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Beginning The Day

I met God in the morning,
When my day was at its best.
And His presence came like sunshine,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

So, I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way—
You must seek God in the morning,
If you want Him through the day.

—Burr McIntosh in Cheerful Letter.

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EDITORIAL

Let us consider for a few mo-
ments the thoughts expressed in
these words of David, "Let the
words of my mouth, and the
meditation of my heart, be ac-
ceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my
strength, and my redeemer" (Psa.
19:1).

Words are only the putting to-
gether of letters of the alphabet
to make sounds which we can
utter. These sounds are formed
to mean something. There are
many words which do not have
much meaning, but there are
many which carry a lot of mean-
ing. It isn't altogether the words
which we say which means so
much sometimes, but it is the
tone in which we say them.

In the Chinese language, some
words are spelled the same which
have different meaning, and what
makes the difference is the tone
in which they are uttered.

You might think that *words* is
a funny subject to consider, be-
cause after all we have to talk
and say things as we are not
dumb mutes. The purpose in dis-

cussing this subject is because of
the fact that many times people
are not careful with their words;
they used them too freely and
loosely. Have you ever been
guilty of using words loosely?
We are sure that you will admit
you have and sometimes probably
to your sorrow and regret. When
someone has said something to
you which has ruffled you a little,
have you been careful to answer
them calmly with words that
were not harsh, or have you
quickly retaliated with some
words which have left their sting?
Have you been around people
who have not been very careful
about their words and have found
yourself becoming careless also?
The Bible tells us that we should
let our words be few and well
chosen, and that we should not
be given to foolish jesting. Some-
times people are so foolish in
their jesting that they have hurt
someone else by it. We should
not jest to the extent that we
make fun of someone else and
they become the object of our
ridicule.

We also may use our words so
loosely that we are given to pick-
ing up something which is said
about someone else and then ped-
dling that to others without first
investigating to see if what has
been said is true or false. Any-
thing which is said which tends
toward malicious gossip about
others should be kept from pass-
ing our lips.

God has not set us up as a judge
of others and we should be care-
ful that the words which we say
are so well chosen that there will
not be one hint of ridicule or harm
in them. If we guard our words
well we shall not be the sword

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Every One Ought To--

Do these title words cause you to think of the chorus with the word "Everybody ought to know who Jesus is"? Although this is a fact, since everyone should be acquainted with Jesus, yet I have another thought in mind.

Not long ago I stepped into a one-man-operated place of business, well acquainted with the head man (who makes up the entire working force). He had heard that an evangelist "just come to town"—that is, to that particular city—had made a very startling statement and he couldn't figure out what on earth he could have meant. Did he actually mean what he said in this certain statement? What else could he mean?

The reader will be startled, too, when he reads that bold assertion in print here, as we dare to print it — with explanation plus the writer's comment.

This puzzled businessman wondered what kind of a man that evangelist could be when he would declare that everyone in that town ought to go to hell. Did he think they were all so very wicked? Was he mad at the whole community?

Now it so happens that I had heard about this stirring declaration, and what this public speaker meant thereby, so I went on to explain. I said that I understood he meant everyone in town ought to go there just long enough to see what it was like—how terrible hell is—so they would wake up enough to warn people about it and cause them to turn from sin to serve the Lord.

This is one method of frightening people into fearing the hereafter if they continue in sin, and possibly cause them to turn to God. Whether this makes real Christians out of folk and causes them to love God is another matter altogether.

With the introduction of this subject I found an opportunity to explain a few facts as to what the Bible said about the wages of sin as well as the word "hell." I said that although sin's wages was death—not life in torment—yet "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31), and "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men . . ." (2 Cor. 5:11)—that is, to serve God. In any case it is a terrible thing to be eternally lost. Few people comprehend how terrible it would be. In fact, how many of us do?

Years ago in conversing with some preachers I had never met before or since, among things we talked about briefly was the hell subject. One of them said, "If you don't believe in hell, why are you preaching at all?" I replied that it was not because I was afraid of hell, but because I wanted to share eternal life with the saved—or words of that tenor.

