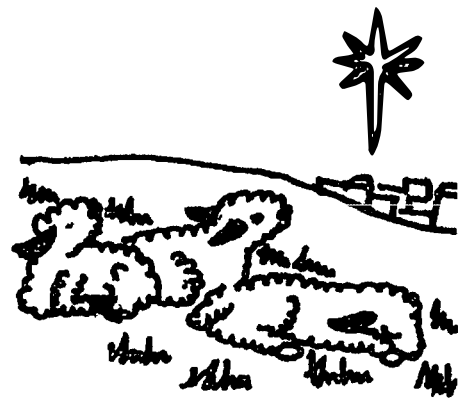
Jesus is the greatest example we could follow. Does your mother treasure in her heart the way you act and speak? Are you a joy to your mother? —Sel.

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Give love and love will be returned to you.

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today is mostly about the thought that Micah was informed, through the Spirit, where Jesus Christ, (the Messiah) would be born. Be sure to note in our lesson that when the wise men came to King Herod and asked where the Christ was born that the scribes and chief priests had to look in the old Testament books to find the place. We have those same books today and it's wonderful to know how their prophecies have been fulfilled.

The word, *Bethlehem* means "house of bread." We read that one time Jesus

said of Himself, "I am the bread of life." John 6:48. Bread is something that is important to sustain life. Just so, we need bread to sustain our spiritual life. Jesus is eternal life and we want to have that, so Jesus is our bread. He is our Saviour and gives us life. He is the One who took our sins so we can live in heaven in bliss and glory. Praise God! The city of Bethlehem is where the "Bread of Life" was born. How wonderful!

The Jews were under the rule of the Romans. Caesar Augustus made a decree that all the world, which was under his rule, was to be counted and therefore be taxed. Each was to go to the town where he was born and register. Joseph and Mary went up from Nazareth, which was in Galilee, where they lived, to Bethlehem because they were of the house of David. There was no room for them that night in the inn so they got off the street into a stable where Jesus was born that night. Do you remember reading how the angels from heaven appeared to the shepherds and they came to see the Saviour of the world?

Our lesson takes place later when the wise men in the east saw the star and they followed the star to Jerusalem. They inquired, "Where is the king that has been born?" When they left for Bethlehem, King Herod told them to come back and let him know where he was. But God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod and tell him about the baby, because he would kill Him.

Today we rejoice because Jesus was born! If He had not been born, He could not have gone to the cross and died for our sins. We know that there is no record of the exact date, but we do know that it happened one day. Surely it's important that we think about His birth and rejoice.

—Aunt Marie

## THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Memory Verse: Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? John 7:42.

### Questions:

1. From what city did Micah say Christ would come?
2. Who came from the east to Jerusalem seeking Jesus?
3. What had they seen to indicate the birth of Jesus?
4. Why was Herod troubled?
5. How did the priests know where Christ was to be born?
6. What did Herod tell the wise men to do when they found Jesus?
7. Did the star lead them to Christ?
8. What did the wise men give Jesus?
8. Did they return to Herod? Why not?
10. What did the angel tell Joseph in a dream?
11. Why did Herod want to destroy Jesus?

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## Better Than A Wishing Star

Karen and Shelly were good friends who lived next door. One night when they were both out in their yards they noticed a bright star in the sky. Shelly said that it was her wishing star and every time she saw it she wished for a new bicycle. "What would you wish for if you could have anything you wished for, Karen?" asked Shelly. "I would wish for a blue parakeet," answered Karen.

Karen did not wish upon stars. She always prayed and asked the Lord to give her things that she wanted if the Lord thought it would be best. That night she asked the Lord to please help her to be able to get a blue parakeet for she wanted one very much.

The next day after school, as Karen and Shelly were walking home, they saw a blue parakeet in a bush. Karen held out her hand and called it. It flew right onto her hand and acted like it had finally found a friend. Karen took the parakeet home and told her mother about finding the bird. Her mother told her that it probably belonged to someone. Sure enough when they looked in the newspaper in the lost and found

column, someone had lost a blue parakeet named Petey with a band on his leg marked March, 1977. They looked at the band on the parakeet's leg and it had the same date on it.

Karen told Shelly about the ad in the newspaper and said, "I guess I'll have to take Petey back to his owners on Elm Street tonight." "You wouldn't have to take it back," said Shelly, "No one would know that you had him. It's not like stealing. You just found him." "It still wouldn't be right," said Karen, "so I'm going to take him back. Will you come with me?" "Sure," said Shelly.

The two girls went into Karen's house to get Petey. They carried him in a box to 758 Elm Street and knocked on the door. A lady answered the door and said, "Oh, have you found our Petey?" Just then a girl about Karen and Shelly's age came from the kitchen in a wheelchair. She called Petey and he flew right to her and she was so happy to see him that she could hardly talk for the tears that were coming.

Karen said, "We'd better leave now." A big lump was forming in her throat and she nearly felt like crying as she thought of leaving the parakeet she had thought would always be hers. Yet she was very

glad that they had returned Petey and made the little girl in the wheelchair happy. Just as they were turning to leave the lady said, "Wait a minute. Would you leave your telephone number. My sister raises parekeets, and she has some baby birds that will be ready to give away before long. You can have one if you would like." Karen said that she surely would like to have one, and gave the lady her telephone number.

As the two girls were walking home, Karen said to Shelly, "See, if we do what is right God will answer our prayers. I asked the Lord to help me get a pareakeet and He did. I thought I would never have one again when I took Petey back. I'm so glad I took him back. Trusting God is so much better than wishing on a star, Shelly." "Yes, I think so too," said Shelly. —Sel.

