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How It All Began

NOAH, THE ARK, AND THE FLOOD

(Continued from previous issue)

When there came to be many people on the earth they turned to wickedness instead of to goodness. God saw their evil ways and was sorry He had ever made man and He decided that He would destroy all flesh upon the earth. In those days there were giants and strong men, but everything they did was evil. Only one man, Noah, did God find who was good. Noah had a wife and three sons, Shem, Ham and Japeth, and these sons each had a wife. These eight people God saved, but all the rest He destroyed.

God told Noah to build an ark and He told him just exactly how to build it, what kind of material to use, how big to make it, and He even told him where to put the door and the window. God gave Noah 120 years time to build the ark. During that time Noah, by the Spirit of God, preached to the people. He told them that God would bring rain upon them and destroy them if they did not repent of their evil ways.

Just imagine with me what that must have been like. Here was Noah, an old man, building a big ship on dry land. The people undoubtedly thought he was crazy. When he told them the flood was coming and he was preparing for it, they were probably sure he was crazy, for you remember they had never seen rain, because the ground sent up a mist to water things. So, instead of listening to Noah and mending their ways, they went away and made fun of him, and kept right on doing evil things.

This did not stop Noah. He just went right ahead building the ark. He built it of Gopher wood. Gopher wood must have been an especially strong wood of some kind. He put pitch on the inside and on the outside of it. The pitch was something like tar. It protected the ark from dampness and rotting. The ark was about 545 feet long and 90 feet and 10 inches wide and 54½ feet high. It had rooms in it and it was

three stories high. There was only one door and one window in it.

When Noah had finished it he took some of every kind of all the animals and birds and every living thing. He took food for all of them and they all went into the ark. How the people must have hooted at him, for God shut the door and they were in there seven days before the rain started to fall. When the rain did begin, those people must have been astonished. Can't you imagine them pounding on the door and crying for Noah to let them in the ark? But God had shut the door and Noah could not open it. The water kept getting deeper. The people probably climbed hills and mountains and were safe for a while, but the water kept coming up and finally the highest mountains were covered with about 27 feet of water and every living thing was drowned excepting for those safely inside the ark. The ark floated on the waters because Noah built it so well that it did not leak. Everything inside was nice and dry.

At the end of 40 days God caused the rain to stop and then the waters began to go down. Noah finally sent a dove out of the ark. Three times he sent it. The first time it came back alone. The second time it brought back a leaf from an olive tree. The third time it did not come back, so Noah took the cover off the ark and looked out. The water had gone away. Then God spoke to Noah and told him to bring forth all the living things from the ark. So Noah came out of the ark and builded an altar to God and offered burnt offering.

The Lord accepted this offering and said He would not curse the ground on account of man's wickedness any more and He would never destroy all flesh again. He put a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of that promise and everytime we see a rainbow we know God remembers the promise He gave to Noah.

The way Noah was saved in the ark is an example of how we may be saved in Christ, for if we abide in Jesus nothing can harm us even tho

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Editorial

The world is celebrating Christmas this month. People who have earnestly studied history and the Bible know that this is not really the month in which Jesus was born, but heathen custom has named Dec. 25 and it has been celebrated so long, many persons do not know any better.

However, the spirit of giving is a blessed one. We all have something which we can share with others. We can remember the poor and the sick. Jesus has said that whoever does kind deeds for other people is really doing them for Him. More than this, we can give Jesus our love and the promise that we will give our young lives to His service.

But we need not wait until Christmas to give gifts. We can share with others every day of the year. Some poet has expressed this thought with some lines something like this:

Somehow, not only at Christmas,

But all the whole year through,

The joy that you give to others

Is the joy that comes back to you.

I wish for all my young readers a share of this happiness, not only for this month, but the whole year.

all the world is lost. —From Genesis 6:14-22;
7:1-24; 8:6-22.

By Mrs. Opal Williams

SUNBEAMS

FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers,

It has been a long time since I have written to the paper. I enjoy reading it. I am 12 years old and in the fifth grade at school. I have a mother and father and three brothers living. We live three miles from Mena. We have our Sabbath School at Mena in a home. There are 14 attending. Mary Lay is my S. S. teacher.

We were glad to have Bro. Murray and Bro. Kauer and wife visit us on their lecture tour. They gave us a lecture at the old Potter school house which was enjoyed by all.

I won a prize at S. S. this year. My brother and I have taken music lessons. I enjoy playing the organ at S. S. Daddy is teaching a music class now. We sometimes go with daddy to different places where he preaches. I will close and save room for others.

