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## Joseph, a Type of Christ

By Elder Edward Hillar

(Continued from a previous issue)

Our readers will remember that Jacob had come down to Egypt with all his family and servants of his household, and were established at Goshem, (no plagues there).

Let us now consider Joseph as Israel (Jacob) speaks to him, his favorite son: "Behold I die, but God shall be with you, and bring you again into the land of your fathers. Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow (Gen 49:22-25).

Joseph is a fruitful bough—even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall, "Like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall [he shall] not be moved" Yes, the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him,—but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Almighty God of Jacob. (From thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel) even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee, and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts and of the womb " "

### Jacob's Confidence in God

—"The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of him that was separate from his brethren "

Through Joseph, Jacob in "vision" sees God glorified. The archers (God's enemies) had killed him in figure, cast him into prison, but Joseph's hands were made strong, borne by the everlasting arms of Israel's God.

**From thence is the Shepherd**—Psalms 80:1, "Give ear O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth."

**The Stone of Israel**—Isaiah 28:16, "Therefore sayeth the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Surely Joseph was a tried servant, immovable as the rock of ages. Marvellous even to Jacob was God's immutable, unchangeable character, even Jacob had to bow to the will of God in humble submission, as the Almighty worked out his plan through Joseph his son. O how wonderful are the ways of the Almighty! They are past finding out.

(To be continued)

### The Church's Need

By Elder Winford Davis

"For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power,"

There is a great cry over the land today, "What is wrong with the church?"

Much time and breath is spent discussing these problems: "How are we going to hold our young folks?" "How are we going to get a crowd?" Solution after solution is offered. It is sad to know that a great many are pulling away from the church, saying they don't

believe it is Biblical or according to the will of God to have organized churches. These same ones should be beseeching God to make the church what it ought to be. It is no time to jump off the train, when it is going through a tunnel.

Now, there is nothing wrong with the church, as an institution, but she is badly in *need*, that is true. But the thing we need to realize, and also to feel, is just what that need is, and then begin to work to get that need supplied.

In some places in Christian America (?) they seem to think this need is a side show, a dancing room, a card table etc., but I fear they are badly mistaken.

In a church in one of our little towns not long ago, the pastor stated, "We want a program next Saturday night. Some of you may bring a solo, some a duet, some a reading, some a quartet, and some a dance." Now, folks, in my mind the solo is all right, the duet is all right, the quartet is all right, the reading all right if it is the right kind, but when we begin to take the dance and other worldly things into the church, that which we really *need* takes its flight, namely: the *power of God* or the *presence of the Holy Spirit*.

We need our churches—God knows we do—but we need churches of power, and the great thing we need is to do some more tarrying at Jerusalem. I fear we fail to spend enough time on our knees. As soon as we get the encouraging, comforting, stimulating, enticing, soul lifting Spirit of God in our midst, our difficulties will vanish like soap bubbles, and an exact solution

of the problem will be had. And instead of the "What's wrong with the church" talk, empty seats, etc. the church will be the greatest praised institution of the land, and people will flock to her like the little ducks to the pond.

Paul said in 1st Corinthians 2:4-5, "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

I was talking to a man, not long ago, who was greatly stressing the educational side, and among his statements relative to the educated minister he said, "Education creates power." But, listen, folks. Let's reason a little, be honest with God and ourselves. Education does not create power, because the power of God is a creative force within itself, as David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalms 51:10). All that education will do in this respect is just to broaden the influence of your power, help your power to reach farther. What did you say? Beg your pardon, I am *not* knocking on education. The one that knocks on education is he that knocks on the true Spirit of God, for there is no better educator than the true Spirit of God. "When he the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

Paul was a man of wonderful education, but he had enough God in him to know how to use it. He was the one that said, "Christ *in you* the hope of glory." Education alone will never take care of the "sin" problem; neither will legislation, because Paul said in Romans 8:3 that there was something the law could not do, so God sent his only Son. All the laws made and enacted will never make Christians, but listen! "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

It is one thing to have religion, and quite another to have *salvation*. Our American churches have plenty of religion, but O how we need in them more of the true salvation! A religious man, or church member alone, can do anything he chooses, and still hold his religion, and possibly his name stay on the record, but the church member with *salvation* cannot do any and every way and still retain his salvation. The little boy said he would lay his religion down by the gate till he chased the stubborn cows out of the pasture. Now, he could do that with religion, but if that had been salvation, it would have been gone when he returned.

There is a law of Physics, or nature, that no two things can stay in the same place at the same time. The same is true in the spiritual realm; the church and the world cannot both live together in the temple of God. If one is kept there alive, the other must die. Then we might look at it from this standpoint: If we get evil out and keep it out, power will automatically reign.

So we need not quibble over the church or condemn her any longer, but just come to God in humility, and look to Him to supply our *real* need, namely; *power*, and it will largely settle our trouble, for "The kingdom of God is not in word but in power."

### Christ Speaking in Parables

By Mrs. E. G. Tharp

Dear Gem readers:—I have often thought I would write, but have put it off from time to time, for I thought perhaps some one else had a message that was more worth while than mine. But I feel impressed to write at this time, for I feel that God has given me a message, and you will find it in the thirteenth chapter and the thirteenth verse of Matthew. It reads like this, "Therefore speak I to them in parables; because they seeing see not, and hearing they

hear not, neither do they understand."

I often wonder if *our* eyes are holden, as were those of the Scribes and Pharisees and crowds of curious onlookers, into whose stony hearts the words of our Savior could not enter. Are we blinded to our own faults? Have we had our conscience seared till it no longer warns us with that "still small voice?"

If this be the case, our conscience will not trouble us. We can do anything the devil prompts us to do, and not feel any discomfort. And believe me, dear readers, if our conscience fails to warn us, we are in a dangerous condition. We are in such a condition that we had better get down on our knees, and stay there, until we have gained the victory over self and sin. Oh, if we could only be like the blind men—pray that our eyes might be opened!

So, dear readers, let us take the Bible and examine ourselves; and see if we measure up to the standard that God has given us to measure by. Let us turn to Exodus twentieth chapter, and there we will find what God spake to Moses to speak to the children of Israel. These things are just as binding now, as they were fourteen hundred and ninety-one years B. C.

"Oh," some one might say, "That is not for us. That was for the people of olden times, and does not apply to us at all."

But listen to what our dear Saviour said to the rich young ruler when he asked him "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Our Savior told him, "Thou knowest the commandments," and went ahead and stated in substance five of the ten commandments given back under the law, and he told us he did not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it.

Then, dear readers, let us examine ourselves by applying the *love* test. Let us look at 1st John 4:8, "He that loveth not, knoweth

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### Our Paper: Its Mission, and Its Need

**Our Paper.** By our paper, we mean the Free Will Baptist Gem. Its mission or purpose is to carry messages and lessons from the Scriptures, with reports, etc. from our friends and co-workers, and to help and encourage God's people wherever it goes. Its greatest need is more subscribers and a linotype to enable the editor to enlarge the paper and make it better, so we can do a greater work.

The "Gem," as most of you know, is the official organ of the Missouri State Association. It owes its existence to the action of that body, which decided for its publication in October, 1928. But the Gem is not only for Free Will Baptist of Missouri and elsewhere, but for all Christians who wish to join with us and help to advance the cause of Christ; and many now read the Gem who are not Free Will Baptist.

**Our Mission** is not only to build and enlarge our denomination, but to help and encourage in the work of the church, in the Sunday school, in the young people's work, and do what we can to advance the cause of Christ. With this issue we begin the Sunday school and League lessons, which will appear each month from now on. We use just one page for each lesson and arrange them so each set of lessons for the month are all on one sheet of paper, to form a four page leaflet. This enables us to print extra pages of the paper, so we can furnish these leaflets monthly to those wishing to use them in the League and Sunday school, at 30 cents per dozen postpaid but, to make sure of getting them, they should be ordered two weeks before time of the first lesson, so we will know about how many to print. We can't afford to print these extra pages just hoping they will be used.

**Our Need** is a linotype, and until we get it, the publication of the League and Sunday school lessons will make the space for other matter rather limited, but we know of nothing better to do. The Sunday school and the League are both important factors in our Christian work and they are both needing and asking for these lessons. But we feel justified in carrying this work in the Gem from an educational point of view: for whosoever will earnestly and prayerfully study these lesson outlines, together with the Scriptures indicated, will soon come to realize that they are gaining in their knowledge of the Bible, and a better and greater knowledge of the Bible is one of our greatest needs. It seems too, that what we, as Christian people, need most is to get back to the Bible, to read it more and study it more, and live our lives according to its teaching, and have a closer walk with God. Then we should provide for the proper support of our paper, so that we can intelligently co-operate for a greater work: it is the only way we can really prosper and enjoy God's blessings to the full.

## FROM THE FIELD

### Report of Fifth Sunday Meeting near Chetopa, Kans.

On March 30, 1930 the Indian Creek Association of F. W. Baptists met with the Fairview Church near Chetopa, Kansas in its 5th Sunday meeting. There was a good attendance at the Sunday School, and all enjoyed the study of God's word.

Bro. Allred was elected moderator for this meeting, and Brothers Chas. Shipley, W. J. Mayfield and Chauncy Mead were elected as a Pulpit Committee.

The eleven o'clock service was opened by singing, "Beautiful Sheaves." Prayer by Bro. Allred and Bro. Charley Mayfield.

