

News of Salvation

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The Children's Gospel Magazine



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AT THE COTTAGE DOOR.

[J. Southey

“ We’ve got Daddy ! ”

SOMETIMES I visit an elderly lady who lives all alone in her cottage. Although she is lame she is always cheerful and contented and most thankful. She is very fond of children. She had one daughter of her own, and the Lord took her to Himself many years ago.

You can imagine this dear lady’s joy when one day two little girlies came bounding up to her cottage door with their dolls and doll’s pram. She asked them in and they sat and chatted to her for some time. Presently one of them noticed a steel air-raid shelter that the council had fitted up for her. The little girl was shown how it was made as safe as possible, and how neatly it was fixed so as to look like a big table.

After answering the children’s questions the lady asked one of them, “ Have *you* got a shelter in your house ? ”

“ Oh ! no,” replied the child, “ you see, *we’ve got Daddy.* ”

The lady told me this with tears in her eyes. It showed the little one’s trust in her father, and it is surely a lesson to those who know God as their Father to trust in Him at all times.

The Lord Jesus said, “ Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 18. 3. We cannot know God as our Father unless we first come to Jesus and trust Him as our Saviour. He said—

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE :
NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT
BY ME. John 14. 6.

The old lady knew God as her Father, and He had taken care of her during many raids before the shelter came, and He was still her chief Safeguard. May you too know the blessing of having the eternal God not only as your Refuge but as your Father too.

The Bedside Lamp.

IAWOKE early and all was dark, so I put out my hand and touched the switch of my bedside lamp. Immediately the room was full of light. This set me thinking.

If I remember rightly the bedside lamp was a gift, but I *know* the Lord Jesus, to Whom I wish to draw your attention, was

GOD’S GIFT TO YOU AND ME.

“ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3. 16. The Apostle Paul, as he thought of this gift, burst forth and said,

“ THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.” 2 Cor. 9. 15.

I wonder if you have ever thanked God for giving the Lord Jesus Christ. He wants you to. But to return to my bedside lamp. It was quite close to me and all I had to do was to touch the switch and the light came on immediately. Had I not touched the switch there would have been no light ; I would have remained in darkness. I want you to see from this illustration that the Lord Jesus is very near you, and all you need to do is to touch Him by the hand of faith, and immediately your hearts will be filled with the light of His love.

A short time ago I was speaking to some lads about the touch of faith. It tells us in Mark 5. 25-34 of a poor woman, who heard of Jesus and came in the crowd behind Him and touched His clothes, for she said, “ If I may touch but His clothes I shall be whole.” And she was healed immediately. Hers was a touch of faith.

I touched the switch of my lamp, believing I should get light, and immediately the light came on, and so with you, the moment you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ He gives the assuring word, “ Thy faith hath made thee whole.”

Would you not like to have the “ light of life ” and so be ready when Jesus comes to take all who believe on Him to be with Himself in heaven ?

A New Year's Promise.

Through another year of mercies
We have each been safely brought ;
Day by day fresh blessings bringing
From the One Who slumbers not
Nor forgets us.
His is love that changeth not.

God in love has all things given
For us richly to enjoy,
But His greatest gift is Jesus,
May His praise our tongues employ.
Trusting Jesus
Fills our hearts with peace and joy.

Let us thank Him that He suffered
For our sins on Calvary's tree,
Let us thank Him that He liveth
Still to care for you and me.
Jesus only
Can our Guide and Saviour be.

As the New Year now we enter
May we trust Him day by day,
Leaning on His blessed promise,
“ I am with thee all the way
To protect thee.
I will be thy Guide alway.”

Dick's Question.

DICK was playing in the garden one day when he heard his father say, "Someone has played a nasty trick on us." The little fellow ran to see what had happened, and to his sorrow found his pet cat lying dead in the shed at the bottom of the garden.

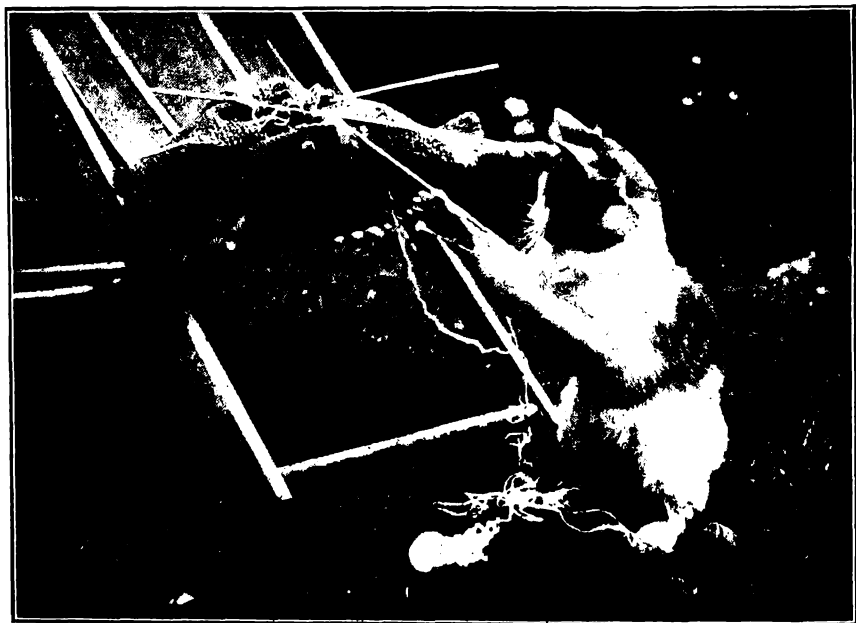
What had caused the cat's death they did not know, but suspected that it had taken some poison. Whether it had been intentionally poisoned they could not find out.

Dick was very sad to think that he would not be able to have any more fun with his pussy. His father told him they would have to bury the cat, so Dick watched his father digging the grave, asking questions all the time.

"Will he come up again, Daddy?" he asked. Dick's question reminds me of one asked many years ago. You can find it in the Bible, in Job 14. 14.

IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?

You can probably answer Dick's question and this one too. I expect you have heard often that when an animal dies that is the end of it, but if we die our bodies will be raised



again. When the Lord Jesus comes, all those who have trusted Him and have died, will hear His voice and will be raised from the dead. They will be caught up with those who are alive and are ready for His coming, and will meet Him in the air. You can read about it in 1 Thess. 4. 13-17.

If death overtakes those who believe in the Lord Jesus, they go immediately to be with the Lord, to enjoy His presence, although their bodies are put in the grave. Then when Jesus comes He will give them bodies like His own. Those of us whose sins are forgiven need not look for death, for the Lord Jesus may come at any time. **How** important to be ready !

“ Oh, joy ! Oh, delight ! should we go without dying,
No sickness, no sadness, no dread and no crying,
Caught up through the clouds with our Lord into glory,
When Jesus receives His own.”



ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

EVERY DAY will I bless Thee ; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever. Psalm 145. 2.

His compassions fail not. They are new
EVERY MORNING : great is Thy faithfulness.
Lam. 3. 22, 23.

It is good to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O MOST HIGH : to show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness **EVERY NIGHT**. Psalm 92. 1, 2.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
ALL THE DAYS of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Psalm 23. 6.

Chats with Young Believers.

THIS month I have a lovely New Year message for you. Here it is :

“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go : I will guide thee with mine eye.” Ps. 32. 8.

It seems to me that this is just what we need as we commence a new year. We cannot see into the future, but God can. He knows all the pathway we must travel, and in this verse He undertakes to teach us and guide us.

You see it speaks of “the way which thou shalt go.” God has a way for each one of us. He has a plan for your life. He is interested in all that concerns you and wants to choose the path for you. He wants to choose your work and your play, your friends and your books. In short, the Lord wants to have first place in your life, dear young believer, and He is worthy of it, is He not? You have trusted Him with your soul; now He wants you to trust Him with your life and all its problems.

The verse says, “I will guide thee with mine eye.” We will miss this guidance if we are wandering away from Him or giving worldly things first place in our hearts. It is only as we are daily and hourly looking up to Him and in communion with Him that He can guide us with His eye.

The Lord has various ways of guiding us. One way is by His Word. It says in Psalm 119. 105,

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Let us then give heed to the Bible and read it prayerfully each day.

Then too God guides by His Spirit, as we wait on Him and seek to know His will. He may guide us sometimes by circumstances, but we have to be careful here, for He does not always make the right path the easy one. I remember hearing a missionary tell how that, after he heard the Lord's call to the mission field, his way seemed to be hedged up. One thing after another happened to hinder his going abroad. But he felt that the Lord had definitely called him, so he prayerfully waited for Him to open up the way. Then as each obstacle was removed, he could gladly trace the Lord's hand in it and his faith was strengthened.

So as we enter this new year, let us commit our whole pathway to the Lord. And as we count on Him and trust Him day by day we may hear His assurance, “As thou goest, step by step, I will open up the way before thee.” Prov. 4. 12 (negro trans.).



Here is an invitation for YOU. The Lord Jesus says, "Give your heart to Me, and I will help you to overcome all your difficulties." But Satan says, "Oh, it is weak to be a Christian, just something for older people. They will laugh at you now. Wait a while." Which voice will you listen to?

You have all heard of Sir William Dobbie, the late Governor of Malta; his name is known to everybody. Do you know that that great soldier did not wait until he was grown up, but trusted Christ as his Saviour when he was a boy at school? To-day he says, "I do not know how anybody could do without Him." Christ in him has solved all his life problems.

Will YOU accept the Lord's invitation NOW?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

As this month begins a New Year, I have chosen a new set of questions which I hope you will like. There are a great many questions asked throughout the Bible, so we are starting to look for those at the beginning of both the Old and New Testaments.

I hope you will all do your best to send in the answers regularly. Write them as neatly as you can and give them to your teacher or post them yourselves to the address given at the foot of the page. It would be very nice to receive a great many new papers, so all of you must encourage your friends to start now.

Most of you know how scarce books and magazines are in these war days and it is very difficult to provide prizes. So I cannot promise a prize to everyone but I trust it will be possible to send to all those who do really well. I hope you will search for the answers not just for the sake of the prizes but because it is God's Word and the searching will help you to learn what is there.

Prizes are being sent out soon (D.V.) to those who answered regularly during last year. I trust they will be valued and prove a help to those who receive them.

Your loving friend, N.E.

QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY.

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Questions of the Bible.

1. What did Adam answer God when He asked him "Where art thou"? Genesis 3.
2. How did Cain answer the Lord when He asked "Where is Abel thy brother"? Genesis 4.
3. What question did the wise men ask? Matthew 2.
4. Write the verse containing the words "Much better." Matthew 6.
- *5. Write the verse containing the words "Much more." Matthew 6.
6. Write out as many quotations from the Old Testament as you can find in Matthew 2.
7. When the Lord asked Adam "Where art thou?" He also asked two other questions :
 (a) What were they? (c) What did the Lord God say to the
 (b) What was Adam's answer? serpent?
 * Verse to learn. (d) What did He say to Adam?

Answers to Questions for November.

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| 1. Psalm 147. 4. | 6. Genesis 15. 5. |
| 2. Jeremiah 31. 35. | Genesis 22. 17. |
| 3. Daniel 12. 3. | 7. Wise men from the East. Matt. 2. 1. |
| 4. Revelation 22. 16. | Gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matt. 2. 11 |
| 5. Nahum 1. 7. | Shepherds. Luke 2. 8. |
| | The angel of the Lord. Luke 2. 10. |

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of scripture. Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

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A PET MONKEY.

[J. H. Stone.

How Billie was rescued.

“ Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”

How often you may have heard that verse, yet perhaps not been quite sure what is meant by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Here's a story which I think may make it plain.

It is about a monkey called Billy. He was born in the Zoo in London in the winter time. The country where this kind of monkey comes from is very hot, and the fogs and cold of London were nearly the death of Billy when he was just a tiny baby. A lady who had lived out in that country, however, and knew all about these Capuchin monkeys, as they are called, heard about him. She obtained permission to take him to her house, and there she looked after him so carefully that he gradually grew stronger.

Naturally the lady became very fond of Billy and he was very fond of her too. He was the dearest little pet you could imagine, just like a little ball of fur as he would sit on his lady's hand or climb on her shoulder. But, like some boys and girls I know, he liked getting into places that weren't good for him, and from which sometimes he couldn't get back.

One day Billy's lady missed him. She hunted all over her flat. From room to room, everywhere she could think of she searched, but Billy was nowhere to be found. She was getting really worried when she happened to glance out of the window and saw some girls who worked opposite, pointing excitedly to the roof just above her window. They were calling, "There's Billy up on the roof. He's looking awfully frightened."

Billy probably thought he was very clever to climb up there, but getting back was a different matter, and he began to get really frightened. He was out of reach from the window and Billy's lady tried to think of some way to get him down. In her difficulty she asked a boy from a nearby store to help her. He was up and out on the roof in a jiffy, but Billy was thoroughly frightened by this time and wouldn't let the boy touch him. All he would do was to cling to the tiles and whimper with fear. How often boys and girls do what they have been told not to do, and then they find it is so much easier to get into trouble than to get out of it.

At last in desperation Billy's lady decided she must try herself to get him down somehow. She threw open the window and actually climbed out on to the sill. There right above her was Billy, but out of reach. Stretching her hands right up she called, "Billy, come to me." He knew the voice and knew he

could trust his lady, so he just let himself go and dropped right into her hands, and he was safe ! That's the point. Billy heard his lady's voice and when she called him, he just *trusted himself to her*. And the Lord Jesus is calling you each one. He wants to save you and make you happy—then just *trust yourself to Him*.

Perhaps you think, “ I don't hear His voice. How can I know He is calling me ? ” Well, you can hear His voice in His Book, the Bible. Here are the Lord Jesus' own words,

“ HE THAT HEARETH MY WORD, AND BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT SENT ME, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, AND SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION ; BUT IS PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE.” John 5. 24.

“ Whosoever ” means, as a little girl once put it, “ anybody that likes.” So right now, just where you are as you read this, hear His voice and trust yourself to Him.

God's “ Whosoever.”

How matchless is God's wondrous love !
He gave His Son from heaven above,
That none should perish who believe,
But everlasting life receive.

It was for me ; it was for me,
The Saviour died on Calvary ;
Salvation full for me to win,
God's “ Whosoever ” takes me in.

Herein is love, 'tis love indeed ;
A love that meets our deepest need,
A love that passes human thought,
He loved us when we loved Him not.

To sinners lost, our God commends
His perfect love, which never ends ;
The death of Christ that love has shown ;
Was love so wondrous ever known ?

His love dismisses all our fear,
And to Himself He brings us near ;
The Father's house we soon shall see,
To dwell in love eternally.

“Instead of Me.”

THE boys in our picture are lepers in India. They are building a house in the leper compound with bamboo, leaves and string. This photo was sent to us from a missionary who used to visit a leper home to tell the inmates about the Lord Jesus. Here the lepers receive treatment, and some of them are able to return to their homes again.

Leprosy is a most loathsome disease, and although when treated in time

it is wonderful what can be done for the patients, yet the doctors can never feel sure that they are really cured. So we can understand why the Bible speaks of it as a picture of sin. We are told three times in the Gospels the story of the leper who came to Jesus, and each time we read that the Lord Jesus *touched* him. Why is this? There must be something special for us to learn from it. That leper knew the Lord's



LEPERS BUILDING A HOUSE.

power. He had no doubt that Jesus *could* heal him, but *would* He? That was the question that troubled him. And I think it was to show His sympathy and love that Jesus touched him. The poor man would be used to people getting as far away as possible from him, but not so the Lord Jesus. He put out His hand and *touched* him, saying “I will; be thou clean.” And the Lord's heart of love is just the same to-day. Have you felt His touch of love?

I read the story of a poor leper who was one of the survivors of a leper colony that had been swept away by a terrible typhoon. He was blind and disfigured by the disease, but notwithstanding this, the chief nurse had managed to rescue him when a great wave swept over them. She was carried away and seen no more, but the poor leper was saved.

His gratitude was unbounded, and as he pondered over the nurse's devotion, he exclaimed "She died instead of me, helpless, blind, half-dead, ugly leper!" And those who have come to Jesus with our sins, as the leper did when the Saviour was on earth, can say of Him, "He died instead of me!"

A Never-to-be-forgotten Saturday Night.

A LITTLE girl called Margaret was lying in bed one Saturday night. Her Mummy had tucked her in and kissed her goodnight; then pulling down the blind to keep out the daylight she had gone down stairs. Margaret was only six years old but she was not feeling very sleepy this night, for she had something important on her mind.

Margaret's Mummy and Daddy loved the Lord Jesus and as far back as she could remember they had told her about the Lord Jesus, and how He came down to this earth to die for sinners and that if we believe on Him He will forgive our sins and make us fit for heaven. Margaret knew too that although her parents believed on the Lord Jesus, she was not fit for heaven, because she sometimes told lies and quarrelled with her little sister and did other naughty things.

Margaret was lying in bed this evening thinking about her sins. She really did believe that the Lord Jesus died on the cross for her sins, but she wanted to be really sure about it. As she lay there she suddenly remembered the following verse:

"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His Name's sake." (1 John 2. 12).

All at once Margaret said to herself, "If the Lord Jesus has written to little children that their sins are forgiven, He must mean me for I am a little child." There and then Margaret's little heart was filled with such joy, for she had been asking the Lord Jesus really to let her know whether her sins were forgiven or not, and He had answered her prayer, making her quite sure she was forgiven.

Soon after that Margaret fell asleep, but in the morning she had not forgotten what happened the night before, and she was able to tell her Mummy that now she was sure she was saved, for the Lord Jesus had given her a message Himself.

Chats with Young Believers.

HAVE you ever, when telling some piece of good news, been suddenly met with the question "How do you know?" or "What makes you think that?"

