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THEY WANT THE NEW MAGAZINE

Last month we announced on this page that we are considering the publication of another monthly magazine. We have noticed that there are many good periodicals for mature Christians while the newly saved are largely neglected.

At this writing, the last issue of Faithful Words has not been in the hands of the readers long enough to expect many replies, but we have a few suggestions of names for the new paper. Perhaps you may think of something still better. Please let us have it.

Remember, this magazine is to contain simple teaching, the "Milk of the Word," elementary truths; not deep teaching, "strong meat," or controversial writings. Do you think there is a need for such a monthly? We will appreciate suggestions.

TO USE CURRENT NEWS AS THE LORD JESUS DID.

We want to make Faithful Words (and the Life Line, too) so attractive that people cannot resist taking it up to read, and so readable that they cannot lay it down. It must be up-to-date in its stories and style, but clear as a bell on the changeless truth of God.

Every Christian finds himself moralizing at times concerning items in the newspaper or events of the day. Some happenings illustrate gospel truths in a most striking way. Such incidents are unquestionably the voice of God to the people. The Lord Jesus so used news items of the day. (Read Luke 13:1-9).

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—Arthur B. Rodgers.

When writing an article for the Press,
 Whether prose or verse, just try
 To utter your thoughts in the fewest words,
 And let it be crisp and dry.
 And when it is finished, and you suppose
 It is done exactly brown,
 Just look it over again and then
BOIL IT DOWN!

For editors do not like to print
 An article lazily long,
 And the general reader does not care
 For a couple of yards of song.
 So gather your wits in the smallest space,
 If you would win an author's crown,
 And every time you write, my friend,
BOIL IT DOWN!

FREE TRACT FUND

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During February 31,450 Tracts, which included some Faithful Words and Life Line; also 500 Faithful Words Calendars were sent to various places at a total cost of \$77.30.

We trust that as the summer months come, more interest will be shown in the free tract fund that the gospel may be distributed very widely to needy places in this way.

FREE CALENDAR OFFER

We will send a Faithful Words Calendar free to anyone sending in a new subscription to either Faithful Words, Life Line.

Any one sending 10 subscriptions to either of these papers we will send them a block calendar of any title listed on this page if we still have them in stock, if not we will substitute what we have left.

George Washington of Egypt

While riding a camel between the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the writer heard his native Mohammedan camel-driver discuss the subject of sin. As he walked beside the camel, his bare feet sinking into the hot sand, he commented freely on his religion and his own character. According to his creed, sin does exist; and unforgiven sin will be punished by absolute and eternal separation from Allah.

Mohammed being only a prophet, has no power to redeem his followers, or to deliver them from the condemnation of sin. Forgiveness depends altogether upon the quality and the quantity of the prayers of

the individual. But no one knows when this desired end is attained, and the soul of each person must go into the next life uncertain of its eternal destiny. Such were the expressed convictions of this modern son of Egypt.

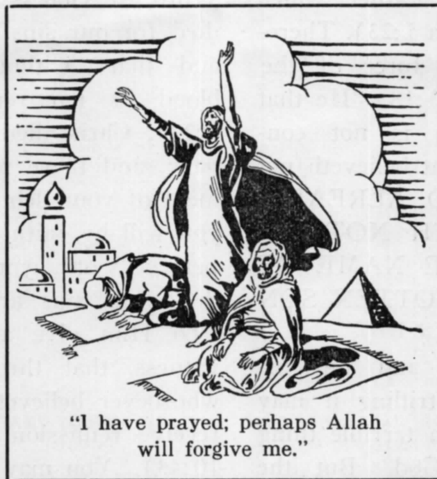
When questioned about his own soul he assumed the traditional characteristic of George Washington, and boldly declared: "I have never told a lie." And he hastened

to add: "I have never sinned but ONCE. I became angry and struck a boy, and that is the only time that I have sinned. But I have prayed; perhaps Allah will forgive me."

In spite of the gospel presented to him, he chose to remain ignorant of two vital things: his lost and sinful condition, and the only way to escape from it.

Had this man never had a foolish thought (Prov. 24:9); had his heart never harbored an evil thought (Gen. 6:5); had he never spoken an idle word (Matt. 12:36); had he never committed a secret sin (Psa. 90:8); had he always acted by faith

in every detail of his life (Rom. 14:23); had he never in these or other ways committed sin, it is still true, as he confessed, that he has sinned ONCE (Matt. 5:22). It is also true that "whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in ONE point, he is guilty of all" (Jas. 2:10). He has sinned! And "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). "Sin when it is finished, bringeth



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forth death" (Jas. 1:15). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). All this is true and righteous, but it is not all.