Indeed we believe in hell, but not the orthodox version. Now since none of us expect to buy or inherit real estate in Iceland or some equatorial island we need not discuss such.

Now while we don't want to forget how awful it would be to be lost, yet there is a better way,

we think, to get people to live right than to say they all ought to go where they can see the plight of the lost. Wouldn't it be far better to assert that everyone ought to go to the mount of transfiguration and see the coming kingdom, and thus be persuaded to yield to God and His ways? Peter was one of the three privileged to see the glory of the Kingdom to come at the mount of transfiguration. Read his epistles and see how he persuades folk to serve God. What we all need is a greater mental picture of that kingdom—a three "D" version thereof. By this we mean more than a fanciful imagination. The Kingdom to come will be just as real as anything can possibly be. It is sure and certain!

Let us now look at a few more things. We know that sin is real. The consequences of violating the law of the land is real. We know that death is real. And since God will never be defeated, there must be life beyond—eternal life for the faithful. Not only "must be" but there IS! The gift of God is eternal life. Who doesn't want to share therein? Of course we all want to. Then we must mean business about the business of doing business with God. There is nothing in all the wide world we should be more serious and in earnest about. And when once we learn to take time to walk with the Lord and meditate on spiritual things, it is a glorious life. Let us revive our fellowship with the Lord as we walk with Him. Carve a picture of the Kingdom in your spiritual inner self, and talk with God often. After all, everyone ought to have a vision of the Kingdom to come—such a vision that it will blot out

all the unnecessary passing things of this life and make us alive to God every day.

—By A. H. & C. Writer.

Arkansas Y.P. Meeting

The Delaplaine young people's meeting was held Friday night, April 10. The meeting opened with the singing of "Don't Forget Jesus" by the congregation, led by Mildred Gillean. Psalm 23 was read by Barbara Eubanks after which Edgar Gillean led in prayer.

Poems were recited by the following: Leora Pitchers, Naomi Eubanks, Don Eubanks, Dowell Pitchers, Alma Eubanks, and Mary Pitchers.

Poems were read by the following: Barbara, Betty, Joyce and Jessie Eubanks, and Edgar Gillean.

Songs were sung by the following: Marlene, Gillean, Alma Eubanks, Ann Pitcher, and Mildred Gillean.

Ann Pitcher gave a Bible riddle and Elma Eubanks gave a Bible quiz. Tildie Martin read Hebrews 4 and Sadie Eubanks read 1 John 2.

"A Deep Settled Peace" was sung by the congregation and Isaac Eubanks dismissed the meeting with prayer.

—Submitted by Barbara Eubanks

One of the most important rules as to manners is to be for the most part silent as to yourself. Say little or nothing about yourself, whether good, bad, or indifferent—nothing good, for that is vanity; nothing bad, for that is affectation; nothing indifferent, for that is silly.—Hume.

And Peter Went Out And Wept Bitterly

By Mary Holbert

AND PETER went out, and wept bitterly" (Luke 22: 62). What caused Peter to weep so bitterly? To understand or answer this question we must go back to the night before the crucifixion of our Lord.

Jesus and His disciples sat down in the large upper room to partake of the Passover. While there Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and the ordinance of humiliation. He talked to His disciples of many things. One statement Jesus made alarmed them. That statement was that the one who would betray Him was there. This brought out quite a discussion. Why? Who would do such a thing? Being very human they asked, "Is it I?" and looked each other over. Then somehow the discussion got to the question about who would be greatest among them. This gave Jesus an opportunity to teach a lesson in humbleness. Jesus told them, "He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve" (V. 26).

They left the upper room and went out into the mount of Olives. Jesus knew the time was near for Him to die for sinners. He told the disciples, "All ye shall be offended because of me this night." Peter knew how he felt, so said emphatically, "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." Jesus, knowing Peter

better than Peter knew himself, told him that he would deny His Master thrice before the cock would crow. Peter, as well as the other disciples, said, "No!" Peter's words were, "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee."