Well now I am writing to you young believers—those who have professed to be saved—and I want to ask you "How do you know you are saved?" You have a hope of eternal glory; what reason have you for that hope? We are told in 1 Peter 3. 15 "to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

A friend of mine was standing recently by the bed of her mother who was dying. The old lady spoke of going to be with Jesus. So my friend said "What makes you so sure of that?" Her mother opened her eyes in surprise and said, "Oh, because Jesus died for me." She had a good reason for her hope. She was not resting on her good life or her feelings. Her reason was not "I feel saved" but "Jesus died for me."

It is well for the young christian to have a verse from the Word of God on which to rest. I expect some of you have a "birthday text"—a verse that was the means of your conversion. Others may not know exactly what verse was blessed to them, but like the old lady, they know that Jesus died for them. But it is well to be able to turn to a verse of scripture to show the ground of your confidence. Then if anyone asks you how you know you are saved, you can refer them to the Word of God.

We read in Romans 4. 25 that Jesus "was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification." Then it goes on, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . . and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." This gives us something to rest on and good cause for rejoicing, does it not?

In that verse in 1 Peter which I quoted above, it tells us to be ready to give an answer "with meekness and fear." We have been saved, through no merit of our own, but by free grace, so we should not speak in a boastful spirit but with meekness and in the fear of God. Our lives speak more loudly than our lips. The Lord Jesus said "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." May it be so with each young believer.

**"Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him ;
Well He sees and knows it if our light grow dim ;
He looks down from heaven to see us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine."**

YE SERVE THE LORD CHRIST.

Colossians 3. 24.



Rosie was only sixteen, and her mother was very poor, so Rosie looked for a job to help things out. She found one at last, at a printer's, but discovered that they only printed betting slips for dog-races. Now Rosie was a servant of the Lord Jesus, Who had saved her from her sins by His death on the Cross, and she knew what He would say about *that*! So she refused to take the job and was told by the local labour exchange that she would have to take it. A kind friend looked into the matter, and found out that it was really illegal for girls to be engaged in betting business. So the result was that every labour exchange in the country would be obliged to conform to this rule.

So Rosie's faithful witness to the Lord Jesus led to a big result, and kept other girls from temptation besides herself.

Are you a servant of the Lord Jesus? and if so, how faithful are YOU?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Since I wrote to you last time, I have heard that one of our searchers has passed away. His teacher says he believes that he was truly saved and so we know that he has gone to be with the Lord Jesus. Harry was a regular attendant at Sunday School in all weathers and even the intense air raids did not keep him away. We know that attendance at Sunday School could not save him but, I think, he learnt there about the Lord Jesus, and how He died to save sinners, so Harry put his trust in Him and was ready to go when the Lord called him. We feel sorry for his parents and his sisters who will miss him very much.

Is not this another lesson to us all? We do not know how soon we may have to leave this world and it is so needful to be ready. That can only be, by taking the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and having our sins washed away in His precious blood. I think, too, we need to encourage each other as Harry did his teachers and other scholars by his diligent attention and the hymns and choruses he liked to sing.

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

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Questions of the Bible.

1. What did Hagar call the name of the Lord? Genesis 16.
2. What did the angel say to Hagar? Genesis 21.
- *3. Write the verse containing the words "how much more." Matthew 7.
4. What did the Lord Jesus say to His disciples when they awoke Him? Matthew 8.
5. Who did the Lord say were His brother and sister and mother? Matthew 12.
6. What questions did they, of His own country, ask themselves about the Lord Jesus? Why did He not do many mighty works there? Matthew 13.
7. The Lord said "Shall I hide from Abraham the thing which I do?"
 - (a) What was He going to do?
 - (b) Why was He going to do it?
 - (c) Why did He tell it to Abraham?
 - (d) How did Abraham plead with the Lord?

Tell it in your own words.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for December.

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| 1. Psalm 1. 4. | 5. John 14. 6. | 7. Matthew 8. 23-27. |
| 2. Isaiah 32. 2. | 6. Jonah 1. 4 and 12. | Matthew 14. 22-33. |
| 3. Isaiah 64. 6. | Jonah 4. 8-11. | |
| 4. Mark 4. 39. | | |

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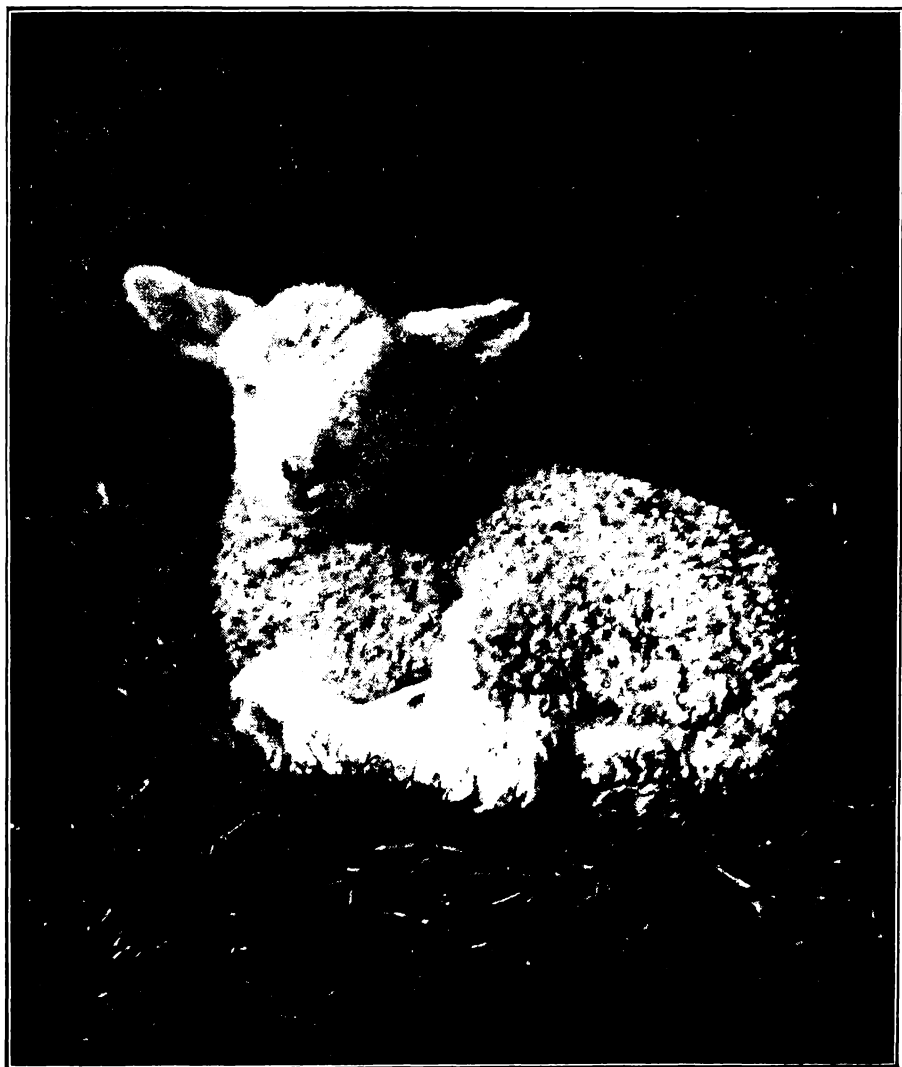
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A Brave Shepherd.

A Swiss shepherd, looking round his flock one day, was distressed to find one missing ! He set off at once to find his lost sheep, and after long and weary searching found the silly creature had wandered far away from the flock, and had at last slipped over a steep cliff. It was, however, alive and apparently unhurt.

There was a ledge jutting out on which it could stand or lie comfortably, but of course it had no food, and was alone and frightened. Now what do you think the shepherd did ? A very strange way to act you will think when his sheep was in such a plight. He just went away and left it !

The next day he went to see how it was, and the poor animal tried hard to scramble up the steep cliff, but of course fell back. This it attempted to do until it was tired out. Again the shepherd went home and left it in its unhappy plight. This went on for three whole days !

“ What a silly man ! ” you say. “ He might have lost his sheep altogether.” But he wasn’t foolish ; he was very wise indeed. He knew the ways of sheep, their silliness and stubbornness and their timid, frightened, untrusting nature—just like the Bible says we are naturally.

“ ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY :
WE HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN
WAY.” Isa. 53. 6.

After three days the shepherd got some men to help him and a strong rope. Then they went to the top of the cliff where the poor sheep was, now very weak and still. The shepherd tied the rope round his waist and his friends let him down over the steep precipice. Soon he could reach the sheep which he secured in his strong arms, and before long they were in safety at the cliff top.

Now can you think why the shepherd waited so long ? He explained that if he had gone before, the sheep would have struggled against being rescued. He waited until the poor creature was too weak to struggle any more and then went to save it. The shepherd knew that his own life might have been lost if the sheep had struggled while being rescued.

You may think how foolish the sheep was, but have you ever thought that *you* may be struggling against being rescued from the judgment to come. The good Shepherd *has* given His life. His blood has been shed. Do not wait till you are weak and ill, as the sheep did. Give your heart to the Saviour now. Taste the joy of being a light for Him in this dark world

while you are young, well and strong. If the sheep had been left a few more hours it would have been dead. *We* do not know what a day may bring forth for us.

“BEHOLD, NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME :
BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.”

2 Cor. 6. 2.

The Ransom.

“*Deliver him from going down to the pit. I have found a ransom.*”—Job 33. 24.

“*The Son of Man came . . . to give His life a ransom for many.*”—Matt. 20. 28.

THE story of the experience of a missionary in China, whom I knew very well, beautifully sets forth the truth of the ransom. This missionary was one of a party of us who had gone out into the country to preach in the open air.

We were cycling home and passed through a village when I saw a caravan and tent, and was calling out to my friends to tell them of what I had seen, when we were ourselves hailed from the steps of the caravan.

We found that the occupants of the caravan were preachers of the gospel, who were touring the villages endeavouring to win boys and girls for the Lord Jesus. They asked us to join them in an open air meeting, to which we agreed, and we went down to the village square.

After one or two had given a short address and asked the people to come to Jesus, the missionary stepped forward to speak and by now a great number had gathered to listen. And what a message they heard !

He told them that whilst in China during the Boxer rising when the Chinese were very hostile to the foreigner, especially preachers, he had gone out visiting other towns with the gospel, and was returning to his station, when he came to cross-roads, and found himself in a fix. He did not know which road to take. He decided to take a certain road, but alas, he found he had taken the wrong one, and he eventually became lost.

After travelling for some time, some men found him, but instead of shewing him kindness and putting him on the right road, they took him prisoner and bound him. Questioning him they found out who he was and where he belonged, and they told him that unless money was brought to them for his release he would be killed and his body buried in the woods.

A messenger was sent to his wife telling her of her hus-

band's plight, and of the demands made by his captors for the ransom for his release. His wife and the other missionaries at the station collected the money together, and following the messenger to a certain place, they paid the money. To their great joy the missionary was released.

That was the story those people listened to in that village square, and then the missionary told them of the ransom paid by the Lord Jesus. For we are like the missionary when he came to the cross-roads. We have chosen the wrong road and are lost. We have gone our own way—the way we read of in Proverbs 16. 25, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." "The wages of sin is death."

There were those, however, who loved the missionary and at great cost to themselves they collected the money, the ransom price, and bought his release. And there is One who loves us, the Son of God, who came into this world to pay the price of our release, our ransom.

**" There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin :
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in."**

The judgment of God against sin, which we deserved, was borne by the Lord Jesus, when His soul was made an offering for sin on Calvary's cross. He paid the ransom and, in virtue of the price He paid, Jesus calls you, saying, "Come unto Me."

Will you accept Him as your Saviour ?

QUESTION :

**Will Jesus bless me if I come
Just as I am today ?
I am so sinful and so weak,
And like a sheep I stray.**

**Will Jesus save my guilty soul ?
Will He forgive my sin ?
Will He remove my every fear
And give me peace within ?**

**Will Jesus fit me for His home
If I am called to die ?
Or if He come to call His own
To dwell with Him on high?**

ANSWER :

**Yes ! yes ! He calls you to Him now,
His words are, " Come to Me " ;
He will in no wise cast you out,
His grace is full and free.**

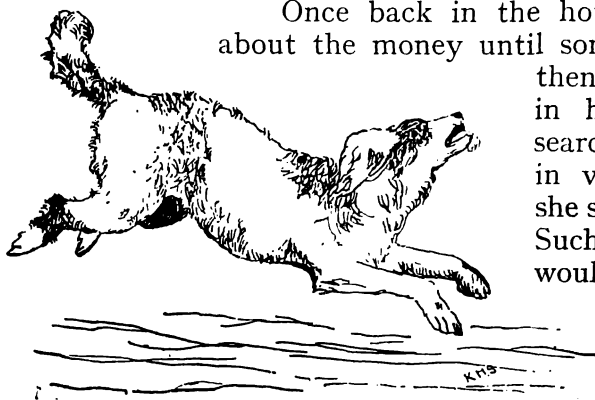
**Yes ! yes ! He suffered on the cross,
Himself for us He gave :
That we might peace and pardon
know ;
That He the lost might save.**

**Yes ! Jesus' blood can make you
white,
And meet in heaven to be
With Him above in perfect love
For all eternity.**

Just tell Jesus.

POOR Granny was very distressed. That morning she had brought in a purse full of money from the Club ; then the baker arrived so she slipped it into her apron pocket intending to put it away later. The dog, seeing the door open, and freedom, took the opportunity of running out and refused to come back at his mistress' call. She had to run out after him, and stooping down to secure him, the purse must have dropped out without her knowing it.

Once back in the house she forgot all about the money until some time after and then—it was no longer in her pocket. She searched the house, but in vain. No wonder she sat down and cried. Such a dreadful loss it would be !



Just then her little granddaughter Joan came in. " Don't

cry, Granny," she said. " I've asked Jesus about it and He will find it." Yes ! the watchful eye of God had been guarding that purse. Does not the Bible say—

" BEFORE THEY CALL, I WILL ANSWER " ?
Isa. 65. 24.

At that very time an honest person had picked it up and taken it to the Police Station. The day after, on Sunday afternoon, Granny was sent for to go and claim it, and she fetched Joan from Sunday School to accompany her. What a happy journey they must have had !

" God does answer prayer," thought Granny. Perhaps there had been times when she had failed to trust Him, but little Joan's faith had brought her nearer to Him and helped her greatly.

When you are in trouble just tell Jesus, and then leave it in His hands, and be sure that He is going to help you in His own wonderful way, for—

" WHILE THEY ARE YET SPEAKING, I WILL HEAR."

Chats with Young Believers.

WE hear a great deal just now about war and weapons of destruction, but I wonder if you have heard about the christian's warfare and armour. Perhaps you did not know that as soon as you are saved you are called on to fight in a great conflict, a spiritual war which never ceases.

God has told us about it in His Word, and if we are to fight for Him, we must take heed to what He says. He tells us about the armour we must wear to protect us from the enemy, and also about the sword He means us to use. If you will read Ephesians, chapter 6, from verse 10, you will see what God says.

I thought we might look at some of the verses, and with the Lord's help learn how to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. First of all we must know who is our enemy. I seem to hear some young believer say that our old nature is our enemy and that we have to fight it. I expect some of you have learned by sad experience how deceitful your heart is and how it leads you wrong. That is a good lesson to learn, but that is not the enemy we read about in Ephesians. We can never properly enter into the conflict spoken of there, unless we have learned that our hearts are incurably bad and have accepted God's estimate of our old nature. He says we are to reckon ourselves dead unto sin but alive unto God.

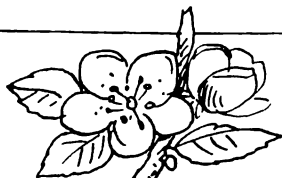
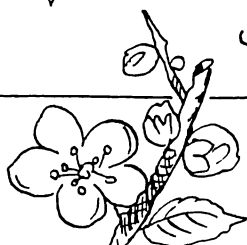
Now in the power of a new life we are called to stand in the strength of the Lord against the powers of evil and the wiles of the devil, in the age-long fight between good and evil, between light and darkness.

The devil is a terrible foe and we are no match for him in our own strength. He has long experience in seeking the downfall of those who love the Lord Jesus, and many of the Lord's most devoted followers have fallen victims to his wiles. So we cannot enter on this great conflict with the power of darkness without feeling our weakness and the awful nature of the fight. It tells us in Ephesians 6. 12, " We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but . . . against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high (or heavenly) places."

This is no ordinary struggle, so we need to be specially armed for protection. We are told to put on "the whole armour of God" to be able to withstand the onslaughts of the enemy. I hope you will all read in the last chapter of Ephesians about this armour. Perhaps next month we will be able to talk more about it.

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Jeremiah 23: 6



“JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU.”

When I was a tiny child I remember my mother used to sing an old hymn (which I never hear now)—one line was “Jehovah-Tsidkenu is all things to me.” Some of the little ones may wonder what the long word means—as I did then. It is the Hebrew for “The Lord our Righteousness.” The hymn is a little story of someone who used to hear people talk about Jesus Christ dying on the Cross, and it seemed so sad that he even cried over it, but it never occurred to him till long after that it was *his sins* that had nailed Jesus to the Cross! Then he saw it all plainly, and that he was a *sinner*, with no good thing in him, and that the Lord Jesus had borne his punishment that he might be made “righteous in Him.” What a wonderful mystery it was, and how happy he felt! No wonder he sang “Jehovah-Tsidkenu is all things to me!”

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some time ago, one of our searchers wrote and asked if she could still write to me and tell me about "meeting with Jesus." Of course she may write and as many more as would like to. I am always pleased to hear from the searchers, and especially if they can tell me about having to do with the Lord Jesus.

