

The Little Flock

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Dear Little Folks—I want to tell you about a little girl in India who was saved from starvation—from dying for want of food, when the crops failed and food was too expensive for the poor people to buy. We had about one hundred girls in the home and when they sat down on the floor to eat, they ate with their hands, without spoon or fork. I would go to see that they were good and learned good manners. One day this little girl, Bhuri, which means "fair," became very angry and I had to send her to her room. I went to speak to her and found her seated on her bed, which by the way, was made of brick like a low platform ten inches from the floor. She was sobbing and crying and when I spoke to her, she said, "Mousiji (Auntie), I try and try to be good but I can't be good."

I know another little child, a little boy, a missionary's son, who said once to his mother, "Mother, I try to be good but I do not want to be good." Are there not many, many children who think they can't be good and many too, who do not want to be good but just try because they think Father or Mother or Teacher wants it or because it "looks better." What would you say to these two. Bhuri and Harold? If you will tell Mrs. Flower who writes to the little folks every week, perhaps I can pass on your message to the children in India. I know one thing, that is, that Jesus can come into the heart and help us to say "I can," and He can help us say "I want to be good" and it will all be so easy because He is being good in us.

I am going to India soon. Please pray for me that I may keep well and "be good."

Lovingly,
"Mousiji."

"INASMUCH."

By Margaret N. Levick.

'Tis the little homely missions
That count when the day is done;
A kind word here,
A hand-clasp there,
And a smile for everyone;
For, no matter how small the deed is,
If done in kindness and love,
He knoweth it all,
And each gain or fall
Is writ in His book above.
And like the mite of the widow,
Who freely gave her store,
The little deeds
Shall be golden seeds
To grow in God's time to more.
—Herald and Presbyter.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

With Pentecostal Notes :-: November 23, 1913

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua, the New Leader.

Lesson Text—Joshua 1:1-9. Read Josh. 1 and 2.

Golden Text—Be strong and of good courage. Joshua 1:9.

Leading Thought—"Faith is the victory."

This lesson marks the beginning of a new era in Israel's history. The nation led out by Moses is led in by his successor. The book of Joshua tells the story; it is the book of possession and may be broadly divided into three parts: (1) Conquest of the land (chs. 1-12); (2) Settlement of the people (chs. 13-21); (3) Joshua's farewell (chs. 22-24).

1. Joshua's commission (Vs. 1-5). "After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord" (V. 1). Probably after the thirty days mourning (Deut. 34:8) His was a death in the fullness of time and caused no break in the continuity of God's purpose. A Joshua was ready—God has always had it so in His work. True, heretofore, Moses' place had been absolutely unfillable, and his going must have created a tremendous vacancy. Recall the words of John Wesley, now inscribed upon his memorial tablet in Westminster Abbey, "God buries His workmen, but carries on His work." How constantly we need to be reminded of this fact. God did not give them time to repine. His word to Joshua, "Therefore, arise go over this Jordan" (V. 2), implies a cessation of grieving and a girding up for the call of God ahead. God's cure for despondency is activity (1 Kings 19: 4, 15, 16). Joshua, their God-chosen leader, was not a novice (1 Tim. 3:6). He had proved his fitness to succeed Moses. He was of the tribe of Ephraim (1 Chron. 7:27), about eighty years of age at this time. He had witnessed the wonders in Egypt and at the Red Sea; had been with Moses on the mount (Ex. 24:13); was one of the two spies, among the twelve, who brought a good report (Num. 13:30). He had been Moses' trusted attendant (V. 1) and his chief

officer in war (Ex. 17:9). God's call came to a tried, faithful, believing heart. Past experience in God's service is not to be lightly esteemed. Those who have had it are the ballast to the Church in her onward course. You can become a child of God in a moment, but it takes years of proving to become a saint. God selects "seasoned timber" for His important places. Note the extent of the land in V. 4. All theirs provisionally; but experimentally only as they placed the sole of their feet upon it (V. 3). All things are ours in Christ (1 Cor. 3:21), but, in actuality, only that part that we appropriate by faith (Matt. 9:24. Mk. 11:24 R. V.). Assuredly Christ has finished the work for us; but it is left for the Holy Spirit as we yield and accept to finish the work in us. All Joshua's natural strength, wisdom or faithfulness would not assure the abundant and constant victory (V. 5 first clause). The closing promise fulfilled was the pledge of victory. It is ours to appropriate in every like hour of need.

2. Encouragement and Warning (V. 6-9). "Be strong and of a good courage (Vs. 6, 7, 9). The very first experience was to be parallel to that of the Red Sea with untold conflicts beyond. After all Joshua was but a man and God knew his need for this encouragement. God's promise, "I will be with thee" was the enabling for this command. Then there was the sense of responsibility that he was to divide the land and thus be God's agent in fulfilling the long-standing promise to Abraham (V. 6). If our attitude is right toward God, being placed in a responsible position will develop and quicken faith. Instead of weakening and cringing we will rise and believe. The God who summons us to stand, Himself will stand by to strengthen and uphold. Joshua needed real heart strength to keep himself and the people entrusted to his charge loyal to God's law, and thus prevent rebellion (V. 7). Occasional perusing of it would not suffice—Joshua was to "meditate

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TIMES OF REFRESHING

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OTTUMWA, IOWA.