It is untrue that his passion of anger was his ONLY or his WORST sin. Christ declared that the greatest commandment was this: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" (Matt. 22:37). He further reveals that "he that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent him (John 5:23). Therein lies the awful force of the statement in John 3:18: "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, because HE HATH NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD."

All uncleanness and unrighteousness however trifling it may appear to man, is a terrible thing before the holy God. But the greatest sin, is the breaking of the greatest commandment. And however moral and upright you are, my reader, if you have not trusted in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, YOU ARE GUILTY of the blackest SIN that any person can commit. You have not only failed to honor the Father and the Son, but you have made light of the infinite gift of God. You have mocked at the wisdom of God. You have rejected the mercy of

God. And you are in danger of the righteous wrath of God. But though unworthy, you are still an object of the infinite LOVE OF GOD—a love that caused Him to give His only begotten Son, that you might believe on Him, and not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

The camel-driver said that his sin might be forgiven because of his prayers. But the unfailing Word of God says that "Christ died for our sins" (1 Cor. 15:3), and that "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). Christ died for you on Calvary, and there made full settlement of your debt toward God. If you will by faith appropriate His perfect work, you may KNOW that your sins are forgiven, for "To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). You may KNOW NOW what your eternal destiny will be, for we read in 1 John 5:13: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may KNOW that ye HAVE eternal life."

You cannot lay aside this paper, my unsaved reader, without making a decision either for or against the Lord Jesus Christ. He has been presented to you as your Saviour, and if you do not accept

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Him, you must reject Him, and remain in your sins. "For there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "Now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). If you will here and now "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).
P. R. J.

THE BIGGEST FOOL IN THE VILLAGE

A prize was once offered in a certain village for the biggest fool that could be found in it. Search was made, and a sick man was discovered, who refused to tell his doctor the truth as to the symptoms of his disease. The judges were unanimous in awarding the prize to him, and I am sure had

we been there we should have agreed with their verdict.

Such a fool as this I have not met in my day. As a rule people are ready enough to tell the whole truth to their doctor, if by so doing they can help him to diagnose their case correctly and prescribe an effectual remedy; but I have met people who have been guilty of folly of a far worse character. There are thousands of SOUL-DISEASED SINNERS, who refuse altogether to acknowledge the truth about themselves. Are you one of them?

"We make a mistake in thinking that the present hour is not the decisive, critical hour."—Emerson.

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).

Please Help -

Yourselves to the Water of Life!

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come.
And let him that heareth say, Come.
And let him that is athirst come.
And whosoever will, let him take the
water of life freely." Rev. 22:17

"A Dead Man's Creed"

Mr. H. A. W——, a prominent hunting man, who was killed through falling from his horse in August 1929, left the following statement in his will:

"My ashes are to be scattered in my wood . . . I believe that at my death the organic constituents of my body will be quickly converted into carbonic acid and ammonia and that these gases will, by the law of diffusion, be at once distributed over the whole world and will help to build other plants and, in their turn, animals, so that in the future every plant and animal in the world will contain an infinitesimal portion of my body.

"The inorganic parts of my body, the phosphates of lime, etc., will also be dissolved and, by the agency of rains, rivers, and ocean currents, will also be distributed, but more slowly. The energy left in my body at death degraded to heat will quickly leave it and form part of the energy of the universe. This I believe to be the true Resurrection of the Dead and the Life Everlasting." (Daily Mail, Nov. 18th, 1929.)

What a variety of opinions and beliefs we read and hear in these days. What a conflict of opinions. How confusing to "the man in the street." Is there no possibility of knowing the truth concerning the hereafter, or what takes place at death? "God be thanked"—we are not left to the reasonings of fal-

lible men, be they scientists, theologians, or what not.

"*God hath spoken*" on these things in His Word, the source of certain knowledge concerning the destiny and future of mankind.

1. There we read that NATURE TEACHES *bodily resurrection*, a fact that the Lord Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul both made use of. (See John 12:24; 1 Cor. 15:35, onwards.) This latter portion reads, "But some will say, 'How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?' Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die . . . thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain . . . *but God giveth it a body* as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body." So then, a seed sown in the earth, *corrupts and dies, and afterwards springs up a new body* after the pattern of the old. "Its death is a disposition to life."

"*So also is the resurrection of the dead*" saith the Scripture. 1 Cor. 15:42. "And the Scripture cannot be broken," said the Lord.

2. But the well attested fact of the RESSURECTION OF CHRIST is a stronger argument, claim and assurance of the bodily resurrection of the dead. He has said of "His own," "Because I live, ye shall live also." This was demonstrated when He was raised from among the dead by the

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mighty power of God; for "the graves were opened; and *many bodies* of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves *after His resurrection*, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Matt. 27:52, 53.