When I get your answers and know your names and where you live, then I am pleased to get to know you better and generally that can only be by writing. I try to reply to those letters which I receive but sometimes I am afraid I have missed some and I am sorry. But whether they have been answered or not, it has been a pleasure to hear from all those who write.

Please do not forget to put your name, age and address on your answers; for I cannot give credit even to a beautifully written paper if there is no name on it.

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR MARCH.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Questions of the Bible.

1. What did Joseph's brethren say one to another when they found the money in the sack? Genesis 42.
2. What did Joseph's brethren tell Pharaoh their occupation was? Genesis 47.
3. What does the Lord say about the sparrows? Matthew 10, 2 verses.
4. What answer did Peter give to Jesus' question about who He is? Matthew 16.
- *5. Write the verse containing the words "except ye be converted." Matthew 18.
6. What question did John send to the Lord Jesus? What was the Lord's answer to him? Where was John at this time? Matthew 11.
7. Joseph had two dreams and Jacob asked Joseph, "Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren bow down to thee?"

What were Joseph's dreams?

How were they fulfilled?

Did his brethren bow down to him?

Answer these shortly in your own words. Genesis.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for January.

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| 1. Genesis 3. 10. | 6. Matthew 2. 5-6. | 7. (a) Genesis 3. 11. |
| 2. Genesis 4. 9. | Matthew 2. 15. | (b) Genesis 3. 12. |
| 3. Matthew 2. 2. | Matthew 2. 17-18. | (c) Genesis 3. 14-15 |
| 4. Matthew 6. 26. | | (d) Genesis 3. 17-19 |
| 5. Matthew 6. 30. | | |

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MENDING NETS BY THE SEA OF GALILEE.

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“Lord, Save Me.”

Is this the shortest prayer in the Bible? Anyway it is easy to remember, and you will find it in the 14th chapter of Matthew.

The apostle Peter, invited by his Master, walked on the Sea of Galilee, and as long as he kept his eyes on the LORD JESUS all was well. But the wind was boisterous, and Peter was afraid. Beginning to sink, he cried saying,

LORD SAVE ME.

Did the LORD JESUS save Peter? Will the LORD JESUS save you if you pray this same prayer from your heart? “Yes”, the reply to these two questions, made to me by hundreds of children, is correct. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

LORD. There is no other Saviour besides the LORD JESUS. He was Peter’s Saviour and Lord. Let Him be your Saviour and Lord.

SAVE. No other word would do for Peter, for he was in peril of a watery grave. As sinners, big or little, we are in peril of suffering for ever the penalty our sins deserve, unless we believe the LORD JESUS paid the penalty instead when He died to save our souls.

ME. Like Peter, the boy round the corner, and the girl down the next street, need to be saved, and so do you.

LORD, SAVE ME. The LORD JESUS desires to save you more than you desire to be saved by Him. He died to save from the *penalty* of sin; He lives to save from the *power* of sin, and He is coming quickly to take all His people, big and little, from the *presence* of sin.

EVEN SO, COME LORD JESUS. Rev. 22. 20.

Saviour, I come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I pray—
Cleanse me and save me,
Cleanse me and save me,
Take all my sins away.

Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the
ends of the earth: for I am God and there
is none else. Isa. 45. 22.

Your Opportunity.

I WAS reading the other day about a man who was going to hold some special Gospel Services. He knew many people would not come without a personal invitation, so he set out to find them. The first place he visited was a public house. There he caught sight of a beer barrel marked with three crosses—just the message he wanted !

He told the people about the three crosses on Calvary : the centre one on which hung the Lord Jesus dying for sinful men, and on the one side the man who scoffed at the Son of God and shortly after died in his sins, and on the other side the man who repented of his sins at the last moment, and entered into eternal life.

Then he said to the men who were listening, “ Which are you ? ” I cannot tell if any answered, but I thought that the message of the three crosses is still with us. The Lord Jesus was bearing the punishment of sin on Calvary !

There will be always, alas ! men and women, and boys and girls too, who, even if they do not scoff, are turning a deaf ear to His Word. There are those too who *do* come.

WHICH ARE YOU ?

I like to think that the dying thief had never met Christ before, and this was his only opportunity. This may have been so, and therefore, because the Lord received him at the last moment in His great mercy, it is not the slightest excuse for delaying the question. This may be *your* only opportunity !

Not long ago a lady who loved the Lord Jesus, was visiting a camp of girl-evacuees and talking to them about their need of a Saviour. One day she had a special Gospel Meeting for them. After it was over she went away sad, because there seemed to be no response. Some of the girls had doubts and they were putting off a decision.

But the Spirit of God *was* working there ! Four girls got together and made up their minds that the question of their salvation must be decided at once. So they went round to their friend's house, half an hour after the meeting, and there in her quiet room they trusted the Lord Jesus and gave themselves wholly into His keeping. Others afterwards followed their example.

Will *you* come to Him ? The Lord Jesus said :

HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME
HATH EVERLASTING LIFE.

John 6. 47.

A Marvellous Escape.

"Lord, teach us to pray."—Luke 11. 1.



Distributing tracts in a Chinese city.

MOST of you have heard men and women asking God for something. Those of you who have accepted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, know what it is to speak to God yourselves and make your requests known to Him. The disciples did not say, "Lord, teach us *how* to pray," but "Lord, teach

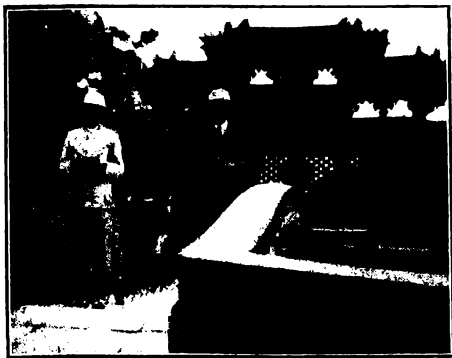
us to pray." They felt, I believe, as many of us do, that they did not pray enough. Sometimes we think that the things we want to pray about are too trivial. But nothing is too small to ask the Lord for, nor is anything too great.

Prayer is just asking God our Father for those things we have need of, believing that God is able and willing to do that which we ask in the name of the Lord Jesus.

My thought in writing to you is to encourage you to pray about everything. Let me tell you how God answered prayer many years ago. My story goes back to the Boxer-rising in China, of which you read last month, when missionaries were hunted for their lives.

Some missionaries had heard that these rebel Chinese were banding themselves together to come against their station and kill them. They hastily packed what luggage they needed and departed. When the Boxers came to the mission station they found the missionaries had departed, so they set about to find which way they had gone and to pursue them.

The missionaries had gone a long way, and night was falling when they came to an old house like a barn, which



In a Confucian Temple.

they thought would provide shelter for them during the night, so they all went in to sleep.

Of course some had to watch, and during the night, to their dismay, the Boxers came to the old house. However, instead of going inside the house, they encamped in the yard and made fires to warm themselves.

Among the missionaries were some women and some small babies. They were therefore terrified that their hiding place would be discovered, for they knew that if one of the babies cried or even whimpered they would be found. What do you think they did? What we all as christians ought to do when in trouble. They poured out their hearts to the Lord.

In the upper room of that old house, in the blackness of night, a prayer meeting was held. Those missionaries fervently prayed to God to deliver them. They prayed that God would be gracious to them by causing the babies not to cry and reveal their hiding place. They believed that God would answer their prayer, and in the morning, when daylight was coming, they peeped out. The Boxers had packed up and gone away ! The babies had not cried and so the missionaries were delivered from being massacred. Don't you think those missionaries praised God for delivering them? Yes, indeed they did, for their hearts were thankful.

Let us then make our requests to God, believing in Him, and having the assurance that God will answer our prayers.

“ Peace, be still ! ”

**A little ship was on the sea,
It was a pretty sight ;
It sailed along so pleasantly,
And all was calm and bright.**

**When, lo ! a storm began to rise,
The wind grew loud and strong ;
It blew the clouds across the skies,
It blew the waves along.**

**And all but One were sore afraid
Of sinking in the deep ;
His head was on a pillow laid,
And He was fast asleep.**

**“ Master, we perish ! Master, save ! ”
They cried ; their Master heard ;
He rose, rebuked the wind and wave,
And stilled them with a word.**

**He to the storm says, “ Peace, be
still ! ”
The raging billows cease ;
The mighty winds obey His will,
And all are hushed to peace.**

**They greatly wondered ; so may we,
And ask as well as they,
Who could this glorious Person be,
Whom winds and seas obey ?**

**Oh, well we know it was the Lord,
Of sinners still the Friend,
Whose care of those who trust His
Word.
Will never, never end !**

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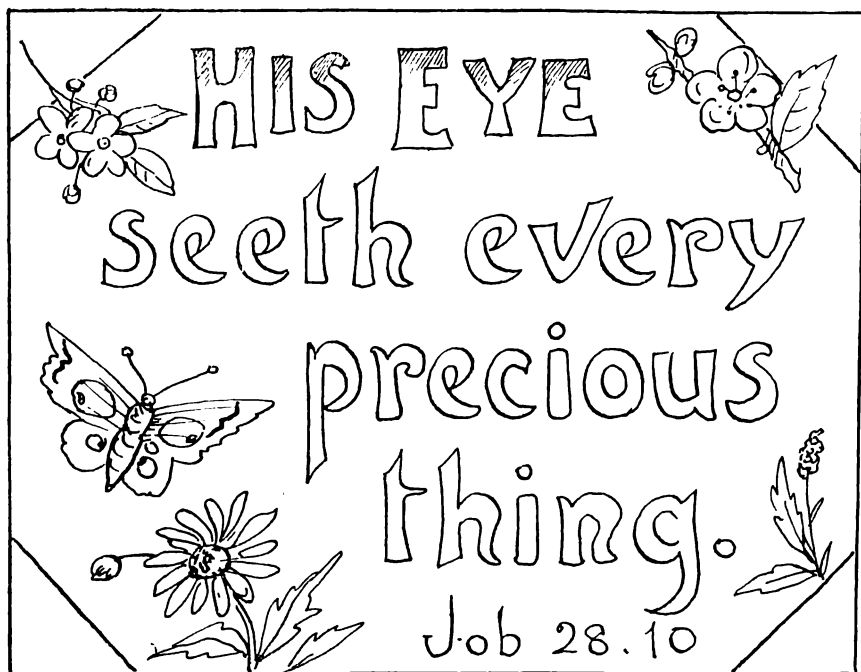
LAST month we were speaking of the warfare which we who are christians are called on to wage. The Lord Jesus wants us to shine for Him in this dark world, while Satan's aim is to darken our light, and to spoil our testimony as christians. And how often he succeeds. This is because we are not clothed with the armour God has provided for us, or using the weapons He has given us.

You will notice we are told to put on the whole armour of God. It would not do to protect only some parts and leave the rest exposed. The enemy is sure to find our weak spot. If a soldier goes into battle without his helmet on, a strong breast-plate will not prevent his head being wounded. So we must see that we have on the *whole* armour. Then, too, the armour is of God. No human power or wisdom is of any avail. Dear young christian, let us not trust in ourselves in anywise in this conflict, for Satan is much too clever for us and can easily trip us up. But God has provided all we need, so we need not be discouraged.

I would just like to remind you that it is only those who have peace with God who can stand firm against Satan, for if you do not know certainly that your sins are forgiven, you will be occupied with yourself. But when we have peace with God, then we know that God is for us, and He it is who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth." This refers to our state of soul, telling us that our thoughts should be in subjection to the Word of God. In the East, the people wore long flowing robes which had to be girded up for active service. So we are not to settle down at ease in this evil world but to stand firmly for God, refusing to allow in our minds what is contrary to Him. The loins speak of our hearts and thoughts, which we are to keep under the control of the Word of God, and braced up for the conflict. In heaven all will be different. There will be nothing there to defile so our thoughts can go out freely, for all will be according to God. But here we must have the "loins girt about with truth". The Lord Jesus said "Thy Word is truth," and He also said "I am . . . the Truth".

So before going forth to stand against the powers of darkness, we must let the Lord Jesus have first place in our hearts, and have our thoughts controlled by the Word of God. With our minds thus guarded by the truth, Satan cannot get a hold and is powerless. May it be so with each young christian.



Have you ever sat in a field, and peering into the long grass, have seen the tiniest flowers imaginable (some would say weeds!)—all perfect, but minute, and wondered why they were hidden away there? God sees them, and He created them for His glory. Now read the 28th chapter of Job, and try to count all the “precious things” mentioned there; many of them hidden in the earth. It says that God’s eye sees them. But do you know what is the *most precious* thing He sees? It is YOU. He loved *you* so much that He gave His only Son to die for your sins, that you might be fit to go and live for ever with Him in Heaven. Have you ever thought of that? He calls those who love Him “My jewels” (Mal. 3. 17) or “special treasures.”

Are you one of “His Jewels”?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Since we have been writing about the questions in the Bible, you must have noticed that there are a great many. Some of them are not answered, perhaps they are left for us to answer ourselves.

Did you notice these questions last month which were asked by the Lord Jesus? He said "Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" and "Whom say ye that I am?" I wonder what answer you would give if that question were asked you. Could you say as a little girl did, "He is my Saviour"? Don't you think that was a lovely answer and one which would please the Lord Jesus?

This month you have to write a question which the Lord Jesus asked two blind men. They had no doubt about what they wanted. They were blind and the thing they desired most of all was to receive their sight.

God once asked Solomon what He should give him, and he chose wisely. Instead of asking for riches or long life, he asked for wisdom so that he could judge his people, and God said He would not only give him wisdom but He would also give him riches and honour above any king that had been before or since. If you had the choice of what you would like most, what would you choose? God delights to grant our requests if we ask according to His will.

Can any of you tell me the name of a man in the Old Testament, who asked God to bless him and keep him from evil? We are told that God granted him that which he requested. If you know it, write his name at the end of your answers.

Your loving friend, N.E.

QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Questions of the Bible.

1. What did the baby's sister say to Pharaoh's daughter? Exodus. 2.
2. What did the Hebrew say to Moses? Exodus 2.
3. What did the Lord Jesus ask the blind man? Matthew 20.
- *4. What are we told the Son of Man came to do? Matthew 20.
5. How did the man, who had not on a wedding garment answer the king? Matthew 22.
6. In Matthew, there are frequent quotations from the Old Testament. Find and write four of these from Matthew 21, and write the Old Testament verses from which they are taken.
7. Tell in your own words how the Lord made Himself known to Moses. Was Moses willing to do what God told him? Exodus 3.

**Verse to learn.*

Answers to Questions For February.

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| 1. Genesis 16. 13. | 4. Matthew 8. 26. | 6. Matthew 13. 54-56. |
| 2. Genesis 21. 17-18. | 5. Matthew 12. 49-50. | Matthew 13. 58. |
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News from a Far Country.

Two or three weeks ago a long letter came from a dear Chinese christian friend who lives in a large walled-in city in S.W. China. Although the letter came part of the way by plane, yet it was months on its way to England. You can imagine how glad I was to get it safely, for it contained news of several friends in other parts of China, some living in cities now occupied by the Japanese.

At the end of the letter our Chinese friend had written, "A Chinese proverb says, 'News of dear ones is ten thousand ounces of gold worth'." This Chinese proverb reminded me of a verse in the Bible, in the Book of Proverbs. "As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." And I thought of God's good news to us, which we can all read for ourselves in that wonderful letter from God—the *Bible*.

From the very beginning God gave good news to men and women, for Adam and Eve were the first to hear it. All down the ages God told it out, until the moment when Jesus, God's Son, was born in Bethlehem and the angel of the Lord said to the shepherds,

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF
GREAT JOY, FOR UNTO YOU . . . IS BORN . . .
A SAVIOUR."

Yes, that is God's good news to boys and girls, and men and women, everywhere today. The Lord Jesus is the Saviour who loves them and who gave His life for them to have them as His own. No matter what colour they may be, they are all precious in His sight. All the time the Lord Jesus was here in this world, He told out the good news, that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In Luke 8. 1 we read that He went into every city and village preaching the glad tidings, and in all the four Gospels we can read many of the precious words He spoke.

How often the Lord spoke of His death and of His resurrection. Now He is the living Saviour of all who put their trust in Him. How are you treating this wonderful letter from God *to you*, telling *you* of this precious Saviour and what He has done for you?

When the letter arrived from China I did not put it aside and leave it unopened for days. No, I read it at once and several times over to make sure I had not missed any

of the news in it. I do trust you will not miss this precious Saviour, but seek Him early, that is while you are young, for God's promise is that those who seek early *shall* find Him.

Are you Travelling in the Dark ?

"He that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."—
John 12. 35.

THESE words of the Lord Jesus came into my mind when a friend told me the following story. It happened in Bristol a few years ago. A fog had settled down on the city about mid-day, and it became steadily thicker until, as evening began to draw in, you could hardly see a yard in front of you.

Most of the people leaving work, rather than try to find their own way home, decided to rely on the 'buses, which had to go along in slow processions while men with torches walked in front to lead the way.

One gentleman, however, who had his own car in a garage next door to his office, thought he would try to drive home as usual. He did the journey every day, and of course he knew the road perfectly. But once outside the well-lit garage, the fog seemed to shut him in on every side. Wherever he looked he could see nothing, only fog, fog, fog.

Very slowly, very cautiously he crept along, but he couldn't even see the edge of the pavement, so he could only *hope* he was on the right road. He certainly didn't know ! At last he could stand it no longer, and seeing the lights of a garage just in front of him, he decided to put the car in there, and stop till the fog cleared.

Imagine his surprise when he found the garage was the very same one that he had left nearly an hour before ! He had simply driven around the square and finished up just where he started. Surely this is a good example of not knowing where he was going, because he was travelling in darkness.