Your sister and friend in Christ,
Freida Willhelm

(It is nice you and your brother take music lessons, also that you have the privilege of attending S. S. —Editor.)

FROM MISSOURI

Dear Missionary Readers,

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. My teacher's name is Mr. Davis. I like him for a teacher. He also teaches music.

We have Sabbath school in the homes of the members each Sabbath. We had it here at our home last Sabbath. There were 13 present. There are just 3 in my class.

I will close with a puzzle: seJus dcasenire ni mwiods dan tutaers dna ni vafor hwith odG dan nam.

Your little friend,
Neal Rice

(We welcome you to our circle, Neal. It is nice you can have S. S. in the homes. Thanks for the puzzle. —Editor.)

FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers,

It has been a long time since I have written to the Missionary, but I read the letters and enjoy them very much. I go to the Mena Sabbath school. In my class there are five attending. I go three miles to S. S. We are having it at a family home.

I have a father, mother, sister and two brothers. I am in the sixth and seventh grades and am 14 years of age. I do not go to school, for we do not have a church school to go to, so I study at home. I do not like to go to the public school for they are too rough. I like music the best of all. I will close and save room for others

Your brother in Christ,
William Harold Willhelm

(I am glad so many are helping fill the letter-box. I wish I could visit your S. S. sometime. Write again. —Editor.)

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers,

I haven't written in a long time. I go to Sab-



"Be ye therefore followers of God, as

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dear children; and walk in love."

Happiness: Where To Find It

In a recent issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* is an article entitled, "A Minister's Mail," by Joseph Fort Newton, of Philadelphia, former pastor of the City Temple, London. For five years he has conducted a newspaper feature which reaches millions of people, "in which the people talk back at the preacher." From the thousands of letters he has received, Rector Newton judges that "Life for so many today is deflated, a thing to be endured rather than enjoyed." Mr. Newton says, in his articles, that man's greatest private enemies are: Fear, Gnawing Worry, and Loneliness.

Why do so many people today feel as did James G. Huneker, that "Life is like an onion—you peel off layer after layer and then you find there is nothing to it." It is because they are seeking happiness in the world and from the pleasures of sin—and the golden pot of happiness has never yet been found at the end of the rainbow of worldly pleasure! There is more downright unhappiness in this stream-line, jitterbug age, in which life is crowded with one fun-maker after another, than ever before in human history. The Holy Spirit warns in 1 Timothy 5:6, "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." And there is no real pleasure in a corpse. God says worldly "pleasure" is death—a funeral, a dirge, a corpse, a shroud and a casket. But our Lord Jesus Christ came to give the more abundant life. (John 10:10).

TESTIMONIES OF

UNHAPPY MEN AND WOMEN

Thomas Edison said before he died, "I do not know of a single happy man." That was a tacit confession that he was unhappy. *Happiness is not to be found in fame and in pride of achievement.*

Marceline, the famous clown, made millions laugh at him. But he ended life as a suicide. Photographs showing him in the day of his glory were spread before him on the bed, as he knelt to blow his brains out. Nobody claimed his body. He found the road of worldly pleasure and fun-

making to be but an empty dream, a vacuum of despair. *Happiness is not to be found in professional monkey shines or in the ability to make others laugh.*

When *Disraeli* was at the height of his political fame and fortune, as prime minister of Great Britain, he wrote in bitterness, "I can only tell you the truth... I am wearied to extinction and am profoundly unhappy. ... I do not think there is really any person much unhappier than I am." *Happiness is not to be found in fame, fortune or power.*

John D. Rockefeller wrote in chapter 12 of his autobiography, "I am sure it is a mistake to assume that the possession of money in great abundance necessarily brings happiness. ... The mere expenditure of money for things... soon palls upon one. The novelty of being able to purchase anything one wants soon passes, because what people most seek cannot be bought with money." *Happiness cannot be purchased by money.*

Charles M. Schwab gives similar testimony. "Don't strive for riches. I have worked hard all my life and have accomplished much—but it means nothing." Schwab has found that piling up millions does NOT insure happiness.

The late C. P. Steinmetz, one of the world's greatest electrical wizards, once said: "We scientific men have spent our lives studying physical forces. And now—having made the most sensational discoveries in the history of the world—we learn that our knowledge has NOT brought people happiness. Material things will never bring happiness."

