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## Prayer

By Stella Stark

"Pray without ceasing" (I Thesalonians 5:17).

To pray always does not mean that we should be constantly on our knees, but that we should not neglect to pray, should not forsake the habit of prayer; but should at all times have our hearts in a prayerful attitude.

Every Christian can and should pray in secret, as this fits us for public prayer. Probably you have said, "I can't pray in public." Such however is not the case. That is only the suggestion of Satan, only a barrier he has raised to keep you from enjoying the blessings of activity. If you would prosper you *must* pray.

Bewildered Prayer—Some pray-ers are bewildered, and consequently bewildering. The mind is worried, and wondering about something else other than what is spoken by the lips in prayer. A good way to clear away the bewilderment, is to stop and carefully consider what you need then concentrate the heart and mind upon that one thing, then send up a prayer of faith in Jesus' name letting work or business wait until the hour of prayer is past. Not only does it hinder the spiritual vision and the active faith of the one who is praying, but if the prayer is public, it makes a cloud of smoke for others to pray through.

Doubtful Prayer—Some people are continually praying, yet their doubts are as many as their prayers. They doubt, even before they go to pray, that the thing for which they are about to ask will be granted. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to

all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him; but let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed; for let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" (Jas. 1:5-7).

If you wish your prayers to be beneficial to you and pleasing to God, pray not only for those things which you would like to have, but also for those things which you believe God is going to give you.

Rebuke the destructive habit of doubting, and have faith in God.

Prevailing Prayer—In order to derive the benefit from prayer, you must know how to pray an effectual prevailing prayer. It matters little how you express yourself, whether in few words or many, so long as you pray according to the will of God; express the desire of your heart and prevail in prayer. How much you pray or how often you pray is not so important as how prevailing you pray. A prevailing prayer is a fervent prayer, one that comes from the burning desire of the trustful and confiding heart. A prevailing prayer is a prayer of faith. Prayer without faith is like faith without works, it is dead. No one can pray too much, if all his prayers are prayers of faith, but sometimes those who pray the most believe the least. Remember that the most important point in prevailing with God, is not prayer alone, but also believing in prayer.

## Apostasy

By Eld. T. H. Dixon, Hector, Ark.

Dear Readers of the Gem: Here I come again on the subject of apostasy. This will be my last write up

on this subject, for the time being.

I promised to use the Scriptures our friends use, who undertake to prove that men cannot fall from grace and be finally lost. One of their strong scriptures is John 10:28, "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Now let us compare Matt. 24:4 with this reference, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Verse 5, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many." Verse 11, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Verse 12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," Verse 13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Note that the same Christ that said, "They shall never perish," also said, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved," and it was said to the same men. What shall we say now? We are forced to say that we are saved on condition. If we endure to the end, we shall be saved; if we fail to endure, we can not be saved. "They shall never perish" means, if they endure to the end. It is true that no man can pluck them out of His hand; I thank God for this scripture. If man could pluck them out of His hand, the devil's bunch would get us. It did not say that God could not pluck them out, but Jesus did say in John 15:2 "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." Verse 4 says, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye

abide in me." Verse 6, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." If you will note St. John, chapter 15, you will find that we cannot bear fruit except we abide in the vine; and we could not be cut out of the vine unless we were in the vine; so we see that God can pluck us out, and He is the only one that can.

Another reference that seems to support the doctrine of those who believe is St. John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life." Let us study this verse: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life." Some say the "shall" of God are without condition. Let us admit that they are and see what we get into in the verse just cited. The latter clause says, "He that believeth not, the same shall not see life." The poor sinner that is lost in sin shall never see life if this be true. There is a "shall" given without condition, and the unsaved "are forever lost, shall not see life." This is not so. As long as the sinner *disbelieves* he shall not "see life" but the *shall* is given on condition. If the sinner will *repent* he shall see life.

Another scripture our friends use who try to establish the doctrine of the impossibility of apostasy appears in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." "Shall be saved," means saved from past sins, saved on condition, and that condition is, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of Life, and enter in through the gates into the city."

We will cite our readers to Romans 8:28-29. "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principatities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to

separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." I thank God for this scripture. The devil cannot overcome us as long as we fear God and keep his commandments. Nothing can separate us from the love of God who gave his Son to die for us, but, friends, this scripture did not say we could not separate ourselves. "He that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall" [I Cor. 10:12]. Those who say they can not fall, better take heed. Men can fall. There is danger along the line.

The Devil is as a roaring lion, going about and seeking whom he may devour [I Peter 5:8]. The Devil is no fool, he knows the weak and the strongest. If there was no chance to deceive, the Devil would not keep tempting men and women.

Some one might say, "Why did he tempt Christ, when he could not deceive him?"

All the temptations of Christ were to show us how to bear them. (Isa. 53:5), "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Christ was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin.

Christ told the Apostle Peter that Satan desired him, that he might sift him as wheat, but Christ said: "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:31-32).

Another scripture that our friends cite to us to try to prove men can not fall is Psalms 37:23-24, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." I am so glad of this scripture. Remember, dear reader, that this is a good man, and the Lord delighteth in his way. If he, the good man, fall, he shall not be utterly cast down. The Lord upholdeth him by his hand. God will never let a good man *stay* down. But when the good man commits crime, he is a transgressor of the law. He has

committed sin, and becomes a sinner, and John said, "He that committeth sin is of the devil. So a man could not be a good man, and be of the devil, but this man spoken of in Psalms was a good man. He may fall in the estimation of the people, but he is like a bubble on the water: you press him down, he will come again. Why will he do this? Because he is a good man, and the Lord upholds him.

Some say God will never blot any name out of the Book of Life. Let us see. Ex. 32:33—"And the Lord said unto Moses; Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Will you please note the difference there is in what men say, and what the Bible says? Let us read Rev. 22:19, "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life." Will you please note the "shall" here in this verse? Men say God shall not take it out; the Bible says God shall take it out. Which do we believe? The Bible, of course! Turn through the Bible and read the references on this great subject. Friends, we could give many more references, but if any one would set aside the number I have already given, they would set aside the rest that could be given.

Some say men born of God can never be anything but God's sons, because God is their father. They compare the natural birth with the spiritual birth. They say we are always sons of our earthly father. That is true, but we must remember there is a great difference in the two births. God is our Father by a spiritual birth. We all know how we are the sons and daughters of our earthly parents. Let us study how we became the children of our Heavenly Father. The sinner has violated God's law. He was safe while in his infantile state, but he has sinned and become a child of the devil. Now, when he repented he became a child of God. We bring about this great birth by repenting

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**Editorial****The Loom of Thought Produces****Good Men or Bad Ones**

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" Prov. 4:23.

The heart is that part of man for which the Bible exists; it is that in man to which the revelations of God appeal. The heart is that in man which lifts him above all other creatures, and enables him to know God. It is that which our Lord calls a man's "own soul" (Matt. 16:26), and which Paul calls the "inner man" (Eph. 3:16).

The heart is like a kingdom, having good subjects and bad ones. There are elements of evil—bad subjects, which must be watched and held in check lest they predominate (Rom. 7:23). There are elements of good—good subjects, which must be guarded and protected and cultivated by thinking good things in the heart (Phil. 4:8). A man is either good or bad, according as he thinks in his heart (Prov. 23:7). A good man, because he thinks and believes good things in his heart, brings forth good things. An evil man, because he thinks and believes evil things in his heart, brings forth evil things (Matt. 12:35). Every word that men speak and everything they do is first a thought in the heart, and as these are the fruits of thought, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt. 7:20). Men watch our words and judge us by them, therefore, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:37). "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10); "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God" [Psalm 14:1]; and of the wicked man of antediluvian times, God said, "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" [Gen. 6:5].

The heart is the well-spring of life. Like a well or spring, if it is kept pure, it imparts health and strength; if impure, it genders to disease and death. The physical heart, when sound, is the life of the flesh; if diseased it brings sickness and death. The streams which flow from the heart are the actions of men, actions repeated become habits, habits continued form character, character determines destiny. It takes a good character, one that God knows is good, to admit us to heaven; therefore our thoughts, actions and habits must be pure and good: for only the pure in heart shall see God. Let us, then, admit only the thoughts that are good and pure; for evil thoughts make the heart impure, and only the pure in heart shall see God. I want to see God, don't you?

## FROM THE FIELD

### Greentop, Mo.

Gem Family, Greetings:—The work in the North East Mo. Yearly Meeting is progressing nicely under the leadership of Rev. Charles A. Phillips, Rev. George Miller and myself.

Bro. Miller has charge of the churches at New Harmony, Union, Stahl and Bethel. Bro. Phillips is in charge of the Sunday School Evangelism, and I am caring for Jewel and Green Grove churches.

The third Sunday in June the church at Green Grove put on a "Children's Day" program on Sunday night which was well rendered and was attended by a large congregation, Bro. Miller having dismissed his congregation at Bethel, and joining with us in the program. Bro. Phillips was also present, and delivered a short address.

Rev. Phillips is arranging for an all day Sunday School program for the Free Will Baptist churches the fourth Sunday in July. We are hoping for an attendance from all the Sunday Schools.

Our Yearly meeting will be held with the Hazel Creek Union church near Greentop, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August. Visiting friends will be welcomed and cared for.

Yours in His name,

C. E. Mann.

### Denison, Texas, [June 30th]

Dear Gem Family:—It seems ages since we last had the privilege of reading about our work thru the Gem. I trust it will not be long until things will be regulated, and the Gem will come as usual.

Our work here is still moving. Had good services yesterday [Sunday] when four precious souls came to Christ.

Bro. E. A. O'Donnell has just closed a splendid singing school for

us. We were glad to have him in our midst. He also preached for us, bringing us some wonderful truths from God's Word.

Last Wednesday night after a short singing, Bro. I. L. Pyles was ordained, selecting as ordaining council, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell Eld. Cecil Horner, Deacons A. M. Cole and Lewis Brower and Pastor Tommie Franklin. God honored the service with his presence and all were made to rejoice. May the dear Heavenly Father ever bless Brother Pyles and his good wife as they labor for precious souls.