Now the Lord Jesus wanted to teach us a lesson when He said those words which I have quoted. And the lesson is this—all those on the journey of life without Him as guide are "in darkness" and cannot find the way. They are lost. But there isn't any need for anyone to stay in darkness, for the Lord Jesus wants us all to put our trust in Him. Then He will save us and bring us "out of darkness into His marvellous light." 1 Peter 2. 9. The Lord Jesus said :

**"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: HE THAT FOLLOW-
ETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT SHALL
HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE."**

Daphne's Wish.

A LITTLE girl who had been going to Sunday School regularly, one day surprised her mother by saying, "Mummie, I want to die." Her mother, a little alarmed, said "What do you mean, darling?" "Oh! Mummie," said Daphne, "I do so want to see Jesus."

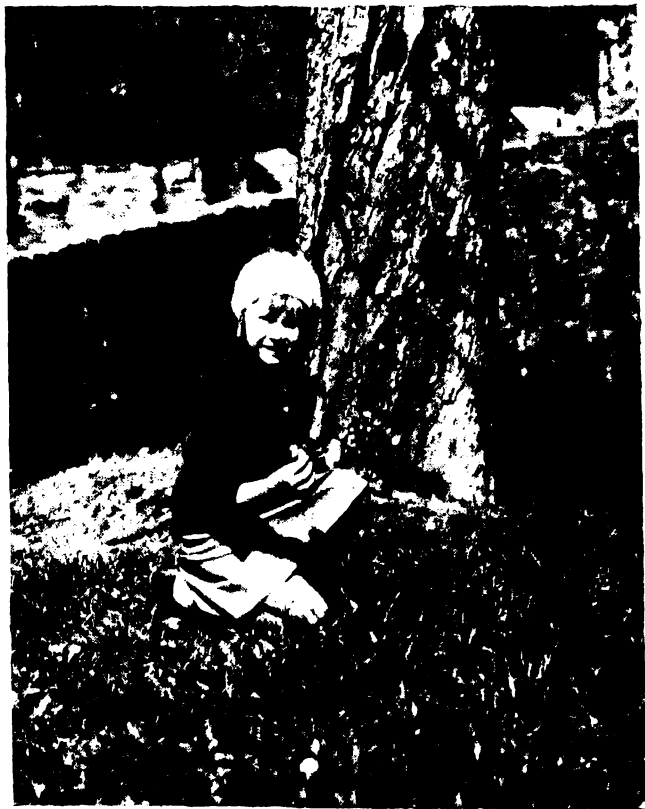
Her mother might have told her that we shall not all die. Perhaps Jesus will come soon, while many of those who believe on Him may still be living. Then we shall all

be caught up to meet Him in the air, and He will take us to be with Him for ever, where there is no sorrow or pain, no war, nothing but peace and joy.

This little girl lives where often there are air raids. I say "lives" for Daphne is still alive and what I am going to tell you happened only a short while ago.

Soon after the conversation referred to, an air raid took place, and bombs fell. Overhead guns boomed and the noise was terrifying. Our little friend was very frightened. Her mother took her to the safest place she could think of, and still the poor child shook with fear.

Then a thought came to the mother. She said, "Daphne, perhaps soon, very soon, we shall see Jesus." That much-loved name thrilled the little one. A beautiful smile of peace



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settled on Daphne's face and she sat quietly and patiently waiting for Jesus to take her.

However in His love and wisdom the mother and child were spared. The terror had not come near them, and soon the "all clear" relieved the mother, for the time being, of anxiety and fear.

But Daphne was very disappointed. She had so hoped she would see Jesus, the Saviour who had won her heart. I wonder how many of you are as ready to die as this little girl. God in His mercy and love may spare us from death by an air raid, but we have all to be prepared to meet Him. If we know Him as our Saviour now, then we shall not have to meet Him as a Judge.

Chats with Young Believers.

THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOUR.

"Having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."—Eph. 6. 14, 15.

WE come now to the breastplate—that which protects the vital parts of the body. It is called **the breastplate of righteousness**. The old saying "Conscience makes cowards of us all" is true. It is only those who have a good conscience before God and man who can stand firm in the face of the enemy.

All christians have Christ as their righteousness. Trusting in Him, we are reckoned righteous in the sight of God. But *the breastplate of righteousness* is different. It refers to practical righteousness in our lives. Paul said he exercised himself to have his conscience void of offence towards God and men. He wrote elsewhere asking the prayers of the saints for himself, "for," said he, "we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." Heb. 13. 18.

Can the same be said of us? Are we going on with anything that we are not clear about? Is there anything in our lives that we would not like others to know? If so, then we have not on the breastplate of righteousness and are sure of defeat.

Satan is quick to take advantage of a weak place in our armour. If we let down our breastplate we soon fall before temptation. We have no power to speak to others about Christ, or to be a testimony for Him, if our conscience condemns us. We are afraid of what the world would think if it

found out our inconsistency, and so we are compelled to lower our flag.

Let us then seek to be practically righteous in all our ways before the world, and so give no cause to bring dishonour on the Name we love.

Then we need **shoes for our feet.** The Lord wants us to **walk in peace** through a world of strife. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and He has made peace by the blood of His cross. We are told to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and we are also called to be peacemakers.

The christian is to carry peace into every scene he enters. We can only walk in peace as we have our minds and hearts controlled by the truth, and are living in practical righteousness before men. If we are unhappy in ourselves and out of communion with the Lord, we shall soon be angry with others, and instead of being peacemakers we shall bring in strife and discord.

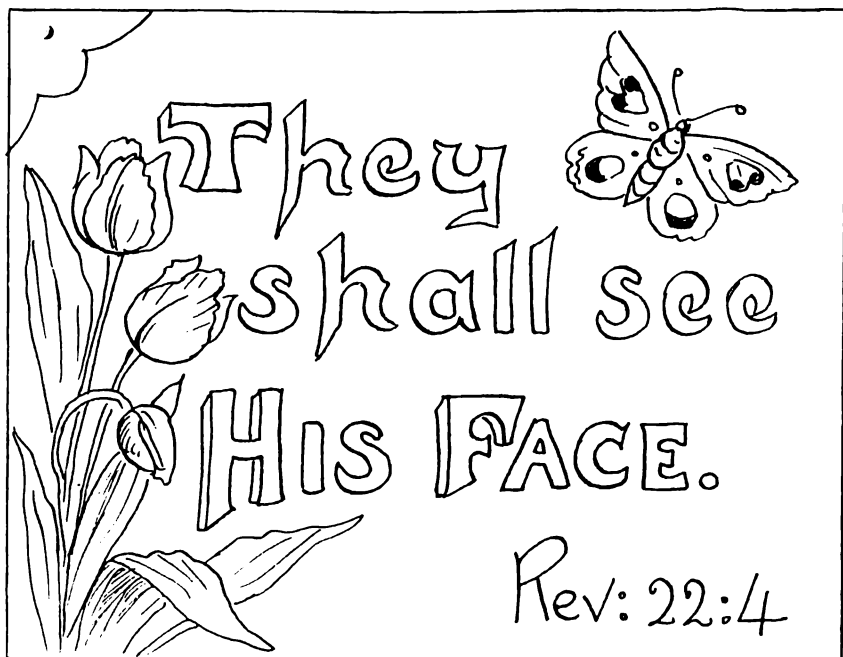
May each of us be found here blameless and without offence, walking in a path well pleasing to our Saviour and Lord, "The Prince of Peace."

How Much Does Your Mother Love You?

"100 per cent" is the only good reply I have had from hundreds of boys and girls who have been asked this question at outdoor meetings in various parts of England. Some have only smiled, others have made funny and absurd answers, but all have agreed that each one is able to truly say "My MOTHER loves me ever so much."

"So" does not tell how much, but this little word has a big meaning. It is the third word of the most wonderful verse in the Bible—John 3. 16, "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE"—JESUS. We cannot measure the love of a true mother, and we cannot be too grateful to her. We cannot measure the love of God and we cannot be too grateful to Him: "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"—You, me and everybody else—"THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

Love to the uttermost! Love to the uttermost!
Love past all measuring, His love to me!
From Heaven's highest glory
To earth's deepest shame,
This is the love of my Saviour to me.



A well known author once wrote a book about Heaven—that is, his idea of it. He described it as a most delightful place, so perfect that you wished you were there! But there was something missing. There was a sort of hazy “Presence” and a “Voice,” but the *face* of Jesus was missing. Now the Bible, which is the *only* authority on Heaven says quite plainly “We shall see *Him as He is.*” 1 John 3. 2. How lovely that will be! He is the chief glory of that wonderful place.

No *sin* can enter in. Have you been to Jesus to be cleansed from your sin? If so *you* will one day “see His face,” and then, the Bible says, “we shall *be like Him,*” which is more wonderful still!

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some of the searchers have not read the rules at the foot of this page and I want you to notice them carefully. You are told to find the answers and write them out without help from others, but often I get answers which are not written by the searchers themselves but by their parents or friends. You must do them yourselves if any marks are to be allowed. It is much better for the very little ones to write only part of a verse than for someone else to do the whole for them. I wish I could show you some beautifully written papers by quite little searchers. I know it has taken them a long time and I am pleased to see how painstaking they are.

Please do not forget to write your name, for I have several papers beside me with no name and so those who sent them can get no credit for their work.

As the verse which I have marked to be learnt is rather difficult, the younger searchers could learn Proverbs 8. 17 instead. It is much easier and not very long.

If there is anything you find difficult or do not understand, I shall be pleased to hear from any of you, and will try to help you if I can.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR MAY.

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Questions of the Bible.

1. How did the Lord answer Moses when he said he was slow of speech? Exodus 4.
- *2. Write the verse containing the words "hath he spoken." Numbers 23.
3. For how much did Judas sell the Lord Jesus? Matthew 26.
4. What would His Father have given the Lord Jesus if He had asked? Matthew 26.
5. What did the people answer Pilate when he asked what he should do with Jesus? Matthew 27.
6. The Lord Jesus asked the Pharisees "What think ye of Christ?" What did they answer? Matt. 22. What did God, His Father say of Him? (Luke). What did the centurion at the crucifixion say of Him? (Mark). What did Thomas say when he saw the nailprints? (John).
7. In Numbers 22 we have an interesting story about an ass speaking. What did she say? Who was Balak? What did he want Balaam to do? Did he do it? Write verses to answer these questions.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for March.

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| 1. Gen. 42. 21. | 5. Matt. 18. 3. | 7. Gen. 37. 6, 7, 9. |
| 2. Gen. 47. 3. | 6. Matt. 11. 3. | Gen. 42. 9. |
| 3. Matt. 10. 29 and 31. | Matt. 11. 4-6. | Gen. 43, 26-28. |
| 4. Matt. 16. 16. | Matt. 11. 2. | |

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Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

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CHINESE BOYS HAVING A RIDE.

The Water Buffalo.

I WONDER how many of the boys and girls who read this magazine would care to ride on the broad back of the water buffalo, as these animals which you see in the picture are called.

The Chinese boys love to lead these large grey beasts to the rice fields, where they are used to plough the flooded land ready to receive the beautiful green rice plants, which the Chinese women drop into the water at regular intervals.

The boys in the picture are letting their animals have a feed on the coarse grass beside the rice fields. There are narrow paths dividing the fields, so narrow that you have to be careful as you walk not to overbalance and fall into the water. The water buffalo, as his name implies, is very fond of the water and loves to wade and swim. It is wonderful how small Chinese children can manage these great fat cattle, and guide them with the rope which is fastened to the buffalo's nose.

Most probably these boys do not go to school, and so cannot read the strange Chinese characters in which books are printed in China. Those children who do go to school have to learn and remember hundreds of these characters before they can read at all.

There are very few books specially for children, in Chinese. How sad to think that so many of them cannot read for themselves about the gracious Saviour who loves all children. It is so different in our favoured land where we can learn to read when we are quite young, and what lovely books there are just for boys and girls!

May you each take advantage of the wonderful privileges that are yours, and not only read about the Lord Jesus but get to know Him as your own Saviour while you have the opportunity.

A Little Girl's Prayer.

A LITTLE girl had knelt at her mother's knee before going to bed, and had prayed for various things, finally asking the Lord Jesus to protect her during the night.

How happy she was as she laid her head on the pillow and went fast asleep. But, oh dear, she was awakened early in the morning by a loud bang, bang, bang! Some of you know what this means, when mother calls you to get up quickly as there is danger around!

There was no time for the little girl to get up. Bombs were falling, and her anxious mother rushed into the room where she was, and lay over her. Just then part of the ceiling fell on them. The child, in simple faith, called out, "It's all right, Mummie. Jesus will take care of us." And He did, for they were both quite safe. Her prayers had been answered; she just trusted in the Lord Jesus. Do you trust in Him as this little girl did?

A little boy who also comes to our Sunday School, greatly treasured a large text that had been given him. On this same night the house he lived in had been damaged by a bomb, and he had lost his text. The following Sunday afternoon he came to me and asked if he could have another text, as the one he had before had been "bombed out" and he did want another one to hang in his new bedroom. He loved that text for it spoke of Jesus, the children's Saviour. Do you love the words that speak of Jesus and that tell of His love to us? He came into this world and went all the way to Calvary, there to give His life and shed His precious blood in order that boys and girls might be saved. *Will you trust in Him now?*

"He is My Saviour."

JESUS
EXACTLY
SUITS
US
SINNERS

WHY does the LORD Jesus exactly suit us sinners? Some of my young readers will reply, "Because He is a Saviour," and "Because He is THE Saviour." True, but "MY" is another little word often used before "Saviour" and good it is when the third answer,

"BECAUSE HE IS MY SAVIOUR"

is no less true than the first two answers.

Perhaps you dislike the word "sinners." As a lad I did not like the word because I did not like to think that I was a sinner. I am also sorry to say that I hated the third chapter of Romans. Did my dislikes alter the fact that I was a sinner and needed a Saviour? Not at all.

Happily the LORD JESUS did not leave me alone to the consequences of my sins, and for twenty-eight years I have been able to truly say: **He is my Saviour.**

Yes, JESUS EXACTLY SUITS US SINNERS.

A Shepherd's Devotion.

IN some parts of America and in Australia there are very large sheep farms called ranches where thousands of sheep are reared. Sheep are such silly animals, if one strays away all the rest will follow, so they have constantly to be watched. The ranchers split up these large numbers of sheep into flocks, each with a shepherd to look after it.

On one of these large ranches lived a shepherd whom we will call Marty. It was in mountainous country and bears used often to come out of the mountains and attack the sheep, so the shepherds always carried guns to defend themselves and the sheep.

One day Marty was out with his flock some distance from the homestead, when by some accident his gun went off and injured him badly. There was no one near to help him, and the only thing to do was to get back to the ranch house. Many men would have gone straight there and not have troubled about the sheep, but not so Marty. The sheep needed looking after and he couldn't leave them in that wild country by themselves.



So, injured though he was, he resolved to drive the flock back to the ranch house so that they would be safe before he got his wounds attended to. This was easier said than done, for the pain and loss of blood soon made him very faint. Still he struggled to get the flock along, determined that, whatever happened to him, he would not leave those sheep unprotected.

Doesn't this remind you of someone else, boys and girls? Doesn't it remind you of the Lord Jesus, who came from heaven into this world to save His lost sheep? He would not leave us to perish, and so He not only suffered injury and pain, but He even died for us that we might be saved.

For hours, that seemed like days, Marty struggled on, getting weaker and weaker through loss of blood, till at last, about half a mile from the ranch house, he could no longer stand. Still he would not leave the sheep, but, crawling along as best he could, he managed to get them all to safety, leaving behind him on the ground a trail of blood which showed how much he must have suffered. Then, just outside the house, he collapsed.

Marty didn't die, however, for helpers on the ranch soon found him there and cared for him. But the Lord Jesus, the good Shepherd, gave up His life for us to bring us to God. Now He is risen again from the dead and will give eternal life to all who trust in Him. "I give unto My sheep eternal life," He says, "and they shall never perish."

Are you one of His sheep? Do you say, How can I know? The Lord Jesus came into the world to save sinners, therefore He can save you. Just trust Him for yourself, as if there were not another sinner in the world, and He will save *you*. Then you will be able to say, "The Lord is *my* Shepherd, I shall not *want*." And you will be in His keeping all through your life.

**" Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way,
That mark out the mountains track ? "**

**" They were shed for one who had gone astray
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back."**

" Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn ? "

" They are pierced to-night by many a thorn."

**But all through the mountains, thunder riven,
And up from the rocky steep,**

There arose a cry to the gate of heaven,

" Rejoice ! I have found My sheep ! "

And the angels echoed around the throne,

" Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own ! "

Chats with Young Believers.

THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOUR.

“ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked ”.—Eph. 6. 16.

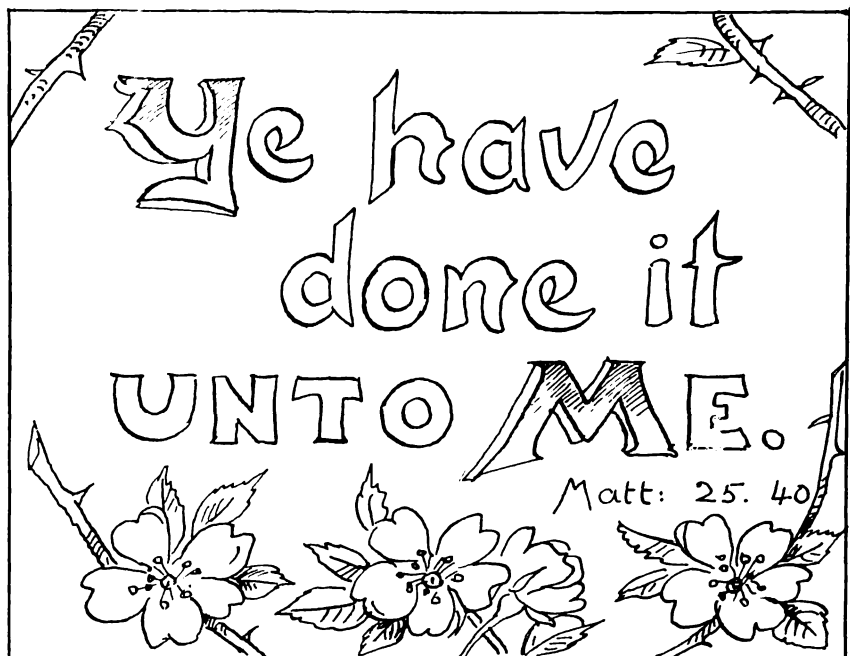
WE do not need to be long on the christian pathway before we learn something of the “ fiery darts of the wicked ”. Surely most of us have suffered from them at some time. Satan has poured in on our souls thoughts of unbelief, doubts of the goodness of God, mistrust of His love. And what has been the cause of all this? Surely we have let down the **shield of faith**, which God has appointed as the defence of our souls from the assaults of the enemy.