Voltaire, the infidel, wrote: "I wish I had never been born." Lord Byron, when only thirty-six, after a life of pleasure-seeking, said, "My days are in the yellow leaf... The flowers and fruits of love are gone, and I've nothing left but 'the worm, the canker and the grief.'" Lord Clive, the founder of the British-Indian Empire, shot himself not long after his father wrote to him, "The nation is wild over your success." Chancellor Bismarck once said, "I have seldom

seen a happy man; if I reckon up the moments of real happiness in my life, I do not believe they would make twenty-four hours in all." Jay Gould, the American millionaire, said, when dying, "I suppose I am the most miserable devil on earth." King Solomon, after drinking from every fountain that the world has to offer, said, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit" (Eccl. 2:17).

Where Then Is Happiness To Be Found?

The answer is clear: IN CHRIST ALONE is happiness to be found. Our Lord said, "Come unto ME, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28). To the dissatisfied and troubled woman of Samaria He said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." (John 4:14).

Pierre Loti, French atheist and literary genius, wrote, "Those who still bow before the feet of Christ, believe me, these are the only happy people on earth. They know nothing of the anguish of passing time, the anguish of loneliness, and the terror of coming extinction. They go on their way confident and calm. I would give my life to possess the radiant illusion of theirs." What a testimony! But our faith is NOT an illusion. The supreme fact of the Universe is the crucified, risen and ascended CHRIST.

Dr. A. J. Gordon one time met an old man, on his way to church, and he said to him, "My friend, you seem to be pretty happy and cheerful for an old man. Why should you be?" "Because I belong to the Lord," was his simple and direct answer. Yes, the Word of God says, "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord." (Ps. 144:15).

But a Christian, who gets out of the will of God, like the Prodigal Son eating husks in the far country, is more miserable than the unsaved person. Any one who has eaten at the Father's table will never be satisfied with the husks that the swine eat. To realize Christian happiness the believer must walk with the Lord, in separation from sin, and daily "trust and obey."
—Christian Victory

Do you remember Heb. 11:24-26?

From California

Dear Children and Young People,

I have given some reminders in the past of how we should not pay heed to the so-called Scientists who would have us think that people or animals have existed for millions of years, or for any time longer than our Bible gives. But more reminders may not be amiss, for the younger ones who are growing up. Some perhaps take their place as teachers or leaders in our Nation. So let us all live and grow according to God's holy Word.

I have seen many more of these delusions of Satan thru which he is trying to disprove and outwit God's account of creation. Too bad he finds so many willing tools in humanity thru whom to do his opposing work, and teach "delusion."

I was just looking thru an old *Science and Invention* of 1926 in which they give some queer man's theories of the origin of this earth and the planetary system. In Kent's theory of an entire universe of "fire mist" contracting with cold to form our sun, he failed to tell what caused the supposed "fire mist"; what caused it to cool and contract; and again what prevented it from continuing to cool and thus destroy the sun.

But this sun, which God made to warm our earth, and to mark the beginning and ending of days at sunset (changed by man to midnight) will continue, through God's upholding power, until He (God) says we no longer need it. Then and only then will it cease to exist.

Another opposing theory claims our sun and another star collided, and thus threw off streams of matter to form more stars, which in turn collided with others to form more. They would have us believe that they all swung around aimlessly until they came into their present orbits.

But, dear ones, in this theory, what caused those first stars to form? And if the present orbits all came by chance, what holds them all so true that eclipses, and other movements can be predicted so long in advance?

This wonderfully controlled system is one of the things that prove the existence of an all-powerful God. And Satan knows if he can get people to discredit God's creative power, he has made a master stroke to keep people from loving and obeying God, in God's own way. And thus he can more easily deceive people into following the commandments and ways of man, which Jesus warns will make our worship in vain; and will cause the many who are thus deceived to be told by Jesus, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity." (What is iniquity? Sin—anything contrary to God's will?)

Surely no child of God who loves Him and His word, should be misled by the contradictory statements

of man, or by man's wrong, contradictory interpretation of God's word, which as Peter say, leads to destruction. Jesus said, both the blind leaders and blind followers will fall into the ditch.

So let us look to God's word and believe in it and His Son Jesus, the author of our Salvation, and say, "Get thee behind me, satan" to all statements that throw apparent contradiction on God's Word.

