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ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE LORD
By J. E. Cook

"David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." 1 Sam. 30:6

What a bleak outlook for David. Humanly speaking, all was lost. No one stood with him. He may as well admit defeat and give up. What's the use to fight on anyway. Doubtless many have given up when their problems and circumstances were not nearly as unfavorable as his, but the Bible says, "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

You will recall that David had to leave his country and people to escape Saul's jealousy and anger. Quite a company of people followed David because they felt he and the cause he represented was right. Strange as it sometimes seems, they fared better under Achish, king of the Philistines, than they had under Saul and their own people. Achish gave them a small city named Ziklag and David and his six hundred men and their families dwelled there sixteen months. But now a strange turn of events took place. The Philistines declared war on Israel. Meanwhile, Achish had already heard how Israel abhorred David and his company for walking out on them; so, he feels confident they will fight on the side of the Philistines. Being a man of principle, David and his six hundred men volunteered their services. But God saved him from this embarrassing situation by causing the princes of the Philistines to fear that David might turn on them in the battle. So they sent them home. But while they went to enlist in Achish's army, Israel's age old enemy, the Amalekites, slipped in and burned Ziklag to the ground and took all their loved ones as prisoners. Now, when David returned home and was met with this terrible scene, the Bible says they "wept until they had no more power to weep." Then to make matters worse, the crowd that had believed David right, and had joined up with him in his cause, now talked of stoning him. They reasoned that for things to be that bad, someone had missed it, and it must be David since he started all this

by feeling he had to get out. But in this dark hour David encouraged himself (literally, strengthened himself) in the Lord his God."

Now, out of this story I wish to point out three basic, fundamental, rock-bed facts that were true in spite of the way things appeared. They brought encouragement to my heart and I trust they will to everyone who reads this simple message. First, is David's personal relationship to God in the midst of all his trouble. He encouraged himself in the Lord HIS God. Though stripped of everything earthly, he still had the Lord. When no man stood with him, the Lord remained. He received help from the ONE who "Shall not fail nor be discouraged." Isa. 42:4. Satan would tempt us to believe we cannot have victory today. But amidst the falling away, the compromise and backsliding, the love of the world and sin, we can know the Lord in saving, sanctifying and keeping grace. This fact brought encouragement to David in the dark hour of his life. And to know that we can have a personal experience of salvation in our hearts even in these last days is cause for rejoicing.

Then again, David found that God answers prayer. He was tempted to despair and defeat but he would not yield. Instead he called for the ephod and inquired of the Lord for directions. And God did not fail him, but gave him in detail just what to do. Oh, what encouragement to know that the God of the universe would take note of the plight of one of his own and answer when he calls. I recently heard young people at Bible Missionary Institute testify in Chapel Service how God had answered prayer for them. Here they were at Bible School desiring to know the great truths about God but found there was nothing greater to learn than that God answers prayer. One had obtained work, another had a problem solved, another a burden lifted; but through it all, they electrified the audience with the fact that they had heard from God.

Yes, He answers prayer today
In the same old-fashioned way;
He will grant us our petitions
If we truly pray;

He will help us when in trouble,
Lift the load of care:
Yes, the God of Jacob lives
And He answers prayer today.

(Glory!)

And lastly David learned that the cause of God moves onward. Ziklag seemed the end. But instead, it became the starting point for a new push forward. David had honored God, and now God was honoring David. In no time David was on the throne and God's cause (1 Sam. 17,:29) once more flourished in Israel. And now centuries later we find ourselves in the end-time of this dispensation. Abounding iniquity has caused the love of many to wax cold. Compromise has caused a great vacuum called the "falling away." Sometimes it seems a lost cause. But God is still on the throne. And Jesus ever lives to make intercession (Heb. 7:25) and the Spirit intercedes (Rom. 8:26) with groanings which cannot be uttered for thousands who have not bowed the knee to Baal. I saw a great company of these contenders for the faith gather in a great Conference recently.