I think the **shield of faith** speaks to us of confidence in God's unchanging love and goodness. It is faith in God as He has made Himself known to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have learned His love in giving Christ to die for us, and He wants us to go on to be assured of His unchanging favour because we are “ in Christ ”. We are “ accepted in the Beloved ” and God's favour rests on us—not because of what we are, but because of what Christ is. This truth each christian must learn if he is to stand against the attacks of Satan.

You will not be long on the heavenly way, before you find how weak and failing you are in yourself. You may be disappointed with yourself and think that God is disappointed with you too. You doubt His love because you think you have forfeited it by your failure, and Satan tries to plunge you into darkness and fear and despair, if possible, by suggesting that God has changed towards you.

What unworthy thoughts of God these are ! God's love does not depend on what we are, but on what He is. His love and grace towards you never alter. He Himself says “ I am the Lord, I change not.” Mal. 3. 6. Look away from what *you* are and your failures, to what *Christ* is. Remember that you are “ **in Him.** ” This gives peace and comfort to the soul. Satan's fiery darts fall harmless against this shield of faith.

Do you remember the story of Peter's fall, and how the Lord said He had prayed for him that his **faith** might not fail? When he had sinned so grievously, he might be tempted to think that God had turned against him and so lose all hope. So too each of us is the subject of the Saviour's love and intercession. God is our resource in all circumstances, and “ If God be for us, who can be against us ? ”



A party of school boys was getting ready to start for an afternoon's cricket, when the Head Master came up to them and said, "Will one of you volunteer to lead an old blind gentleman to a service, where he is going to preach?" A moment's silence and then one boy came forward, "I'll go, sir!" The rest held back, they were not going to lose *their* afternoon's pleasure. So they all parted; the one boy went off to do what he had felt to be right, and I daresay there was a feeling of regret for the lost pleasure! But years after, he said it was the happiest afternoon he had ever spent, for there, at the quiet service the Lord Jesus came to his heart in a very real sense. His life was later consecrated to His service, and he became a missionary.

Would *you* have been the one to come forward, and put aside your own pleasure?

"FOR EVEN CHRIST PLEASED NOT HIMSELF."

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

If you were asked like Caleb's daughter, in our first question, what you would like, wouldn't you think it was lovely? I can just imagine what a variety of things would be chosen. Perhaps if you really did receive what you asked for, you would be disappointed as you found out that it did not give you the pleasure that you hoped it would or that it did not last.

Caleb's daughter made a wise choice. Her father had already given her a present, and she knew it needed something else to make it really valuable, so she asked for that and he gave her it also. I mustn't tell you the answer. Look for yourselves: and write it out for me.

Do you remember another woman who made a wise choice? I am thinking about Ruth. She had learnt about the true God, and she was ready to leave all her friends and go with Naomi into the land of Israel that she might know Him better. God was pleased with her decision and He blessed her greatly.

How often we might ask for things which would not be for our good and God could not grant our request, but if we really wish to know Him better and learn to please Him, it is His delight to give us those things which we ask. May each one of you come first to know Him as your Saviour and then live to please Him day by day.

Your loving friend, N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR JUNE.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 all the questions.*

Questions of the Bible.

1. When Caleb asked his daughter what she would like, what did she ask? Joshua 15.
2. Write the verse containing the words "Hath the Lord . . . delight". I Samuel 15.
3. What did the people question among themselves when Jesus had rebuked the unclean spirit? Mark 1.
4. What did the disciples say to one another when the Lord Jesus made the wind cease? Mark 4.
- *5 Write the verse containing the words "What shall it profit". Mark 8.
- 6 Mention all the people whom the Lord Jesus healed in the first eight chapters of Mark.
7. Tell the story in your own words of how the people of Gibeon deceived the children of Israel. Joshua 9.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for April.

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| 1. Exodus 2. 7. | 6. Matt. 21. 5 | Zech. 9. 9. |
| 2. Exodus 2. 14. | Matt. 21. 13. | Isa. 56. 7. |
| 3. Matt. 20. 32. | Matt. 21. 16. | Psalms 8. 2. |
| 4. Matt. 20. 28. | Matt. 21. 42. | Psalms 118. 22. |
| 5. Matt. 22. 12. | 7. Exodus 3. 2-6 and 11. | |

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A FAVOURITE WITH THE CHILDREN.

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How Sally Was Found.

SALLY is a dog that belongs to a Children's Home which has been evacuated to the country. She is a great favourite with all the children.

One afternoon some months ago Sally went out about tea-time and did not come back. It was a bitterly cold night, and naturally everyone was worried about the poor dog, wondering whatever could have happened to her. They knew she would not willingly stay out all night.

Next day the children went out searching for her, and asking everybody they met if they had seen Sally, but it was of no use. Nobody had seen her, and another winter's day was drawing to a close.

When the children gathered for evening prayers the little dog was not forgotten, and one little boy prayed very definitely, "Oh, God, care for Sally tonight." Did God hear? Of course He did. He has told us to be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to let our requests be made known unto God. So He wants us to tell Him everything and to leave Him to answer as He sees best.

Later that evening the children were all gathered round the fire listening to a lovely interesting story. Suddenly one boy said "I think I know where Sally is."

Up he got and two other boys and a girl joined him. With a torch they went out into the pitch darkness, along the road they had searched so unsuccessfully in the day-time, then across four fields. There they stopped and called and whistled. Hark! what was that? A piteous whining as of an animal in pain. Following the sound they went straight to the spot and there they found poor Sally with her front paw caught in a trap.

With difficulty they managed to open the trap and set the dog free, and then home they went in triumph carrying the little patient, for the paw was injured and needed attention, and the poor animal was very exhausted with all she had suffered. I need hardly tell you that she was carefully nursed and tended by all her kind friends and was soon quite well again.

I wonder if those children returned thanks to God for hearing and answering their prayers so wonderfully. I hope and think they did. You remember perhaps how one day when the Lord Jesus was here on earth He healed ten lepers, and only one came back and said "Thank You" to Jesus. And the Lord Jesus said "Were there not ten cleansed, but

where are the nine? ” Oh, if the Lord Jesus has blessed us in any way, whether it be in saving our souls or helping us in trouble, let us not forget to say “ Thank You ” to Him.

Time for Little Children and Time for a Blind Beggar.

How many of you use your Bible every morning? I do, and for several years I have read verses 13 to 16, 32 to 34 and 45 of the 10th chapter of Mark on the Lord's Day. Perhaps some of you would like to read the same eight verses, and keep it up.

The 10th of Mark is a lovely chapter, for it gives the thoughts of the Lord Jesus about marriage, children, riches, poverty and ambition ; subjects which boys and girls often think and speak about. Besides, it tells how the Lord Jesus spoke of His sufferings before and on the cross, of His death and resurrection.

The more quietly we listen to His gentle voice, the more we realise the meaning of His words, His ways, His love, and how He came from heaven “ to give His life a ransom for many.”

**There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin ;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.**

Yes, the Lord Jesus was and is so much more kind than His disciples, then and now. He was very displeased when they sought to hinder little children coming to Him. He had room for them in His arms, because He had room for them in His heart. He has room for you in the kingdom of God ; but you must come “ as a little child,” and come to Him without delay, just as you are.

The chapter ends with the story of Bartimæus, the blind beggar of Jericho. It is sad to find that some tried to silence his pitiful appeals for mercy. Four words stand out :

AND JESUS STOOD STILL.

Let us pause, too, and consider the grace of the Lord Jesus in stopping to ask what He could do for the blind beggar. Bartimæus made a simple reply, and because he believed the Lord Jesus could give him sight, his faith was rewarded immediately. “ He received his sight and followed Jesus in the way,” thankful for the blessing, grateful to the Blesser.

The Lord Jesus has time for you, and is asking you today, "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" Let your answer, your faith, and your gratitude be as real, as child-like as that of Bartimæus.

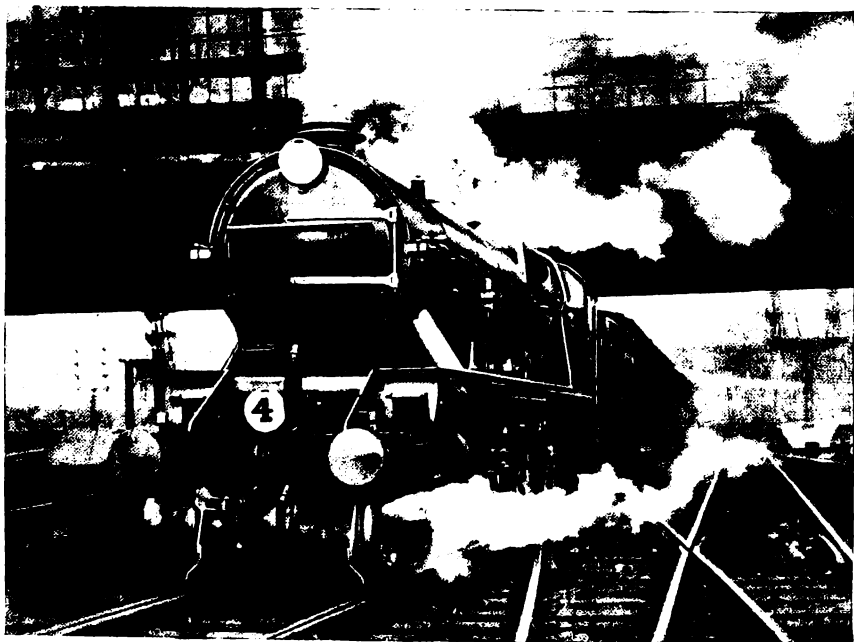
Come to the Saviour, make no delay ;
Here in His word He has shewn us the way ;
Here in our midst He's standing today,
Tenderly saying, "Come !"

Joyful, joyful, will the meeting be,
When from sin our hearts are pure and free,
And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee,
In our eternal home.

At a Railway Station.

I REMEMBER a friend of mine telling me of a scene she witnessed many years ago at a railway station in Glasgow. There were crowds of people standing on the platform saying "Goodbye" to those who had taken their seats in the train.

She noticed that there were many sad faces amongst them and some of them were crying bitterly. My friend was told that this was the train which was to take the passengers to the boat sailing that day for New York. She understood then why so many had come to see their friends off, and the reason they were so sad.



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Suddenly she heard the strains of that well-known hymn :

“ God be with you till we meet again !
By His counsels guide, uphold you ;
With His sheep securely fold you ;
God be with you till we meet again !
Till we meet ! Till we meet !
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet !
Till we meet ! Till we meet !
God be with you till we meet again ! ”

Then just as the last notes died away, the whistle sounded and the train moved out of the station, leaving behind a sorrowing crowd.

We often have to part from those we love in these sad days of war, and do not know whether we shall meet again. How good it is to be able to look forward to the time of which the hymn speaks when we shall “ meet at Jesus’ feet.” There will be no partings then.

The Word of God tells us that the Lord Jesus is coming Himself for those who have accepted Him as their Saviour. The trumpet will sound and He will descend into the air and all who have trusted Him will be caught up to meet Him. You can read about it in 1 Thess. 4. 15-18. Are you ready for that day ?

Chats with Young Believers.

THE HELMET OF SALVATION.

WE have seen that the shield of faith speaks to us of the assurance of God’s unchanging love and favour. We change and fail, but there is no change in Him. The knowledge of this gives us peace and rest of soul, and Satan’s fiery darts fall powerless as we thus shelter behind the shield of faith.

The next part of the armour is **the helmet of salvation**. If we are to hold up our heads in the conflict, we must have a helmet, which is provided by the Lord Himself. David knew something of this when he wrote :

“ **O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.** ”—Ps. 140. 7.

What then is this helmet of salvation ? Don’t you think it is the knowledge of personal salvation through the work of Christ ? It is distinct from the shield of faith which is confidence in *what God is*. The helmet of salvation is rather the assurance of *what God has done*. He has worked out for us a perfect salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. We can

never go out boldly to meet the enemy, if we do not know the blessedness of sins forgiven. It is not that we *hope* to be saved but that even now we *know* that we have eternal life and that our sins *are* forgiven. In 1 John 2. 12 we read, "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake," and Psalm 32. 1. says "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

I wonder if any who read this are in doubt as to their sins being covered. God wants us to be sure. The Lord Jesus said when here on earth, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life." John 5. 24. So we who trust in the Lord Jesus have everlasting life now and are saved.

In 1 Thess. 5. 8 it speaks of having "for an helmet, the hope of salvation." This does not mean that there is any uncertainty in our hope. Paul is here speaking of the Lord's coming and of the bright hope of being with Him. Then, when He comes, we will have glorified bodies and will be fully saved—body, soul and spirit. For this we wait, but meantime we have the salvation of our souls.

When we have **the helmet of salvation** on our heads, we have nothing to fear for ourselves. The Lord has made our salvation secure, and now we are free to think of others and seek help and blessing for them. How well protected are those who know God as their Saviour and Deliverer !

"Thou Lord, art a shield for me ; my glory and the lifter up of mine head."—Ps. 3. 3.

A Shelter made of Feathers !

An old man was asked if he had an air-raid shelter. "Yes," he replied, "I have *two*. One is made of concrete and is liable to be blown to pieces any moment, but the other is made of *feathers*, which nothing can harm."

In the 91st Psalm we read these words, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under *the shadow of the Almighty*. . . He shall *cover thee with His feathers*, and under His wings shalt thou trust." There is no doubt this is what the old man was referring to when he spoke of a shelter which nothing could harm, and he knew he was safe for eternity.

You may or may not have a shelter to protect you from air-raids, but you certainly need the shelter "made of feathers" of which the old man spoke. Thus sheltered you will have no cause to **fear** the judgment storms which will one day sweep this world.



There was once a little boy who used to say to his governess, when reproved for some wrongdoing, "I don't care if it is wrong : I want my way !" He grew up with that spirit, and he made such a lot of trouble in the world that he was obliged to flee from his country, and he died, an old man, in exile. That was the Kaiser, William of Prussia. And the reason why the world is such an unhappy place to-day is because everywhere men have chosen their own way instead of God's way. What can *we* do about it? Oh, if every boy and girl were to come to the Lord Jesus for cleansing from sin, and for the power to do His will instead of their own, and be "out and out" for Him, what a tremendous difference it would make! Will you? will *you*? for "HIS WAY is perfect."

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

In my letter in April I asked if any of you could tell me the name of a man who asked God to bless him and keep him from evil. A great many of you said "David," but that is wrong. I am afraid that was only a guess. Only a few gave the correct answer. You will find it in 1 Chronicles 4. 10. The man's name was Jabez. We are not told much about him except this. It is in one of those chapters which is full of names and so this little story is easily passed by, but God has recorded it, for it was pleasing to Him.

Will you turn up the passage and read exactly what he asked? I think it is a good prayer for us all, for we know how prone we are to do what is wrong, then it grieves the Lord Jesus and makes us sorry too, if we really wish to please Him.

There are many little short prayers in the Bible. Do you know a very short one spoken by Peter? It was "Lord, save me." Even the youngest could pray that and the Lord Jesus is just waiting to save and bless all who come to Him.

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR JULY.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Questions of the Bible.

1. What did the woman say to Elijah when her son died? 1 Kings 17.
2. What did Elijah answer when the Lord asked him "What doest thou here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 19.
3. What did Jesus say when the disciples asked "Who then can be saved?" Mark 10.
- *4. Write the verse containing the words "heaven and earth." Mark 13.
5. What did Jesus cry with a loud voice? Mark 15.
6. What three things did God ask David to choose from? Which did he choose and why?
Why did the Lord send this trouble on David?
Write verses from 2 Samuel 24. to answer these questions.
7. Tell the story of the visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon. What did she bring? What did Solomon give her? What did she say? 1 Kings 10.

Write a verse from Luke 11. which speaks about the Queen of Sheba.

* *Verse to learn.*

Answers to Questions for May.

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| 1. Exodus 4. 11. | 6. Matt. 22. 42. | 7. Numbers 22. 28 and 30. |
| 2. Numbers 23. 19. | Luke 9. 35. | Numbers 22. 4. |
| 3. Matt. 26. 15. | Mark 15. 39. | Numbers 22. 5, 6. |
| 4. Matt. 26. 53. | John 20. 28. | Numbers 24. 10. |
| 5. Matt. 27. 22. | | |

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A SCHOOLGIRL WITH HER PET.

[J. H. Stone.

“Can’t be Bothered.”

THIS remark was made to me over a fence one pleasant Sunday evening in Yorkshire, by a schoolgirl invited to join with other girls and boys in listening to the gospel. Like the son described by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 21. verse 29, this girl quickly changed her mind and climbed over the fence.

All the children, including the girl mentioned, agreed that it was a good thing that the Lord Jesus did not say “Can’t be bothered” about coming from heaven to earth. When the little children were brought to Him, He gave them the loving welcome He gives to you now,

“SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO
COME UNTO ME.”