God says He is not ignorant that any man should teach Him. As a sample—He would not put "began to" before any noun, as some would have us believe in Matt. 28. *This 'dawn' is a verb or act, meaning to approach or draw near. This has no connection with the dawn (noun) of the morning. Could you say it "began to house" and get any sense? Also, neither He, nor His Son Jesus would use "fulfill" as meaning to destroy, or set aside, in one case, while in all others it means to "keep," "do," or meet all the requirements, and thus cause contradictions.*

And neither would He make any change in His Divine "Law of Liberty" by which we shall be judged in the last day, without making the change as plain as the first. He would not leave us guessing. Besides He tells us in plain words He would not change or alter what had gone out of His lips. So, dear ones, let us "hold steadfast" unto that which we had "from the beginning" and be faithful "unto death" that we may be found worthy of the wonderful promises of God to the faithful.

Your sister in the blessed Hope and Trust in a living God,

Katie Locks Gilstrap

From Oklahoma

Dear Friends,

How is everybody on this beautiful December morning? It seems more like spring than winter. I guess the weather is something like a person who is sick and acts so cheerful one would hardly believe them to be sick.

This is my first letter to write to the Y. P. F. so please excuse me while I think a while * * *

It certainly is encouraging to see the Y. P. F. with more articles from the readers and not make the editor do all the work. It seemed there for a while everyone must have been asleep. I think the Honor State contest is a very good idea, but I don't believe Oklahoma has even been mentioned yet. Come on, Oklahoma, let's do our part. Maybe some of you think you couldn't write anything worth while, but I'm sure you could do as good or better than I am.

I wish some of the girls and boys would write to me. I am 15 years old.

Your Christian friend,

Wilma Marrs,

Tecumseh, Okla., R. 2.

From Idaho

Dear Readers,

I have neglected writing to the Y. P. F. but when I saw the many nice letters coming in from other readers I felt ashamed of myself for not doing my part. I felt as many of you do—that I had no ability as a writer. But, young people, let us not feel that way. It is certain we can't all be gifted writers, but the least we can do is to try and to really put forth an effort.

I had the good fortune of attending the Idaho Camp Meeting at Nampa this fall. It certainly was a pleasure to meet young people from different parts of the country. That was my first Camp Meeting that I have ever attended and I found it very interesting and inspirational. I sincerely hope it will not be my last one.

I thank my heavenly Father that I live in a country where I am free to enjoy my Christian life without fear or punishment.

With God's help I pray that I will always seek for the higher and more Godly things, and live as He would have me live, so that I may be among the loved ones to enter into that heavenly city.

From a sister in faith,
Miss Helen Carlock

From Arkansas

Dear readers of the Y. P. F.,

Just a few lines this afternoon having finished reading the fine letters from Agnes Moore Haffner and Naomi Ling. True, more of us should show our appreciation of the efforts put forth in our behalf in printing for us a paper! I have written and sent a few articles and have some on hand now.

I found an article, printed and placed among some of my religious papers one day which I think worthy or repeating. It is for ALL Christians—Here it is:

"SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS."

1. Never neglect daily private prayer. And when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers (Heb. 11:6). Never ask God for anything you do not need. Tell Him the truth about yourself, however bad it makes you; and then ask Him, for Christ's sake, to forgive you what you are, and to make you what you ought to be (John 4:24; 1 John 1:9; Luke 11:9-12; Dan. 6:10).

2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading. And when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. All back-sliding begins with the neglect of these two rules. (Acts 20:32; James 1:21, 22; 2 Tim. 3:13-17; Joshua 1:8, etc.).

3. Never trust your own strength,

Never trust to yourself for an instant, but look constantly to Jesus and He will ever help you. (Jude, v. 24).

4. Never be ashamed to openly confess Christ. Be courageous to confess Christ at all times and under all circumstances. (Matt. 10:32, 33; Rom. 10:9, 10; Mark 8:38).

5. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Christ. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, "What am I doing for Him?" (Matt. 5:13-16; 25:14-30; Eph. 5:14-21, etc.).

6. Never take your Christianity from Christians. Don't argue that because such and such people do so and so, therefore you may (2 Cor. 10:12). You are to ask yourself, "How would Christ act in my place?" Strive to follow Him (John 10:27).

7. Never believe what you feel if it contradicts God's Word.

Ask yourself, "Can what I feel be true, if God's Word is true?" and if both cannot be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar. (Rom. 3:4; 1 John 5:10, 11).

8. If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room, and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it (Col. 3:17); if you cannot do this, it is wrong (Rom. 14:22, 23). —*Sel.*

(*Clip this and paste in a handy place in your Bible.*)

Velma Thoms

After several years of this kind of a life, the Jews had become very jealous and wanted to destroy this kind man. They captured Him, took Him to court where He was condemned to die a terrible death on the cross. What a shameful death for this wonderful man to die.