I heard them proclaim the old-fashioned Gospel with no uncertain sound. I heard the shouts of the people as they rejoiced to still hear it thus proclaimed in the land. I saw scores of hungry hearts seek and find God. I witnessed a missionary offering of thousands of dollars to send ambassadors to the far-flung mission fields. I saw missionaries give their farewell messages to the homeland as they made ready to go. I saw the Church of Jesus Christ moving forward like an army with banners carrying the battle against sin and unrighteousness even to the gates of Hell. I heard the Captain of our salvation say, "Lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world." Thank God for victory in the midst of battle. My heart is greatly encouraged in the Lord my God. I trust you are encouraged likewise.

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PENTECOST NEEDED NOW

Text: Zech. 4:6: "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The promise which Jesus gave to His disciples before leaving the world was: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost IS come upon you." He never promised that His disciples would have power to carry on their work until after Pentecost, There is no background, equipment, or training that can serve as a substitute for the baptism with the Holy Spirit. The disciples whom Jesus commanded to tarry for the coming of the Holy Spirit had a background of training, experience and education which no other group of men ever had. They sat at the feet of Jesus, the Master Teacher of the ages, for over three years. They witnessed His great miracles. They heard teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, They lived and traveled with Him. Their knowledge of Jesus was first hand. They were eyewitnesses to all of those marvelous events transpiring in connection with the last week of His earthly life. They were with Him in His triumphal entry. They were with Him in His humiliation. They saw Him in the Garden. They saw Him upon the cross. They saw the empty tomb on the first Easter morning. They saw the Master with His risen body as He appeared to them repeatedly over a period of forty days. It would seem that this marvelous training, and this experience which was the privilege of no other group of men, would have been sufficient to prepare them for their work. Wonderful and marvelous as these experiences had been, they were not a sufficient substitute for the outpoured spirit upon their souls. The last command which Jesus gave to His disciples was: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." The modern church is deceived when she thinks that any program of culture, education and acquaintance with social and economic problems can serve as a substitute for Pentecost. No amount of learning obtained in the schools, or experience in travel, research and investigation, can take the place of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost means inner power; unseen strength. It is inner health. A doctor who was giving a physical examination said: "It is the inner health that counts." A man may look perfectly well outwardly, and yet be inwardly sick. Sanctification means the purification of the spiritual blood stream. Impurity in the blood stream means ill health. At Pentecost the disciple received an inward cleansing and purification. The Apostle Peter pointed out that the work achieved by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was cleansing. In describing what happened at Pentecost, Peter said: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

Sanctification vitalizes the foundational, historical, factual elements of our Christian religion in personal experience. The resurrection was factually established. But the resurrection needed to be established in an inner, personal experience. There would have been no Christian Church if the resurrection had not been followed by the day of Pentecost. The factual elements of the Christian faith were glorious indeed, including the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus. Marvelous and wonderful as these facts were, they were not sufficient to meet the need of the Christian Church. The church must have something more than historical acquaintance with the great foundation facts of the Christian Faith. Unless the historical facts of the Christian faith are vitalized in an inner Christian experience, the church will be lacking in power.

Jesus built His kingdom, not on size, and outward appearance, but on the inner purity and power of a few. God can do more with a few who have inner power than with large numbers without it. We have a remarkable example of this in the New Testament in the story of the hundred and twenty in the memorable prayer meeting in the upper room. So great was the inner power of this hundred and twenty following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that they commanded the attention of the entire city. We read of no large number of conversions in connection with the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus had given the promise to His disciples before He went away that they would be able to do greater works than He had done. These words of Jesus were fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when three thousand were converted in a single day. These remarkable results came through one hundred and twenty who had the inner power of the Holy Spirit.

There was great need for the Holy Ghost at the time of His coming. The need was manifest in the personal lives of the disciples. In spite of the fact that they had privileges and opportunities which no other group of men ever had before or since, there was a sad weakness in their lives. This was noticeable in the unholy ambitions of some of them, and the wrong spirit of others. The disciples needed Pentecost for the purification of the spiritual blood stream, and the elimination and eradication of inborn depravity. This need is still great in the personal lives of the disciples of Jesus. This need has been manifested in the life of every Christian. The manifestation of this need is a definite call to holiness.