He did not say “Can’t be bothered.”

Oh, dearly, dearly, has He loved :
And we must love Him too :
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

I hope all my young Yorkshire friends, and all my readers now, will first “trust in His redeeming blood,” then “try His works to do.”

Our Wonderful Saviour.

DURING some gospel services in London, held by a man whom we will call Mr. Mason, as I do not know his real name, two factory girls were converted ; that is, they realised they were sinners, and that Christ had died for their sins, so they gladly accepted His salvation and gave their whole hearts to Him. Have *you* done that yet ?

They could not keep the good news to themselves, so they began to talk to the children in the district where they worked, and they soon became definite workers for their dear Master. But there was one thing that made them sad, and that was that their mother was not converted. She evidently did not oppose them, but was just indifferent.

One day one of them said to the other, “Let’s ask God to send Mr. Mason to mother.” So they prayed that their friend who had helped them so much might be led to speak to their mother.

The Lord heard their prayer and answered it. One day this man, without knowing anything about their prayers, felt an urge to go and see the girls' mother. He hesitated. "What am I going for?" he thought. But the call to go seemed very definite, so he went.

He began by speaking of the girls' work. She said "Yes, I know all about it and I'm very pleased for them to do it, but I'm not a religious woman myself." Then he spoke of the things of eternity, of the Saviour who died for her, and asked her if she would not like to meet her girls in heaven. Of course she said she would. Then he told her that she could not get to heaven if she were only "indifferent."

I cannot tell you all he said to her, but I do know that eventually those dear girls' prayers were answered and their mother also came to Christ. Such a wonderful Saviour is ours! Can anyone dare to be "indifferent" to His love? Yet there are many who are. I do pray that YOU may not be of that number.

THEREFORE WILL THE LORD WAIT, THAT
HE MAY BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. Isa. 30. 18.

"I should like to go."

LITTLE Philip, aged six years, said to his mother one day, "Mummy, I do love the Lord Jesus. You see, He died for me."

Some time later on, Philip went to his mother with another confidence and this time it was, "Mummy, I don't think heaven is a very nice place for a little boy to go to. I should get so tired of singing hymns all the time."

"Well," said Mummy, "you know the Lord Jesus is in heaven and you know you love Him. I'm quite sure if He saw any little boy was tired of doing one thing, He would think of something else perfectly lovely for him to do."

"Oh," said Philip, "in that case I should *like to go*."

Just a few days later Philip was cycling to school with his daddy, and at a cross roads a heavy Post Office van ignored the traffic lights. It struck the back wheel of Philip's bicycle and an hour later Philip was "with Jesus."

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so ;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.

Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide ;
He will wash away my sin,
Let a little child come in.

Faith in Jesus.

It was a glorious summer's day years ago, when the beaches were crowded with people. A number of children and "grown-ups" too were gathered for the children's service. I cannot tell you all that happened at that service. There were lots of hymns sung brightly and fervently, and verses read out of the Bible, some by the gentleman addressing the children and some by the children themselves.

There were questions and answers, and nice talks about Jesus and His love for the children, and by-and-by came the bit I want to pass on to you.

"Now," said the speaker, "this is something for the tinies, something easy, to remind them how it is we get saved and become God's own children. Hold up your right hands. How many fingers have you?"

"Four fingers and a thumb," was the answer.

"Now with your other hand point to each finger and the thumb in turn, and spell a word with a letter for each. It is this—

F—A—I—T—H.



A Children's Service on the Sands.

“ Now lift up your left hands and spell another word with five letters, one letter for each finger and thumb, in the same way—

J—E—S—U—S.

“ Now hold up both hands and put the thumb and four fingers of your right hand in between the thumb and the four fingers of your left hand, and as you do it call them—

F—A—I—T—H in J—E—S—U—S.

“ How are we saved ? By putting *faith in Jesus*. And then you see the two hands clasped together tightly.”

What a simple and sweet illustration this is ! Jesus is the only One who can save us, and so all we have to do is to tell Him so, and trust ourselves to Him. This is what it means by putting faith in Jesus. Faith in a person means we trust him because we know he is able and willing. Then we see how tightly the hands are locked together. So we are bound up by Jesus, tied to Him, and no one can separate us from Him.

A gentleman put a sixpence into his hand and clenching it very tightly said to John, “ Get the sixpence out of my hand, and you shall have it.” John tried to force back his friend’s fingers. He wriggled and struggled this way and that way, but could not move one finger ; his friend was stronger than he.

“ Now,” said the gentleman, “ you see this sixpence in my right hand, John. I am clutching it tightly, and now I am going to grasp my right hand with my left hand. Try and get it out of my two hands.”

“ Oh,” said John with a smile, “ how silly ! If I can’t get it out of one hand, how could I get it out of two ? ”

“ Just so safe is the soul who trusts in Christ, John, or safer, I should say,” replied the gentleman.

The Lord Jesus said—

“ I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father which gave them Me is greater than all ; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand.” John 10.28, 29.

Chats with Young Believers.

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT.

THE various parts of the armour which we have been considering have been defensive. Now we come to our only weapon of attack, and that is "**the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.**" Eph. 6. 17.

It is a very powerful weapon when rightly used. We read in Hebrews 4. 12, "The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." So here we have a sword which no enemy can stand against, if used in the power of the Spirit of God—that is, if we are walking in communion with God.

We have a wily enemy, and we are no match for him in our own strength. Mere human intelligence is of no avail in this warfare, but Satan cannot stand before the Word of God. It is light and it shows up his wiles and his evil deeds. That is why bad men hate the Bible. It condemns them and so they wish to get rid of it. But they cannot do that for

the Word of the Lord endureth for ever.

It not only reveals man's sin, but it brings life to him. The Lord Jesus said "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." John 6. 63. In I Peter 1. 23 we read that we are "born again . . . by the Word of God."

So as we seek to point a soul to Christ, who alone can deliver it from the power of darkness, the Word of God is our only effective weapon to storm the citadel of man's heart. It alone can break down the opposition and lead him captive to the Saviour's feet. We need divine wisdom to use it aright, and for this we must be in touch with our Lord and Master. How important it is to have our minds stored with the Scriptures! The Holy Spirit uses the word to defeat the attacks of Satan and to judge all that is opposed to God.

Do you remember how the Lord Jesus in His earthly pathway used the sword of the Spirit? When Satan came to tempt Him in the wilderness, to every temptation He answered "**It is written**" and quoted from the Old Testament Scriptures. Satan was powerless, and had to retire defeated. Again when the Pharisees and Sadducees sought to trip Him up in His teaching, He referred them to the Scriptures. Cannot we learn a lesson from Him in this? Shall we not seek wisdom from God to know how to use aright this sword of the Spirit? Thus alone can victories be won by the soldiers of the cross, in their conflict with the powers of darkness.



A little boy named Donald had a beautiful new Bible given to him by his teacher. There were no Bibles in Donald's home. His parents had no use for them. But this little lad went to the Mission Sunday School and there he had been told how the Lord Jesus died for his sins, so he gladly gave his heart to Him.

What do you think he did with his new treasure? He took it proudly home and read it out loud to his parents. Dad didn't think much of it. But Mum thought a lot. Very soon she began to go to the Mission Gospel Services, and then she too gave her heart to Jesus.

Dad went off to the war, and Mum and Donald at home prayed for him. Does God answer prayer? He does. When Dad came home on leave he went to the Services too. "What's good for my Donald and my wife must be good for me," he said. And it was not long before he also had given his heart to Jesus.

Little Donald was only eight years old. Have you ever tried to read the Bible to anyone? Perhaps you might be able to lead someone to Jesus that way.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you remember that the sixth question for June asked you to name all those whom the Lord Jesus healed in the first eight chapters of Mark? You will see printed in the answers fifteen different verses, but that does not tell us how many people are included, for three times it says that many were made whole. We read of all sorts of people even in these few chapters who were made well by the Lord Jesus.

I hope you will learn something from the questions you have to write from the true story of Job.

Your loving friend, N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Questions of the Bible.

1. What did Satan answer the Lord when He asked him "Whence comest thou?" Job 1.
2. Write the verse containing the words "my Redeemer liveth." Job 19.
3. What did Job answer the Lord? Job 40.
4. What did the Lord Jesus say to His mother when she said "Son, why hast Thou thus dealt with us?" Luke 2.
5. What did God say to the man who had much goods laid up? Luke 13.
6. Write verses from the book of Job to answer these questions:—
(a) Was Job an upright man?
(b) How many sons and daughters had he?
(c) What happened to them?
(d) What did Job say about himself at the end?
(e) How did God bless Job?
7. What two men went to heaven without dying? Give scripture verses. Genesis and 2 Kings.

Write a verse from the New Testament to show that all will not die.

Verse to learn John 1. 12.

Answers to Questions for June.

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| 1. Joshua 15. 19 | 4. Mark 4. 41 |
| 2. 1 Sam. 15. 22 | 5. Mark 8. 36 |
| 3. Mark 1. 27 | 7. Joshua 9 |
| 6. Unclean spirit... ... Mark 1. 26 | Jairus' daughter ... Mark 5. 42 |
| Simon's wife's mother Mark 1. 31 | Woman with issue ... Mark 5. 29 |
| Many sick Mark 1. 34 | A few sick folk ... Mark 6. 5 |
| Leper Mark 1. 41 | As many as touched ... Mark 6. 56 |
| Sick of the palsy ... Mark 2. 12 | Syrophenician's daughter ... Mark 7. 30 |
| Man with withered hand Mark 3. 5 | Deaf man ... Mark 7. 35 |
| Many Mark 3. 10 | Blind man ... Mark 8. 25 |
| Legion Mark 5. 15 | |

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CRICKET IN A BACKYARD.

[J. H. Stone.

“He did it for Me.”

ON a village green a cricket match was about to start when it was discovered that one of the teams was short of a player. To make up the number a ragged urchin of about twelve years was enlisted, and for the next two hours was kept busy running after the ball until his side was out, and he could enjoy a well earned rest.

Taking a seat on a form he settled to watch the progress of his side, but his expression was very dismal as one man after another was caught or bowled out. A gentleman sitting on the same form, knowing the reason of the youngster's sadness, said, “As you are the last man in, shall I bat for you?” The boy's face lit up and he said, “Oh, yes, thank you, sir.”

When the turn came for the boy to go in the gentleman took the bat and took his place at the wicket, while the score showed that forty-two runs were required to win. Very soon the ball was being sent to the boundary time and again, until more than the required number of runs was made, and the match ended with the stranger handing the bat to the boy.

With his face wreathed in smiles and the bat tucked under his arm he capered around crying, “We've won and I made forty-eight runs.” A lady stopped the boy and said, “You did not score any runs. Mr. C. won the match.”

“Yes,” replied the boy quickly, “but he did it for me.”

How this would remind us of our condition. There is no joy in our hearts when we remember that God may soon call us to give account of ourselves. What can we do or say? The task is a hopeless one, but there is a heavenly Stranger who understands everything about us, and who has gone into death and defeated the enemy alone. Now He comes to each one of us with the fruits of His victory. If we are willing to receive them He will give to us the results of His work.

He gives us eternal life, forgiveness of sins and a smiling face, so that like that boy we are filled with joy and can say
HE DID IT FOR ME.

Soon He is coming and then everyone who believes in Him will be taken to heaven to praise the Saviour for ever and ever. But if you refuse His offer, then you will be called upon to stand for yourself, and instead of receiving the kindness of God you will have His judgment.

Then accept what has already been done, done for ever, never to be repeated, and also never to be forgotten either on earth or in heaven, for you will be able to say always,
“He did it for me.”

"Is that All You have to do?"

GLADYS was the very shyest little girl anyone could imagine! I knew her in the Sunday School when she was seven or eight years old, and it just seemed as though she couldn't talk or laugh like other girls; she was so nervous. She could never be persuaded to ask or answer a question, and though she always learned her weekly text, it had to be just whispered in Teacher's ear.

One Sunday Teacher told them about the Apostle Paul and the Philippian jailer (Acts 16. 25-34), and quoted the words, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved,**" explaining how the Lord Jesus had died on the cross that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Suddenly Gladys leaned forward and though her little face was very pink, she was so much in earnest that she said right out loud, "Is that all you have to do—just believe?"

Teacher had a little talk with Gladys when school was over and asked her, "*Do you believe that Jesus died for you?*" Her eyes were shining and she quite forgot to be shy as she answered with all her heart, "Oh, *yes.*" And I believe I'm right in saying that when her heart was opened to the Lord Jesus, her lips were opened too, because she loved to talk about the One who had done so much for her.

Now or Later.

I WAS reading today about some little English children in far off East Africa. Some of them have parents who care nothing about God, and many have no Sunday Schools to go to; so kind christian friends send them lessons on the Bible and questions to answer. This arrangement has brought many children to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, the One who died for their sins.

One little girl, named Sylvia, was asked by her mother who she liked best. "Oh Mummie," she said, "I like JESUS best and you next best!" Some other children, whose father did not believe in God, were so keen on their Bible lessons and talked so much about them to their father that at last he gave in and began to learn of Christ.

When I thought of these children who loved the Lord Jesus, and sought to win others also, I thought about a lady who comes to see us sometimes. She told us she was seventy, and she had only lately been converted through a young man, a servant of the Lord who had visited her. And now, as she

knows she may not have long to live, having a weak heart, she spends all her time speaking to people she meets everywhere, trying to persuade them to read the Bible and turn to Jesus. She is so sad to think of the wasted years !

What are you going to do about this? Will you give the Lord Jesus your early years? Or do you think of waiting till you are no longer young—when it *may* be TOO LATE?

You need Him *now*. You will need Him at every turn in your life, because there are so many difficulties and temptations in front of you which only He can deal with. And then it will be ever so much harder for you to turn to Him, if He has not been your Saviour and Friend before. It was a very wise man who wrote :—

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not. *Eccl.* 12. 1.

An Indian Boy's Witness.

IN our picture you will see a group of Indian children. The missionary who sent us this photo wrote a letter recently telling us the story of a boy of fourteen, who was brought to know the Lord Jesus as his Saviour about a year ago. As soon as he was converted Appa Raw, for that was his name, was fearless in his testimony for the Lord. He delighted to accompany his brother to the various villages near to carry the good tidings to the people.

They used to climb a big tree and the lad would shout gospel texts through a large trumpet and his brother give the message. In this way all in the village would hear, and on a still night the message could be heard two miles away.

Appa Raw went to stay with another brother and his wife, who were heathen, in a village where he was apprenticed to a carpenter. He still continued to witness for the Lord in the workshop and among his heathen relatives.

Last December Appa Raw was taken very ill and his relatives became anxious about him. There were no qualified doctors and the poor boy was unable to have proper treatment. Hearing that a lady missionary was visiting nearby, he sent to see if she would come and hold a meeting for the people who lived near his house. She willingly consented and she and her Bible women hurried to the village. As soon as she saw him she could tell the bright young life was not long for this world.

Notwithstanding how ill he was, Appa Raw insisted on being helped to the doorway to watch the messages being sent to the surrounding houses. Soon several children and

grown-ups arrived and were seated on the ground in rows. The missionary and her Bible women sang some gospel hymns and prayed. All the time the dear lad propped himself up against the doorpost, and was so happy to hear the precious name of his Saviour proclaimed to the neighbours.

Then, before they closed the meeting with prayer, although he was feeling so weak and exhausted, he asked the people to sit a minute longer as he wanted to say a few words.

"You all know me," he said, "and I believe you love me. Well, I am going to leave you soon. Don't weep for



Indian Boys and Girls.

me. There is no need for that. You know my mother was saved and with much joy and peace she went to be with Jesus. We thought our hearts would be broken and we would weep much, but when Jesus called her we simply could not cry nor be sad, as she was so happy to go and so wanted to see her Saviour's face. And when I saw Mother like that, I then and there prayed to Jesus and asked Him if He would give me a like faith and joy when He called me from this world. And I tell you all, He has given me what I asked for. I am so very happy in Him and am soon going to see Him."

The next day he peacefully passed into the presence of his Lord. And through his early home-call his heathen brother and his wife were brought to put their trust in the Lord Jesus, and are now brightly testifying for their Lord.

Chats with Young Believers.

WE have been thinking, month by month, of the "**Armour of God,**" which we must have if we are to face Satan in conflict. We have seen that our thoughts must be controlled by the Word of God and we ourselves living uprightly, strong in faith and confidence in God and rejoicing in a present salvation. When we are happy in our souls and confiding in the Lord's love, we are able to use the Word of God as "the sword of the Spirit," to put Satan to flight when he tempts us to do wrong, and also to reach the souls of others who may be still under his power. How much we need to read and study the Bible ! In Acts 17. 11 we read that the Bereans

"searched the Scriptures daily,"

and I would that this were true of each young Christian.

There is just one final touch needed for the completion of the Armour, and we get it in verse 18 of Ephesians 6—**"praying always."** Prayer expresses dependence on God and that means we feel our own helplessness and weakness. "Praying always" does not mean that we are always to be on our knees, but we can always be in the spirit of prayer, looking up to God as our Father and confiding in Him. We lose much when we try to manage without Him, and all the while the Lord Jesus is wanting us to turn to Him for the help and guidance we need. Then, too, He wants us to be interested in others, and the Holy Spirit will lead us to pray for their blessing, in earnest, persevering prayer. We may not get the answer at once, but we know God hears and will answer in His own time and way.

Prayer draws us into the Lord's presence, and no unreality can exist there, for He knows us fully. We feel and own our need, and draw upon the divine resources so freely offered to us in Christ. In Him we have everything ; in ourselves, nothing.

So I would earnestly press on every young believer to be careful to preserve time for private prayer. Neglect of that is often the first step in spiritual decline.