What He has done, He can do again, and will do; for we read, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ALL that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and *shall come forth*; they that have done good, unto the *resurrection of life*; and they that have done evil, unto the *resurrection of damnation* . . . and My judgment is just." John 5:28-30.

Ponder over these words of the Son of God, the Saviour and Judge of men.

Now, "God raised Him up from the dead and gave Him glory; *that your faith and hope might be in God.*" 1 Pet. 1:21.

As our Surety, He "was delivered for our offences," shedding His precious blood as an atonement for our souls. Having thus given full satisfaction to God for the sins of the whole world, He "was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4:25.

Note, that in John 5:28-30, *two resurrections* are mentioned—one "of life," and the other "of damnation." Settle it now that you will rise in the former—unto Life Eternal. "For thou shalt stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

"How can I make sure of being raised in the first resurrection? you may ask. Turn again to the fifth chapter of John's Gospel, and read verse 24; the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that HEARETH MY WORD, and BELIEVETH on Him that sent Me, HATH everlasting Life, and *shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*"

How wonderful. "Only believe," for all things are possible to faith. To *believe*, means to *receive* Christ as your Saviour and Lord. See John 1:12. Get down before God, and DO IT NOW.

John Newton.

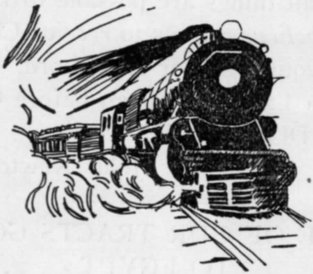
ONE OF OUR TRACTS GOES TO EGYPT

A friend writes, "You remember I asked you if I might send it ("Remarkable Document Left by Iowa Farmer") over for translation. They have ten thousand of them printed in the Arabic language. They are almost ready to send out. I will send you one when they get here." This tract has also been translated into Spanish, with our permission, and printed in South America.

We ought to spend each day as in the early light of eternity, knowing that our time on earth is short and that our opportunities are limited.—J. Ross Stevenson.

How Kate Shelley Saved the Train

It was in the State of Iowa, during a storm of almost unequalled violence, that a noble deed was done by a girl of eighteen. Kate Shelley was sitting in her mother's home while the tempest raged and roared without. Looking out from the window into the darkness she had seen the light of a train as it came towards the bridge near the house. It was the bridge which crossed a stream called Honey Creek. All of a sudden the light



went out, and the girl started from her seat in fear at what might have happened, for she thought that probably the bridge had given way and the train had plunged to destruction, and this really was what had taken place. Looking at the clock she saw that the express would soon be due. If it was to be saved there was no time to waste, and she must give the warning, for there were only her mother and a brother and sister younger than herself in the house at the time.

So lighting an old lantern and covering herself in a waterproof cloak, she ventured out into the

blackness of the tempestuous night on her mission of help for others.

Kate crept along the broken timbers of the bridge until she reached the last that remained, and then, holding up and waving her lantern, she cried out as loudly as she could. Answering her she heard a faint cry, which came from an engineer, who was the only survivor from the fatal crash. From him she learned that it was a freight train which had been hurled into the chasm, and that he alone had escaped. He was now in a place of comparative safety, he told her, and so he begged her to go back to the nearest station to warn the driver of the express and obtain help.

Calling out a cheery "All right," she crept carefully back, and reaching the track in safety hurried along in the teeth of the gale towards Moingona Station, which was about a mile distant. Towards the end of her journey she had to cross a trestle bridge over the Des Moines River, and here her courage almost gave way, for the storm, which had seemed to lessen a little, now appeared to have gathered strength and to be hurling it against the frail structure. But cross it she must if the train were to be saved.

Kate next found that her light had been blown out, and knowing it was impossible to light it again there, she threw aside the now

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useless lantern and began to crawl from timber to timber across the bridge. She had a hundred and seventy yards to go amid the darkness, and she almost despaired of ever finishing her task. The lurid flashes of lightning served to show her the surging torrent below, and almost unnerved her, but she pressed on, and at last she was on the firm track once more. A few minutes now sufficed her for to reach the station, and the railway men were amazed at the figure of that young girl, as with garments torn and soaking with rain she hurried along the platform on her earnest message. They speedily crowded around her, and then, in a broken word or two the story was told, and the girl having accomplished her mission sank fainting at their feet. The express was stopped, the engineer of the freight train was rescued, and thus Kate Shelley was the means of delivering many from danger and death.

A gold medal was given to Kate Shelley by the Iowa Legislature as a mark of their appreciation of her bravery.

