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### HELPING SONG

A jolly friend I try to be  
To chums and those who live with me.  
To each of them I like to say,  
"What can I do for you today?"

No selfish aim for girls and boys  
In life's great work will pay,  
But generous deeds and actions true  
Will win in every way. (Sel.)

### Elijah the Prophet

Elijah the Tishbite, the prophet of God lived in Gilead in Samaria, a part of the kingdom of Israel. Ahab was king of Israel at the time of these happenings.

Ahab was a wicked king who did not regard the Lord but did much to provoke Him to anger. He married a woman named Jezebel who was a worshiper of Baal, and Ahab went with her to worship Baal. It is written that he did more to provoke God to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

Elijah the prophet went to Ahab and told him that there would be no more dew nor rain for years, only when he said so. This was to be a punishment on the wicked king and his people from God Himself.

Then the Lord told Elijah where to go to a brook called Cherith and hide himself there and he should drink water from the brook and He would send ravens there with food for him to eat so that he would not suffer.

Elijah did as God commanded him and stayed there until the water in the brook dried up because of there having been no rain for so long a time. Then God spoke to him again and told him to go to Zarephath and live and there He had commanded a widow to feed him.

So Elijah went to Zarephath and as he came to the gate of the city there was the widow gathering up sticks to burn.

He asked her to give him a drink of water and

as she went to get it he told her to bring him a little bread also. She told him she had none, only a very little meal and a little oil. She said she was getting the sticks to make a fire to cook the meal and oil in a little cake for herself and her son to eat and then they must starve for there was no more to eat.

Elijah told her to bake for him first and then for herself and son and that God would not let her meal grow less nor the cruse of oil fail until rain came again. The woman believed him and did as he said and found it to be true, and they lived this way for a long time.

Now it happened while Elijah was there that the widow's son took very ill and died and she thought Elijah had been the cause of his death because she had been a sinner, but Elijah asked her to give him her son and he carried him up to his own room and laid him on his bed. Then he prayed and asked God to let the child live again and be restored to his mother and God answered his prayer. Elijah brought him back to his mother alive. Then she was very happy and thankful and told Elijah she was sure now that he was indeed a man of God.

It was not for three years that rain came again upon the land. Then Elijah gathered all Israel together at Mt. Carmel and talked to them. He told them if the Lord be God follow Him, but if Baal then follow him, but to choose which one.

He asked that they kill two bullocks—one for him and one for themselves. One was to be killed and dressed and put upon the wood ready to burn, but put no fire under it. He would do the same with the other one, only after it was ready he asked them to pour four barrels of water over his and do this three times. After the first one was ready they were to call on Baal to send the fire to burn it. They called and prayed to Baal until afternoon but nothing happened.

Then he ordered the water poured on the other one and after that was done he prayed to God to send down fire to burn the sacrifice. The fire came and licked up all the water and burned the sacrifice.

Then Israel declared, "The Lord he is God!" Elijah then ordered the prophets of Baal to be taken away and slain. After this Elijah told Ahab there would be rain and soon the heavens were black with clouds and there was a great rain.

—By Effie E. Wheelock

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## EDITORIAL

I just picked up my pencil and paper and am sitting by the window to write you my weekly message.

What shall I say? I wish I could see all the Missionary boys and girls and talk with them instead of writing.

But listen! What is that I hear? An angry voice coming from out in front. Looking out, I see a pretty, little, curly-headed girl, but I can not call her sweet, for an ugly scowl is on her face.

She cries, "Yes I did and I'll do it again. I've got a temper; I know I have." On and on she raves at the children across the street. They do not answer her (they probably know that would make her worse) so of course I do not know what the trouble is. But as they refuse to fuss with her, she is going on toward her home, carrying a cloud of blackness with her.

Poor little girl! If she could only remember what Jesus want us to do with our tempers! Not brag about them, but what? Yes, learn to control them. What was it Solomon said about the person who can rule his own spirit? Ask your mother or father if you don't know, or look it up in the sixteenth chapter of Proverbs.

