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THE LAW OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Mary W. Chapman.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before the high God?" "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love righteousness, and to walk humbly with thy God? Mic. 6:6, 8.

"Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." Gen. 7:1. "God, said to Noah, come thou and all thine house into the ark for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation." Gen. 7:1.

God spared not the angels that sinned \* \* \* spared not the old world, but saved Noah \* \* \* a preacher of righteousness. II Pet. 2:4, 5.

"By the which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Heb. 11:7. Because Noah was righteous before God, God separated him, and made him a preacher of righteousness, to the sinning world, with that great object lesson of the building of the ark before them for 120 years and thereby showed God's righteousness in condemning them because they refused to repent.

God called out Abraham and separated him to a walk of faith and as Abraham believed God, he counted it to him for righteousness. Gen. 15:6. God then began to work in the posterity of Abraham, as he continued to walk by faith in obedience, to form a nation with righteous laws and by these bring the people to righteousness, making provisions for their failures by the offering of blood till the Lamb of God should come to take away the sin of the world.

"And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments, before the Lord our God as he has commanded us." Deut. 6:25. Why? "For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness. The upright shall behold his face." Psa. 11:7.

Although God's laws were righteous they could not bring man to righteousness because of sinful flesh. Rom. 8:1-4. On account of this weakness of the flesh for which the children of men were not responsible God revealed his righteousness (Rom. 1:17), and justice to all his creation, by his Son, manifested in the flesh, to destroy sin in the flesh, who becomes "The LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS," Jer. 23:6, making full and complete provision for every son and daughter of Adam to more than keep the law by the higher law of love, covering the multitude of sins. —Jam. 5:20.

"Oh the mighty gulf that God did span  
When he brought salvation down to man!"

Christ is made unto us righteousness. I Cor. 1:30. Through the grace of God we are made the righteousness of God in Him, if we "walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:4.

Then shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Mal. 4:2. "Even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all to justification of life." Rom. 5:18. Therefore blessed is the man to whom God imparteth righteousness. Rom. 4:6.

Now what is to be done with the weak fleshly mind that cannot keep the law of God? Change it for the Spirit of Christ that can more than keep it. The law

demanded justice—good for good, and evil for evil, but grace returns good for evil because it loves to do so. Christ covers all the past when we accept His righteousness and gives us all a fair start in the race. He counts us as though we had never sinned imputes His own righteousness to us, and we enter upon a new existence with Him, new born babes, born of God, innocent.

He takes possession of the new holy being He has created, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaches, guides, nourishes, strengthens it, while the old flesh life withers and dies for the want of anything to keep it alive, as we continue to reckon it dead indeed. Rom. 6:11.

Then what happens? "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." Isa. 32:17. "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." Jas. 3:18. "Righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Psa. 25:10. "For the kingdom of God is \* \* \* righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom. 14:17. Righteousness and peace produces the joy.

How may a sinner be made righteous! "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10. "Break off thy sins by righteousness." Dan. 4:27. "Awake to righteousness and sin not." I Cor. 15:34. "Surely shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength." Isa. 45:24. Begin now to shout. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord. My soul shall be joyful in my God, for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation. He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." Isai. 61:10. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6. "We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation." Rom. 5:11.

Jesus began at His baptism to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). So He is with every earnest seeker after righteousness until the righteousness of God is fulfilled in Him."

"Seekers who have pleasure in unrighteousness are given over to the delusions of the devil (II Thess. 2:10, 11), because they are with him and not with God, 'Our Righteousness.' Isa. 64:6.

Having received Christ's righteousness what results in the life? "They which receive abundance of grace, and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, 'Jesus Christ.'" Rom. 5:18. Yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. "But now being made free from sin and become servants to God ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6. "If ye know that He is righteous, know ye (Marg) that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him." I Jno. 2:29. Fruit, I Cor. 9:10. Filled, Phil. 1:11. Breatplate, Eph. 6:14. Armor, II Cor. 6:7. Sufferings for, I Pet. 3:14. Peaceable fruits, Heb. 12:11.

The final ending. "We look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." II Pet. 3:13.