Jesus knew Peter well — his strong points and weak points. He told Peter this, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

This was almost more than Peter could take. He reaffirmed his stand saying, "Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both unto prison, and to death."

Peter knew in his heart that he would defend his Lord with the last ounce of his strength. If it meant going to prison or to death, Peter was willing for it to be that way—so he thought. At this point Peter did not seem to realize the difference between physical loyalty and spiritual loyalty. Peter was sincere and meant to stand by Jesus even to death. He failed to realize what Jesus knew—that the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. When Peter, with the others, couldn't stay awake to watch and pray with Jesus, our Lord was saddened, but He understood. He told them, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the

flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

The hour arrived when the betrayer came with his kiss. "And forthwith he came to Jesus and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him" (V. 49). You can imagine the scene: Judas, with a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus and His small group faced them. Judas and his band far outnumbered Jesus and His disciples, yet when Jesus said, "I am he," Judas' band went backward and fell to the ground. They must have felt the power of the Lord—that this wasn't an ordinary man; yet they recovered and took Jesus away, but not before Jesus asked that His disciples be allowed to go their way.

Before they took Jesus, the disciples asked Him, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword?" At this point we find Peter standing by his word that he would go to prison or to death with the Lord. He didn't wait for Jesus' answer, but drew his sword and smote the high priest's servant, Malchus, and cut off his right ear. Jesus immediately touched the ear and healed Malchus, and said to Peter, "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?"

After this incident, the band and the captain and the officers of the Jews took Jesus and bound Him, taking Him to Annas first. Peter still felt he wanted to do something for Jesus, so he fol-

lowed. Another disciple did too. This other disciple was known to the high priest, so was able to get Peter and himself through the door to the court where they had taken Jesus.

Peter must have been mentally confused at this time. Jesus had forbade him to use the sword and here he stood, helplessly watching his Lord being mistreated. Peter didn't seem to grasp the situation, for he did deny Jesus three times. The third time the Scriptures say, "Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the words of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly" (Matt. 26:74, 75).

Luke tells us that as the cock crew, the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. No wonder Peter went out and wept bitterly. Peter must have remembered many words of Jesus. Perhaps he remembered Jesus telling him that Satan desired him, but that He, Jesus, had prayed for him that his faith would not fail. Perhaps Simon Peter remembered Jesus saying "the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Indeed learning this lesson had brought bitter weeping to Peter.

Then, can't you imagine that Peter remembered Jesus' command to him, "and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren," and through this gained a peace of mind? Peter did not fall by the wayside, but went on to become a mighty evangelist of the Lord. On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached a mighty sermon. He, being filled

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If Two Agree

Archie ran his fingers dramatically through a shock of dark curly hair, as he said, "There are four things wrong with life right now—my life in particular."

"Okay. I'm listening. What's wrong today?" his twin sister demanded.

"Well, in the first place, just being born a twin is enough to put five counts against you at the start. Then, of all the names in the catalogue, why did they have to choose Archie for me! Then for a fellow named 'Archie' to have curly hair—that's just too much!"

"But Archie, at least you don't wear glasses," Gloria consoled.

"Small consolation that! Now take this voice of mine, for instance. It isn't enough to be a curly headed twin named Archie, but I have to go and have a girl's voice. When they wanted a soprano solo for the program, who did they choose? Me! Now, get a load of the latest. Gene is getting up a double trio for the F.Y.C. service, and he just called and said that Elaine, one of the sopranos, is having her tonsils removed and won't be able to sing, and would I please sing in her place? Of all the crust, asking me to sing with a bunch of girls. There just isn't any justice!"

"Well, I can think of worse things. Anyhow, your voice will probably turn into a deep bass one of these days, so cheer up," his sister comforted.

After school the next day, Archie came in looking the picture of dejection. He said, "You were right, Gloria. There are worse things than singing with the girls,

and it has happened to me."

"What now?" asked Gloria.

