

The Little Flock

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HOW ELLA GOT THE HAPPY BACK IN HER HEART.

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After Ella was so beautifully converted that Sunday afternoon, as we told you about before, she was very happy for several days. Then one morning she came in with her chubby face the picture of woe and she almost ran to lay her head on her teacher's shoulder, while over the little fingers flashed the information, "I have lost the happy out of my heart."

You see this teacher was very informal in her relations with her little girl pupils. Their mammas was far away, and they had no one to love them tight and hard every night. As they always came into the school-room before the boys, they got into the way of filing past the teacher on the way to their desks and giving and receiving from her a kiss before they went to their seats. She liked it and so did they. Now little Ella wailed (as much as anyone could wail by expression and gestures) "O I have lost the happy out of my heart." How did it ever happen? She didn't know and the teacher didn't know. Had she forgotten to pray? No. Had she been a bad girl? No, not in any way that she knew of. Had she asked God to send the happy back? Yes, she had prayed, oh so hard, but the happy hadn't come back.

"Never mind, dear," said the teacher soothingly, "just go on trying to be good and expecting Jesus to bless you. He will send the happy back." So Ella went to her wall-slate and with the others was soon busy with the morning's work. Presently her little hand went up. "Please, teacher may I go in the closet and pray?" It was an unusual request for the school-room, but, of course, the teacher said yes. Tiptoeing into the closet she watched the child in her fervent prayer behind the door. She pleaded with God to bless her and send the happy back into her heart. She told Him how she loved Him, and wanted to be a very good child. She came back with a very peaceful face saying, "I feel better now."

Presently the teacher heard a great clatter from Ella's end of the room. Alma was clapping and waving her hands excitedly. "See, see," said she, "Ella has got the happy back in her heart." Some of the noise seemed to have come from Ella herself, whose face now shone with a great radiance.

The teacher didn't say anything about the noise. She thought she could afford to have that kind of a noise in her school-room once in a while. She remembered that the angel's rejoiced over the repentance of a sinner, and she had an idea that they were smiling with all their

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.

4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field; And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me; peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

7 And Balaam's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together; and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.

8 Therefore now flee thou to thy

place; I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from honour.

9 And Balaam said unto Balak, spake I not also to thy messengers, which thou sentest unto me, saying,

10 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak.

11 And now, behold, I go unto my people; come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

12 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

13 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

14 I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh; there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

15 And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

16 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

BALAK AND BALAAM.

Lesson Text—Num. 22:2-6. 24:10-19
Read ch. 21-24.

Golden Text—A double-minded man is unstable in all his way. Jas. 1:8.

Leading Thought—No enchantment can harm God's people (Num. 22.)

1. Balaam Called to Curse Israel. (Num. 22:2-6.) Israel marches victoriously through a part of Canaan—Moses stands alone at the head. Aaron, his reliable support, is gone. (Num. 20:24-29.) Og and Sihon, two heathen kings, have been overcome. (Num. 21.) and this news brought fear to Balak, the king of Edom. God's manifest presence with His children always brings fear to their adversaries. (Josh. 6:27. Judg. 7:21. 1 Sam. 17:5. Acts 19:17.) Balak's fear of Israel was according to prophecy. (Ex. 15:15.) To seek a curse for God's people from one of His professed prophets was the height of inconsistency and proved His wrong conception of Jehovah, as well as his opinion of Balaam's righteousness. Balaam stands before us as one of the most singular of Bible characters. The invisible God (Num. 22:9-12), the will of God (ch. 22:13), the power of God (22:38) were strong realities to him; but he loved the "wages of unrighteousness." (2 Pet. 2:15. Jude 11.) Evidently his was a "mixed spirit"—some knowledge of Jehovah and some of sorcery. He would not go at Balak's request without God's permission (ch. 22:8), nor would he go at all when forbidden (22:13) and when allowed to go repeatedly declared he would say nothing beyond God's prompting, 22:38, 23:12, 26. So far so good. But God's first decision should have settled the matter

without any reconsideration. (22:19.) The thought of the reward fed the secret longing of poor Balaam's heart, and God knowing it all permitted him to go conditionally, he speaking only the word given by God. (22:20, 35.) The vision of the angel and the episode of the dumb ass speaking were attempts on God's part to arrest him from making an eternal mistake. Even then God's anger was kindled because he went. Note the directive and permissive will of God, explaining the crippled condition of many of God's children. God would have spared him later humiliation before the king and nobles, and from casting in his lot with the bitter enemies of God's people, against whom, as it was, he died fighting (Num. 31:8), and that after leading the people of God into abominable practices. (Rev. 2:4.) To have held God's word, and been led by Him, then to fail through self-seeking—how awful is, and will be the retribution.