The stand was filled by Elders Allred and Charley Mayfield, each delivering a soul-stirring message which was enjoyed by all.

At 11:45 Elders J. A. Posey, Winford Davis and T. E. L. Curry were appointed by moderator as Ordaining Council to ordain Brother W. B. Tipton to the ministry, and Bro. Walter Kennedy as deacon at the South Picher Church (Picher, Okla.).

The Clerk's report for the Ordaining Council was as follows:

On March 30, 1930 at the 5th Sunday meeting of the Indian Creek Association when convened with the Fairview Church near Chetopa, Kansas, by request of the South Picher F. W. B. Church, after a thorough examination, the following were ordained to fill the office of minister and deacon in a joint ordination service, by prayer and laying on of hands by the Presbytery, W. B. Tipton to the ministry, and Walter Kennedy as deacon.

Committee { Eld. J. A. Posey  
 " Winford Davis  
 " T. E. L. Curry

After the ordination service we adjourned until 1:30 for dinner. Dinner was served on the grounds. Bro J. M. Sexton returned thanks.

At 1:30 the meeting was called to order by moderator, Bro. Allred. A few songs were sung, and we were led in prayer by Bro. Crain. About twenty minutes was given for the election of officers for the next meeting.

Officers were elected as follows: Bro J. A. Posey, moderator; Bro. T. E. L. Curry assistant moderator; Bro. L. Mayberry clerk.

Brothers Frank Tipton, Charley Shipley and L. Mayberry were elected to locate the next 5th Sunday meeting.

The next 5th Sunday meeting to be held with the South Picher Church at Picher, Okla, in June 1930. Brothers J. A. Posey T. E. L. Curry, L. Mayberry were appointed as program committee for the 5th Sunday meeting in June.

After the business session a special song was sung by the choir of Blue Front Church, at Treece, Kansas. Another special was given by Bro. and Sister Posey. The stand was filled at this time by Bro. Winford Davis and Bro. J. A. Posey, each giving a soul stirring message. A short talk was then given by Sister Elda Crain of Miami, Okla. The closing song, God be with you till we meet again was sung, and a good old-time handshake was enjoyed by all.

After this service, we gathered at the creek north of the church, where Bro W. B. Tipton made a short talk on baptism, and baptized Sister Elda Crain. We were dismissed by Bro. L. Mayberry until we gathered at the church at 7:30.

After the League service, the 7:30 service was opened by songs and prayer. The stand was filled at this time by Bro. W. B. Tipton and Bro. J. M. Sexton. Each delivered a soulstirring message. A few songs were sung, and the service was brought to a close. Bro. Winford Davis will preach the opening sermon at South Picher church in June, 1930.

O. T. Allred, Moderator.  
 L. Mayberry, Clerk,

### Archic, Mo.

Dear saints of God and whosoever it may concern:—As I love my Master and his cause, I pray that these few lines may cheer some one on their way to glory.

We find in Hebrews 9:14, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Subject, "Conscience," which is our radio to receive this great program of God, that is the old-time salvation of Christ Jesus which causes one to love God and our fellow man.

It need be that we have a good receiving set, that can be obtained through Christ and his great storehouse of love and mercy for fallen man

As we through Him now have this Radio or Conscience, let us install it in a comfortable place, which is the church that He died to redeem.

Let us put up the aerial high and straight, that is, our daily lives, hoping that it may lead some poor, lost soul to Jesus.

For this Radio to give good service, it should have some source of power, which is the Holy Spirit, the current from the power house of God, and in order to receive the Program, Jesus has taught us that the Father seeketh such to worship Him as worship Him in spirit and in truth, believing that He is God and besides Him there is none other. Brother, Sister, God is broadcasting this great Program over the network of our blessed Master, which is the Christian world. May we as His children ever be faithful, for Jesus has said that whosoever will may come and drink of the water of life freely, and may we be ready to go to this great Studio, where we can see Him face to face.

Asking an interest in the prayers of God's people that I too may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, I am your brother.  
 Lloyd Warren.

**Flat River, Mo.**

Dear Gem Readers:—As it has been some time since you have heard from our work here at Desloge, thought we would write. Bro. Chapman from Chicago has just closed a four weeks' meeting with our people. He did some splendid preaching, and we had twenty conversions, and will have baptizing Sunday.

The weather has been very cool for a tent meeting here—only a few nights we could go without our coats. This hindered our meeting to some extent. Brother Chapman will begin in Flat River Sunday. We are expecting a wonderful meeting there. We ask the prayers of all, that many souls will be saved.

We also want to mention the Budget System again. Bro Allred, Bro. George Miller and I were put on the committee to get out a letter and send to all the churches. Bro. Miller has the form that was drafted by the committee. He says he hasn't very many names yet of the Church Clerks. Now will you pastors please help him, or us rather, to get all the names we can of the different church clerks, so a copy of this letter can be sent to the different churches, and every pastor get busy? And don't wait for a letter, but try to get the ten cents per member. Our church voted as a unit to give ten cents and even more, not later than August. You will see our Budget figures come out in the columns of the Gem, and the money sent to Bro. Winford Davis. So let's all do our best to get the Budget system before our people.

It will soon be twenty-one years that I have been preaching for the Free Will Baptist, and I have never suffered for anything yet. I find that we have good, liberal people, when we preachers set the example of giving ourselves, and especially the Tithing system. That is God's plan of financing His kingdom's work. We preachers need to tithe, and preach it too. For twenty-

one years I have been obeying this part of God's Word, as well as repentance and regeneration. If we had a Free Will Baptist preacher come along and say, "I don't preach Repentance and Regeneration," how long would we keep him in our ranks? No longer than you could get him out. But when it comes to *God's plan of giving*, we have a very few preachers that practice and preach God's plan, and until we obey this part of the blessed Word, we will not get far into the riches of His grace. If we just paid our grocery bill, and other bills, as we feel like it, some would never pay. We settle according to the merchant's book.

May God bless all is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,  
Lizzie McAdams.

**Enon, Ark.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—In Jesus' name I feel like saying a few words for Him, as He has done so much for me, and is still doing.

How my heart goes out to those in sin, and the ones who have started and fallen by the wayside. Oh, may God send some one to rescue everyone before it is too late!

We are praying for an old-time revival at Enon, and I just feel that it is not very far off. We are having good prayer meetings now, and every one seems to be in the unity of the Spirit, just like we are going to have to come, if we ever receive anything from Him, for all of our different ideas and doctrines don't change the word of God one bit. I am so glad I have ever got my eyes open to this fact, that we can worship with others and feel God's presence just the same as if we were in our own denomination. Oh, I just thank God so much for showing me, for our dear Lord is so faithful, and just ready to help us in all our troubles, if we take them to him in faith, believing the work is going

to be done.

There are only a few Free Will Baptists around Enon, but a lot of Christians of different beliefs, and I have just prayed so many times and wondered and asked God why we couldn't come together and worship Him, and now He is working, casting out our divisions of different beliefs and showing us we are all of God and his humble servants. If we stay where God wants us to, we are going to be willing to work for Him anywhere and any place. Folks, pray for us here around Enon, that God will be with us.

May God bless all Gem readers and the faithful editor, for we get so much good through the Gem. It is one source of God's love, for He works wonderfully through it.

May God strengthen and help you all is my prayer

A sister in Jesus' name,  
Nellie Badley.

**Miami, Okla.**

Dear Editor:—I am writing you this day, which may be quite a surprise to you, and if you publish my letter it may be a surprise to many who read it.

I will say first, I was raised up at the old home place south of Verona, Mo. and two miles south of the head of Spring River and I desire to trade my place here in Miami, a three-room new boxed house for Barry county, or adjoining county farm. And I could also put in a forty acres of north Missouri land (but slightly improved) in Warren county. I desire to be among the good, old-time, Free Will Baptist people.

I am pretty well acquainted over Barry county. I've been to Macedonia to a Sunday School, or Singing Convention years ago, but at that time never thought about it being a Free Will Baptist church. Will say I have heard of Bro. Crain, and my sister spoke of having the privilege of meeting Elder Davis

and Elder Allred at a meeting at Picher some weeks ago. I am acquainted with them both, and can recommend them to the brethren anywhere, as true and tried pilgrims on the highway that leads to that better land. They are opposed to sin and Satan, and all of his slimy, impish plans of dragging people down. I have preached with him at the jail and have seen his faith tried, and always true. You have heard Bro. Crain speak of me, no doubt, if you have ever met him. Well I praise the Lord that I am still witnessing for him.

Now, most holy' brethren, I am writing you these few lines to be used in your Gem, to the glory of God, and a warning to beware of the doctrine of men and of devils, which have drowned men in the pits of perdition, and caused some to lose their souls.

Will say I expect by the help of the Almighty to soon get where I can preach more and do more for the Master. If you, or any of the brethren who read this, wish to write me, will be glad to correspond with them, as I find we have a Christian warfare while passing thru this world, and only one trip to make. May we all fight a good fight, that we may all gain the crown, which is ours by staying true to Him.—Fred Lonberg, Miami, Okla.

### Purdy, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:—Well, we are busy, trying in our weak way to hold the banner of Jesus up to a lost and dying world.