Another expression of the greatness of the need at the time the Holy Ghost was given was the greatness of the task that had been assigned to the band of disciples. Jesus had assigned them a world task. When Jesus gave that command there was no missionary board to send them Out. There was not a single great denomination with millions of members from whom to raise funds. There was no endowment available. These disciples were very poor. They had no higher education, no background to give them precedence as they went. They had no degrees from any great universities. They had no experience in travel. They were not able to speak in the tongues of foreign people. It was to this band that Jesus gave the command to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. The need was very great for a vitalizing power that would give them resources which they did not possess to fulfill this Great Commission.

The coming of the Holy Ghost met this great need. From the day that the Holy Ghost came with His mighty baptism, the gospel began to spread. They became witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Pentecost was a success in the matter of enabling the

disciples to fulfill the Great Commission which the Master had given to them. Pentecost is still the secret of success for the church in the evangelization of the world.

The need was great at the time the Holy Ghost was given in relation to the impending catastrophe that was just ahead. The destruction of Jerusalem, the greatest catastrophe of the ages up to that time, was only a short distance ahead when the Holy Ghost was given. The destruction of Jerusalem under the Roman general, Titus, resulted in the most terrible slaughter and suffering that the world had ever witnessed. In that catastrophe the Jews were dispersed to all parts of the world, and the glory of Jerusalem faded and was no more. The great Sanhedrin was dispersed. The temple was destroyed, and the time-honored center of the Jewish religion and state was wiped out. But the Christian church was held intact through it all. The Holy Ghost so empowered the early Church that she weathered the storm of the greatest catastrophe that had ever come to the land of Palestine. The church still needs the Holy Ghost for the weathering of the storm that has broken upon the world in this tragic hour of history. There is but one institution that has the guarantee for weathering every catastrophe, and that is a church baptized with the Holy Ghost. Time-honored institutions and economic orders are passing. The only thing that men can cling to that guarantees security is the power manifested in a spirit-filled life. Old ecclesiasticism may pass away in catastrophe, just as the ecclesiasticism of the Jewish Sanhedrin perished in the destruction of Jerusalem, while the spirit-filled church weathered the storm in triumphant victory.

The early church needed the Holy Ghost to stem the tide of the great persecution that was just ahead. Some of those persecutions are recorded in the book of Acts. The church was on the eve of facing the martyr's stake, the lion's den, and the great persecutions under the Roman emperors. Persecutions are again confronting the church throughout the world. We had hoped that these days of persecution were over for the Christians but again the persecutors are hailing the Christians, like ancient Saul of Tarsus, binding them, casting them into prison, and even putting them to death. As this tidal wave of persecution sweeps over the world the church still needs the Holy Ghost.

The power of the Holy Ghost to change the tides of evil have been repeatedly manifested in history. Pentecost has been repeated many times, demonstrating the power of a sanctified church. The great Wesleyan revival was a manifestation of the Holy Ghost. One of the dominant notes of emphasis in the Wesleyan revival was the power of the Holy Ghost in the lives of believers. The early Methodists laid large emphasis on the sanctified life in their teaching and preaching. The great awakening in America under Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield was another mighty manifestation of the Holy Spirit. The great revival of 1857 that swept through the days of the war between the States, and was one of the great leavening influences in the period following the war to heal the terrible wound that had been inflicted was a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, Holiness is now needed in the present world situation. It is not only needed in the world and in the church but it is the great need of all who have been born again that their hearts may be cleansed and made holy. It not only prepares the soul to live victoriously midst the trials of life but it brings assurance in the hour of death and prepares one to stand with boldness before the Judgment bar of God. In fairness to your soul I ask you, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Have you been sanctified wholly by the baptism with the Holy Spirit since you received the witness of the spirit that your sins were forgiven? If you have never received this blessing, if you are a child of God then there is no better time than now. Consecrate yourself and all that you have completely to

God. Renounce the world, the flesh and the devil. When you have prayed to the end of yourself then trust Him for complete victory and it shall be yours today.

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NOT ACCEPTING DELIVERANCE

W. M. Tidwell

In Hebrews 11:35, we read, "Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection." As we press the Devil, so he opposes us. God put enmity between the seed of the serpent (the Devil) and the seed of the woman (primarily Christ, but includes true Christians). The seed of the woman bruises the serpent's head, but the serpent bruises the heel of the seed of the woman.