The story of Kate Shelley stands out as a noble history of girl-heroism, and doubtless many looked back and felt that there was nothing too good for her, seeing they owed their lives to her brave deed. She risked her life to save the passengers and others who

were on the train that, all unheeding, was hurrying on to its doom.

Now the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life to save us. Knowing all that it would cost He came—came into the world to save us, who were sinners thoughtlessly pressing on towards judgment which we deserved. Now, through His finished work, salvation is won for all who believe. Do not delay accepting it. Only today is yours to receive it. None of us know what the morrow may bring.

How near some have been to salvation and missed it. Do not add to their number, but now, in this accepted time, receive the Gospel in the love of it and be saved. I. F.

“What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:36 and 37).

A gentleman, having to cross a frozen river at the fording place, was standing with his toe on the ice wondering if he might venture on it and cross in safety when a countryman drove up with a load and a pair of horses. He dashed right on the ice and passed over. The doubter at once followed. Thousands upon thousands have ventured themselves to the Saviour and crossed safe to the other side. Why should not you follow and not fear?

The Inspiration of the Bible

(The lecture from which the following is an extract was delivered almost fifty years ago, but seems wonderfully up to date.—Editor)

The question as to the inspiration of the Bible is not a question raised by me. It is a question that is already up for discussion through the length and breadth of the land. What are we to do with the Bible? How are we to regard it? Is it the best book in the world or the worst? Is it a true book, or is it a false book? Is it God's book, or is it man's book?

We find men on all sides of the question. There are persons who tell us this is a good book—but then, there are others just as good. The Bible is inspired, and so was Plato inspired, so was Socrates, and so is, the almanac inspired; in fact, everything is inspired—the book of Mormon, the Koran of Mahomet, the sacred books of the Hindoos and the Chinese;—they have their Bibles, you have yours: all are good, and one is about as good as another. Shakespeare was inspired, Milton was inspired, everything and everybody is inspired.

It is not worth while to waste time on false issues. When I open Shakespeare's plays I do not read at the commencement, "Thus saith the Lord God of hosts;" when I turn to Plato's writings I do not read, "Hear ye the word of the Lord;" when I peruse the almanac

I do not read, "The word of the Lord came unto me." Hence you see that this book must be judged by a standard different from all other books. Over and over again this Book says, "Hark ye the word of the Lord." Now, the message is the word of the Lord, as it professes to be, or it is a cheat, a swindle, a humbug, a fraud.

To illustrate: a man tells me that Jesus of Nazareth was a good man; but then, there were other men just as good. He was a spiritual medium; but there are other mediums equally powerful in these days. To be sure I do not remember any spiritual medium giving a public dinner, for nothing, to five thousand hungry people! You may have heard of such a "manifestation," but it has not fallen under my notice. I have not heard of a spiritual medium hushing the winds or calming a storm at sea. I *have* heard of dancing tables and similar operations. I prefer to have my tables stand still.

But while *you* say, "Christ was simply one of many remarkable men," *He* says, "I came forth from the Father, and I am come into the world; again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." *He* says, "O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self, with the glory which *I had with Thee before the world was.*" Now do you say He was a good man, and yet *He told lies?* What is your idea of

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a good man? I do not believe that a good man lies; and I do not believe that a man who lies is a good man. Perhaps *you* do, but if so, you were brought up in a different way from that in which my father brought me up. So I do not believe that a book packed with lies from one end to the other is a good book; and I do not want anyone to come and tell me that Jesus was a good man, and the Bible is a good book, but neither of them tell the truth. I join issue there. This Book is what it professes to be, or it is a swindle; Jesus Christ was what He professed to be, or He was an imposter.

Suppose a man comes to town and represents himself as the son of a British nobleman. He is well dressed, has plenty of money, turns the head of half the young ladies in the town, and makes himself at home generally; but after a while they find out that he is the son of "old Jinkins, the blacksmith," down in the next town. Now I do not want you to tell me how prettily he behaves, what fine broadcloth he wears, or what a perfect gentleman he is in all his deportment. The fact is, he is a liar, a fraud, and a scamp. He has come under false colors, and palmed himself off on the community under false pretenses; and the more good things you say about him the less I think of him; because, if he is such a well-educated gentleman,

he knows better than to be going around as a fraud, and deceiving the people. So we must accept Jesus of Nazareth and His claims entirely, or else we must reject the whole Gospel as an imposture, and as the grandest, most stupendous fraud the world has ever known.

Now, do not be fooled by this soft talk about the Bible being "a good book," and yet just like many other good books. There is not another like it in the world.

By H. L. Hastings

A native of the South Sea Islands once prayed at the end of a Sunday service: "O God we are about to go to our homes. Let not the words which we have heard be like the fine clothes we wear, soon to be taken off and folded up in a box till another Sunday comes round, but let Thy truth be like the tattoo-marks on our bodies, which cannot be rubbed out till death."