Oh, so many people are asking, "What is the matter with the churches," every where we go. I believe that people are neglecting prayer. I feel that this is one reason why the churches are losing power. Oh, for more ministers to fill the stand with the old-time power, and a congregation that will lift their hearts to God in prayer while the minister delivers the message.

We expect to be in a meeting in

the near future, if God wills, and we ask an interest in your prayers.

We are getting along fine raising finance for the new church building. We have something over \$500.00 raised.

Dear people, let's subscribe for the "Gem." I thank God for Bro. and Sister Brown. I wish the world was filled with people like them.

We have the Brick Church at Purdy, for prayer meeting large crowds attending each Thursday night. Prayer meeting at Macedonia each Wednesday night, large crowds. Bro. Allred preaches at Mount Joy each month. This is where we attend Sunday School. Eld. Winford Davis in pastor of my home church, Macedonia. I thank God for our pastor. There is prayer meeting each Thursday night at Merl's Chapel. The young people who are leading the meeting are some that were converted last fall in the meeting.

Sunday School is fine also. The ladies are getting several dollars for the new church building by serving at sales, etc.

Hoping to see you all at the Association at Macedonia in August.

Your sister,

Merl Robberson.

### Granby, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:—I will try to write a few lines to our dear little paper, as I have nothing else to do. I certainly do enjoy reading the good letters in it.

I am a member of the Jones Chapel Church. We have a nice Sunday School, Prayer meeting, League, and preaching once a month.

I love to go to church, for I know it pleases Jesus. The more I do for the Lord, the more I want to do.

I'm sure the Lord wants to see our little [let's make it *big*] paper grow. So let's all try harder than ever before to please Him by boosting our Gem.

Doris Turner.

### Niangun, Mo.

Dear Editor:—I have read a few copies of your paper and think them fine, and am thinking about subscribing for it. I like to read the letters from those that are serving the Lord. I am also one of His redeemed children. I was converted last August after hearing a sermon preached by Bro. J. E. Burney. God made me feel my need of him, and tho I have many trials and temptations, I know He has been with me through them all. I love my Savior and I want to please him. I love my brothers and sisters in the Lord, and I ask you to pray for me that I may ever stand true and let my light shine before the world; and please pray for my lost ones at home and for our church. May God bless those who try to serve. Remember me in your prayers to the Heavenly Father.

Lucy Deckard.

### Blue Eye, Mo.

Dear Readers of the Gem:—I will endeavor to write a few words to our little paper.

We have been taking the Gem for nearly a year, I think it is a fine paper, and can hardly wait from one month until the next to get it.

Bro. Winford Davis, our pastor, filled his regular appointment here at Blue Eye last Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. We had a Flower Service Sunday night which was enjoyed by all.

I have been a Christian for about five years, and we all know as we go down the pathway of life, that many trials and tribulations come upon us, but we can overcome them, if we ask God for help. He has promised that he will make a way of escape. There are so many Christians of today that are sleeping and neglecting their duty toward God and their neighbor.

We had an interesting League Lesson last Sunday night, "How to be a good neighbor." The wounded

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# International Sunday School Lessons

Comments by B. F. Brown.

(Third Quarter, 1930.)

## Lesson I July 6, 1930 Abraham

Gen. 12:1-5; 13:1-2; 17:1-8; 18:22-33; Heb. 11:8-10.

**Topic.**—A Man Who Found Friendship with God.

**Golden Text.**—By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Heb. 11:8.

**Practical Truth.**—It is natural for a Christian to move under divine impulse and in faith.

**Outline.**—I. God's call to Abram.  
II. Lot's separation from Abram.  
III. God's covenant with Abraham.  
IV. Abraham's intercession.  
V. Abraham's faith.

**Time.**—B. C. 1996 to B. C. 1821.

**Places.**—Ur; Haran; Egypt; Canaan.

**Introduction.**—Abram went as a pioneer into an unknown country because God told him to go. God wanted to make of him a nation to which He would especially reveal Himself, and thus prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. He gave Abram great promises, and he believed them, and God changed his name to Abraham.

When wickedness filled the earth, God took the world away from Noah by the flood. When wickedness again became great, God took Abraham away from the world, separated him from it, so he was in it but not of it. Up to the call of Abram God had dealt with the whole human race, there was neither Jew nor Gentile. We think of the human family as a mighty river from which God, in the call of Abram, drew off a tiny rill, that He might at last purify the great river itself.

**Commentary.**—I. GOD'S CALL TO ABRAM (Gen. 12:1-5). "Now the Lord had said unto Abram." It is

God's second call to Abram that we have under consideration and, at this time, Abram lived at Haran (Acts 7:2). Just when the first call came to him at Ur, why they stopped at Haran, and how long they stayed there we are not told. The rewards offered with the second call (Gen. 12:2, 3), are certainly greater than any earthly blessing to the man who trusts in God. Abram, the pilgrim traveling with God, is infinitely better than Abram the millionaire mayor of Ur without God. Notice that being a blessing follows being blessed. Notice also that Abram's friends are God's friends and his enemies God's enemies. From Abraham was to come a godly nation to bless the nations of the world, and through him should come Christ to bless all the families of the earth.

II. LOT'S SEPARATION FROM ABRAM (Gen. 13:1-12). Abram and Lot both grew rich in flocks and herds, so that "the land was not able to bear them," moreover "there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle." For the sake of peace and to avoid strife, Abram granted Lot the privilege to choose a place for his flocks and herds; "and Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the plain of Jordan." The land looked good to Lot; so he chose the plain of Jordan and journeyed east, "and pitched his tent toward Sodom," while "Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan." Lot's choice was excellent from a worldly point of view, but very unwise for his best interests, and many today imperil the good of their souls for the prospects of worldly advantage.

III. GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM (Gen. 17:1-8). When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord

revealed Himself unto him as the "all sufficient" God. During the thirteen years following the birth of Ishmael, Abram had not been favored with any special revelation from God. Perhaps Abram's hasty and blamable marriage with Hagar had something to do with this. When Abram was ninety-nine, and without children, God asked him to walk before Him and be perfect, and God said, "And I will make my covenant between me and thee." It was the covenant of grace made with all who believe in Christ. And Abram's name was also changed to Abraham. Abram was a high father, but Abraham was a father of a multitude of nations. And the land which had been given to Abram and his posterity was now given to Abraham as an "everlasting possession," the type of heaven, "the better country."

IV. ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION (Gen. 18:22-33). As three messengers of destruction passed on from his door to destroy Sodom, Abraham, thinking of Lot, prayed earnestly for the city to be spared for the sake of any righteous who might live there. Perhaps the Lord restrained Abraham's mind from asking Him to spare the city for less than ten: ten "righteous persons" were not found, so Sodom was destroyed, but Lot was saved.

ABRAHAM'S FAITH (Heb. 11:8-10). Abraham's greatness was in his faith, and he and his descendants were pilgrims, having no fixed place or possession of their own. They were all heirs of the same promise, and each one inherited direct from God. They looked, as we look, "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."



## Lesson II      July 13, 1930

### Jacob

Gen. 25:19-34; 27 to 33; 46:28 to 47:12

**Topic:** A Selfish Man Transformed

**Golden Text.**—For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matt. 16:26.

**Practical Truth.**—Only divine grace can transform a selfish nature.

**Outline.**—I. Buying Esau's birthright. II. Stealing Esau's blessing. III. A fugitive from home. IV. The return to Canaan. V. Jacob in Egypt.

**Time.**—B. C. 1836 to B. C. 1689.

**Places.**—Canaan, Haran, Egypt.

**Introduction.**—God's purpose for Jacob and Jacob's failure are two things plainly seen in the first part of today's lesson. Before Jacob was born God indicated for him a special work and a prominent place in the divine plan for Israel. Jacob had a keen mind and great ability, both of which were misdirected by him in his early life and brought him much trouble. But God purposed that Jacob should know the power of God in his life and be a prince in Israel. This selfish, tricky, scheming man was finally transformed at Peniel and his name was changed to Israel, and the new name indicated his new nature. Having prevailed with God, he prevailed with his brother also, and met Esau in peace.

**Commentary.**—I. **BUYING ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT** (Gen 19-34). Isaac, whose seed was to be "as the stars," was unblest with offspring for twenty years. Isaac and Rebekah prayed for God to bless them with a child, and the Lord gave them twins and informed Rebekah that two nations should spring from them, and that the descendants of Jacob the younger should be more powerful and subdue those of the other. The two boys differed from each other in character, manners, and habits, the one a hunter, the other was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Esau, being the first born would inherit the birthright which would

make him the family priest and give him a double portion of the inheritance, and through his descendants the Messiah would come. But Esau despised his birthright: and when he came in from hunting, tired and hungry, and faint, he sold his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage (a bowl of bean soup). He despised his birthright in giving it to gratify his appetite for one meal.

II. **STEALING ESAU'S BLESSING** (chapter 27). Isaac, knowing that his time to depart this life was at hand, called Esau and desired of him that he should go to the field to get venison and prepare savory meat, that his father may eat of it and bless him. Rebekah knew that God intended the blessing for Jacob, and when she knew that Isaac awaited Esau's coming for the promised blessing, she prepared a kid for venison and prepared Jacob to deceive his father and receive the blessing. It is painful to think of the falsehoods resorted to, yet it seems that they thought the thing sought justified the means. Of course this was wrong. Jacob's treachery reacted in his vision at Bethel, but he had to listen to God. He heard God's voice again at Haran, but the crisis came at Peniel. Jacob robbed Esau of the blessing, but he incurred his hatred and fled to Haran for safety and to seek a wife among Rebekah's people. For their trickery in robbing Esau of the birthright and causing him to suffer, Rebekah and her son paid dearly for their sin.