The next morning was bright and sunny and the air was filled with excitement for in a few minutes the innocent man of Galilee was to be crucified instead of a thief. The minutes slowly rolled by and finally the disastrous moment came when the eyes beheld the form of a righteous person hanging on the cruel cross of Calvary. He was given vinegar when He asked for a drink; a crown of thorns had been placed on His head. He was scoffed at, and was asked to prove Himself the Son of God by coming down from the cross. After suffering on the cross for six hours He gave up the ghost.

Why was His death different than ours? Why should it mean so much to us? He died for the sins of this wicked world that you and I might live. And yet, do we love him the way we should? Do we serve Him as humble servants should? Let us improve our lives that we may be granted a home with Him in the kingdom He has gone to prepare.

—*By Melba Ling.*

two good eyes while so many others less fortunate than you must grope their way in blindness to the coffin?

Did you ever thank God for hearing? That you can hear music and the voices of friends and dear ones? That you can leave your home and business, and go to church and hear the songs and the preaching of the word of God? Did you ever think what it would mean to be deaf? Did you ever thank God for the blessing of taste? Some people can't tell whether they are eating saw dust and shavings or strawberries and ice cream.

Think of the good things we enjoy! Others have tastes so vicious that they find it almost impossible to eat. God might have made our food taste like quinine.

Did you ever thank God that you can sleep? If not you ought to be kept awake for a month. Think of the thousands who suffer from pain or insomnia so that they can sleep only under opiates. Did you ever wake up in the morning and thank God that you had a good night's rest? If you haven't, God ought to keep you awake for a week, that you'd know you've had reason to be thankful.

Did you ever thank God for the doctors and nurses and hospitals; for the surgeon who comes to save your life or relieve your suffering? If it had not been for them you'd be under the grass. For the nurse and God watches over you that you may be restored to health?

Did you ever thank God for the bread you eat while so many others are hungry? Did you ever thank Him for the enemy that has been baffled, for the lie against you that has failed?

—*Sent in by Hazel Pfister.*

The Tragedy of Our Lord

Many hundreds of years ago some shepherds, while watching their flocks by night, suddenly heard the sweetest music ever heard. Far to the east was a very bright star sending its bright rays in a gleaming path toward the city of Bethlehem. A sweet tender voice was saying, "Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The voice stopped and suddenly a multitude of heavenly host was heard praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds followed the guiding star to Bethlehem and found the babe as the angels had said. They presented gifts to him during a great rejoicing in heaven.

The babe grew in stature and wisdom daily. He could answer the questions of the priests when he was 12 years of age. He taught the people all over the land; He caused the blind to see; the deaf to hear; healed the sick and performed many other miracles. He loved everybody whether they loved Him or not. He returned good for evil.

FORGETTING

One Sunday evening a group of people were riding along when someone turned on the radio. The program happened to be a young minister giving his Sunday afternoon lecture. One of the older ladies laughed, then said, "Why, I had forgotten it was Sunday." This party was headed for a near by town to attend a show and in all the bustle had forgotten all about it being Sunday.

It sometimes seems so easy for us to forget our Sabbath also (God's holy day). Something pops us all so unexpectedly that draws our throats away and if we aren't careful we might do the things we shouldn't be doing.

But God said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We know we would not be keeping Sabbath holy if we found ourselves going to a show on that day or doing odd jobs we didn't have time to do during the week. God doesn't excuse our forgetfulness. He said, "*Remember.*"

—*D. S.*

THANKING GOD

Did you ever thank God for your eyes? Did you ever thank Him that you can see the sunrise and the sunset and can see the flowers and the trees and look upon the storm? Did you ever thank God that you have

MUSHROOMS

"As I have showed you these illustrations and specimens, please remember that there are several edible kinds. Some, while very pretty to look at are not good to eat; some have no value in any way; but this kind I want you to be sure and remember. Of the several kinds shown here this is deadly poison.

"Notice the four parts—the cap, the veil, the stem, and the cup. It is beautiful to look at, but it means death if it is eaten. It is said to have a delicious flavor but its common name is 'The Death Angel.' If one realized at once that he had eaten poison there might be a chance of life, but no ill effects are felt until after twelve or fourteen hours; and then it is too late, as the poison is all through the blood stream."