Suffering can be escaped, often, by accepting deliverance. Just let up; compromise. This is true denominationally, congregationally and individually. That clears up the matter about the general tendency to compromise.

Notice a few examples of those who did not accept deliverance: Moses chose to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. One time, when that murmuring, fussing crowd vexed and provoked the Lord, the Lord proposed to blot out the whole throng and raise up a new race from Moses. Quite an opportunity to escape, but Moses refused to accept deliverance. (See Num. 14:1-16.)

Elijah could have compromised with poor old backboneless Ahab and carnal, painted-faced Jezebel, who is probably the most wicked woman who ever lived, but Elijah did not do it. He and the Lord slew 400 (and maybe 800) false prophets, and ran for his life when threatened by Jezebel a bit, and wound up under a Juniper tree, depressed; but the Lord got him out and finally took him to Heaven in a chariot of fire. It paid him not to accept deliverance.

Good, praying Daniel refused deliverance. He well knew of the wicked scheme which these conniving politicians had concocted. He knew he was headed for the lions' den if he refused, but he prayed in full view, before the open window, and wound up in the den of lions. He had a good night, and maybe used a lion for a pillow. In the morning the King came and said, "Is thy God whom thou servest continually able to deliver thee?" Then, Daniel's strong, clear testimony, from the den, "He is able." I like that. A testimony from the lions' den. He refused to accept deliverance.

Jesus is a graphic example. The Devil took Him to an high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them in a moment of time. Think of the kingdoms of the world. Egypt, Babylon, Rome, and all. Satan tempted Jesus to just fall down and worship him and He need not go to Calvary, with all that would mean. "Just worship me." Just notice the two diabolical temptations that confronted Jesus. First, doubt of his sonship. "If thou be the Son of God." Then the second, to worship the Devil. So, if Satan tempted Jesus to doubt His sonship and worship the Devil, we need not be surprised at any blasphemous temptation that may come to us.

But time would fail us to mention such illustrious characters as Enoch, Jeremiah, Joseph, John the Baptist, Paul, the early Christians who were murdered by the tens of thousands. One of the favorite methods of torture was to put the body on a wheel; a chain around each wrist and each ankle, and then to turn the wheel until arms and legs were torn from the body, telling them that if they would recant they would be delivered.

Take John Bunyan, John Huss, John Knox, John Wesley, and the early Methodist and holiness movement. They could have compromised and escaped suffering but they all refused deliverance. They could have but would not ACCEPT. It is sad about the modern, compromising holiness movement now; they have accepted deliverance.

What was the incentive for all these to refuse deliverance? The answer is, "That they might obtain a better resurrection." There are two resurrections. The first will be when Jesus comes for His saints, just before the great Tribulation of seven years, and calls them to meet Him on the glassy sea before the rainbow throne in the air. "This is the first resurrection."

These heroes and heroines wanted to get in on that. And they will. It pays not to accept deliverance. To accept deliverance and compromise will mean part in the second resurrection at the end of the thousand year millennial reign; in the bottomless pit for a thousand years, then brought out of the pit, or Hell, and stand before the great white throne and there be consigned to the Lake of Fire eternally.

Woodrow Wilson is quoted as saying, "It is better to be identified with a small minority that seems to be losing now, but will ultimately win, than with a gigantic throng that seems to be winning now but will ultimately lose." Thank God for His winning minority! Hear the testimony of dying saints and sinners and you will see that it pays to go with God and not compromise. Look into that sinless, nightless, eternal Heaven and you will see that it pays not to accept deliverance.

Behold the gigantic, compromising throng in that lost world, where they weep and wail eternally and you will see that it is bad to accept deliverance. Where am I? In which resurrection shall I be?

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SHOOTING LANDINGS

By L. P. Roberts

Sometime ago as I was sitting in our living room meditating, a smile played over my countenance. I had been thinking of a conversation that I had with a friend of mine, wherein he asked me if I needed a preacher. Naturally my comment was yes, for we are always in need of GOOD, STRONG, SUCCESSFUL pastors. I asked who he was referring to and when he told me, there was no comment from my end of the line. I had smiled because my mind went back to 1947 when I was learning to fly. After I had a lesson or two, my instructor suggested that we shoot a few landings. I agreed for I was always ready to take instruction and learn as rapidly as possible. This shooting landings amounted to lining up with the runway and coming in for a landing and only touching, if the landing was judged properly, and then pushing in the throttle and taking off again.