Well, I didn't get written what I intended to say, but I'll tell you that next week. It is time now for me to finish my Friday's work.

### A Message From Aunt Lena

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

This is a beautiful Sabbath morning, tho' we need rain here very much. We spent yesterday (the 4th of July) at a nice nearby lake; we had a picnic dinner also pop corn and ice cream; went bathing in the water and had lots of nice, clean fun. What did you do?

My little girl has been attending Bible vaca-

tion school. One day she came home telling me a story she learned that day. It was a love'y one so I thought maybe you'd enjoy it too. We should share good things with one another, shouldn't we?

One day Jesus entered into a city called Capernaum and it was noised about (or told) that He was in a certain house and many people came to the place to have Him talk to them. The house was filled and so many standing outside you couldn't even reach the door of the house. Most of the people came because they loved Jesus and wanted to hear the word of God. Our Bible says, "All who thirst after righteousness shall be filled."

There were others who came to criticise, just to see what fault they could find, maybe, not openly but in their hearts. (I don't think that was a very good reason, do you?) Perhaps some came out of curiosity and sometimes these people are convicted of their sins and give their hearts to Jesus. They are blessed by coming and have received the most precious gift this world has ever known. Probably many came because someone invited them to go with them. Have you asked others to go with you?

We are going to have campmeeting in Missouri next month. I would like to go, wouldn't you?

I hope a great company of people will be gathered there, even such a crowd as was gathered at this house where Jesus was. And may every one come to campmeeting with a prayer in their hearts and a longing for spiritual blessings. So, dear children, if God blesses you, permitting you to attend, plan on learning poems, songs, Bible stories, stories, verses, etc., so you can take part and let your light shine too, won't you?

There was a man who had the palsy (a disease which is a kind of paralysis and makes a person shake or jerk all over). This man was so ill he couldn't walk so four of his friends carried him on his bed to this place. They knew that if Jesus could only see this man's suffering He would feel sorry for him and heal him. There was such a crowd around the door they couldn't get near it. But they didn't give up. They went up to the roof and when they uncovered part of it they let the man on his bed down thru' the hole into the room where Jesus was. Jesus marveled at their faith. Now we shouldn't be discouraged or give up when the crowds or the ones around try to keep us from following Jesus. These men got above their difficulties that faced them by getting to a higher position, didn't they? We can do the same thing by overcoming temptations. Everytime we overcome sin we are in a higher position and just a little closer to our Savior.

Jesus said (to this sick man), "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." You see, Jesus knew his faith and accepted him for He called him 'son.' And when we are faithful boys and girls we are His sons and daughters too. There were a few in this crowd that didn't think Jesus had the power to forgive sins, and as Jesus even knows man's thoughts He then told the man to take up his bed and walk, proving to them that he had both the power to heal sick bodies and also power to forgive their sins. Immediately the



"Being then made free from sin, ye

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became the servants of righteousness."

## Character

I wonder how many of us young people know and have been taught the value of character. Not long ago I received a letter from a kind friend, read like this in part:

"Let us, then, stop worrying about our so-called reputation; live right and develop and pay no attention to the 'mud slinging' and devil's character assassins. Prov. 6:16-19."

This within itself is a grand message. But let us consider for an instant what our reputation might be. One must not only be in good standing with the church, but must be of good report of them without. (1 Tim. 3:7; Acts 22:12). Some versions say "reputation."

One may hurt a reputation, or kill or hinder your influence among your neighbors, yet you yourself are the the only one who can injure your character. This may be done by a little carelessness or slight action. One may have a very good character, yet a bad reputation and vice versa; one may have a bad character. Character must be built, it cannot be gotten any other way.