Yours in Jesus' name,

Tommie Franklin.

### Green Forest, Arkansas

Dear Gem Readers:—Do we ever stop to think what condition we are in? Dear Christians, are we in a lukewarm condition, hot condition or in what condition are we? [Rev. 3:16] "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Let us not let the Lord spue us out of his mouth, but let us sow good seed, climb up higher each day so that others may see that we are trying in our weak way to lead others to the Lord. Let us not watch other people's lives, but let us watch our own. Let us get the beam out of our own eye, then we can see clearly to get the mote out of our brother's eye. We must try to lift people up, instead of knocking them farther down, and give them words of encouragement. So let us all pray that we may lead others to the fold. Pray for me.

Iva Head.

### Freeman, Mo., July 7th

(Evangelist's Report)

To the many readers of the Gem: I wish to make a farther report.

Since I sent in my last report from Ash Grove, Mo. I went and preached a few nights in the F. W. B. church at Wagoner in Cedar County, Mo. I used to live here, and my boy was born here.

I was glad to have the privilege of preaching to my old friends and neighbors again. Saturday night and Sunday night there were good crowds out to hear me preach. There was splendid order and good interest manifested in the meetings.

I found the church greatly run down in membership through removals and death. Since I with the assistance of others several years ago, held meetings here and organized this church it has lost many members by death, until there are but few members left. One of the last to pass away in death was Deacon Wm Whistance. When the church was organized, he professed religion, and became one of the charter members of the church. He remained a faithful member and Christain till his death. I learned to love Bro. Whistance and his family years ago. I shall never forget their kindness to me. Bro. Whistance will be greatly missed by his family and many friends and the church. His place in the church will be hard to fill, but our loss is heaven's gain. I am sure that the entire Gem Family extends their prayers and sympathy to the bereaved family.

Then I found, since I was last at Wagoner, that Bro. Robert Preston, an old-time F. W. Baptist who lived near the church had passed away. He will also be greatly missed by his family and community and the church at Wagoner which he attended. They are passing away, one by one. Who will take their place in the great work of the Lord?

The Wagoner church has a beautiful church house, seated with opera chairs. They have no pastor at present, but I found the best revival spirit at Wagoner I have seen for years.

I went from Wagoner to visit our church in the town of Eldorado Springs. We were glad to find the faithful few still on the job, at their place, holding out for Jesus. While here we were glad to be in the home of Elder Wm McGovern, and to meet with him and his good wife.

once more, but we were sorry to find Bro. McGovern not feeling well, being confined to his bed most of the time.

I went from Eldorado Springs to our Hickory Grove church near to Freeman, Mo., and preached a few times for them. I have been preaching for this church off and on for about twenty-six years. This church seems to be in pretty good shape. They have constant preaching for many years without a break. They have had only two pastors in over twenty-five years. These were Elder Wm. McKown now deceased of Carlow, Mo., and the present pastor, Eld. Wm. York of Hannon, Mo. While we have been here we have held a Flower Service at the church and had a fine time. I am now working on a farm here for a while.

Now folks, let's do all we can to buy a linotype for our Denomination so that Bro. and Sister Brown can make a better paper of the Gem. Remember this linotype when bought and paid for will not be the property of Bro. and Sister B. F. Brown, but it will be the property of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, but Bro. Brown is to have the use of the linotype to publish the Gem with. I am saying this so all will understand how this is. Now, dear people, let's send in all the money we can as soon as possible, so we can buy this linotype as soon as we can, for it is too bad that Bro. and Sister Brown have to set up the type for the Gem by hand. No one knows how hard this is till you have had a trial of it yourself. I am going to ask, not only every Free Will Baptist, but all friends of the Gem to get all the subs you can for the Gem as soon as possible, and every Free Will Baptist and friend of the Gem to send in as soon as you can at least one dollar to help buy this Linotype. Come on, let's do something right away.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Mo. State Association.

### Myrtle, Mo.

#### REPORT OF CAVESPRING Q M.

Cavespring Quarterly Meeting was held with Mill Creek church beginning on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in June, 1930.

Rev. Billie Rodgers was present and filled the stand as elected. He delivered an uplifting message.

Saturday morning conference was called together by Clerk. Scripture reading and prayer by Elder Walter Williams. Singing by choir.

Election of officers, Elder H. C. Crase, moderator, Elder Billie Rodgers assistant moderator, E. L. Brewer, reading clerk.

Business was transacted till time for preaching.

Elders Wm. Johnson and W. P. Sogdill delivered soulstirring messages then had recess till 2:30 p. m.

Conference again called together. Singing by choir, and prayer by Eld. E. E. Winfree.

Business was taken up and disposed of. Adjourned till 8 o'clock.

At the evening service, the stand was supplied by Elders Walter Williams and E. E. Winfree. Soulstirring messages were delivered, after which a communion service and feet washing was engaged in by a goodly number with much rejoicing in the Lord.

Dismissed till 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

At 9 o'clock on Sunday morning conference convened, Moderator E. L. Brewer presiding. Discussion of subjects etc. until time for the preaching service when Elders H. C. Crase and James McGeehee delivered the final and soul-stirring messages, when it seemed every one realized God's presence with us.

Dinner was spread, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

After dinner a short discussion of subjects, and meeting closed to meet with Pleasant Valley Church eight miles west of Mammoth Springs, Fulton County, Arkansas on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in August, 1930, Elder E. E. Winfree to preach the opening sermon. Pray-

er by Elder T. G. Rutledge. Pray for us that we may be led by the gentle windings of the Holy Spirit.

Elder H. C. Crase, Moderator,  
Elder Billie Rodgers Ass't Mod.  
Bro. E. L. Brewer, Clerk.

### New Edinburg, Ark.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: After reading the July issue of the Gem, I feel impressed by the Holy Spirit to say a few words in Jesus' name.

The *Gem* is a wonderful little paper, and should be in every Free Will Baptist home in the grand old State. It contains so much spiritual food for the soul.

I'm happy this morning, and I feel like shouting "Glory," at every mile post as I go through life, for I have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, bless His holy name!

Oh, how careless and unconcerned are some of our Free Will Baptists, for God has a work for every one to do. May God help us to be more submissive to His holy and righteous will. May the Lord grant that we realize our need in this great harvest, for the harvest is white and the laborers are few. And may He grant that we as His humble creatures may do more for Him, and hold up and support His cause more each day of our lives. Oh, how sad it would be to hear, as did the "one talent man" our sentence, realizing that we are living in a fast age, and a great many of our church members don't have time to pray, but, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am forced to believe, if there ever was a time when people needed to get on their knees and pour out their hearts to God it is today, for there is more sin in the world now, than there has ever been—so many things to draw our minds away from heaven and divine things.

The Bible tells us that in the last days perilous times shall come. They are not coming, but they are already here, and I am afraid, if we don't watch and pray more, we

will not be able to stand, for it is only those that endure unto the end, that are going to be saved and walk the golden streets of Glory.

I want to so live in this life that when I come to change worlds, I can say with the apostle of old, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith." Then I can hear the welcome words of my blessed Lord, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Yes, I long to see that mansion, to be with that Christ who bled and died for me, to be with the loved ones that have gone on before, where there will be no heartaches, but one eternal round of joy. Thank God, "Life will be sweeter some day."

We are praying for another old-time revival at Macedonia this year, and are asking all who know the worth of prayer to pray for us. Will close by asking God to bless the dear editor of the Gem and may the many readers hold to God's unchanging hand.

I am a sister in Christ Jesus,  
Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

### **Apostasy**

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of our sins. Not so with the natural birth. We had nothing to do with this becoming the son of our earthly father, but in becoming the son of our heavenly Father we do. If the sinner does not repent, he is never born of God.

Now notice carefully St. John 1: 12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." So we see how this birth came about: by repenting and believing on his name, we become the children of God; we become children of the devil by sin and disobedience.

When we read Rom 6:16, the matter ought to be settled, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of

sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." So it is plain that, if we yield ourselves to the devil, we become his servants, and the servants of the devil cannot go to heaven. There are two great powers in the world, the power of God and the power of the devil. We can yield to either power, but we cannot serve both. We read in Matt. 6:24 that, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."

So I will say to the readers of our paper, Please get your back dates of the Gem and read all I have written on this subject, read with a prayerful heart: I hope it will be a help to those who read it.

I will render a few objections to the impossibility of apostasy:

- 1 It destroys free moral agency.
- 2 It upholds crime.
- 3 It destroys Christian progress.
- 4 It destroys Bible warning.

5 It places man above angels; for those who believe the doctrine, say they can't fall. Angels fell; so you see they place man above angels. Please read 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6.

6 It prevents praying for self. They say you cannot be lost. If you cannot be lost, why pray? This doctrine, when believed, is dangerous.

7 It prevents praying for other Christians, if they can't be lost, why pray for them?

8 It discourages keeping the ordinances, if we cannot fall, why keep them?

Let me say my good Christian friends, you pray and pray for your children. I thank the good Lord for the sweet hour of prayer, when we can feel that all is under the blood. I praise God for the promise of that home for those that endure to the end. When the Lord comes back to gather up His jewels, He will call for all who love Him and have kept His commandments.

May the loving heavenly Father rest and abide with all the true Israel of God, is the prayer of your brother in Christ.—Eld. T. H. Dixon.

### **Sister McMahon Gone Home**

With sad hearts we announce in this issue of the Gem the death of a very dear friend, Mrs. Maggie McMahon, wife of Oscar A. McMahon of Tecumseh, Okla. She died after a lingering illness of several months. During this time she was watched over and cared for by a faithful husband, her daughter, her sister and other relatives and friends, who with loving care did everything they could to make her sufferings lighter.

Sister McMahon was such a faithful, loyal Christian, such a true, cheerful follower of her Savior that she was able to exert a great influence for good over those who knew her. Her life was an example of Christian kindness, and she was a friend that you could always go to for love and sympathy.

All through her long illness she was so patient, not thinking of herself, but of the dear ones she was leaving behind. Her prayers were all for them.