This is a very important part of learning to fly. It is much more difficult to land and take off than it is to fly after once you are airborne. It is much more strenuous on the plane and more taxing on the fuel bill also.

For a long time I have been troubled over the frequent landings and takeoffs of so many of our preachers. My heart has gone out to the dear laymen who are spending so much time praying about who to call for a pastor, when they could be praying for the lost of the community. Also they have been paying moving expenses when they could have been helping to start new churches or supporting a mission field. The expense of landings and rake-offs is, excessive.

Remember that the dangers are definitely in the landings and takeoffs. It may seem easier to take off from a problem but remember that some have taken off from problems and landed to find themselves without His help and what a pitiful situation for that dear preacher, the church and the place that he took off from. When we are out of His will and without His help we are "As sounding brass and tinkling symbols." You may make a bad blunder in trying to get adjusted and ground-loop and wreck the ship and many be hurt or lost, when to have prayed the problem through and stood pat would have been less dangerous.

Let us look back to church history, as a rule, the strong successful pastor is the one who stayed and fought the problems through and God helped him to build a good strong foundation and then a good strong work. Many do not stay long enough to get the forms for the foundation built. I had a letter from one of my pastors, the other day, he had visited a man who had a huge flower garden, he showed him the most beautiful assortment of flowers that he had ever seen, and told him how many different kinds of flowers he had, then he said, as he saw the questions on the face of the preacher, "it is all in the ground, the preparation of the ground." This preacher said, Brother Roberts, by God's help I mean to prepare the ground. I said I wonder if we expect great flower gardens without any ground preparation?

Brethren, let's prepare the ground and not waste our time and money shooting landings.

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THE WEAK THINGS

By Mrs. Paul E. King

We're living in a day when everything seems built around the strong, the mighty, the daring. Mankind has entrusted himself, and his safety, upon the strength and security of our A bombs and our H bombs, our well organized military men and such like. The modern female swoons over, and secretly desires, the male who seems chivalrous, muscular, daring, and amorous on the screen. Each one seems to be building upon, or hiding behind, someone or thing, that seems great and strong, and the great majority of people are working furiously to be somebody great. How different a real saint is! How different is our Lord and Master! He it is who takes the 'weak things' and makes grace to shine forth; and, through the 'weak things' makes miracles to happen.

How often we have beheld a seemingly brilliant man or woman one who, according to the laws of all mankind, was destined for a shining future of usefulness for God and the cause of God,

when suddenly something happened: Those natural abilities and God given talents which were intended to be used for God's glory -- and which would have been immeasurably blest by the individual dying to the self life and being filled with only the presence of the sweet Holy Ghost -- now make the possessor suddenly vain and puffed up. He feels his own capabilities instead of his limitations and, like the tumbling weed in the wide open spaces, he is carried away by pride and never heard of again.

How different is the reverse of the above! God's marvelous workings have limitless boundaries in the heart of one totally dead to self and yielded to Christ, Such an individual, though not endowed with unusual talents and abilities, can do exploits for God. This is what our God is asking for -individuals who have been emptied of all self and filled with H/s spirit; individuals who will now, forever, and always, allow the Spirit of God to have free run of their life: to move, motivate, lead, stop, guide and direct so long as life shall last.

Dwight L. Moody was a man whose outward physical features were quite unattractive, yet he won thousands to Christ. It is recorded that, as he was preaching in England years ago, a famous reporter was sent out to cover the meeting. Upon seeing the man who was making such an impact upon the city, he wrote in his article: "I cannot understand it! This Mr. Moody is nothing to look at, and the intonation of his voice is most disturbing, (he made a nasal sound when he spoke) but there is, nonetheless, something unusual and different about him, What is it? He can sway an audience with his message and makes men hungry for God."