Do you remember reading where Jacob blessed his sons? When he came to Joseph he asked that he become a fruitful bough. Yet we see that he was treated ill. Read the story of his trials as a slave, and how he stood true thru them all. Gen. 37, also 39. The preceding chapters will explain how he got his reward and in the end, his father's blessings.

Likewise we must withstand the arrows of the enemy. We must first obey God. Heb. 5:7-9 tells us that the Savior learned obedience through the things He suffered. And if we do likewise, we will build character, until we become perfect.

Men like Longfellow can take a worthless sheet of paper, write some poetry on it and make it worth much money. That is genius. Rockefeller or Henry Ford can write a few words on a slip of paper and make it worth millions of dollars. That is capital. Our government can stamp a piece of metal with the bird called the eagle and make it valuable for trade. That is money. A watch maker can, for a

small sum of money, buy material and make a watch worth \$50. That is skill. Ane can purchase a hat for \$2.00, but some pay \$10.00. The latter is foolishness. A person can work all day for \$2. That is labor. A person can get a Christian education. That is wisdom. And when he follows the Savior and withstands trials and temptations, that is character. But character cannot be built in one day. Character is what you are, for "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." Prov. 20:11.

One may inherit riches, but not so with character. Life is given by the Lord, but we are to determine our character. When persons of bad character hate you for His name's sake, and try to impede the growth of good character, and if like satan they stand ashamed for a moment, watch, the next moment they are striving to correct it with temptation. If satan cannot get you to sin openly in a criminal sense, he may apply a false religious belief.

I will quote writings of men who were of good character.

"A good character is the best tombstone. Those who love you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts; not on marble." —*Spurgeon*.

"There has never been a great and beautiful character, which has not become so by filling well the ordinary and smaller offices of God." —*Brushnell*.

"Character is what you are in the dark." —*Browning*.

"A man's character is like a fence, it cannot be strengthened by white-wash."

"I have learned by experience that no man's character can be eventually injured but by his own acts." —*Hill*.

The only true barrier against false public opinion is purity of personal character. Without principal one would be as one without law or government. The Ten Commandments reveal the character of a kind and loving Creator.

—No name signed.

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"These things I command you, that ye love one another." John 15:17.

## LIFE, DEATH AND THE RESURRECTION

### A RADIO SERMON

In a study of life and death and what they mean, we must go to the Bible to find the truth. Paul said, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." 1 Thess. 4:13. Since it is appointed unto man once to die, God does not want us to be ignorant about death, or those who have fallen asleep in death.

All have their ideas as to what death really is and as these ideas differ it stands to reason they can not all be right. In a study of ancient history and mythology we learn that ancient peoples had their ideas about what death was and what the dead were supposed to be doing. I remember in school when taking up mythology of studying about the god of the underworld, and that those who hadn't lived good lives in this life went to the underworld after death, and for punishment had to labor hard rolling huge stones up hill.

To be sure the Bible is far from teaching such imaginations. And yet numerous doctrines concerning the dead are taught today as though they were founded on the Bible, when in reality they are founded largely on and originated from mythological teachings and misunderstanding of the Bible.

Before listing a few questions I would beg of you to be open-minded and consider carefully the numerous passages of Scripture I shall give. You may take down the texts given and look them up in your own Bible if you like. In religious matters many people are taught by their leaders to steer shy of anything not sanctioned or put out by their church. To translate this it means that such people are taught not to think for themselves. This fosters prejudice and unwillingness to even consider truths that are new to them. In religious matters their thinking is left up to their leaders. However the Bible teaches us to "study" and "search the Scriptures" and each one of us "work out our own salvation

with fear and trembling." Salvation is indeed an individual matter. It is altogether too vital, too all-important to be left up to anybody else. Each one of us must be fully persuaded in our own mind, and God's Word must do the persuading.

(To be fully persuaded on any subject does not mean that subject is forever closed for any future study and investigation).