The editor and wife will never forget the prayer she offered for them, as they knelt at her bedside just before leaving Tecumseh, Okla. for Purdy, Mo. We just thank the Lord for what this dear Christian woman and her faithful husband have meant to our lives. May the Lord comfort the heart-broken husband who is left behind, and may we all live so close to the dear Lord that we may meet her again.

### **Blue Eye, Mo.**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:—I am sure we all enjoy reading our good little paper. There are only two faults to the paper. It is too small, and the issues too far apart.

But that is not our editor's fault at all. If we F. W. Baptists will put in that new Linotype, and boost that *Subscription List*, I am sure our editor will be glad to give us a larger paper, and one each week. So I am hoping we can get all this added.

Just think! How grand it would be to get a "Gem" each week, and how it would boost the work of our Denomination! Dorcas Tharp.

# International Sunday School Lessons

Comments by B. F. Brown.

(Third Quarter, 1930.)

## Lesson V August 3, 1930 The Book of Ruth

**Topic.**—The Way to World Brotherhood

**Golden Text.**—And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth. Acts 17:26.

**Practical Truth.**—Love and kindness are powers which make for peace.

**Outline.**—I. Naomi residing in Moab II. Naomi and Ruth go to Canaan. III. Ruth, a gleaner. IV. Ruth's marriage.

**Time.**—About B. C. 1300.

**Places.**—Moab; Bethlehem.

**Introduction.**—Elimelech and Naomi were descendants of Abraham, so were Hebrews. They must have had misgivings about taking their two sons to Moab, knowing that they were likely to marry women of a race not their own. Naomi was soon left a widow and bereft of her two sons, but she must have been a devout woman who went to God in prayer to bring about such a splendid outcome. We may believe that Naomi and her family were the same God-fearing persons in Moab that they were in Canaan.

Through the noble lives of Naomi and her family, Ruth was made hungry for the spiritual fellowship which she saw was the secret of their nobility. So when the time came, she was ready to give up Moab to follow the star of hope that had risen for her. She knew how much she was giving up, but she could not know how much she was gaining. She had seen enough of God in the lives of the people from Canaan to want to choose God and His people.

**Commentary.**—I. NAOMI RESIDING IN MOAB (1:1-5). In the early days of the Judges, there lived at Bethlehem, Elimelech and Naomi and their two sons. Because of a famine in Canaan, they went down

to Moab where Elimelech died. After the death of their father, the two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, married Moabite women. The sons both died soon after their marriage, leaving Naomi all alone with her two daughters in law. The sons' marriage was a violation of the Mosaic law, and Jewish writers say that the early deaths of the two young men were Divine judgments inflicted on them because of their unlawful marriage.

II. NAOMI AND RUTH GO TO CANAAN (1:6-22). Naomi, now left alone with her two daughters in law, heard that "the Lord had visited his people by giving them bread," decided to take leave of her daughters in law and return to Canaan. Naomi loved her daughters in law and they loved her, but she did all she could to persuade them to remain in Moab: for she couldn't think of having them experience such privations as she must endure, and perhaps she thought the religious test would be too great for them; and she said unto them, "It grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me." Naomi's arguments prevailed with Orpah and she returned to her people and her gods, "but Ruth clave unto her." And Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee." Ruth's mind was made up. Orpah might return to her people, she would go to the land of Israel. Ruth had determined that she would love and serve the true God, and spend the rest of her life with the people of God (Naomi's people). When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to accompany her, she said no more, and they went on together, reaching Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest, April.

RUTH, A GLEANER (2:1-23). Ruth, now with Naomi at Bethlehem, wished to help with their living. So she asked the privilege of going to the wheat fields to gather heads of wheat behind the reapers. The widows, the poor, and the strangers had a right to glean, but the privilege to go behind the reapers could be claimed only when the owner granted it. It was Ruth's good fortune to follow the reapers in the fields of Boaz, and she found favor with Boaz. Boaz was a near relative of Naomi, and had heard of how she had suffered, and how Ruth had befriended and helped her, and he made conditions for her gleaning so favorable that Ruth gathered considerable wheat.

IV. RUTH'S MARRIAGE TO BOAZ (3:1 to 4:22). Boaz's friendly attentions to Ruth led Naomi to suggest to Ruth that she should remind Boaz of the duty that devolved upon him as the near kinsman of Elimelech, and redeem the inheritance that belonged to Naomi. Ruth went by night (Ruth 3:4) and asked Boaz to redeem her by marriage, since the law required such redemption on the part of a near kinsman. Boaz's heart was moved, and he promised to redeem her, after securing the right from a still nearer kinsman. They were married, and became the parents of Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of David, and of this line Jesus was born.

The story of Ruth points to the Redeemer who should come and redeem fallen man by paying the price in full. The Redeemer must be a Kinsman, the nearest of kin to man. This is what Jesus became so man could understand God and be redeemed.



**Lesson VI Aug. 10, 1930****Hannah**

1 Sam 1:1-28; 2:1-11, 18-19, 3:1-18.

**Topic.**—The Value of a Godly Home.**Golden Text.**—My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. Prov. 1:8.**Practical Truth.**—Homes that will take time to be godly are a crying need of our country.**Outline.**—I. Hannah suffering persecution. II. Hannah's prayer in the house of the Lord. III. Presenting Samuel to the Lord. IV. Hannah's song of praise. V. Hannah's son called of God.**Time.**—About B. C. 1150.**Places.**—Ramah and Shiloh.

**Introduction**—The first book of Samuel was so called because Samuel is the principal character in it. Eli is mentioned because of his moral failure, and because his office was associated with the birth and early years of Samuel. Samuel, the last and greatest of the judges, was divinely appointed to cooperate with God in changing the theocracy to a kingdom. He was a great statesman and religious leader, and during the transition, and during the reign of Saul the first king, he was the most powerful man in the nation.

Samuel owes his greatness to his mother, Hannah. She was a humble woman with a prophet's vision, a saint's devotion, and a mother's undying love for her son. Hannah had great "bitterness of soul" because she had no child, but she did not fret nor quarrel but went to God in prayer. Her prayer was earnest and unselfish and God answered it, giving her a son whom she called Samuel, and gave him to the Lord.

The story of this great mother reveals to us a godly home. Elkanah and Hannah's home was a religious home, where they praised and honored God. They were faithful in their worship and in their service to God, and through prayer their personal needs were supplied, their difficulties overcome and their

hopes realized. A home lacking in genuine religious atmosphere can not produce godly sons and daughters. If all families had a godly mother like Hannah, there would be more happy homes.

**Commentary**—I. HANNAH SUFFERING PERSECUTION (1:1-8). Elkanah was a Levite, and a good man, but he was not a priest; and he was a polygamist. Though the priests who ministered at Shiloh (Eli's sons) were notoriously bad, Elkanah and his family went regularly to the feasts and observed the ordinances. Peninnah was the mother of children, but Hannah had no children. Elkanah loved Hannah and treated her with great kindness, giving her a larger portion at their social feasts, which aroused Peninnah's jealousy and she made Hannah's life bitter by her constant persecution and taunting, during their annual visits to Shiloh. Under the strain Hannah could not eat, but fell to weeping.

II. **Hannah's Prayer in the house of the Lord** (vs 9-18). Instead of quarreling, Hannah left the others and went to the temple of God to pray. The burden of her prayer was for children, especially a male child that she might dedicate him to the tabernacle service, vowing that if the Lord would give her a man child, he should be a Nazarite to continue at the house of the Lord.

As Hannah prayed, Eli the priest observed her and, because he saw her lips moving and heard no voice, he thought she must be drunk and rebuked her. Drunkenness must have been common in Israel at that time. Hannah replied with humility and becoming reverence that she was but pouring out her soul unto God, so the priest's rebuke was changed to an invocation of "the God of Israel grant thee thy petition." Hannah's sadness was dispelled, and she was filled with confident hope, and she went back to eat with a pleasant countenance.

III. **Samuel given to the Lord** (vs 19-28). The Lord answered Hannah's prayer and when her

son was born she named him Samuel, meaning, "asked of God." Elkanah continued to go up to Shiloh annually, but Hannah remained at home and cared for the boy Samuel until he was weaned and old enough to be left at the tabernacle with Eli for the Lord's service. When the boy Samuel was weaned, his mother took him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. Besides the regular sacrifice which the family took with them, they now took the additional sacrifice required in paying a vow (Num. 15:8-10). The sacrifice was killed and offered according to the law, and Samuel was taken to Eli. In the ceremony of paying the vow, Samuel was dedicated unto the Lord. Hannah not only looked upon Samuel as the answer to her prayer, but wanted others to look upon him in the same way. She reminded Eli that she was the woman that stood and prayed, and she said, "For this child I prayed, therefore also I have lent him to the Lord."

IV. **Hannah's song of praise** (2:1-10). In connection with presenting Samuel unto the Lord, the Spirit of the Lord came upon her as she prayed, and she prayed and sang in adoration of the Lord. She rejoiced and was exalted because the Lord in answering her prayer had lifted her up from poverty and had taken away her reproach, and had delivered her from the taunting of her proud enemy.

V. **Hannah's son called of God** (2:11, 18-19; 3:1-18). Hannah had fulfilled her part in caring for the boy Samuel and putting him in the house of the Lord; then the Lord led and prepared him that He might call him to service. In due time the Lord came to Samuel at night, and gave him a message about the end of Eli's priesthood, and he told it all unto Eli. The child grew in favor with God and man, and was soon recognized as a prophet of the Lord. During all the years of his childhood and youth Hannah visited him every year and gave him a new coat.



## OUR SUNSHINE CIRCLE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

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Our Motto:—"The Kingdom of God First."—Matt. 6:33.

**August 3, 1930**

### Chances to Serve Christ in Summer

John 6:1-14

#### DAILY READINGS

- July 18. Time to Rest. John 6:1-14.  
 July 29. Time to Plan. Exo. 18:13-27.  
 July 30. Time to Prepare. Mark 3:13-19.  
 July 31. Time for Inspiration. Luke 9:28-36.  
 Aug. 1. Time to get Acquainted with God. Gal. 1:11-17.  
 Aug. 2. Time to Help in Service. Mark 9:14-29.  
 Aug. 3. Time to Learn Needs. Matt. 9:35; 10:1.