"Miss Cramer dreamed up the dumb idea that I should sing a solo at the Winter Carnival program."

"You told her 'no,' I hope?"

"I tried to tell her that I wasn't interested and that it wasn't my line, but I just couldn't impress her. She seemed to think that I was trying to get out of it, because I didn't want to sing."

"What does she want you to sing?"

"One of the latest hit tunes. She suggested, 'I Cannot Live Without You, Baby.'"

"Ohhhhhhh," Gloria groaned. "How revolting! What are you going to do?"

"Search me. If I have to sing soprano solos, I would at least like to limit them to the ones that will glorify God. I mean to stick by that consecration that I made last month."

"We'll just have to pray, Archie. The Bible says, 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them.' I'll 'agree' with you and God will answer our prayers, 'cause He said He would."

"Since we are talking about singing, would you type a copy of that song we're going to sing at the program?"

"Since you are having such a hard time in life, yes."

While Gloria typed the words, Archie tried to figure out some way to get out of his predicament.

"I could have something else

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TEEN



Letter From Grandmother Lois

My dear Boy,

When I write to you, I try to weave into my letter lines of beauty, interest and helpfulness, with topics that are up-to-date. But I have to admit some things crowd upon my mind that do not carry interest because they have lost beauty and helpfulness.

I wrote to your sister how care is needed in the kitchen to prevent injury to one's self, but near where I am staying now, boys and girls are doing hurtful things to neighbors, and need to learn to be more helpful.

You may meet such young people. If you do, you are keen enough to turn from them and pass away to less destructive ways of amusing yourself, for you have more profitable interests given you by your family and friends.

One day I went into a bank and sat down to wait for my turn at the teller's window. Near me sat two boys about seven and ten years of age. The older boy held a toy pistol and was showing the younger boy how to aim at the different tellers and other people busy in that bank.

You are past their age, and are likely to see older boys toying with things that really hurt

and destroy their neighbors, but you learned not to play after such manner before you were seven years old, for one of your visiting cousins brought destructive toys and set the house on fire in his foolish plays. Your grandfather saved the house and many things beautiful and helpful for you. He loved the prophet Isaiah's words, "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" (Isa. 11: 9). Best of all your grandfather has given you "knowledge of the Lord."

Other boys may tempt you with toys that destroy life. After the divine knowledge is given you in prayerful worship, in your church and home, boys from ungodly surroundings may invite you to join their secret vices. At such times the knowledge of God will guide you to turn from the tempters and with your keen mind pass away from them to overcome any thoughts like the two boys I saw in that bank.

Let no one entice you to sneak out and follow any pernicious ways. Your gifts in God's kingdom are too precious to waste.

My closing wish is that you may know how to save those gifts, keenly and quickly, as your grandfather did. Grandmother Lois



TALK

IT'S YOUR GUESS

What do you know about—?

1. How many men Gideon had in his army against the Midianites?
a. 200, b. 300, c. 400
2. What woman was good at using a hammer and nail?
a. Jael, b. Michal, c. Miriam
3. Where Paul stayed just outside of Rome?
a. Naples, b. Osita, c. Three Taverns
4. Through whom did Saul think he could get information?
a. Witch of Endor, b. Samuel, c. David
5. Where Jacob used a stone for a pillow and had a dream.
a. Padan-aram, b. Bethel, c. Sidon
6. How many times Paul was shipwrecked?
a. three, b. four, c. five
7. Who was the man who helped Jesus carry His cross?
a. Simeon, b. Rufus, c. Alexander
8. Who went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read noted in Luke 4?
a. Jesus, b. Paul, c. Peter
9. The man who would not eat anything common or unclean?
a. Adam, b. Peter, c. Cornelius

10. Who said, "He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down"?
a. Jesus, b. Paul, c. Job

Answers to *It's Your Guess*

- 1, 5, 9, b; 2, 4, 6, 8, a; 3, 7, 10, c

What Does It Mean?

(Here is a brief word study to help you understand the meaning of words found in your daily reading of the Scriptures.)