III. **A FUGITIVE FROM HOME** (chapters 28 to 30). As Jacob was leaving home to save his life, his father blessed him and acknowledged him as "the heir of the promise." As he journeyed, he came to Bethel, which means "the house of God." A terrible place for a guilty conscience. At Bethel Jacob, in a dream, met and talked with God. He made a vow to give a tenth unto the Lord and embraced the promise by faith. Jacob made his way to the house of Laban his mother's brother, at Haran. He loved Rachel on first sight—he loved her so much that

he agreed to serve Laban seven years for her, for his wife. At the end of the time, Laban deceived him and gave him Leah instead of his beloved Rachel. Then he served seven years more to get Rachel, then six years for cattle and other stock. He prospered and became wealthy.

IV. **THE RETURN TO CANAAN** (chapters 31 to 33). When Laban began to be jealous of Jacob's prosperity Jacob planned to return to Canaan. He took his wives and sons and servants and flocks and herds and stole away and was gone three days before Laban knew it. Laban pursued after Jacob but was warned of God to do him no harm. When they met they had a parley and erected a monument of peace between them. As Jacob neared Esau's country, he learned that Esau was coming to meet him with an army of men. He feared Esau and sent him a present of 530 head of stock as a peace offering, and we find that Esau accepted the gift. Jacob halted for the night at the brook Jabbok and spent the whole night in prayer. Here occurred his transforming, when he was changed from supplanter to prince. Jacob was now right with God, and could meet his brother in the right spirit. Esau, after receiving Jacob's present, proposed to accompany him on his journey, but Jacob declined the offer. Perhaps it was best that he did: for they were so different in spirit, character, and habit—the one so much a man of the world, and the other a man of God, that something was apt to occur to disturb the harmony. When Jacob arrived in Canaan, he bought a parcel of ground, where he pitched his tent and erected an altar—a beautiful proof of his personal piety.

V. **JACOB IN EGYPT** (46:28--47:12). About thirty years after Jacob's return to Canaan, he went into Egypt to escape the famine. His sons had discovered that Joseph, whom they had sold into Egypt was not only alive, but a great man in the government of Egypt. The meeting between Jacob and Joseph was touching. And Jacob died in Egypt.



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### Great Missionary Leaders

Eph. 3:7, 8; 4:11-13.

#### DAILY READINGS

- June 30. Prayer in the Life of Leaders. Gen. 18:22-32.  
 July 1. Consecration to a Task. Phil. 3:7-16.  
 July 2. The Missionary Vision, (Suffering for others). Phil. 2:5-11.  
 July 3. The Missionary Spirit. Acts 20:18-27.  
 July 4. The Missionary Call. Isa. 6:1-8.  
 July 5. The Missionary Preparation. Acts 22:3-21.  
 July 6. The Missionary Field, Its Reward. Acts 1:6-9; 1 Thes. 2:17-20

**Monday**—The Prayer of Abraham (Gen. 18:22-32). It was thru prayer for others that Abraham learned to know the will of God. Strengthened by knowledge and inspired by faith and justice; Abraham was found in favor with God. In his patience, he was successful in establishing a race of people who worshipped the true God. "Prayer" is the weapon of success—For real service.

**Tuesday**—The Yielded Life of Paul (Phil. 3:7-16). Suppose Paul had chosen to remain in a life of ease and comfort, after the Lord had stretched forth His hand to touch him, that he might know his mission? Suppose he should have chosen position and honor instead of leaving all to carry the Gospel of Christ to the whole Gentile world? Would we have ever known the good news? Would Christianity have died a Jewish sect? Paul was the chosen vessel of God to bear the Gospel-light to a Gentile nation. You and I were chosen of God for some mission on earth: will we consecrate

our lives to Christ? No one else could do the work Paul was to do: neither can anyone else take the work God has given us to do, and make a success of it. Watch! Pray! Consecrate your life to God! There may be souls perishing: hands reaching out to you to help them, will you fail to answer?

**Wednesday**—The Death of the Cross (Phil. 2:5-11). Have you considered suffering for others? It is necessary! A real Missionary Vision is that of *Christ on the cross*. Jesus made His life beautiful, sweet, and powerful by pouring it out freely to those round about Him. Today the warm gentle touch of His hand is felt in every noble, generous deed that the world knows, and the beating of His great heart is heard in all the noise of the world's progress and achievement. Jesus gave His life, His all; we can save our lives only by losing them: for only as we pour them out in service, shall we find them again in fruitage (Eph. 3:1-13). Lord help us to get a real vision of what it means to be a missionary.

**Thursday**—The Missionary Spirit (Acts 20:18-27). "I hold not my life dear unto myself." A soldier gives his life for the welfare of his country. A mother will sacrifice all of her own comforts for her children. A nurse risks her life in the care of her patient. The world has always honored these, and it is the same spirit of sacrifice that calls men and women to be missionaries, to pour out their lives in the lonely prairies, the slums of the city, the market places, and the jungles. Are you willing to give your life to save

others? Only the Spirit of Christ can make you willing to fully surrender your life, your all—the Spirit that prompted Jesus to go to the cross—it takes His Spirit, His way, His will, that we too, shall give all.

**Friday**—The Missionary Call (Isa. 6:1-8). God calls each individual to the task he can do. Not every one hears His call: not every one who hears, gives heed. When young men and women get a vision of God's greatness, His holiness, His majesty, and the glory of His kingdom, they too, will say: "Here am I; send me." May we not shut our eyes and say, "There is no vision:" may we not close our ears and say, "There is no call." Lord, reveal to us our duty!

**Saturday**—The Missionary Preparation (Act 22:3-21). Among the disciples of Jesus there was not one with the necessary equipment to carry the Gospel to the Gentile world. There was but one man, and he was not a Christian. The Lord must have him: even in a miraculous way the Lord compelled him. (It was Paul). You may not be a Christian now, but God may have a work for you to do. If He has, He will get you ready first, even if He must compel you. There must be a preparation made, you must be yielded, willing to go.

**Sunday**—The Reward of the Missionary Field (1 Thes 2:17-20). Missionary work need not be far away. True missionary work begins at home, then goes out, even to the ends of the earth. Do you really want to be a missionary? You need not wait one hour. Is your whole community Christian? Are all your acquaintances Christians? If Carey could see India, or if Livingston could see Africa now! If the humblest preacher or Sunday school teacher could see the results of their labors one hundred years afterward—one person saved from sin, one life made better and happier, one soul turned toward heaven—who would count the cost? Lord, teach us that the tiny seeds of faith we

plant today, may be the means of a harvest of fruitage, "to thy glory" some day.

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

**July 13, 1930.**

**Watching God at Work**

Luke 12:22-30.

"Consider the lilies, how they grow."

**DAILY READINGS**

- July 7. Parables of Nature. Mk. 4:13-20
- July 8. Nature Study. 1 Kings 4:29-34.
- July 9. The Stars (Astronomy) Ps. 8:3-9
- July 10. The Plants in Your Garden. Eccl. 2:4-6.
- July 11. Give Heed to Reading. 1 Tim. 4:13.
- July 12. Letter Writing. Philemon.
- July 13. Music. 1 Samuel 16:14-23.

**Monday**—Nature in Parables (Mark 4:13-20). "*Know ye not this variable?*" Jesus had a favorite method of teaching by parables. He knew there is one world and God made it all; and that the same eternal laws operate wherever God lives. Jesus could see the illustrations of the spiritual life within the soul. The lessons which God is writing in nature today are true, and may be helpful as the lessons He wrote in the Bible long ago. Who can measure the power that has clothed nature in summer attire? It is God at work. The beauty of nature is the unveiling of God. We can be just as sure that the presence of God is in this world, just as sure as we know that the living presence of life within our bodies is real. Our Father, as we look upon the beautiful things which thou art making, open our eyes to see thy face, and our ears to hear the music of heaven.

**Tuesday**—A Study in Nature (1 Kings 4:29-34; Mark 4:1-9).

Most of the teachings of Jesus were in the open country, on a hillside, or by the sea. He worshipped the God who made the mountains, the stars, and the flowers, and He taught the people to worship His heavenly Father who lives in all nature that is pure and beautiful.

We find that Solomon received

wisdom from God to speak of trees, beasts, birds, creeping things, and fishes. Why not learn the names, the habits, the nature, and the family history of all the plants in your neighborhood? Why not get acquainted with the birds and the smaller animals of your parks, fields, and woods? Have you ever tried to discover how many kinds of insects you can find in your own garden? You will be surprised to find out the infinite variety in the Creator's handiwork

**Wednesday**—A Study of the Stars (Psalm 8:3-9; 19:1). "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." Do all the stars look alike to you? Have you discovered their different colors? Can you tell the difference between the planets and the stars? Get a book on astronomy and you need never be lonesome. Learn the nature and the beauty of God's handiwork in the heavens, out under the sky as the shadows of night have fallen around you. Listen! you may hear the voice of God speaking to you. May we learn to know the mysteries and beauties of God's handiwork, in order that we may know Him better.