**Monday**—Time to Rest (John 6:1-14). "They also serve who only stand and wait." Service need not always be activity. Sometimes our work gets monotonous, discouraging and hard. Sometimes we need to get away from it, that we may see it in a better way. Sometimes we need to forget it for a time, in order that we may come back to it with a different point of view. Sometimes we are so tired that our efforts are not effective and our work is not well done. We need to rest and regain our strength. Thus we may accomplish more by resting than by working when we are not fit. May we not waste our holidays, but spend them in such ways that they shall be successful, using them in true recreation.

We find in John 6:1-15 that after Jesus had fed the five thousand with the five loaves and two fishes, when they saw the miracle that Jesus did, said, "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." Then when Jesus knew they would compel Him to be king, He departed from them and hid Himself from them. He went into a mountain alone to pray: for He wanted to get

away from the thought of being an earthly king. The Jews thought He would be king while He was here on earth, but Jesus knew that He would not. His kingdom would be a heavenly kingdom, adorned with the Father's glory and power: He would some day be a heavenly king.

**Tuesday**—Time to Plan (Exo. 18:13-27). Most of our work begins anew in autumn. It is so in our schools, in most kinds of business, and usually in the work of our churches. What shall we do as individuals during the year? Most questions should be answered these summer months as to what our program will be in the fall. Most young people spend vacation as only a time of pleasure; don't waste the precious time of youth which so quickly passes by. May we all take our religious work just as seriously and plan it just as carefully as we do our school work or business. Religious work is our duty toward God.

If you go away during the summer on vacation, take some of your Sunday school work along with you, some good religious literature, and have the F. W. B. League Lessons sent to you. Study your work as if you were attending church; it will be a pleasure and a blessing to you.

We find that when Moses' burden became too heavy for him the Lord provided helpers for him. God never puts more on us than we can do. He knows our frame of weakness and only requires what we can do. "The eyes of the of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3)

**Wednesday**—Time to Prepare (Mark 3:13-19). Religious work requires preparation for success. No one would try to teach school or

to direct a business without special training. Teaching a class in Sunday school is far more important than teaching a class in public school, because the time is so limited and the subject so vital. Directing a young people's meeting is far more important than directing a business, because all the work is voluntary and the results are lasting. In every state summer assemblies are held for training religious workers.

Prayer is the key that unlocks the door of heaven, with its riches of God's mercy and love, and glories untold. We find that Jesus went up into a mountain, and calling unto Him the twelve disciples, He ordained them to be with Him, that He might teach them and send them forth to preach, to heal the sick, and to cast out devils. They were to go forth in Jesus' name. If you have accepted Christ as your Savior, He would have you learn of Him. He will teach you and instruct you in heavenly wisdom, and send you forth: for there is plenty of work.

**Thurs.**—Time for Inspiration (Luke 9:28-36). Summertime is the time for conventions and other conferences. Most of the great state gatherings of religious organizations are held during the summer. New visions of Christ, new understandings of duty, new avenues of service, new joys of fellowship, come to us at such times. To place ourselves under these different influences is a real way into service for Christ. We receive inspiration; and may we be of help to others by the help we get at these precious gatherings with God's people.

Peter and James and John were inspired as they wonderingly gazed on the transfiguration. They had gone up into the mountain with Jesus to pray, and they, seeing Moses and Elias, said to Jesus, "It is good for us to be here." They saw Jesus in His real beauty of heavenly glory: "For as he prayed, his countenance was changed, and his raiment was white and glistening." The disciples were sleeping, but, listen! someone is

talking. And when they were awake the glory of Jesus, and of the two that stood with Him. May we see Jesus today in His beauty. Give us an inspiration, O God, that shall reveal to us the transfiguration of Jesus as He talks to us, and communes with us.

**Friday**—Time to Get Acquainted With God (Gal. 1:11-17). Those who know God best are those who meet Him face to face. Those who understand Him best are those who listen to Him when other voices are still. True religion is an experience of the soul. Summer is a good time to get away alone, with God, in the fields, in the woods, in the mountains, or by the seashore. True religion is conscious fellowship with God, and all that grows out of that fellowship. We need so many things in life, but most of all we need God. Do you want to know your great Creator better? If so, consecrate your life to Him, learn to love prayer, to tell others about Him, and soon you will realize the presence of the real, divine, powerful God.

**Saturday**—Time to Help in Service (Mark 9:14-29). The way to learn how to preach is to preach. In summer young people often have charge of Young People's services on Sunday evenings. They do not have an outside speaker, but put on the program themselves. Sometimes they learn they can do this, but sometimes they learn they have much to learn. Young people away from home may help in religious meetings, adding new interest, a new point of view, or the knowledge of a new method. They may encourage and inspire other young people for definite Christian service.

**Sunday**—Time to Learn Needs [Matt. 9:35; 10:1]. Too many of us know but little of the needs of those who live outside of our community. People in the mountains know little but toil. A few days at a resort might help us to discover those whose lives are empty, whose souls are hungry, and whose hearts are dissatisfied because they know nothing but wealth and luxury. May

we not only find opportunities for enriching our own lives, but occasions for contributing something of value to other lives. Teach us all, O Lord, that there is only one way to be saved, one way to peace and joy; there is only one way to "salvation" of the soul—the way is through the blood of Jesus.

#### BENEDICTION—

**August 10, 1930**

#### How to Become Truly Popular

Phil. 4:6-8; 1 Peter 3:8-11

#### DAILY READINGS

- Aug. 4. Be Attractive. Gen. 24:10-16.
- Aug. 5. Be Agreeable. 1 Peter 3:8-11.
- Aug. 6. Be Pleasant. Phil. 4:6-8.
- Aug. 7. Be Kind. Gen. 24:17-27.
- Aug. 8. Be Helpful. Acts 9:36-42.
- Aug. 9. Be Interesting. Acts 14:19-28.
- Aug. 10. Be True. Acts 21:7-14.

**Monday**—Be Attractive (Gen. 24:10-16). No one has a right to say, "I don't care how I look." If Rebekah had been careless and slovenly when she went to the well for water, she never would have become a princess in Israel. No sweet young girl has a right to make herself look like a statue with powder and paint, when God, in His infinite wisdom, has provided nature with a natural pink blush of the rose, in youth, to make beautiful the face in girlhood. Appearance does not make a man or a woman what they should be, but only reveals what a man or woman is. No one is attracted by one who is not attractive. May we always remember that we owe it to ourselves, as well as to others, to always appear at our best.

**Tuesday**—Be Agreeable (1 Pet. 3:8-11). Lord, teach us to think less of ourselves and more of others, less of our whims and more of our needs. Jonathan and David made a covenant (1 Sam. 18:3). No one can always have his own way; all must yield something, all must give something. So long as we live we must work with others, if we work at all. Lord, teach us to think less of our success and more of our accomplishments; less of vanity and more of fellowship. He who is not

agreeable must soon be left alone. "Christ pleased not Himself, but others."

**Wednesday**—Be Pleasant (Phil. 4:6-8). Some people pride themselves on their willingness when they only get in the way, on their truthfulness when they are only insulting. Cultivate a cheerful mind and a glad heart and the face and the speech will always be pleasant, because a Christ-like spirit moulds the features in the likeness of Christ. Fellowship with Christ, and faith in God, is the way to happiness and peace. Fill our hearts with love for others, dear Lord, that we may never be unpleasant toward them.

**Thursday**—Be Kind (Gen. 24:17-27). Good looks and being pleasant are not enough to justify one's existence, or to make others glad that he lives. One may be beautiful and pleasant, yet selfish and cruel. We are always glad to see those who are kind. It was the kindness of Rebekah that won the favor of the man from across the desert. Do you know how much water a thirsty camel can drink at the end of a long journey? Rebekah drew water for "all" the camels. May we not forget that wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a deed of kindness.

**Friday**—Be Helpful (Acts 9:36-42). Those who help others are loved in life and honored in death. Those whose memories are cherished are those who have made others more comfortable, wiser, better and happier. Who are those most honored in your community? in your nation? in the world? It is the ones who have helped others. Lord, make us useful, not useless; helpful, not helpless. Every day may we do something that needs to be done, to make others happy.

**Saturday**—Be Interesting [Acts 14:19-28]. The most interesting people we meet are those who have learned things we wish to know, and have done things we would like to do. Lindburg has no trouble gathering a crowd. When Edison's

voice can be heard over the radio the whole world listens in. No one possesses anything that is of real value who has nothing in his his soul that is interesting. When a man, trying to start a new religion, complained that the people were not interested, he was told, "Get yourself gracified and rise from the dead and you will have plenty of followers." May we not expect attention until we have become something or done something that will compel it.

**Sunday**—Be True (Acts 21:7-14). We cannot all be clever and handy, but we can all be good. We cannot all be brilliant and good looking, but we can all be dependable. God looks on the beauty of a heart that is pure and true, the inward adorning of the soul. We cannot all be fascinating, but we can all be loyal. We may not be delightful, but we can be intelligent. We cannot all accomplish the thing we undertake, but we can all be true to a noble purpose. We can keep our word, we can honor a trust, we can persevere in a good cause. The world waits on such men and women. Dear Lord, give us strength and wisdom to be true to ourselves, and then we shall be true to others. We must be; for God requires the lives of others at our hands.

#### BENEDICTION—

#### The Bible the Careless Read

"We are the only Bible  
The careless world will read;  
We are the sinner's gospel,  
We are the scoffer's creed;  
We are the Lord's last message,  
Given in deed and word—  
What if the type is crooked,  
What if the print is blurred?

"What if our hands are busy  
With other work than His?  
What if our feet are walking  
Where sin's allurements is?  
What if our tongues are speaking  
Of things His lips would spurn!  
How can we hope to help Him  
And hasten His return?

"Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do his work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no tongue but our tongues  
To tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to His side."