Mufflers: (Isa. 3:19) veils used by women of Bible times. They were so called because of their fluttering motion.

Derision: (Psa. 119:51) scorn, mockery, contempt, ridicule. The act of being derided, or made fun of.

Haply: (Mark 11:13), Acts 5:39) by chance, luck or accident.

Adjure: (Matt. 26:63) to charge, bind, or command, solemnly, as under an oath or penalty; to entreat earnestly.

Pernicious: (2 Peter 2:2) highly injurious or destructive, deadly; intending to do evil; wicked.

Schism: (1 Cor. 12:25) division or separation.

O wise man, wash your hands of that friend who associates with your enemies.—*Saadi*.

Her eyes are homes of silent prayer.—*Tennyson*.

IF TWO AGREE

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planned for that evening."

"But it would have to be pretty important to cause Miss Cramer to let you off, and you don't have any excuse, do you?"

"Nope, I'm afraid not, and I guess it would be worse for me to make up an excuse than to go ahead and sing. Of course, I could just fail to appear the night of the Carnival."

"But that wouldn't have a good testimony as to a Christian's dependability; besides, Miss Cramer would probably give you demerits for it."

"You're right there."

Gloria tried all evening to help Archie figure out something, but finally they had to give up, being no nearer a solution than at the first.

The next morning Archie said, "Sis, I think I have it figured out. Anyhow, this was the way it seemed to me when I was praying last night. I really didn't give Miss Cramer a very good testimony when I was talking to her yesterday. The Lord might come nearer to answering our prayers if I would go to her and tell her why I don't want to sing that hit tune. She just might let me sing a higher type song in its place."

"I think that is a good thing to do, but I'm sure glad that it's you and not I. She'll probably think you're awfully stiff, or even a crackpot."

"I know. You needn't think I'm just itching to talk with her, but I feel as if I ought to."

All that day Archie tried to get courage to go to the music room and talk with Miss Cramer. Finally, he dashed down there just before gym period. "I'll get this

over with now," he thought.

He cautiously opened the door, then stepped in, but the room was empty. Involuntarily Archie heaved a sigh of relief, "Well, I don't have to face her for a while, anyhow," he thought as he turned to leave.

He ran out of the side door toward the gym. Then, as he turned a corner, he almost ran into Miss Cramer. He was so surprised to see her that he didn't have enough presence of mind to stop to talk with her just then.

Archie spent a miserable night and started to school early the next morning. He made it a point to see Miss Cramer the first thing. He told her of the consecration that he had made to the Lord, and of his desire to glorify the Lord in everything that he did. "Would you mind if I sang a different type of song at the carnival?" he concluded with one big gulp.

Various emotions had played over Miss Cramer's face as Archie talked, but as he finished, a look of surprise, then amusement, settled over it.

"Oh—oh, guess I'm in for a ribbing now," Archie thought.

"So that song has been giving you a hard time," Miss Cramer said with a chuckle. "The funny part of it is that it needn't have at all. I had jotted down a list of performers, and had spoken to some of them, but then I dropped my notebook as I was going home. The loose papers fell out and some of them must have blown away, because I could not find my list when I got home. I immediately jotted down everyone I could remember, and I didn't think that I had left out anyone. I added one or two more, but your name entirely slipped

my mind until this moment. The program is complete, and if you would rather not sing at all you may be excused."

Archie could hardly believe his ears. This certainly was an unexpected turn of events. Then quickly he remembered that he and Gloria had agreed in prayer. God was surely good.

"That would be swell, Miss Cramer. I didn't want to be a chump by refusing to co-operate at all, but my Christian testimony is the most important to me."

"I can see that. I've noticed that the young people of your church seem quite determined to stand by what they believe. I've thought several times lately that I'd drop by just to see what they had over there that made you all so loyal to a cause."

"We just love the Lord more than anything else, that's all. You're welcome to come any time, Miss Cramer. We would be *glad* to have you," Archie said as he hurried to his first hour class.