Upon reading the account in the paper, Mr. Moody looked up and tearfully, humbly replied, "That's it! That's it! Not I, but God." "Oh! Would to God there were more of the 'weak', the 'despised' things.

The very thing in your life that seems insignificant and of no use may be the exact thing the Lord has been wanting and needing God can bring glory out of our seeming handicaps and human limitations. Whoever would have thought an ox goad could be a blessing? Yet it was. By it Shamgar's name has gone down in Biblical history as being a valiant and brave man -- one who slew six hundred Philistines and delivered Israel. Oh, the 'weak things'! The base and despised things d with God!

To look at her one would have thought it utterly impossible for God to use her; yet, through her implicit, child-like faith in God and her utter obedience to Him, the name of Amanda Smith poor, dark colored washer woman -- has gone down in history as one of God's choice saints.

All too frequently man tries to be something instead of allowing God, the Divine Potter, to mold and shape his life according to His pattern. I am reminded of a story Danny had as a little boy. It began thus, "'Scurfy was a tiny little tug boat. Scurfy was made to sail in the bath tub, but Scurfy thought he was meant for: bigger things." He sailed out into the big, wide ocean and got into serious trouble -- paying severely: for his big-headedness and highmindedness. How like the little boat are many dear people who one time were useful, or could now be useful, had they not felt they were meant for bigger things! How much better, though one feels how incapacitated he is, and recognizes his own limitations, to turn it all over to God -- the weak, the base and the despised; for He has a way of bringing rare and exquisite beauty out of the things abhorred by man.

Paul, in I Corinthians 1:27-28, writes under holy inspiration, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty;

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."

The very thing which in your life seems a drawback, a handicap, a 'despised, weak thing', is the thing God wants turned over to Him for His thorough inspection and His use, should He so desire. More likely than not God will mightily use you not because of that handicap, hindrance, or defect, but in spite of it. He, through the weak, the despised, the foolish, and yes, the base, can shine forth His glory until we, like others can say, "Not . . ! but Christ."

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

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HONESTY PAYS

Tom sat silently, watching as Mother packed a few more warm rolls into the already overflowing basket.

"Take these to Miss Pruella, Tom," she said softly, "And give her my regards, too."

"Oh, Mother," Tom began, "I wish I didn't need to leave home to go to school," and he dropped his head sadly.

"I know, dear," Mrs. Brown said as she lovingly placed her arm about the young shoulders, "but this is a part of the sacrifice that goes into being a missionary. Not only must the parents be willing to make sacrifices, but the children too must be made to realize this. Someday you shall be rewarded for it all, son." And an understanding smile stole across her sweet face as she hastily brushed a hot tear away.

"I never have enjoyed being away from you and Dad, Mother; but it's especially hard this time. You see," and the young man paused a long time, then finally faltered, "Miss Pruella's taking in another boy!"

"That's fine, Tom" and Mother's face suddenly brightened up. "Maybe you'll riot be so lonely then."

"Loneliness isn't bothering me, Mother, for I stay too busy helping Miss Pruella in her store after school; but it's money," the youth said brokenly.

"Money!" exclaimed Mother. "I'm afraid I don't understand, Tom."

"Oh, it doesn't bother nor tempt me; but she keeps it lying all around the house, then sends me after something like thread, scissors, and such; and Mother, I'm beginning to wonder if she's testing me, for she always has a bill lying near the thing she sends me after and.., and.., suppose . . the new boy "

"I see," Mother said softly. "You're not sure that he'll be honest and this is worrying you. Is that it?"

"Yes, Mother," the youth said with bowed head.

"Tom," Mrs. Brown said as she looked at him squarely, "you've always been an honest and upright boy and God will see you through this. Remember what John said, "If our heart condemn us not "

"Yes, Mother. Just pray hard for me. This new boy doesn't look too honest."

"Ye are the salt of the earth," Mother quoted. "You may be able to help the lad, son. At any rate, retain your honesty and uprightness and place the new boy in God's hands." Then giving him a quick kiss she placed the bulging basket in the boy's arms saying, "Your father's ready now. We will be praying for you and will anxiously await your return home in a couple of months if the weather remains favorable.