—Lucille Mullholland in Christian Sun.

**August 17, 1930**

#### When Jesus Traveled, What He Saw, and the Things He Did.

##### DAILY READINGS

- Aug. 11. Enjoying Nature. Lk. 8:22-25.  
Aug. 12. Seeing God at Work. Luke 12:22-31  
Aug. 13. Studying People. Lk. 14:7-14.  
Aug. 14. Making New Friends. Mark 2:13-17.  
Aug. 15. Helping the Needy. Luke 8:26-48.  
Aug. 16. Enjoying Friendships. Luke 10:38-42.  
Aug. 17. Worshiping God. Matt. 4:23-25

**Monday**—Enjoying Nature (Lk. 8:22-25). Jesus climbed the hills alone and sat on the mountains with His disciples. He enjoyed all the beautiful things God has made. He talked about the beauty of the flowers and observed the habits of the birds. He often walked by the sea, watching the fishermen, then teaching them the significance and the beauty of being fishers of men [winning souls for God]. Jesus prayed beneath the stars and drew lessons from the sunsets [Matt. 16:2-3]. He rowed upon the lake, and walked through the cornfields, and He turned to the Pharisees when they found occasion to find fault with the disciples whom He loved and said unto them, "The Son of man is Lord, even of the Sabbath day." If His disciples were hungry and wished to pluck and eat the ears of corn, they had a perfect right to do so. Many beautiful and interesting patterns were drawn and painted in the life of Christ. No one of His time knew His country as He knew it.

**Tuesday**—Seeing God at Work (Luke 12:22-31). "God doth so

clothe the grass of the field" [v28]. When Jesus traveled He was always conscious of the presence of God. He saw God painting the lilies, feeding the sparrows, pouring out the rain and the sunshine, and revealing His plans in the evening sky. And whenever He looked at nature about Him, He knew that God is working everywhere. God, give us the understanding and the purpose of Jesus

**Wednesday**—Studying People [Luke 14:7-14]. Jesus marked out how to study people. He always studied them in order that He might know their needs. Jesus observed the customs of the people He met at weddings and funerals. He contemplated their behavior at banquets and reproved them. He rebuked those who bought and sold in the temple, saying, "My Father's house of all nations shall be called the house of prayer." Jesus watched men going to their work, sowing the seed and reaping the harvest. He listened to the little children and watched them as they played in the streets. He knew the difficulties of the fishermen, and their labors; and the anxieties and cares of the mothers and house-wives who cooked and prepared their meals, mended their clothes, quieted the cries and smoothed out the sorrow of the little ones, then waited patiently for the coming of the tired father who had probably fished all day. Jesus knew the domestic tragedies and the family sorrows of humanity. He watched them, then spoke in parables, that the people might know that He understood their hearts and knew their needs, that He cared for them, and loved them.

**Thursday**—Making New Friends (Mark 2:13-17). There were many who followed Jesus. He was at home with rich as well as the poor. He shared the fragments with the hungry multitude, and He oftentimes sat in the palaces of wealth. The poor followed Him, the rich feasted with Him, the outcast found in Him a companionship of love, and those who were learned sat at His feet far into the night. Mothers brought

their little children unto Him, that He might hold them in His arms and bless them. Jesus loved the children. When others would fret and scold, and order them away, Jesus would say, "Don't send them away, but suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

**Friday**—Helping The Needy (Luke 8:26-48). "There met Jesus a certain man." When Jesus traveled, He left a pathway of happiness and good will behind Him. The blind beggar by the roadside, the woman that pressed through the crowd to touch the hem of His garment, the epileptic man who threw himself in entreaty at His feet, the lepers who called to Him as He passed by, and even a widow whose son was being carried to burial, called upon Jesus for help, and she received the help needed. The dead were raised to life and broken hearts and broken homes made happy again. Jesus never turned a deaf ear to a human cry.

**Saturday**—Enjoying Friendships (Luke 10:38-42). "Mary hath chosen the good part." Jesus enjoyed being with His friends. He visited their homes, not for what they gave Him to eat, but for fellowship with them. Martha made the mistake of thinking that hospitality consisted only in giving material things. Mary had realized and knew well that real hospitality consisted in giving oneself. Lord, teach us to make our own lives great by imparting them to others.

**Sunday**—Worshipping God (Mt. 4:23-25). Jesus worshipped in "their synagogues," not His own; for Jesus had nothing in this world, not so much as a place to lay His head. Some people travel around the world and see nothing but places of amusement. Some see the great universities; others are interested in the

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historical places, or scenery; and these things do not make travel worth while, but is there a place they have forgotten? Do people who travel search for God's house of prayer and worship? the church house with the old-fashioned bell? "Not now, some other time." Jesus always sought for the synagogues, and mingled with the people who worshipped God. He, too, worshipped with them. Lord Jesus, make our lives pure, wholesome, and helpful, when there is opportunity, by seeking to worship with those who love God. The footprints of Jesus still remain on the sands of time, will we walk in the places where He walked?

#### BENEDICTION—

**August 24, 1930**

### Is Education Worth What It Costs? Why?

#### DAILY READINGS

- Aug. 18. Earning Money. Prov. 8:1-11.
- Aug. 19. Success in Business. Prov. 1:20-23.
- Aug. 20. Making Better Citizens. 2 Chron. 17:7-9.
- Aug. 21. Making Worthy Leaders. Prov. 8:14-36.
- Aug. 22. Increasing Happiness. Prov. 3:13-18.
- Aug. 23. Promoting Character. Prov. 2:1-20.
- Aug. 24. Increasing Service. Matt. 25:1-13.

**Monday**—Earning Money (Prov. 8:1-11). "Wisdom is better than rubies." Earning money is not the purpose of an education, but it is a factor which can only help in securing an education. Money can never be to any man or woman what an education should be. You may lose a fortune, you may have plenty now, but nevertheless you could lose all you have. A good education is something no one can take from you. Mary possessed Godly wisdom in abundance, Martha did not. Mary was patient, willing to learn; Martha was impatient, cumbered, and worried about many things. Jesus said, "Mary hath chosen the good part, and it shall not be taken away from her." Do

you want a better education? Are you willing to be patient, study hard, asking God to help you? Statistics compiled by the United States Bureau of Education show that each day spent in high school, for four years, is worth fifty dollars. We thank thee, O Father in heaven, for schools, for devoted teachers, and for the benefits derived from them.

**Tuesday**—Success in Business (Prov. 1:20-23). To succeed in business, one must be industrious, intelligent, accurate, reliable, able to understand and work with others. The broad knowledge acquired in school will help a man in any business, but the chief benefit is the development of a mind that is under control, quick, alert, accurate, and untiring; and a character that is honest, generous, and congenial.

**Wednesday**—Making Better Citizens [II Chron. 17:7-9]. A Republic to be successful must be composed of intelligent people. They must be able to respect the views and rights of others, and to discern between right and wrong in reality of what is called National Greatness. It is the duty of every citizen of his Government to make his own thought the best, the highest and noblest that he can. Lord, give us men educated to be true citizens; and citizens educated to be true men.

**Thursday**—Making Worthy Leaders [Prov. 8:14-36]. President Wilson wrote: "America is securely great, not because she has great men now, but only as she can make sure of having great men in the next generation." There is no permanent place of leadership in our Nation except for him "with clean hands and a pure heart." As our country assumes a position of leadership among the nations, its call for intelligent and moral citizens will become more persistent. Because we love thee, O God, may we do everything in our power to fit ourselves for Leadership with the Ranks of those who stand for God and righteousness.

**Friday**—Increasing Happiness (Prov. 3:13-18). "Happy is the man" [v13]. Happiness depends on one's ability to meet and to master one's environment. It depends on one's appreciations rather than on one's possessions. Education widens one's ability and thankfulness, and makes one at home in all the world. The world within our soul is the real world, and the world without and around us takes all its color, its glory, its beauty, and all its value from the reflection of our lives. To the glory of God were we created, do our lives reflect Christ?

**Saturday**—Promoting Character [Prov. 2:1-20]. "Walk in the way of good men" [v20]. The process of education enables us to see to hear, to think, to feel, to respond with our lives to that which is highest and best. May we discern between happiness and pleasure; for while pleasure may come from environment, we know that happiness and a good education come from within. Benjamin Franklin said, "An investment in knowledge will always bring the best interest." Lord, help us to succeed only as we are willing to work hard to earn success. Make us worthy, O God, and grant unto us wisdom, that we may serve thee better.

**Sunday**—Increasing Service (Matt. 25:1-13). "Oil in their vessels."—Education is to fit and equip a person for "Service." Whatever else it may do, it is a failure if it does not do this. If someone were to give you one hundred dollars, you would not carelessly throw it away, would you? Yet after all, when God has granted you a portion of "good education" in this life, and you do not use it to His glory, you throw it away. A good education is worth more than money! There are *three* ways of service, the service of the *hand*, (There are material values to be produced—writings etc.) And there is the service of the *head* (Intellectual values are to be increased—with broader views). And the service of the *heart*, (There are spiritual values to be establish-

ed). No one is justified who does not add something of value to the world. The best education is that which helps to "show forth the highest and the best." Are you properly prepared for service? We are all beings, created to the glory of God. If we fail we must give an account to God.

BENEDICTION—

August 31, 1930

### Why Are Industrial Missions Worth While?

1 Cor. 9:19-23.

#### DAILY READINGS

- Aug. 25. Alleviate Suffering. Ezek. 34:25-31.  
 Aug. 26. Reduce Poverty. Deut. 11:13-17  
 Aug. 27. Make Life Interesting. Exo. 35:30-35.  
 Aug. 28. Increase Self Respect. 2 Thes. 3:7-15.  
 Aug. 29. Make Possible Culture. Prov. 6:6-11.  
 Aug. 30. Raise Moral Standards. Eph. 4:25-32.  
 Aug. 31. Attract Others to Spiritual Message. 1 Kings 10:4-9.