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## What's Wrong With Movies?

One day Ty and several of his friends decided they wanted to do something together the following Saturday afternoon. After many suggestions, some of the boys agreed that it would be fun to see the movie that was showing about men from outer space.

"I don't guess I can go," Ty said. "My folks don't like for me to go to movies."

"Why, what's wrong with going to movies?" asked one boy.

"My dad says it puts bad thoughts on one's mind," replied Ty. "He said that when he was young he saw a movie on Dracula, a scary man that went around killing people and sucking out their blood. He had nightmares about that for years."

"I saw a movie once that was so scary someone had to sleep in the room with me for a week," said another boy.

"Yea, but all movies aren't scary," said one of the boys. "Doesn't your dad think

it's all right to watch western movies about cowboys?"

"Dad says that cowboy movies show so many people shooting guns and killing each other that when people get angry at someone it brings violence to their minds. We read in the paper not long ago about a boy who shot and killed his little brother with his dad's pistol. He said his brother took some of his money, and that he had seen a man on TV shoot another man for taking his money."

"Do you not have a TV either?" asked one of his friends.

"No," said Ty. "Dad said that is like bringing the movies into a person's home."

"Some of the things on TV are pretty good and not bad," said one boy.

"I know that," said Ty, "but Dad is afraid we would see too much bad between the good programs."

"What do you do for fun then, if you don't have a TV?" asked one boy.

"We have lots of good books to read and Dad plays ball with us or sometimes we all play a game together."

"You mean your dad really plays with you?" asked one boy. "My dad always says he doesn't have time."

"Do you think your dad would play with us sometime?"

"Of course," said Ty. "Why don't all of you come to my house Saturday and maybe I can get Dad to take us on a hike. He knows a lot about trees and wild animals."

"Hey, that would be fun," said one of the boys.

That Saturday Ty's dad took the boys on a hike in one of the state parks. He told them lots about the animals and taught them how to recognize many of the kinds of trees. The boys had a wonderful time.

—S. W.

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Smile and the world will smile with you.

One day, Tim and Ronnie were playing in Tim's back yard. After a while the two boys decided they wanted to swing. Tim went over and roughly pushed his sister Ruth off one of the swings. She started crying.

"If you tell Mother," he warned, "I'll beat you up." Ruth looked at Tim in fear and stopped crying, for Mother would ask why she cried. But Ruth was a miserable little girl, because she had been treated so cruelly.

Some people just don't seem to care how miserable they make other people by their meanness, do they? Do you think Tim acted justly? Would his actions have pleased God? —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

After reading our lesson about Jesus' teachings you may think that they will be hard to obey. But it will not be hard if you will truly give your heart, mind, soul, and strength to the Lord. You then can ask for power to obey them. Remember that we will be judged by what the Bible says. Do not think that you can get around any of the teachings of Jesus. You can obey them, but you will have to die out to self. Self must be killed and only Jesus live in your heart and life. You must say, "Not my will but Jesus' will be done." You can't have your own way because you must take Jesus' ways.

You must watch and take care of your body. Remember that the Apostle Paul has told us that "marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled." Heb. 13:4. Kissing and other affections should not be carried on until after marriage. God designed this for a husband and wife. If loose living is carried on before marriage, it could lead to adultery. We must teach you about these things, as in this day and time it seems that the world thinks one can do just anything and it's all right; but it's not right if it's contrary to God's

Word. Boys and girls need to dress modestly and cover their bodies. Jesus said that if you look at someone and "lust after" them you commit sin. If one dresses and acts in a way to cause another to do this, he has sinned. We must be careful how we act, dress and conduct ourselves.

What did Jesus say about the teachings under the old Law, or in the Old Bible, about an "eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth"? Jesus brought something better. If someone hits you then what are you to do? Jesus has told us. It doesn't harm you to be hit. Take a few things from another person; it's better than getting into a big fight and hurting each other. God can help you. It's not wrong to run. Remember when Paul ran away from those who wanted to kill him? He was lowered down in a basket over the side of the wall and he got away. (Acts 9:24,25).

Give and it shall be given to you. If you are compelled to give something then give twice that much. Go the second mile. God will reward you, and what He gives will be better than that which anyone else can give you.

Pray for your enemies and those who do you wrong. If you just love those who love you what reward do you have? God loves those who hate Him. He lets the sun and rain come down upon them and takes care of them. Let us be like God. Our goal is to live in eternity with Him some day. Forgive those who do you wrong. But it will take prayer and you must go into your closet and shut all other thoughts out so you can pray to the Lord. God doesn't hear a sleepy prayer.

Be careful about finding fault with others and judging them. You do not know what is in their hearts. Let God be their judge. If they disobey God's Word, and you see that, then it's God's Word judging them and not you. Don't imagine that you know something evil

about someone. Don't believe everything you hear. Things can be told and not be exactly true. So be careful.

—Aunt Marie

## JESUS' TEACHINGS

Matt. 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven: for he

maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

6:3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

**Memory Verse:** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33

### Questions:

1. When did God first tell people, "Thou shalt not commit adultery"?
2. Is it wrong to desire another person's husband or wife?
3. Concerning marriage, Jesus said, "What therefore — hath joined together, let not man put asunder."
4. Does the Lord want us to live pure lives?
5. What does the Bible say to do if someone smites you on the cheek?
6. What are we to do if someone wants to borrow from us?
7. How should we treat our enemies?
8. What are we to do to people who hate us?
9. Does God do good to evil people?
10. Name some good things God does for people who don't even serve Him.
11. Where does the Bible tell us to go to pray?
12. Does the Lord hear our secret prayer?
13. Why should we not judge others?

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