**Thursday**—PLANTS, The Hand of God in Your Garden (Eccl. 2:4-6). Almost every one can have a garden. It may not be very long, or very wide: if not out of doors, it can be on the porch, or in the house. Surely somewhere we should be able to see God making things. If you have no place for a garden, prepare a flower bed. In every plant, or flower, there is hidden the touch of God. Every little buttercup or daisy that blooms shows the beauty of God's handiwork. Open our eyes, Oh God, that we may see the wonders and glory of thy mind, that has planned the nature of the tiny plant and flower.

**Friday**—LITERATURE, Give Heed to Reading (1 Tim. 4:13).

One who learns to read need never be alone. He will constantly enjoy fellowship with the great and good of all ages. Read the best lit-

erature and soon you will begin to know about the interesting events of ancient and modern times. Get acquainted with the "men of God," enjoy their comradeship which will be benefit to you.

**Saturday**—In Writing Letters (Philemon). Paul said, "I, Paul, write it with mine own hand" (v19). How the world cherishes this little personal note from Paul to his friend in a distant city! How beautifully he handles a delicate situation! You too, may be the means of inspiration to someone through a letter; why not make a practice of writing one letter a week that you do not have to write? May we not forget those who need that we should remember them.

**Sunday**—Music (1 Sam. 16:14-23). The mission of beautiful music is, as in everything else, not only to make people happy, but to make them good. May we cultivate our appreciation for the beautiful in order that we may better adore Thee who art the source of it all. Learn to play good music if you can; learn to love the great masterpieces of music that have lived on for generations. The voice of the Lord can be heard in beautiful music, even in the warble of a little bird there is a sensitive touch, as the strains of music seem to breathe the voice of a living God.

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

**July 20, 1930.**

**A Life of Prayer**

Matt. 26:42

**DAILY READINGS**

- July 14. Jesus Prays for His Disciples. John 17:15-16.
- July 15. Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom. 1 Kings 3:4-9.
- July 16. Moses' Prayer for His People. Num. 14:11-19.
- July 17. The Disciples' Prayer and Courage. Acts 4:24-31.
- July 18. Around A Camp Fire. John 21:1-14.
- July 19. Freedom for All. Micah 4:1-5.
- July 20. The Power of Prayer, and of Righteousness. Rev. 19:6-16.

**Mon.**—Jesus Prays (John 17: 15-16). Jesus spent much time in prayer. Most of His prayers are unrecorded, but those of which we have a record were mostly concerning His disciples. He always prayed for them, thought of them, and died for them. He still lives to make intercession for us. He always prayed, "Father, that thou shouldst keep them from the evil." In Gethsemane Jesus prayed for strength to do His Father's will. His prayer was: "Thy will be done." It was not a prayer of surrender, but of consecration. He had come to lead others into the fullest expression of life, and now He must not fail; even though it meant that He must lay down His life. He had come into the world to do the Father's will, and now He prays that "it shall be done."

May we, dear Lord, whatever our tasks may be, wherever thou wouldst have us go, however thou wouldst have us serve, always say: "Thy will be done." Clothe us, Lord Jesus, with humanity as thou wast clothed when, in simplicity and the glory of thy Father, thou didst kneel in prayer for us. May we cultivate our fellowship with thee in prayer and, as we pray, teach us to decide for thee in every choice we make each day.

**Tues.**—Solomon Prays (1 K'gs 3:4-9). As Solomon prayed for wisdom his prayer: "That I may discern between good and evil." He prayed that he might be fitted for his task. Solomon was praying for understanding that would enable him to do aright the job that God had asked him to do. He did not merely ask for wisdom, but that he might be able to dispense justice to his people. So long as he sincerely prayed this prayer his nation prospered. Washington on his knees at Valley Forge, Lincoln kneeling before God because there was no one else to whom he could go, Wilson leading his cabinet in prayer for divine guidance: these are examples

of prayer in the life of the world's greatest leaders. May we pray that justice be established in our land.

**Wed.**—Moses Prays (Numbers 14:11-19). Because Moses prayed constantly for his people they believed in him and were willing to follow him. No one can successfully lead others who does not pray for them. Moses prayed: "Pardon, I pray thee, the iniquity of this people." Are you praying for others? Instead of finding fault with others, we should pray for them. Nothing binds people together like prayer.

**Thurs.**—The Disciples Pray (Acts 4:24-31). Peter and John prayed for boldness. It was a time of danger; persecution was present, and death was threatened. To remain quiet, to do nothing in the Gospel work, might have seemed to insure peace and security, but these men had been called by the Divine Spirit to lead men into a knowledge of God as had been revealed to them in Christ Jesus. They prayed that they might do their whole duty and that God's work should be done at any cost. No wonder the place was shaken; no wonder that a multitude believed and followed them!

**Fri.**—Around a Camp Fire (John 21:1-14). Along the shore at the Sea of Tiberias was a long stretch of beach. There was a Camp Fire. Out yonder on the waves of the sea was a group of fishermen, the disciples of Christ. They had fished all night and had caught nothing. Only one lone person was seen about the camp fire. It was Jesus, but the disciples "knew not that it was Jesus." Jesus knew that they were tired and hungry, and had caught nothing; and He said, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship." This they did and caught a great net full of fishes, then Jesus said to them, "Come and dine." There was their breakfast and the Lord of Glory had prepared it for them. The Spirit of Christ which was present at this camp fire, is with us today. Jesus knows about you; He cares about you and, just at this time, if you

could see Him, He stands on the sea shore of your life, reaching out to you, saying, "Come and dine."

**Sat.**—Freedom For All (Micah 4:1-5). Wherever the Gospel of Jesus has been preached the worth of the individual has been recognized until slavery has been undermined and personal freedom has been established. The fact of individual responsibility to God, in freedom and prayer, has been taught until religious liberty has become the law of the nations. May each of us do his part in supporting our missionaries who make known the truth that makes men free. Wherever missionaries have gone, they have ministered to the needs of the people. They have taught the people of India to grow twenty to twenty-five bushels of grain where they had never grown more than five or six before. The missionaries taught them how to drill wells and find water, and construct irrigation facilities that have transformed deserts into gardens. Missionaries have helped to make the world one great neighborhood.

**Sun.**—The Power of Prayer (Rev. 19:6-16). "Jehovah hath made bare his holy arm" (Isaiah 52:10). The needs of the spirit are internal, invisible, and they do not express themselves through sensations as the needs of the body do. Therefore they are often neglected and ignored by those whose needs are greatest.

Prayer is the great key that unlocks the door to heaven's riches. It was the prayer of Elijah that brought down fire from heaven. May we recover the heroic spirit of Christianity, knowing that the power of prayer has raised the dead, healed the sick, and through prayer people can live a genuine Christian life for God.

Jesus said, "Pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Prayer is the only tool for complete victory.

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

July 27, 1930

**A Life Purpose**

John 10:7-18

**DAILY READINGS**

- July 21. Doing God's Will. John 4:27-38.  
 July 22. Prayer and Trust. Lk. 12:4-12.  
 July 23. Our Reward for Righteousness.  
 Heb. 12:1-6.  
 July 24. Christian Living. Matt. 3:13-17.  
 July 25. A Sense of Duty. John 9:1-5.  
 July 26. Supplying Necessary Funds.  
 Acts 4:32:37.  
 July 27. Assuming Responsibility. 1 Tim  
 4:6-16.

**Mon.**—Doing God's Will (John 4:27-38). Jesus said, "I came not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Jesus came to do what the Father wanted Him to do, a work that no one else could do. He came to do the Father's will, and He imparted to His disciples this same purpose in life and showed them the glory of accomplishment. Such men always become great leaders, ready to advance God's kingdom on earth. Among them was Dwight L. Moody who demonstrated what God can do with men wholly consecrated to do His will. No wonder he became the world's great evangelist. The world's greatest leaders are Christians because Christians do the will of God.

**Tues.**—Prayer and Trust (Lk. 12:4-12). To pray and to trust is to join hands with God's will for the accomplishment of His purpose. It is to join hands with those of every age that has striven for the things that make for righteousness. It is that we join hands with all who are working, in every land, for the kingdom of God. Because Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come," and because they did pray for the coming of the kingdom, they have lived in every age that has followed them. The last words of Christ to those who would make His kingdom supreme in the world have been the marching orders of the Church for near two thousand years. They embody the purpose for which Christ came into the world, the purpose for which He lived, and the purpose for which He died. To redeem the lost, that they might have

eternal life. Prayer and Trust! This purpose has made the great missionaries of the past: it will make the missionaries of tomorrow.

**Wed.**—Our Reward For Righteousness (Heb. 12:1-6), and (Rom. 8:18—"The glory which shall be revealed"). Every one works for reward. It may be money, it may be fame, it may be the joy of working, or it may be the accomplishment of something desired. Christ worked for the joy of a redeemed world. When the whole world makes his soul an offering for sin, "He shall see the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied." As His kingdom grows in us, we shall become like Him. Through suffering and sacrifice a new world is established in us.

**Thurs.**—Christian Living [Matt. 3:13-17]. Jesus said to John, "It becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." A thing that is right is in accordance with the will of God. A man who works in accordance with these laws has the whole universe back of him. A thing is not right or wrong because of custom, but customs have been established because people have found by experience that things are either right or wrong. The great names of history!—who claims them? Almost every nation under the sun. Every individual who does right, or does something worth while, belongs not only to his own nation, but to the whole world. The world's greatest need is a wider and better understanding of Jesus.

