

The Little Flock

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FILLING GOD'S PLACE.

Little Samuel stands before us in his simple, earnest innocency. "Lent unto the Lord"—had many another lad been given over as he, there would have been fewer broken-hearted mothers, weeping over erring sons. "But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod." Is it possible—such service for one so young? Thank God, all down through the centuries there has ever been a place of service in God's temple for those of the tenderest age. "Those that seek me early shall find me." And to think he could minister to the Lord of all the earth—his daily part to perform service in praise and worship to God.

This holy childhood caused him to grow in Godlikeness, "in favor both with the Lord and with men." God's word was precious in those days. Few were the times he came near to speak with His people. Corrupt were the priests, God's supposed ministers; Eli had grown old and feeble, and there was only Samuel, still a mere lad, to whom God could reveal Himself. Thus far he but knew the God of the service; no word had been revealed to him as yet, nor did he know God in a real, personal way. **But he was faithfully serving.** Never, never slight nor despise the smallest, most insignificant service. The very fact that the work is done as unto Him, no matter what it may be, makes beautiful and pleasing the homely task, and prepares for the nobler opportunity.

And this is the lad God called by name, "Samuel, Samuel." Not in the same way exactly, but just as really, God is calling some of you, perhaps His voice is so gentle. Dear children, learn to hearken early. Do you know how Samuel answered? "Speak, for thy servant heareth", was his eager reply. And God did speak and there in the stillness of that night made known to the lad the failure, the wickedness of those in authority. Nor did Samuel shrink to tell it all to Eli, even to the utter rejection of his reprobate sons.

Do you wonder that "God was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground." And soon all Israel from Dan to Bee-sheba knew him "to be established as a prophet of the Lord." And what great thing had he done? Nothing,—yet everything in that he was willing, faithful and obedient. Somehow, dear children, I believe God has places to fill today, and perhaps he wants you like He did Samuel of old to be His faithful little servant, A. R. F.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

With Pentecostal Notes :-: November 16, 1913

1 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan.

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasch, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea.

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zear.

4 And the Lord said unto him. This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed; I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpe-

or; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land.

12 And in all that mighty hand and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

The Death of Moses.

Lesson Text—Deut. 34:1-12. Read Deut. 31-34.

Golden Text—Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psa. 116:15.

Leading Thought—Prepared to meet the Lord.

1. **Jehovah shows Moses the Land.** (Vs. 1-4.) Through all the vicissitudes of the wilderness the prophet of the Lord had led the children of Israel up to the very gate of the promised land. (Deut. 9:1.) Moses' career was ended. His years were many. (Deut. 31:2.) Still he might have led them over but for the circumstance at the waters of Meribah. (Num. 20:12.) His excellence of character did not render him free from the possibility of sinning. That excellence is an example and encouragement to all to imitate his choice. (Heb. 11:25.) And his failure is a solemn warning to be constantly on guard against falling into sin. (1 Cor. 10:12.) His inability to lead them into Canaan completes the typical significance of his life. Moses represented the law and law could not bring Israel into their inheritance. (Gal. 3:24.) It took a new leader—Joshua, typical of Christ, to bring them in. (Heb. 10:19, 20.) Moses submitted without a murmur. Though denied the entrance it was his unparalleled privilege to view the land from an exalted position with remarkably clear vision (V. 1) and under the Lord's direction (V. 2). Fourteen centuries afterward he entered it. (Mat. 17:4.) "To see but not go over thither." To a true faithful leader, when departing, the prospect of the work going forward under a new leader is always cheering. With Moses all personal regret was swallowed up in the joy of the near fulfillment of God's promise to his people. (Gal. 3:17; Ex. 12:40.) Here as throughout his life his unselfishness stands out most prominent of all his excellencies.

2. **His Death and Burial.** (Vs. 5:7.) From beholding the wonderful pan-

orama of Israel's future inheritance Moses had but to lift his eyes and see the entrance to that heavenly land whose glory is eternal. And he entered in. The great mistake of his life through God's infinite mercy did not debar him from a remarkable life's end, and abundant entrance beyond. Thank God today for our Advocate and His tender forgiveness and patience in hours of failure and defeat. Note the unsurpassed grandeur of Moses' final departure. Alone with God through life it was fitting he should die so. Together at the last, unquestionable proof of his perfect acceptance with God. The "servant of the Lord" (V. 5), with the one sad exception, his whole life was a constant carrying out of the divine command (Heb. 3:5). Note the three periods of his life. (1) Forty years—including the training by his godly mother, his education and culture at Pharaoh's court. (2) Forty years—including his choice, his premature attempts at deliverance, desert training and final commission. (3) Forty years of labor for God and his people,—the eighty years preceding being preparatory for this, the great work of his life. Never lightly esteem God's time of preparation in your life, no matter how varied and unusual the experiences may be. Oftentimes the work of Christian leaders shows decidedly the lack of "desert training." "Prepared to every good work." (2 Tim. 2:21.) Buried by the hands of Jehovah—a distinction enjoyed by no other mortal (V. 6.) His dying "according to the word of the Lord", or "at the mouth of the Lord", Hebrew writers interpret "with a kiss from the mouth of God"—a most delightful death from which he was probably resurrected and translated, thus explaining his appearance with Elias on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Mat. 7:3.) No doubt Satan's resistance of his resurrection caused the contest with Michael, or Christ as some think. (Jude 9.) Moses and Elijah are the two O. T. types of the saints at Christ's appearing—part to

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TIMES OF REFRESHING

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MOVINGS AT THE STONE CHURCH.