**Mon.**—Alleviate Suffering (Ezek 34:25-31). May we minister unto thee, O Lord, by helping the hungry to secure food, and help us to know that in providing a cup of cold water "in thy name" for the least of one them, we shall in no wise lose our reward. There is famine in some part of Asia all the time. In 1900, five million people died in India from famine. Some years one-third of the people of a district die of starvation. Food may be 500 miles away, but they cannot get it. A man would eat more in making the trip than he could carry, and an ox would eat more than he could draw. Industrial Missions have taught the people to bore wells, irrigate, and make their own crops, to avoid starvation and hunger.

**Tues.**—Reduce Poverty (Deut. 11:13-17). It is hard for us to realize the abject poverty and resulting misery in non-Christian lands. In India the average income is one cent per day. Hundreds of people in Africa and India go to bed hungry every night. Millions would be

happy if they could have one good meal of corn once in two days. When we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," may we help to answer prayer by helping those that are hungry. Lord Jesus, help us to remember those that are starving.

**Wed.**—Make Life Interesting (Exod. 35:30-35). May our lives be more interesting because we have included within our interests and experience the needs of others. An Industrial Missionary teaches the people how to make bricks, how to build houses, how to build roads, how to train the oxen and horses to do the work that women once had to do, and how to use machinery to increase their products. The people are also taught how to earn enough to build school houses, churches and hospitals. Life grows interesting as it escapes the monotony of doing things in but one inefficient way.

May we ever be mindful of those who need our prayers.

**Thurs.**—Increase Self Respect (2 Thes 3:7-15). Conversion is the first step in the growth of Christian character. A Christian civilization must be established and self respect cultivated. People should know how to support themselves, how to take their place in the industry of the world; and to develop self respect by being somebody worth while. May we learn to sympathize with the millions who have nothing and know nothing to make life worth while.

**Friday**—Make Possible Culture (Prov. 6:6-11). "That they may have life abundantly" [Jn. 10:10]. Industrial training in most cases is connected with some educational institution. Most of our mission schools give some industrial work. The boys apply in actual work what they learn, and for this they receive pay, which they give in return for their maintenance. Thus thousands of boys are trained and educated who, otherwise, would have to remain in ignorance. May we appreciate the importance of helping others by helping their children in securing an education; making their

lives useful to themselves, and to their parents as well. May we enlarge the meaning of their lives to the glory of God.

**Saturday**—Raise Moral Standards (Eph. 4:25-32). Help us, Lord, to help others to know the joy of labour, that they may make a living by their own efforts, to educate their children at their own expense, to have a part in the ministry of the churches, schools, and hospitals by their own contributions. That they may live comfortably by their own labors, making a true, honest living, and bringing up to manhood and womanhood, "in the fear and admonition of the Lord," the children given to them of the Lord.

**Sunday**—Attract to Spiritual Message (1 Kings 10:4-9). "Blessed be Jehovah, thy God, who delighted in thee." One writer writes about a village in India, thus: "We preached the Gospel several nights in India, some of the people came out and listened, many did not come. But in the daytime I went out into their fields to see if I could help them there and, as I would leave the men to return, I said to them, 'When the water goes down, scatter a kind of bean on the bare ground and you will get a crop. Some thought they would try it just to see what would happen; so several months later they came to me, saying, 'We are surprised that we get as much for our beans as if we had gotten a good rice crop.' Then a Christian man was placed as overseer over the village. All the people loved him as the man of God: because they could see the love and the power of God issuing from his life." Lord, bless the missionaries who are teaching people how to make a living, in order that they may better teach them how to live "in the fear of God, and in the will of God." The people need our prayers: the missionaries need our prayers. May the dear Lord help us to remember them all.

BENEDICTION—"The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

**Lesson VII Aug. 17, 1930****Saul**

1 Sam 8 to 11; 13; 15; 16:14-23; 19:9-12; 28:31

**Topic.**---How to Profit from Failure.

**Golden Text.**---Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10:12.

**Practical Truth.**---We are sure to fail if we neglect God.

**Outline.**---I. The public demand for a king. II. Saul anointed king III. Saul's reign beginning with promise. IV. Saul changes for the worse. V. Saul's last days.

**Time.**---About B. C. 1095.

**Place.**---Saul was anointed at Ramah.

**Introduction.**---The introduction to Saul's life is Samuel. The Lord knows His plans in advance and sometimes reveals them to His servants whom He knows and instructs and prepares to carry them out. Samuel, as we saw in our last lesson, yielded his life to God when he was quite young, and became Jehovah's prophet-priest-judge. If Samuel made any mistake in life it must have been the appointment of his sons (1 Sam. 8:1) to be judges. His life was so much given over to God that both God and the people trusted him. When God submitted to the cry of the people to give them a king like the other nations had, Samuel was the man chosen by the Lord to direct the great change. Being led of God, Samuel found Saul, anointed him king, and shared responsibility for his success, turning from him only when he [Saul] turned away from God.

Saul's life was full of unusual manifestations. His coming to Samuel, his anointing, the unusual things that occurred to him, his change of heart and his prophesying, the way he was selected to be king, his strange malady of madness, etc. were all very striking. The beginning of Saul's reign was very promising, prospects for success were fine, but he failed because of his disobedience to God. Saul had a good start, having the favor of God, the

backing of Samuel, the good will of the people, and his own splendid abilities, but his end was disastrous. His failure began in his neglect of God. Failures are stepping stones to success when properly taken, but Saul's failures only multiplied and accomplished his utter ruin, because he was stubborn and self-willed, choosing to have his own wrong way, when he knew that God and Samuel were right. The habit of going without private prayer, making plans without consulting God, doing things other than for Jesus' sake are ways of neglecting God. We should all remember that the pitfalls of sin lie in the path of disobedience, and that success is to them that obey God.

**Commentary**---I. **The public demand for a king** (Chapter 8). When the people of Israel saw that Samuel was getting old and that his sons whom he had appointed judges in his stead "walked not in his ways," they came to Samuel, saying, "Make us a king to judge us like all the nations." The thing displeased Samuel, and he "prayed unto the Lord." The Lord told Samuel to hearken unto the people in all that they demanded, and He told him to warn the people concerning the heavy burdens which the king would lay upon them, and the excessive levies which would be made for taxes, and the taking of their sons and daughters to be servants. But the people refused to hear the voice of Samuel and cried for a king; therefore the Lord said unto Samuel, "Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king."

II. **Saul anointed king** (9:1 to 10:1). While Saul the son of Kish, a Benjaminite, was searching for his father's asses, his servant told him of Samuel the seer; so he consulted Samuel about the matter. No doubt the Lord sent Saul to Samuel; for He told Samuel of the coming of a Benjaminite whom he should anoint. Samuel took Saul and his servant into the parlor and made them sit in the highest place

among those that were bidden. He kept them a day and a night, until early in the morning. Then Samuel called Saul to send him away; so they two went on together to the end of the city, where the servant went on, and Samuel showed Saul the word of God and anointed him to be king over Israel.

### III. Saul's reign beginning with promise

[10:2 to 11:15]. As Saul went on his way after being anointed, he met two men who told him that the asses were found and that his father sorrowed for him; then he met three men going up to worship God at Bethel and they gave him two loaves of bread; then he met a company of prophets at "the hill of God," and he prophesied among them; and Saul was observed to be among the prophets. Samuel called the people together at Mispah, and presented Saul unto them as their new king. Saul looked every inch a king, being head and shoulders above the people. The people were pleased to accept Saul as their king, but the base among them despised him. Soon after Saul was hailed king at Mispah, the Ammorites came against Jabesh-gilead and threatened to put out all the right eyes of all the people. When Saul heard it, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he gathered an army of 330,000 and completely routed the Ammorites. Such a sweeping victory greatly moved the people, and they wanted to put to death all those who despised Saul, but Saul refused to allow any to be harmed. Then Samuel called the people together to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king over Israel; and there was great rejoicing.

### IV. Saul changes for the worse (chap. 13; 15; 16:14-23).

Chap 13. We see here that a great battle was about to be fought, and that Saul, instead of waiting for Samuel to come to offer sacrifices, took the matter into his own hands and offered them himself, thus he intruded into the priest's office and it cost him his kingdom. Chap. 15.



Saul was sent to smite Amalek, and to destroy everything, every person and every animal. But Saul violated the commandment and brought back much spoil, of sheep, cattle, etc., and saved the king alive. For this Samuel rebuked Saul and told him that the Lord had rent the kingdom from him. And Samuel mourned for Saul many days.

After Saul broke with God, an evil spirit came upon him, which so affected him that David, who had been secretly anointed to be king, was employed to play on the harp before Saul when the evil spirit was upon him. But when the evil spirit came upon Saul (19:9-12), he hurled his javelin at David to kill him, but David dodged and escaped from harm. This shows Saul to be greatly changed.

**V. Saul's last days** [chap. 28; 31:1-4]. When the Philistines gathered a great army to fight Israel, Saul gathered Israel together at Gilboa, but when he saw the Philistine hosts, he was terror-stricken. Saul enquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not hear, and Samuel was dead. In desperation Saul sought the witch of Endor, and asked that Samuel be called up. But it seems quite evident that the witch was not the medium of the recall of Samuel; for she was stricken with terror when she saw an old man coming up covered with a mantle. It was Samuel. He told Saul that the Lord had departed from him and become his enemy, and had rent his kingdom from him and given it to David. And he told him that Israel should fall into the hands of the Philistines, and that he and his sons would soon be with him.

## Lesson VIII August 24, 1930

### Jonathan and David

1 Sam. 18:1-4; 19:1-7; Chap. 20; 2 Sam. 1:17-27.

**Topic.**—The Friend Who Does Not Fail.

**Golden Text.**—A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Prov. 18:24.

**Practical Truth.**—Selfishness and true friendship can not exist together.

**Outline.**—I. David and Jonathan's first meeting. II. Jonathan's intercession for David. III. The covenant between Jonathan and David. IV. David's lamentation over Jonathan.