Now on with our questions about life and death. Do each one of us have an immortal soul? Are people wiser and more alive after death than they were before? Is death a friend to us by being a gateway to glory? Why does the Bible speak so much about a resurrection? What about the spirit that returns to God when we die?

In considering these questions we shall turn to God's word as the final and only answer. It will be necessary to be brief, for one short broadcast can only briefly cover so vast a topic. First let us turn to Genesis 2 and learn some of the details of the creation of man. We shall see if God gave Adam an immortal soul. Gen 2:7 (first part), "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground..." I think we all agree on this much of the verse, but now how did God give him life? After making this first man out of dust God next "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and (what happened?) man became a living soul." It was the "breath of life" from God that made man a living soul. God did not place a living soul in Adam, for when the "breath of life" entered Adam's lifeless body it made *him* a living soul.

In Prov. 20:27 we learn, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord—" Here the word "spirit" is translated from the same word as the word "breath" in Gen. 2:7. Therefore the breath of life is the same as the spirit of life. *Breath* and *spirit* in the Old Scriptures, are often used interchangeably. Does anyone imagine that this spirit or breath of life which God gave Adam was conscious before Adam received it? Some people *think* so but the Word of God does not so teach. It took both the spirit or breath of life *and* the body to make a living soul—a human being—man.

After Adam sinned God told him in part, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Gen. 3:19. The wages of sin is death — not life in any form. In the verse just given (Gen. 3:19), several times God spoke to Adam as "thou"—that he was to return to dust — not to heaven or paradise, purgatory or hell, but dust, the grave.

Furthermore God said, "And now, lest he put forth his hand, and take

also of the tree of life, and eat and live forever;" (Gen. 3:22) therefore Adam was driven out of the garden and a cherubim stationed to keep the tree of life. Why didn't God want him to eat of the tree of life? Simply because the wages of sin is death and man had sinned and it was not in God's plan for him to live forever in a sinful state. If Adam had an immortal soul there would be no need of keeping him from eating of the tree of life, for he would live forever whether he ate of it or not. However a cherubim with a flaming sword kept Adam from the tree of life and Adam had to die. He could not give his posterity one single thing or entity that was immortal.

1 Tim. 6:16 plainly tells us that the Lord "only hath immortality." This positively denies that Adam or humanity have immortality or an immortal soul.

Some years ago my father was talking with a neighbor lady on this subject. She affirmed that man had an immortal soul. My father asked that if he showed her the Bible she was mistaken would she believe it? She hesitated, so he read Ezek. 18:4 which says, "Behold, all souls are mine, as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth it shall die." Well, she didn't believe it anyway. My friends, I hope you have more regard for God's holy truth than that.

James 5:20 says, "Let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death." Yes, the soul can be saved from eternal death by conversion. But if it is immortal why speak of saving it from something it can't experience—death?

Matt. 10:28 tell us, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." No the soul is not immortal, for it can be destroyed by the Lord. Solomon said, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." And in Prov. 24:20 he says, "For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out." In deed it will be put out.

One writer states well when he says: "Soul is translated from the Hebrew word "nehphesh" and the Greek word "psukee," which are sometimes rendered person, mind, heart, will, and in other ways. Soul and spirit are used in such a variety of ways that one may become confused but in general the spirit is the breath of life and the soul is the thinking part of man made possible by the union of body and spirit."

Now let us learn what God has to tell us about death. Eccl. 9:5 is clear, unmistakable, non-figurative language and states, "For the living

know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more reward; for the memory of them is forgotten." To contend this is speaking only about the body is erroneous, for it is talking about the living which includes both body and mind. The body itself, without the mind never knows anything. The body of a person doesn't know it is going to die, for it is with the mind we learn and think and know, and at death the mind ceases to operate. David says of man, "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Ps. 146:4. Isn't this a clear statement easily understood? Just as God told Adam "he", the very man, returns to the earth. His thoughts utterly perish then, for as Solomon says, "there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, wither thou goest." See Eccl. 9:10. He doesn't say the dead go any other place than the grave, and there is no work, devise, wisdom or knowledge there.