Chicago, Ill.

Now Brother Erickson has come to help us this winter and Brother White will be with us soon. Missionaries are with us nearly every week, and new ones are going. Our dear Brother and Sister Neely will leave with Brother William Johnson early in December for the west coast of Africa. Words can not tell what it means to us for God to take our choicest ones, but they belong to Him, and He needs them there. This is sudden and they need everything in the way of passage money and outfit. Our people do nobly and so far every need has been met. Praise His dear name.

Pray much for us. We are asking and expecting a great revival this winter to follow in the wake of the one we have had.

Missionary zeal is increasing, and I think that is what the Stone Church is for mostly, a hot bed to raise missionaries. God bless you all and the "little Evangel".

Yours for His Kingdom and glory,
HENRIETTA E. MUZZY.

EL PASO, TEXAS.

Christian Evangel:

Will you send me a sample copy of your paper. I saw it advertised in the Way of Faith.

Am away out here holding on to God for a full and complete gospel, amidst all the wildfire and delusions of the enemy. Pray for me that I may ever hold up the Standard. I love Pentecost and the speaking in tongues. Read your book on the Latter Rain and enjoyed it because it takes in the whole Bible. Some of the Pentecostal people are ignoring the Old Testament. Lord help us to not add to or take from.

Yours, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb,

MRS. J. N. BROYLES.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

Elhanan, N. C., Oct. 13, 1913.

Dear Brother Myland—Your paper just received. Thank you. I am sure you do not remember me but I have seen you in the Alliance Conventions often. I am now working in the mountains of North Carolina and have played mother for more than a thousand helpless ones and, as a result of overwork and responsibility, I am now an invalid, and it grieves me beyond expression as the

cold months come on to have to turn away scores to suffer. Now, I am writing to ask you to pray for my healing and that I may be able to go on in the work. (Ps. 143:8-11.) I must have victory because my Lord purchased it for me, but I stand so alone here and the battle is so fierce that I need help in prayer and faith. Rom. 1:5-17.

May He bless and use you to the extent of your capacity. Eph. 1:16-20.

Humbly and prayerfully, His for OTHERS.

MATTIE PERRY.

WAYNESBORO, PA.

October 20, 1913.

Dear Brother Myland—I received a paper from my pastor, Rev. James G. Williamson, called the Christian Evangel. I am sending you 25 cents. Please send it to me for three months. I enjoy reading the paper.

The dear Lord has been meeting me in a very precious way since I was in your home. Praise His dear name. The dear Lord has given me the blessed Holy Ghost with speaking and singing in another tongue. I became so hungry for it I felt sometimes as though I just must have it, and the Lord did not turn me away.

I do love my Jesus. He has been so much more precious and real to me since I received the Holy Ghost. I would sooner have Jesus in my heart than anything else in this world.

When I was waiting on the dear Lord with other seekers, looking and believing Him for what He saw I needed, whether salvation or my baptism, the Lord gave me the baptism and I don't think I have doubted my salvation since. There is such wonderful joy and peace in my soul that at times I have to laugh and shout and cry for joy. And then sometimes I feel burdened for other people.

Will you please remember me in your prayers for body and soul. Please pray for mama, too, she needs your prayers. Papa died about three years ago and since that we moved here to Waynesboro. I attend the Pentecostal Mission here most of the time. We have some very precious meetings.

Your sister in Jesus,

CLARA B. FETTERHOFF.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

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be raised, part to be translated. (1 Thess. 4:15-17.) His was a ripe and perfect age, the result of obedience to God and His word. (Prov. 3:1, 2; Job 3:26.) Increasing forgetfulness of God has caused the weakening of the human race, mentally, morally, spiritually.

3. **The Power of Moses' Life.** (Vs. 8-12.) (1) **On the children of Israel.** The thirty days of weeping were expressive of their respect and loving gratitude but better expression would have been obedience to his word in life. Not only a father and leader but the mediator betwixt them and God. His example and influence was permanent. In his work: as prophet (Duet. 18:15, 18); as preacher (Duet. chps. 27-33); as law-giver (Ex. 19: 1-7; 20:1-22; Num. 21:18; Jno. 1:17, 7:19); as organizer of the nation of Israel (Ex. 13:18, 19). In his character: self-denying (Heb. 11:24-26); unambitious "Who am I" (Ex. 3:11); called (Ex. 3:4); chosen (Ex. 3:10, 12); faithful (Heb. 3:2-5). (2) **On Joshua, his successor.** The laying on of Moses' hands imparted unction, qualifying him for his work. "The spirit of wisdom," one of the most needed manifestations of the Holy Spirit today. Its lack has occasioned much confusion in our Pentecostal ranks. (1 Cor. 12:8; Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:9; Jam. 3:17.) (3) **With God.** (V. 10.) He was great because of his peculiar intimacy with God and the resultant power manifest in his life brought signs and wonders to pass. Notice his prayers and God's speedy hearkening thereto.

A. R. F.

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