2. Balaam's Prophecies. (ch. 24:10-19.) The instability of Balaam's heart is here shown. Instead of taking as final God's word, "Thou shalt not curse the people for they are blessed" (ch. 22:12), he joined with Balak twice in seeking enchantments for the contrary purpose. (ch. 23:1-4, 14-16.) He should have declared God's word when he first met Balak, face to face. Moving their place had no effect, "for He was not a man that He should repent." "There is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel." No wonder these men failed in seeking a curse for Israel by this means. The heart of every opposing prophet or king was in God's hand to turn whithersoever he would. And thank

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TIMES OF REFRESHING

From the Presence of the Lord.

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

WHEATON, ILL.

Oct. 13, 1913.

Dear Bro. Flower: Peace, peace to thee and to thy helpers.

I am just sending a line to tell you that the roll of Christian Evangels you sent were received and partly distributed, and I think I shall be able to send you at least five yearly subscriptions. I had short time to see anyone week ago yesterday, but several signified their desire for the paper, but did not have the money.

I am out in the country for a much-needed rest, but am working for the paper, and got one paid subscription yesterday, also \$5.00 for Miss Clarke of Bombay.

The (Christian) Evangel is splendid and has its own particular place to fill among the large number of Pentecostal papers. It will be greatly blessed because of the missionary spirit.

Pray for me that God will keep me going until my work is done. Love to your dear wife.

Henrietta E. Muzzy.

It is unjust to send a man into the deadly blackness of heathenism without giving your life in intercession for him while he gives his life for the heathen. We must "lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 Jno. 3:16.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Oct. 13, 1913.

Dear Bro. in Christ: Somehow I feel led to write you about the work here in Louisville. The work has been broke up twice over the "finished work" and "second work," and the flock has been scattered. But there is a little handful together now and we want to open up Sunday, the Lord willing. We have a very nice hall in the west end and I would like so much to have you come and give the people a good start. There are hungry hearts here, but no shepherd to teach us. There is a great work to be done here. Please pray about this place.

Your Sister in Christ,
(Mrs.) A. C. Black.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

October 9, 1913.

Dear Brother Flower: Peace be unto thee and thine. I am praising the Lord this day for glorious victory. I've been receiving the paper right along, for which I thank you. It has been the source of quite a few blessings to me, as I am always

able to find a drink from still waters on some one of its pages. Enclosed find \$2—one is my subscription for one year and the other is for the sister in India who is building a wall (Sister Chester), or in other words, "building the wall," for our Lord is doing both at once through her. My prayer is that the Lord will keep and prosper thee in Himself. Pray for us.

Yours in His love,
(Mrs.) Harrie Wagner.

NOBLESVILLE, IND.

Greetings in Jesus' name. Praise God for victory. We had to withdraw from the tent and have been having meetings in our home, but we are on a deal to buy a building on a large corner lot. We have to pay \$1.00 down and the rest like rent. I feel as though we will get this place, if we don't we will buy elsewhere, as we feel it is the will of the Lord. The man wants \$500.00 for it and we think it very reasonable. Probably the readers of The Christian Evangel would like to help us.

(Mrs.) Maude Taylor.

The perfect Christian life should be naturally spiritual and spiritually natural.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Oct. 9, 1913.

Dear Bro. in Christ: You will find enclosed \$1.00. As the saints read the last numbers they were built up and feel more like going on. I want you to pray especially for the gathering in Cambridge at 20 Central Square, for I know God is no respecter of persons. They are having a hard battle, yet we know the Lord is on our side. We are standing for everything in the Word of God. Praise His name! And we are contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Pray for us.

Yours in Jesus,
Josephus Dottin.

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might at this little deaf girl's determination to get her Saviour's smile back in her heart, and to have everything fixed up right straight off that caused its departure. If some other little boys and girls would do the same when they lose the happy out of their hearts it would be a mighty good thing.



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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Oct. 14, 1913.

The Lord is blessing us here and the Spirit is still falling in the assembly. Several have received the baptism in the past week and we are expecting greater things in the future.

May God bless you in every good word and work, I am

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Eld. G. T. Haywood.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

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God it is so today. (Prov. 21:1.) "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." No true, holy prophet ever spoke more marvelous word than Balaam, proof of God's infinite power over all the underworld of evil. The third time he sought no enchantment. (24:1.) Balak's anger against Balaam was natural. (24:10.) You cannot carry God's business on one shoulder and Satan's on the other. You will fail in satisfying either. "You cannot serve God and Mammon." (Matt. 6:24.) Balak dismissed Balaam, but not before the glorious proclamation of the Coming Messiah. (V. 17.) Note his description of a prophet in V. 16—(1) "Heareth the words of God." (2) "Knoweth the knowledge of the Most High." (3) "Seeth the vision of the Almighty." All three requisites for effective service in God's ministry today. "A star out of Jacob." (V. 17.) See Matt. 2:2, 9, 10, 11. The wise men "saw," "followed," "rejoiced over" and finally worshiped the true Star of which the first was but a type. A. R. F.

History is repeating itself. We are still fighting over points of doctrine which were clearly settled beyond all dispute in the third century. Every Christian should study Church history alongside of his Bible. If we knew more Church history we would go astray less in our interpretation of the Word of God.