**Time.**—B. C. 1067 to B. C. 1055.

**Place.**—Gibeah, Saul's capital, etc.

**Introduction.**—Jonathan and David are two characters, not only noble and interesting, but beautiful. Their covenant of friendship and brotherhood, and their love for each other, are unsurpassed for beauty and sincerity. The worth of such cannot be measured in the dealings of man with man. Saul hated David, and tried several times to kill him, and tried to turn Jonathan against him, but the two young men were drawn toward each other with an attraction so strong that nothing but death could separate them. Their bonds of friendship were severely tested, but they never failed.

**Commentary.**—I. DAVID AND JONATHAN'S FIRST MEETING (1 Sam. 18:1-4). After David slew Goliath, Saul communed with him at his court, and made him a permanent resident at the court. As Saul and David talked together, "the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." Then Jonathan and David "made a covenant," because of their love for one another. Jonathan was willing to give up everything he possessed in favor of David; and stripped himself of his robe, his garments, his sword, his bow, and even his girdle, and gave them to David.

II. JONATHAN'S INTERCESSION FOR DAVID (1 Sam. 19:1-7). Saul had long secretly cherished the desire to kill David, and the desire grew so strong that he divulged it to Jonathan and his servants, and commanded that they should kill David. But Jonathan apprised David of his danger, and arranged for him to hear a conversation between him and his father. The noble-minded prince argued David's cause before his father, reminding him that Da-

vid had done nothing but good to the king. His argument produced an effect on the impulsive mind of his father, and a temporary reconciliation was effected and David was again employed at the court.

III. THE COVENANT BETWEEN JONATHAN AND DAVID (Ch. 20). David was sure Saul would attempt to kill him at any cost, but Jonathan still hoped that his father would be reconciled. A plan was laid to test Saul's attitude and Jonathan was to report the result to David, then they pledged their loyalty to each other with an oath. Jonathan seemed to know that David would be king, and he knew that new kings often slew the family of his predecessor; so he prayed for a pledge that he and his children might find favor with David when he became king. David gave the pledge and kept it.

At the feast where Saul's attitude toward David was tested, Saul became enraged at mention of David's name, and cast a javelin at Jonathan to slay him because he defended David. As agreed, Jonathan went out into the field at the appointed time and shot arrows beyond the lad who was gathering them up, as a sign that David was to flee for his life. Jonathan, because of his deep concern, had made it possible for David to escape with his life, but David was more deeply moved than Jonathan. So Jonathan bade David go in peace, saying, in substance, "For we have sworn to each other to be friends and to regard each other's families."

IV. DAVID'S LAMENTATION OVER JONATHAN (2 Sam. 1:17-27). David felt Israel's defeat and the death of his friend very keenly. In the very mountains where David had won victories, Jonathan the hero of many battles had fallen, and he knew the heathen would rejoice. David remembered that Jonathan had been very pleasant unto him and had loved him with a love surpassing the love of women; and David wept sore.

## Program

*Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist,  
to be held with Macedonia Church near Purdy,  
Missouri, September 3-7, 1930.*

Wednesday, September 3, 8:00 p. m.

Introductory Sermon..... Eld. O. T. Allred

Thursday September 4th

8:45 a. m. Called to order by Moderator. Open by singing, Scripture reading and prayer.

9:00 a. m. Receiving of church letters, seating of delegates, call for petitionary letters, and election of officers.

10:00 a. m. Appointment of committees, call for corresponding letters, call for partial report of pulpit committee.

11:00 a. m. .... Preaching

12:00 ..... Noon

1:30 p. m. .... Devotional

1:45 p. m. Reading minutes of morning session, call for report of Executive Board.

2:15 p. m. Call for report of Home Mission work; discussion of Missions.

3:00 p. m. Call for report of committees in general.

3:45 p. m. Call for partial report of pulpit committee.

4:00 p. m. .... Adjournment

8:00 p. m. .... Preaching

Friday September 5th

8:45 a. m. Call to order by moderator. Devotional.

9:00 a. m. Reading minutes of previous session. call for report of committee on Sunday Schools, followed by report of S. S. evangelists elected one year ago.

10:15 a. m. Enrollment of ministers and deacons

11:00 a. m. .... Preaching

12:00 ..... Noon

1:30 p. m. .... Devotional

1:45 p. m. Reading minutes of morning session.

2:00 p. m. Call for corresponding letters. Call for report of each League in the Association. Election of League officers. All Leagues possible should be present, especially the League presidents.

3:15 p. m. Ordaining Council proceed with work if any on hand.

4:00 p. m. .... Adjournment

8:00 p. m. .... Preaching

The observance of the ordinances of communion and feet-washing.

Saturday September 6th

8:45 a. m. Call to order by moderator. Devotional.

9:00 a. m. Reading minutes of previous session, election of delegates to State Association to be held with the Norman Church near Alton, Oregon County, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1930.

10:00 a. m. Call for report of committees

11:00 a. m. .... Preaching

12:00 ..... Noon

1:30 p. m. .... Devotional

1:45 p. m. Reading minutes of previous session.

2:00 p. m. Call for reports of ministers and granting of credentials to same

3:00 p. m. Final consideration of all necessary business

4:00 p. m. Reading minutes and adjournment.

8:00 p. m. .... Preaching

Sunday September 7th

10:00 a. m. .... Sunday School

11:00 a. m. .... Preaching

8:00 p. m. .... Preaching

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## Mary and Martha

By Ora Mae McKinney Davis

"Now it came to pass, as they went, that he (Jesus) entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.

And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her"—Luke 10:38 42.

When Jesus was upon earth he loved to visit the home of Mary and Martha.

Upon one special occasion, we find Jesus going up to Jerusalem, healing the blind, the lame and the halt. The unseen hand of God always moved before this beautiful man of Nazareth, the only begotten Son, God's only child.

Bethany was the small village-town where Mary and Martha lived, about fifteen furlongs from Jerusalem, as recorded in scriptural record. Follow me, if you will, a trail of two thousand years, back to the home of Mary and Martha!

Not many miles across the hill country of Judea, in the town of Bethany, was a Godly home, a place where Jesus was always welcome, the home of Mary and Martha. A small home it was and humble, the dwelling place of common people, a family that loved the Lord of Glory.

A small foot-beaten pathway leading to a gate that always opened wide to the Lord Jesus. Listen! Some one lifted the latch of the gate, a face anxious and circled with smiles at the window! Jesus has come, Martha, came a voice from

within, but no sooner were these words spoken than Mary ran to meet him.

But Martha was not so enthused about his coming. Poor Martha, she was so burdened with home duties; troubled and cumbered about many things.

Mothers! even on busy wash-day, have you time for Jesus? Are you a Mary or a Martha? Will you serve the Lord and Savior—a care-free Mary—or will you be a Martha?

Mary had time for Jesus. She forgot the home duties. The dishes not being washed did not fret and worry Mary, the floors not being swept and the rooms not tidy and neat did not perplex her, or keep her from having time for Jesus. She not only ran to meet him, but as soon as he entered the home, she bade him sit down, and she sat at his feet.

Mary had *patience*. She was happy to know Jesus had come. She could do the housework some other time—but *now* she wanted to know more about Jesus, and the beauties of heaven. Home duties were just placed aside long enough to entertain Jesus,—Mary would do them later.

But poor Martha! The home work made her nervous and irritable. Although she loved the Savior and gave him a hearty welcome, yet she had not the patience to wait upon the Lord long enough to learn more of his goodness and gentleness. She wanted him to have the very best of everything to eat, and everything she could do to make him comfortable she did, yet after all she did not possess the wisdom to choose the better way of serving Jesus than that of his temporal needs, for the Lord himself said, "Mary hath chosen that good part." and then he went farther to say, "*And it shall not be taken away from her*" (Luke 10:42).

Mary made her choice with patience and cheerfulness. Her love

for Jesus prompted her very actions regardless of housework. What did that matter?

Regardless of the hurry and rush for dinner—why, Mary was not hungry! Regardless of the home not looking so neat—why Mary did not see the dust on the furniture, her eyes were on Jesus.

The provoking manner in which Martha addressed the Savior when she said, "Lord, bid her *therefore* that she come and help me," did not shut out the words of Jesus, for all Mary heard was the voice of him who was speaking.

Which will you be—a *Mary* or a *Martha*? Should the aged with trembling hand and steps that are slowed by life's toil and stress, walk up to your door today and say, 'Oh, I am so tired and hungry, I have no place to rest, but, ma'am, will you please just give me a drink of water? Would you have time to minister unto their needs? Would you have enough love for them to ask them inside, and then as Mary did, would you have time to sit down and weep with those who weep and grieve over sorrows and disappointments? Jesus was always found among the beggars and common people, because he was the *only one* who could really know the depth of their poverty, the only one who could understand and really cared, and they it was who heard him gladly.

Are we better than Jesus? Oh, a thousand times, no! And nothing we could ever do would repay our Savior for the great love he bestowed upon us in death.

Why not become a Mary, if you are not already? Jesus, the Son of God was our example. He was the meek, lowly man who taught Mary the lessons of love and patience she had learned. Obedience was the one thing that prompted her to listen to the voice of Jesus. Listen today! Have you time for Jesus? The nearest we can co for Jesus, is to do for others.

Have you time to speak to the ice-man about his soul? Have you time to warn the coal-man that Jesus is coming? Have you a spare moment to let the milk-man know you are interested about his soul? Will you take time to tell the insurance-man or the tax-collector that Jesus died to save their souls?

You can be a real Mary if you will be. Christ gave us all something to do, and even if it is only a smile or a deed of love, do it before it is too late. Oh, how many wait until it is too late to show their love for others!

Wandering boy or wayward daughter, if you have a mother living, let her know you love her before the death-dew falls on her lovely gray hair which was once golden. Don't put off letting her know you love her until death has sealed those mother lips forever!

Oh, how many heartaches our hidden love might have healed, how many tears it might have dried!

Many dear to our hearts sleep in the tomb, who will wake to sorrow and shame in eternity. Did we do anything in life to save their souls? How sad! They waited too late to repent.