**Fri.**—A Sense of Duty (John 9:1-5). Every one knows his own weakness when face to face with spiritual forces of evil. Every one must realize that help is needed: for our one aim is, "to win souls," and Christ alone can give us wisdom, and strength, and victory. To be a Christian is to be like Christ in character, in thought, in action, in purpose. As Christians we learn to live as becometh *beings* created in the image of God; and our desire is to see others saved.

**Sat.**—Supplying Necessary Funds [Acts 4:32-37]. Barnabas was a man who was a Christian, one who was consecrated to God, a man whose life was fully yielded: "And having a field, sold it and brought money." Sometimes the consecrated life is called upon to give *all*. Could you do that? Barnabas gave generously. As no organized work can go forward without money, we too, need to be generous givers. If the young people of today become content to make money and have a good time, they will never know the joy of giving: for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." God requires us to give liberally and cheerfully, and may require our *all*.

**Sun.**—Assuming Responsibility [1 Tim. 4:6-16]. Young men and young women may think that life lies somewhere in the rosy tinted future; that it is something into which they will enter when high school is over, or college days are past. They are apt to think that responsibility is something that they need not assume until the years of preparation are over. Too often they say that summer is a time for fun and enjoyment, and that religious interests and obligations can wait until fall. Why should the precious mementos of youth be wasted? The brown leaves which fall from the trees in autumn may fall on the lonely grave of some boy or girl who said, "Later I can take up religious work: I don't need to mind the things of God now; but wish to enjoy life and have good time." God's time is now; don't wait for your time: for it may find your body lifeless, with nothing but a silent mound to mark its resting place. Now is the time to shoulder responsibility.

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

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### Lesson III July 20, 1930 Moses

Exod. 1:8-14; 2:1-22; 3:1-14; 11:1-10; 32:30-35; Deut. 34:1-8; Heb. 11:23-29.

**Topic.**—Leader, Liberator, Law-giver.

**Golden Text.**—By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Heb. 11:27.

**Practical Truth.**—Human courage must co-operate with the divine in the great tasks for God.

**Outline.**—I. Moses' early years. II. Moses' call to leadership. III. Preparation for leaving Egypt. IV. Moses as an intercessor. V. Moses' death. V. The secret of Moses' greatness.

**Time.**—B. C. 1571 to B. C. 1451.

**Places.**—Egypt; Sinai; The wilderness; Mt. Nebo.

**Introduction.**—Moses was born more than 3,000 years ago, of Hebrew parents. He is numbered among the few greatest characters of history, and his life and work have belonged to all people and to all the centuries. He was distinctly Hebrew as to ancestry and religion, but Egyptian in education and training. "He was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians" (Acts 7:22). In both talent and training he was a scientist of the first order. Egypt was the world's center of learning and scientific knowledge; and the wonders which God wrought by the hand of Moses before Pharaoh were a challenge to the learned scientists in whom the king trusted. God was as able to raise up leaders from the poorer material, as He was to "raise up children unto Abraham" from the stones of the field, but in this case He chose the strongest and the best—Moses was a ten-talent man. Moses always consulted with God, and God always led and directed him. Moses' part in the great task was to co-operate with God; and the work succeeded because "he endured as seeing him who is invisible."

**Commentary.**—I. MOSES EARLY YEARS (Ex. 1:8-14; 2:1-22). Israel had been in Egypt for nearly 200 years and grown from seventy-five that went into Egypt to a multitude.

The Egyptians thought to deal wisely with the Hebrews and afflicted them and made them "serve with rigor," "but the more they afflicted them, the more they grew." And the king ordered that all male children be put to death. At such a time Moses was born and, by faith his parents hid him three months, then put him among the bulrushes, where Pharaoh's daughter found him and adopted him as her son, and he was educated and trained for a great career at Pharaoh's court. When he became a man, he resented the bondage of his fellow Hebrews, incurred Pharaoh's anger, and had to flee to the land of Midian, where he became a sheep herder and gained a Gentile bride. For forty years he tended his father-in-law's sheep. But the time was not wasted; for God was quietly preparing Moses to deliver Israel from bondage.

II. MOSES' CALL TO LEADERSHIP (Ex. 3:1-14). God had a great purpose to carry out through Moses, so He led him, as he "kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law," clear over to Mt. Horeb, where Moses was to meet God. The Lord gained his attention by the burning bush; and Moses wanted to see why the bush burned but did not burn up, so "he turned aside to see." Moses signified a readiness to hear; so God made Himself known as the "God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." The Lord knew the afflictions of His people in Egypt, and had heard their cry; and He told it to Moses, then called him to go down to Egypt and deliver Israel from bondage. Moses made excuse, but God assured him that He would go with him, and revealed Himself to Moses as "I AM."

III. PREPARATIONS FOR LEAVING EGYPT (Ex. 11:1-10). Nine judgments had been sent upon Egypt, but seemed to produce no softening of Pharaoh's heart. One more plague, the death of the first born in every Egyptian home, was announced to Pharaoh by Moses, which would have such effect upon the Egyptians

that they would thrust Israel out. The blow fell at midnight, and so very great was the cry of mourning and so terrible the panic inspired by the hand of God, that even the dogs were awed to stillness. And the Egyptians gave unto the Hebrews gold, silver, and other valuables to help them leave the country quickly.

IV. MOSES AS AN INTERCESSOR (Ex. 32:30-35). The people had committed a great sin, and Moses, after showing them their sin, tried to lead them to repentance; not satisfied with his success, he interceded with God for them. Moses even expressed a willingness to die for his people, and said, "If thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book." In this Moses was type of Christ, but Christ actually died for us (Rom. 5:8).

V. MOSES' DEATH (Deut. 34:1-8). So great was Moses' task that it took eighty years of training to prepare him for it. But God kept him and preserved him for forty years of real service. He led his people to the entering in of their promised land, but they would not enter; so he led and guided a wandering people for nearly forty years, until they were about to enter the promised land. It was then that God led him up on Mt. Nebo and showed him all of the promised land. But Moses was not to enter in; so he died there and the Lord buried him somewhere in Moab, but no man ever knew just where.

VI. THE SECRET OF MOSES' GREATNESS (Heb. 11:23-29). Moses had vision, and he had faith in God. These are the qualities that made Moses great and enabled him to renounce Egypt and all it might have meant to him, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God." By faith Moses obeyed God and led the children of Israel out of bondage unto their inheritance. He had understanding that reckoned suffering with Christ to be greater riches than the most precious of earthly treasures. "By faith he endured as seeing him who is invisible."

## Lesson IV July 27, 1930 Deborah

Judges 4:1-15.

**Topic.**—Woman's Influence in Community and National Affairs.

**Golden Text.**—Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not. Isaiah 35:4.

**Practical Truth.**—Public reforms need a greater participation on the part of good women.

**Outline.**—I. Israel under oppression  
II. Deborah the judge.

III. Deborah the military leader.

IV. Barak's timidity.

V. Deborah on the battlefield.

**Time.**—About B. C. 1300.

**Place.**—In northern Canaan.

**Introduction.**—During a period of nearly 400 years, from Joshua to the first king, Israel had no strong, continuous, central government. It was a kind of republic under the theocracy, and would have been good and sufficient if the people had obeyed the Lord. But the people, disregarding God's warnings and instructions, fell into idolatry and wickedness, and God withdrew His protection from them, and their enemies oppressed them. But when the people repented and cried unto the Lord for deliverance, He raised up persons called judges to deliver them from their oppressors. Fifteen different judges were raised up during the period, the third one being Deborah, the subject of our lesson study today.

The worth of woman's citizenship is not new: Deborah illustrated that worth 3000 years ago, when she led and won in a great national crisis. Frances E. Willard's marvelous leadership in a world-wide moral reform is a more modern example. The higher types of civilized people have looked to women for the purest example in the finer things of life, and that example has been a powerful force in human uplift. Women have led the fight to keep tobacco and drink from our boys and girls. It has been a hard battle because of the bad example of young men and fathers, but it will be harder now

since young women and mothers are becoming tobacco users.

**Commentary.**—I. ISRAEL UNDER OPPRESSION (vs. 1-3). When Ehud the second judge was dead, Israel, left without the restraint of religion, soon fell into idolatry and wickedness again. Joshua had overthrown the Canaanites of the north of Canaan, but they had recovered and were oppressing the Israelites. There was a host of them and Sisera was their captain. Israel had no chariots, but Sisera had nine hundred chariots of iron, which they used to keep Israel under subjection. Israel, after twenty years of oppression, repented of her sins and cried unto the Lord for deliverance.

II. DEBORAH THE JUDGE (vs. 4, 5). Deborah must have possessed extraordinary knowledge, wisdom, and piety, and must have had a great influence with the people: for they recognized her as the one God had raised up to judge Israel. God had raised her up to judge Israel and to act with Him in their deliverance from Jabin king of Canaan. Deborah had her place of judgment in the open air under a palm tree, as is still common in oriental countries. She had divine authority to judge her people, and she was a prophetess and delivered the messages God gave her for His people.