Because Christ tarries awhile, to exercise the faith of the saints and give sinners space to repent, scoffers are apt to cry out, "Where is the promise of His coming?" But perhaps today, perhaps this midnight, the cry may be made, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!" Let that cry be continually sounding in your ears.—George Whitefield.



Willie's Faith

or Looking for Father's Boat

Willie's father is the captain of a coasting steamer, and is sometimes away from home for weeks at a time. When he sails on the home voyage, he sends a telegram to his wife, and for the next few days, Willie, his only son, is often down at the seashore, looking across the bay for the red funnels of his father's steamer. He believes his father's telegram and of course expects to see his father's boat. This is faith. Faith believes God's Word, and expects to see and receive what God has promised. Sometimes Willie's father promises to bring from the distant port, some gift or plaything for his little son. Then Willie expects to get it when his father comes home. That is faith. Faith always gets what Jesus promises and what it expects. When Jesus says—"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). faith comes and gets that rest. When Jesus says, "I will come again and receive you unto Myself" (John



14:3), faith looks out for and expects Him. So you see faith is just believing what God says, and expecting what He promises. Willie, the captain's boy, believes in Jesus, has got salvation, and is looking for the promised glory. How happy he is. Are you? An old favorite hymn which I wish you would commit to memory puts it very simply.

Faith is not what we feel or see,
It is a simple trust
In what the God of Love has said
Of Jesus, as the "Just."

It looks not on the things around,
Nor on the things within;
It takes its flight to scenes above,
Beyond the sphere of sin.

What Jesus is, and that alone,
Is faith's delightful plea;
It never deals with sinful self
Nor righteous self in me.

It tells me I am "counted dead"
By God, in His own Word;
It tells me I am "born again"
In Christ, my risen Lord.

"How do you know Christ is risen?" asked a scoffer of an old Christian. "Because I had an hour with Him this morning," quietly replied the Christian. *Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.* 1 John 1:3.
—Selected.

Young in
the Faith

YOUNG CHRISTIANS

"Feed My Lambs"

All Ages
in Years

She Married an Unsaved Boy

Jan. 11, 1930

Dear G.:

E. is getting along fine; he does his own work again.

I don't believe I could have stood what I have this fall and winter if God hadn't been so merciful and saved his soul. No one will ever know what agony of heart and mind I suffered in the five years of our married life before he was saved.

I didn't take other folks' advice (especially my own dear parents') when they told me of the terrible possibilities, and the heart-ache that goes with marrying an unsaved man.

I was in constant fear that something would happen to him. I could see his poor soul writhing in hell. When a storm was coming I would urge him to go to the cellar for protection; I have often driven out to the field at such times, to beg him to come in.

After we were married, I felt I could not kneel down and pray as I was used to doing. I thought I could manage to slip up to our room during the day. But as time went on, I let my work crowd me, and time after time I forgot it. Soon I found I could not pray with the satisfaction I once had.

Again the devil won. My dear husband stood between me and my God and Father.

Some nights I would be almost a nervous wreck for fear the Lord would come for His own and leave E. here. I would imagine myself in his place, and Oh! how I was tormented.

The next event in the story is Mrs. A.'s death. I went to her funeral. My thoughts were, "If E. were to die, what could be said to comfort me? How could they pray?" They sang,

"Sleep on, beloved; sleep and take thy rest;

Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast.

We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best

Goodnight! Goodnight! Goodnight!

Could I say, "Sleep on, beloved?" (Oh! you cannot possibly imagine how I felt) while his soul would be in hell?

It brought me to the condition that I was mighty glad to get home and in a room all by myself and God. And this time God was willing to listen, for He knew I was willing to confess it all to Him.

From then on, I had great com-

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fort with Him, I was back where I could pray once more and daily I would pray for E.'s soul to be saved at or before our Conference.

God was gracious and answered me. How blessed it was to hear E. say, just before he went to the operating table, "Ah! kiddie, if I weren't saved I could not go through it, but as it is, I'm not afraid."

I know very few turn out this way. God will never let such disobedience go unpunished. I know personally of several cases that had a very bad ending.

I truly believe that if I had put E. away from my life and prayed God to save him first he would have been saved long before.

Your sister in Christ,

V.