The Lord wants our company ; He wants to share our interests and our difficulties ; He wants us to confide in Him. He says to each of His loved ones, "Let Me see thy countenance, let Me hear thy voice ; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." Song of Sol. 2. 14. Let our answer be, "When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Ps. 27. 8.

Love the
LORD thy GOD.
Deut: 6: 5.
FEAR HIM.



Is it a little puzzling to you that you could love anyone whom you fear? When Princess Elizabeth was a little girl she had a lovely pet name for her grandfather, the late King George V. She called him "Grandpa-King." He was not only a very dear relative who sometimes joined her in her childish games, but she acknowledged him as the greatest gentleman in the land, and she must not dare to disobey any of the laws of the country of which he was the Sovereign Head.

Now you and I must *love* the Lord Jesus because He first loved us and came to die for our sins, but we must also *fear* to disobey His commands, or do anything to displease Him, our wonderful Saviour King.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

When this magazine reaches you, very likely you will be having holidays from school and I trust you all have a happy time. Perhaps many of you are busy helping at home or with the harvest, but I hope you will find time to write out the answers to the questions and also to read the magazine.

Though it is good to lay aside our lesson books for a time, we cannot do without God's Word if we are to get on well. Job said he esteemed it more than his necessary food. Do you think we do that? We should not want to do without our breakfast and dinner, but often think it does not matter whether we hear what God has to say. Let each one of us try to read at least one verse every day and I am sure it will be a blessing to us.

If any of you would like to write to me it would be a pleasure to me to hear from you.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Questions of the Bible.

1. Write the verse containing the words "Whom shall I fear." Psalm 27.
2. Who knows the secrets of the heart? Psalm 44.
- *3. How may a young man cleanse his way? Psalm 119.
4. What is better to get than gold? Proverbs 16.
5. What did the lord of the vineyard say? Luke 20.
6. In Psalm 78 the question is asked, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" Write verses from this psalm to answer this question, and tell me what food God did provide for His people in the wilderness.
7. When the Lord Jesus was on the cross, He cried, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Tell in your own words why He was forsaken.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for July.

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| 1. I. Kings 17. 18. | 6. II. Samuel 24. 13. | 7. I. Kings 10. |
| 2. I. Kings 19. 10. | II. Samuel 24. 14-15. | I. Kings 10. 10. |
| 3. Mark 10. 27. | II. Samuel 24. 1-3. | I. Kings 10. 13. |
| 4. Mark 13. 31. | | I. Kings 10. 6-9. |
| 5. Mark 15. 34. | | Luke 11. 31. |

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TRAVELLING IN EGYPT.

[J. H. Stone.

Something About Tears.

“PUT thou my tears into Thy bottle.” Psal. 56. 8. I expect some of you may have wondered what David meant when he made this strange request. Many boys and girls have visited the British Museum, and I dare say you remember seeing there some tiny glass objects which you were told were tear-bottles.

What were they for? The ancient Egyptian ladies wore them at the end of a long chain round their necks, and whenever something happened to make them cry (often something very trivial), instead of wiping them away with a hankie, as we should, they carefully caught them in the tiny bottle, which just fitted over the eye. When the bottle was full it would be sealed up and put away on the shelf, and a new one would be attached to the chain. Then they would show them to each other and boast of all the troubles they had gone through!

This all sounds very silly. But I am sure that some of you can remember shedding tears over some very small thing, and you imagined that you were very ill-used, so we need not laugh at these women whose lives were very dark and narrow.

Now when King David wrote this psalm he was in *real* trouble. He knew all about tear-bottles and he pictured God having one in which He preserved all the tears of those who really suffered, so that He might answer their prayers and help them in His own good time. Now some of you, I know, have had real troubles. You have lost a father or brother at the war, or you have been sent far away from a happy home to live amongst strangers, and have often felt lonely and misunderstood. How good it is to know that there is One who always understands, One who never forgets! And one day you will know *why* these things happened to you.

There were other things that made David shed bitter tears. He wept on account of *sin*, his own and the sins of others around him. And those are the tears our Lord is glad to see because He has a remedy that can heal the trouble at this moment! “Christ died for our sins.” “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1. 9. A sure and perfect remedy! Have you tried it?

The last thing we read in the Bible about tears is in Rev. 21. 4. “**God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**” *No more tears*, because there will be *no more sin* in that beautiful home that is being prepared for us!

How Dorothy was Saved.

DOROTHY, who was ten years old, lived with her father, mother, and small sister. She knew many Bible stories, and had always been told that Jesus loved her and had died for her sins, but she had never confessed that she loved Him and that He was *her* Saviour.

Satan was very anxious to prevent Dorothy from confessing the Lord Jesus as her Saviour while she was young. So one night after she had gone to bed, he whispered to her, "Your mummy and daddy will go to heaven when Jesus comes, but you'll be left behind !"

You see she had heard about the Lord Jesus coming to take all those who love Him to be with Him in heaven. She replied to Satan, "Oh, yes, I will go." But somehow she did not feel very convinced.

The next night Satan seemed to whisper the same words to her, and she answered in the same way, but not quite so quickly, because she was beginning to wonder in her own mind "Will I really go too ?"

This went on night after night until she was really miserable, and she used to creep out of bed to hang over the balustrade to hear if her parents were moving about downstairs. Then when she heard they were still there she knew that Jesus hadn't come yet.

And then one night when Dorothy was as miserable as she could be, she thought, 'Well, JESUS says that HE WILL take me when He comes, if I believe that He died for me. I DO believe He's my Saviour, so I must go—I must go," and she kept on repeating "He says so ; I must go," and suddenly her sadness was changed to joy as she realised that Satan was no longer whispering doubts. She was saved and if Jesus came she would go too. It was all right now, and she fell asleep quickly and peacefully.

The next morning she was early downstairs and without hesitation she told her mother that she loved the Lord Jesus and He was going to take her to heaven when He came again.

So you see you need not be very old before Satan can try to make you doubt God's Word, as he did Eve a very long time ago. And you need not be very old before you love the Lord Jesus and claim Him as your Saviour. Don't forget the chorus

" I'm not too young to come to Jesus
For He loves a little child."

Can you sing truthfully this chorus as Dorothy could when she was saved ?

“ Jesus is coming again,
Is coming again for me !
Jesus is coming again,
Just turn to St. John
and see :

The chapter is fourteen,
Verses one, two, three ;
He's coming again,
His word is so plain,
And that for me.”



The Ant.

I WAS digging in my allotment the other day and I found I had disturbed a nest of ants. I saw myriads of small brown ants rushing to and fro, and I also saw a very large number of small white balls which looked to me like the eggs of an ant. Stooping down to investigate I noticed that the ants were picking them up and carrying them away to a place of safety underground.



GATHERING IN THE HARVEST

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Snapshot.

As I watched, a text of Scripture came to my mind which was written by the wisest man who ever lived, apart from our Lord Jesus Christ. I mean King Solomon, and if you turn to the book of Proverbs, chapter 6, verse 6, you will see what he says.

“Go to the ant . . . consider her ways and be wise.”

Then if you turn to Proverbs 30. 24 and 25, you will see that the ant is among the class that the writer says is “exceeding wise.” We are also told that they are “a people not strong.” We, like them, are “a people not strong.” You may think that is wrong because you are bigger and stronger than the ant. But have you ever thought of yourself in God’s eyes, especially as a boy or girl who has sinned against a holy God? If so, then you will admit that you are “not strong.” Listen to God’s Word in Romans 5. 6, “For when we were yet *without strength*, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly.”

Let us see where the wisdom of the ant shows itself, so that we may benefit from the lesson they teach.

“They prepare their meat in the summer.”

This means that they take advantage when their food is plentiful to gather it and store it for the time when it will be difficult to get. And this has a message for us. God has set before us a day of salvation when all may avail themselves of salvation from the wrath to come, and eternal life through the blood of the Lord Jesus.

If the ants did not gather their food in the summer, when winter comes they would starve. So if you neglect to take what God offers you NOW you may lose your opportunity. There were some who neglected to take the opportunity given to them and they had to say those sorrowful words, “The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” Jer. 8. 20.

Do not delay, but come to Jesus, accept Him as your Saviour and you will be like the ants, “exceeding wise,” because you have prepared against the coming storms of judgment.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life. John 5, 24.

Chats with Young Believers.

DO you know the story of Joash, who became King of Judah, when he was only seven years old? He was just a baby when his father was killed. God must have taken special care of the little boy, for, when his wicked grandmother slew all his brothers, he was saved by his aunt. She and her husband, Jehoiada the priest, hid him, and cared for him in the house of the Lord. They knew that one day he would be king, and they wanted him to rule God's people well. So I am sure they trained him carefully, and taught him about God.

When Joash was seven years old, he was crowned king. The law of God was put in his hand, and he was anointed, while all the people cried "God save the king." The heathen gods were destroyed, and the worship of the one true God was set up in the land.

"Joash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest." But Jehoiada grew old and died. What would Joash do now? He knew what was right and pleasing to God but he was too weak to withstand temptation. He listened to evil men, and forsook the worship of God, going after heathen gods. You can read the story for yourself in 2 Chron. 24. So the end of Joash's life was very sad, for God allowed his enemies to punish him, because he had forsaken the Lord, and two of his servants slew him.

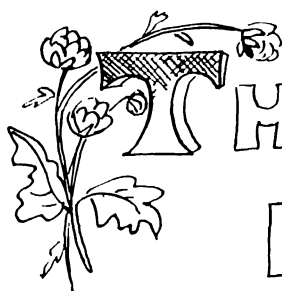
Don't you think this story has a lesson for us? Many of you have been brought up in christian homes, or you may have had christian teachers whose advice you valued. You have trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation, and have sought to live for His glory. But now many of you are away from home and christian influence and may be working amongst ungodly companions.

Are you shining for Jesus? Are you showing your colours? Or are you, like Joash, agreeing to what you know to be wrong, and letting yourself drift?

Dear young christian, the Lord wants you to be out and out for Himself, and He will give you strength to stand for Him, if you trust Him. He ever lives to make intercession for you. Count on His grace and power, and seek to be true to Him. He is worthy of your trust, and He is "able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

May our constant prayer be

"Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe."



MY RIGHT HAND shall hold me.

Psalms 139: 10



“For my Saviour loves me so,
He will hold me fast.”

A little boy once went out with his father in a boat. It was his first experience on the water. Being such a tiny fellow, his father realized the danger, and he held him all the time. Hearing about it afterwards, a friend said, “It was very risky to take such a small child in a boat—he might easily have wriggled out of his coat and fallen in the water.” “Why,” said his father, “it wasn’t his clothes I held on to! I held *him*!” And that is the way that the Lord Jesus will hold you, if you put your whole trust in Him for your Salvation. “No man shall pluck *My* sheep out of *My* Hand,” He says. Are you trusting Him?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Did you notice the mistake in the fifth question for August? It is printed correctly in the answers now but I am sorry for you to have had needless trouble in finding the answer. Allowance has been made for those who were unable to find it.

A few weeks ago I had a lovely little letter from some searchers. Can you guess what they told me? I believe you can. They said that they were saved and wanted me to share the good news. I was glad they did and now I want you to share it too. But it may be that there are some who do not feel very glad about it, and so I want to remind you that the Lord Jesus wants to make you happy too. You know the lines which say

*" Happy they who trust in Jesus,
Sweet their portion is and sure,
When the foe on others seizes
He will keep His own secure.
Happy people, happy people,
Happy though despised and poor."*

May that be the portion of each dear searcher.

Your loving friend, N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR OCTOBER.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Questions of the Bible.

1. Write the verse containing the words " Who seeth us ? " Isaiah 29.
2. Who is never weary? Isaiah 40.
- *3. Whom did God give that we might not perish? John 3.
4. What two questions are we told no one asked? John 4.
5. What did the woman say to the men of the city? John 4.
6. Write out as many names and titles of the Lord Jesus as you can find in John 1, giving the verses where they are found.
7. Tell the story of Hezekiah in your own words—how he was about to die, how he was cured, what great wonder happened and because of that what visitors he had; what he shewed them and how the Lord was displeased with him and what He told him would happen to his treasures.

You will find the story in Isaiah 38 and 39 and in 2 Kings 20.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for August.

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| 1. Job 1. 7. | 6. Job 1. 1. | 7. Genesis 5. 24. |
| 2. Job 19. 25. | Job 1. 2. | 2 Kings 2. 11. |
| 3. Job 40. 4-5. | Job 1. 18-19. | 1 Cor. 15. 51-52. |
| 4. Luke 2. 49. | Job 42. 5-6. | |
| 5. Luke 12. 30. | Job 42. 12-13. | |

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READY FOR A GAME.

[J. H. Stone.

How John's Prayer was Answered.

WE sometimes sing
“ There's a Friend for little children ”
and most of us know who that Friend is. Yes, it is Jesus, but it is one thing to sing the words and another to really know Jesus as our Friend. He wants us to know Him as the One who loves us and to whom we can go and tell all our joys and sorrows. That is what we do to a friend, isn't it? And the grand thing about the Lord Jesus is that He is a Friend who can always help us. The trouble is we are so slow to go and talk to Jesus about things.

A schoolboy very badly wanted a pair of football boots. His parents were not very likely to be able to buy them for him, but they were christian people and had taught their children to pray. So John decided he would ask the Lord Jesus to provide him with the football boots.

Each day for three weeks he prayed for them. Then one day he came running home to his mother. “ Look, Mother,” he said, “ My prayer is answered. I've got them.” And he held up a pair of football boots. Then he explained to his mother how the lady in the house opposite had given them to him. She had three boys of her own and they had all out-grown the boots, so she had passed them on to him. How glad John was and how thankful to the One who had answered his prayer.

The Twenty-third Psalm.

IT is good to find that boys and girls generally know this lovely Psalm. Groups of children at outdoor meetings on estates in London and Yorkshire have often repeated it together at my request.

“ No,” is the usual answer to my oft repeated questions:—

Do you wish for anything better than goodness and mercy all the days of this life? Do you wish for anything better than dwelling in the house of the Lord for ever?

But I have pointed out again and again that the last verse is true only of those who can really and truly say the first verse,

The LORD is MY Shepherd.

“ He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.” Remember the Lord Jesus will always lead you in the right path, and never in a wrong path, but to follow Him we must first become one of His flock.

If you know the 23rd Psalm, that is good ; if you know the Shepherd that is better, and if you can really and truly say " The Lord is MY Shepherd," that is best of all. The Lord Jesus said, " MY sheep hear MY voice, and I know them and they follow ME : and I give unto them eternal life ; and they shall never perish."

Victory "V."

WALKING along the street the other day I noticed that there were not so many " V " signs about as there were a few months ago. I think it is because people have somewhat forgotten about them.

This reminded me of a

A VICTOR AND A VICTORY

that many people have completely forgotten. If I tell you the VICTOR was JESUS, I wonder if you can tell me what was the victory and who was vanquished. It was at Calvary, and Satan was the defeated one.

It was a great victory because there Satan tried to prevent us from ever having peace, freedom and happiness, by killing our Leader. But God raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the tomb to shew that He was stronger than our enemy. So we are freed from Satan's power as the poor people in occupied countries will be freed when the Allied Nations have won this war.

We in this country are very grateful to the sailors, soldiers and airmen who have saved us from our enemies. Do you not think it is time that you thanked the Lord Jesus for defeating Satan and taking away your sins? He wants you to give your heart to Him, and to enlist in His army.

" I didn't know He had an army," you may say. Oh, yes. It is made up of all those who trust Him and wish to serve Him faithfully. Some of you will sing that chorus at Sunday School—

**Marching beneath the banner,
Fighting beneath the cross,
Trusting in Him who saves us,
Ne'er shall we suffer loss !**

**Singing the songs of homeland,
Loudly the chorus rings,
We march to the fight in our armour bright,
At the call of the King of kings.**

His army has no uniform but He wants it to be easily seen that you are " His soldier " because you are able to gain victories over a bad temper, disobedience, untruths and unkind acts. One of the things He will want you to do when you have begun to live for Him, will be to get your friends to love Him too, and so His army will increase. He never " conscripts " boys and girls because He only wants those in His army who trust Him and who love Him because He loved them sufficiently to defeat their greatest foe. Have you joined His army? Or does the greatest VICTORY in history mean nothing to you?

VICTOR
ICTORY
ANQUISHED

JESUS
CALVARY
SATAN

The Wax Dolls.

DON'T you think the little girl in our picture is very fortunate to possess such a lovely dolly? We seldom see dolls like this now-a-days. Years ago the dolls had wax faces and if they were left in the sun they melted away! Mabel and Ethel were two little girls who lived at the time when most of the dolls' faces were made of wax. Their mother was not very well and went for a change to Bath taking them with her. One day while there Ethel had a birthday, and their mother had a lovely surprise for them. She took both little girls into a toy shop and bought two wax dollies, one for each of them.

As it was Ethel's birthday she was allowed to choose the prettier doll, and Mabel had the other one. Now instead of being thankful that she was given a doll although it wasn't her birthday, Mabel was very jealous and angry because Ethel had been allowed to choose the nicer doll. So what do you think she did? When no one was there she went to the travelling trunk in which the dolls had been placed, and with a pin she scratched the beautiful wax face of Ethel's doll. Wasn't that naughty of her?

Presently Ethel came to find her doll and when she saw the nasty scratches on its face, she was very annoyed. She did not guess that Mabel had done it. She thought it had got scratched by the hinges of the trunk, and she said to herself " I'll make Mabel's doll as scratched as mine." So she too

got a pin and was just starting to spoil the face of Mabel's doll when Mother arrived on the scene.