III. DEBORAH THE MILITARY LEADER (vs. 6, 7). By virtue of her official authority as judge, Deborah "sent and called Barak," the commander of the army. She had received a message from the Lord and, when she gave directions to Barak, she used the emphatic form of communication: "Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded?" And she commanded Barak to gather 10,000 men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them to mount Tabor. Mount Tabor overlooks the plain of Jezreel, which has been the battle ground of the ages. What was accomplished consisted not so much in what Deborah did alone as in what she inspired Barak to do. Barak was a great military leader but he needed the

inspiration which the prophetess could give. Many noble women will be rewarded for what they inspired others to do.

IV. BARAK'S TIMIDITY (vs. 8, 9). It was natural for Barak to think that the presence of the one to whom the Lord had given directions for the battle and the promise of victory would be a guaranty of success. The presence of the prophetess would encourage the troops because they believed God was with her. Perhaps it was a rebuke to Barak when Deborah told him that the honor should not be for him, but he was more concerned about winning against the enemy than he was about personal honor.

V. DEBORAH ON THE BATTLEFIELD (vs. 10-15). Barak gathered his 10,000 men and Deborah went with him up to mount Tabor. Sisera gathered his hosts, with his nine hundred chariots of iron, and made ready for battle along the banks of the river Kishon. Deborah reminded Barak that the time was at hand when the Lord would deliver Sisera into his hand, and commanded him to move forward to battle. Barak and his men had confidence in Deborah's assurance of victory and rushed down the mountain to face the enemy on the plain. Instead of holding their position of advantage on the mountain, Barak chose to meet Sisera on his own battlefield; the result was a great victory for the Israelites because the Lord was with them. "And the Lord discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down from his chariot, and fled away on his feet." But he did but escape from Barak to fall into the hands of Jael who slew him by driving a nail through his temples while he slept; thus it was that Sisera was sold into the hand of a woman.

God is ever calling for loyal soldiers in the fight against sin, and you and I have enlisted; shall we be afraid of the chariots of iron, and accept defeat, or win by God's help?

**Monett, Mo., June 25th.**

Dear Gem Readers: I will make a report of some of the things we have been doing since the June number of the paper went out.

We had a flower service at our Blue Eye church the second Sunday in June. There was large crowd and a wonderful spirit manifested. I have never yet seen a flower service that was not a decided success. Our Enon church had children's exercise that day, and dinner on the ground, and we preached for them that afternoon. They were willing to remain hungry from 12:00 to 1:30, till we could get down there, a distance of eight miles, to take dinner with them.

I was in Barton county last week, with the Hannon and Verdella churches, and secured about \$70.00 in cash and pledges on the linotype fund, besides several subscriptions. Brothers and sisters, I do wish you could see our need of a linotype as I see it: you certainly would send in a donation for it. The editor and wife are overworked all the time and the hand type setting, as some of you know, is so slow; our press never can serve our denomination successfully without a linotype. I feel that we will get the linotype all right but, if we get it, you are to have to help. I believe that you are going to help; are you going to disappoint us and, by so doing, disappoint God? You are not throwing your money away, as some seem to think, when you give to this, but you are helping in a wonderful way to advance the cause of Christ. Let us have a letter from you with a good donation in it.

I am glad to report that I have received the budget (10 cents per member) from the Stahl church in north Missouri, and Oak Grove and Amity churches in Union Association. Bro. George Miller is pastor of Stahl church and Bro. Selph Jones is pastor of Oak Grove and Amity, he stated that he would send in from his other two churches soon. Folks, the budget system will mean the financial success of our state work, if responded to. I am praying that all our pastors will send in the budget from their churches.

Let's not be discouraged, for there is nothing to be discouraged over: if God be for us, who can be against us? Prospects for our work look bright to me. If you are discouraged, spiritually sick; think of the command of Peter to the lame man: "Rise up and walk."

Yours for Jesus,  
Winford Davis.

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With mind and body, Oh, so tired,  
Doing the things for which we care;  
Going all day as if inspired  
To use each day—not a moment to spare:  
For at the end of life's long day  
The faithful are sure to receive pay—Editor

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**Blue Eye, Mo.**

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man was a Jew and the traveler a Samaritan. They were bitter enemies, but the good Samaritan had compassion on his enemy. It is sad to know that even today some sinners are more willing to render assistance to the needy and afflicted than some church members. We, as Christians, should wake up and see how necessary it is that we should be always at our post of duty. As we look round about us we see sin on every hand leading boys and girls, men and women away from God. Pray for me that I might be always found ready to help the cause of Christ.

**SERVICE**

If we would get the most from life,  
We find it best in giving;  
For happiness in *service* lies,  
And not in narrow living.

Life is a patchwork thing at best,  
Made up of joy and sorrow;  
A kindly deed today may bring  
A burst of song tomorrow.

So let us make the high resolve,  
With *service* our endeavor,  
To banish thought of selfishness,  
And bring good will forever.  
Ruby Hollars.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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. Emma Henderson, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.

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NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will convene with Mt. Zion Church, north of Plattsburg in the Starfield neighborhood, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in Aug., 1930. Melba White, Clerk, Hemple, Mo.

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THE CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL 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.

**Joplin, Mo., June 5th.**

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem: As I have never written anything for our little-big paper, I thought I would endeavor to do so. I say little-big paper because it is small in size but in contents it is wonderfully large: for there is grand thought in its contents, and food for the soul. I love the paper, the editor, and all its readers, and I pray that it may grow, and glow, and go over the top. By the help of God I will try to drop a few thots on "The power of God."

To begin with, Paul says in Rom. 13:1, 2, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." I thank my heavenly Father because He is the Almighty God, and that beside Him there is none other, and that serving Him is a personal affair to each individual.

Jesus said to Peter in John 21: "When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thine hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God." Peter, like a great many people of

today, was wondering what was to become of the other fellow, seeing that disciple whom Jesus loved. "Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me." And so the best way that I can see for every soul to be subject unto the higher powers is for every one to keep the beam out of his own eye, then he can see clearly to pull the mote out of his brother's eye. Then we will be able to fulfill the first and great commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and all thy mind," and to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Oh, how much we do need the love of God in our hearts for each other! How much sweeter this life would be if every member of the family had God in his or her life, so they could rise each morning with a smile on their faces and a kind word for each other, and all get down on their knees together before breakfast and thank the Lord of heaven and earth and ask Him to let the Holy Spirit lead and rule in their hearts and lives throughout the day, that when God saw fit to call one out of the home circle, the rest would have no regrets, knowing that some glad day they shall again clasp hands and be for ever in their eternal home.

Jesus said to His disciples in John 21:6, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find." If we would cast our nets on the right side in this life, we could be the cause of many coming to God, and could save ourselves from many a heart ache. God knows my heart's desire is to live a true godly life before my loved ones and my friends, and to love my enemies, and not to be overcome of evil, but to overcome evil with good, and not let my good be evil spoken of.

We all know that there are no half way grounds in living the Christian life. Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." For an

illustration I will relate what a negro said to me some time ago: he had heard that I was a preacher. "So you's a preacher is you?" I answered, "Oh, I would be." "Oh," he said, "No sir, boy, that wont do, you eder is or you ain't." And so it is, we either are Christians or we are not.

In closing I will say as Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers."

Yours in Christ,

Eld. Bee Clark.

Joplin, Mo., R1, B34, 716 Park Ave.

### Ash Grove, Mo., June 6th.

When I last reported to the Gem, I was in a meeting at Fredericktown, in southeast Missouri, with the Free Will Baptist church in that town. Fredericktown is the county seat of Madison Co., Mo. Some years ago I held meetings in a hall which resulted in the organization of this church. Eld. Yancey was their first pastor, and he is still their pastor. I was glad to find him still on the job. God blessed in the meetings and souls were saved and joined the church; and Bro. Yancey had quite a large baptizing after I left

From Fredericktown I went and preached a few nights at our Mill Creek church. This is a new church with a new church house. It was organized after a good revival meeting held by Eld. Mike Cleaver, with others helping. While I was there I helped to ordain two deacons for the church.

From Mill Creek I went to Flat River, then to Wortham, with Elder Hildebrand the pastor at Wortham. One united with the church and I baptized two. These were largely the result of a meeting I held here some time before. This church and the Fredericktown church both seem to be getting along just fine. Eld.

Monroe Henderson is the faithful pastor of our Mill Creek church.

From Wortham I went to St. Louis. Our church at St. Louis, under the care of W. C. Hill, pastor, and Chas. Miller, assistant pastor, seems to be getting along fine. When I left St. Louis, Eld. Hill took me in his car. We went to Niangua. I preached one night and he one night, in the Free Will Baptist church there. I used to live in Niangua. Then we went to the city of Springfield, and Bro. Hill preached a few times at our church there, then he went back home to St. Louis: I, with the help of others, continued the meeting. There was one profession and one addition to the church. Eld. W. E. George is the faithful pastor of this church.

I am now at Ash Grove.

I liked the last issue of the Gem just fine. We find many good articles in the Gem, as good as I ever saw in any paper, and the people enjoy reading them when they are not too long.

T. C. Ferguson, Evangelist,  
Ash Grove, Mo.

### 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.

### Obituary

COLES—On Sunday June 22, 1930 the writer was called over long distance telephone to the Verdella Church in Barton county Mo. to preach the funeral of Rosa Coles, wife of deacon E. Coles. She was laid to rest in the Barton City cemetery.

A large crowd was present of relatives, friends and neighbors, to pay their last respects to the departed, and extend their sympathy to the berieved family,

Sister Coles professed religion early in life, and became a member of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, and she continued a consistent Christian, and a faithful member of the church till her death.