Sunday School Lessons For April

Prepared and Outlined By Alfred P. Gibbs

Lesson for Sunday, April 6th THE SECRET OF TRUE BLESSEDNESS

Ps. 1

Golden Text: Ps. 1:1

I. The Blessednesses of the Righteous; Vs. 1-3.

1. His blessednesses described "O, the blessednesses!" the word is in the plural for the Christians blessings are multitudinous; Cp. Eph. 1:3. Note the "blessed man," in the Psalms (1) forgiven; Ps. 32:1; Cp. Acts 13:38; 1 John 1:7; Luke 5:20. (2) satisfied; Ps. 65:4; 36:8; 107:9; John 6:67-69. (3) chastened; Ps. 94:12; Heb. 12:5. (4) fearing; Ps. 128:1; Prov. 1:7; Job 28:28. (5) obedient; Ps. 119:2; 1 Sam. 15:22; 1 Pet. 1:14. (6) abiding; Ps. 84:4; John 15:1-7; Luke 24:29. (7) trusting; Ps. 34:8; 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20.

2. His character unfolded; Vs. 1-2. (1) Negatively, Vs. 1. He is known by what he doesn't do. (a) He walks not in counsel of ungodly; Cp. The "walk" of the Christian; Eph. 1:12; Gal. 5:16; Rom. 6:4; Rom. 12:15; Eph. 5:2; 5:7; Col. 2:6; John 8:12; Col. 4:5; 1 John 2:16; 2 Cor. 6:16; Cp. Enoch; Gen. 5:24 or Peter Matt. 26:58. God's question, Amos 3:3. (b) He stands not. No identification with the world; Cp. 1 John 2:15-16. (c) He sits not. No fellowship with the ungodly; 2 Cor. 6:14-16; 2 Chron. 19:2; Titus 2:12. (2) Positively Vs. 2. (a) Delights in the word; Cp. Ps. 119:116. Finds it a joy; Cp. other delights: His protection; S. of S. 2:3; Obedience; Ps. 40:8; provision; Isa. 55:2 (b) Meditates in it; Cp. Ps. 119:11; Phil. 4:8; Ps. 39:3. (c) Continues in it. The proof of discipleship is continuance; John 8:31; 15:9; Acts 2:42.

3. His testimony illustrated; Vs. 3. By a tree; Cp. John 15. By a vine or its branches. The true Christian is a tree. (1) Planted; Cp. Isa. 61:3; Ps. 92:13; Matt. 15:13. (2) Watered; Cp. Jer. 17:8; John 7:37-39; 4:14. (3) Fruitful; Cp. John 15:4-5; Gal. 5:22; Phil. 1:11; Rom. 6:22; Heb. 13:15; Col. 1:10; Rom. 1:13; Phil. 4:17; Rom. 7:4. (4) Evergreen; Cp. Palm tree; Ps. 92:12. Refreshing to the weary pilgrim; Isa. 50:4.

(5) Prosperous. Here is true prosperity; Cp. Josh. 1:8; 3 John 2. What a beautiful picture is this of the Lord Jesus, the only one who fully and completely fulfilled all this description; Heb. 7:26.

II. The Condemnation of the Ungodly; Vs. 4-6.

1. Their description; Vs. 4. "Ungodly," or without God—the true state of every unregenerate person; Cp. Eph. 2:11-12. 2. Their illustration, "Chaff," driven by the wind having no form or use; Cp. Rom. 8:8; Eph. 2:1-2. 3. Their condemnation; Vs. 5. No standing before God. See 1 Sam. 6:20; Job 41:10; Nah. 1:6; Cp. Rom. 8:1; 14:4; Gal. 5:1; Luke 21:36; Acts 4:10; Col. 4:12, etc. 4. Their end—perish. The two ways of the two ends; Cp. Matt. 7:13-14; Deut. 30:19; John 3:36.

Lesson for Sunday, April 13th GOD'S THREE WORDS

Ps. 19

Golden Text: Ps. 19:7

God has revealed Himself in a three fold way to man.

I. His Eternal Power and Godhead in Creation; Vs. 1-6.

1. The glorious revelation—The Heavens. (1) Their creation manifest God's power; Ps. 33:6; 8:3; Rom. 1:19-20. (2) Its glory reveals God's wisdom; Ps. 19:1. (3) Its order unfolds His goodness; Jer. 10:12. (4) Its dissolving reveals God's righteousness; 2 Pet. 3:10. (5) Its re-creation will reveal His glory; Rev. 21:1-4. 2. The universal proclamation; Vs. 2-4 (1) By day and by night—a perpetual display of His creative power. When the curtain of night is drawn a more wonderful revelation is unfolded in the multitude of the stars. (2) This proclamation is world wide embracing all the human race; Vs. 3-4. 3. The wonderful illustration; Vs. 4-6. The sun. (1) Its place; Vs. 4 (2) Its circuit; Vs. 5-6. (3) Its blessing, light, heat, fruit; Cp. Christ; Cp. John 8:12, etc.