Who are in the Bride? "And to her it was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness (righteous

acts, r. v.) of the saints." Hallelujah! Praise God, we have found her at last. Then let us forever drop all our man-made words and phrases, invented by Satan to hide the truth and take God's great right word, and let the righteous Lord within teach us to do the acts of righteousness, that we may have a place in His righteous kingdom. "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Rom. 10:4. Throne, Psalms, 97:2. Warning, Rom. 10: 2, 3; 9:32; 11:20, 21; Matt. 6:20. Rewards, Dan. 12:3; Jas. 5:19:20. See also Psalms, 15. Psalm, 24 and Isa. 33:13-17.

GIBEAH BIBLE SCHOOL.

### BLESSINGS AT GIBEAH.

Beloved Readers of the Evangel—Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! We are thanking God daily at Gibeah for the blessed privilege we enjoy studying God's Holy Word. How we wish every child of God could be here and drink in the deep spiritual truths that we receive! Not long ago a missionary of wide experience visited the school and said, "I praise God for this Bible School. I wish we had many like it all over the land. As I visit the foreign fields I see the great need of Bible teaching. Many times the workers are a hindrance to God's work because they do not know the truth."

Our studies this summer have been on three different subjects. The Book of Ephesians, the classic of the comprehensive and full operation of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Here we find that in Christ are the heavenly places; and that all our spiritual blessings are from God our Father through Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost and assuredly we have been in the heavens ever since the school opened.

In our study on Christology we had a lesson on the blood of Christ and its relation to the believer. In these last days it is necessary to keep under the blood, remembering that it was His precious blood that bought our redemption.

We have had some interesting lessons in the Epistle to the Romans on God's righteousness revealed through Jesus Christ, and our prayer is that every Bible student may come to know these great truths. Romans is the seed bed of truth in the New Testament as Genesis is in the Old.

This is a good place for some of our readers to wait upon God and study His word and enjoy the fellowship of God's children here. One of the students who was here last year writes, under date of July 26, 1913, after six months active service in the Lord's work, "I seem so bound up with my loved ones in Gibeah that it is refreshing to think of each and all. I do not enter into any fellowship so deeply as yours." This worker can say this because God has from the first manifested His presence here in a remarkable way.

The Spirit's presence is manifested in every lesson, and often there is an outburst of praise and thanksgiving right in the midst of the lesson.

May God's richest blessings be in and upon every reader of the Christian Evangel, till He come.

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Student.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

AUGUST 17, 1913.

### Crossing the Red Sea.

Lesson Text—Ex. 14:19-31. Read Ex. 13, 14.

Golden Text—Before they call I will answer. Isa. 65:24.

Leading Thought—"Jehovah"—mighty to save and strong to deliver.

1. God with Israel. (a) In continuous blessing and guidance (V. 19, 20). As a pillar of fire by night to give light, and a pillar of cloud by day to protect from the burning sun (Psalms, 84:11). Just what we need by day or night that is what Jehovah is to us.

"When God would teach mankind His name,  
He calls Himself the great I AM,  
And leaves a blank; believers may  
Supply those things for which they pray."

He had been and was still leading them onward, but in a particular way showed His presence behind where the need was (V. 19). And while it was darkness and confusion to the Egyptians it was light and protection to the Israelites (V. 20) just as Christ is light and salvation to those who believe but darkness and condemnation to those who reject (John, 3:19; 2 Cor. 2:15, 16; 1 Pet. 2:7, 8). (b) In special need (Vs. 21, 22). Only the Omnipotent One can accomplish this deliverance but He uses His servant that they might recognize in him their God-chosen deliverer. God knew they needed this mighty revelation of Himself before entering the fiery trials of the wilderness beyond. A hard place—Pharaoh advancing in the rear, the sea before, and the people murmuring; but the God who commanded "Go forward" was with them and the obedience of His servant made possible the rolling back of the sea. Psalms, 106:7-12. Behold, the long-suffering and mercy of God toward His own.