My Dear Brother—I have some of the Christian Evangel Miss Muzzy gave me while in Chicago, the first I had seen. We like it very much.

Mrs. Reed had a most miraculous healing after being near to death many times for a whole year before deliverance came. If God leads I may write testimony for The Christian Evangel. Got things from God that I might not have gotten any other way. He was so good to purge out the dross that I might have on the wedding garments when He comes. Praise Him! May God bless you.

Yours in His love,
DAVID A. AND MARY C. REED.

WARSAW, IND.

October 27, 1913.

Dear Children of God and All the Saints. Greetings, in Jesus' Name:

I see in the dear "Christian Evangel" that there are many calls from many missionaries for help. Now I have a little of the Lord's tithe and I know you will know where to place it where it is most needed and do the most good, so will send it to you.

The dear Lord meets us in our little cottage meetings and pours out His Spirit upon us. We have messages in tongues and need an interpreter. Pray that Father will give some one of His little ones this gift.

Your Brother and Sister,

JESSE AND ANNA RICE.

(Note: This offering was forwarded to Miss Lillian Denny, Nanpara, U. P., India.—Ed.)

We know righteousness when we know God. We know unrighteousness when we know ourselves. We know how to change our unrighteousness for God's righteousness when we know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Cedar Hill, Tenn.

Dear Brother in Christ—I am a stranger to you all but feel as though I know you. I have been reading your paper and like it so well. Please send it to me for three months.

I am so lonely. I have no one to talk to me about religion, that is, not our way, for I believe in the baptism with the Holy Ghost and I am the only one here. Please pray for me and family. Oh pray that I may be filled with the Holy Ghost. May God bless you all. Love to all the saints.

Your sister in Christ,
(Mrs.) Mattie Mason.

Had Moses failed to go, had God Granted his prayer, there would have been

For him no leadership to win;
No pillared fire, no magic rod;
No wonders in the land of Zin;

No smiting of the sea; no tears
Erstwhile shed on Sinai's steep;
No Nebo, with a God to keep
His burial. Only forty years
Of desert watching with his sheep.

—Anon.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Brethren—The Lord gracious and merciful is reviving the work of His hands in these parts, and is stirring the hearts of His chosen ones to feel the need of more united effort in His service and genuine faithfulness to the Word. Our hearts are ringing with "hallelujahs" to the Sovereign and Gracious Trinity, because of the many heaven-given indications of the facts of Christ's soon second coming. God's purposes are indeed ripening fast, unfolding every hour!

I am receiving the paper regularly each week and praise God for the blessed messages they contain. I do also bless God for the two books of Brother Myland that I purchased with my last order. Truly they bear all the earmarks of Truth boiled right down to taste, flavored with Gospel salt, and served in love. I have been greatly edified and strengthened by prayerfully reading them, and am determined that the grace which has come to me through these sanctified epistles contained in the books and the papers, shall not have been bestowed in vain. There is sufficient revelation, inspiration and illumination contained in these writings mentioned to cause any true born child of God to resort with all diligence to our bounteous storehouse and laboratory—the Bible, that we might be assured of and fortified with the blessed hope spoken of in Romans 15:4 ("for whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope").

Pray for me and my household. We need your prayers. I feel keenly that I have been lagging behind in the service of my Lord and Master by reason of a lack of faith and diligent adding thereto; but, I do truly want to and, by the help of Jehovah, intend to get busy and stay busy until Jesus comes or until the end of my life here on earth.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Elder William H. Brown.



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therein" and that constantly "day and night" (V. 8). "Thy words were found and I did eat them" (Jer. 15:16). His obedience would encourage a like obedience in the hearts of the people (Hosea 4:6-9). Example is stronger than precept. Herein was conditioned the prosperity and good success of their way. How many are failing today on this very point. No man's dignity exempts him in any measure from absolute obedience to God's word. For the third time the divine command comes "Be strong"—this time to ward off fear and dismay. Then comes the beautiful assurance that God—Joshua's God and ours—would attend the way whithersoever it led (Ex. 3:12). "No matter how feeble or frail a mortal man may be, if he has clasped the Almighty Hand, and rests upon the everlasting Arm, he may bid farewell to every fear and anxiety, and go forward trusting in the living God." A. R. F.

Walton, Ind.

Greetings in Jesus' name. I want to testify to a bodily ailment being healed at your camp meeting for your encouragement and the glory of God and wish to thank all the dear people that prayed for me. I was very much depressed in spirit, too, and like Jonah, ran away from God, but His love and mercy followed, praise His name. Have not had the privilege to attend a Pentecostal meeting since, but am settling down in God. Hope to get over to Marion and Indianapolis some this winter, God willing, am still asking God to send Pentecostal people to this empty church here.

(Mrs.) M. Chappellear.

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