All through the Bible man is spoken of as mortal and subject to death. Job 4:17 says, "Shall mortal (not immortal) man be more just than God?" When it says "man" it doesn't mean part of him, but all that makes up a man. At death the candle of life goes out, his mind ceases to function, and he returns to dust. Sin brought death for "the soul that sinneth it shall die."

Solomon also said, "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beast; even one thing befalleth them: as one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath... All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." Eccl. 3:19-20. Notice both man and beast have one breath. The breath of life of man (or spirit of life) that returns to God at death has no more consciousness than the breath of life of a beast after it dies.

Life after death hinges altogether on a resurrection from the grave as abundant Scripture shows. First consider some of Jesus' words in John 6. "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:40. Again in verses 45 and 54 Jesus repeats, saying of the believer, "And I will raise him up at the last day." Why and how can the believers be raised from their graves if they are not there but millions of miles away in glory? Why need a resurrection at all? The fact is that the believers as they die, fall asleep in Christ, not awake in glory somewhere.

Job, a righteous man said, "For now shall I sleep in the dust?" Ch. 7:21. The prophet Nathan told righteous David, "And when thy days be

she did not see them until they went up the steps. The table in front of her was piled high with pieces of bright colored cloth. They looked like bits of the rainbow.

"Good morning," Betty and Bob said together.

"Why, good morning. How quiet you were." Aunt Madge smiled but her shiny needle darted swiftly through the piece of red cloth she was sewing.

"How pretty." Betty patted a piece of green cloth. "What are you doing?"

"They are dresses for the school entertainment. Mother had them all cut out and some of them sewed. Then she and father had to go away today on business. So I am finishing them alone. It's fun, but I am going to be as busy as for they must be done by two o'clock.

erry and Joy, are coming, too."

and his hands.

"What shall we

lunch, and I

so far."

Bob.

flowers sway back and forth and nod their heads.

But now our lesson is on a "Friend" that we have never seen. Did you know that you had a friend that you could not see? We all have and He is the real and only true friend we can ever have on this earth. This "Friend" is Jesus.

Whatever we say when we are out playing Jesus can hear. Therefore we must be very careful about what we say. We should always say things that we are not ashamed of. Whatever we do in work or play Jesus can always see us so we must only do the right things. He also sees wherever we go so we should not want to go places where we would not want Jesus to see us. And Jesus also knows whatever we think, so we should be careful not to think anything bad about others.

Do you know that we may also talk to our "Friend" and He will hear us? Each time when we say our prayers before going to bed we are talking to Jesus. He likes to have us talk to Him and tell Him how thankful we are for things that He has done for us. Jesus does not answer us back in words that we can hear but He gives us a feeling in our heart that He has heard us talk to Him.

#### Questions to Answer

1. Who is our unseen friend?
2. How do we talk to Him?
3. Do you think He hears us?
4. How does He answer our prayers?

#### Something to Do

Fill in the blank spaces the words listed below. We do have a heavenly ..... Some ..... this and do not have enough ..... But am ..... going to forget. I will always remember that I have a heavenly ..... I will always remember that ..... is near me.  
2. people; 1. Father; 4. faith; 5. never; 7. Jesus; Father; 8. forget.

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#### INTERMEDIATE LESSON, Aug. 2

Lesson Study: Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-44.

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:12; 1 Cor. 9:25.

#### THE STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU

1. Who was the oldest son of Isaac and Rebekah?
2. What is a birthright?
3. How did the younger son, Jacob, feel toward Esau?
4. What did their parents think about it?
5. What trade did the sons make?
6. Don't many people today think too much about something to eat?
7. Several years later, how did Jacob and his mother deceive Isaac?

(Jacob would have received his inheritance if he had been patient and waited until the time, but he practiced deceit. He was made to suffer for it.)