Everything in the stern Miss Pruella's household went along fine for the first few weeks of Jim's arrival. The boys got along fine and worked together harmoniously although Jim always kept himself aloof from Tom. Try as he might, Tom couldn't penetrate the wall that seemed to be constantly taking the two farther and farther apart, and the hard glances Jim constantly gave him bothered the lad terribly. "Ye are the light," Mother's soft spoken words came reassuringly to him. A light must shine in darkness to dispel that darkness, he reasoned silently as he sat down to doing his homework.

"Tom! Jim!" Miss Pruella's shrill voice called as both boys had just settled down to diligent studying one night. "Come here this minute." And the sternness of her tone caused a shiver to race up and down Tom's spine. Jim sullenly arose, all the while casting wary glances at Tom.

"Sit down on the sofa," the prim, slender woman ordered as the two entered the sitting room.

"Yes Ma'am," Tom said politely. Jim said nothing but looked hard at the oriental rug in the big room.

"I shall come directly to the point as I find no need for detours and such," the aging woman said, sitting erect on the edge of the big Boston rocking chair. "I'm missing five dollars and thirty

cents. Who's guilty? One of you took it and you know where it can be located. I'll expect it by morning or else .. " and the preciseness and sharpness in her voice trailed away as she continued,

"You may get back to your studies but be sure the money's back where it was stolen from by morning! Now go."::

Tom finished his lessons the best he could, then hurried to his small bedroom. Long after the household had settled down for the night he knelt by his bed praying and weeping. The moon came up big, and full and round, casting a pale, soft glow all about him, transforming the few necessities of his room into a dreamy livable place. The night shadows and the soft moonlight reminded him of the cozy bedrooms at home and a tinge of loneliness enveloped him as he began weeping softly.

His door opened quietly and a hushed voice said softly, tenderly, in a tone he had never before heard Miss Pruella use:

"Tom! Tom! Go to bed, son. I know you're not guilty. Stop worrying; you've proven your honesty to me long before Jim came. I know you haven't done it. You're a real Christian and I too hope to turn from my faith to your true and living God. Come summer I shall be going to the Mission compound to learn more about Jesus. I believe on Him and know He's the Son of God, but I want my heart changed like yours is."

"Oh," and Tom caught his breath. "You needn't wait till summer to get saved, Miss Pruella. You may turn to Him right now if you want Him badly enough."

"Go to bed, son," the soft feminine voice continued. "I'll be finding Him soon at the rate I'm praying; and have no fear, Tom, about the money. Pray for Jim," she said as she came over by his side and placed a hasty kiss on top of his forehead, then went quietly from the room, closing the door after her and locking it.

"Why would she lock his door!" Tom wondered as he crawled down between the sheets. The thought of her calling him: 'son' sent a sudden thrill through his boyish being and as a drowsiness settled in upon him he prayed for Jim. 'Ye are the light,' Mother's soft voice seemed to be saying as he fell asleep.

Jim was absent from the breakfast table the next morning and Tom, though asking no questions, had a puzzled look. Miss Pruella noticed it and explained with:

"He left sometime early this morning, Tom. I watched from the closet in the hallway all night. He tried to get into your bedroom with the money to make it appear you had stolen it; I was afraid of this so I locked your door when I left you last night. He put the money back in the sewing box -- all but two dollars, Poor boy!" and she sighed deeply as she passed Tom more ham.

For a long time there was intense silence, then carefully Miss Pruella chose her words.

"You've proven your honesty, Tom. My customers in the store have told me of your uprightness. You're still a young boy, son," and a sweet smile played across her face when she said the word, "but someday you shall be a young man. I've been searching for someone like you. I am getting up in years and if your father and mother are willing, the entire business and corner lot here shall be theirs for a new Mission station."

A salty tear of gratitude rolled carelessly down Tom's ruddy cheek as he said softly, "That's really generous of you, Miss Pruella, and I know Father and Mother will be praying over the proposition when you mention it to them. But what about Jim? Where could he have gone?"

"That I don't know," the prim lady said, "but I want to make a small present to you for being honest." Then, reaching in her stiffly starched white apron pocket, she pulled out a crisp new ten dollar bill and lovingly placed it in the boy's hand as she said, "Honesty pays, Tom; every time."