2. Destruction of the Egyptians (Vs. 23-31). And Pharaoh had not yet learned his lesson. The very obduracy of Satan himself caused him to seek still to hinder God's people. "He that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey." And the Lord permitted them to follow all the night through; but in the morning He looked unto them through the pillar of fire and cloud (V. 24). Just one look but it brought trouble. Do you wonder they were dis-comforted? That same "eye" that guides us in love when obedient, can overwhelm the guilty and rebellious as can no flash of lightning. Remember Peter (Luke 22:61). And the disciples (Acts 4:29). Their destruction began; already the mud "took" (clogged, bound) their wheels and they sought to flee. God was giving Pharaoh, who had said, "I know not the Lord," an opportunity to become well acquainted with Him (Ex. 5:2). And all God had given thus far was a look. Surely it was the God of Jeshurun riding upon the heavens in the help of His chosen ones (Deut. 33:26). Once more God uses His servant—an earthen vessel—how strikingly manifest that the excellency of the power is of God (2 Cor. 4:7). And the sea returned (V. 27, 28). Of the 50,000 horse, and the 200,000 foot not a one remaining to carry tidings of this extraordinary catastrophe. What a contrast with the next verse (V. 29). God's own passed through in safety; their very protection proved the destruction of their foes.

Better than the deliverance itself was the God who gave the deliverance. He it was who caused them to triumph gloriously. Note the attitude of the children of Israel—first, they feared (reverenced) the Lord; then they believed Him (faith sprang up); natural it is that they accept and trust His messenger (V. 31). Do you wonder they sang the great song of triumph (Ex. 15:1). And I wonder if we, whom God hath led forth from a darker land than Egypt and a harder taskmaster than Pharaoh do not sing as jubilant a song? Psalms, 107:30, 31. A. M. F.

Don't miss the Feast of Tabernacles, Plainfield,  
Indiana, August 29 to September 7.

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**The Little Flock**  
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THE STORY OF THE BAMBOO.

A PARABLE.

On the hillsides in Kuceheng District the most valuable trees are often marked with the owner's name. A common way of conveying water from the mountain springs down to the villages is in channels made of lengths of bamboo fitted one to the other.

A beautiful tree stood among scores of others on a lovely hillside, its stem dark and glossy, its beautiful feathery branches gently quivering in the evening breeze.

As we admired it we became conscious of a gentle rustling of the leaves, and a low murmur was distinctly heard: "You think me beautiful, you admire my tall stem and graceful branches, but I have nothing to boast of. All I have I owe to the loving care of my Master. It was He who planted me here in this very fruitful hill, where my roots, reaching down to and dwelling in hidden springs, and continually drinking of their life-giving water, receive nourishment, refreshment, beauty and strength for my whole being.

"Do you see those trees to one side, how miserable and parched they are? Their roots have not yet reached the living springs. Since I found the hidden waters I have lacked nothing.

"You observe those characters on my stem? Look closely—they are cut into my very being. The cutting process was painful—I wondered at the time why I had to suffer—but it was my Master's own hand that used the knife, and when the work was finished, with a throb of unutterable joy, I recognized it was His own name He had cut in my stem. Then I knew beyond doubt that He loved and prized me, and wanted all the world to know I belonged to Him. I may well make it my boast that I have such a Master."

Even as the tree was telling us of its Master, we looked around, and lo! the Master Himself stood there. He was looking with love and longing on the tree, and in His hand He held a sharp axe.

"I have need of thee." He said. "Art thou willing to give thyself to Me?"

"Master" replied the tree, "I am all Thine own—but of what use can such as I be to Thee?"

"I need thee," said the Master, "to take My living water to some dry and parched places where there is none."

"But Master, how can I do this? I can dwell in Thy living springs and imbibe their waters for my own nourishment. I can stretch up my arms to heaven, and drink in Thy refreshing showers, and grow strong and beautiful, and rejoice that strength and beauty alike are all from Thee, and proclaim to all what a good Master Thou art. But how can I give water to others? I but drink what suffices for my own food. What have I to give to others?"

The Master's voice grew wondrously tender as He answered "I can use thee if thou art willing. I would cut thee down and lop off all thy branches, leaving thee naked and bare, then I would take thee right away from this thy happy home among the other trees, and carry thee out alone on the far hillside where there will be none to whisper lovingly to thee—only grass and a tangled growth of briars and weeds. Yes, and I would still use the painful knife; all those barriers within thy heart should be cut away one by one, till there is a free passage for my living water through thee.