Sister Coles had been a sufferer for a long time, but she bore her suffering patiently without complaining. She said that her trust was in God, and that she was ready to go. She will be greatly missed by her family, the community at large, and the church, but what is our loss is Heaven's gain. She is gone, but not forgotten

The text used was 1st Corinthians 15:55.—Elder T. C. Ferguson.

### Memorial

In loving memory of my dear brother Clyde Davis who departed this life one year ago July 1st.

Today recalls sad memories  
 Of a loved one gone to rest,  
 And those who think of him today,  
 Are the ones who loved him best.

The God who gave has taken,  
 And Heaven our dear has won;  
 Although our hearts are aching,  
 The will of God is done.  
 Mrs. Marvin Frazier.

## Obituary

REGER—Ellis F Reger of Tecumseh, Oklahoma passed away May 2, 1930. He was born February 23, 1877 near Harris, Mo., Sullivan county, being at the time of his death fifty-three years, two months and nineteen days. He was united in marriage January 4, 1899 to Olive A. Smith of near Harris, Mo. To this union were born nine children. One preceded him in death nine years ago. Eight children are still living. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, five sons and three daughters; Luster of Cotesville, Nebraska, Lavelle J. W. of St. Louis Mo., Herman True of Jennings, La., Sauley D., Ora J., Edna B., Clifford F. and Corlene Olive, all of Tecumseh, Okla. One brother Enoch Reger of Braman, Okla., three sisters, Mrs. Elda Wolfe of Milan, Mo., Mrs. Elsie Guthrie of Gredy, Colo., Elva Dennis of Edgar Nebraska, five grandsons, one granddaughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

He was converted early in life and although his path was not all strewn with flowers, the last seventeen years of his life was devoted to the Lord's work and expressed his desire to do more for the Lord. He said God knows best and does all things well, and that he was ready to go, also he was prepared any time the Lord called. He was in failing health for more than two years. He bore his suffering with patience, but our loss was Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held Sunday May 4th at the Church of God at 4 o'clock p. m., Rev. Fleet officiating, assisted by Rev. Epper-son after which he was tenderly laid to rest in the Mission cemetery.

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—Psalms 116:15*

**In Loving Remembrance**  
of Sherman Medlin who departed  
this life August 29, 1929

It has only been a year,  
Since, with grief and many a tear,  
Our loving husband and father we laid  
away  
To await the great resurrection day.

How we miss thee, father dear!  
Yet thy memory lingers with us here,  
But God in his wisdom said, "Come  
unto me,  
And Heaven, with its beauty, thou  
shalt see."

Your suffering here was long and  
intense  
In this sad world where so much  
is dense,  
And your memory is with us every day,  
But we are willing for you with God  
to stay.

In the cemetery on the hill,  
Yonder beside the brook and the rill,  
Your body lies mouldering in the  
ground,  
But in Heaven your soul is safe and  
sound.

It was hard for us with thee to part,  
For we loved thee with all our heart;  
However great our sorrow and grief,  
At most we know our stay here is  
brief.

We miss thee, but we would not call  
thee back  
To this cold world of strife and rack,  
But we hope some day your face again  
to see,  
And with you, God, and other loved  
ones to spend eternity.

Lord grant, if nothing else we gain,  
In this sad world of suffering and  
pain,  
That when our bodies are mouldering  
in the sod,  
That we may spend eternity with our  
God.

Wife and children.

**In Loving Memory**  
of our darling Clyde who fell asleep  
in Jesus one year ago today, (July  
first).

One year has passed since you left us,  
Whom we loved and cherished dear;  
Can we help but feel so lonely,  
When our darling is not here?

No more his sweet and smiling face  
Will cheer our hearts and home,  
But in memory's love we will keep him,  
Tho in sorrow we're left here alone.

Heaven retaineth now our treasure,  
Earth the lonely casket keeps,  
And the sunbeams love to linger,  
Where our darling Clyde now sleeps.

Just one year ago today,  
Our darling Clyde was taken away,  
And as we stood around him there,  
Our lives were full of grief and care.

Our hearts were so sad, for he had to go  
And leave us here in this world of woe  
But we know that he has gone to rest,  
And is sleeping sweetly on the Savior's  
breast.

Oh, how we miss you, who were so  
dear!  
Your tender care, and your words of  
cheer,  
But in this old world of sin and woe,  
We're still left for some purpose here  
below.

But, by the help of the Lord we love,  
We will meet you, dear Clyde, in  
Heaven above,  
Where no more tears will ever be shed,  
And all sorrow and pain be forever  
fled.

He was patient, kind and tender then,  
Sweet words he would always say;  
Oh, we never shall forget him!  
And we miss him more each day.

Yes, a loved one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A chair is vacant in that home  
That never can be filled.

Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Davis and son,  
Winford, (father, mother and brother)

## Love

"Let us love one another;  
for love is of God; and every one  
that loveth is born of God and  
knoweth God" (1st John 4:7).

Man's first duty is to God. The  
word which sums up his duty to  
God is *love*.

By loving is meant "a sincere  
desire for a delight in the welfare  
of the one loved, and a willingness  
to do everything possible to fur-  
ther it."

We sometimes have earthly

friends whom we dearly love, and feel we would do anything on earth for them, but, Oh, how sad the disappointment, when we find those friends do not love us. Almost every one has some one who pretends to love them, when they do not need a friend, but when we need them is when we find whether or not they love us, and if we find they do not, we are sorely grieved. And so it is with God, when we do not love Him.

There is no love like God's love. Where all others fail, God is always ready to love us. So why can't we take God with us every day, knowing that upon his love we can always depend?

Trust in him who will not leave you  
Whatsoever years may bring;  
If by earthly friends forsaken,  
Still more closely to him cling.

It means so much to know there is one we can always take our troubles to. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you, and ye shall fulfill the law of Christ."

The world did not want Jesus. It took him and put him to death. Many do not love him or want him in their hearts today, but if you will make room for him here, he will make room for you up there, for he says, "In my Father's house are many mansions." How sweet it will be to have a mansion up there!

Jesus satisfies all our longing for the right sort of a God. When in the Gospel of John we find the words, "God so loved the world," love is very expensive: it cost God His only Son, and Jesus His life, and why? The answer is love. Nothing in this world is soul satisfying unless it is filled with the attribute of love. A home is empty, no matter how filled with beautiful things, if love is not there; a church without love in its membership is a travesty; and all business without love is a failure: so whichever way we turn is love, love, love, the one thing that makes life worth living.

God is love, and we should strive to be like Him: He stands knocking at the door of your heart, Himself the fountain of salvation. Refuse not His love, receive Him now; today is the day of salvation. Tomorrow may be too late, the day of grace is closing, and the coming of the Lord draweth near. Are you ready for Him to come?

Arvilla Fultz.

### Christ Speaking in Parables

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not God; for God is love." Then farther in the chapter John tells us, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Gal. 5:14 tells us more about love. The law is fulfilled in loving our neighbor as ourselves. Paul tells us that if we bite and devour one another, to take heed that we be not consumed one of another. So if we feel that our neighbor has done us a wrong, we should not try to strike back by doing him a wrong, for the old saying that "two wrongs never make a right" is as true as gospel, so let's strive to keep the *beams* out of our own eyes. Our Savior tells us if we will do this, we can see clearly to pull the moat out of our brother's eye. "God is no respecter of persons," so if I do wrong, I have done wrong, regardless of who I am, or what position I hold, and we are told that "he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not; to him it is sin."

We should be careful what we say, and how we say it. James tells us that the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things, and is a fire—a world of iniquity. But go read the third chapter of James and *please* do not forget to read it, for time and space will not permit me to tell you the truths contained in this chapter.

Then let us turn again to Gal. 5:22-23 and see what Paul tells us is

the fruit of the spirit. May the God of peace and love open our eyes that we may see, and our ears that we may hear, and our hearts that we may understand, and help us to examine our own selves to see if we are measuring up to the Bible standard.

I am asking each one who reads this to pray for me. I surely feel that God has tried me in the fiery furnace. But I find His promise is true, for He has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." I know that the Judge of the whole world doeth right, and I trust I can always be submissive to His will. Let me be as my Savior, as he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane; "Not what I will, but what Thou wilt." May God help us all to live in such a way, that we will hear His blessed applause, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (Matt. 25:35-36)

And, now, let us turn to that chapter, read the remaining portion and see what our King says, and be not slothful in doing these things. I had rather be like my Saviour when he said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head," than to possess the gold and jewels of a thousand worlds like this, and miss heaven, for we surely will not be able to buy a ticket to glory with all the wealth of the universe. So I will say with the poet, "You may have all this world, but give me Jesus."

Lest we forget, let us turn again to the thirteenth chapter and the thirteenth verse of Matthew and read it again: "Therefore, speak I to them in parables; because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."

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## The Father

The son who long had had his  
way

Retraced his steps a winter's day  
And sought again the hallowed  
home

Whence he had gone, to waste and  
roam.

The villagers peered around in  
scorn

At one bedraggled, spent, forlorn;  
And some made finger-signs of  
shame,

Who knew the wretched wanderer's  
name.

But at the farther end of town,  
The one whom grief had doubled  
down

Upraised his whitened head in  
joy,—

And love, unfathomed met the boy!  
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