II. His Will, Way and Word in the Scriptures; Vs. 7-11.

1. Its seven fold description (1) Perfect; Vs. 7; Cp. God's perfect (a) word; Ps. 19:7, our authority. (b) work; Deut. 32:4, our salvation. (c) way; Ps. 18:30, our aim. (d) will; Rom. 12:2, our delight. (2) Sure; Vs. 7. Stedfast; Josh. 23:14; John 10:35. (3) Right; Vs. 8. Suitable for all needs and situations. (4) Pure; Vs. 8. Free from all error; Cp. Prov. 30:5; Ps. 12:6. (5) Clean; Vs. 5. Opposed to all sin and unrighteousness of man; Cp. John 15:3. It reveals all iniquity. (6) True; Vs. 9; Cp. John 17:17. (7) Righteous; Vs. 9. Revealing the righteousness of God; Rom. 1:17.
2. Its seven fold operation; Vs. 7-11. (1) Converting; Vs. 8. "Turning;" Cp. Matt. 18:3. It turns man from sin to holiness; from self to God; from hell to heaven. (2) Teaching; Vs. 7; Cp. 1 Tim. 3:15; Titus 2:12; Ps. 119:98. (3) Rejoicing; Vs. 3; Ps. 119:162; 1 John 1:4; John 15:11. (4) Enlightening; Vs. 8; Ps. 119:105, 130; 2 Cor. 4:4, 6. (5) Enduring; Vs. 9; 1 Pet. 1:23; Matt. 24:35. (6) Warning; Vs. 6; Ezek. 3:18; 33:4; John 12:47-48. (7) Rewarding; Vs. 11; With Life, John 5:24; Light, Ps. 119:130; Liberty, John 8:32.
3. Its value illustrated; Vs. 10.

- III. Himself in His beloved Son**—the living word "My Strength and Redeemer; Vs. 14. Vs. 12-14. Both creation and the word read to Him, the living word; John 1:1-3. Note the 3 petitions that reveal the power of the Living Word.
1. Cleansing; Vs. 12; 1 John 1:7.
 2. Keeping; Vs. 13; Cp. John 10:27-30.
 3. Delivering; Vs. 13; Heb. 7:25. Is He your Strength and your Redeemer?

Lesson for Sunday, April 20th

THE PRAISE PSALM

Ps. 103

Golden Text: Ps. 92-1

- I. Praise for His Benefits; vs. 1-5. The book of Psalms is pre-eminently a book of praise. The divine injunction; Ps. 100:4; Heb. 13:15. The Divine purpose; Ps. 50:23. Verses 1 and 2 constitute the 2 middle verses of the Bible. Notice the benefits.
 1. Forgiveness; vs. 3. (1) Its source, God; Eph. 4:32; Jer. 33:8; Luke 23:34; Jer. 31:34; Luke 5:21. (2) Its character. (a) Gracious; Eph. 1:7; Ps. 86:15. (b) Righteous; Rom. 3:25-26. (c) Abundant; Isa. 55:7; Ps. 103:3-4. (d) Free; 1 Jn. 2:12; Rom. 4:7; Eph. 1:7. (e) Complete; Isa. 1:18; Heb. 10:14-17; Isa. 43:25. (3) Its means. Faith in the Son of God. His Person and work; Acts 13:38, etc., etc.
 2. Healing; vs. 3. (1) Of the soul; Jer. 17:14; Ps. 23:3; Luke 10:33-34. (2) Of the body if it is His will; Phil. 2:27, etc.
 3. Redemption; vs. 4. (1) Its meaning—to buy back. (2) Its necessity "Sold under sin." Isa. 50:1-3; Rom. 7:14; Jn. 8:34; Rom. 6:16. (3) Its price "The blood"; 1 Pet. 1:18; Mark. 10:45; 1 Tim. 2:5-6. (4) Its results; Eph. 1:7; Gal. 4:5, etc.
 4. Blessings; vs. 4; Cp. Eph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.
 5. Satisfaction; vs. 5 cp. Ps. 107:9, 36:8; 63:5, Jn. 4:14.
 6. Re-juvenation; vs. 5. A new birth, a new creature, a new song and a new city—possessions are all the believers. One has summed it up thus: 1. He saw me in the law court and forgave me; vs. 3. 2. In hospital and healed me. 3. In the slave market and redeemed me; vs. 4. 4. In palace and crowned me with 2 crowns; vs. 4. 5. In banqueting hall and satisfied me; vs. 5.