How grieved she was to discover what her little girl was doing. She felt she must punish her, so Ethel was sent to bed, while Mabel, who pretended to be a good little girl, was allowed to stay up late and had lovely custard for supper. But deep down in her heart she felt miserable, because she



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knew she deserved to be punished just as much if not more than Ethel. And she knew too that although her mother did not know what she had done, God's eye was upon her, and He knew all about it. So Mabel confessed the whole story to her mother and was happy once more, for the Bible tells us that—**He that covereth his sins shall not prosper : but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.** Proverbs 28. 13.

Chats with Young Believers.

LAST month we saw how King Joash, who began well, had a bad ending. This month our talk is about another young king whose history was very different. Josiah was only eight years old when he began to reign. The Bible says: **"While he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father."** God takes note of how children act. None are too young to seek to please Him.

Many of you have christian homes, and a Bible of your own and perhaps Bible Class to help you, but Josiah was not like that. He had never seen a copy of God's Word and the nation was sunk in idolatry. He had been taught about the one true God and he determined to clear the land of idols and set up the worship of God. There were no half measures with Josiah ; he was out and out for God.

When anyone seeks to do God's will, God always helps him and so it was in Josiah's case. When the temple was being repaired, the priest found a copy of the law of God, which had been forgotten for years. The king was glad to see it and when a scribe read to him out of the book, he listened reverently. But what a message it was ! It said that God's judgment would fall on the nation for their wickedness in forsaking God and worshipping idols. When Josiah heard this, he was very sad. He said they must get rid of all the idols and worship God with all their heart. You see Josiah believed God's Word and acted on it, and I think this was the secret of his good reign.

I wonder if you pay attention to the Word of God as Josiah did. For him it was a message of judgment but for us it is a message of grace. The Bible tells us how God has blessed us in Christ and it says :

"Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children."

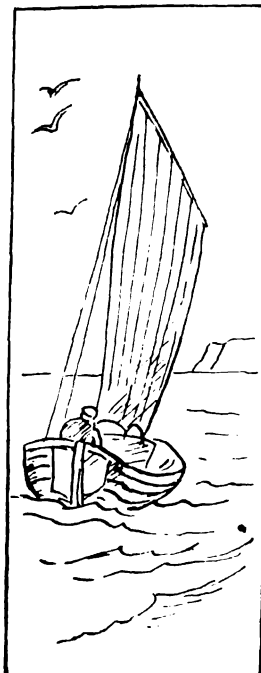
Then too it tells us of judgment to fall on a guilty world. What effect does this have on us ? It should make us earnest in seeking to win souls for Christ and in warning them to flee from the wrath to come. Josiah teaches us a lesson in earnestness and wholeheartedness for God. God blessed him because he obeyed His Word.

May we who have the complete Bible value it as the Word of God to us !

Let us read it constantly and earnestly,

and seek to put its precepts into practice. Only then can we live in a way pleasing to God and be here to the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Text for Colouring.



HE (JESUS)
took
them up
in His
arms. *Mar: 10:16.*

“ Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o’er shadowed, Sweetly my soul shall rest.”

Who could be singing such words on such a night as this? It was one of seven “Red” prisoners of war (during the Finnish-Russian war). They were to die at dawn... “He is mad” someone said. But Koskinen was not mad. Presently he rose to his feet and told his comrades a wonderful story of his conversion that night; how he had turned to his mother’s God, the Lord Jesus, Who had died to save him from his sins; had found pardon and peace through His cleansing blood. And through his testimony, before the morning dawned, the other six men had also turned to Jesus, and they all bravely faced death in the certainty that they were safe in the arms of Jesus. Are *you* at this moment trusting alone in His safe keeping?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

In the seventh question for September I asked you to tell me why the Lord Jesus was forsaken on the cross. I wanted you to think carefully about it, and that was the reason I asked the question.

When we learn how completely the Lord Jesus pleased His Father at all times, even when He went to the cross to suffer and to die, it seems strange that at that time He should be forsaken. I think we learn one reason in the twenty-second psalm where He says "But Thou art holy." Sin was so abhorrent to God that even when the Lord Jesus was bearing sin on the cross, God had to hide His face from Him. Does it not teach us how utterly vile and loathsome sin is in the sight of God? It tells us also what it cost the Lord Jesus to put it away. His holy life could not atone for sin, He had to die and can we think of His sorrow when His God turned away from Him? But He has gone through death and is now the victorious and ascended Saviour and He lives to save all those who come in simple trust to Him. I hope that each one of you will be able to say that your sins were there and that now they are gone because of what the Lord Jesus suffered on Calvary's Cross.

I wonder how many of you have learnt the verse I have marked each month. If you really have, will you put a star at the end of your answers so that I may know, but don't do it unless you have learnt the verses.

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Questions of the Bible.

1. Write the verse containing the words "hide himself in secret places." Jeremiah 23.
2. What does the Lord say His Word is like? Jeremiah 23.
3. Write the verse containing the words "Who is he that saith." Lamentations 3.
4. How did the officers answer the question "Why have ye not brought Him"? John 7.
- *5. How did the Lord Jesus answer Thomas's question? John 14.
6. What were the names of the twelve apostles? Some of them have two names, mention both.
7. In the Gospel of John we read about Nicodemus three different times. Tell in your own words all you can about him.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for September.

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| 1. Psalm 27. 1. | 4. Proverbs 16. 16. | 7. Matt. 27. 46. |
| 2. Psalm 44. 21. | 5. Luke 20. 13. | Mark 15. 34. |
| 3. Psalm 119. 9. | 6. Psalm 78. 24 and 27. | |

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Arthur's Treasure.

INTO the children's ward of a hospital, some years ago, came a little boy of seven. Arthur had had a serious illness when he was five years old. It had left him with a bad heart which had become worse as time went on. So he came to the hospital for long "rest" treatment.

At first Arthur was allowed to sit up during the day and play with toys as the other children did, but after a little while he could only lie still and watch the others. It was weary work trying to play with toys, and even look at books lying on his back, so he gave it up.

Sister moved his bed near to the long French window leading on to the balcony, so he could get peeps at the outside world. He had always a lovely smile of welcome for visitors and no one ever heard a discontented murmur.

If toys and books became an impossibility Arthur always had one possession near him. His little Bible always lay on his pillow. He couldn't read, but every evening after tea Arthur's eyes turned towards the door, for on his way home from work Daddy always came in for half an hour, to sit by the little bedside and read from the Book of books the dear old Bible stories for the child's pleasure and without doubt to bring comfort to his own sad heart. For it was quite apparent that Arthur would not get better, and though there were two more little sons at home this was his firstborn.

One day a kind nurse was sitting by Arthur's side, watching him. He opened his eyes and whispered, "Open the door, Nurse; there is Someone there." Afraid to leave his side she only answered, "No dear, there is no one outside." Again the pleading whisper was heard, "Open the door; there is Someone there." To pacify him she stepped to the French window and pushed it ajar, and as she did so the good Shepherd came to gather His little lamb into everlasting peace and joy.

Arthur had no fear of death. His mind was stored with stories from God's own Word of a Saviour's love, of One who had died on Calvary that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

**Life through the death of Jesus,
Gift of eternal love,
Sweetly the gospel message
Sounds from the throne above.**

**Life for the guilty sinner,
Freedom for slaves of sin;
God's blessed "Whoever"
Takes every lost one in.**

The Potter.

I do not suppose that many of you have seen a potter. If you turn in your Bibles to the 18th chapter of Jeremiah you will read there about one. He was a man who worked at a table with a revolving top, on which he placed soft clay which he moulded to the desired shape with his hands, as the table top revolved.

When Jeremiah went to the potter's house he found him at work, busily moulding the clay into a beautiful piece of work. As he watched, something happened which must have caused the potter to frown. The vessel that he was making was "marred" or, in other words, it was spoilt. We notice however that although the work was spoilt, the clay was not thrown away as useless, but we are told the potter "made it again another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it."

Now God can do with us as the potter did with the clay, for we are like clay in His hand. God, working like the potter with the clay, formed or created us that we should be to His praise and glory, that we should worship Him. But, alas, we too have become spoilt, unfit for use. By turning to other parts of Scripture we learn that we have a great enemy called Satan, who caused Adam to sin, and each one of us is born in sin. He has also tempted us, and we have listened to him, and have sinned against the God who loved us.

What is God going to do with us? Is He going to let us alone in our useless state, so that we are only fit for destruction? No, the story in Jeremiah is to teach us that He wants to make us into useful vessels.

Now turn to Romans 9. 21-24 and you will see the potter at work again. Here we read of "vessels of mercy." Who are they? The answer is given in verse 24, which says, "Even us whom He hath called." Jesus by His death on Calvary's cross put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. He bore the judgment due to our sins. All those who come to Him and accept Him as their Saviour are created anew, and are made vessels of mercy prepared unto glory.

This is God's offer *now*, but what will happen if it is rejected? Our prophet Jeremiah tells us of the awful consequences in chapter 19, verse 11. If the vessel is broken after it has been through the fire it cannot be made whole again. Let me then beseech you to let God create you anew so that you will be a

VESSEL OF MERCY PREPARED UNTO GLORY.

“Are You Lost?”



Fun in the snow. Kodak, Ltd., Snapshot.

“ARE you lost?” I was asked this question one Christmas Day, when the snow lay thickly on the ground. I was standing at the junction of three or four roads on a London Estate, looking for children to speak to them of the Lord Jesus.

“No, I’m saved. How about you?” I replied. The would-be helpful stranger looked surprised, for he thought I had lost my way. However, he listened intently as I spoke to him of the LORD JESUS, of whom it is written in the first chapter of Matthew—

“Thou shalt call His Name Jesus : for He shall save His people from their sins,” and

“They shall call His Name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is,
God with us.”

Afterwards I thanked the gentleman for his kindly interest in me, and I hope he has thanked the Lord Jesus for coming into the world to save lost sinners.

“Are you lost?” If you can truly answer, “No, I’m saved,” you also will joyfully thank the Lord Jesus.

“Before they call, I will answer.”

I WAS in my office one day when a friend called. I noticed she was looking anxious, and soon discovered the reason. She had been shopping, and on coming out of a shop in a busy part of the town, she had stopped to re-arrange the contents of her basket. She made a purchase at another shop

and then discovered to her dismay that she had lost her purse ! She returned at once to look for it, but was not surprised that there was no trace of it. What should she do ?

Knowing I was a christian she decided to call in and tell me of her loss, and together we knelt and told the Lord about it, claiming His promise,

**“ Before they call, I will answer ; and while
they are yet speaking, I will hear.”**

We asked if it was the Lord's will the purse would be restored, at the same time leaving the matter in His hands.

My friend then left and before long it was time for me to go home. Scarcely had I entered the house when the telephone bell rang. Then I heard the good news that the purse was found, and my friend said she would call and tell me about it.

The next morning I had a visit from her again. How different her face looked this time ! She was so glad to tell me how our prayers had been answered. When she had reached home the previous day the purse was already there ! It had been picked up by an honest person, and having the owner's name and address in it, the woman had gone at once the long distance to where my friend lived in order to restore it to her.

Together we rejoiced, and our hearts rose up in thanksgiving to the One whom we had proved again to be the Hearer and Answerer of prayer.

A Little Boy's Question.

A LITTLE boy asked his mother, “ How can I be saved ? ”

“ By coming to Jesus,” she replied.

“ But, Mother, I suppose I have to be good or else God will not have me,” rejoined the boy.

“ No dear, Jesus died to save bad people, not good. It is your badness, not your goodness, you must carry to Jesus.”

“ That's real good news, Mother,” cried the boy. “ How wrong it is to tell us that God will not have us unless we are good.”

“ Yes it is,” said his mother. “ You cannot be good or useful to God until you carry your badness to Jesus and it is taken away by His blood.”

The little fellow *did* carry his badness to Jesus, and learned the virtue of the precious blood of Jesus to make him clean. Will you do this too ?

Chats with Young Believers.

WE have read of Joash and Josiah, both of whom were just little boys when they began to reign. Now we are going to talk about Manasseh who became king when he was twelve years old. He was the son of the godly king Hezekiah, and yet he was one of the most wicked kings of Judah. This shows us that godliness is not inherited. We are each responsible to God for our own acts, just as we each have to come to Him individually as sinners for salvation.

"Manasseh did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." He undid the reforms of Hezekiah and set up idols to heathen gods and "worshipped the host of heaven and served them." And as God looked down on this He was grieved, but He did not send judgments at once. He sent messengers to Manasseh to turn him from his wicked ways, but he would not listen.

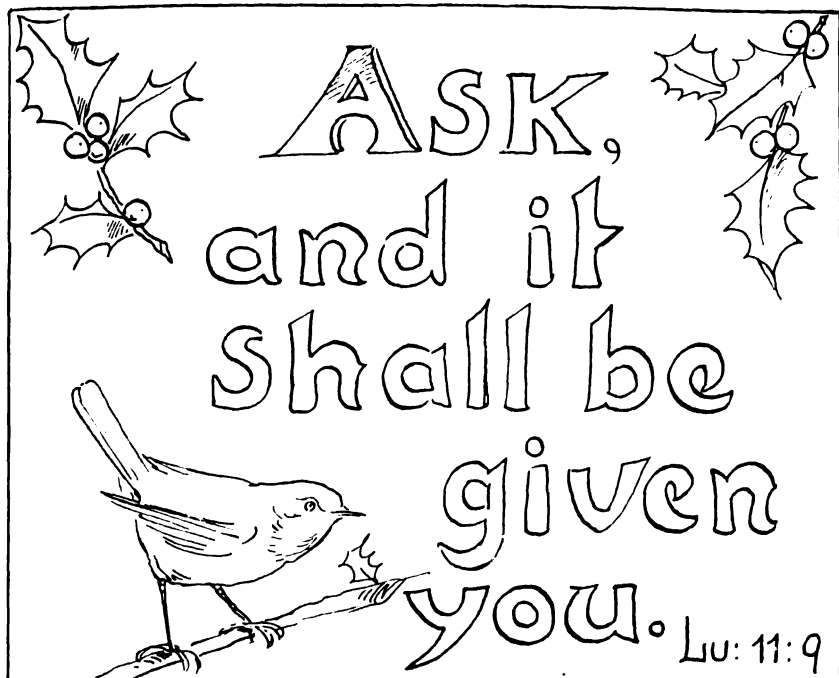
How patiently He waits for His erring people to return to Him! God is not indifferent to evil. He sometimes seems to take no notice for a time. But if His word is neglected and His warnings disregarded He may have to take stronger measures. So it happened to Manasseh. God had to punish him. He sent the Assyrians against Judah, and they took Manasseh captive and carried him to Babylon.

This brought Manasseh to himself. He thought of God and prayed to Him. **He humbled himself and confessed his sin.** That is the first step towards restoration. God heard him and answered his prayers, and restored him again to his kingdom.

Before his captivity Manasseh did not acknowledge the Lord, but now he realised His power and His mercy, and he tried to remedy some of the evil he had done, and commanded the people to worship the Lord God of Israel.

We are not like Manasseh. We have learned to know God in the Lord Jesus and we have experienced His love and grace in a way he never did. So **our responsibility is much greater** to live in a way that is pleasing to Him. How careful we should be not to dishonour Him by wilful wrongdoing or self-pleasing. But if we do sin and turn aside, He does not cast us off. We may have to suffer for our wrongdoing, for God may let us feel the result of our sin, to draw us back to Himself. But if we turn to Him in true repentance He is always ready to forgive us for Jesus' sake.

"IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS" 1 John 1. 9.



Everything was ready for the Sunday School tea—everything but one, and that one was very important! There was *no cake* to be got anywhere. Of course it was war time. Could they not do without cake? But the disappointment of the little ones—the teachers could not bear to think of it. So this was what they did—they got together, knelt down and told the Lord Jesus about it. And the Lord who loves little children heard and answered. Just in time, some friends who had just had another “Tea,” found they had quite a lot of cake over. “Can you do anything with it?” “We can indeed!” was the teachers’ answer. They knew the Lord had sent it. That is how He *gives*, in *abundance*, when we ask Him. Have you ever tried it?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

We have now come to the last month of the year and I am glad so many of you have been able to send in the answers every month.

As the answers this month are all rather long, searchers of eight years and under may do any four of the first five questions. I know it takes you a long time to write out all the verses, and I would rather have you think about what you are writing.

We have had some very important verses during the year and you will find that all those which have to be written this month are worth considering. It would be terribly sad if boys and girls who have sent in answers month by month, were to pay no heed to these things and neglect the great salvation which is offered so freely through simple trust in the Lord Jesus. Some of you could tell me quite well the answer to the jailor's question and yet you have never applied it to yourselves. I do trust you will each really know for yourselves the happiness of having the Lord Jesus as your own Saviour, and if you do not yet know Him, that you will settle this most solemn question before the year comes to a close.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions ; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Questions of the Bible.

1. Write the verse containing the words " Why will ye die ? " Ezekiel 33.
2. What did the king cry to Daniel when he was in the lions' den ? Daniel 6.
3. What did the Lord say to Saul when he asked " Who art Thou " ? Acts 9.
- *4. What was the jailor's question and its answer ? Acts 16.
5. Write the verse containing the words " so great salvation." Hebrews 2.
6. Write out five verses containing questions from the end of Romans 8.
7. Tell in your own words the story of Jonah—Who he was, where he was sent to, the result when he went.

* *Verses to learn.*

Answers to Questions for October.

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| 1. Isa. 29. 15. | 6. John 1. 1 Word, v. 6 Light. | v. 34, Son of God. |
| 2. Isa. 40. 28. | v. 14, Only begotten of the | v. 41, Messiah, Christ. |
| 3. John 3. 16. | Father. | v. 45, Jesus of Nazareth |
| 4. John 4. 27. | v. 17, Jesus Christ. | v. 49, King of Israel. |
| 5. John 4. 29. | v. 18, Only begotten Son. | v. 51, Son of Man. |
| | v. 29, Lamb of God. | 7. Isa. 38 and 39. |
| | | 2 Kings 20. |

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