• Which will you be, a Mary, always ready with time and patience to do the duty of God, or will you be a Martha, cumbered and troubled about so many duties of your own that you have not time to obey the voice of the Lord. There are *few* Marys, but *many* Marthas. So few of us have the *patience* to be a real Mary! Any of us can be a Martha, fretted, worried, perplexed, and troubled about many things.

Every one, though rich or poor, must take time to die. Why not then in life, cheerfully take time for Jesus?

A business man sits at his desk (at his place of work) one bright Monday morning. "Such a rush!" he says, as over the papers he must go, and straighten out the different problems of the day. And as he

reads a rap comes at the door of his office. Hurriedly he responds, but turns away as he says, "I have no time to be bothered, I have so much work."

Closing the door, he sits down again, but in a few moments another rap is heard at the door. He answers the call, facing a young man with the bloom of youth and a look of gentleness stamped upon his face. This young man said, "Just a *moment* of your time, please." But the business man said, "No, I haven't time."

But, as he closed the door, a sad feeling crept into his heart; for just under the young man's arm a golden-edged *book* flashed back memories of a fond mother, who once opened a book resembling that one, and read to him about *Jesus*.

With burdened heart he tried to read the business letters—while other calls came, but his reply was, "I haven't time."

But one day as he was reading a stranger called at his door and said, "Come go with me." He tried to read, but his eyes grew dim, and a faint feeling of mind and heart crept over him that said "*You must go*." He did not say to this stranger, "I haven't time," but a cold, icy hand clutched hold of him, followed him home, and stood by his bedside.

His mind grew more faint, his whole being became weak and feeble and the unwelcome visitor beside his bed reached out a cold, icy hand, and with a voice of silence said, "*You must go*." Death, with its snowy whiteness, enshrouded the man's body, while his *soul* fled to meet its God.

Sinner friend, have you time to answer the voice of Jesus? He calls at your office door or wherever your work may be found each day, seeking to save your soul. Have you time to talk to Him? The hour is approaching when you will take time to die.

We find Jesus, as He came up to Jerusalem on this one special occasion, preaching these words, "I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10:14, 15, 16). At this saying there was a division among the Jews. Many of them said, "He hath a devil:" others said, "He is mad, why hear ye him?" And there were disputings when others said, "These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?" And as they disputed thus among themselves, Jesus walked about in the temple—in Solomon's porch. It was winter time at Jerusalem, at the feast of dedication and, as Jesus walked about, the Jews gathered around Him and said, "How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly." And Jesus, answering them said, "I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believed not, because ye are not of my sheep, (Jesus had said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." Some would believe and some would not), but Jesus went farther to say, "*but them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice*." Take very special notice to this one statement Jesus had made to these people, "But them also (other sheep) I must bring, and they shall hear my voice." There must be some direct plan sought out whereby these unbelieving sheep would believe: for Jesus said, "And they shall hear my voice." And then He added these words, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:32). At that saying, the Jews took up stones to stone him: and they sought to take him, but He escaped out of their hands, and went away beyond Jordan to

## Announcements

### Butler-Dunn Theology

The Butler-Dunn Systematic Theology, the standard book on Free Will Baptist faith and doctrine, is now reprinted, and every minister and Christian worker should have a copy. This is an important book in the SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE, conducted by Rev. John H. Wolfe. Ministers and Christian workers, wishing to better prepare themselves for Christian work, should have this book, and should take the correspondence course offered by the "School of the Bible." The book is well bound, has 476 pages, \$2.50 post-paid.

Send orders to the F. W. B. Gem, Purdy, Missouri or to Rev. John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Nebr.

### CAMP MEETING

Dear Gem Readers:—I must drop you a few lines to let you know about our camp meeting to be held at our Vance Chapel Ch. just north of Drumright. Remember the date and come. Begins 2nd Sunday in August. Old time camp meeting, two weeks. Come and be with us.

Yours in Christ  
A. B. Talbert.

### Notice

We, the undersigned Free Will Baptist, hereby give three months' notice by publication in the Gem, that it is proposed to change Art. I. of the Constitution of the Missouri State Association, to read: "This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist," so as to conform to many places in our Treatise where it reads, "Church of God," and to conform to the wording of the "Preacher's Annual Certificates," issued to our preachers in many places in the State of Missouri and in other states,

and to give us a legal Bible name.

Signed:

Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.  
.. W. C. Hill, 1026 S. 8th., St. Louis.  
.. H. T. Langley, ..  
.. P. S. Cox, 1844 S. 11th, ..  
.. W. E. George, Springfield, Mo.  
.. W. F. Millard, Buffalo, Mo.

MT ZION Church, north of Plattsburg in the Starfield neighborhood, will hold their Annual Home Coming the first Sunday in August, 1930.

Melba White, Clerk, Hemple, Mo.

NORTH EAST MISSOURI Association will convene with the Hazel Creek Union Church beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in Aug., 1930.

Miss Bessie Fowler Clerk,  
Greentop, Missouri, R 4.

Our Revival Meeting begins on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in August and our SALENE ASSOCIATION meets with this church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in Sept., 1930.

Mrs Iva Mae McClellan,  
New Edinberg Arkansas.

### New Hand Book

Rev. A. B. Talbert, superintendent of Mission Work in Oklahoma has just published a new Hand Book for Workers. Book gives references where to find Miracles, Parables, Prayers, Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Lord's prayer, Great Commission and many other Scriptures besides. It has Paul's Life Outlined and many other helps. Price 50 cents.

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Order from A. B. Talbert,  
Box 947, Drumright, Okla.

### Rev. William R. Spurlock Will Visit Mo. and Ark.

Dear Bro. Brown:—As I am contemplating a trip (some time in August or September) through Southern Missouri, North and Northwest Arkansas, would like very much to meet with as many as possible of our people [Free Will Baptists] on this trip. Letters from them, who live in localities named, will be gladly received. This is not a begging mission, but simply want to meet our people as I go through, would like to get their name and name of church.

With best wishes for our paper and its readers,

William R. Spurlock, Bonnie Ill.

The editor is well acquainted with Bro. Spurlock, and knows him to be a good preacher and fine in revival work. He is a real Christian and a real man. You will make no mistake if you engage Bro. Spurlock for a meeting.—The Editor.

We are sorry that we have had to leave out several items that should have been printed, but some came in too late; and we are sorry the Gem is late this time, but we have done our best. The editor has been sick, and we have to do all our printing on the job press, because we don't have the money to buy rollers for the big press. Brethren, if you care for the welfare of your paper, do something for it, at least send in a few subs.

The editor is furnishing everything, building, office equipment, etc. and he and his wife devote all their time, working twelve to fifteen hours a day to give you the Gem. He pays the taxes, insurance, and all expenses, and all he gets is the subscription money, which often is not enough to pay his grocery bill. We could do job printing and make a living, but don't have time to do that and give you the paper, doing the work by hand, so you see how much it will help to have a linotype.

Wont you join with the few who are working for subscriptions and help to build up our subscription list? If you care, prove it by sending in a few subs.—The Editor.

## Information

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your As-  
sociation, Quarterly Meeting or  
5th Sunday Meeting should ap-  
pear here. Send in your announce-  
ment so it can be printed in the  
August issue of the Gem.

CENTRAL WESTERN MIS-  
SOURI AND SOUTHEASTERN  
KANSAS Association will convene  
with Independence Church, a few  
miles southwest of Stockton, Mo.  
beginning Wednesday night before  
the fourth Sunday in Aug., 1930.

Eld. B. F. Brown, Clerk-Treas.  
Purdy, Mo.

THE TEXAS STATE CON-  
VENTION will be held with  
North Zulch Church in Madison  
County, Texas, beginning Tuesday  
night November 4, 1930.

T. D. Ross, Clerk, Clayton, Texas.

MISSOURI STATE Association  
will convene with Norman Church  
near Alton, Oregon County, Mo.  
beginning on Tuesday night before  
the third Sunday in Oct., 1930.

Eld Winford Davis, Clerk-Treas.  
Monett, Mo.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION  
will convene with Allen Church  
near Weleetka, Oklahoma, begin-  
ning on Thursday night before the  
second Sunday in Aug., 1930.

C. H. Goode, Clerk, Paden, Okla.

OLD MOUNT ZION Associa-  
tion will convene with Cottage  
Hill Church, beginning at ten  
o'clock a. m. on Friday before the  
second Sunday in August, 1930.

Horace Knox, Clerk, La Rue, Ark.

NORTHWEST BRAZOS Asso-  
ciation will convene with the First  
Free will Baptist Church of Ver-  
non, Texas, September 11th to  
14th, 1930.

For information, write Rev. R.  
L. Cotnam, P. O. Box 263, Vernon,  
Texas

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION  
will convene with Brooklyn Church  
near Ratcliff, Arkansas, beginning  
on Friday night before the first  
Sunday in September, 1930.

Eld. O. C. Hunt, Clerk,  
Waldron, Arkansas.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA Asso-  
ciation will convene with Felker  
Church, three and one-half miles  
north of Valliant, Okla., beginning  
on Saturday night before the sec-  
ond Sunday in October, 1930.

Eld. H. W. Finney, Clerk.  
Idabel, Oklahoma.

CAVE SPRINGS Association  
will convene with Bethany Church  
two miles south of Jobe, Mo. on  
Thursday at 4 o'clock p. m. before  
the 4th Sunday in August, 1930.

J. P. McCullough, Alton, Mo.

THE CO-OPERATIVE GEN-  
ERAL Association will convene  
with Tulsa Church, Tulsa, Okla. on  
Tuesday night before the third  
Sunday in November, 1930.

Eld. M. L. Sutton, Clerk, Fort  
Worth, Texas.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI As-  
sociation will convene with Mt. Zi-  
on Church, north of Plattsburg in  
the Starfield neighborhood, be-  
ginning on Thursday night before  
the fourth Sunday in Aug., 1930.  
Melba White, Clerk, Hemple, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK Association  
will be held with Macedonia  
Church, about four miles north-  
east of Purdy, Mo. beginning on  
Wednesday night before the first  
Sunday in Sept., 1930.—Mrs. Em-  
ma Henderson, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.