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THIRTEEN REASONS WHY I DON'T GOSSIP

By The Late Rev. E. W. Black

1. I want to keep my self-respect. Since I hate gossiping in others, how could I have any respect for myself if I did it?

2. It is strictly forbidden in both the Old and New Testaments and I do not care to be a law breaker. Lev. 19:16. 1 Tim. 5:13.

3. I want to go to heaven when i die, and Psa. 15:3 makes it clear that those who gossip cannot enter the heavenly city.

Did you know that if a gossip could get inside the holy city he or she would feel slighted and wouldn't want to stay, because no one there would listen to the gossip?

4. Gossip is a very ruinous thing. It breeds hatred, separates friends, destroys homes, and divides the Church of the living God.

5. It is one of the seven sins that God hates. Prov. 6:19. To sow "discord," one must gossip.

6. All gossipers are thieves they rob others of their good name.

Personally I had rather rob a man of his money than of his good name. I could restore the money with interest, but if I rob a man of his good name I can never fully restore it.

7. Paul, the apostle, classes "whisperers" (gossipers) and "backbiters" with God haters and fornicators, and I prefer not to be classed with such vicious sinners. Rom. 1:29, 30.

8. I have an intense desire to be deeply spiritual. After spending thirty-four years in the pastorate, I have yet to meet a person who was spiritual who tattled and gossiped. Goats just don't grow wool, but they do have a very obnoxious odor.

9. It would be an unwholesome example to set before others. It may be that somebody would follow my example and lose their soul.

10. Then, too, I profess the experience of perfect love. If I should gossip, I would give the lie to my profession; for you know that if one loves another he will not malign him.

11. The Rev. O. G. Wilson says that every center of gossip is a workshop of scandal. I don't care to run that kind of a shop.

12. Satan is the instigator of all gossip, and I refuse to peddle his wares.

13. I never knew gossip to help anyone. But it always does harm. It not only hurts and wounds, but it damns. It is my conviction that people are in hell who would have been in heaven but for gossiping tongues.

For these and other reasons I do not gossip. -- From The Revival Herald

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THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

By H. A. Erdmann

There were several translations of the Bible into the English language before the King James translation came into being. The first printed version of the Bible in English was the translation of William Tindall or Tyndale. Tonstall, Bishop of London, caused this entire edition to be bought up and burned. An inferior translation came out in 1536. In 1539 a revised edition of the 1536 edition appeared. Later the Cranmer Bible was printed in English. Several other editions appeared on the English market during the next fifty years, but there was so much disagreement among these various translations that in the reign of James I church men insisted that a new translation was needed, one that was more nearly in harmony with the original languages of the Bible.

King James then sought out a group of men who were expert in the languages of the Bible. He divided these men into several groups and stationed each group in a different place, unknown to the others as to where the groups were. These groups were each to translate the original manuscripts into English, without prejudice or any personal axe to grind in the translation. They were three years making the translation. Then these various groups were brought together in London where they compared their translations, and made whatever adjustments were necessary to eliminate the small differences in these translations by the various groups.

It would seem that there could scarcely be found a better plan to get a correct translation. These men were not necessarily eminent Christians, but they were skilled in the languages in

which the various parts of the Bible had been written. No other translation of the Bible has ever come any where near being as correct and true to the original as the King James version.

The above facts were gathered from Winstin's Encyclopedia, and "A History of England" by C. H. Sylvester.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOUR ON TV

Between the dark and the daylight
When the night is beginning to lower,
Comes a pause in the day's occupation
That is known as the Children's Hour.

I see there beside the loud speaker
The innocent sweet, little dears,
While stories of gangsters and bump-offs
Are brought to their infantile ears.

From four until seven (eleven) they sit there,
And hear of the gats and the gun molls
Enslaved by the program's appeal,
And terrible mobsters who squeal.

Cowboys, and horses and rustlers,
Love and the wages of sin--
Kidnappers, death and destruction,
Maniacs, arson and gin.

The serial -- ah, how it grips 'em!
Enveloping all in its power;
If the kids aren't in jail when they're fifteen,
'Tis no fault of the Children's Hour.

-- Mary Holland Gordon

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