"Thou wilt die, thou sayest; yes, my own tree, thou wilt die, but My Water of Life will flow freely and ceaselessly through thee. Thy beauty will be gone indeed. Henceforth, no one will look on thee and admire thy freshness and grace, but many, many will stoop and

drink of the life-giving stream which will reach them so freely through thee. They may give no thought to thee, it is true, but will they not bless thy Master who has given them His water through thee? Art thou willing for this, My tree?"

I held my breath to hear what the answer would be. "My Master, all I have and am is from Thee. If Thou indeed hast need of me, then I gladly and willingly give my life to Thee. If only through my dying Thou canst bring Thy living water to others, I consent to die. I am Thine own. Take and use me as Thou wilt, my Master."

And the Master's face grew still more tender, but He took the sharp axe and with repeated blows brought the beautiful tree to the ground. It rebelled not, but yielded to each stroke, saying softly, "My Master, as Thou wilt." And still the Master held the axe, and still He continued to strike till the stem was severed again, and the glory of the tree, its wondrous crown of feathery branches, was lost to it forever.

Now indeed it was naked and bare—but the love-light in the Master's face deepened as He took what remained of the tree on His shoulders, and amid the sobbing of all its companions, bore it away, far, far over the mountains.

But the tree consented to all for the love of the Master, murmuring faintly, "My Master, where Thou wilt."

Arrived at a lonely place, the Master paused, and again His hand took a cruel looking weapon with sharp pointed blade, and this time thrust it right into the very heart of the tree—for He would make a channel for His living waters, and only through the broken heart of the tree could they flow unhindered to the thirsty land.

Yet the tree repined not, but still whispered with breaking heart, "My Master, Thy will be done."

So the Master with the heart of love and the face of tenderest pity dealt the painful blows and spared not, and the keen-edged steel did its work unflinchingly till every barrier had been cut away, and the heart of the tree lay open from end to end, and the Master's heart was satisfied.

Then again He raised it and gently bore it, wounded and suffering, to where unnoticed till now, a spring of living water, clear as crystal, was bubbling up. There He laid it down—one end just within the healing waters. And the stream of life flowed in, right down the heart of the tree from end to end, along all the road made by the cruel wounds—a gentle current to go on flowing noiselessly, flowing in flowing through, flowing out, ever flowing, never ceasing, and the Master smiled and was satisfied.

Again the Master went and sought for more trees. Some shrank back and feared the pain, but others gave themselves to Him with full consent, saying, "Our Master, we trust Thee. Do with us what Thou wilt." Then He brought them one by one by the same painful road and laid them down end to end, and as each fresh tree was placed in position, the living stream poured in fresh and clear from the fountain through its wounded heart, the line growing longer and longer, till at last it reached to the parched land, and weary men and women and little children who had long thirsted came and drank and hastened to carry the tidings to others "The living waters has come at last—the long, long famine is over; come, and drink." And they came, drank and revived, and the Master saw and His heart was gladdened.

Then the Master returned to His tree and lovingly asked "My tree, dost thou not regret the loneliness and suffering? Was the price too dear—the price for giving the living water to the world?" And the tree replied, "My Master, no, a thousand, thousand times, no! Had I ten thousand lives, how willingly would I give them all to Thee for the bliss of knowing, as today I know, that I have helped to make Thee glad."—B. E. Newcome

We are sorry to report that since the publication of our last issue, Brother Myland has had a great trial of his faith. On Friday evening, August 1, he was taken with a severe attack of gall stones. Towards morning a measure of victory was realized and he rested very easily all day but as night drew on again his pain increased and we had quite a battle all Sunday night. Thank God victory came in the morning, and after he has a little rest we trust that he will be again in health and strength, prepared to minister to us as it is his delight to do.

## TIMES OF REFRESHING

### From the Presence of the Lord.

Testimonies, Requests for Prayer, Reports of Meetings and General Fellowship.