I looked at the beautiful white specimen. It looked very different from something which could cause death, and then I thought of some

amusement which could lead to so much trouble and perhaps death in the end.

Not long ago I sat in a parked car on a brightly lighted street across from a place from which gay music came when the doors opened to admit people, or when others left. Four young people came and paused in front of the attractively trimmed and lighted windows.

As they stood talking, part of the conversation reached me. Such phrases as, "Come on, don't be a sissy," and "You don't have to drink if you don't want to," "There's nothing to be afraid of." There was much urging and finally the four went in.

In about twenty minutes two of those young people came out walking very fast. They came across the street and stood in the shadow of the car. I heard the young man say, "I never went into a place of that kind before, but Harry said it was a good place to spend the evening and Gladys says she goes there often; but if you won't go back I'll take you home." The girl replied, "No, I'm not going back there ever and I hope you never will. The things they do there don't seem like fun to me."

As they walked away, I thought of the talk on mushrooms. I thought of the beautiful "Death's Angel" and how it seemed like what some call pleasure. Some places are made very attractive but behind the beauty is the sting of sin and perhaps the loss of self respect. Some things which are called pleasure by many turn out to be like the poisonous mushroom—after one indulges there is no escape and he goes down... and out.

—By Pearl Halladay in Sabbath Recorder.

Don't Make the Wrinkles Deeper

(Author Unknown)

Is Father's eyesight growing dim,
His form a little lower?
Is Mother's hair a little gray,
Her steps a little slower?
Is life's hill growing hard to climb?
Make not their pathway steeper;
Smooth out the furrows on their
brows.
Oh, do not make them deeper!

There's nothing makes the face so
young

As joy, youth's fairest token;
And nothing makes a face grow old
Like hearts that have been broken.
Take heed lest deeds of thine should
make

Thy mother be a weeper;
Stamp peace upon a father's brow,
Don't make the wrinkles deeper.

In doubtful pathways do not go,
Be tempted not to wander;
Grieve not the hearts that love you so,
But make their love grow fonder.

Much have thy parents borne for thee
Be now their tender keeper,
And let them lean upon thy love:
Don't make the wrinkles deeper.

Be lavish with the kindly deeds,
Be patient, true, and tender;
And make the path that ageward leads
Aglow with earthly splendor.
Some day, the dear ones, stricken low,
Must yield to death, the reaper;
And you will then be glad to know
You made no wrinkles deeper.

—Selected by Joe Meier.

A Hidden Bible Verse

This verse has fifteen words in it. The fifth and ninth, which are the same, are that which the Bible says we should have or we are nothing.

Eight: fill in the blank. Watch—, for ye know not the hour your Lord cometh.

Second. For it is God that — in you.

Sixth and seventh are the 16th & 17th in Zech. 8:16.

Fourteenth and fifteenth are the last two words in 1 John 3:4.

Third and fourth are the fourth and fifth in 1 Cor. 13:5.

Thirteenth is the 2nd in 1 Thess. 5:1.

Tenth and eleventh are: fill in the blank, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God, and keep His commandments, for this whole duty of man.

The fifth is the second in Heb. 13:16.

After arranging this puzzle, turn to Romans 13:10 to see if your answer is correct.

—By Genevieve Moore

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- 1—Joseph was sold to the—?
 - 2—Where are the ten commandments found?
 - 3— —was stoned to death.
 - 4—Where are the beatitudes found?
 - 5— —was put in prison.
 - 6—What is the greatest verse and where is it found?
 - 7—How old was Moses when he died?
 - 8—Who was king when Jesus was born?
- (What character in the Bible does each of the following represent?)
1. A burning bush?
 2. A garden?
 3. A raven.
 4. A lion's den.
 5. A whale.
 6. A ladder.
 7. An ark.
 8. A coat of many colors?

—By Lela Lorene Rice.

A CROSSWORD Puzzle will appear in the next issue, by one of our contributors.

Make stepping stones out of your stumbling blocks.

OUR MEMORY VERSE

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4:12.

OUR HONOR STATE

ARKANSAS is our Honor State for this issue with 75 points. Wisconsin deserves honorable mention since this time it earned more point than it did the time it was Honor State. Oklahoma and Idaho also have points to their credit. (All of the point-earning material does not appear in this issue).

Yes, we are pleased with the fine response this feature has created — just keep it up.

The other day the Editor's wife wondered why we hadn't heard from Oklahoma, mentioning the different ones there who could write, and behold, the next day a letter came from that State.