Secretly he thought, "When a fellow faces his troubles squarely, they aren't half as bad as they first seemed, but then, I guess that is because I let the Lord fight for me."

—Juanita Brown in HiCall.

People should be guarded against temptation to unlawful pleasures by furnishing them the means of innocent ones. In every community there must be pleasures, relaxations, and means of agreeable excitement; and if innocent are not one furnished, resort will be had to criminal. Man was made to enjoy as well as labor, and the state of society should be adapted to this principle of human nature.—*Channing*.

Be Of Good Courage

By Jean Groce

COURAGE, the quality of mind or spirit which permits one to meet dangers with firmness and resolution.

There are many characters in the Bible who offer us instances for inspiration and emulation, but some of the greatest displays of courage were those of the apostles in their battles for the rights of the human soul to worship God in the manner of their own choosing.

In Acts 3:12-26, is one of Peter's sermons to the people who came to see a lame man restored. Here it took great courage for him to stand in front of such an assembly and ask them, "Why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" Next he accused them of denying Jesus in the presence of Pilate, saying, "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead."

Then Peter urged them, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Once the apostles had been put in prison for preaching and healing in the temple in the name of Jesus and were delivered out by an angel, but they went back to the temple and began to preach, and heal the sick. The captain and officers hearing this, went to the temple and brought them to the

high priest saying, "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:28-29). This should be an example for our Christian workers of today.

To the sinful people in the world today the morals of the godly people seem so high, that they laugh at and talk about the Christians because of their ways. This may serve to test the Christian's endurance and perseverance in living a righteous life. This is a reason why a Christian worker must first be of good courage. Moses said, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deut. 31:6).

When you are out in the Gospel work and run into difficulty, and you need courage now before you finish your course, this should be one of the most encouraging verses of the Bible to you. Also a Christian, who has strong faith in God, should never lack courage, and if you should, never be impatient, for we have this promise, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psa. 27:14).

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which pierces the hearts of others, but rather be the soothing ointment which will be balm to troubled hearts. Let us all order our conversation aright.

Oregon Youth Rally

The Oregon youth rally of April 3 was held on Sabbath evening at the city hall in Harrisburg.

A prelude was played by Dorothy Haffner and silent prayer was offered. J. C. Tierce read the Scripture reading. Doug Williams presented the program.

Martin Long sang "Jesus Loves Me," after which Doug Williams, Joanne Shook and Marie Haffner sang "Keep on the Firing Line" and "I've Never Been Sorry."

The chorus "Say a Short Prayer" was sung and Clisdol Ruffin gave a very inspiring talk on prayer, followed by the chorus "With Christ In My Vessel."

Blanche Miller sang a solo, "What Will it Matter," and a poem was read by Louise Long.

"Oil In My Lamp" was sung and Beverly Nicholas talked on "Christian Growth and Development."

"Jesus Wants Me For a Sunbeam" was sung by Beth Wallen. "Forgive Me" was the title of a very good poem read by Syble Roberson.

Marie Haffner, Joanne Shook, and Betty Shook sang a trio number, "I Love to Hold My Savior's Hand." The offering of \$28.93 for Elder Weekes of Trinidad, was received by William Wallen and J. C. Tierce. "Give of Your Best to the Master" was sung by the congregation. The German brethren then sang a song.

"We were glad to have Elder Moldenhauer at our meeting and to hear his message about "Presenting Our Bodies as a Living Sacrifice."

The Sprouse children sang the "A-B-C" song and Marie Haffner, Betty Shook, and Doug Williams

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MIDWEST NEWS

Midwest swings wide her doors again to let you view a few of her activities.

The group that went to Texas for the Lord's Supper service were invited to Sister Grace Wards for supper last Sunday night. About that same time the students, Sister Grantham, Joyce McMichael and her mother "took to the woods" for a picnic supper and hiking in the open air. This was the first time the students have had an opportunity to be out in the country and everyone certainly enjoyed himself.