#### HEALED OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE AND CANCER OF THE STOMACH.

For the glory of God and the welfare of suffering ones, I wish to testify to the marvelous healing of the serious illness of my dear mother. She is a child of God and Jesus is her all in all. For nine weeks she was bed-fast, the doctors pronouncing it Bright's disease and one was sure it was cancer of the stomach in addition. She could not keep a thing on her stomach and for six weeks not as much as a drop of water passed her lips; we kept her alive by injecting nourishment. For three weeks she had hemorrhages of the stomach nearly every day, till she became so weak it seemed many times there was no life left. Many times we gathered around her bed as a family, believing now was God's time to take her home. In spite of all we did she continued to weaken until she was so very low she threw up continuously. I held her up, she was so weak—and the acid of her stomach was so strong it would eat the flesh of her throat.

But on the morning of the 3rd of April the Lord graciously healed her body and raised her up. Brothers A. D. Welty of Lima, O., and Earl W. Clark from South America, came to us and anointed her in the name of the Lord (James 5:14, 15) and straightway she was healed. Sitting up in bed (a thing she could not do during all her illness) she clapped her hands, shouted and praised God.

Then she wanted something to eat, so we gave her soup and in an hour she asked for beefsteak and I gave it to her. It is now three weeks and she has eaten everything and nothing hurts her. She was so far gone that she had not much blood left; but the Lord raised her to her feet so wonderfully and now she can do a good deal of work. All glory to Jesus! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I am sure there was nowhere a happier home than ours that day. How we do praise the Lord for giving our dear mother back again! Jesus is more than able to heal; what He did for us He can do for others.

Mother is a marvel of God's grace to all. If any one desires to know more they can write us, and we will be more than pleased to give any information for the glory of God.

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Cease believing for things; believe Him, even thy God. Bigger than any thing we receive is the God who is in the thing.

#### ZION CITY, ILL.

Grace and peace to thee! I suppose you were wondering why you did not hear from me before this, but I have been busy and we were attending the Stone Church meetings. They have been truly wonderful. Souls were saved at every meeting, and many healed. We met people from Warsaw and Terre Haute. Brother Earl Clark was there and took an active part in the meetings. People were slain right and left under the mighty power of God. Sinners did not need to be asked to come forward; they just rushed to the altar. When the sick were asked to come forward, it was like a flock of sheep rushing forward. I never saw anything like it. Someday I will tell you all about it face to face. I will send you later another one-year subscription. Wish I could get you a hundred. May God bless you with all spiritual blessings and give you wisdom and understanding. Your brother in Jesus till He comes.

FRED VOGLER.

If you are traveling through an orange country you are sensible all the time of the fact that the orange blossoms are about you. The fragrance is wafted to you the last thing at night, the first thing in the morning, and it even makes you sleep the sweeter. And there is a sweetness like that about the life that is truly "hid with Christ in God."

When the Spirit in your heart is grieved, the Spirit of Power cannot operate through you. He does not leave you, but He cannot use you till every thing is harmonious within. Eph. 4:30.

But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass by. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our law-giver, the Lord is our king. He will save us. Isa. 33:22.

You can help a person by thinking good thoughts about him; or you can cripple him by thinking bad thoughts about him.

There are three baptisms—the Baptism of Repentance, the Baptism in Water, and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The first is in tears; the second in water, and the third in fire.

#### JASONVILLE, IND.

Dear Brother Flower—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. The two bundles of papers received and I believe that several of our people will subscribe for the paper. God will certainly bless you in getting out this nice little weekly paper and I am sure God's children should support it as it will be a blessing to all who receive it who are hungry for the truth. Enclosed \$2.00 for two yearly subscriptions.

We are asking our Father to bless you and all who are associated with you in this work.

Your brother in Christ,  
FLEM VAN METER.

Paul prayed that he might go to Rome "by any means" in the will of God. Rom. 1:10. God took him at his word. Be careful how you pray. It costs something.

The only fruit you will have in your Christian life is from the joy in the Holy Ghost. No unhappy Christian can bring forth fruit. There must be joy. Gal. 5:22.

Whatever your need is, look up; take God at His word, expect deliverance, and it is yours now.

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#### THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES. Plainfield, Indiana.

Fall Pentecostal Convention of the Association of Christian Assemblies to be held on "Gibeah" Camp Ground, Plainfield, Ind., from August 29th to September 7th, 1913. A full representation is desired from every assembly in the Central States for conference and fellowship in the spreading of the glorious Latter Rain truth in a more progressive manner through Indiana and the Central States.