8. In what way did he suffer?
9. Do you think we are ever justified in practicing deceit?

A little rhyme to remember:

"Oh! What a tangled web we weave  
When first we practice to deceive."

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(Continued next week)

#### PRIMARY LESSON for AUG. 2, 1941

Lesson Study: Romans 3:21-31; 5:1-2.

Memory Verse: "The just shall live by faith."

#### A FRIEND WE CANNOT SEE

There is one thing on this earth that we cannot see. We have felt it many times. We have also seen many things that it has done. Do you know what it is that we cannot see? It is the wind.

Sometimes it blows very hard and almost bends the trees down when there is a storm. Then in the summer evenings we often feel it blow as a little breeze to cool us. We can see it make the

man with the palsy went forth taking his bed with him. Don't you think he was a very happy man? Even the people were amazed and gave God the glory.

Even tho' we don't always see miracles like this performed, He is just the same yesterday, today and forever and is able to forgive us of our sins and to care for and keep His dear children. Let us serve Him daily, careful to give Him all the praise and glory.

Lovingly,  
Aunt Lena

## Loyal Juniors

Dear Loyal Juniors,

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I do not take the little paper but I read it at my aunt's home when I am there.

I am thirteen years old. I am in the seventh grade. Miss Yvonne Litz is my teacher. I like her very well. My birthday is May eighth.

I do not belong to the Church of God but I plan on being baptized later on. I don't go to Sabbath school all the time. I belong to the Junior Young People's Class. There are about eight in my class. Evelyn Potratz is my teacher. I love to read the Bible, especially about Daniel, David and the wonderful Savior, Jesus. We get the banner quite a lot in our class and hope we can keep it.

I am spending my summer vacation at the home of my grandparents, Bert McCance. I am enjoying myself very much. We swim, fish and play croquet.

I have two sisters, Karen Jean and Phylis Ann. Karen Jean is two years old and Phylis Ann six. I have a lot of fun with my two sisters.

I will close now.

A new friend,  
Bobbie Lanz



### FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Micheal O'halloran; author: Gene Straton Porter.

Mickey O'halloran lived all alone in Sunrise alley. His mother was dead and she had been a very righteous woman. But Mickey's father had been a drunkard. He was dead too. Mickey's mother wanted Mickey to lead a Christian life, so she left him this note: (Morning, get up early. Wash your face, brush your clothes. Eat what was left from supper for breakfast. Put your bed to air and go with your papers. Don't be afraid to offer them and do any work you have strength for. But be deathly afraid to beg, lie or steal and if you freeze, starve or die never touch any kind of drink). Mickey was a newspaperboy.

One night when he had sold all his newspapers

he heard a child crying. He came nearer and nearer the sound. Finally he saw a small girl wrapped in rags. Her parents were dead and so was her grandmother. She was about four years old. She was too heavy for Mickey to carry alone so he gave a lady a dollar to help him. She was really a sweet girl too. As soon as he got her home he bathed her and tidied her up and put her to bed. She was an invalid. He asked a nurse at the Star of Hope hospital about Peaches' care. Mickey had named her Peaches O'halloran. Mickey really gave her fine care.

Every night Peaches and Mickey prayed for help and thanked God for the kindness people had shown them. Mickey and Peaches stay in the country. Mickey and Peaches were answered diligently.

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### WE HAD A GOOD TIME.

"Have a good time," Mother called to Betty and Bob as they ran down the street.

"Thank you, Mother," Betty waved her hand again. "We will," cried Bob.

They always had a good time at Grandfather's farm. Aunt Madge was fifteen, only seven years older than Betty and Bob, and she was a jolly playmate. Every time they went she thought of some new fun.

Betty and Bob stopped running when they came to the end of the street. The sun was hot this morning. They walked along the country road under the shady trees until they came to the white church on the hill and then to the farm.

Aunt Madge was sitting on the front porch but