Sister Morrow had arranged with the students to have a surprise birthday party for Max when the students returned. Consequently, the students thought Max might catch on when they poked and played on their way back, to stall for time. Max, however, was completely surprised when he walked in and everyone began to sing "Happy Birthday."

Last Tuesday *Midwest* was happy to welcome one of its last year's students, Benny Rossell, for a visit. Ben is attending Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, and was here to spend part of his vacation with us. It seemed almost like last year to have Ben back, even if it were for only two days. Come back again when you can, Ben!

Ray Straub was the speaker for our Wednesday morning chapel service. He spoke on the topic of "Work" and brought out that we should do with our might what our hands find to do. Shirley Straub gave a reading entitled, "Filling Daddy's Place."

The girls' dorm is more quiet than usual, and looks pretty empty this week end. Elder Clayton Faubion and his family took a carload with them on their way to Conroe, Texas, to officiate at the Lord's Supper service. Joyce Adams went as far as her home in Inola, Oklahoma, and Gladys Larson, along with Jean Groce and Helen Christenson, went on to Conroe. That left only Sister Grantham and Roberta Harris in the dorm. It's funny how the girls can be missed so; of course when there are only three to begin with it might not seem so strange.

Lyle Schueler accompanied Ray and Shirley Straub to Bern, Kansas, to help in the services there. The Roy Marrs family went to Des Moines, Iowa, and Brother and Sister L. L. Christenson went to Ethel to conduct services there.

Despite the vacancy, those who remained at Stanberry received a wonderful spiritual blessing from the Lord's Supper service Friday night and the regular services Sabbath. An added blessing was received in the baptismal service which followed the young people's program in the afternoon. Those who began a new life in Christ were Joyce McMichael, daughter of Sister McMichael, *Midwest's* cook; Ruth Martin of Litchfield, Illinois, and Donna Kasberg of Cherokee, Iowa. What better way could one begin a new year than to begin by taking Christ as his Savior? We wish God's greatest blessings on

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Poetic Gems

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Have you felt an urge inside
To go to God in prayer—
And while you're there
Lay all things bare,
Then bid Him, "Come, abide"?

Does your heart keep telling you
Let's let the Lord come in—
Confess all sin,
Make clean within;
Let Him your heart renew?

Do you hear the still small voice?
Then why not answer now,
And humbly bow,
And make a vow
That God will be "first choice"?

—Written for the H. & C.

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AMONGST THE GLEANERS

In the cornfield Ruth was gleaning,
When the Lord's deliverance came;
For the lowly paths of duty,
She revered Jehovah's Name:
And the Lord honored Joseph,
Honored Ruth's believing toil,
As the widow's cry He honored,
Giving increase to her oil.

Working at her post of duty,
Ruth looked up in faith to God,
Knowing that His loving favor,
Clothed the lilies of the sod:
Knowing also in her spirit,
That Naomi's Lord had said
That He hearkened to the widows,
Whom His own hand clothed, and
fed.

And we likewise in our trials,
Manifold though they may be,

Bless the Hand of love which purgeth
All the dross we failed to see;
Though our faith be tried with fire,
Unto glory, honor, praise,
It is found in Christ's appearing
In our hearts, our minds, our ways!

Lo, He comes! and we victorious
Over evil, in Him stand:
From His face our foes retreating,
Own us conqueror in the land:
It is but our faith in Jesus,
That the devil sifts and tries;
As we trust Him, Christ appeareth,
The Sustainer of our lives!

—Harriette Bainbridge in Christian
and Missionary Alliance.

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WHO HAS MADE

My God, I thank Thee, who hast made
The earth so bright,
So full of splendor and of joy—
Beauty and light.
So many glorious things are here,
Noble and right.

I thank Thee, too, that Thou hast made
Joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us 'round;
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found.

I thank Thee, Lord, that thou hast
kept
The best in store.
We have enough, yet not too much
To long for more;
A yearning for a deeper peace,
Not known before.

—Adelaide A. Procter in Christian
Worship.