- II. Praise for His Attributes; vs. 6-17.
 1. Righteousness; vs. 6, 17. (1) God's character; cp. Ps. 7:9; 119:13; Jn. 17:25. (2) God's demand; Lev. 19:2. (3) Man's failure; Rom. 3:10. (4) God's provision; Rom. 3:21-26.
 2. Mercy; vs. 8. (1) Its quality "tender"; vs. 4, 13, cp. Ps. 25:6; 119:156; 145:9. (2) Its measure; vs. 8. "Plenteous" or great; cp. Eph. 2:4; Micah. 7:18. (3) Duration "everlasting"; vs. 17; cp. Ezek. 33:11.
 3. Graces; vs. 8. (1) Its meaning, "The outflow of love to one utterly undeserving of it. (2) Its manifestation—In Christ; John 1:14; II Cor. 8:9. (3) Its result—salvation and separation; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 2:11-12.
- III. Praise for His Dealings; vs. 12-18.
 1. In His forgiveness; vs. 12. Note what God does with the sins of His people; Jer. 31:34; Ps. 32:1; 103:12; Isa. 38:17; 44:22; Mic. 7:14; Jer. 33:8; 1:20.
 2. In His forbearance; vs. 13-18. Due to His knowledge of us; cp. What the Lord knows; Ps. 44:21; Luke 16:15; Acts 15:8; Ps. 1:6; Job 23:10; Nah 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:19; 2 Pet. 2:9; Matt. 6:8.
- IV. Praise from All Creation; vs. 19-22. Cp. Rev. 5:12-13; Ps. 150:1-6. "Heaven, earth and ocean in full harmony."

Lesson for Sunday, April 27th

SOLOMON'S VISION

1 Kings 1:5-3:28

Golden Text: Job. 28:28

- I. Usurpation of Adonijah; 1:5-31.
 1. His self exaltation; vs. 5-10; Prov. 16:18; 29:33; Jer. 49:16.
 2. The intercession of Bathsheba vs. 11-28.
 3. David's reiterated promise; vs. 28-31.
- II. The Coronation of Solomon; 1:32-53.
 1. The New King; vs. 32-40.
 2. The consternated enemy; vs. 41-49.
 3. The refuge of the altar; vs. 50-53. The altar a place of (1) Sacrifice; Ex. 20:24. (2) Refuge; cp. Ex. 21:14; 1 Kings 1:51; cp. Heb. 6:18. This was true except for certain offenders.
- III. The Judgment Upon the Enemy; 2:1-46.
 1. David's counsel and death; vs. 1-11.
 2. Adonijah's further folly and death; vs. 12-25.
 3. The judgment on Abiathar; vs. 26-27. See the fulfillment of; 1 Sam. 2:30; cp. Isa. 41:22-23; Matt. 5:18; Luke 21:22.
 4. Joab's end; vs. 28-34; cp. Num. 35:33. His murder of Abner and Amasa had been particularly cruel; cp. 2 Sam. 3:28-29; Gal. 5:6-7; Gen. 9:6. This has never been revoked.
 5. Sheimei's foolishness and death; vs. 36-46. (1) The condition plain and simple; vs. 37-38. (2) The cause; vs. 39-41. How foolish! Put his life in jeopardy for a little temporal loss; cp. the sinner; Mark 8:36, 42-46. (3) The consequences.
- IV. Solomon's Vision; 3:1-28.
 1. His description "He loved the Lord"; vs. 3. Do you? 1 Jn. 4:10; Jn. 15:13; 1 Cor. 16:22; 1 Pet. 1:8; Ps. 18:1; 1 Jn. 4:19; 2 Cor. 5:14.
 2. His vision; vs. 5-14. (1) The question; vs. 5. Think of who is speaking; cp. Isa. 40:12-23. (2) The answer; vs. 6-9. A wise choice; cp. Prov. 2:1-6; 3:13-26. Have we made it? cp. The wisdom of God; 1 Cor. 1:24; Col. 2:3; Matt. 6:33; Rom. 8:32. Life's greatest choice—Christ. (3) God's promise; vs. 10-14; cp. Eph. 3:20; Phil. 4:19; 1 Cor. 3:18-23. "All things." (4) Solomon's joy; vs. 15.
 3. His wisdom; vs. 16-28. The greater than Solomon; Luke 11:31.

BE YE RECONCILED

2 Cor. 5:20.

BE ye reconciled to God,
EARNESTLY this message heed;

YE who tread the downward road,
EVER sowing rebel seed.

RECONCILED you may thus be,
ENMITY is on your part;
CHRIST for you died on the Tree,
OPEN then to Him your heart.

NAUGHT of merit can you bring,
CEASE your striving for release;
IN the Saviour trust and sing,
LOVE'S true gift is perfect peace.

EVEN now make Christ your choice,
DO not perish but rejoice.

John Rankin.