Now don't get discouraged just because Arkansas earned 75 points this time. Just two or three young people in one State can get together a night or two and earn that many, but the main thing is to actually get at it and DO it. Which will be the Honor State next issue? —Editor.

Bible Conundrums

— 1 —

For an act of healing, a gift was refused,
Another decided the offer abused,
So ran to tell them, a gift he's accepted,
But into his flesh a disease then crept.

— 2 —

To a family gathering
Came an uninvited guest,
Tho he were a liar
He talked with one higher
And caused much pain and distress.

—By a reader.

— 3 —

Knowing not the king's command
He partook of something good;
Then the people informed him—
Displeased, he understood.

His master's anger arose
And condemned him to die,
But the people saved him—
And can you tell me why?

— 4 —

NOT GOLIATH

Born with—
Six fingers on each hand
On each foot six toes.
And in manhood
Became one of Israel's foes.
Guess who, then see—2 Sam. 21:20.

Sabbath School. I am ten years old and in the sixth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Nickle. We have young people's meeting on Sabbath evening from 2:00 till 3:00 o'clock. My Sabbath School teacher is my mother, Mrs. W. H. Hinds. I will close and leave room for others.

Your friend, Lavetta Hinds

(We are glad to receive another letter from you, Lavetta. We'd like to visit your young people's meeting. —Editor).

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers,

This is my first time to write to the little Missionary. I am 12 years old. I like to read it. I am in the sixth grade. We are memorizing Bible verses in our class. We have a young people's meeting. My S. S. teacher is Mrs. W. H. Hinds. We have a S. S. meeting every Sabbath morning. We begin at 10 o'clock. My school teacher is Mrs. Nickle. I must close now.

Your friend, Charles Hudson

(When you are grown, you'll be glad you memorized Bible verses while you were young. Write again, Charles. —Editor).

FROM MISSOURI

Dear Missionary Readers,

I am in the fifth grade and ten years old. My birthday is in August, the 15th. The best study I like in school is music. Daddy is on his way to Florence, Kansas to hold a meeting. My Sabbath School teacher's name is Mrs. Reynolds; there are eight in my class. I will close.

Your friend, Muriel B. Walker

(I am glad you have the privilege of attending S. S. Don't you feel sorry for children who have no S. S. near. I seldom had the pleasure of attending, when I was a girl. —Editor).

FROM MISSOURI

Dear Friends,

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade at school. My S. S. teacher's name is Mrs. Reynolds. There are eight in my class. I will close with a puzzle: tofs rewsna a htenrut wyaa htarw, utb suoiverg dorws tire pu gerna.

Your friend in Christ, Bernice Walker

(Thank you for your poem. We do not receive many original poems. We are glad you are letting your light shine. —Editor).

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missicnary Readers,

This is my first time to write the little Missionary. I am 10 years old. I like to read it. I go to S. S.. I like to go. I am in the fourth grade. My S. S. teacher's name is Mrs. W. H.

Hinds. I will close. Your friend,

Elsie Louise Hudson

(Our little readers have been faithful in writing, lately. Isn't it nice to have the letter box full! —Editor).

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear friends,

This is my first time to write to the Missionary paper. I am twelve years old. I go to Sabbath School every Sabbath. I go to Inola Public school. I am in the sixth grade. I enjoy going to school. My teacher is Mrs. Nickles; she is very kind. My S. S. teacher is Mrs. W. H. Hinds. I like her very well. I will close with a puzzle. Rom. 3:23: "orF lal vahe nis nad oemc hrost fo het oyrgl fo oGd.

Your friend, Ava Hawkins

(I hope you will write often. I believe the Oklahoma children are good to write. Thank you for the puzzle. —Editor).

GETTING RID OF "MR. CAN'T"

"Oh, Mother, I can't carry so many groceries!" exclaimed Jimmy as his mother asked him to go to the store.

"A big boy thirteen years old could carry lots more than that if he wanted to. Now run along and see how quickly you can be back," said his mother with a sigh.

"Daddy, I just can't weed all those carrots this afternoon," said Jimmy in answer to his father's request. "There are four rows of them and they are so long."

"Of course you can," replied Mr. Latson. "They aren't very weedy and I know you could get it done in an hour."

"I just can't draw this map," announced Jimmy that evening as he chewed his pencil and dalled along with his home work. "Please help me, Lucille," he asked his sister, who was also studying. Uncle Dean, who was visiting them, laid down his magazine and looked at Jimmy. Mrs. Latson glanced apologetically at her brother. "We have tried and tried to get Jimmy to stop saying, 'I can't', whenever he is asked to do anything, and have tried to get him to be more self-reliant, though he usually does very well whatever he tries to do."