It's Adam's Fault

By Ned Coulson

OLD ADAM seems to get the blame for almost everything. It probably is a good thing that Adam isn't living today, or his feelings might be hurt all the time. No matter what troubles come upon some people they seem to lay the blame on Adam.

As it is sometimes said by some people today, "Well! why did old Adam have to sin in the first place? It's all his fault. If he hadn't done wrong to begin with I wouldn't have had to work so hard now." This is the lazy man's attitude. He is always complaining about his troubles, and the work he has to do. Such people are always trying to find an easy way out of every job they have to do. They blame poor Adam for all the work they have to do and the troubles that come their way.

If such people only stopped and reasoned things out from a logical view point, they might see how they could avoid many of their troubles instead of blaming Adam for everything. All the troubles people have today aren't all Adam's fault just because he sinned in the beginning. Most of the troubles that come our way are often caused by our own carelessness and negligence. But too many times people will not admit that they themselves are the cause of their own troubles. It just seems to be the carnal nature of people to blame someone else for their own troubles. So the result often is "It's Adam's Fault."

It is true that the curses which God placed upon the earth are due to the fact that Adam and Eve sinned in the beginning. God had warned Adam and his wife that they should not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But they were deceived by the old serpent, and they ate of the forbidden fruit. The result was that both Adam and his wife were put out of the Garden of Eden. From that time on man has had to work and earn his living by the sweat of his face. Since the time of Adam's sin, man had to strive for a living. Many people today complain about their hardships in life, because of Adam's disobedience.

We are in a similar condition as Adam was before he fell. Adam had the chance to choose to do right or wrong when he was in Eden. You and I, also, have a chance to do right or wrong just as Adam did. Are we doing our part by always choosing to do the things God wants us to do? Maybe, we are not any better than Adam. We must examine ourselves to see if we have done our best in serving God. If we have made mistakes, who are we to complain about another's mistakes?

Adam sinned, hereby causing a curse to come upon all men. [It may be had any of us been there we would not have done any better.] Now all men have to strive for a living. What if we have to strive for a living; complaining, murmuring, or blaming Adam is not going to help the present

situation. What has been done is done, and we are now in the present state of affairs. The thing that behoves each of us is to do our best and take things as they come.

The only way to better the situation is to humble ourselves before God, and ask for help from our Creator. God is always waiting to help us in time of trouble, or when we are weak and tired. Christ said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

OREGON YOUTH RALLY

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sang "Camping in Caanan's Land." "Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung in closing and the service was dismissed with prayer.

The next youth rally is to be at Elmira on May 1, Sabbath evening. Remember the work in your prayers.

—Betty Williams, Sec.-Treas.

"AND PETER WENT OUT AND WEPT BITTERLY"

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with the Holy Spirit, went on, faithful to Jesus' command to him—feed the sheep and strengthen thy brethren.

Peter's experience in finding out that the flesh is weak, serves as a warning to us. Remember Peter's words in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." We ought to be sober and vigilant. We should also "watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

MIDWEST NEWS

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Joyce, Ruth and Donna as they journey life's road with Him.

Lawrence Meier was the speaker at Mt. Zion this week.

Until next week, "good-bye" and may the Lord bless and keep you."

—Reported by Roberta Harris

Please Explain

Question: What are we to understand by the "predestination" Paul wrote of to the Ephesians in Chapter one?

Answer: Predestinate means to designate beforehand; to appoint or ordain beforehand by divine decree.

Paul does not mean that in the beginning God determined just who would be saved and who would be lost, with no individual will in the matter. Gal. 3:8 says, "And the scripture, FORESEEING that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." In verse 16 it explains this came through Christ. Not that all of the heathen or gentiles would be saved but that through Christ, all who believed would be adopted (Eph. 1:5) as children of God.

Read Eph 1:11, then verse 4. Note God's purpose 'before the foundation of the world.' Then Read Eph. 3:1-6. This mystery of adoption of the Gentiles into the family of God was revealed at the beginning of the dispensation of grace, "That the gentiles should be fellowheirs, . . ." through the seed of Abraham—Christ.

—Contributed.