"That is too bad," said Uncle Dean as he resumed reading. "We will have to see about that tomorrow."

The next morning, after breakfast Uncle Dean called his nephew out on the pleasant, vine covered porch. "Now, Jimmy," he said, "can you play baseball?"

Jimmy was delighted. He had expected his uncle to lecture him, and he loved to talk about

baseball, so he told all about his love for the game. As his uncle was a good listener, and encouraged him to talk, he told of his games, his books, and his school work; also of his companions, and of his future ambitions.

Suddenly he stopped. "But I thought you were going to cure me of saying, 'I can't'" he exclaimed mischievously.

"I can't cure you," his uncle replied. "That is your job, not mine, and you are the only one that can cure it. However you can do it easily if you really wish to do so."

"How could I?" questioned Jimmy eagerly. "A boy that can play baseball and volley ball," Uncle Dean continued, "and can ride horseback like a man, who does good work at school, and has as many friends as you do should be able to overcome a habit like that as soon as he makes up his mind to do so. You are able to do a great many things, and you should remember, as your father read to us during the worship this morning, how the Apostle Paul said, 'I can do all things through Christ.' And so with His help and your own determination, you soon can be rid of Mr. Can't and be saying 'I can' instead."

A week later Jimmy had completely overcome the "can't" habit. His parents were surprised and delighted, and Jimmy was happier and more helpful.

"You certainly helped me," he wrote to his Uncle Dean. "I am glad to get the victory over 'Mr. Can't,' and I'm glad to learn the lesson of trusting Christ to help me say 'I can'."

—Light and Life.

PRIMARY LESSON FOR Dec. 17, 1938

THE ANGEL'S PROMISE TO MARY

Lesson Material: Luke 1:26-33.

Memory Verse: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus."

The little city of Nazareth was in the country of Galilee. This was where Mary lived who became the mother of Jesus.

One day God sent the angel Gabriel to see Mary with a wonderful message for her.

After he greeted her Mary was troubled because she did not understand what he said. But the angel told her not to fear for God was well pleased with her. He told her she would have a son and His name would be Jesus.

The angel said Jesus would be a great man and people would call Him the Son of the Highest. Then when Jesus became King God would give Him the throne that belonged to King David.

The angel also promised that Jesus would rule over the children of Israel forever and His kingdom would last for ever.

Learn the memory verse.

PRIMARY-LESSON For Dec. 24, 1938

THE WISE MEN VISIT JESUS

Lesson Material: Matt. 2:1-12.

Memory Verse: "They presented unto Him gifts"

Herod was king when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea. Wise men came from the east and asked where they could find the one who was born King of the Jews, for they had seen His star in the east and had come to worship Him.

When King Herod heard these things he was troubled and inquired where Christ was to be born. The chief priests and scribes told him that Christ was to be born in Bethlehem of Judaea. He called the wise men and asked them when they had seen the star. Then he told them to go and find the child and let him know where he was so he could go and worship Him.

The wise men rejoiced greatly when they saw the star and followed it until it stood over where the young child was. They went into the house and found the child Jesus with Mary His mother. Then they fell down and worshiped Him.

When they opened their treasures they gave unto Jesus gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh? The wise men had been warned in a dream by God that they should not return to Herod so they started home by another way.

INTERMEDIATE LESSON For Dec. 17, 1938

THE ANGEL'S PROMISE TO MARY

Lesson Material: Luke 1:26-33.

Memory Verse: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus."

1—Why do you think God chose Mary to become the mother of Jesus?

1—Why did not Mary understand?

3—Why was Mary's son to be named Jesus? See Matt. 1:21.

4—Where can you find a similar prophecy in the Old Testament?

5—Name all the prophecies in the Old Testament concerning Jesus' birth you can remember.

6—Where was David's throne?

7—Over whom will Jesus reign?

INTERMEDIATE LESSON For Dec. 24, 1938

THE WISE MEN VISIT JESUS

Lesson Material: Matt. 2:1-12.

Memory Verse: "They presented unto Him gifts"

1—What prophet foretold where Jesus would be born?

2—How did the wise men know when to look for Jesus?

3—Why was king Herod troubled?

4—Why did Herod want to find Jesus?

5—Do you think the presenting of gifts is included in true worship?

6—In what way can we present gifts unto Jesus?